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Thousands Demonstrate: NIXON MUST ACCEPT 7-POINTS!



Vietnamese students address rally, calling on people of U.S. to "Support 7-Points!"

Nixon's unwillingness to negotiate seriously in Paris has once again aroused the indignation of the people in this country and around the world.

In San Francisco, 4,000 people marched carrying banners denouncing Nixon's war policies and calling for support for the Seven-Point Peace Proposal of the Vietnamese people. The 7-Points include 1) Nixon setting an exact date for the withdrawal of all American forces from Indochina and 2) that the U.S. drop its support for the fascist Thieu regime in Saigon. This is the only reasonable solution to the war and includes a promise by the Vietnamese to release all U.S. prisoners immediately upon an end to the conflict.

In Los Angeles, two significant demonstrations have taken place in the past month. The first in Century City (the scene of a bloody mass demonstration against Johnson in 1968) drew 10,000 people with only a week's notice. The second on October 14, was much smaller, about 500, but was a militant march through downtown L.A. in support of the 7-Points.

The October 14 actions held also in New York and Albuquerque, were initiated by the Union of Vietnamese Students and supported by many other coalitions around the country. In Atlanta, people demonstrated against Nixon when he came there to dedicate a new hockey stadium. While the spirit and political level of the October 14 demonstrations were very high,

the size was much smaller, compared even to the April 22 demonstration in San Francisco's Kezar stadium, which mobilized more than 30,000 people around similar slogans in support of the 7-Points.

Many felt that the smaller size of the demonstrations at this critical time is a direct result of the McGovern campaign which was designed, at least in part, to bring the young people off of the streets and into the electoral system. In New York for example, several anti-war offices have shut down completely with the bulk of the staff members going into the McGovern campaign.

In Los Angeles on the night of the 14th, a McGovern rally packed the Sports Arena with anti-war people. The night before in San Francisco's Cow Palace, 27,000 people attended his foreign policy speech.

The crucial question now is whether or not Nixon will be forced to accept the 7-Points before election time. Kissinger's visits to Paris and Saigon have been aimed at generating false optimism in order to undercut McGovern's campaign and also to undercut the demonstrations. The Vietnamese have as always, been willing to meet with Kissinger, but not, as a Vietnamese spokesman put it, "to enhance Nixon's electoral changes by subscribing to false optimism reports."

In other words it is clear that Nixon's negotiating position remains the same and that his genocidal bombing attacks on the cities of

the North and South will continue. In a recent political speech, responding to the pressure to end support for the fascist Thieu government in Saigon, Nixon said, "We will never desert our allies." Regarding the position of the Vietnamese on the question of POW's, Nixon claims that "he doesn't trust" the Vietnamese and will continue the war.

These statements show that Nixon is simply using the POW issue to justify his criminal policies in Indochina and secondly that he is willing to kill as many people as necessary to protect his puppet regime in the South.

However, Nixon's time is drawing near. Already, NLF troops are encircling Saigon in South Vietnam and Phnom Penh in Cambodia.

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COLONIALISM IN PUERTO RICO

United Nations, August 29, 1972. (HSINHUA) The United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization held meetings from August 18 to 28, debating the Puerto Rican question, and adopted a resolution recognizing the inalienable right of the people of Puerto Rico to self-determination and independence.

During the debate, representatives from a number of countries requested the inclusion of Puerto Rico in the list of colonial territories covered by the declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples.

In his speech, Sevilla-Borja of Ecuador stated that in accordance with the traditional anti-colonialist policies of Ecuador, his delegation supports the inclusion of the question of Puerto Rico in the agenda of this committee.

Chinese representative Chang Yung-kuan stressed, "Many facts have shown that Puerto Rico is actually a colony of the United States and the Puerto Rican people's struggle for national independence is a just one which the committee on decolonization should support."

At the invitation of the special committee meeting, Representative of Cuba Ricardo Alarcon Quesada said that the United States policy was aimed at destroying Puerto Rico as a separate entity, and the failure of that policy over 73 years was an encouragement to others throughout the world. He said that Puerto Rico was



'FREE PUERTO RICO'

bearing the heaviest load of exploitation by American monopolies in Latin America. He noted that the organization should not only add Puerto Rico to the list of colonial territories covered by the declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, but also take measures to ensure that the national identity of the territory be respected and that the provisions of the declaration be applied to Puerto Rico.

Syrian Representative Rafic Jouejati stated that the Puerto Rican people still have to fight for independence and freedom. He read out a resolution adopted at the Foreign Ministers Conference of Non-Aligned Countries on August 8 this year, calling for speedy United Nations consideration of Puerto Rico. He expressed his support for that call.

Iraqi Representative Al-qaysi said that Iraq stands with the struggling peoples of the world for freedom and independence. The government and people of Iraq sympathize with the aspirations of the people of Puerto Rico and their struggle to achieve the true exercise of their right to self-determination and independence. It is the people that should be the master of their own destiny, and not the imperialist-capitalist interests which impede peace and progress, he said.

The Iraqi representative presented a draft resolution which points out that the people of Puerto Rico have the inalienable right to self-determination and independence.

Among others, the Mali representative said that his delegation supports the Iraqi draft resolution. He stressed that the resolution, when adopted, would be a support to the struggling Puerto Rican people.

The resolution was adopted.

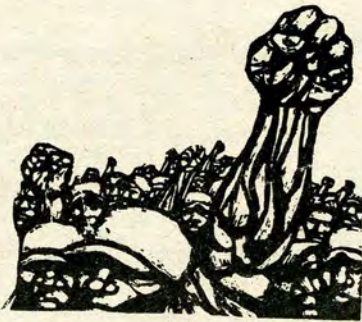
BLACK WORKERS' FREEDOM CONVENTION

Some 200 delegates attended the first Black Workers Freedom Convention held September 2 and 3 in Ohio.

The convention rejected support for a resolution which called for "the defeat of Richard Nixon in 1972" and which implied endorsement for McGovern and the Democratic Party.

The Convention was opened by James Forman, president of the Black Workers' Congress,

who analyzed the growing militancy of the national minority workers within the U.S. and stressed the importance of organizing these workers.



In addition to the B.W.C. the convention was attended by a number of rank-and-file committees, black caucuses and other in-plant organizations. The meeting adopted a 10-point "list of objectives" which included open opposition to imperialist domination of the nations

of the Third World, support for the Seven-Point Program of the South Vietnamese Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) as well as demands for an end to all forms of racism, speed-up, unemployment and the wage freeze. The conference also adopted a resolution supporting independence for Puerto Rico.

SHOOT TO KILL

More than one thousand angry blacks demonstrated two weeks ago at the New Orleans City Hall protesting the City Council's passage of a shoot-to-kill ordinance and the addition of a felony squad to the Police Department. Under the new ordinance the police have been given the O.K. to "shoot to kill" if someone looks like he "might" be going for a weapon, which amounts to having the right to act as judge, jury and executioner.

The recently formed Felony Squad operates primarily in the Black community and is nothing more than a band of thugs that have been given a blank check for murder.

The demonstrators, who included professors, unions and community people, interrupted the City Council to present a 3-point resolution which proposed:

- (1) immediate disbandment of the Felony Squad,
- (2) rescinding the shoot-to-kill order, and
- (3) establishing a police review board that includes community representatives.

In addition various representatives from different white communities united with the Blacks to voice protest of the latest version of police-state tactics.

Val Ferdinand, clinical director of the Ninth Ward Neighborhood Health Center, told the City Council that, "The whole history of the United States... has been one of systematic plunder of the continents of the world, enslavement of African peoples, and a genocide against the American Indians."

The use of goon squads like the Felony Squad is part of the systematic oppression of Black people and other minority nationalities by the U.S. ruling class and has become more intense as the liberation struggles grow in strength and in militancy.

CITY DEFENDS KILLER COPS

Los Angeles, Calif.—In spite of massive opposition, the Los Angeles City Council voted to defend the murderers of Phillip Eric Johns, a black worker from a local rubber plant. James Hurley and Daniel Tregarthen, the 77th Precinct policemen who were indicted by the County Grand Jury for the murder of Johns, have been set free on their own recognizance and have remained on active duty. The City Council added insult to injury and voted for the taxpayers to pay the cost of the defense.

The approval came on a close 8-6 vote after a heated 3½ hour public hearing and debate during which Elbert T. Hudson, former president of the Police Commission and current president of the local NAACP, said that he "had doubts that a city garbage worker would be defended by the council under the same circumstances."

The killing itself occurred last August when Tregarthen and Hurley and three other police officers entered Johns' apartment without a search warrant looking for a robbery suspect who didn't even live there. The cops entered the apartment with guns drawn and shot Johns five times while he was still in bed, hitting him once in the heart.

Police say that they shot in self-defense but their claims were discredited when a coroner's report failed to show powder burns on the body. Powder burns would have indicated a struggle at close quarters which might have substantiated police reports. However, it is difficult to conceive that five able-bodied policemen could not subdue a man in bed.

The Johns' murder came in the wake of the police shooting of a 16-year-old black girl, Gloria Griffin, who lost part of one lung and suffered a paralyzed arm. The officers involved in the Griffin shooting were also from the 77th Precinct in Watts. This attempted murder was subsequently white-washed by the County Grand Jury.

Such shootings in the minority communities are the rule rather than the exception and are part and parcel of the imperialists' attempts to use police terror to discourage the just struggle of the people.



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Thousands March

"No On 22!"

More than 3,500 people marched to Union Square in San Francisco on Sept. 30 to protest Proposition 22, an anti-labor law on the Nov. 7 ballot in California.

This proposition is directed especially against the efforts of the United Farm Workers and if passed would take away the right to organize, negotiate a contract, to strike or boycott. As you can see, this is part of an all-out attack on all working people and not just farm workers.

Prop 22 would impose a 60-day waiting period on all strikes, making it impossible to strike at harvest time when the big growers are most vulnerable. It would also outlaw secondary boycotts like those in the past against lettuce and grapes which were successful in forcing the growers to agree to recognize the union.

The rich growers spent over \$250,000 to ensure the passage of this bill. They have used fraud and misrepresentation to trick working people into signing petitions to get it on the ballot. They have gone into working class communities telling people that Proposition 22 will lower food costs and help the poor.

Del Monte, Sunkist and the Growers' Association have put up more than 70% of the money behind the bill.



support our union!

VOTE

NO on **22**

United Farm Workers AFL-CIO

Speaking at the S.F. rally, Cesar Chavez, President of the UFW, said, "Proposition 22 has been proposed solely to destroy our union. The proponents have masked their intent by pretending their reason for proposing Proposition 22 is their concern for the workers. But in reality, the proposition, if passed would not allow migratory or seasonal workers to vote (in union elections) and would disallow 95% of the workers to vote who are now voting."

Even some of the monopolists and land owners are against the bill because of its overt fascist character. The Los Angeles Times which speaks for a significant section of the growers, refused to support Proposition 22 for fear of what the reaction of the workers would be. They have chosen instead the course of trying to take over the UFW and turn it into a "more typical" American union, based on class collaboration and "company-workers cooperation."

Father Eugene Boyle, from the National Federation of Priests Councils, summed up this view at the rally when he said, "If this proposition passed, it will frustrate non-violent leadership and lead to chaos in the fields."

The farmworkers, the most oppressed and exploited workers this country have bravely stood up to every attack by the growers. Proposition 22 is designed to weaken not only their ability to

organize their union, but to smash, through police-state terror, the general workers movement in the country and leave the working class without any of its basic weapons of struggle.

The San Francisco march was part of efforts at mobilizing massive opposition to the proposition and winning the same democratic rights for the farm workers that all workers are supposed to have.

DOWN WITH PROPOSITION 22!

FREEDOM FOR Chavez-Ortiz— Juan Corona!

The cases of Ricardo Chavez-Ortiz and Juan Corona are both clear examples of the oppression by the imperialists of the Chicano and Mexican peoples in the Southwest.

Chavez-Ortiz is presently serving a life prison term for hijacking a jet from Albuquerque to Los Angeles in order to get radio time with which to speak to the people about the crimes be-

ing committed against the people of the Southwest. He has been taken out of the state of California and sent to McNeil Island in Washington State in order to isolate him from the movement in California to "Free Chavez-Ortiz."

Chavez-Ortiz was convicted by an all-white jury and sentenced to life in prison by a racist judge who called him a "dangerous man." This was done at the same time that hijackers who were after thousands of dollars were either given light sentences or put on probation. The reason is obvious. Chavez-Ortiz is not being punished for hijacking a plane. He is being punished as an example to the Chicano and Mexican peoples to frighten and intimidate them. This is the government's way of crushing the peoples' spirit of rebellion against injustice. It is their way of whipping up chauvinism and hysteria among the white workers.

Another example of this divisive tactic has been the case of Juan Corona, presently on trial in Fairfield, California for the murder of 25 itinerant laborers found buried along the Feather River. In response to the horrible mass murder, the government looked for a scapegoat and found Corona, a Mexican national.

Although the evidence was shabby at best, Corona was arrested without chance of bail and the murders were played up in the press as "race murders." In recent weeks, it has become clear to all that Juan Corona has been framed up. He has become a scapegoat and the victim of a legal lynching.

The prosecutor, a private attorney named Bart Williams, who was contracted by the state to prosecute Corona, said in a recent statement that he "had reasonable doubts" about his guilt. Even the judge, Richard Patton has condemned the prosecution and the investigation which has led to Corona's jailing. Yet, Judge Patton still refuses to set bail for Corona or dismiss the charges. The state must have its scapegoat and Corona is it.

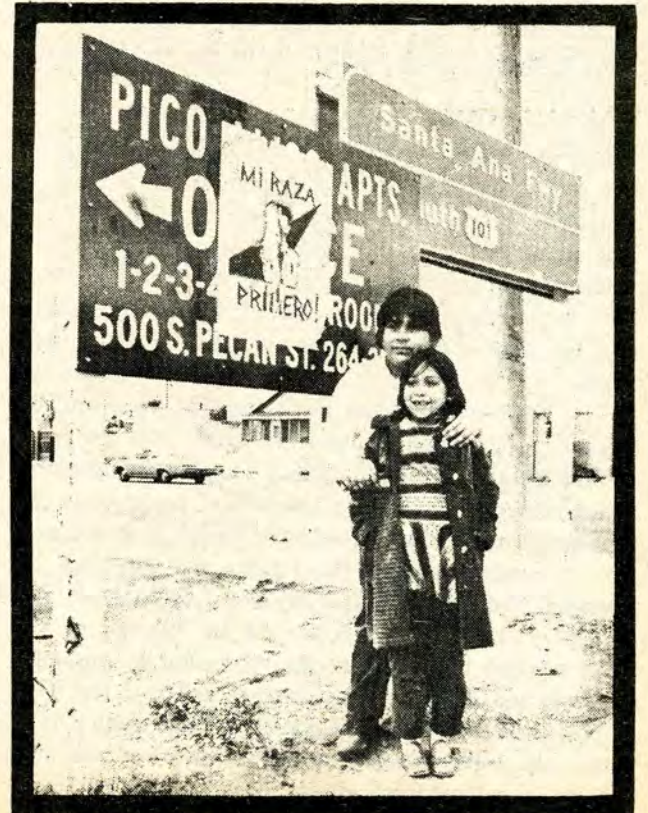


"I did it because I love my people."

---Ricardo Chavez-Ortiz

To understand the nature of these two cases it is important first to see what Chavez-Ortiz and Corona have in common. First they are both Mexican workers who have come to the U.S. to make a decent enough living to support their families. Their jailing takes place at a time when Mexicanos are being rounded up by "la migra" (immigration officials) and shipped back across the border at the rate of 400,000 per year.

The history of the Southwest is marked by the use of Mexican labor being driven back and forth across the border whenever it is needed for cheap labor reserves, strike-breaking, or at harvest time. This is part of the process whereby a big nation, the U.S. dominates and oppresses a smaller nation, Mexico.



In Mexico, workers for the U.S.-owned companies are forced to work for fifty cents a day when they can get it. In his radio speech, Chavez-Ortiz spoke about the insults he received when he came from Mexico in search of a job. Treated like dirt, the object of chauvinist insults, he was blackmailed by his boss and refused pay for the work he had done. He was told that if he complained, he would be turned in and sent back. He told of living out of garbage cans and getting sick with worry. Hopeless and frustrated he hijacked a plane to express to the people these intolerable conditions.

