THE CITADEL

&

other sordid tales
Dean, we've really got something going here.
The students have engendered themselves into thinking that the university is apart from reality - they don't even consider themselves as being part of society, so they don't hold us responsible for anything. Our counter-insurgency program almost makes it all worthwhile.

I quite agree. I wonder what all the little beggars think they are going to accomplish when they leave here?

Yes, isn't it amazing how they involve themselves in so many marginal activities which only reinforce their failed consciousness of existence?

I really dig my professor's lectures. He's so cute and tells such funny jokes. I don't care if I don't understand what he's saying. I haven't understood much of my whole life through the point of my existence? What's that? I dig it here at the university; I've never done so free in my life.

Do you ever want to experience something that is real for a change? If we are ever to be free of the mystifying cage that prevents us from realizing our humanity, we must drive against those who misshape our lives - those who make the masters of the state and the economy, and even university professors.

The university has become a society for the propagation of ignorance: 'high culture' has taken on the form of the production line. University teachers are all creators, men who would be given the food by any audience of children, but all this barely matters: the important thing is to go on listening respectfully. In this, if critical thinking is repressed with enough consciousness, the student will come to partake of the water of knowledge - the professor will tell him the final solution of the world. This is - a denigration of the spirit, as a matter of course, the future revolutionary society will consider the cost of lecture hall theatre as mere noise. The student is already a very sad joke.

Victims of the socialization process know as education, we are integrated as commodity parts into the commodity economy. We have been programmed to respond to the stimuli of new commodities—our entire lives are engaged in the acquisition of commodities. None of us, in all our various roles, is free from the confines of economic reality.

The spectacular society choose the commodity as its means to accomplish the colonization of daily existence. In her function as commodity, man is reduced to the level of a thing, unified existence is the experience of illusion, in which "life" presents itself as an infinite sequence of passing-events, non-events spent in the doing of consuming dead time. Propped against living, man is only able to survive. The accumulation of commodities as everyday life—in place of living—is testimony to the validity of guaranteed survival.
false opposition: the new left alternative

THE RECENT CRISIS IN L.A. HAS FURTHER REVEALED THE USELESSNESS OF THE DECEIVING "PSYCHO-REVOLUTION" OF "PSYCHO-REVOLUTIONARY" POLICY THAT IT SIMPLY SEEMS TO REPLACE THE CAPITALISM OF REVOLUTION WITH A BUREAUCRATIC ONE.


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ANYONE FOR REVOLUTIONARY SUICIDE!
"ANTI"-IMPERIALISTS IN THE WORLD, ENTER! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT THE BUREAUCRATIC LIE.

THOSE WHO RAISE THE BANNER OF "ANTI-CAPITALIST" IN SO-CALLED "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES CONSTITUTE A BUREAUCRATIC ELITE WHO REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY ECONOMY ON A LESS SOCIALLY-SUSTAINED SCALE THAN THEIR POWER-HOLDING COMRADES IN THE WEST. IN THESE "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES, THE PROLETARIAT - THE ENTIRE LABOR FORCE - IS APPROPRIATED BY THE BUREAUCRACY AS A COMMUNITY.


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IN OUR STRUGGLE TO EFFECT THE TOTAL REVOLUTION OF HIERARCHICAL SOCIETY, WE MUST BE CAREFUL TO AVOID THE PITFALLS OF FUTURISM - A LOSS OF ENERGY OCCURRING WITH ONE'S IMAGINARY DETERMINANCE TO THE EXPERIENCE OF FRAGMENTARY DETERMINATION BASED ON IMMEDIATE ISSUES. SINCE OUR GOAL IS NOTHING LESS THAN THE DESTRUCTION OF CLASS SOCIETY, WE MUST PROCEED AT OUR OWN LEVEL OF SUBVERSION, INDEED TO THE TEMPTATION OF THE FUTURISM REVOLUTION: BE IT WORKERS' LIB, ECOLOGY, OR THE LATEST "ANTI-MARXIST."
Instead of the bloody confrontation between two competing hierarchic systems, proletarian revolution will require the emergence of a third force — the Workers Councils, whose aim is nothing less than the destruction of all hierarchic power and the uninterrupted transformation of daily existence. In our struggle, we have no use for ideology, which poses itself as the separate power of ideas and as ideas of separate power, but for the contemporarily lived practice of revolutionary theory.

Aside the only purpose of a revolutionary organization is the abolition of all existing classes in a way that does not mean about a new division of society. We consider an organization revolutionary which purposefully pursues the international realization of the absolute power of the Workers Councils. That power has been outlined in the experience of the proletariat revolutions of this century — Russia 1905, Kornilov 1918, Austrian 1919, Spanish Revolution 1936. It is power without ideology.

Proletarian revolution depends entirely on the condition that, for the first time, theory as intelligence of human practice be recognized and lived by the masses. It requires workers to become dialecticians and to inscribe their thought into practice.

Humanity won’t be happy until the last bourgeoisie is hung with the hair of the last capitalist.