

## Third Month in a Row

# JOBLESS RATE CLIMBS

Last week, the U.S. government was forced to admit what more than ten million jobless workers have known for two years—that unemployment is mounting and crisis conditions are continuing.

President Ford, who predicted at the Republican Convention only three weeks ago that unemployment would fall below 7% this year, conceded that his demagogic prediction could not possibly come true. He was forced to tone down his "recovery" talk by Bureau of Labor Statistics figures

for August, which showed unemployment jumping to a 1976 high of 7.9%, the third straight rise in three months.

Even by the government's own statistics (which ignore several million jobless people, especially youth, minority, women and part-

time workers), almost as many workers are unemployed today as during the "depths" of the recession in December 1974. The August figures, however, were termed "a lull in the recovery" by top government economic expert Alan Greenspan.

The latest figures on the economy show that even while Ford frantically tries to stimulate pro-

duction upturns and juggles with statistics in this election year, the capitalists are still incapable of solving the economic crisis the system has produced. Whatever production upturns did take place over the last few months can now be clearly seen in perspective—a temporary bump on a long downward chart of the working and living conditions for the masses of people.

For over a year, the capitalist experts and politicians have been saying that the economy is "recovering" from the ills of double-digit inflation, high unemployment and stagnating production. Most of this talk has been barefaced lies, as seen particularly in unemployment, which has remained above 7% since 1974.

During President Kennedy's administration, experts said that 4% unemployment meant "crisis conditions." With each administration, the "crisis level" has climbed another percentage point, so that now Ford can talk about bringing unemployment below 7% as if that meant a great miracle instead of near-starvation for millions of workers and their families.

### WOMEN, YOUTH TO BLAME?

The politicians have all rushed out to explain away the new figures. Ford's spokesmen have led the pack, trying to place the blame for unemployment on "too many women entering the job market" and "summer youth programs coming to an end." But these very phenomena are indications of the depths of the crisis.

More women are seeking work than ever before because their families can't afford to survive otherwise. As for teenagers, few summer jobs were actually available this year owing to cutbacks. Those who were able to work at

minimum-wage jobs for a few weeks are now back in the streets along with millions of other young people who have no hope of finding a job.

The Democratic politicians, while blaming Ford for the state of the economy, can offer no solution. Even their much-heralded Humphrey-Hawkins "full employment" bill does not actually provide for a single job. Candidate Jimmy Carter reacted to the latest unemployment statistics only by saying that the "recovery" would continue and that he would not institute new jobs programs if they cost too much money.

### PROFITS HIGHER

What is actually taking place in the economy is a steady worsening of conditions faced by the working-class and minority people of this country. The only "recovery" has been in the area of corporate profits, where monopolists like General Motors have set records for the first half of the year.

The exploitation of the working class is increasing as unemployment becomes a permanent condition for millions of workers, and the wages of those still on the job are eaten away by inflation and driven down by the pressure of this vast army of unemployed workers looking for jobs. On top of this situation comes increased exploitation in the form of speed-up, forced overtime, rising taxes and cutbacks in social services such as health care, welfare and education programs.

The recent strike wave of miners, hospital workers, rubber workers and many others indicates that the fightback against these conditions is growing, often targeting the labor bureaucrats, who have stood in the way of a militant

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SHAKE DOWN—Black youth are searched by Detroit police in one of many sweeps of Black ghetto.

## DETROIT AN ARMED CAMP

Detroit, Mich.—In recent weeks the city of Detroit has been turned into an armed camp by racist police terror. With "gang violence" as an excuse, big business, the city government and the press have stirred up an anti-youth hysteria campaign aimed at squelching the demand for jobs by Detroit's youth.

A near state of martial law

was brought on after the press reported some attacks by two east-side gangs against people attending a Cobo Hall rock concert. The incident went on for an hour before police arrived from their headquarters half a mile away.

An article in the Black Panther newspaper reported that the Los Angeles-based Citizens Research and Investigating Committee had

issued a report showing that police are behind the rise in gang violence. The report quoted a city employee who said the gangs "are being manipulated by [police] provocateurs within their own ranks."

Thousands of Detroit's Black youth, facing 60% unemploy-

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## NEW HEIGHTS IN S. AFRICAN STRUGGLE

The mass upsurge of the Azanian people reached new heights last week as thousands of people of mixed race joined black South Africans in mass protests in Cape Town. Panicked by the unrelenting struggle, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger jettied off to Zurich, Switzerland, to meet with John Vorster, the prime minister of the racist regime.

The Cape Town rebellion came only a week after the strike of more than 100,000 workers in Soweto, demanding the release of the more than 2,000 illegally arrested Azanians. A nationwide general strike was scheduled to begin on Sept. 7 and planned to last three

weeks. Gen. David Kriel, chief of the murderous riot police, has threatened to use force to smash the strike.

Mass participation of people of mixed race (called "coloreds" by the regime) was a new development in the ongoing struggle which broadened the resistance to Vorster's white minority regime. The racist ruling clique has long played on the differences between "coloreds" and blacks in order to divide and rule. While suffering greatly under the apartheid system, people of mixed race have been given slight privileges over

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# EDITORIALS

## BUILD THE WEEKLY CALL/CLARIN

Next month, The Call/El Clarin will celebrate its fourth anniversary and enter a fifth year of struggle as a communist newspaper and voice of the working class.

In the month leading up to this anniversary, we are calling on readers and supporters to intensify their efforts in building The Call. Summing up our experiences of publishing The Call as a weekly for more than four months now, we have targeted three main ways that readers can aid our campaign to improve and expand the newspaper.

The first task is to stabilize and consolidate the network which binds the newspaper closely to the day-to-day lives of some 25,000 workers and revolutionary fighters. We want to ensure that our readers receive every issue of the newspaper and can participate in the study, discussion and activity which is organized around it. To facilitate this consolidation, we are urging our readers to become regular subscribers, either receiving the newspaper in the mail from our center in Chicago or hand-delivered by the person who sells The Call in your

factory, community or school.

Secondly, we must move forward in using the newspaper as a collective organizer, especially to develop more worker correspondents and to arm them with the weapon of Marxist-Leninist theory. Key to accomplishing this work is the strengthening of our Call Committees and Call factory networks as schools for training working-class propagandists and agitators. We call on all our readers to become writers and distributors for The Call, insuring that our articles come from the front lines of the class struggle and broadening The Call's influence among ever-increasing numbers of working-class and minority fighters.

Finally, we are appealing to our readers to contribute financially to the newspaper, especially by becoming regular sustainers who make a monthly donation. These badly needed funds, coupled with the subscription drive and the strengthening of our networks, will enable us to expand the newspaper to 16 pages before the end of the year.

Stepping up the work on all three of these fronts will not only strengthen The Call as it enters its fifth year, but will also be a concrete contribution to the Marxist-Leninist press which will soon become the voice of the new communist party.

We hope that many of our readers will also take the opportunity of this anniversary to write in their criticisms and suggestions, which have



been the basis for great improvements in The Call in the past. Such criticism is especially vital to us in deepening our own understanding of the Marxist-Leninist newspaper which the working class must have.

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## CURRENT ISSUE CLASS STRUGGLE



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Dear Editors,

Gus Hall, the CPUSA's candidate for U.S. president, recently tried to take advantage of the severe earthquake in the People's Republic of China. Hall, in a telegram sent to President Ford, demanded that the U.S. send massive earthquake relief to China. The wire was reported in the August 6 Daily World, a newspaper ordinarily filled with slanderous attacks on People's China.

It is well known that Hall and his party are no "friends of China." Why their sudden concern? Reading the text of the telegram makes the answer clear:

"Since vast sums [of money] will undoubtedly be needed, we suggest that these funds be taken from the swollen military budget, now over \$114 billion. It is obscene," Hall says, "to be spending billions of dollars for wasteful nuclear stockpiles . . . when there is such enormous need for human welfare."

The People's Republic of China has made its stand clear from the first days after the earthquake. It will rely on its own efforts, practicing self-reliance and mass mobilization to rebuild the damaged areas. China has politely but firmly turned down friendly offers of aid from many countries. It has made no appeal for foreign aid, particularly from either of the imperialist superpowers. Already production and construction in heavily damaged areas has been restored.

Why then, this unsolicited appeal by Hall? His goal is to promote two important illusions: first, that China is weak and helpless and will need "vast sums" from the imperialists to recover from the earthquake—a way of telling the third world countries that they cannot stand of their own feet, especially with socialism.

Second, to promote the illusion that the U.S. imperialists, particularly now in the midst of war preparations, can lop off their military budgets, can choose to "reorder their priorities," can operate in the interests of mankind instead of in opposition to those interests.

The People's Republic of China will refute the implication that it is feeble, unable to survive without Gus Hall's charity.

