

# NATIONWIDE ACTIONS TO FREE GARY TYLER

Final plans have been set across the country for demonstrations this week to free Gary Tyler. These actions will mark a high point in the battle to free Tyler, the 18-year-old Black youth framed on murder charges, and will strike a hard blow at the growing

racist attacks against Black people.

One focus of this national mobilization is the fight against the re-establishment of the death penalty. Gary Tyler himself goes before the Louisiana Supreme Court Nov. 10 to demand a new trial, but the racist court could re-

sentence him to the electric chair.

Another new dimension was recently added to the Tyler freedom movement by the successful struggle to gain a pardon for Clarence (Willie) Norris, the last surviving member of the Scottsboro Boys.

The Scottsboro Boys were nine

Black youths framed on rape charges over 40 years ago and sentenced to death. A powerful mass movement, made up of workers of all nationalities in the U.S., and people around the world (similar to the Tyler defense movement today) saved the youths from

execution.

The Communist Party, then a revolutionary party, linked the Scottsboro case to the demand for Afro-American self-determination, a demand which the party

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## ECONOMY FIZZLES FIGHTBACK SIZZLES

Despite the barrage of election-eve promises by Ford and Carter, the economic situation ahead looks bleak. The capitalists' own index of leading economic indicators, put out by the Commerce Department last week, declined for the second straight month. It marked the first such series of back-to-back drops since the depths of the depression over a year ago.

A sharp increase in factory layoffs gives further evidence that the campaign talk of "recovery" is slick deception. It further shows that the temporary upswing in production which occurred last year represented nothing but an unevenness in the general downward plunge and a slight fluctuation in the deepening of the general economic crisis of capitalism.

Millions of workers haven't bought the rosy campaign talk. The politicians were hoping to pull the rug out from under the militancy of the rank-and-file workers and the growing fightback against the crisis. But during the first half of this year alone, the government reported 2,716 strikes involving more than 1.5 million workers as well as 16,56,000 work-days lost because of work stoppages.

During the third quarter, the

number of strikes increased still further. Among the most significant were the strikes of 120,000 miners last summer; the four-month-long rubber workers strike (the biggest ever in U.S. history); the recent Ford strike of 170,000 workers as well as strikes of city workers in New York, BFI sanitation workers in Santa Barbara, meatcutters in Milwaukee, hospital workers and teachers in dozens of cities, and scores of others.

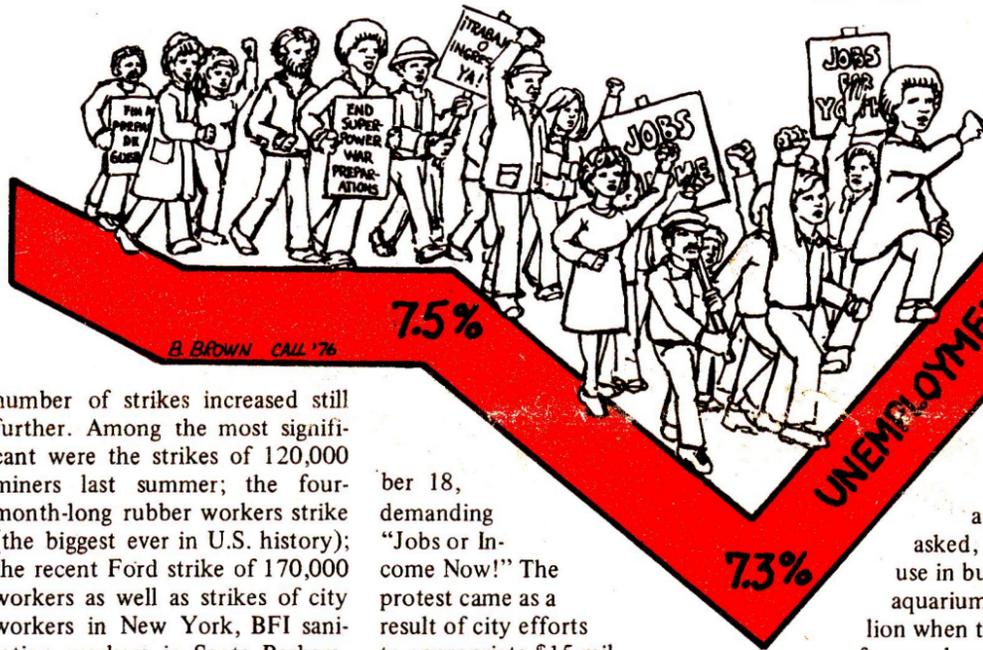
But the upsurge in the working-class movement has not been confined to strikes. The 10 million unemployed, who are feeling the crisis more than anyone else, have not bought Ford and Carter's little give-up pills either. Unemployed workers in Baltimore, for example, picketed City Hall and protested at a City Council meeting Octo-

ber 18, demanding "Jobs or Income Now!" The protest came as a result of city efforts to appropriate \$15 million for a new aquarium while nothing is being done for the tens of thousands of jobless.

Members of the Baltimore Fightback Committee demanded the restoration of all city jobs which were cut back as a result of the crisis as well as jobs at union wages for all unemployed and underemployed workers. The Fightback Committee also demanded 30,000 jobs for the city's youth.

One worker at the meeting asked, "What is the use in building a new aquarium for \$15 million when the thousands of unemployed can't even afford the \$2.50 admission charge to enter and see the fish?"

