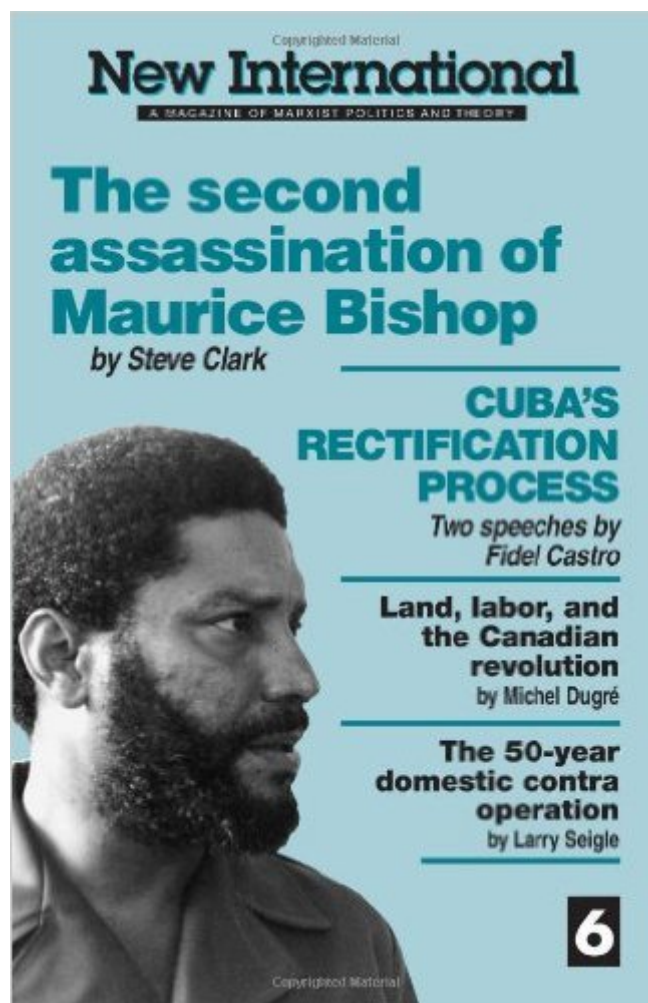


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One day those who have fought against Stalinism from Warsaw to Vladivostok, from Beijing to Hanoi, and beyond will realize in the Caribbean there has not only been the struggle Fidel and the Cuba revolutionists have led against Moscow-oriented bureaucrats to strangle their revolution, but that in Grenada Maurice Bishop the leader of that country's revolution was a heroic fighter against Stalinism. When they do, people will need this book, because this book provides a revolutionary Marxist analysis of Bishop's struggle for the Grenadian revolution, and how that revolution was defeated by the Cord faction. In the end, we find that Stalinism in Grenada and US imperialism had the same enemy, Bishop and the revolutionary power of Grenadian working people. This will open the door to the precious lessons we can learn from Bishop and his struggle have to teach us. While this book is not always available on Amazon, it is always available from BooksfromPathfinder, an Amazon store that you can get to by clicking on New and Used further up this page!

Part of the classic New International series, this book contains several articles that are extremely valuable for anyone attracted to a revolutionary perspective. The Second Assassination of Maurice Bishop tells the full story of the Grenada revolution, which burst on the scene in 1979 and opened up a new world of hope and change for the Grenadian people. The article explains how the revolutionary leadership placed itself at the service of the masses, and did everything in its power to make them the masters of their own destiny. The betrayal and downfall of the revolution is explained in a blow-by-blow account of the battle within the leadership, which culminated in the 1983 victory of the Stalinist Bernard Coard faction and the assassination of Bishop and his comrades. The U.S. then invaded the island and obliterated the remains of the Grenadian revolution. A sad story, but such a valuable lesson for revolutionaries! Another article in the book, The 50-Year Domestic Contra Operation, reviews the history of the U.S. government assault on the democratic rights of working people at home and abroad, dating back to World War I. It explains how democratic rights have been won by workers and their unions fighting against the bosses and their politicians in office. This government looks after the needs of the wealthy rulers, and in doing so has repeatedly sought to strip the workers of their rights, and is doing so even more in the twenty-first century.

This issue of New International tells the story of how the deep-going and popular revolution which came to power in Grenada in 1979, led by Maurice Bishop, was destroyed from within by a Stalinist faction within the ruling New Jewel Movement. When the US invaded Grenada in October of 1983, the revolution was already dead at the hands of Bernard Coard and his associates. This is extremely important to understand because you can easily get the idea that any small country that dares to defy the power of the American empire will always go down to defeat. The invasion of Grenada was certainly a big blow to the liberation struggle in Grenada, but learning the lessons of how the defeat could have been avoided, and understanding the deadly role of Stalinism within Grenada, will make it more possible to succeed the next time around. Aside from the title article on Grenada, the issue has a fantastic piece on the sordid history of US government spying and disruption campaigns against labor, civil rights and revolutionary movements; and how, with the right strategy, we can defeat and expose such efforts, as was done in a landmark lawsuit won by the Socialist Workers Party against the FBI in 1987.

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