S.E., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Editors,

We are friends of *The Call* and of the October League who recently had some

## Letters



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first-hand experience with PRRWO (Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization) in the shop where we work (United Steel Workers Union). No sooner had *The Call* article, "Revolutionary Wing in Shambles," (May 24, 1976) been published, than we were all "expelled" from a rank-and-file "caucus" that PRRWO initiated. By the time we were "expelled," there was only PRRWO and ourselves left. All the other workers had been driven out by PRRWO's line of refusing to link party-building with the struggles of the masses.

The clearest example of this was their sectarian attitude towards the union and towards the plant struggles. They said that unions are reactionary organizations which were imposed on the workers' movement in the past by the bourgeoisie as a trick to control and cool down class struggle.

They opposed trying to win communist leadership of the unions and to win the unions to take up the workers economic and revolutionary struggles. They never lifted a finger against the severe layoffs, speedup and discrimination.

Maintaining correctly in words that "party-building is the main task," they in fact meant: "Study and propaganda are everything, the mass struggle and agitation are nothing."

Even though they talked constantly about the importance of education and propaganda in this period, within the caucus they did nothing to explain to the workers how to wage struggle in a revolutionary way.

Furthermore, they not once sold their newspaper *Palante* at the plant gates because they said the majority of workers were too "backwards" for it. For the same reason they said they weren't interested in making our caucus into a "mass" caucus, but rather wanted to attract to it only the "minority" of workers who were ready to discuss communist ideas.

We feel it is PRRWO that is backwards, not the masses of workers. In form

PRRWO is super-"left," but in essence it is rightist. In the name of "building the party" and "educating advanced workers," PRRWO actually drives off the most advanced workers by discouraging mass struggle and isolating them from their fellow workers who are less advanced. Nor does PRRWO provide communist leadership and communist agitation to the broad masses.

A new communist party of the working class can only be built among the masses, in the heat of the class struggle. PRRWO opposes the efforts of all those who are trying to do just that!

Friends of *The Call*  
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear *Call/Clarín*:

The poem "Remembering Chu Teh" (August 30 issue) was a beautiful and inspiring piece of revolutionary writing to me and, I'm sure, to other dedicated fighters for Marxism-Leninism Mao Tsetung Thought.

As a member of the El Clarin/The Call Committee in L.A., I am learning how to write articles covering the day-to-day struggles of the people and, at the same time, reading and selling *The Call*. We must become experts in our business of writing to expose the bourgeoisie as well as pushing forward our line of revolution. It is a difficult task because we are not only at great odds with the state and its awesome machinery, but, more importantly, we must continue to wage war with those elements of revisionism and all its facets that try to creep into our ranks.

"Remembering Chu Teh" is a fine example of those dedicated people who fought so hard and long to achieve what the Chinese can be so proud of—the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Because of my poor level of theory and my baggage of weaknesses, I had no defenses to combat my errors except to rely on comrades and the working class. This has proved to be my greatest weapon. Articles like this poem are constant reminders of keeping clear the road ahead to our victory and obstacles we face walking this road hand in hand.

Also, I would like to know if you could print this poem in Spanish soon.

D.D.J.  
Call/Clarín Committee, L.A.

# CYO - In the Thick of Class Struggle

As the new school year opens, the Communist Youth Organization (CYO) is organizing among students as well as young workers to mobilize a revolutionary struggle against capitalism and its attacks on the people.

From the day school begins, the CYO will be carrying on agitation and propaganda and building the struggle against the worsening conditions young people face. The schools have become a hotbed of struggle, with youth once again playing the role of pathbreakers in the struggle against imperialism.

This year, conditions are especially bad. Educational facilities have deteriorated as a result of the nationwide cutbacks. The minority communities have been particularly hard hit. In Detroit, for example, where there are 60% Black youth in that city's public schools, the school board has closed down all recreational facilities because of "lack of funds." One Detroit student told *The Call*: "There doesn't seem to be a lack of funds when they hire more cops in their war against the gangs."

Along with school cutbacks has come a rise in youth unemployment, up more than 6% nationally in just the last month. In Detroit, this has meant an increase in police harassment of youth, who are forced onto the streets by the lack of facilities. Mayor Coleman Young has instituted a 10:00 P.M. curfew there, which has been used as an excuse for police brutality and jailings of young Black people (see page 1).

In Chicago, the Board of Education has approved a plan to close down 26 public schools this year. The chances for working-class and minority students to get an education have decreased. Chicago city colleges have tripled their tuition.

The closing down of the City University of New York (CUNY) last spring hurt thousands of young workers' educational progress. Now it has been reopened with a large general fee, which few working-class students can afford. Hostos, a predominantly Puerto Rican school, has been forced to reopen its doors after massive protest from students and community people, but offi-

cialists are planning to close it down again this year.

A CYO leaflet explained: "What do all these cutbacks show? They clearly point out that the capitalist system is unable to and has no interest in providing a decent education to working-class youth. Under capitalism, youth serve as a source of cheap labor to fill the sweatshops, quick food restaurants, etc. . . Especially at a time of rising unemployment, young workers are used as a threat to other workers during strikes and as cannon fodder in the imperialists' wars."

The question of education for minority youth has always been a special democratic question in this country. The right of Afro-Americans, for example, to attend integrated schools has been met with fascist and Klan-led attacks which have been encouraged by government officials like President Ford. Segregation in the schools has been coupled with attacks on the language rights of minority students.

Nearly all of the special programs which were won out of the bitter civil rights struggles of the '60s are now being cut back or cut out. A Boston CYO activist pointed out, "In schools, they begin to segregate us very early and undercut the basis for working-class unity. Because schools are places where large numbers of minority and white youth are brought together, CYO is organizing in the schools, demanding the right of all students to attend integrated schools free from racist attacks.

"In Boston, we have combined the fight against school segregation with the



CYO CONTINGENT supports fight for women's equality in New York demonstration.

(Call photo)

defense of bilingual education programs, Black and Latino history and an end to police and racist terror in our communities."

The CYO, which is one year old this fall, has also taken up the defense of Gary Tyler, a Black youth who was framed for murder in the fight for school integration after a member of a racist mob was shot.

This fall, the CYO is planning to once again take up the struggle against the segregationist anti-busing movement with a mass movement of its own made up of young people of all nationalities. This is being coupled with its nationwide "Jobs For Youth" campaign which got off the ground in the struggle for summer jobs.

In the past two months, according to the Labor Dept., unemployment in general has risen 7.9% while, for youth, it has risen from 18.1% to 19.1%. Unemployment

among young Black people has shot up from 34.1% to 40.2%, while for white youths it has climbed from 16.3% to 17.3%. A number of the big monopolies are following the lead of the automakers, who hope to give young people jobs paying \$1.00-an-hour less than union wage. All the while, the two superpowers are rapidly preparing for a new world war. This is imperialism's "solution" to the crisis. These are the conditions this system has to offer its youth.

The CYO is calling on young workers and students to join them in the struggle, to organize and fight for the just demands and rights of the working class and all oppressed people.

For information about the CYO and building the struggle in your school or community, contact the CYO, Box 5698, Chicago, Ill. 60680.

## RACISTS RALLY AGAINST BUSING

Chanting "Burn, nigger, burn" and "Hell no, we won't bus," a mob of 1,000 racist anti-busing protestors paraded down Kentucky's Dixie Highway to Louisville city limits on Sept. 5.

Commemorating the first anniversary of last September's fascist-inspired riots, the march included many of Louisville's corrupt union officials. It was the first attempt this year to revive this reactionary movement, which has weakened under the weight of mass resistance to its racist policies.

The marchers set fire under a billboard advertising Louisville's only Black-owned radio station. Anti-busing leader Bob Deprez said that the Sunday night march was intended to prove that the fascist movement "is still strong."



## ALA. MARCH HITS KLAN

Birmingham, Ala.—About 75 people demonstrated their opposition to segregation when they held a counter-march against a local Ku Klux Klan parade here on Aug. 28.

Organized by the Birmingham Committee to Free Gary Tyler, the march brought out many residents from Gate City housing project who shouted, "Death to the Klan!" Other chants and picket signs demanded an end to segregation, full democratic rights for Black people, and self-determination for the Afro-American nation.

The demonstrators planned to march on the Klan rally, but a large squad of police held them back. The police were there to protect the Klan, who announced at their own rally that, "The police are on our side." In addition, the Klan was given a city permit for its rally, while Birmingham Mayor Vann denied one for the anti-Klan marchers.

At rallies in Gate City before and after the anti-Klan march, speakers exposed the Klan, police, and city officials as the tools of the capitalists in oppressing workers and national minorities.

