5] Interest Behind the War

Pinochet and his flock of criminal sidekicks wouldn't have begun this war effort if they hadn't been able to count of aid from other countries. The threat of war between Chile and Peru isn't the product of old historical rivalries, nor is it only the result of expansionist dreaming or whimsical eggression on the part of Chilean officials. There are other interests behind this war.

The conflict between Chile and Peru is the clash between 2 groups of the Latin American bourgeoisie. In this present crisis stage when U.S. domination in Latin America is weakening, they are seeking to redefine relations of dependence with Yankee power.

The Attitude of the U.S.

NOrth American government policy is one of provoking and abetting Chile's plans to attack Peru. The U.S., alarmed by tightening relations between Peru, Cuba, and the USSR (above all by Soviet military advice and arms) has gone through distinctive phases in their policies toward Peru. First, the U.S. delivered arms to Chile to counteract Peruvian military power, then it instigated reactionary uprisings and tried to overthrow Velasco Alvarado. Now, the U.S. is encouraging the Chilean Junta to attack Peru.

Secretary of the U.S. Army, H. Callaway, paid a visit to Chile, in July 1974. This was seen as a supportive gesture from the U.S. with respect to Pinochet's plans of

aggression.

It isn't a question of the U.S.A. fearing a socialist revolution in Peru, for the U.S. knows perfectly well that the Peruvian government is conposed of the nationalist bourgeoisie. What the U.S. fears is Russian influence in its own backyard at a time when Yankee imperialism is losing its grip in Latin America.

PROLETARIAT AGAINST THE WAR

Before the world, we denounce the Chilean Dictatorship's plans to war against Peru. We, as revolutionaries and workers condemn a war between the working class of Chile and the working class of Peru.

We will never submit ourselves to serving the interests of the Dictatorship and the bourgeoisie. The war against Peru will only intensify the resistance of the revolutionary movement.

We will also fight to end the designs of foreign bourgeois groups, as today we struggle against the military dictatorship.

We call upon all Peruvian and Chilean workers to direct arms against those governments which try to use us as cannon fodder.

For the Proletarian Revolution !.. the only means of securing peace and solidarity between the peoples of Peru and Chile.

COMISION POLITICA MOVIMIENTO DE IZQUIERDA REVOLUCIONARIA

> (MIR) Chile, June 1975