This is not just the plight of one or two men. The prisons of California, New Mexico, Texas and Arizona are flooded with men and women whose only crime was being hungry and Mexican. The unemployment in the East Los Angeles barrio is more than double the national average.

Recently there has been an attempt by the imperialists and their trade union bureaucrats to divide the Chicanos from the Mexican nationals. When the nationals are brought across the border they are often used (many times without their knowing it) to break the strikes of the farm workers and other minority workers. The Dixon-Arnett law was an attempt to legalize the fascist deportations of all workers "suspected of being Mexican."

Only through unity between these groups of oppressed workers and peoples can victory against this rotten system be gained. The defense of Chavez-Ortiz and Juan Corona is the first step in building such unity. The attacks on these two workers is an attack upon the whole working class and all progressive people.

We demand freedom for our brothers Ricardo Chavez-Ortiz and Juan Corona. We further demand an end to the fascist deportations of Mexican workers and an end to U.S. domination of Mexico.

"In the world today, who actually fears whom?
It is not the Vietnamese people, the Laotian people, the Cambodian people, the Palestinian people, the Arab people or the people of other countries who fear U.S. imperialism; it is U.S. imperialism which fears the people of the world.

---Mao Tsetung

INTERVIEW: MEAD STRIKE LEADER

The Mead Rank and File Workers' Caucus was formed out of the recent seven-week long wildcat strike at Mead Corp. in Atlanta, Georgia. Sherman Miller is a black communist, a worker at Mead and the Chairman of the strike committee. The following interview was conducted following the settlement of the strike:

CALL—In summing up the past seven weeks, what has been the overall significance of the Mead strike?

SM—Well, I think that the demands of the strike itself were significant in that they focused primarily on the question of racial discrimination in the plant as well as on the general working conditions of all the workers. This shows to me that the Afro-American struggle and the general workers' struggle are being drawn closer together. It represents a part of the general trend towards unity of the two struggles.

Another significant thing was the broad united front that was built around the strike. This united front included SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference), the October League and peripherally included many other progressive groups in Atlanta.

Furthermore, the Mead strike was part of a general strike wave in the city and I feel in the country as a whole. It is part of the response of the workers to wage controls, repression of working people and especially black people and so I feel that this strike wave is a reaction to the tactics of the ruling class which is trying to put more and more of its problems on the backs of the workers.

CALL—What about the fact that communists were directly involved in the strike and that you yourself were head of the strike committee?

SM—There have been considerable attempts by the ruling class, in their paper here, THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, to red-bait the strike as well as attempts by the company to isolate the communists.

The workers here haven't judged people by the stereotype that was built up during the McCarthy era. They have judged us on the way we work and the type of militant leadership which we have offered.



'SOUL POWER--WORKERS' POWER' chanted by Mead strikers

There was a vote at one point in the strike as to whether or not I would remain on as chairman and the other OL Members retain their positions due to the great pressure of the press attacks. The vote was overwhelming, about 95% that the present leadership would be maintained. The workers didn't succumb to red-baiting and defended the right of communists to work in the strike.

CALL—The union refused to support the strike and has never fought for the black workers at Mead. What has been the attitude of the Mead Rank and File Workers' Caucus towards the union?

SM—We initially tried to work with the union. When they refused to support the strike our attitude was this. The union is required by law to do three things—one, to tell the people that the strike was illegal and that they should go back to work; two, to disavow their participation in the strike and three, to let people know the penalty for participating in the strike. We asked the union to do only those three things and not actively work against us.

However, the union leadership (Local No. 527 of the International Printing Pressman and Assistants Union) took a position of actively working against the strike by attempting to legitimize a couple of the sham committees which the company set up to "investigate racism" in the plant. So, the union played a backwards role to a very large extent.

Now towards the end of the strike, the union began to recognize that the bulk of its rank and file membership supported the strike and a great majority of them directly participated. They tried to make amends to the people by offering their lawyer for arbitrations and things like that.

Our position is that we in the Rank and File Caucus, recognize the need for a union. We also recognize the need for rank and file organizations because a lot of the trade union leadership has been bought off and that a lot of unions have a sweetheart relationship to management. So we are trying to force the leadership to be responsive or we are going to try and push them out in the next election.

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"COMMUNIST INSPIRED STRIKE?"

OCTOBER LEAGUE PRESS RELEASE

In recent weeks the Atlanta Constitution along with other mass media have carried articles attacking the October League (Marxist-Leninist). These attacks have been marked by lies, slanders and distortions designed primarily to take the heat off of the Mead Corporation.

The workers at Mead have just agreed to return to work after a seven-week wildcat strike which was directed at the intolerable conditions for workers in the Mead plant. Instead of accepting the workers demands and ending these conditions, Mead has directed an all out campaign of racism and anti-communism in the press designed at making the October League their scapegoat.

Their cries of "outside agitators" and "communist inspired strike" have served only to expose their vicious character and their commitment to anti-worker policies within their factory.

To charge as they have that the October League is to blame for the labor unrest in Atlanta is a lie which all of the Mead workers are able to see through. The truth is that Mead and the companies like them are to blame for this unrest—unrest which will never cease until the real causes are changed.

It is not the October League which has been forcing workers to work in air that is so filthy and polluted with dust that several women have passed out, only to be sent immediately back on the line when they were revived. This crime has been done by Mead.

It is not the October League which has practiced racial discrimination in their policies of hiring and promotions, reserving all or most of the better-paying, skilled jobs for the white workers, while black workers are kept in the dirtiest, lowest-paying jobs. This is Mead's policies out of which flow millions of dollars in profits due to wage differentials.

It was Mead and not the October League who directed the Atlanta Police Department to attack the Mead workers on September 21, jailing more than 70 workers and brutally clubbing the arrested workers to the ground. This attack which caused serious injuries to many, including the possible blinding of one black worker, was meant by Mead as a lesson to all the workers of this country, that if we stand up for our rights, we will suffer even more brutality.

It is Mead and not the October League which has forced the workers temporarily back to work without accepting any of the just demands of the strikers. Furthermore, Mead is firing 36 of the alleged strike leaders without any compensation, even though they have admitted that many of the strike demands were justified.

OUTSIDE AGITATORS?

As to the charges of "outside agitators" it is clear that this is just another catch phrase designed to scare people. The October League members in the strike leadership were democratically elected by the workers themselves. They are all workers in the plant suffering the same exploitation and oppression as all the other workers. It was the Atlanta police and their brutality who had no business at the strike line and who are the real outsiders.

Finally, the October League has never concealed its views. We stand openly for socialism, that is, for a society where the majority of the people, the working people, run things instead of a handful of millionaires like Mead Corporation, Sears, and Nabisco Corporations. These capitalists have complete power over the police, the government and the army.

It is because of their greedy drive for profits that we have the conditions found in Mead. It is because of their thirst for power that we have the war in Vietnam. It is because of their ruthlessness that we have millions going hungry in this, the richest country in the world.

OL GUILTY

It is because these capitalists are trying to keep the working people divided that we have racism and discrimination.

To the charges of fighting to put an end to these conditions and to this oppressive system, we in the October League plead "guilty!"

We demand that Mead put an end to the terrible conditions in its Atlanta plant. We further demand that there be an immediate end to racial discrimination in all areas of hiring and promotion. We demand that the 36 fired workers be returned to work at once with back pay and that all of the heroes of the Mead strike be compensated fully for the time they lost due to the strike.

Until these conditions are met, the struggle of the workers and of the October League will continue, whether out on the strike line or in the plant.

How Capitalists Use Elections

The current elections have caused a great deal of debate within the movement. As the elections draw nearer the debate has sharpened. The October League has consistently maintained a position of refusing to support the campaign of George McGovern and has encouraged the people to stay independent from the Democratic Party in this election. The following article is representative of that point of view. We encourage debate and ideological struggle from all who wish to send in articles.—ed.

During this election year, many honest people have been swept up into the campaign fervor and have accepted many false notions about the character of these elections, the government itself and the state.

McGovern, the Democratic candidate has gone on the television and right in front of everyone has claimed that "this election is a struggle over whether this country will be run in the interests of the rich few, or be run in the interests of the working people."

This demagoguery is to be expected from politicians who at election time must appeal to the populist instincts of the people to win votes. However the real danger comes in, when the main apologists for these imperialists, the Communist Party USA, echoes these declarations and even goes so far as developing a theory to justify them.

To the CPUSA, the state is a neutral institution, standing above and outside class society and open to "pressuring" from either the workers or the capitalists. They echo the words of the old German social-democrat Kautsky who long ago put forth the idea that the state apparatus was a "mediator" of class conflict, an instrument to keep peace and maintain order. The CPUSA has not only led the people into a position of tailing the Democratic Party, but they have attempted to build illusions about the nature of the capitalist's state its leaders and a "peaceful solution" to the class conflict.

In their program they call on people to work



Frederick Engels, worked with Marx on the "Communist Manifesto."

"within the framework of the constitution." They equate the capitalist Abraham Lincoln with the great working class leader Karl Marx saying that both men considered the workers of the world to be "one big family." They have cleverly supported McGovern as "a clear alternative to Nixon" (Political Affairs, Oct. 72) through their front organizations, while at the same time, they use their Gus Hall for president campaign as a left cover and an instrument with which to "exert pressure" on the Democratic Party machine, much in the same cynical fashion as George Wallace does with his loyal right-opposition, the American Independent Party.

This is all part of their so-called "anti-monopoly coalition" which is nothing more than an effort to "peacefully reform capitalism" under the rule of the Kennedy wing of the ruling class, with a series of "radical reforms." These reforms would leave the basic state apparatus unchanged while pressuring the government to be "more sensitive to the people." This view of peaceful transition to "socialism" lies at the heart of modern revisionism. This theory which liquidates the Marxist theory of the dictatorship of the proletariat and class struggle is the main ideological enemy today within the working class movement.

Frederick Engels long ago in his famous work *Origins of the Family, Private Property and the State* pointed out after years of careful research and study, that the state was "by no means a power imposed on society from the outside," but instead "the admission that this society has become entangled in an insoluble contradiction within itself."

Karl Marx, in his work, *The Communist Manifesto* to which he wrote along with Engels, put it another way. He said that the state is "an organ of class rule, an organ for the oppression of one class by another." He pointed out that the state creates "order" which legalizes and perpetuates this oppression by moderating the collisions between the classes.

By the state, Marx and Engels meant the bodies of armed men which the ruling class organizes to defend its private property from the masses -- such as the courts, prisons and coercive institutions of all kinds.

Elections are used along with coercion to pacify the people.

When the capitalist class first came to power with the overthrow and bloody defeat of the old feudal lords, it did so on the crest of a widespread desire among all the people for democracy. The bourgeois class at that time was the spokesmen who articulated the disdain people had for the absolute power of the feudal monarchs, kings, tzars, etc. The capitalists were not able to create real democracy, the rule of the majority, because the wealth of society was still, as under feudalism, concentrated in the hands of the few. However, the capitalists were forced to keep up a democratic image, through parliamentarianism.

As capitalism grew and developed, the illusions of "democratic capitalism" were pushed by the exploiters and their agents who went among the workers and echoed these claims. Marx cut through all of this when he described capitalist elections as, "deciding once in three or six years which member of the ruling class was to represent and repress the people in parliament..." (*The Civil War In France*)

In the same work, Marx exposed the theory of "peaceful transition" and pointed out that "the working class cannot simply lay hold of the ready-made state machinery, and wield it for its own purposes." The proletariat must use revolutionary violence to "break" and "smash" the old state machinery and carry out the rule for the first time in history of the working people who make up the great majority of society. Marx called this rule, **the dictatorship of the proletariat.**

Marx and Engels first used this term in summing up the experiences of the Paris Commune, the first step taken by the working class in smashing the old state machine. This was followed later by the Russian revolution, whose 55th anniversary we celebrate this month.

Nowhere in the revisionist party's program or literature will you find so much as a mention of the dictatorship of the proletariat. Instead they have buried themselves in the swamp of parliamentary "cretinism" as Lenin called it. Their purpose is to disarm the people and prettify U.S. "democracy."

PARTICIPATE?

The question then comes up, should we therefore not participate in elections? Should we abandon the democratic struggle under capitalism? Shouldn't we and mustn't we fight for an end to imperialism's policies of war and aggression and defeat the move of the capitalists towards all-out fascism?

Yes, of course we should participate in elections, the democratic struggle and the movement for peace and reforms in general. Without such participation, we will abandon the masses who are daily engaged in such struggles and will never be in a position to move the struggle for socialism or against fascism forward. Lenin pointed out in his book, *Left-Wing Communism, an Infantile Disorder* that it is necessary for the working class to use both "legal and illegal, parliamentary and non-parliamentary" methods of struggle, that the class struggle is full of twists and turns and that compromises are often necessary. "He who believes in a 'pure' revolution will never live to see it." (*The Discussion of Self-determination Summed Up*)

Lenin also pointed out that:

Without parliamentarism, without the suffrage this development of the working class would have proved impossible. That is why all this assumed such great importance in the eyes of the broad masses of the people. That is why the change appears so difficult. Not only deliberate hypocrites, scientists

and clergymen, but also the masses of people who innocently repeat old prejudices and cannot understand the transition from old capitalist society to socialism, maintain and defend this bourgeois lie that the state is free and is called upon to defend the interests of all. (*The Dictatorship of the Proletariat*, International Publishers, p. 23.)

It is for these reasons and more that the working class forces must at times participate in capitalist elections, in order to expose through the practice and experience of the people themselves this "bourgeois lie." Furthermore, with the mobilization of the masses we can force concessions out of the greedy capitalists who will give up a little to save a lot.



Great teacher Karl Marx, described capitalist elections as "deciding once in three or six years which member of the ruling class was to represent and repress the people in the parliament..."

Finally, the capitalist class is not a monolithic group working completely in harmony. While they are determined to work hand in glove to exploit and oppress the people, their very class nature, the fact that the system they have built is based upon intense competition, determines that they will come into conflict with each other. These contradictions are an objective reality and are independent of the subjective wishes of any reactionary. This is the character of the differences between the capitalist groups presently backing McGovern and Nixon which have grown sharpest around the situation in Indochina. This is a contradiction over whether to admit defeat now and put an end to the U.S. aggression or to be forced to admit it later with much higher losses as a result.

Inter-capitalist contradictions such as these grow especially sharp in this the era of imperialism, the highest stage of capitalism, where the world is divided up among the imperialist super-powers who fight and contend with each others for spheres of influence and power. Regarding such contradictions, Comrade Mao Tsetung wrote that we should when possible, seize the opportunity to "turn to good account all such fights, rifts and contradictions in the enemy camp and turn them against our main enemy." (*Tactics Against Japanese Imperialism*)

This means that at times we most certainly would participate in capitalist elections in order to utilize such rifts and fights, even at times supporting one capitalist party against another.

However this must always be based upon working class unity and strength and an ability to dispel any illusions about the electoral process among the people. At this time, we have no party and the revolutionary forces have little ties to the workers and their mass organizations. For us to advocate participation at this time means in practice to abandon the independence of the working class and the movement for peace and justice.

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THE PHILIPPINES: LIBERATION STRUGGLE GROWS

Nearly two years have passed since Ferdinand Marcos became the first Filipino President to be elected for a second term. Amid praise from the liberal press, Marcos was swept into office by promises of land reform and re-negotiating peace treaties and military pacts with the U.S. However years of corruption, deceit, and oppression came to head last month and Marcos was forced to institute martial law in order to stave off a decaying political situation.

Since his re-election, violent repression of demonstrations and strikes, assassination of liberal critics, mass arrests, devaluation of the peso, inflation, production cut-backs, and massive job lay-offs have created a crisis of unprecedented proportions.

Faced with a growing revolutionary mass movement Marcos imposed martial law ostensibly to prevent a "Communist coup" from toppling his government. In reality however his action was merely a last-ditch effort to hold back a rising tide of popular discontent with his regime.

Marcos' rationale has fooled no one and even recently the speaker of the Philippine House of Representatives, Cornelio Villareal, revealed that the martial law decree was planned, discussed, and studied for a long time before it went into effect.