The NAACP refused to participate in the anti-Klan march, saying it would leave them open to charges of "irresponsibility." But this reformist outlook is out of touch with the demand of Black people to militantly oppose the segregationists. As one worker said after the march, "I felt real good standing up to the Klan and the police." (CALL photo)

## 'Free Los Tres de El Paso'

El Paso, Tex.—Over 400 demonstrators marched and rallied here on August 29 demanding freedom for Los Tres de El Paso, three young Chicano activists framed up on a phony arson charge a year ago. The rally, held on the sixth anniversary of the Los Angeles Chicano Moratorium, was also called in memory of Ruben Salazar, who was killed by police during that historic rebellion.

Los Tres—Ramon Arroyos, Alfredo Espinosa, and Ruben Ogaz—whose trial began the following day, are targets of police repression because of their work in organizing in the Chicano community. Several years ago, they helped to form Chicanos Unidos to fight police-pushed drugs in the community, racism in the schools, and poor medical care.

The demonstrators included

workers from the Farah garment factory and from Mexico. They demanded freedom for Los Tres and an end to capitalist oppression of Chicanos. An OL speaker at the rally pointed out, "The case of Los Tres is typical of the conditions which Chicanos face all over the Southwest, conditions resulting from national oppression, which is the product of the system of capitalism itself."



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# CHILEAN PEOPLE RESIST JUNTA

Three years after the fascist military coup in Chile overthrew the Popular Unity government of Salvador Allende, Chilean patriots and revolutionaries are building a militant resistance movement which stands opposed to "united action" with revisionism and is aimed at both imperialist superpowers.

By analyzing the course of events before and after the coup itself, especially the international role of modern revisionism, these resistance fighters have deepened their understanding that the coup itself was in fact precipitated by the growing rivalry between the U.S. and the USSR.

The May 1976 issue of *El Pueblo*, a clandestine newspaper of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile (RCP), points out that, "The USSR has become a powerful saboteur of the anti-imperialist movements. Under the external appearance of supporting [anti-imperialist movements], they in fact use them in their contention with the U.S. If under certain conditions it is convenient in their fight with the Yankees to push [the anti-imperialist movements] forward, they do that. If in other circumstances it is in [the USSR's] interest to take them down the road of compromise, they push toward that. In any case, what they are always seeking is to keep control. To carry this out, the [revisionist] parties lend invaluable aid."

In fact, this is exactly what happened in Chile with the "invaluable aid" of the revisionist Chilean Communist Party (CPC). To the extent that the Popular Unity government (UP) opposed U.S. imperialism, the CPC backed it all the way and, in fact, became a part of the government on the basis of "anti-U.S. imperialism."

But as the contradiction developed between the bourgeois state and the working class, the CPC more openly took the side of the fascists against the people, showing clearly that they were not interested in putting the working class into power. Instead, they wanted to gain positions in the government, thereby opening the doors to increased Soviet penetration.

Hiding their brand of imperialism behind the red flag of socialism, the CPC turned the people's anti-U.S. imperialist sentiments into support for themselves. Blatantly distorting Marxism and the Leninist view of the state, they disarmed the Chilean masses both politically and militarily, thereby leading thousands of workers into the arms of the fascists.

The revisionists preached that the state was no longer an apparatus of class rule, but rather a neutral body that could be brought under workers' control. They sowed the illusion that the UP was a "workers' government" and that the people could rely on the armed forces to defend it against a fascist coup.

In an article in *El Pueblo* June 1976 titled, "The Armed People Will Win Their True Liberation," the RCP of Chile outlines the line of the revisionists on the armed forces: "In the period of the UP, the revisionist leaders raised the slogans: 'The armed forces are the people in uniform,' and 'The armed forces are democratic and constitutional by tradition.'" Later, these same armed forces crushed the people with the brutal terror that brought the Pinochet junta to power.

Not only did the revisionists set the masses up for slaughter, but, in the years since the coup, they have attempted to distort its lessons to their own advantage. Internally, they blame the coup on the provocations of workers and Marxist-Leninists

whose "adventurism" and "impatience" brought down the repression "too early." Internationally, they point the finger of guilt only at U.S. imperialism. Sowing pessimism and confusion, they try to make it seem that a handful of CIA agents and ITT executives could smash one of the largest and strongest working-class movements in Latin America. Through this analysis, they hope to convince the world's people that rather than waging armed struggle and relying on their own efforts to fight

in what they call a 'democratic sector of the army'...that would be...pushing for 'democratization' of the country. International pressure and solidarity...against the...junta...are very important, and our people need them more and more, but they cannot replace the struggle of the Chilean people themselves to overthrow the dictatorship and liberate themselves."

Since this month is the third anniversary of the coup, the RCP of Chile has called for a solidarity campaign based on the following three principles: 1) build solidarity with the resistance struggle of the Chilean people, emphasizing that these three years of dictatorship have been three years of re-



LEAFLETS, newspapers and wall posters call for resistance to the fascist junta. They are widely distributed by groups such as the People's Front and the Revolutionary Communist Party.

## IPANA CONDEMNS BOTH SUPERPOWERS

Vancouver, British Columbia—The first annual General Convention of Indian Peoples Association in North America (IPANA) was held here in mid-August. IPANA is an organization of Indian people living in North America, fighting for the national liberation and independence of India and for the end of Indira Gandhi's fascist dictatorship.

Delegates from 11 cities participated in the convention which passed resolutions saluting the memory of revolutionaries recently executed in the struggle against the fascist regime. A massive forced sterilization program, launched by the Gandhi government against the peasantry, was sharply condemned.

Attacks on Indian people living abroad were also opposed, including the recent impounding of the passport of IPANA Chairman Hari Sharma. A resolution in solidarity with the Azanian people's struggle and against the white racist regime in South Africa was passed unanimously.

In another resolution, IPANA stated its opposition to "the actions of both the Soviet social-imperialists and the U.S. imperialists for their support and approval of fascist rule in India." The resolution continued, "We recognize that the struggle against both social-imperialism and U.S. imperialism is a worldwide one of which our struggle is an integral part."

A public rally organized to open the convention was violently attacked by members of the "Communist Party of Canada M-L," led by Hardial Bains. The Bains thugs, carrying fighting sticks camouflaged in red flags, charged into the middle of the IPANA rally.

A statement released by IPANA stated: "We say 'camouflaged,' for is it possible that the true red flag of revolution could be used to assault forces that oppose fascist dictatorship and support new democratic revolution in India? But such is the nature

of fascist terror that it often covers itself under 'revolutionary' facade. Let us not forget that in India an open fascist dictatorship attempts to hide its disgusting nakedness in socialist slogans."

Summing up the convention, IPANA leaders and activists indicated that the meeting was a big step forward in organizing and unifying their struggle. A message of solidarity from the October League was warmly received by the delegates.

### From the World Press



The revisionist "Communist" Party of Luxemburg earlier this summer distributed a leaflet promoting "detente." In response, Luxemburg's growing Marxist-Leninist movement distributed literature exposing the revisionists' lies. Below is the conclusion of a brochure by the Communist League of Luxemburg (KBL) from a special edition of its organ *Red Flag*.

"Even though many people want to close their eyes and not acknowledge it, the fundamental contradictions in the world are growing sharper, and the rivalry of the U.S. imperialists and the Russian social-imperialists will one day lead to a world war. The 'Communist' Party of Luxemburg wants the workers to close their eyes to the danger of war, so that the social-imperialists will have an easier time getting Europe into their clutches..."

"It is not worthwhile shedding one drop of sweat for a social system whose future can bring only crisis and war. As long as there is capitalism there will be imperialism and so long as there is imperialism there will be wars. The two last world wars have proven this amply. Only the revolution can prevent the war and put an end to the system of crises..."

"It would be simpleminded to believe that Luxemburg will be spared war. The first world war did not spare our country, and the second even less; and the third will not spare it either. Therefore, instead of hanging on to melancholy illusions, it is necessary to make preparations. The best and at bottom only consistent preparation consists of breaking with all the bourgeois parties...including the 'Communist' Party, and to take the road of socialist revolution."

"The 'Communist' Party of Luxemburg has betrayed the socialist revolution and has become an agent of the foreign policy of Soviet social-imperialism. Without a revolutionary, communist party, however, the working people cannot achieve victory in revolution. The reconstruction of the Communist Party of Luxemburg is therefore on the agenda of the day."

U.S. imperialism, they should rely on the other superpower, the USSR, as the only force strong enough to oppose the U.S.

Having learned of this revisionist treachery through their own experience, the Chilean people have organized an anti-fascist resistance movement, the People's Front. This Front targets the revisionists and social-imperialists as well as Pinochet and his U.S. backers as the enemies of the people. News of this movement is being spread outside of Chile by the Anti-Fascist Chilean News Agency (ANCHA) published by the People's Front Abroad.

