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"BARRICADES ARE FINE"

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE BARRICADES AS A FORM OF PROTEST

WHEREAS, direct and intense confrontation between reactionary and progressive forces is inevitable in a semi-colonial and semi-feudal society that is fast evolving into its historical opposite, the national democratic society;

WHEREAS, the crisis over the dictated increase in the prices of oil, gasoline and other petroleum products has concretely manifested the irreconcilable contradiction between the interests of the American imperialists on the one hand and the Filipino people on the other;

WHEREAS, the local neo-colonial State, controlled by the treacherous local ruling class headed by Marcos, has once and for all exposed its servility and violent puppetry to foreign interests by its use of fascist force to suppress the democratic rights of the patriotic drivers, students and other progressive classes in the specific instance of the current transport strike;

WHEREAS, the political power that will finally put an end to foreign and feudal exploitation could emanate from the masses alone in their relentless protracted struggle against the forces of reaction at all levels and on all fronts;

WHEREAS, the BARRICADES arose spontaneously and immediately gained mass support as a form of protest and as a direct exercise of people's political power during the first wave of confrontation in the current transport strike;

WHEREAS, it was found to be effective and was subsequently employed on a larger scale, and in a more effective degree and in a conscious manner during the second wave of confrontation not only in UP but in Greater Manila as well;

WHEREAS, in the case of UP, the barricades at the University gates served as concrete manifestations of support for the active participation in the transport strike while those inside the campus assumed the function and symbol of popular resistance against fascist suppression of "academic freedom" - or more precisely, of democratic rights;

WHEREAS, the barricades serve the national democratic Cultural Revolution by being dynamic and graphic manifestations of the contradictions in society and of the polarization

of forces which find themselves on opposite sides of the barricades, and by being a clear clarion to all progressives and patriots to man the barricades;

WHEREAS, aside from the cultural significance of the barricades, they also have direct political value by temporarily allowing the extended exercise of democratic rights as in the establishment of the Diliman Commune;

WHEREAS, the development of objective conditions augur more and deeper crisis over oil and other conflicts between American imperialism and the broad masses of Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the development of objective conditions also augur the continuous assaults of the University as the reactionary fascist State attempts to physically harass the counter-university, which now serves as an iron bastion of the national democratic cultural revolution;

WHEREAS, setting up of barricades is a legitimate, effective and inevitable means of political action and protest;

WHEREAS, by previous experience, the masses of UP students can themselves say "BARRICADES ARE FINE!"

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE U. P. STUDENT COUNCIL ENDORSE BARRICADES AS A FORM OF PROTEST.

(Adopted on February 13, 1971)

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*RAISE A THOUSAND BARRICADES AGAINST IMPERIALIST
EXPLOITATION AND INTRUSION!

* SMASH THE IMPERIALIST ECONOMIC-POLITICAL-
CULTURAL BARRICADE AGAINST THE
FILIPINO MASSES!