SIGN OF WEAKNESS

The decree itself was criticized by the opposition party and immediately 49 political leaders, most of them liberals, were arrested. However, the decree has received the endorsement of the American press including the liberal-oriented magazine NEWSWEEK and two weeks ago television ideologue Eric Sevareid even went to the extent of praising the action on the grounds that "Filipinos were happier living under authoritarian regimes."

In spite of such illusions, however, the proclamation of martial law shows the weaknesses of Marcos' regime rather than its strength. The decree simply shows that Marcos can no longer rule by the traditional phoney democratic methods and must now resort to fascist terror to maintain the interests of the imperialists.

This aggravated situation did not suddenly develop but is the logical culmination of years of exploitation and oppression by U.S. Imperialism. Since the United States took the Philippines from the Spanish in 1898, it has used the islands as a colony and has had a strangle-hold on that country's economic and political development.

The Philippines have been used not only as a source of raw materials and a market for export of goods, but also as an important component in the United States' Pacific Rim Strategy. The islands contain vast forest, mineral, marine, and power resources in addition to the military installations that the United States must have to continue its domination of Southeast Asia. Also, the volcanic origins of the islands, with its tropical climate and extensive rivers, provide the country with extremely fertile agricultural lands.



Domination of the Philippines is an integral part of the Pacific Rim Strategy of the U.S. imperialists. This entails using the Philippines as a base in the Pacific to ensure their influence in Southeast Asia and the encirclement of socialist China.



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However, the wealth of the Philippines has not been developed for the benefit of the Filipinos but has gone into the bank accounts of the local landlords and into the pockets of U.S. corporations. Thus while the country is rich in natural resources, the majority of working people and peasants suffer extreme poverty, exploitation, misery, and oppression.

The United States has controlled the local economy and politics by using puppet regimes that slavishly serve the imperialists' interests. The Marcos regime is no exception and has received considerable U.S. backing in exchange for lopsided trade and financial agreements that are highly profitable for American corporations.

According to Amado Guerrero, leader of the Communist Party of the Philippines, the puppet regimes have allowed U.S. banking interest to take over the country's monetary system. Says Guerrero, "The U.S. Imperialists own the largest banks, insurance companies and other financing institutions. They therefore control the Philippine banking system."

U.S. policy has been threefold: to invest nominal amounts of capital while extracting huge profits, to buy raw materials (at a cheap rate due to super-exploitation) and to import manufactured goods. The most important of the three has been investments and the upshot is that U.S. banks import modest amounts of capital and export tremendous profits which has had the effect of inflating the local currency.

FINANCIAL CRISIS

In addition, the import of manufactured goods has consistently exceeded the exports thus creating a severe balance of payments deficit and with the peso already inflated, the balance of payments deficit has led to the bankruptcy of the government.

Eight months ago a local newspaper wrote on the deteriorating economic situation: As of two weeks ago, the central bank had no international reserves to speak of. . .the dollar reserve stood at \$150 million. . .the country's commitments or obligations already due or about to become due add up to \$151.1 million. It is doubtful that the central bank treasury has ever been that empty before.

Such policies have created severe hardship for the majority of Filipinos and have been perpetuated only by the most brutal forms of oppression and tyranny. While the masses of people suffer under the yoke of imperialism the local ruling class has become fatter and more vicious.

However the Philippine workers and peasants have not stood idle in the face of such wanton repression. In 1968 the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) was reconstituted on the basis of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought in order to liberate the Philippines from the feudal landlords and U.S. domination.

After years of ideological struggle against the pacifist and revisionist leadership of Vicente and Jesus Lava, the CPP has initiated armed struggle by organizing the New People's Army (the NPA) and has gained significant victories. The NPA was inaugurated in 1969 with a few hundred cadres but by 1972 Philippine Defense Secretary Juan Enrile confirmed claims that the army had over 400,000 followers in more than 800 village organizations.

Following the teachings of Mao Tse-tung, the CPP has primarily utilized armed struggle in the countryside to encircle the cities. In the beginning light skirmishes were conducted but last year alone the NPA inflicted over 600 casualties which included 18 U.S. military advisors. As a result extensive territories have been already liberated.

In addition the new party has been instrumental in building a broad national united front for independence. In 1970 for example, mass demonstrations of peasants, workers, and students were organized to protest suspension of civil liberties which forced Marcos to make some concessions. The October rally alone drew over 60,000 people in Manila in opposition to the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus.

The struggle for a new revolutionary party has been prolonged and intense. From its inception in 1930 the old Communist Party suffered from usurpation of leadership by the corrupt Lava brothers. Under their leadership, the party developed severe left and right deviations which finally culminated in its liquidation in the mid 1960's.

In its early stages, the party developed extreme right opportunism when it placed emphasis on parliamentary struggle and negation of armed struggle. However the Second World War brought the party to its senses when it was forced to take up arms against the Japanese fascists. The party was highly successful in bringing the broad masses of the people under the leadership of the HUKBALAHAP guerrillas.

When it became apparent that the Japanese were going to be routed by the Philippine patriots, General McArthur's troops invaded under the pretext of liberating the islands from the Japanese.



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However the termination of the war saw the party leadership disarm the Huk guerrillas when the United States extended false promises of independence. When it became obvious that the U.S. was not about to keep good its word, the party initiated an ill-fated putsch which resulted in the useless slaughter of thousands of brave guerrillas.

The present day party has overcome the right and left deviations of the past by its application of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought to the peculiarities of the Philippines. The CPP has realized that the historic struggle of the Philippine masses against foreign domination will never be victorious unless there is a militant revolutionary party at its head.

Furthermore the CPP realizes that independence will come about only if it unites the broad masses of the people in armed struggle against the local feudal landlords and the U.S. Imperialists.

The struggle in the Philippines is not an isolated phenomenon but is part of the revolutionary storms in the East which are being waged against the aggressive policies of U.S. Imperialism.

Following the bright path of the Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese peoples, the people of the Philippines have taken up arms for the purpose of gaining national independence and have become an important part of the world-wide united front against imperialism.

Police Attack

Progressive

News vendor In

S.F. Chinatown

Harry Wong operates a newsstand in San Francisco's Chinatown. On August 23 as he was sitting by his stand, a squad of police cars screeched to a halt in front of him and 12 policemen jumped out, batons in hand, and rushed at Mr. Wong.

They attacked him savagely, twisted his arms behind his back and grabbed him by the throat until his face turned blue. He was then dragged across the sidewalk to a police car and brutally beaten, despite the cries and protests of many bystanders, who shouted, "You can't do this!" and "Some democratic country!"

What was Harry Wong's crime? The charge was "obstructing the sidewalk." But what was the real reason the police want him silenced?

It is because Harry Wong is the only news vendor in Chinatown who carries literature and news from the People's Republic of China.

More and more, the people of Chinatown are supporting their socialist homeland. On October 1, the 23rd anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic, over 1000 persons attended a rally in support of China.

Many Chinese people were originally brought to this country to build the railroads. They were called "coolies" and were forced to work like slaves for a few pennies. Others came to escape the terrible oppression of the imperialists in old China. Today, behind the glitter and tinsel of Chinatown, the Chinese people are forced to live in a ghetto. Many Chinese women must work in small, dark, stuffy store-front garment factories.

The housing shortage in Chinatown has reached crisis proportions. Living under the oppression of U.S. imperialism, Chinese people in the U.S. are anxious to learn about the happy lives of their brothers and sisters in a free, new China.

In ever greater numbers, the entire American people want to learn more about China.

That is why Harry Wong opened his newsstand!

The incident on August 23 is not the first time Mr. Wong has been attacked. Since he first set up his stand, he has been constantly threatened and harassed by the police and by the Kuomintang reactionaries in the Chinese community.

Last December, he was assaulted by three Kuomintang thugs who jumped him from behind and smashed a bottle over his head. But Harry Wong will just not be intimidated! Even after this vicious attempt to shut him up, his stand was open again in a few days.

This time, when the San Francisco police threw him in jail, the Chinese community rallied to his defense. People took turns keeping the newsstand open and a big Committee to Defend Harry Wong was set up. The courtroom has been packed with supporters at each of his four court appearances.

China has set a fine example to the whole world, showing that a nation that was once small and weak really can defeat the imperialists. Harry Wong has also set a great example, by standing up and proudly defending his rights to bring the truth about China to the people! **HELP DEFEND HARRY WONG!**

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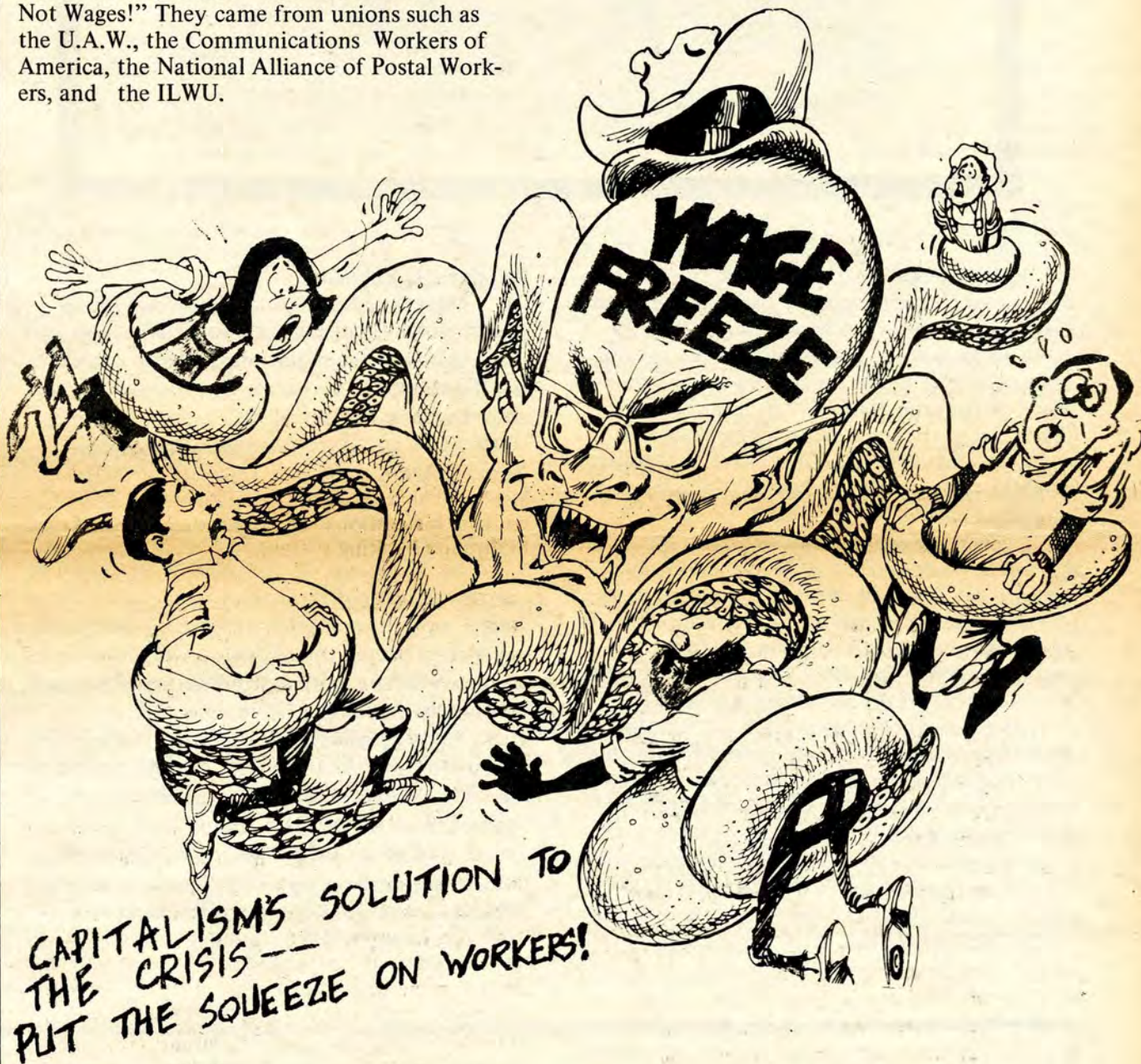
Workers Expose Pay Board "Public Hearing"

Millions of working people across the U.S. are burning mad about the Pay Board's wage freeze policies. While giant corporations like GM, Ford and International Harvester are raking in profits greater than ever, working people—whose real spending wages have declined over the last 10 years— are asked to be content with a 5.5% raise.

Last month in the San Francisco area, more than 200 workers demonstrated militantly at a so-called "public hearing" of the Pay Board to show that they wouldn't stand for token raises and higher prices. They picketed and shouted slogans like, "Workers Unite — Smash the Pay Board!" and "Cut Profits — Not Wages!" They came from unions such as the U.A.W., the Communications Workers of America, the National Alliance of Postal Workers, and the ILWU.

support of their unions and their fellow workers. Though this mass support forced the courts to reduce the felony charges to misdemeanors, the workers will still be denied their democratic right to trial by a jury. This is the result of a new federal law concerning cases with penalties under 6 months.

Thousands have already signed a petition calling for support of the arrested workers, for dropping all charges, and for an end to the Pay Board. The petition points out that the courts are working hand-in-hand with the Pay Board, and demands an end to intimidating and repressive policies.



Opposition to the monopolists' wage freeze policies has been growing steadily.

The fact has become obvious that the Pay Board is just a front for the few big monopoly companies and bank owners. Faced with a deepening financial crisis brought on by the Vietnam war and the increasing competition from the German and Japanese imperialists and the Soviet social-imperialists, the U.S. imperialists have implemented the wage freeze policies to maintain their profits and to place the burden of their crisis on the workers' backs.

Setting an example, the United Mine Workers last year defied the Pay Board, struck, and won a 15% raise. The Longshoremen led a heroic fight against the wage freeze during a 134-day long strike. On their own initiative, striking rank-and-file hospital workers in San Francisco won a 8.2% increase. This rank-and-file opposition even forced the labor bureaucrats like Meany and Woodcock to save face and stop their open participation in the Pay Board's wage freeze.

From now on, wherever the Pay Board goes, they'll have to hold their "public hearings" in secret, to avoid the masses of angry workers who seek to confront them!

When the workers demanded entrance to the "public hearing," they were told to line up and wait, while at the same time the corporation lawyers and company men were allowed to walk straight in. Add to these events the fact that most unions were not notified about the hearings and that the hearings were held on a weekday morning when few working people could attend. From all this it is clear that the hearings were held not for the public, but for the big corporations to discuss how to hold down wages.

Only 3 workers were allowed in the hearing and one of these was thrown out when he tried to make a statement against the Pay Board.

Following this, a cop tried to jump him in the hall but was forced to retreat when other workers rushed over. The government administrators then had the cops clear the workers out of the Federal Building by threatening them with arrest.

Later, Federal Marshalls beat and arrested 3 workers on phony charges. Workers who witnessed this were outraged and have rallied the

Lay-offs Rise

GM STRIKERS FIGHT SPEED-UP



The Ohio papers were filled with articles claiming that the workers were "being paid for striking" by collecting welfare and food-stamps. There was also propaganda in the press which portrayed the workers as "well-to-do" and claimed that most of the workers saw the Norwood job as a second-job used to supplement their "private earnings." In this way the company tried to rally community pressure against the strike.

While it may be true that many Norwood workers have other jobs, this is due to the present economic squeeze and the fact that more and more workers are being forced to work 16 hours a day to support their families. As for welfare, it is the workers who have their wages taken away to support the welfare system and it is the workers who have a right to feed their families by any means necessary. (See "Should Striking Workers Get Welfare?" in THE CALL, Oct. 1972)

The Norwood strike is also significant because the contracts at GM, Ford and Chrysler expire on Sept. 14, 1973 and this strike has set

After struggling for 174 days, the strikers at General Motor's assembly plant in Norwood, Ohio have been forced back to work. The 25-week strike was the longest in GM history and appears to be the forerunner of even sharper battles between the auto workers and the imperialists. Since the settlement of the Norwood strike several other GM plants have seen walkouts over the same rotten conditions that caused the workers to strike at Norwood.

The Norwood strike grew out of attempts by GM to merge several of its plants into one, causing 749 lost jobs. While hundreds of workers were laid off, speed-up has increased. This is part of the capitalist's solution to the present economic crisis—fire more workers and "increase productivity" of the remaining workers.