An article in the September issue of ANCHA compares the "Two Lines in the Struggle Against the Dictatorship" and exposes the revisionist view of defeatism and opposition to mass struggle. "Some people try to keep the masses passive [preaching that] 'today the struggle can only bring down more repression.' [They] are waiting for the victory of the Democratic Party in the U.S. to replace the junta with a 'more democratic' government. They sow illusions

assistance; 2) denounce the crimes of the fascist military junta and mobilize to hit it on every level; and 3) denounce at the same time the criminal policy followed by Soviet social-imperialism and the modern revisionists who, they point out, "sowed illusions in a so-called 'peaceful path' and disarmed the people politically and militarily, thus preparing the road to massacre and fascism. The case of Chile," they say "is a clear example of the fact that the two superpowers are the peoples' declared enemies."

## Mark Linea Roja's 8th Year

The eighth anniversary of the founding of the Linea Roja-June 14 Revolutionary Movement, a Dominican Marxist-Leninist organization, was commemorated July 28 in New York.

This event was held at a time when the U.S.-backed dictatorial regime of Joaquín Balaguer is intensifying its campaign of repression over the Dominican people.

The keynote speech, given by a representative of Linea Roja, showed that under these harsh conditions, the Dominican Marxist-Leninists were making great strides towards unity in the formation of a vanguard communist party in the Dominican Republic.

The speaker told of the hundreds of political prisoners held by the Balaguer regime since it was installed in power nearly 10 years ago by the U.S. imperialists. Speakers pointed out that one of the longest-held political prisoners is Eligio Blanco Peña, a working-class revolutionary fighter who has been imprisoned for over seven years. The government has kept him in solitary confinement for months, denying him any medical attention in an attempt to break his will. The regime's police have fabricated 15 charges against him, but Blanco Peña has fought heroically against his oppressors. Solidarity with his freedom struggle is being built internationally.

The meeting heard speeches from various organizations in the U.S., Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. The October League expressed firm unity with the Dominican Marxist-Leninists and the anti-imperialist struggle of the Dominican people.

## Steel Convention

# A BLOW TO RANK AND FILE

Las Vegas—Last week's steelworkers' union convention here fully displayed the ruthlessness of the I.W. Abel leadership in crushing the interests of the rank and file and collaborating with the steel monopolies and the imperialist ruling class.

But the convention also provided an exposure of Ed Sadlowski, president of the union's huge District 31, who has billed himself as the champion of the rank and file and is trying to unseat the Abel wing in next year's elections.

Abel stacked the convention with his most loyal supporters, going so far as to launch goon attacks on at least one Sadlowski delegate. Abel's speech praised the "free enterprise system" and claimed that "steelworkers have never worked under such good conditions. He further attacked all "dissidents" among the rank-and-file forces as trying to "disrupt the progress" of the union.

On the crucial issue of the Experimental Negotiating Agreement (ENA), Abel tried to hide his treachery. Through the ENA, Abel gave away the workers' right to strike in basic steel, claiming it would provide job security. But in fact unemployment has risen dramatically.

To draw attention away from this sellout, Abel tried to paint himself as a great strike leader, saying, "In the last year I authorized 688 strikes." He failed to mention, of course, that none of these strikes was in basic steel.

This heavy-handedness and treachery was not unexpected from the likes of Abel who regularly dines with the steel bosses and golfs with the judges responsible for the racist "Consent Decree"

and other attacks on steelworkers. The convention showed, however, what union members in District 31 have learned over the last two years—that Sadlowski's stand on the fundamental issues of worker concern is no different than Abel's.

Sadlowski himself refused to speak on the issue of the ENA. In practice, he has supported it, trying to tie the rank-and-file movement which grew up in opposition to the ENA to the narrow confines of his election machine. His only criticism of this outrageous agreement is that it wasn't voted on democratically.

On the issue of discrimination against minority and women workers, Sadlowski and Abel forces joined hands in hailing the "Consent Decree" as a great step. This decree, while reimbursing some workers with a few hundred dollars for past discriminatory practices, actually prohibits any future legal action against discrimination.

Sadlowski also fell right in line with Abel's efforts to tie the steelworkers to the Democratic Party. Both men heartily endorsed Jimmy Carter and led the applause for Democratic vice-presidential

candidate Walter Mondale who spoke at the convention. Sadlowski and Abel were also in full agreement on resolutions supporting Zionism and the Pak Jung Hi dictatorship in south Korea.

Sadlowski, whose main point of difference with Abel has boiled down to disagreement over dues increases, also went along with Abel's plan to add a few more \$55,000-a-year bureaucrats to the national leadership. It was expected that Sadlowski would challenge Abel on this point, since it was a maneuver designed to bring about unity of the Abel forces and prevent a split in the elections next year.

### LIQUIDATES DEMANDS

Even though Sadlowski continued to liquidate the demands of the rank-and-file workers, many of whom have supported him against Abel, these demands were heard from the floor nevertheless. One union local exposed the situation of its membership where over 300 workers are on lay-off, while those still on the job are being forced to work overtime.

Health and safety conditions in the mills were also attacked from the floor, along with the union leaders who have done nothing about it. The convention itself was interrupted with an announcement of another death in the coke ovens.

This type of rank-and-file protest, coming at a convention that was almost completely stacked by

bureaucrats, reflects only the tip of the iceberg of the broad rank-and-file movement that has existed in the steel industry for some time. It is this movement which Sadlowski has tried to latch on to, holding it back from pursuing the class struggle against capitalism. He is trying to water it down into a movement of patch-up reforms of both the union and the capitalist system itself.

Collaborating with Sadlowski in holding back the tide of class struggle is the revisionist Communist Party USA (CPUSA), which has actively joined Sadlowski's election machine and his so-called "fightback committees."

The Sadlowski campaign shows the close link between revisionism and reformism, because it is in this campaign that the CP has established some of its strongest footholds in the workers' struggle. While glorifying Sadlowski as the "voice of the rank and file," the CP is planning to ride his coat tails into more powerful positions in the union. From such positions, and by maintaining a bloc with

Sadlowski-type reformists, the revisionists will be more capable of spreading the pro-"detente" interests of Soviet social-imperialism, and turning the revolutionary struggle of steelworkers into a reform struggle to preserve the system.

The basic conditions of steelworkers—whose wages are falling, whose lives are endangered on the jobs, who are faced with constant discrimination, speedup and layoffs—contains a great potential for militant class struggle. The reformist and revisionist aristocrats of labor know this and are trying to stamp it out. They are wielding the club of the old Abel machine which tries to stamp out class struggle through goon squads and bureaucracy. But they are increasingly looking to the Sadlowski-type club to stamp out the class struggle through a militant disguise that claims to represent the rank and file.

The rank-and-file movement must break with the old Abel machine not by changing a face at the top, but by changing the basic class character of the unions. To advance the struggle towards victory, steelworkers must have a fighting union of class struggle against capitalism, not of collaboration with imperialism which both Abel and Sadlowski represent.

## RACIST GANGS ATTACK BLACK STEELWORKERS

Chicago, Ill.—As part of the mounting segregationist movement and Klan terror in Chicago, organized gangs have launched a number of attacks on Black steelworkers within a mile of Republic Steel, which employs 4,800 workers, 35% of whom are Black.

In June, Gary Smith, who is Black, went to Republic to pick up his girlfriend. While waiting for a bus, a gang of thugs dragged him into an alley, broke his nose and tried to blind him. From his hospital bed, Smith said that the cowards told him that the beating

was a "lesson for being in the area."

Recently, a Black worker was pulled from his bicycle and beaten with a tire iron. In another incident, a young Black woman and her friends were threatened at gunpoint as they were driving home from work.

In response to these conditions, many Black and white steelworkers have called on the union to organize teams of steelworkers to patrol the area and defend Black steelworkers against these assaults.

United Steel Workers Local 1033 president Frank Guzzo, part of Ed Sadlowski's machine (see article above) has opposed efforts to mobilize workers against these racist attacks. Instead, Guzzo passed a resolution which preached that union members should wait for and rely on Mayor Daley and the police to take "immediate and vigorous action to see to it that the attackers are tracked down and prosecuted."

Mayor Daley and the police, however, are collaborating with and promoting the segregationists. As one *Call* correspondent wrote, "In Marquette Park, Daley and the Democratic machine keep the Nazi headquarters open and meet with segregationists. . . While Daley's uniformed police turn back peaceful demonstrators marching for open housing, his plainclothes cops throw rocks and bottles. Relying on Daley's police for defense against racist attacks is suicide."

White and Black steelworkers are organizing resistance inside the union to the attacks, despite Guzzo's betrayal.