When the company refused to negotiate the more than 4,000 unresolved grievances, the 4,000 Norwood workers voted to walk out. A strike over similar issues at the Lordstown, Ohio GM plant lasted about three weeks and drew nationwide attention as an indicator of things to come. This is also true of the Norwood strike. GM's so-called "consolidations" resulting in massive job losses, are taking place in 10 areas. Eight have

led to strikes already.

Under the terms of the Norwood settlement, which many consider to be a sell-out by the UAW leadership, not one promise was made by the company to restore any lost jobs. In fact, the company is planning to shut down its production of 1973 Novas which will mean even more lay-offs.

SPEED-UP STAYS

Furthermore, no concessions were won on production speed-up. The company has claimed that "more time studies are needed" before they will negotiate on this question. GM also refused to agree on any work assignments or manpower requirements for the '73 models.

In other words, the Norwood workers have been sent into the plant with nothing more than newly-acquired experience which they have gained from the struggle. The vote to return to work was led by the skilled workers (95% of whom voted to return) while most of the production workers and some of the local union officers opposed the settlement.



the tone for massive industry-wide strikes in the future. It seems obvious that the UAW leadership is trying to head off such strikes and to kowtow to the government's wage controls. Leonard Woodcock, UAW president, is already talking about what a waste strikes are.

To Woodcock, who receives \$90,000 a year in salary and expense accounts, the strike only wastes those precious union funds which in his view "can be put to better use", eg. his own political future. However, to the GM workers, the strike is one of their only weapons to keep the company from stealing every last gain which they have made over the years.

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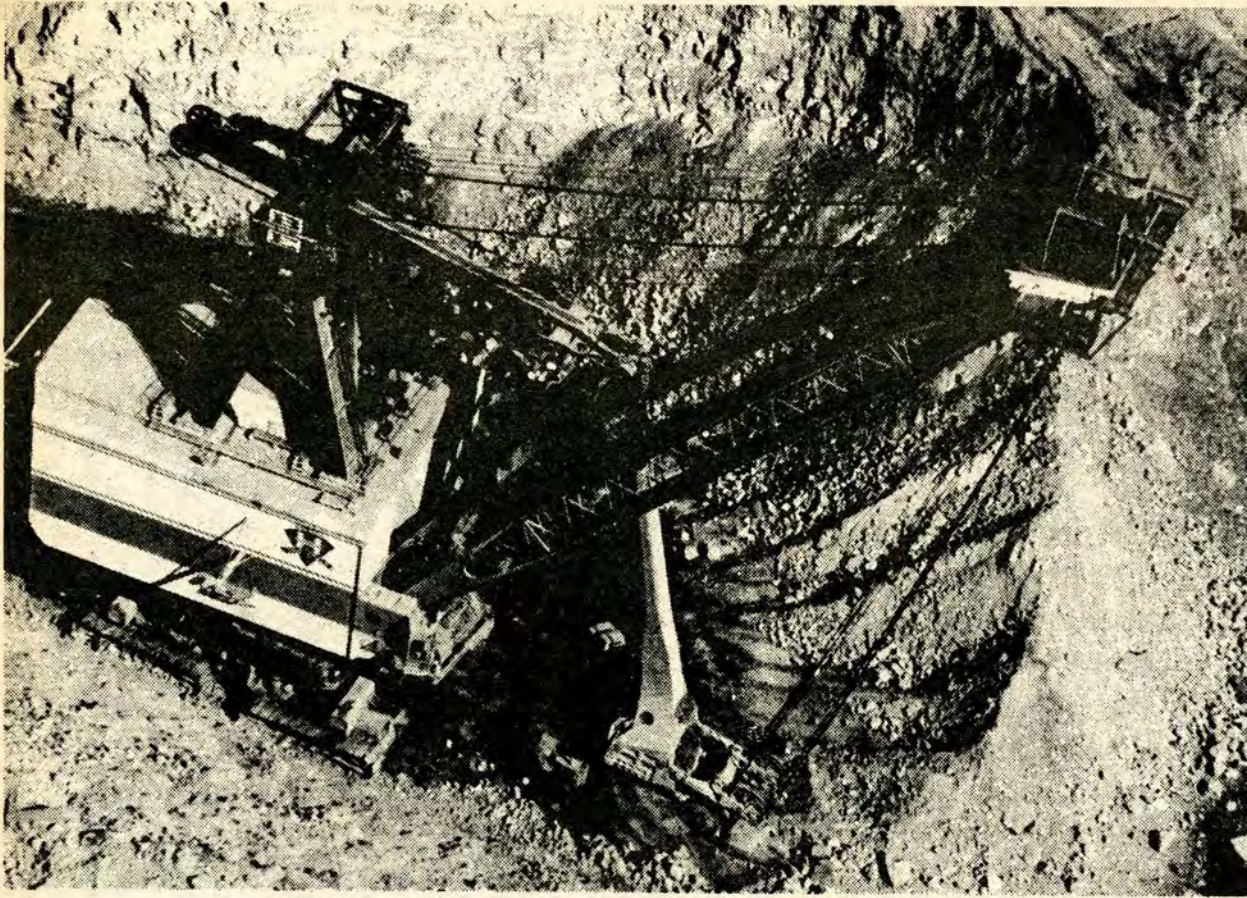


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The first issue of The Call was very well received. We would like to thank all those who have made suggestions as to ways we can improve our paper. We certainly have a lot of room to improve.

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We welcome your ideas and can improve only with your help. This includes financial contributions which are sorely needed. Thank you—Editor.



GEM OF EGYPT, power shovel which stands as tall as the Astrodome in Houston, Texas Area stripping leaves thousands of acres of spoiled wasteland and thousands of miners out of work.

STRIP MINING RUINS PEOPLE & LAND

Strip mining is the method used to extract coal which lies in thick seams near the surface of the earth. It is far cheaper than underground coal mining. However, it removes a great deal more than coal from the land. Stripping uses giant shovels which gulp 114 cubic yards of earth per bite. (See photo above.)

Throughout the spring of 1972 West Virginia and Kentucky were racked with flooding of farm lands and homes left unprotected after strip mining had wiped out all the surrounding vegetation. The peoples' reaction to the loss of life and homes called national attention to the ill effects of strip mining. The strip mines do not just ruin the ecology—

—strip-mined land opens a clear path for mud slides, dam overloads and uncontrolled road and bridge wash-outs. Crop damage occurs when mineral-laden silt and mud floods fields and pasturage.

—streams and creeks are filled with coal silt, becoming murky poisonous ditches which will not support life or vegetation.

—Economic ruin:

Competition with the strip miners has lowered the safety standards in the deep mines. The first company expenses which the mine operators cut back one when they are uptight for money is the health and safety conditions in the deep mines. Speed-up is increased steadily but no matter how fast the operator tries to work the

In the case of the fight against the bad effects of strip mining, whole communities have been thrown into the battle against the operators—not just the miners, not just their wives. Every time a strip mining site is opened up, the people know their way of life in the mountain hollows and small farming communities will come under vicious attack. So today there is an upsurge in the militant fight of the Appalachian people against the mine operators, especially the big monopolies.

The big oil monopolies such as Standard Oil and Mobil, are used to a huge profit on oil. So they try to make the maximum off of their coal mines—they own most of the West Virginian and Kentucky mines through part or wholly-owned subsidiaries. Once the big companies turn to stripping, the small privately owned operators are forced to turn to it too, to stay in business. Unemployment caused by this changeover is rising to as high as 10 per cent in some coal counties of Kentucky. Sometimes when the papers write about the economic situation in Appalachia, they talk about how poor and hopeless the mountain people are, about how they are lazy or they don't mind being poor. They try to paint a picture of the mountain people living on corn liquor like Snuffy Smith in the comics. This is a cover-up. The people of Appalachia are dirt-poor, many of them. But not because of laziness or hopelessness. The coal and oil monopolies have devastated the region. Everything in the small towns is owned and operated for the benefit of the coal operators.

The miners often say that the mine disasters and floods—which the companies call "Acts of God"—are not "Acts of God" at all but acts of the corporations and the corrupt government which serves the corporations.

A Returning G.I. Talks About Strip-Mining and the Vietnam War.

"I just recently became concerned about the earth. I'm a veteran of the Vietnam War. While I was in Vietnam I was very lucky to see a lot of people and meet a lot of people, and see what's happening there in Vietnam. And to see the destruction of the land and the killing of a lot of innocent people. As far as I'm concerned all those people in Vietnam are innocent."

"While I was there I kept yearning for my home in the mountains and for Wise County, West Virginia. As the time grew nearer I got more and more anxious to go home. And finally the day came and I got home."

"On my way home from the airport I saw that they had begun stripping again, very rapidly increasing stripping in the county. And I began to think about that. It began to give me feelings of all the destruction I had seen in Vietnam, all the huge craters that the B-52 bombers had left. That was in 1968, and I've seen so much increase that it's sickening."

Mr. Jackie Wright of Wise, W. Va.

Testimony at the National Conference on Strip Mining.

Far from counting on these poverty programs to solve their problems for them, the people in towns victimized by stripping have been organizing and trying to get the strip sites shut down. In some cases they have shut them down themselves.

WOMEN BLOCK DOZERS IN W.VA.

At the Ken Mack Coal Company in Ball Creek, Kentucky, 21 mountain women occupied a strip site for 15 hours in a rain storm. They stopped the demonstration after 4 of their supporters were beaten and hospitalized by the company goons. The women were from the Appalachian Group to Save the Land and People.

The women persuaded the miners to shut off their bull dozers by talking to them and standing in front of the dozers. Most of the men said they only did strip mining because there were no other jobs anymore. They hated what it did to the countryside as much as the women.

The company told the men that the women were just going to make them lose their jobs. The company stooges tried to whip up anger against the women. In their statement, the women's group answered this accusation:

"The operators pit us against each other. . . They tell us that welfare recipients are no count, but they mine coal with as few workers as they can. They have a monopoly on the coal industry and have forced deep mines out of business, leaving many of our men unemployed."

"They tell the workers that people who fight to protect the land are keeping bread off the workers' tables, but they pay the men they hire only a tiny bit out of the millions they make."

"They spread lies among us to make us hate each other. They know the only way to keep their profits is to keep us divided."

Furthermore, the women pointed out to the miners that surface mining in the county brought in 3 million dollars in 1968, but it employed only 100 workers.

Mountain women have actively fought stripping all down the line, going to the state legislature, petitioning, going to Washington D.C. But the women said that most of the legal measures against strip mining are worthless. Their group feels that only a total ban on strip mining will solve the problem because nothing else will stop all the side effects. Besides, they have seen strong laws and safety regulations pass the state house and never be heard of again.

Women such as Widow Ollie Combs of Knott County, Kentucky, have been jailed in the fight against the strippers. Widow Combs lay down in front of a bull dozer stripping her own land, and went to jail for it. When the coal companies decide to strip privately owned land, they don't buy it at a fair price, they don't even ask for it. They inform the residents that their land is needed for stripping "to meet the power shortage." They accuse the land owners of being "selfish" if they resist. They use terror and force against families who try to stop them.

The coal companies, said one woman, think they are a law unto themselves. But the people have a long memory. And someday these crooks will have to answer for their crime.

The problem of strip-mining is no longer an Appalachian problem, but a nation-wide problem. The oil companies are spreading its use to untapped lands in Wyoming and Montana. The laws of this country make it plain that the interests of the mineral kings and the mine owners come first. Knott County, Kentucky's women have set an example of militant struggle, risking their lives to stop the operations. Workers and people throughout the country must support the fight against stripping and the monopoly poly corporations who promote it.

by Susanne Edge



In Ball Creek, Kentucky, 21 mountain women occupied a strip site for 15 hours in the rain.



V.I. Lenin further developed Marxism in the era of imperialism and guided the Russian people to their historic victory.

This issue of THE CALL is coming out exactly 55 years from the day the Russian workers seized power in 1917 and created the first socialist state. This was a state, the U.S.S.R., where the toiling masses, for the first time in history, ran society in the interest of the majority of the people.

With the Bolshevik Party marching in the vanguard, under the leadership of the great Lenin, the Soviet people smashed the capitalist dictatorship and set up a dictatorship of the proletariat (working class) based upon the armed people themselves.

Without such a party, armed with the most advanced theory of scientific socialism, with iron discipline and the closest of ties with the workers and revolutionary people, this task would have been impossible. As Lenin wrote, summing up this experience:

"Certainly, almost everyone now realizes that the Bolsheviks could not have maintained themselves in power for two and a half months, let alone two and a half years, without the strictest, truly iron discipline in our Party, and without the fullest and unreserved support of the latter by the whole mass of the working class, that is, by all its thinking, honest, self-sacrificing and influential elements, capable of leading or carrying with them the backward strata."

This seizure of power wasn't the end of the struggle for the Soviet people. It was instead, the beginning of a prolonged, difficult battle to build a classless society, free from exploitation and oppression of one nation by another, and to support the revolutionary struggle throughout the world.

The old capitalist exploiters weren't about to give up their old paradise without a struggle. They put up the most violent opposition. Lenin wrote:

"The transition from capitalism to communism, represents an entire historical epoch. Until this epoch has terminated, the exploiters inevitably cherish the hope of restoration, and this hope is converted into attempts at restoration."

Under Lenin's brilliant leadership and after his death under the direction of the great Stalin, the Soviet Union made great strides in defending itself, the only socialist country in the world, from the attacks of world imperialism. Furthermore, great advances were made in developing the productive capacity of this great country. For nearly fifty years, the Soviet Union was the focal point for the struggle of the oppressed people throughout the world.

Despite great sacrifices, the Soviet people dealt the Hitlerite fascists their final deathblow. Furthermore, one internal enemy after another was defeated in their attempts to subvert the workers' state and restore capitalism from within.

It wasn't until after the death of Stalin that the capitalist roaders were able to worm their way into leadership of the party of Lenin and Stalin and into the leading positions within the state apparatus lulling the Soviet people into passivity and blinding them with lies and fascist terror. From this position of power and relying on the great reverence the people had for the name of Lenin and the Soviet Union, these revisionists began to institute policies both internally and in foreign policy, aimed at the complete and total restoration of capitalism.

Today, the once bright Soviet Union has been plunged back into the darkness of capitalism. Instead of proletarian internationalism, we find a new policy in the Soviet Union of expansionism, great power chauvinism, war and aggression. Instead of struggling to meet the needs of the people, we find an internal policy based upon profit, material incentive and the luxury of a few. Social-imperialism is, as Lenin pointed out, "Socialism in words, imperialism in deeds, the growth of opportunism into imperialism." This characterizes the Soviet Union today, 55 years after the October Revolution.

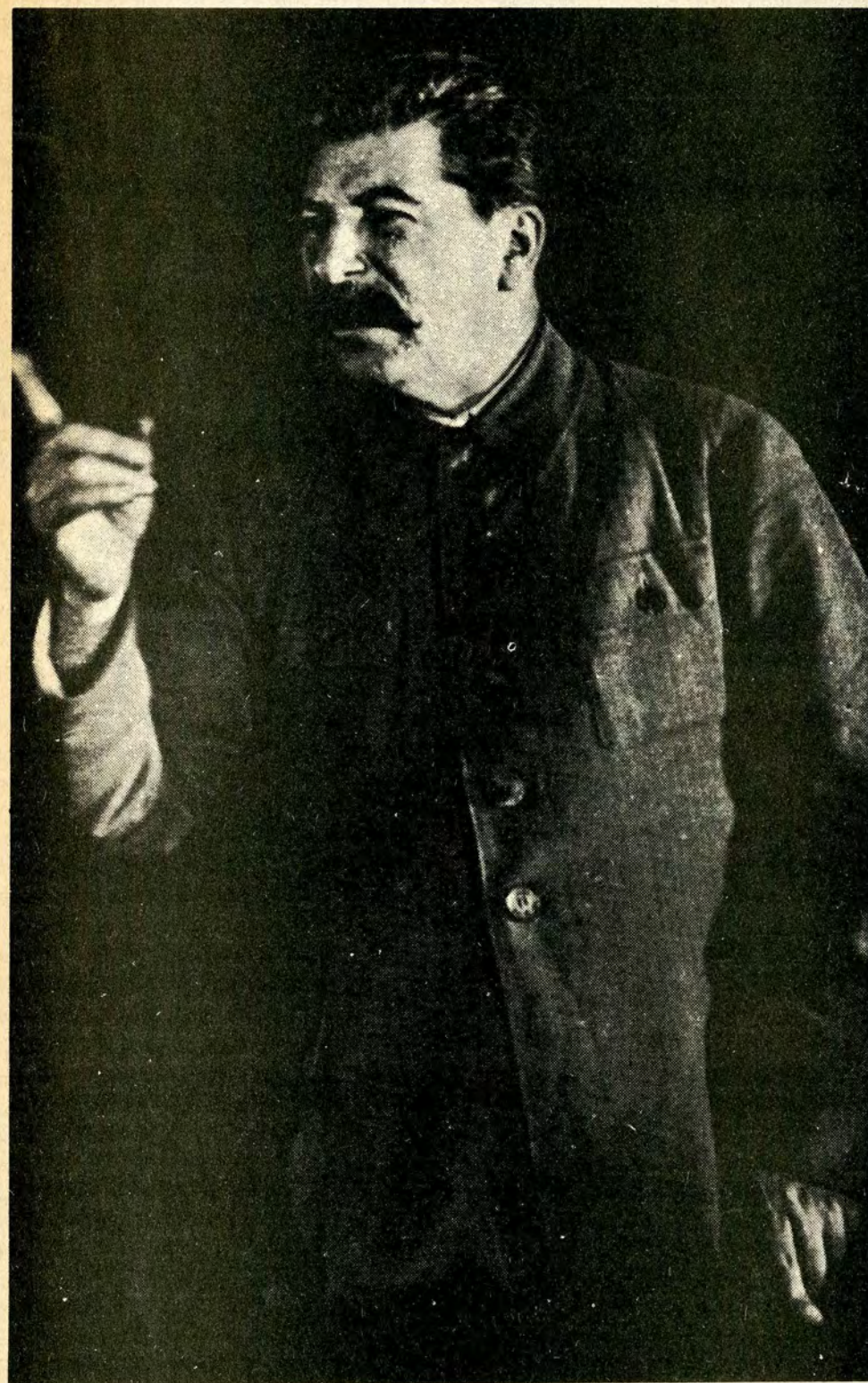
But this situation is only temporary. As the great leader of the Chinese people, Chairman Mao Tsetung pointed out:

"The Soviet Union was the first socialist state and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union was created by Lenin. Although the leadership of the Soviet Party and state has now been usurped by the revisionists, I would advise comrades to remain firm in the conviction that the masses of Soviet people and of party members and cadre are good, that they desire revolution and that the revisionists' rule will not last long."

Despite the temporary set-back in the Soviet Union, the revolutionary situation in the world today is more favorable than ever. Socialism has spread to a number of countries, including hundreds of millions of people. The movements for national liberation against imperialism are winning victory after victory. The heroic victories of the peoples of Indochina characterizes the irreversible trend of history.

While the basic character of the imperialists and social-imperialists is still the same, while they still plan to destroy revolution and socialism, while they still plot wars of aggression aimed at redividing the world and its riches among themselves, the world is no longer the same place it was 50 years ago. In the words of Comrade Mao Tsetung, revolution has become, "the main trend in the world today."

This issue of THE CALL is dedicated to the great Soviet people and the anniversary of the October Revolution. Together with the people of the world, the Soviet people will once again take up the call and defeat the imperialists and social-imperialists and build a socialist world!



J.V. Stalin, a great revolutionary who along with Lenin founded the Bolshevik Party.

LONG LIVE THE VICTORY OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION!

West German Reprisals

Provoke Demonstrations

The West German government has launched a wave of Nazi terror against the 60,000 member Arab community living in West Germany.

Using the September events at the Munich Olympics as an excuse to harass and deport Arab nationals, the West German government in cooperation with the Israeli Zionist intelligence forces, have deported over 1000 Arabs.

The Anti-Foreign Code has been dredged up from West German law as the pretext for illegal pre-dawn raids on the homes of students and workers suspected of being sympathetic to the "Arab terrorists". Two major organizations, the General Union of Palestinian Workers and the General Union of Palestinian Students, are now outlawed by the government and suspected membership in them is a deportable offense. The old tactic of "nacht und nebel" arrests (night and fog) made in the pre-dawn hours, has been used to seize and deport Arabs in the same pattern once used to arrest millions of Jews by the Nazis.

Also since September over 2000 Arabs have been denied entry visas into Germany on the grounds that they might be Palestinian sympathizers. To top all of this, Zionist terror groups such as the Jewish Defense League have been responsible for the murders of at least five Arab residents in Germany in the last month yet no official investigation has been made of these killings.

WEST GERMAN POLICE AND ZIONISTS WERE THE REAL MUNICH KILLERS

As the autopsy reports revealed, the 10 Israelis and 11 Arabs who died at the Munich airport in September were felled by German police gunfire—not by Palestinian guerrillas. Under pressure from high-ranking Israeli military authorities who flew to Germany during the crisis, German police opened fire on the helicopters containing both Israelis and Arabs, killing all of them. These same Gestapo killers have now turned on the Arab residents in order to take the blame off their own shoulders.

While President Willi Brandt is practicing Nazi terror raids in Germany, the Zionist Israeli government is invading new Arab villages and blowing up the homes and shops of the people. Dynamiting homes and napalming civilians is no different than what they have been doing for many years. But now the Zionists are doing so openly and saying it is because they are "frustrated over what happened in Munich."



Los Angeles demonstration demands justice for Arab minorities

The West German government is one of the staunchest allies Israel has in attempting to colonize the Middle East. West Germany is supplying much of Israel's trade, financing and armaments.

The West German imperialists support Israel because it is a base for expansion in the Middle East and for colonization of the Arab nations. West Germany, a rising imperialist power, is in hot competition with the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. over who will be top dog in controlling the markets and resources of the Middle East.

All the imperialist powers support Israeli Zionism, because it divides the Jewish workers from the other struggling people in every country. Zionism is part of the divide-and-rule policy of the imperialists.

The rulers of Germany now are the same industrial magnates who were big when Hitler came to power. They have adopted a new "liberal," "democratic" image, but this is just a pose, which they are rapidly dropping. Their ideology of "Aryan supremacy" was used to kill the Jews in the 30's and 40's and today, to kill the Arabs and Jews cold-bloodedly at the Munich airdrome.

WORLD-WIDE ANTI-FASCIST RESISTANCE

The new attacks on the Arab people and other foreigners in Germany are being met with protest demonstrations all over the world.

In Bonn, W. Germany, 20,000 demonstrated in support of the Arab nationals in Germany and against the anti-foreign measures. Mass hunger strikes and vigils by students in Paris, Austria, Bonn, Baghdad and N.Y. dramatized the suffering of the Arab people. In Copenhagen and Paris students of all nationalities picketed the W. German embassies. In the U.S. there have been mass actions in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, San Francisco, N.Y. and Chicago.

On the night of October 11th, the hunger strike in Bonn was attacked by W. German police who beat the participants and jailed them. 47 Arab students taking part in the protest were immediately deported, with no trial and no legal counsel.

On Thursday, Nov. 12th, 250 people marched in front of the West German trade consulate in Los Angeles. The crowd gathered there at lunch hour in order to reach the maximum number of workers from the area's office buildings with leaflets. The picket line carried signs bearing such messages as: "Stop Nazi Fascist Tactics", "Stop the Fascist Revival in W. Germany", "The Real Terrorists Are the W. German Government".

The hundreds of office workers who witnessed the demonstration were receptive to the message. Only a few incidents of hostile remarks from by-standers occurred.

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At UN General Assembly:

On the So-Called Prevention of "Terrorism"

ON September 22, the General Committee of the U.N. General Assembly discussed the question of whether to include in the agenda of the current General Assembly session the so-called "measures to prevent terrorism and other forms of violence which endanger or take innocent human lives or jeopardize fundamental freedoms."

In his speech at the meeting, Chinese Representative Chen Chu said, "We have never been in favour of adventurist activities of terrorism carried out by individuals or a few divorced from the masses, because they are harmful to the cause of national liberation and people's revolution. However, it must be stressed that in referring to the question of violence, one should first distinguish the military aggression and violent repression by the aggressors and oppressors from the struggle of resistance by the victims of aggression and oppression. These are two kinds of violence entirely different in nature. Where there is aggression and oppression, there is resistance and struggle. Imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism and Israeli Zionism are the chief culprits of terrorism and re-

visionary violence in the present world. It is perfectly just for the aggressed and oppressed nations and peoples to take up arms under compulsion to resist counter-revolutionary violence with revolutionary violence. This item fails to distinguish between the aggressors and oppressors and the aggressed and oppressed while referring to the prevention of terrorism and violence in ambiguous terms. This will possibly be utilized by imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism and Israeli Zionism. This is precisely what Israeli Zionism is now doing against the Palestinian and other Arab peoples; this is what the Portuguese colonialist authorities and the South African and Rhodesian white racist regimes are doing against the African people; and this is also what imperialism and colonialism are doing against the aggressed and oppressed nations and peoples."

"In accordance with the above-mentioned reasons," he continued, "the Chinese Delegation supports the opinion of the delegations of Mauritania, Guinea, Syria, Libya and other African and Arab countries of not putting this item on the agenda."

Wheat Sale

Grain Traders Rob Farmers

The Nixon Government has opened the door wide for big corporations and monopolies to grab even greater profits and privileges at the expense of working people, small business, and farmers. While Nixon, Reagan, and the monopolists attack working peoples' wages, the giant corporations, farms, and investors have been given the green light to fill their banks through tax loopholes, tax evasion, farm subsidies, export subsidies, and out-and-out corruption.

Most recently the U.S. Department of Agriculture conspired with four of the largest grain trading monopolies to allow them to grab as much as \$250 million in extra profits from the sale of wheat to the Soviet Union. While the independent farmers were kept in ignorance, these big grain monopolies were given advanced notice of the wheat sale and were able to buy up wheat early in the season when prices were low. This alone, according to the National Farmers Union, gave the monopolies \$120 million that should have gone to the farmers. Further, with the cooperation of the government the grain traders stole an estimated \$130 million in excess export subsidies from the taxpayers by waiting until late in the season to register their sales.

The Department of Agriculture not only gave the grain monopolies advanced notice, it seems to have deliberately mislead many small wheat farmers as to the nature of the sales. On July 8 when Agricultural Secretary Butz announced the sale, he indicated that it would probably involve livestock feed rather than wheat. In Kansas many farmers were told by the Department that the "grain deal would not raise prices." While the Department was handing out these lies, the big monopolies were buying up wheat and selling it to the Soviet Union.

All of this has made the independent farmers in the wheat belt furious at the monopoly grain trad-

ers and at their partners in profiteering, the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The wheat deal has cost these small and medium size farmers greatly and has forced many into ruin.

The grain profiteering has hurt not only the farmers, but also the taxpayers and consumers. Already the price board has approved a 10% rise in the price of flour, and a drastic rise in the price of bread cannot be far off.

SOVIET UNION COOPERATES IN DECEPTION

What is even more despicable than the U.S. monopolies greed, is the way that the Soviet Union cooperated with the U.S. grain traders to deceive and to deprive the U.S. farmers of a fair share of the trade. It is expected that the U.S. profiteers gouge every cent they can out of the farmers, but how do we explain the acts of the Soviet Union, a supposed socialist state. This is because a handful of bureaucrats has restored capitalism in the Soviet Union and like the imperialists their only interests is in profits. This restoration of capitalism also accounts in part for the tremendous wheat shortage in the Soviet Union.

WHY GOVERNMENT COLLUSION

Why did the so-called democratic government of the U.S. aid the monopolies against the farmers? It is possible because the U.S. Department of Agriculture has long been run by the large agriculture corporations—the food processors, agriculture equipment manufactures, and large commodity speculators. The Agriculture Department's policies, as dictated by these big companies, over the years have driven small farmers to ruin and have put pressure on many medium size farmers.

The Department itself is staffed at the highest level



Thousands of small farmers have been driven out of business, the victims of the monopolists

by these monopolists. Secretary Butz was a director of Ralston-Purina's, one of the largest agriculture monopolies. He replaced Clifton Hardin who went back to Ralston-Purina's board. Butz also served on the board of the Farm Foundation and the Foundation for American Agriculture—both set up to lobby against the farmers in interest in favor of the big companies.

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For Opposing Soviet Aggression

Revisionists Launch New Attacks

As the anti-imperialist struggle within the U.S. begins to grow and develop roots among the broad masses of the people, the fascist Nixon clique has begun to intensify its attack upon these revolutionary elements. In carrying out this attack it has enlisted the aid internationally of its favorite partner in crime, the Soviet social-imperialists, while here at home it relies upon the "Communist Party USA."

The brunt of the most recent attacks has been directed against the growing communist movement or as the CP calls it "the Maoists." On an international scale it is China which draws the sharpest blows from the revisionists who long ago abandoned revolution for the "peaceful road to socialism." By "peaceful" the revisionists mean that they will team up with the capitalists to crush or subvert the revolutionary organizations and dampen the aspirations of the people.

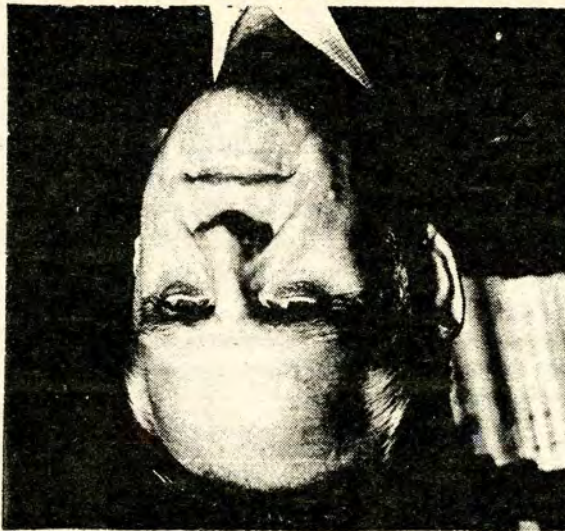
In his speech at the recent CP Convention, Chairman Gus Hall attacked Maoism as the Party's main enemy and claimed that China had "great nation ambitions." Claiming that the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution was "madness" he called Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought a "counter-revolutionary" ideology.

This slander has been echoed recently in all of the revisionist press internationally. Wherever the peoples' struggle is sharpest that is where the attacks are strongest. In the Philippines, for example, revisionist spokesman William Pomeroy has joined in with President Marcos in slandering the aims and the leadership of the Communist Party of the Philippines which is presently leading the struggle for national independence, democracy and socialism.

Here in the U.S. Gus Hall, the CP presidential candidate, viciously attacked the Guardian, a progressive newsweekly for supposedly "joining hands with Nixon in support of the butchery of Bangladesh." By this they mean that the Guardian refused to support the Indian invasion of Pakistan and the plots of the Soviet Union to make the Indian subcontinent one of their "spheres of influence."

The real reason for the attack on the Guardian is that they have recently begun to take a stand in support of China's policies and furthermore have refused to tail

GUS HALL TURNS IT ALL UPSIDE DOWN



To revisionist politician Gus Hall, Lincoln was an "internationalist," Kennedy a "man of reason," Johnson the "lesser of two evils," and McGovern is "anti-establishment." Mao Tsetung, on the other hand, is seen as a murderer.

after George McGovern and the Democratic Party. The Guardian, now celebrating its 25th year of publication, has been among the strong defenders of the Vietnamese peoples' struggles and their on-the-spot coverage has been widely read.

Irwin Silber, a member of the Guardian staff explained that the Guardian, "strongly condemned the Soviet-backed Indian invasion of East Pakistan and its installation of the bourgeois Awami League in power in Dacca."

Silber said that "The Indian government used the plight of the Bengali people as a pretext for dismembering Pakistan, expanding its own reactionary influence in South Asia and attempting to snuff out the development of a revolutionary movement of national liberation in East Pakistan." So we see that is the Soviet

government and not China who is practicing great-power politics.