## Bolton Hill Strike Continues

Baltimore, Md.—Workers at Bolton Hill Nursing Home (above) are continuing their strike against union-busting despite the sellout policies of their union leaders in Local 1199E and court injunctions limiting the number of pickets.

A Sept. 5 car caravan brought the picketing to the home of Bolton Hill's owner, while demonstrations continue at a bar owned by Fred Punch. Punch, the ex-president of Local 1199E and now a management "consultant" for Bolton Hill, is leading the drive to break the union.

Recently Baltimore's Black weekly newspaper, *The Afro-American*, supported the strike of Bolton Hill workers. (CALL photo)

## ON THE LINE



### United Farmworkers Union Strikes West Foods

Ventura, Calif.—200 workers of West Foods Inc., walked out on strike on Monday, August 30, 1976. The workers, members of the United Farmworkers Union (UFW), who have been working without a contract since December 31, 1975, walked out when it became obvious that West Foods was "trying to run out the clock," and decertify the Farmworkers Union.

West Foods was the scene of sharp struggles one year ago between the UFW and the grower-Teamster alliance. Two days after the UFW petitioned for an election, Border Patrol agents, at the request of the growers and Teamsters, pulled a raid and deported 20 undocumented farmworkers. Despite the usual grower-Teamster pressure and threats, the UFW was overwhelmingly elected.

West Foods is owned by Castle and Cooke Inc., which had sales of \$843 million and profits of \$38.2 million in 1975. In their efforts to win this battle, the UFW has launched a boycott of Castle and Cooke's most prominent product, Dole Foods. The boycott of Dole mushrooms, bananas, pineapples and coconuts has thus far resulted in their removal from 35 chains, totaling 2,100 stores. Castle and Cooke spokesmen admitted to *The New York Times* that the boycott has "been having some impact."

### Explosion at Tenneco Refinery Kills 13

Chalmette, La.—A powerful explosion at the Tenneco oil refinery here killed thirteen workers Aug. 13. Eight days later, a fire at the same refinery forced the hospitalization of yet another worker with burns over 40% of his body.

This latest blast—the fifth in two years—further exposes Tenneco's disregard for the lives of the workers. Several workers reported that the same tower that blew up Aug. 13 was shaken by a prior explosion a week earlier, but the company took no precautions. At the time of the Aug. 13 blast, management personnel were operating the refinery's two gas detecting devices, but Tenneco officials have flatly refused to say whether the instruments' readings indicated unsafe levels.

In fact, Tenneco has refused to make any comment on the death of the workers, other than to say that management was sure "worker error" was responsible.

Tenneco is, of course, being backed all the way by the government, whose Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) officials supposedly "investigated" the incident. So far, OSHA officials have refused any comment on the explosion. In addition, the New Orleans area director for OSHA told *The Call* that even if their report was "approved," he didn't know how much they would be "able to say."

Another example of the state's complicity in the death of the thirteen workers was revealed in a recent news report here. The judge who is to rule on a law suit brought by Tenneco workers over safety inspection procedures apparently took \$3,000 from Tenneco as a "campaign contribution." He has refused to withdraw from the case, maintaining that he can still be "impartial."

# THE ANTI-PARTY OPPOSITION

"It is a characteristic feature of the opposition bloc that being in fact the expression of a Social-Democratic deviation in our Party, and advocating what is in fact an opportunist policy, it tries nevertheless, to clothe its pronouncements in revolutionary phraseology, to criticise the Party 'from the Left' and to disguise itself in a 'Left' garb."

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Among the forces now comprising the communist movement in the U.S., there are two significant trends. The first is the trend towards Marxist-Leninist unity and a new communist party, while the second is the trend of unprincipled, anti-party blocs.

What is the character of the anti-party blocs? They are formations of groups and individuals united, not on communist principles, but primarily on their opposition to the formation of a new party. Their political line is right-opportunist and, in fact, merges with the line of modern revisionism, while their rhetoric is super-"leftist" and their style of work sectarian. They are splitters and opportunists who have banded together in order to increase their size and influence.

## TROTSKYITE ORIGINS

The main proponent of this brand of opportunist blocking is the Workers Viewpoint Organization (WVO) whose leadership has its origins in the Trotskyite Progressive Labor Party. WVO was the ideological mentor of the so-called "Revolutionary Wing," which has now virtually collapsed less than a year after its existence was proclaimed. This opportunist approach to party-building, however, goes back further than the WVO or the "Wing."

In 1973, the Revolutionary Union (RU) formed their "Liaison Committee," which attempted to build an unprincipled federation of groups based along lines of nationality. The "Liaison Committee" included the Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization (PRRWO), I Wor Kuen (IWK), and the Black Workers Congress (BWC). Due to what IWK described as RU's "insincerity," (IWK Journal, Aug. 1974, p. 14), they left the "Liaison Committee" and the others soon followed. RU has since consolidated itself into a "party," proclaiming themselves to be the "only Marxist-Leninists" and standing violently opposed to communist unity within one single unified party. Despite hundreds of pages of polemics with the RU, none of the groups ever criticized this unprincipled bloc approach to the party or the "federation of nationalities" approach which was opposed to OL's call for a multi-national party.

## UNPRINCIPLED BLOCKING

It was no surprise then, when in 1974, many of these same forces (PRRWO, BWC, August 29 Movement and others) formed another unprincipled bloc with the revisionist Communist League in its so-called "Continuations Committee." Within months, inevitable splits occurred once again, but not one of the groups involved mentioned unprincipled blocking as an opportunist approach to the party.

When the OL published its call for Marxist-Leninists to unite in Nov. 1975, the oppositionists immediately grouped themselves into another bloc calling itself the "Wing," under the direction of WVO. What was the basis of unity of the Wing? WVO explains in an unsolicited confession:

"Narrow nationalism was the glue that held us to PRRWO, despite broad political differences and many serious conflicts that came up in practice (e.g., their scabbing of a job action that WVO helped to call with over 150 workers participating). (Workers Viewpoint Journal No. 4, p. 89).

Revolutionary Workers League (RWL), another member of the "Wing," adds: "The oppositional mentality is a carryover from the 'functional unity' method of struggle that prevailed during the earlier period in the Black Liberation Movement. This mentality manifested itself in the unity of the revolutionary forces in the



RWL with the WVO in the struggle with the RU-OL lines." (Bolshevik, May 1976, p. 72).

Again Workers Viewpoint: "The OL is correct that the Revolutionary Wing was formed 'in opposition' to them. . . . Only now, WVO adds a new twist to justify the formation of this bloc in which its members held no political principles in common, saying, "Just as there was a revisionist Second International, Lenin had to form a Third International; just as there emerges modern revisionism, we must build a genuine Marxist-Leninist movement." (WV newspaper, August 1976, p. S-14).

## THE "NEW LENIN"

Workers Viewpoint views itself as the new Lenin rallying the Third International against the old Social-Democrats. But we must ask the new Lenin, isn't today's revisionist center the Communist Party USA (with whom you call for "united action") and their leaders in the Soviet Union? Aren't the Marxist-Leninist forces who are forging new, anti-revisionist parties the real inheritors of the Third International's traditions? And finally, we must ask the new Lenin, where are your principles? Was the Third International merely an opposition bloc against the Second? Of course not.

Under Lenin's leadership, the Third International was formed on clearly stated principles to which every party firmly adhered, principles based on a concrete application of Marxism to the conditions of this era, and principles standing in direct opposition to the political line of the opportunists. The real Lenin was a proponent of principled unity in a single revolutionary party, a party steeled in the struggle against revisionism. The new self-proclaimed Lenin is a phony, a splitter and an opportunist who has set himself up as the organizing center for all the bankrupt anti-Leninist trends in our movement.

## UPSIDE-DOWN VIEW

WVO bases its efforts on the upside-down view that the "October League is the most dangerous revisionist trend in the communist movement." (WV Journal, Nov. 1975). They have gone so far as to engage in police-like disruptions and physical attacks at recent forums sponsored by the Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Party, of which OL is a member, and had to be put out of those meetings. With the disintegration of the "Wing," they are once again calling for a new bloc—made up of themselves and various dregs from the "Wing." Their dream is to assemble a new army of renegades and dishonest elements from the ruins of the "Wing" to launch a last-ditch attack before the party is founded and put on its feet.

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Like the oppositionists referred to by Stalin, Workers Viewpoint, as well as the centrist Guardian, tries to "occupy a middle ground" in our struggle today, calling on communists to "unite and struggle" and slither into the revisionists' anti-monopoly coalition. WVO even recognized its unity with the Guardian centrists and came out in open support of the Guardian's conciliation with revisionism and its attacks on



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Marxist-Leninists during the 1975 International Women's Day campaign. In a letter dated April 16, 1975, WVO wrote to the Guardian, expressing agreement with "some of Irwin Silber's account of the October League's unprincipled maneuvering around International Women's Day." In the letter, WVO attacked the various Marxist-Leninist and anti-imperialist groups who built the first communist-led Women's Day March since the CP turned revisionist, calling these groups "saboteurs" of the revisionist-led event.