The Guardian stated that the CPUSA launched their attack in order to try and crush the "new forces" of revolution, which are presently "coming to birth." Silber pointed out that "the reappearance of a genuinely Marxist-Leninist movement will have an appeal for many of the present members of the CPUSA, especially among those young militants who may have joined recently thinking that it was the only game in town."

These unprincipled attacks by the revisionists against the genuine Marxist-Leninists and other progressive forces in the world are nothing new. The rise of modern revisionism and social-imperialism (socialism in words, imperialism in deeds—Lenin) has been characterized by just such slanders and attacks. Khrushchev, who led the Soviet Union on its road to capitalist restoration, began with an attack at the 20th Congress of the CPSU, on Joseph Stalin, the great leader of the Soviet people. This was followed by an unprincipled attack on Albania and then China.

Stalin was called "a bandit" and a "murderer" by Khrushchev who joined in with the imperialists in this song and dance. The Albanians were told that if they didn't bow down to the Soviet giant, they would be bombed into submission. When China stood up in defense of revolution and opposed the line of "peaceful transition to socialism" which Khrushchev was pushing, Khrushchev withdrew all aid to the then struggling China in an attempt to starve them into submission.

The revisionists then launched a world-wide propaganda campaign attacking China, Mao Tsetung and the forces of revolution and national liberation. This was the tactics which led to the present split in the communist movement. We can see from this how the rightism of the CPUSA is linked closely with "left" sectarianism." If you refuse to follow the line of the revisionists and betray the peoples' struggle, you are subject to slanderous attacks.

The need has never been greater for the revolutionary and progressive peoples to unite in a common front against these fascist attacks from the Nixon government and from its appendage within the peoples' movement, the CPUSA revisionists.

Three Poems by Vietnamese Freedom Fighters



Marching Troops

Nicest is the glow of youth,
Merriest is the send-off for front-bound lads,
Most boisterous is the rush of a post
Through a dense net of fire,
Most exciting is a combined attack,
Most precious is our people's love.
Flowers blooming good-bye when we start on
a march,
Flowers smiling welcome when we return
with victory.

(Hong Thao)

A Hundred Mountain Ranges

On the vermilion dirt tracks
I've been battling the US for three full years
Three full years, my feet've been treading
these tracks,
Ranging these mounts far and wide.
The nearer ones, our guns have rolled through,
The farther ones, our cannons, our feet have
travelled over.
At midnight our batteries roar the jungle out
of sleep,
A hundred mountain ranges awaken.
Yonder US barracks sizzle in a blaze,
Here jungle and mounts cheer and artillery
rumbles.

(Hanh Can)



Uncle's Verses

Who is reciting a poem of Uncle by the pass
In the jungle on the border in the evening
glow on the Truong Son?
The marching troops rock mount and hill,
The inspiring lines winging their steps.
The shadow of guns is woven into the blue
sky,
The rhymes of verses are in tune with the
"Long March" air.
Uncle's words breathe vigour into us
And speed us up hill and down dale toward
the enemy.

(Ngoc Khuyen)



a movie review -

Super Fly? That's right, *Super Fly*! The man is super, and his game is selling "fly," or cocaine. The movie *Super Fly* takes our every day lives in the big city, like Harlem where the story takes place, and tries to show us how to beat the rat-race lives we are pressured into. That's what *Super Fly* is all about — "beating" the game.

The hero is Priest, a young Black man who is a fairly big-time cocaine street dealer. Although he has a fancy new car, money and clothes, he wants to get out of the dealing business. He has a "plan to stick it to the Man," as the ads say. Make a million dollars, enough to retire on.

Does Priest beat the Man and find freedom?

Well, he gets a cool half million in cash that he steals from his partner, and he blackmails the Police Commissioner into leaving him alone. But, on his way to all that money Priest has sold enough cocaine to keep all of New York City floating on Cloud 9 for years! In other words, Priest "shot it in our veins" while he "stuck it to the Man!"

With friends like Priest we don't need the cops to shoot us and the courts to jail us. Looking around at all the people overdosing on drugs, getting killed in gun-fights among themselves, and getting shredded up in industrial accidents while stoned on the job, it's clear that dope is as big a killer as any armed cop. Cocaine is harder to break out of than jail, and the hold it has on people doesn't come cheap! A pencil and paper will tell you that a \$50 a day habit comes out to \$18,000 a year —

that's over twice as much as the average family makes a year! If you're working to keep up the habit you can't afford to miss many days with a yearly bill like that, and if you can't find a job, or hold one down, things are worse. Junkies have to break into a lot of cars and apartments to make over \$18,000 a year. The New York City Police estimate that there is over 2 billion dollars a year of theft committed by the city's 30,000 addicts.

Why would the government even let a movie like *Super Fly* come out if it showed a young man finding his freedom by selling cocaine?

Because while the imperialists say they oppose drugs they are really the world's biggest pushers! The U.S. drug companies make millions of "extra" pills like amphetamines and barbiturates which they know doctors will never write prescriptions for. These surplus drugs are stockpiled by the drug companies in warehouses all over. They are peddled in factories, schoolyards and street corners in every town in the U.S. as well as exported to hook poor people all over the globe.

The U.S. government likes to see anybody hooked who protests against them — from GIs in Vietnam to unemployed workers, to minority people, to school kids. That's because the imperialists know the plain truth — if you're hooked on dope, you won't have time to think about revolution — you're too busy worrying about where the next shot is coming from!

The cops were shown in their true light in *Super Fly*. They didn't stop drugs from reaching anybody. They just pick their favorite pusher (the one with the biggest network who can make them the most money in payoffs) and then eliminate his competition. They never bust their "own" man's dealers on the street. And that's how Priest makes it — with the Man's help, not against him! The Man lets one guy get a little ahead, and then busts all the other pushers. Mixed in with all this wheeling and dealing are countless people turned into addicts. This isn't the kind of freedom we should aim for!

Drugs don't change anything that oppresses us — it just makes us a little numb. We aren't the only ones

who have had dope pushed at us to shut us up. The people in all oppressed countries have faced the same problems. In China, Algeria, Cuba and other revolutionary countries, the people chose a different answer. They also had dope shoved in their faces as the "only way out."

Before the British imperialists occupied China, there was little opium addiction, but once the British came the rate skyrocketed. The British did everything they could to get the Chinese people strung out. It was common for workers to get part of their wages in opium, turning them into addicts even quicker. It was only revolution that got rid of the cause of this misery. By taking their countries back, and turning their society into one that really served the people, there was no more need to escape into drugs.

Right now the ruling class isn't paying our paychecks in cocaine, but they are putting out films like *Super Fly* to glorify the life of dealers, hustlers and dope addicts. At the same time it tried to prettify addiction and dealing, the movie *Super Fly* viciously attacks the revolutionaries and the Black liberation movement, trying to make the revolutionaries look like a group of small-time hustlers and parasites. Contrary to *Super Fly*'s message, it is the black liberation movement who is making a contribution while Priest and those like him are the real parasites, making money off people's misery.

The ruling class has directed *Super Fly* mainly at Black audiences. The message is that the best way to make it is on your own, messing over everybody who stands in your way.

Priest found his "freedom" by trying to push everybody else down a little deeper into the dirt.

The revolutionary people around the world have a better "plan to stick it to the Man." By shaking off drugs and fighting together for revolutionary change, we can beat the imperialists and build a better life!

by S.W.

MEAD STRIKE INTERVIEW:

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We know that the ruling class controls the union and that our attempts to make the union serve the workers will require a difficult struggle.

CALL—Why have only a small minority of the white workers taken part in the strike while most have scabbed?

SM—There were several reasons. One is the lack of work among them when we were preparing for the strike. The lack of work with the white workers is one of the reasons. The white workers generally supported the demands for higher wages and improvement of the general working conditions. But they had some hang-ups around the demands that dealt particularly around discrimination of black people.

They also had hang-ups that the leadership of the strike was black people. Also they didn't understand our position around the union. They thought that we were trying to break the union or bust the union, which is not true at all.

So in the main I think that the biggest problem of the white workers and the reason so many of them scabbed was white chauvinism and also lack of understanding as to what the struggle was about—what the movement is about.

CALL—What attempts will be made now that the strike is over, to work with the white workers?

SM—The Caucus has a position. We understand that the fight is not between black and white but that the fight is between the working class and the management, or the ruling class. So it is our position now to work with the white workers as much as possible. This is the special responsibility of those whites who already support the struggle.

We hope to win over as many white workers to the Rank and File Caucus as possible and make it as much as possible an organization representing all the workers. It has been our position that the demands of the black workers against discrimination are in the interest of all the workers, including the whites. Discrimination keeps everybody under the thumb of the company and keeps everybody's wages down. This is what has made the union as weak as it is. So it's on the basis of their class interests that we hope to win the white workers to form a very broad caucus.

CALL—Do you think, from your experience at Mead, and at the other plants in Atlanta, that an organization of black and white workers is possible at this time?

SM—I'm under the impression that multi-national worker organizations can be built in the plant despite the widespread racism that exists, especially here in the South. I think that this is the only way we can be successful is to have multi-national organizations. However, this should not negate the particular struggles of black people. What I mean is that these organizations must help instill in the white



Sherman Miller (right) being taken to jail by Atlanta Police

workers the struggle and understanding of the Afro-American movement. But this can be best done in the context of multi-national organizations.

CALL—What was the role of women in the Mead strike?

SM—Women played an outstanding, militant role in the strike. In fact a great many of the most militant strikers were women. Rather than being a situation where there was men against women, this was an example of growing class unity. Women played leadership roles on many of the committees.

CALL—What is going to happen to the 36 strikers who have been fired?

SM—The position of the company is that now we have to go to arbitration. But they say no one will get fired unless they are guilty of "strike misconduct." If this means being convicted of some kind of felony or something like that, none of us are guilty of that. However, this is obviously an attempt by the company to weed out the leaders one by one on trumped-up charges. That is the reason why we have to fight to maintain our caucus and to protect our leadership.

CALL—Do you personally face charges?

SM—Yes, at the present time I have spent five days at Fulton County Jail and was bonded out on \$2500. I'm facing six contempt of court charges along with the others. But I feel like we forced the company to back down somewhat. They were forced to drop all the criminal charges against us.

We also have to sum up the lessons of the strike and learn about the nature of this whole system. So there's a lot of work to be done. We have an extensive program for doing the work within the plant during the next period.

CALL—What are the present needs of the strikers?

SM—Now, just because the strike is over it doesn't mean that peoples' economic problems are over. One important demand is for back pay during the time of the strike. But all we got was a \$200 loan. Some people lost their car and their houses. Seven weeks off work when you're working at a place like Mead causes great hardships. So we need money for this and for court costs and to help support the struggle to get the 36 workers their jobs back.

CALL—Now that the workers have voted to return to work, do you think the struggle will die down?

SM—No! Not at all. In fact the strike was a victory in several ways. One, people stayed together seven weeks on a wildcat strike without any union support and without a check. Most were living week to week already on the sorry check we get.

Another victory was that we won some demands around discrimination and safety and for better grievance procedures. But there are many demands we did not win, especially the economic ones. We are going to expand the rank and file caucus to carry on the struggle against discrimination and to win the things we need.

PEOPLE CAN SEND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO: STRIKE FUND, 2348 Boulevard Drive, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia.

SOUTHERN COMMUNISTS MEET

A significant development in the rapidly growing Communist movement in the South was marked by the Southern Educational Conference held in Atlanta on September 23 and 24th. At this conference, sponsored by the Regional Editorial Board of the Marxist-Leninist Mao Tsetung Thought Journal, "Proletarian Cause", over 50 representatives from various revolutionary groupings and organizations met to discuss practical and theoretical questions facing them in their work.

This was the first such conference held in the South in recent years to deal specifically with the important tasks of building a new communist party and its relationship to building the anti-imperialist united front in the U.S. The theoretical validity of these concepts was discussed, as well as their application to the work

done by the various conference participants in the factories, communities and schools all over the South. Through analysis of struggles such as the Mead strike in Atlanta, people were able to see the principals of "uniting all who can be united" and "exercising communist independence and initiative" applied in practice.

The current international situation was also discussed by the conference. Members of the Trotskyist National Caucus of Labor Committees, who had attended the conference without invitation, attacked the People's Republic of China for its foreign policy, especially its defense of the small and medium-sized countries in their struggle for independence from the big imperialist powers, the U.S. and Soviet Union. Through the debate, these "geniuses" were exposed for attempting to divert the direction of the conference from discussion of the concrete

realities of the world situation to "more-revolutionary-than-thou" phrase-mongering. Expressing broad support for Socialist China and all genuine anti-imperialist forces in the world, the conference voted unanimously to expel the labor Labor Committee from the meeting.

In summing up the weekend, the widespread feeling among the participants was one of having taken a step forward. All of the organizations participating in the conference, recognized the importance of meetings such as this. Such an exchange of ideas, based on practical experiences in the mass movements of the people, plays a significant role in strengthening the unity of the communist movement. Especially in the South, we welcomed this trend towards unity and hoped to continue to participate in its future development.

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PROTESTORS FACE NAZI FRONT MAN

During the demonstration, a delegation was sent to the West German Consulate to present the demands of the demonstrators. After being searched by the police, the four delegates plus two members of the press, met the West German Consul General.

The Consul General pretended he did not know anything about the charges that Arabs are being subjected to fascist terror in West Germany. He justified his government's actions by stating: "Any Arab could be a terrorist sympathizer. We have been very generous in letting them stay in our country at all. We can't be too careful."

The delegation presented the four demands being raised in all the international demonstrations:

- 1) Guarantee the democratic rights of all Arabs and other foreign nationals residing in West Germany, and their progressive organizations.
- 2) Lift the ban on the two organizations, G.U.P.S. and G.U.P.W.
- 3) Stop the deportations of foreign nationals.
- 4) Stop the poisonous propaganda waged against foreigners, especially Arab people.

The Consul promised to convey these demands to his government and to have an answer "sometime in the future..."

A rally was held outside the Consulate. Representatives of the Organization of Arab Students spoke of the Palestinian people's courageous struggle against Israeli Zionism and German fascism on an international scale.

A representative of the Ethiopian Students Union pledged solidarity for the struggle of the Arab people against Zionism and imperialism.



A spokesman for the Iranian Students Association added that an attack on the Arab people is also an attack on the Iranian people who are being harassed and placed under surveillance by the German authorities as well.

An American demonstrator spoke, pointing out that the reason there are so many Palestinians living in West Germany is that they were driven from their homeland by Israeli Zionism with the help of the U.S. government. The Zionists, she said, are not content to lynch and oppress Arabs within their own occupied territories. Now, with the help of other imperialist governments, they are harassing them all over the globe.

Lenin, the great communist teacher, said that in the period of capitalism's final collapse, all the reactionaries form a world-wide alliance against the masses of people. The linking of arms of the Israeli Zionist, U.S. imperialist, and West German Nazi governments, is a true picture of reactionary alliance. And the world-wide protest against it is only part of the international solidarity of oppressed peoples which will soon overthrow all reactionaries.

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The alternative to supporting McGovern is developing the fighting capacity of the anti-imperialist united front. The main emphasis must be upon uniting the core of this front, embodied in the mass struggles of the workers and national minorities. Regarding the movement against the war in Indo-China, we should emphasize militant struggle and reliance on the people themselves and not on McGovern. Mass demonstrations of the people, especially involving working people are the most solid form of support for the Vietnamese people. This is what we mean by maintaining independence and initiative within the united front. Throughout this struggle, we must try and elevate the level of this movement to opposition to imperialism and to imperialist wars.

A clear understanding of the role of the state and the elections will be a powerful weapon in these difficult times in accomplishing this important task.

WHEAT SALES cont. from p.13

The wheat sale collusion gives evidence of the very close links between the government and the monopolies. Two of the top Agriculture Department negotiators, Clarence Palmy and Clifford Pulvermacher, left the government and joined Continental Grain, and Bunge and Co., two of the four grain monopolies that profited from the sale. (Continental closed a deal with the Soviet Union for 150 million bushels the day before the sale was made public.) Palmy and Pulvermacher were replaced

by George Shanklin, formerly with Bunge and Co. and by Carrol Brunthayer, an executive of Cook Industries, another of the companies that made a killing on the wheat sales.

The grain profiteering is one glaring example of how the government is tied by a thousand strings to the monopoly capitalists—the imperialists. It shows once again that the monopolists, in their mad scramble for profits, pursue policies which are contrary not only to the interests of working people, but also to the interest of many sections of the population, such as the farmers and small businesses. The struggle of these different classes against the imperialists' policies support each other and it is the duty of all working people and progressive forces to fight to unite these struggles in one common united front against imperialism.



THOUSANDS DEMONSTRATE cont. from p.1

While for Nixon there are two choices, to negotiate seriously now and end the war, or to continue the fighting and surrender later—for the Vietnamese there is only one. As the head of the delegation to Paris from North Vietnam, Xuan Thuy put it—"to continue the struggle until we get a truly independent South Vietnam."

Once again it has become clear that the decisive question of the outcome of the war in Indochina will be answered by the Indochinese people themselves. The heroic victories, one after another, since April have forced the U.S. government to do whatever negotiating they are doing. Also of great significance has been the world-wide demonstrations in support of the Vietnamese struggle, especially here in the U.S. These, and not the election race, are the determining factors.

The Vietnamese have made it as easy as possible for Nixon to withdraw and face reality. As Vietnamese Worker's Party Secretary, Le Duan put it in a recent T. V. interview, "Now the ball is at Nixon's feet!"

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Esta publicación del CLARIN sale exactamente 55 años después del día en cual los obreros rusos, en 1917, tomaron el poder y crearon el primer estado socialista. Este fue un estado, el U.R.S.S., en cual las masas obreras, por primera vez corrieron la sociedad a los intereses de la mayoría del pueblo.

Con el partido Bolshevique marchando en la vanguardia, bajo la dirección del gran Lenin. El pueblo soviético derroto la dictadura del capitalismo y en su lugar puso la dictadura del proletariado (clase obrera) basada sobre el mismo pueblo armado.

Sin tal partido, armado con la teoría más avanzada del socialismo científico, sin disciplina y sin buen contacto con los obreros y el pueblo revolucionario, esta tarea sería imposible, como Lenin escribió.

"Ciertamente, todos han realizado que los Bolsheviques no podrían haber mantenido el poder por dos meses y medio, menos por dos años y medio sin una disciplina estricta entre nuestro partido, y sin un gran apoyo del partido por las masas de la clase obrera, o sea los elementos más honrados, generosos, y influjos capaces de guiar o llevarse las estratas atrasadas."

"El paso del capitalismo al comunismo representa una entera época histórica. Hasta que no se termine esta época, los explotadores inevitablemente crían la esperanza de restauración, y esta esperanza es convertida a ataques para la restauración."

Esta captura del poder, siempre no terminó la lucha del pueblo soviético. En vez, fue el principio de una batalla larga y difícil instigada para construir una sociedad sin clases—libre de la explotación de una nación por otra y para apoyar la lucha revolucionaria entre todo el mundo.

Los explotadores capitalistas no soltaron su Paraíso sin luchar—respondieron con una oposición violenta y Lenin dijo:

Bajo la dirección brillante de Lenin y después de su muerte bajo la dirección del gran Stalin—la Union Soviética tomo gran pasos para defenderse así misma—el único país socialista del mundo—contra los ataques del imperialismo mundial. Además, gran avances se hicieron en desarrollar la capacidad productiva de ese gran país. Por casi cincuenta años, la Union Soviética fue el punto focal de la lucha revolucionaria de la gente oprimida del mundo.

A despecho de gran sacrificios, el pueblo soviético le trato a los fascistas de Hitler un golpe mortal. Además, todos sus enemigos internos fueron derrotados, uno tras otro, en sus intentos de subvertir el estado obrero y restaurar el capitalismo.

No fue hasta después de la muerte de Stalin que los seguidores del capitalismo empezaron a meterse entre partido de Lenin y Stalin a posiciones de poder en el aparato del estado, aquietando al pueblo soviético y enciegando a la gente con mentiras y terror fascista. De esta posición de poder y con confianza en la gran reverencia que la gente tenía al nombre de Lenin y la Union Soviética, estos revisionistas empesaron a instituir políticas internas y extranjeras dirigidas al restauración completo y total del capitalismo.

Hoy, la iluminosa Union Soviética de antes, ha sido sumergida otra vez, al abismo del capitalismo. En lugar del internacionalismo proletariado, encontramos una política agresiva, belicosa, chovinista, y expansionista. En lugar de luchar para cumplir las necesidades de la gente, encontramos políticas internas basadas en ganancia, incentivos materiales y el lujo para la minoridad. El imperialismo-social es, como Lenin lo explicó, "Socialismo en palabras, imperialismo en actos, el aumento de oportunismo a imperialismo." Esto caracteriza la Union Soviética de hoy—55 años después de la revolución de Octubre.

Pero esta situación es solamente temporaria. Como el gran líder de la gente China, el Presidente Mao Tsetung nos dice,

"La union Soviética fue el primer estado socialista y el partido comunista de la Union Soviética fue creado por Lenin. Aunque la dirección del partido soviético y el estado ha sido usurpado por los revisionistas, yo consejo a los camaradas que sigan firme en la convicción que las masas del pueblo soviético y los miembros del partido y los cadres son buenos, que ellos desean revolución y que el mundo de los revisionistas no durara por mucho mas.

A despecho del regreso temporario en la Union Soviética, la situación revolucionaria del mundo, hoy es mas favorable que nunca. Revoluciones socialistas han ocurrido en muchos países, liberando a millones de personas. Los movimientos de la liberación nacional contra el imperialismo han ganado victoria tras victoria. Las victorias heroicas de la gente de Indochina caracteriza el rumbo irrevocable de la historia.

Mientras el caracter básico de los imperialistas y de los imperialistas sociales es el mismo como antes; mientras ellos todavía siguen con sus conspiraciones agresivas para dividir el mundo y su riquezas entre si mismos; el mundo no es el mismo como en años pasados. En las palabras del camarada Mao Tsetung, revolución es "el rumbo mayor del mundo hoy."

Esta publicación del CLARIN es dedicada a el gran pueblo soviético y al aniversario de la revolución de Octubre. Juntos con la gente del mundo, el pueblo soviético vuelvera a tomar el poder y derroteran a los imperialistas y a los imperialistas sociales y ayundaran ha construir un mundo socialista.



¡Viva La Revolución De Octubre!

LAS FILIPINAS:

¡LA LUCHA REVOLUCIONARIA AVANZA!

Cerca de dos años han transcurrido en que Fernando Marcos, quebrando tradiciones Filipinas, fue elegido al segundo termino como presidente de las Filipinas. A los loores de la prensa liberal, Marcos fue recibido por la segunda vez a sus promesas de reforma agraria y la reanudación de vinculos militares, como de paz con EE. UU. Mas, años de corrupción, fraudulentos y opresivos se han forzado al desborde en fomento social, obligando a Marcos instituir su "ley militar" a fin de contenerlo.

Los tiempos en las Filipinas desde su re-elección han sido caracterizadas por represión violenta, manifestaciones masivas, huelgas, asesinatos y arrestos masivos de criticos del gobierno. Además, continua un asenso espiral de inflación, devaluación del peso, cortes de producción, igualmente como desempleo masivo, agudizando una crisis sin precedente.



norte-americana, sino también provee una íntegra parte estratégica para la defensa de ella. Las Islas contienen vastos recursos de madera, minerales, pesqueros, como potenciales hidro-eléctricas, además de un sinnúmero de instalaciones militares que EE.UU. requiere para mantener su dominio en el Asia sur-oeste. En cortas palabras, Las Filipinas son un vasto manantial de riquezas naturales.

Pero hay que decir que las riquezas allí no se han desarrollado para el beneficio de nuestros hermanos Filipinos sino para beneficiar los ricachos locales, los latifundistas, y los consorcios estadounidenses. Lo cual es que aun ser unos de los mas ricos lugares en recursos naturales, la gran mayoría del populacho sufre extremadamente de pobreza, explotación y opresión.

Toda política imperialista va consignada a controlar la política-economía de las colonias. La estrategia incluye la mantención de un estado "comprador" cuyo régimen es gobierno títere que existe en abyecto servicio a los intereses imperialistas y no crear y desarrollar verdaderas capas burguesas y pequeño burguesas locales. Dichos regímenes se hacen ricos mas rápidamente si mismo vendiéndose al servicio del imperialismo. El régimen de Marcos no ha sido una excepción.

El Imperialismo Estadounidense.

Segun Amado Guerrero, dirigente del partido comunista de las Filipinas, el régimen de Marcos ha entregado la economía nacional a los intereses bancarios yanquis sin ninguna reserva. "Se han apoderado," dice, "de los mas grandes bancos, las instituciones financieras y por lo cual están apoderados de todo el sistema bancario y económico."

La política estadounidense hacia las Filipinas se puede considerar en tres partes:

- (1) invertir capital en sumas nominales (por cada dolar invertido recoge tres tantos de ganancias),
- (2) comprar a precios de ganga sus recursos naturales, y
- (3) en cambio inundar la marqueta Filipina con artículos hechos en EE.UU. a subidos precios. La combinación de éstos tres elementos tiene un funesto efecto sobre la economía local. Además, teniendo en cuenta que las mercancías importadas son sumamente más que los artículos exportados, al igual que el peso ya es inflado, el déficit en el balance de pagos ya va implícito.

Comentando sobre el deterioro económico del país, un noticiero Filipino subrayaba, hace unos ocho meses: "Desde dos semanas pasadas las reservas de nuestro banco nacional quedaban en nada virtualmente.... solamente 150 millones de dolares....las deudas y obligaciones corrientes llevan el saldo de \$151.1 millones. Es dudoso que jamás haiga estado la tesorería nacional tan bancarrotada!"

La suma de dichas relaciones frente a EE.UU. que forma la política interna de las Filipinas ha creado severas condiciones para la mayoría del populacho, y esa política sigue siendo impuesta en las formas mas brutales de opresión y tiranía. Pero, fiel al carácter de tales relaciones malvadas, los quienes gozan más y más son los vendidos de la clase dominante.

El Desarrollo del Partido Comunista.

Pero hay que decir que frente a toda forma de opresión y supresión, las capaces obreras y campesinas no han quedado inertas. En 1968 el Partido Comunista de las Filipinas (el PCF) se reconstituyó sobre la firme base ideológica Marxismo-Leninismo-Maoismo con el fin de liberar la patria de la condición feudal y del dominio yanqui. Tras muchos años de lucha ideológica contra el pacifismo y adalismo revisionista de Vicente y Jesus Lava, el PCF ha iniciado lucha armada organizando el Ejército Nuevo Popular con resultado de lograr buenas victorias. El Ejército Nuevo Popular (el ENP) se inauguró en 1969 con un pequeño número de organizadores. Para

el principio de 1972, según el Secretario de Defensa Juan Enrile, dicese que el ENP ya contaba con mas de 400,000, integrando mas de 800 grupos en las aldeas.

Siguiendo las enseñanzas de Mao Tsetung, el PCF, utiliza en primer lugar la lucha de circundar las ciudades. Al principio encuentros leves se condujeron contra las fuerzas de gobierno. Solamente durante el año pasado, el ejército guerrillero causaron 600 bajas incluyendo 18 consejeros yanquis. Como resultado, extensas áreas han sido liberadas de las garras del gobierno.

Unas de las tareas que se ha asignado el Nuevo Partido es de formar un amplio frente nacional hacia independencia. Por ejemplo durante 1970, el Partido organizó masivas manifestaciones contra la suspensión de libertades civiles, y lograron forzar a Marcos en hacer algunas concesiones. Tales actividades lograron la participación de campesinos, trabajadores industriales, estudiantes, y intelectuales. Simplemente, en la manifestación de Octubre del mismo año se reunieron algunas 60,000 personas en protesta del gobierno Marquense.

La historia de la formación del partido revolucionario es larga e intensa; desde su inepcion en 1930 el antiguo Partido Comunista sufrió de usurpación de parte de su adalismo bajo los hermanos Lava. Bajo ellos, el Partido desarrolló extremados desvíos del izquierda y derecha, culminando finalmente en su exterminio a mediados de la década '60.

El Oportunismo de la Derecha.

En sus primeras etapas el Partido desarrolló el extremo oportunismo de la derecha al poner el énfasis de lucha exclusivamente en las causas parlamentarias, a la vez negar la lucha armada. No obstante, la guerra mundial II sirvió para rectificar el Partido hallándose forzado a coger armas contra la dictadura Japonesa. Posteriormente, el Partido se vió muy excitado al integrar amplias capas del populacho bajo los guerrillistas llamados Hukbalahap.

Al presumirse que los Japoneses derrotaran a los patriotas Filipinas, el yanqui General MacArthur invadió las Islas con el pretexto de "liberarlas" para los Filipinos. Pero al terminar la guerra, EE.UU. persuadió a los dirigentes del Partido que desarmaran a los guerrilleros Huks, bajo las falsas promesas de independencia. Al mostrarse obvio que era pura perfidia, el Partido inició un mal-aconsejado asalto contra las fuerzas nuevamente establecidas, causando la mortandad de miles de los guerrilleros.

Enfrentado a la escala nueva del movimiento popular revolucionario, Marcos impuso su ley marcial ostensiblemente para prevenir un "golpe comunista" a su desprestigiado gobierno. Realmente, sus acciones manifiestan su último esfuerzo en contener el descontento popular contra su régimen. Pero nadie es engañado por las medidas desesperadas de Marcos. Fue revelado recientemente por el presidente de la Casa Representativa de las Filipinas, Sr. Cornelio Villareal, que el decreto de ley marcial es el producto de un largo plazo de tiempo en que se discutió y se planificó antes de las rebeliones.

Dicho decreto fue inmediatamente criticado por el partido de oposición, con resultado que 49 de los líderes de orientación liberal, fueron arrestados. Aun sin embargo, la implementación de él recibió el mas acogido sosten de la prensa norteamericana, incluso el noticiero *Newsweek* en el cual dos semanas pasadas el super-liberal Eric Sevareid extendió sus bendiciones a las fechorías Marquenses con su "lógica" que las Filipinas siempre habrían sido mas felices bajo regímenes autoritarios."

Pero no obstante la ilusión de muchos, la sustitución de ley civil con la de ley marcial manifiesta en el régimen de Marcos—no la fuerza, sino flaqueza. Pues el decreto solo muestra lo que ya es claro: la falsa democracia de Marcos ha sido desenmascarada, y se trata ahora de gobernar con terror fascista a fin de mantener los intereses de la clase dominante.

Debe advertirse que la situación, grave que lo es en las Filipinas no es un fenómeno espontáneo; es la culminación de años en que la política imperialista estadounidense ha sido explícitamente una de opresión y explotación en las Filipinas. Desde que EE. UU. las arrebató de España en 1898 las Islas han sido "otra colonia" al servicio imperialista yanqui con resultado de perder su auto-determinación política y económica.

Las Filipinas han sido no solo la fuente de recursos naturales y objeto de marqueta consumidora de



Es la crítica estudiada hoy que el Partido nuevamente constituido ha sobrevenido los desvíos de la izquierda y la derecha, aplicando a las peculiaridades Filipinas la ideología de Marx-Lenin-Mao Tsetung. Aparentemente, el PCF aprovechando de la histórica lucha Filipina, realiza que los pueblos Filipinos jamás podrán vencer la dominación extranjera a menos de mantener a la cabeza del pueblo un partido militante revolucionario. Además, es informado del conocer que la independencia se logrará solamente al unir las masas

del pueblo en lucha armada contra el nativo latifundismo feudal, y los imperialistas yanquis.

Viéndola bien, la lucha en las Filipinas no es un fenómeno insolito, mas es parte de los fomentos revolucionarios del Oriente que seguirán desatándose contra la política agresiva del imperialismo yanqui. El mismo escenario ya paso por la China, Corea, Vietnam, y ahora en las islas Filipinas. Mañana será quizás en Corea del Sur, o Tailandia...pero, cual sea el caso, es abundantemente claro que revolución es el rumbo mayor del mundo ahora.

¡Libertad Para Chavez-Ortiz y Juan Corona!

Los juicios de Ricardo Chavez-Ortiz y de Juan Corona son buenos ejemplos de la opresión que sufren los pueblos Chicanos y Mexicanos en el sudoeste bajo el yugo del imperialismo.