For Workers Viewpoint, like the Guardian, the attempt to hold a middle ground position has meant paying lip service to supporting China and Albania, while capitulating to the Soviet Union in each particular case of aggression or interference. WVO plays the Soviet game of dividing the third world movements from one another, declaring one country or liberation movement to be "revolutionary" and another "reactionary."

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stockpile has increased nearly 22 times, at a speed seven times faster than the United States. With regard to conventional weapons, it has outstripped the U.S. It has spent more money in expanding its navy than the U.S. and worked feverishly to raise its attack capabilities in distant oceans.

During the past decade and more, the Soviet Union has extended its claws of aggression into Asia, Africa and Latin America but strategically, it has put the emphasis on Europe. It has tried hard to consolidate its foothold in east Europe and has continuously intensified its military threat against west Europe. Its warplanes have repeatedly intruded into the airspace of European countries. Three of its naval fleets are deployed in European waters. Three-quarters of its armed forces and military equipment are positioned on the European continent.

### CHANGES IN STRENGTH

Marked changes have taken place in the balance of strength between the two superpowers over the past few years. Historical experience shows that the carving up of the world by imperialist powers has always been based on economic and military strength and that the wars fought for world supremacy have always been closely related to their uneven development. The imperialist powers which come forward from behind are usually the most dangerous sources of war. Generally, it is they who launch world war in order to redivide the world. This is how the first and second world wars broke out.

Hard hit in its war of aggression in Korea and Viet Nam following World War II, U.S. imperialism has been beset with deepening

political and economic crises and has plummeted from its peak of development. On the other hand, rising Soviet social-imperialism has been doing its utmost to replace U.S. imperialism as the overlord of the world. As a latecomer to the feast at which the imperialist powers had divided the spoils, Soviet social-imperialism is not satisfied with what it has managed to get hold of thus far and is keen on a redeal in order to seize spheres of influence from the U.S. Like the rising, upstart Hitlerite Germany in the past, it is particularly rapacious, wanting to swallow up the whole world at one gulp. This contradiction can only be solved through war.

The fact that Soviet social-imperialism has become the most dangerous source of war in the world is no accident but is determined by its system.

Following the usurpation by the Khrushchov-Brezhnev clique of the party and state power in the Soviet Union, it has vigorously pushed a revisionist line both at home and abroad and has turned the country into a social-imperialist state. Imperialism means war, and monopoly capitalism is the most profound economic root cause of imperialist war.

The present Soviet economy is based on state monopoly capitalism. The state under the dictatorship of the bureaucrat monopoly capitalist class represented by the Brezhnev renegade clique has seized control of all economic lifelines and the whole social wealth in the country and exercises a most brutal fascist dictatorship. Compared with the situation in the U.S. where several big financial groups hold sway, such monopoly capitalism as represented by the Brezhnev clique is even more monopolistic in nature.



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Behind the unprincipled methods of the anti-party bloc stands a right-opportunist political line which merges with that of the revisionists on every major question of the day. This is especially clear on the question of the present international situation, where the anti-party opposition attacks the united front against imperialism and the two superpowers, objectively siding with one superpower against the other. In the case of WVO, they have capitulated in the struggle against Soviet social-imperialism and have tried to hold some middle ground in the fight against international revisionism—the main enemy in the ranks of the working-class movement.

Writing about the opposition bloc in the Bolshevik Party, Stalin said: "In the present period of acute class struggle, there can be only one or two possible policies in the working-class movement; either the policy of Menshevism, or the policy of Leninism. The attempts of the opposition bloc to occupy a middle position between these two opposite lines, under the cover of 'Left,' 'revolutionary' phraseology... were bound to lead, and have actually led, to the opposition bloc slithering into the camp of the opponents of Leninism, into the camp of Menshevism." ("Opposition Bloc in the CPSU (B)," FLP, Peking, p. 379).

Like the oppositionists referred to by Stalin, Workers Viewpoint, as well as the centrist Guardian, tries to "occupy a middle ground" in our struggle today, calling on communists to "unite and struggle" and slither into the revisionists' anti-monopoly coalition. WVO even recognized its unity with the Guardian centrists and came out in open support of the Guardian's conciliation with revisionism and its attacks on



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Marxist-Leninists during the 1975 International Women's Day campaign. In a letter dated April 16, 1975, WVO wrote to the Guardian, expressing agreement with "some of Irwin Silber's account of the October League's unprincipled maneuvering around International Women's Day." In the letter, WVO attacked the various Marxist-Leninist and anti-imperialist groups who built the first communist-led Women's Day March since the CP turned revisionist, calling these groups "saboteurs" of the revisionist-led event.

For Workers Viewpoint, like the Guardian, the attempt to hold a middle ground position has meant paying lip service to supporting China and Albania, while capitulating to the Soviet Union in each particular case of aggression or interference. WVO plays the Soviet game of dividing the third world movements from one another, declaring one country or liberation movement to be "revolutionary" and another "reactionary."

This was seen in the June issue of WVO, when they declared Syria, Iraq and Algeria to be "consistent anti-imperialists," while

**Workers Viewpoint conciliated with revisionism by advocating "united action" with the CPUSA on International Women's Day. They attacked the Marxist-Leninist-led event as sabotage of the revisionist event.**

Egypt was listed as a "vacillator" just after it broke relations with the Soviet Union. Saudi Arabia, Iran and Jordan were cited as "reactionaries." By August, Syria had invaded Lebanon, egged on by the two superpowers. WVO's "consistent anti-imperialists" suddenly became "sell-outs to imperialism" having "identical interests with the two superpowers." (WV, Aug. 1976, p. 11).

Here we see the petty-bourgeois vacillations of the opposition bloc and particularly WVO. Unable to grasp the significance of the third world struggles against the superpowers, they can only see these national movements subjectively as either pure revolutionary movements or "agents of imperialism." They are exhilarated or depressed, depending on whether or not the movement is in a period of ebb or flow. It must be remembered that the "new Lenin" of WVO was openly attacking the Vietnamese struggle only a few years ago as a "sellout" when that heroic national liberation movement was facing some temporary difficulties.

The united front for Workers Viewpoint does not mean the front of the world's

peoples against imperialism and the two superpowers. Rather, it means joining hands with the revisionists in order to collaborate with imperialism. When RWL leader Owusu Sadaukai endorsed the social-imperialist-sponsored Havana Conference and sat silently on the National Board of the revisionist-dominated Puerto Rican Solidarity Committee being used as a token "Maoist" along with the Guardian's Silber, WVO claimed that they were "entering these forbidden premises" (the ranks of the revisionist front) while maintaining their own "independence and initiative" in order to "win away" members of the revisionist party.

But where is this "independence and initiative" when WVO's paper makes not one criticism of the revisionists, but, in fact, is filled with the same slanders of the Marxist-Leninist forces that one is likely to see in the revisionist Daily World?

While WVO runs 16-page diatribes against the OL and the Organizing Committee, their newspaper doesn't contain a single article criticizing the CPUSA. Where is the independence from revisionism when WVO's paper launches slanderous attacks on the Palestinian people's struggle, claiming that the leadership of the PLO are imperialist agents and "collaborators"? (See WVO's attack on PLO leader Arafat in WV, May 1975).

Here lies the essence of the unprincipled anti-party blocs being led by the likes of WVO. They are doing the work of the revisionists in places where the revisionists themselves don't dare to tread. They are trying to lead our movement into some new "arrangement" with the CPUSA, spreading confusion within the Marxist-Leninist ranks and sowing splits and demoralization wherever they go. This is what the recent degeneration of the "Wing" should teach those who participated.

Our party can only be built on the basis of Marxist-Leninist principles embodied in a program of struggle. Those who try to retain the old style of small circles and sectarianism, cloaking revisionism with new disguises, will certainly fail.

## Social-Imperialism OF A NEW WORLD WAR

stockpile has increased nearly 22 times, at a speed seven times faster than the United States. With regard to conventional weapons, it has outstripped the U.S. It has spent more money in expanding its navy than the U.S. and worked feverishly to raise its attack capabilities in distant oceans.

During the past decade and more, the Soviet Union has extended its claws of aggression into Asia, Africa and Latin America but strategically, it has put the emphasis on Europe. It has tried hard to consolidate its foothold in east Europe and has continuously intensified its military threat against west Europe. Its warplanes have repeatedly intruded into the airspace of European countries. Three of its naval fleets are deployed in European waters. Three-quarters of its armed forces and military equipment are positioned on the European continent.

### CHANGES IN STRENGTH

Marked changes have taken place in the balance of strength between the two superpowers over the past few years. Historical experience shows that the carving up of the world by imperialist powers has always been based on economic and military strength and that the wars fought for world supremacy have always been closely related to their uneven development. The imperialist powers which come forward from behind are usually the most dangerous sources of war. Generally, it is they who launch world wars in order to redivide the world. This is how the first and second world wars broke out.

Hard hit in its war of aggression in Korea and Viet Nam following World War II, U.S. imperialism has been beset with deepening

political and economic crises and has plummeted from its peak of development. On the other hand, rising Soviet social-imperialism has been doing its utmost to replace U.S. imperialism as the overlord of the world. As a latecomer to the feast at which the imperialist powers had divided the spoils, Soviet social-imperialism is not satisfied with what it has managed to get hold of thus far and is keen on a redeal in order to seize spheres of influence from the U.S. Like the rising, upstart Hitlerite Germany in the past, it is particularly rapacious, wanting to swallow up the whole world at one gulp. This contradiction can only be solved through war.

The fact that Soviet social-imperialism has become the most dangerous source of war in the world is no accident but is determined by its system.

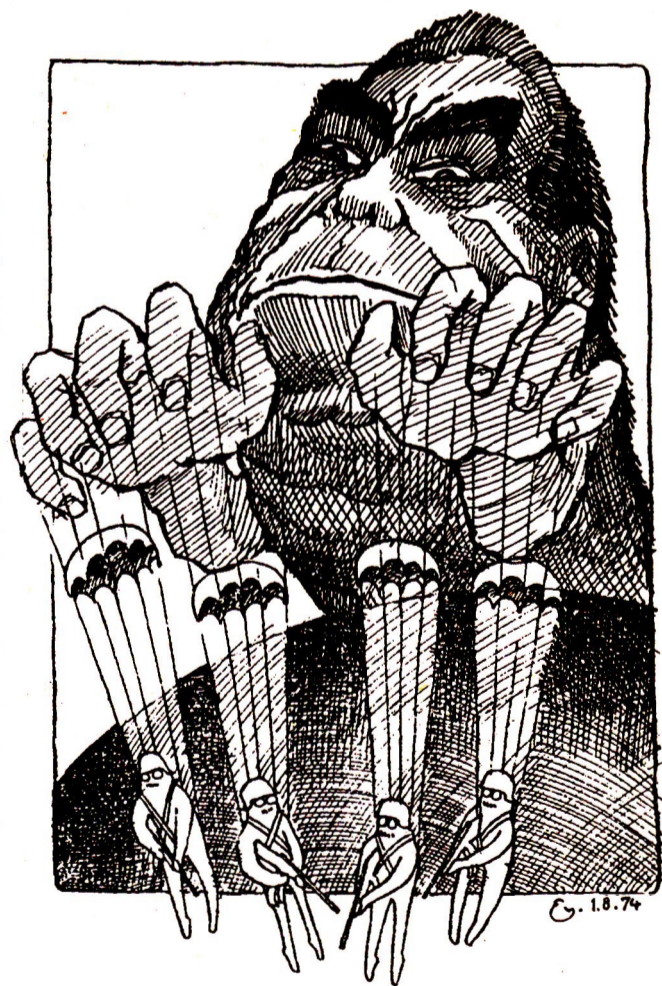
Following the usurpation by the Khrushchov-Brezhnev clique of the party and state power in the Soviet Union, it has vigorously pushed a revisionist line both at home and abroad and has turned the country into a social-imperialist state. Imperialism means war, and monopoly capitalism is the most profound economic root cause of imperialist war.

The present Soviet economy is based on state monopoly capitalism. The state under the dictatorship of the bureaucrat monopoly capitalist class represented by the Brezhnev renegade clique has seized control of all economic lifelines and the whole social wealth in the country and exercises a most brutal fascist dictatorship. Compared with the situation in the U.S. where several big financial groups hold sway, such monopoly capitalism as represented by the Brezhnev clique is even more monopolistic in nature.

Consequently, the Soviet Union, in its scramble with the other superpower for world domination, is more capable of gearing its national economy to the global strategy of social-imperialism for world hegemony.

Soviet social-imperialism, which cherishes a pipe dream of world domination and is frenziedly expanding its armaments for war preparations, is at the same time loudly singing praises of "detente," chanting about "peace," using phrases such as "lasting peace" and "detente can not be turned back." All this is a pack of lies. The grave incident in which the Soviet revisionist ruling clique unbridledly resorted to force of arms in Angola has been an exposure of the hypocritical mask social-imperialism wears over its ferocious features. Nowadays more and more people are giving serious thought to the situation in Europe and in the whole world and are understanding with increasing clarity that Soviet social-imperialism constitutes the main danger in the present-day world.

Profound changes have come about in the world situation. The day has gone when the imperialist superpowers could rule supreme in the world. To oppose hegemonism practiced by the two super-

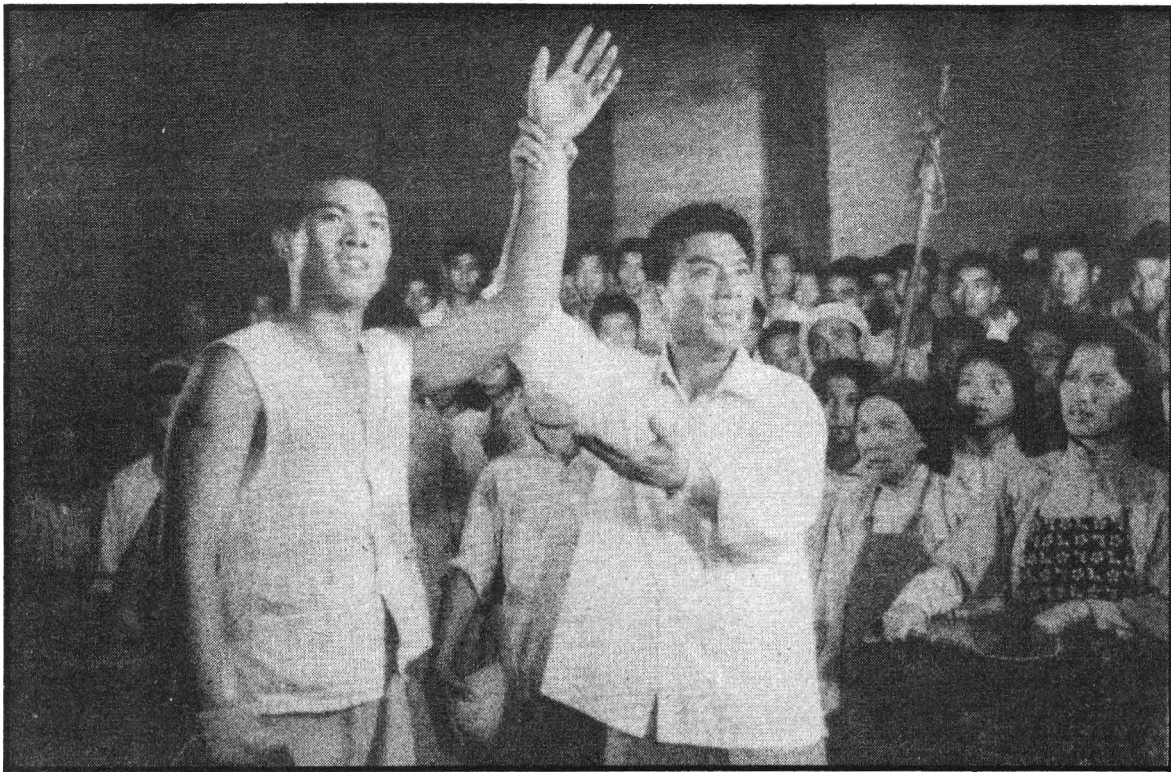


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powers, the Soviet Union and the United States, is now a strong common aspiration of all the countries and peoples subjected to aggression, control, interference and bullying by the superpowers.

Should Soviet social-imperialism dare to unleash a new world war, it will inevitably meet with utter defeat. It will certainly come to no better end than Hitler.





(China Features)

## 'Breaking With Old Ideas' A NEW, MOVING FILM

(The film *Breaking With Old Ideas* will tour the U.S. for the first time this fall, presented by October Films. The color feature-length film is complete with English subtitles.)

A new and moving film from China, just released this year, *Breaking With Old Ideas*, vividly portrays the sharp two-line struggle in China in education. *Breaking With Old Ideas* is currently the most popular film in China—a real example of revolutionary culture in the thick of class struggle.