Hoy día, Chavez-Ortiz sufre una sentencia de vida perpetua en la prisión por haber secuestrado un avión de Albuquerque, Nuevo México, a Los Angeles, con el intento de obtener tiempo en la radio y televisión. Quiso hablar sobre los crímenes perpetrados contra el pueblo del sudoeste. Lo han apartado las autoridades y lo han mandado a McNeil Island, (Etdo.) Washington. Para alejarlo del movimiento Californiano, cuyo desea darle su libertad a Chávez.

Chavez-Ortiz fue declarado culpable por un jurado sin ni un Latino y condenado a la vida perpetua por un juez racista a quien se le hizo Chavez, "un hombre peligroso." Sucedió todo esto al mismo tiempo que otros secuestrantes de aviones con el motivo del dinero recibieron sentencias ligeras o suspendidas. La lógica es obvia, el castigo de Chavez no resultó por haber tomado un avión. Lo han castigado sin misericordia para asustar e intimidar a los pueblos Chicanos y Mexicanos. Esta es la manera en que el gobierno censura la resistencia del pueblo contra la injusticia. También es la táctica premia para cultivar el racismo dentro de los obreros sajones.

Otro ejemplo de la táctica divisiva ha sido el juicio de Juan Corona hoy día transcurriendo en Fairfield, California. Ha sido acusado del asesinato de 25 obreros itinerantes que fueron descubiertos, enterados cerca del Rfo Feather. Respondiendo a este vil crimen, el gobierno buscó a quien hecharle la culpa, y encontró a Corona—un Mexicano!

Sin evidencia suficiente, Corona fue arrestado; y ahora se le niega su derecho de fianza. En estas últimas semanas se ha hecho claro que Corona no es culpable, pero las autoridades ya escogieron su víctima Corona.

El procurador del estado Bart Williams, un abogado particular, contratado por el gobierno estatal, para acusar a Corona, dijo hace poco que "dudaba" de que Corona fuese culpable. El juez mismo, Richard Patton, ha criticado al procurador y a la investigación en que fue basado el arresto de Corona. Sin embargo el juez Patton siempre le niega al reo su derecho de fianza o de despedir todas acusaciones.

Para entender el carácter de los dos casos hay que conocer lo que tienen Chavez-Ortiz y Corona en común. Para empezar, los dos son obreros Mexicanos emigrados con el intento de trabajar para mejorarles las vidas a sus humildes familias, y sus encarcelamientos sucedieron al mismo tiempo en que "La Migra" está deportando a miles de obreros a Mexico (400,000 anualmente).

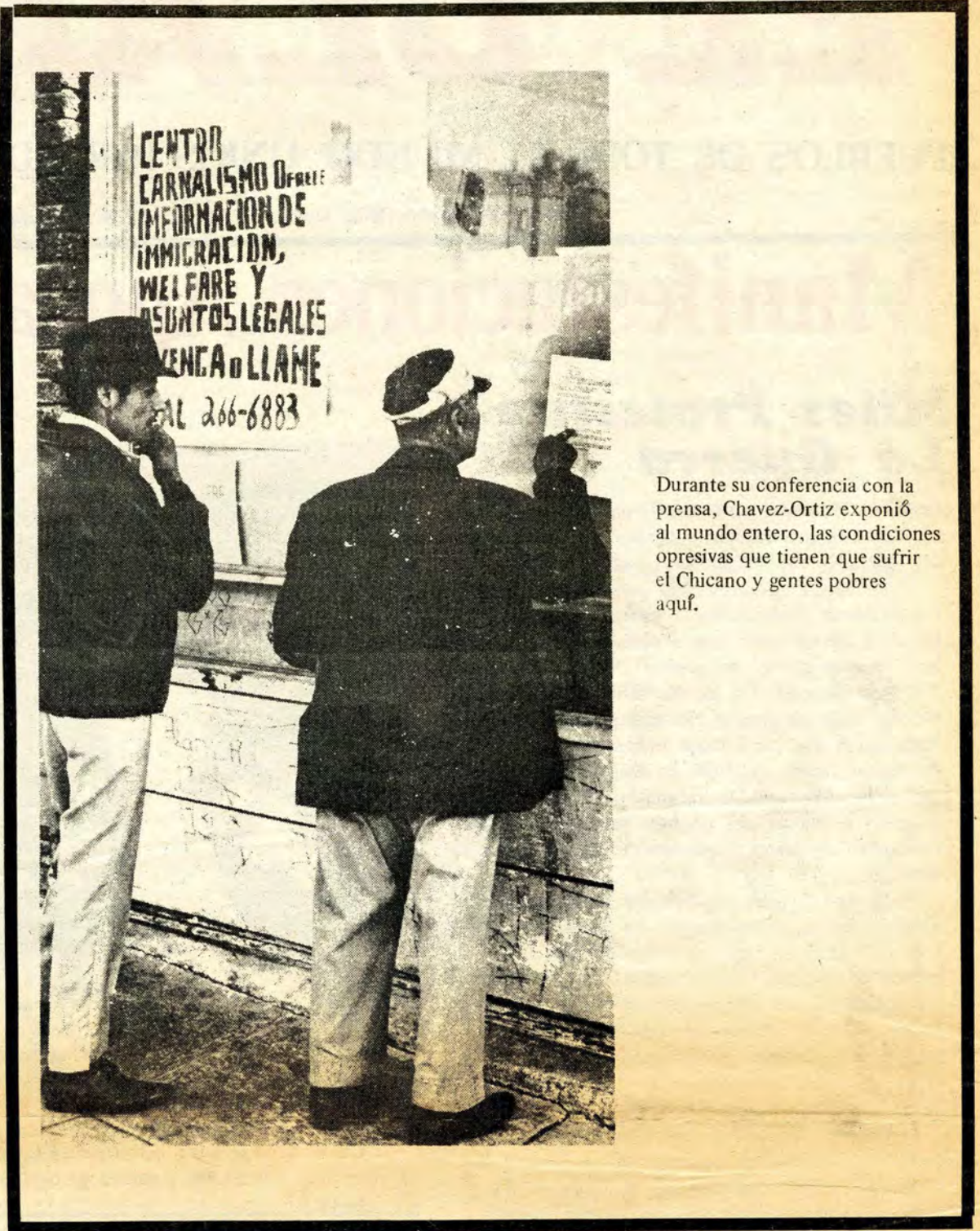
La historia del sudoeste está repleta con explotación del Mexicano, o sea, se le ha usado en papel de labor barato y de "rompe huelga." Esto forma parte del proceso en que los EE.UU. dominan e oprimen a un país subdesarrollado económicamente como Mexico.

En Mexico, los obreros de las compañías americanas son obligados a trabajar por \$.50 diarios. En su discurso de radio, Chavez mencionó los insultos que recibió recién llegado en busca de trabajo. Fue tratado como basura. Desesperado y frustrado, sustruyó un avión para poder expresarle al pueblo estas condiciones insoportables.

Este no es el caso de un solo hombre, ni de dos. Las prisiones de California, Texas, Nuevo México y Arizona, están llenas de hombres y mujeres cuyo unico delito fue de tener hambre y ser Mexicanos. La falta de empleos en el barrio del este de Los Angeles es el doble del promedio nacional.

Recientemente habido un intento de parte de los imperialistas y sus lacayos en los sindicatos para alejar al Chicano del Mexicano. Cuando el Mexicano es traído muchas veces se le usa (sin que se cuenta) de rompe-huelga en contra de sus compañeros campesinos. La ley "Dixon-Arnett" fue un intento para legalizar las deportaciones fascistas de obreros "bajo sospecha de ser mojados."

Solamente uniéndose todos los obreros y pueblos oprimidos se puede ganar la victoria contra



Durante su conferencia con la prensa, Chavez-Ortiz expone al mundo entero, las condiciones opresivas que tienen que sufrir el Chicano y gentes pobres aquí.

estas condiciones miserables. La defensa de Chavez y Corona es el primer paso para la construcción de solidaridad. Los ataques a estos dos obreros es un ataque dirigido a toda la clase obrera y al pueblo progresista.

Nosotros demandamos la libertad para nuestros hermanos, RICARDO CHAVEZ-ORTIZ y JUAN CORONA. Además, demandamos un fin a las deportaciones fascistas de obreros Mexicanos y un fin a la dominación de Mexico por los EE.UU.

PROPOSICION 22 cont.

Aun algunos de los monopolistas y propietarios de tierra se oponen la proposición porque ven el carácter fascista que lleva. El *Los Angeles Times*, que habla por una gran parte de los latifundistas, no aceptó apoyar la proposición porque tienen miedo de la reacción de los obreros. Mejor, ha escogido el curso de tratar de tomar la U.F.W. y volverla una unión mas al "tipo" norteamericano basada en la colaboración de clase.

El Cura Eugene Boyle, del National Federation of Priests Councils, se expresó en total cuando dijo: "Si esta proposición es instituida, frustrará la dirección contra violencia y condusera caos en los campos.

Los campesinos, los obreros mas oprimidos y explotados en este país, han resistido valientemente todos los ataques de los arrendadores. La proposición 22, ha sido propuesta para debilitar la habilidad del obrero a organizar su unión, pero también para destruir, con terror fascista, el movimiento obrero en general del país y dejar a la clase obrera sin una de sus armas mas básica —la huelga.

La marcha en San Francisco fue parte de un gran esfuerzo de oposición contra la proposición y para ganar los mismos derechos democráticos para los campesinos que todos los obreros deben de tener.

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Otra vez, las malas ganas de Nixon en los negocios en Paris han incurrido la indignación de los pueblos del mundo y también en los Estados Unidos.

En San Francisco, 4,000 personas marcharon con banderas denunciando la política de guerra de Nixon, y demandando apoyo para el Proposito de los 7 Puntos de Paz del pueblo Vietnamita. Los 7 Puntos incluyen, (1) un día definido para el retiro de todas las fuerzas Norteamericanas de Indochina y (2) que los Estados Unidos cese su apoyo del regime facista de Thieu en Saigon. Este proposito es la única solución razonable para terminar la guerra e incluye una promesa para liberar todos prisioneros de guerra inmediatamente después del conflicto.

En Los Angeles tuvieron dos demostraciones significantes en el mes pasado. La primera en Century City (sitio de una confrontación sanguiñaria contra Johnson en 1968) atrayó 10,000 personas con solamente una semana de publicidad. El segundo en el 14 de octubre fue más pequeño, con más de 500 personas, pero fue una marcha militante por el distrito de negocios de Los Angeles en apoyo de los 7 Puntos.

Las manifestaciones del 14 de octubre, que también ocurrieron en Oakland, Nueva York y Albuquerque, fueron iniciados por la Union de Estudiantes Vietnamitas, y soportados por muchas otras coaliciones en el país. En Atlanta, demostradores protestaron la dedicación de un nuevo estadio deportivo a Nixon en el 12 de octubre. Aunque el espíritu y consciencia política de estas demostraciones tuvieron un nivel alto, el tamaño era mucho más pequeño, en comparación con otras demostraciones, como el 22 de abril, 1972 cuando en el Estadio Kezar en San Francisco más 30,000 personas se unieron para apoyar a los 7 Puntos.

McGovern Engaña el Movimiento.

Muchos piensan que el razon detrás del pequeño tamaño de estas demostraciones en un tiempo tan critica es un resultado directo de la campaña que McGovern ha organizado, al menos en parte, para sacar la juventud de la calle y ahogarla en la sistema electoral. Por ejemplo, en Nueva York, unas organizaciones anti-guerras han cerrado sus oficinas completamente, con sus activistas trabajando en la campaña de McGovern. En Los Angeles el 14 de octubre en la noche, una reunion para McGovern en el Sports Arena fue atendida por gente opuesta a la guerra. La noche antes en San Francisco, 27,000 personas llenaron el Cow Palace para oír un discurso de su política extranjera.

La pregunta crucial ahora es si Nixon tendrá que aceptar el proposito de los Puntos antes de las elecciones. Las Visitas a Paris y Saigon de Kissinger son designados para formar opiniones optimisticos falsos entre el publico. Las visitas con calculadas a cortar breve el ataque de McGovern, y también de las fuerzas opuestas a la guerra. Como siempre, los Vietnamitas estan listos para negociar con Kissinger, pero no con la intención de “en-carecer las venturas electorales de Nixon con suscribiendo a informes optimisticos falsos.”

En otras palabras, la situación es clara—la posición de Nixon en los negocios es la misma y sus ataque genocidios del aire sobre el Norte y el Sur de Vietnam continuan. En un discurso reciente respondiendo al demando de ceser su apoyo para el regime fascista de Thieu, Nixon dijo, “Nunca desertaremos nuestros amigos.” En relación al posición vietnamita en la pregunta de prisioneros de guerra, Nixon reclama que “el no



Más de 500 personas demostraron contra la guerra aquí en Los Angeles y apoyaron los Siete Puntos de Paz del Gobierno Provisional Revolucionario. La Manifestación fue organizada por la Union de Estudiantes Vietnamitas.

tiene confianza en los vietnamitas, y que continuara la guerra.

Estas exposiciones indican que Nixon está usando los “POWs” para dar “justicia” a sus crímenes en Indochina, y también que él está listo a matar todos que él necesita para proteger su titere Thieu en el Sur.

Pero para Nixon su tiempo ya se está acabando. Las fuerzas armadas del Frente Nacional para Liberación son encirculando Saigon en Vietnam del Sur y Phnom Penh en Camboya. Aunque para Nixon hay dos caminos que puedo tomar—negociar en serio ahora y terminar el conflicto, o continuar la lucha y rendir mas tarde. Para los Vietnamitas hay solamente un camino. Como el líder de la delegación de Vietnam del Norte Xuan Thuy dijo—“Continuamos la lucha hasta que tengamos un Vietnam verdaderamente independiente.

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Otra vez está claro que el fin del conflicto en Indochina sera respuesto por los pueblos de Indochina. Las victorias heroicas, uno después del otro, desde abril han forzado al gobierno del EE. UU. de hacer cualquier negocios que estan haciendo. Muy significativa también, son las demostraciones del mundo entero en apoyo de la lucha Vietnamita, en particular los de aquí en los Estados Unidos. Esto, y no la corrida electoral, es la factor determinantes.

Los Vietnamitas han hecho lo más facil que posible para Nixon. Si quiere, él puede sacar sus fuerzas y vivir en el mundo real. Como Le Duan, Presidente de la Republica Democratica de Vietnam expresó en una entrevista televisado hace poco, “¡Ahora la pelota está a los pies de Nixon!”

¡ABAJO CON PROPOSICION 22!

Más de 3,500 personas marcharon a Union Square en San Francisco el día 30 de septiembre para protestar la Proposición 22, una ley que es contra los obreros, en la balota del 7 de noviembre.

Esta proposición está directida especialmente contra los esfuerzos de la U.F.W. Si es instituida eliminara el derecho para organizar, negociar un contrato, huelgar, o boycotar. Claramente, esto es parte de un gran ataque contra todos los obreros, y no solamente contra los campesinos.

Proposición 22 engañara un descanso de 60 días para todas las huelgas, haciendolo imposible a huelgar al tiempo de la cosecha cuando los latifundistas son mas vulnerables. También, la proposición prohíbe boycoteos secundarios como el presente contra la lechuga y el ultimo contra la uva, cual forzo a los latifundistas a reconocer el sindicato.

Los latifundistas gastaron mas de \$250,000 para asegurar la adopción de esta ley. Han usado fraude y misrepresentación para defraudar los obreros en firmar

peticiones para tomarla en la balota. Han ido dentro de las comunidades de la clase obrera diciendo a la gente que Proposición 22 abajara los precios de la comida y ayudara la gente pobre.

Del Monte, Sunkist, y el Growers' Association han puesto mas de 70 por ciento del dinero que se ha usado para apoyar la proposición.

Hablando en la demostración en San Francisco, Cesar Chavez, el presidente del U.F.W. dijo; “Proposición 22 ha sido propuesta solamente para destruir nuestra union. Los proponedores han enmascarado sus intenciones, pretendiendo que sus razones por propendiendo proposición 22 son para el interes de los obreros. Pero en realidad, la proposición, si es instituida no permitera a los obreros migratorios o temporales a votar (en elecciones de la union) y negara 95 por ciento de los obreros a votar, quienes estan votando ahora.