The film brings alive the struggle of the masses of peasants and workers to gain access to an agricultural college in southern China and to revolutionize all the centers of education. It is set in 1958, nine years after China's liberation. At that time, the proletariat held state power and controlled the means of production, but the overthrown bourgeoisie occupied many cultural and educational centers. The field of education was particularly important, since it was here that the revolutionary successors for socialism were trained. The Communist Party, under the leadership of Chairman Mao, was determined to "storm the strongholds" of the bourgeoisie armed with the understanding that "education must serve proletarian politics and be combined with productive labor."

### TWO-LINE STRUGGLE

The film takes place at the Sungshan Branch of the Communist Labor College, set up in the midst of a fierce two-line struggle between the bourgeois and proletarian roads in education. The two lines are waged between the masses of workers and peasants, exemplified by the principal of the college, Lung Kuo-cheng, and the capitalist-roaders in the party, who vicious-

ly opposed the revolution in education—in particular, the vice-principal, Tsao Chung-ho.

The struggle breaks out in many ways. Who is the college for? The capitalist-roaders close the doors on the masses of peasants, setting standards to include only well-educated, city students with diplomas. The local peasants angrily denounce these capitalists, calling them "gatekeepers for the bourgeoisie." Lung supports the peasants' stand, saying of one applicant, "The bourgeoisie have their qualifications and we proletarians have ours. The first qualification to enter the Communist Labor College is that the applicant must be a member of the laboring classes. These callouses on his hands are his qualification!"

### OPEN-DOOR SCHOOLING

The students and peasants enthusiastically take up the revolution in education. They struggle to learn through "open-door" schooling, to learn through productive labor. Most importantly, they learn how to wage the class struggle and combat revisionism by making their education serve the masses of people and the cause of socialism.

The revisionists at the Communist Labor College, however, promote book knowledge and train the students to seek "fame and fortune." They continually rant about how the school is not a "production brigade." The rotten line of the capitalist-roaders and their distortion of Marxism become more and more evident as they try to weed out the worker and peasant students. "If those worker and peasant students can't keep up, let them go home to farm. From each according to his ability, isn't that the saying?" says one capitalist-roader in a position of party leadership.

As the students become steel-ed in the struggle, they take the lead not only in education, but in boldly combatting the revisionist policy of individual farming and profits pushed by followers of Liu Shao-chi.

One student, Li Chin-feng, under the threat of jail from the capitalist-roaders, stands up to them: "I'm a student and an ordinary Party member. I don't know how to make a reasoned argument, but I'll tell you this: I'll never forget what Chairman Mao taught us—only socialism can save China!"

Many inspirational characters are created who show their great love of the people and of socialism and who are unafraid to struggle. These characters, such as Lung and the peasant girl Li Chin-feng, represent the finest traits of the Chinese workers and peasants.

*Breaking With Old Ideas* is a film of high artistic quality. It uses both powerful acting combined with a fast-paced dialogue to bring alive the intensity of the struggle. Several moving and militant songs add to the excitement of the film.

### SAME STRUGGLE TODAY

The struggle that takes place in *Breaking With Old Ideas* occurred in 1958. But the same struggle against the revisionist line in education is going on today. After Liu Shao-chi failed to turn back the revolution in education, another capitalist-roader, Teng Hsiao-ping, tried more recently to reverse victories of the Cultural Revolution, such as the Communist Labor College. The film is both a product of this current struggle and a weapon in it, striking great blows at the capitalist-roaders inside the party and firmly upholding Chairman Mao's revolutionary line.

## ARMED CAMP . . .

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ment, hit the streets in June with no hopes of getting a job. The rise in gang activity comes on the heels of the phasing out of nearly all the few government job programs of the '60s and the closing down of most recreational facilities due to "lack of funds." While the auto companies, the city's largest employers, made a whopping \$1.5 billion in profits last quarter, thousands have been laid off and cutbacks have hit almost every city service.

Hundreds of Black youth have been brutally suppressed since Detroit's Black mayor, Coleman Young, issued a blanket order to police to get the "gangs and youth rovers off the streets." The first day after the curfew was ordered, close to 100 youths were rounded up. The indiscriminate nature of the roundups could be seen in the fact that most of the supposed "gang members" were not included in the scores who were arrested.

In the midst of this attack, the

UAW and Teamster labor mislead-ers have endorsed and joined the attack on working-class youth. They have resisted any program for jobs for youth and have jumped on the "anti-crime" bandwagon. Following Mayor Young's call to combat "crime," local UAW bureaucrats called for more "community crime patrols," "more detention facilities," "civilian review boards," "police counseling" of youth and more.

Mayor Young and his labor lieutenants have only paid lip service to the real problems of Detroit's working class and minorities. Instead of fighting unemployment, deteriorating housing and schools, and cutbacks in city services, they are drumming up a campaign against crime in hopes of diverting people's attention away from fundamental issues.

The situation in Detroit reveals the depths of the present capitalist crisis that is hitting hard at all working people. It shows that capitalism's answer to that crisis is police repression and racism.

## JOBLESS RATE . . .

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response to the crisis. The demand to "make the bosses pay" is being heard among millions of workers, both employed and unemployed.

Among the unemployed, the National Fight Back Organization (NFBO) is organizing a new round of actions this fall to demand "Jobs or Income Now!" In these demonstrations, special demands against the discrimination faced by minority and women workers

will be raised, and the danger of superpower war will be exposed.

Even though the capitalist promises of "prosperity around the corner" rang hollow to most people in the midst of the recession last year, many workers still hoped that they would turn true. The latest economic indications, however, only add to the evidence that capitalism itself is a system constantly producing crises and unemployment.

## SOUTH AFRICA . . .

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the black population.

Many demonstrators were killed or wounded in the Cape Town protests as police opened fire with shotguns on the crowds. These clashes were the first mass rebellions to move outside the black ghettos and into the white areas of South Africa since demonstrations began on a wide scale June 16. According to Associated Press, "many whites" joined the demonstrations.

In a desperate attempt to "save" the racist regime, Kissinger met with Vorster, trying to persuade him to make some concessions and stall the growing revolutionary tide of the Azanian people. Kissinger warned British leaders on his way to Zurich that "if there is no progress (during the talks), violence will increase throughout southern Africa."

The violence Kissinger is worried about is the growing revolutionary movement of the peoples of southern Africa as they begin to see through the hoax of "negotiations" being proposed by Vorster and the liberals. Kissinger plans to meet with black African national leaders later in the week, hoping to get them to lay down their arms and come to the conference table. The meeting is set to include Tanzanian president Nyerere, Mozambique's Samora Machel and Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia as well as leaders of SWAPO, the Namibian liberation organization.

Kissinger's trip shows the interest that the superpowers have in the present events in southern Africa, where the centuries of colonial rule appear to be rapidly coming to an end. Kissinger is afraid

that unless Vorster makes some concessions to "peaceful change to majority rule," the Soviet Union, the chief U.S. rival in the area, will make some strategic political gains.

The U.S. political, military and economic backing for the racist regime continues even as police fire on unarmed crowds in Cape Town and Soweto. Despite Kissinger's talk about "peaceful change," the South African racist regime which rules over the 18 million blacks in that country could not last a week without the armed backing of U.S. imperialism.

At a press conference in Lagos, Nigeria, David Sibeko, the leader of the Azanian Pan African Congress (PAC), said that the present uprisings of the Azanian people "are the beginning of the final thrust in the direction of the total liquidation of the apartheid regime."

Sibeko stressed that "no country was ever liberated by external forces," and that the will of the South African people to free themselves was invincible. The Lagos paper Daily Times reported that Sibeko said that the South African nationalists were capable of routing Vorster's regime. He rejected the idea of having "dialogue" with the regime, saying such a "dialogue" was "a betrayal and a setback for the national liberation of Africa" since it would help the Vorster regime buy time.

The growing upsurge of the Azanian people is bringing the racist minority regime, as well as racist rule in all of southern Africa, to its knees. None of the schemes of Kissinger, Vorster or anyone else can save it.

## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE TOUR

Forums on the present tasks in party-building:

- Austin, Tex.—Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m., El Centro Chicano, 1206 Willow
- Bridgeport, Conn.—Sept 11, 7:30 p.m., Banquet Room, 1126 Pembroke St.
- New Haven, Conn.—Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m., Dwight Hall, Yale University
- Houston, Tex.—Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m., Pacific Room, University Center, University of Houston
- Los Angeles, Calif.—Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m., Channing Hall, 8th St. and Vermont
- Oakland, Calif.—Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m. Laney College, Laney Forum Room
- Philadelphia, Penn.—Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m., 1199 Union Hall, 1315 Race St.
- Milwaukee, Wis.—Sept 25, 7 p.m., Puerto Rican Center, 520 E. Center
- Seattle, Wash.—Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m., Mount Baher Community Club, 2811 Mount Ranier Dr., So.