In Tampa, Florida, the Tampa Workers Committee organized a week of activities demanding "Jobs or Income Now!" The committee led a march from the foodstamp office to the City Council chambers. It was at the foodstamp office last year, that TWC members John and Eddie Ruth Marshall were arrested for their organizing activi-



7.9%

7.8%

7.5%

7.3%

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ties. At the meeting, a pregnant Black woman complained of having gotten the run-around in trying to get food from the local welfare department.

Another Black worker, who lost his arm in a cotton gin in Alabama in 1965, told how he has been unable to get a job or even disability income. Protests demanding jobs, as well as freedom for the Marshalls, were also held when vice-presidential candidate Mondale came to speak in Tampa.

In several other cities, fightback demonstrations and increased struggle of the unemployed showed that neither election talk nor the victory of Carter or Ford can turn back the tide of working class struggle. Neither of these capitalist politicians nor any other "savior" can rescue the present system from its deepening crisis.

The indications of a continuing depression are further proof that workers and unemployed can rely only on their people's fightback and not the capitalists' elections in the coming months.

### Events confirm Mao's teachings

## CHINA CRUSHES 'GANG OF FOUR'



CHINESE PEOPLE denounce "gang of four."

Events of the last two weeks in China confirm that attempts by capitalist-roaders inside the Communist Party to seize power have been decisively crushed. Under the party's leadership, millions of people have been mobilized to denounce the activities of the "gang of four" who tried to split the party, take power for themselves and, according to some reports, even tried to assassinate Chairman Mao.

These developments demonstrate the truth of Chairman Mao's thesis that "The bourgeoisie is right inside the Communist Party." Building socialism, Chairman Mao pointed out, requires the mobilization of the masses in their millions to wage a relentless struggle against both the old exploiting

classes as well as a new bourgeoisie that emerges from inside the party itself.

It was only natural that in the wake of Chairman Mao's death, such counter-revolutionary elements would try to take advantage of the situation. But the Chinese people, tempered through the fiery years of the Cultural Revolution and the mass criticisms of capitalist-roaders like Liu Shao-chi, Lin Biao and Teng Hsiao-ping, quickly saw through the schemes of the "gang of four." The party's Central Committee under Chairman Hua Kuo-feng acted resolutely to liquidate this gang, which included Chiang Ching, Wang Hung-wen, Chang

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# EDITORIALS

## ELECTION CAN'T CHANGE ANYTHING

The 1976 presidential elections, complete with televised debates, whistle-stop speeches and all the rest of the trimmings, are being paraded before the people as the "highest form of democracy." But when the voting booths close and the votes are counted, the millions of working-class and oppressed minority people will continue to live under the same system of exploitation and oppression as before.

Both Ford and Carter are the handpicked representatives of big business. No matter who is elected, the giant monopolies that run the country with an iron dictatorship will have their man in office as caretaker and chief flunkey, just as they have always had.

The so-called "independent" candidates, an assortment of Trotskyites, revisionists, neo-fascists and weirdos, offer no alternative for the working people. In particular, the revisionist Communist Party, with their Hall-Tyner campaign, is peddling nothing but the same imperialist line as Ford and Carter. Only this line is carried out under the signboard of "socialism" and serves the interests of Soviet social-imperialism.

While some differences emerged during the campaign between Ford and Carter, they were tactical differences over how to strengthen the domination of capitalism over the people at home while fighting with the Soviet Union for a redivision of the world.

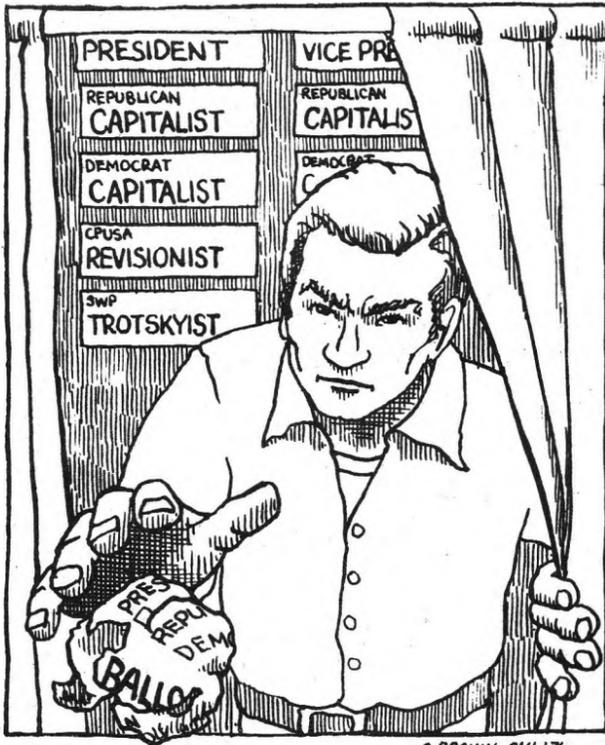
The great majority of the American people are expecting nothing from this election and will get nothing except the bill—some \$60 million in taxpayers' money used to finance the elections.

Faced with the deepening economic crisis, the growing threat of a new world war and a new offensive on the part of the capitalists against the national minorities, the working class is stepping up its struggle with an upsurge in the strike movement and the movement for democratic rights. A new Marxist-Leninist party is being formed to provide a revolutionary alternative and

open the pathway towards socialist revolution.

These efforts reflect the real struggle for change in the country, while the elections are nothing more than a game being run on the people to conceal the savage dictatorship of the capitalist class.

## CAPITALIST ELECTION GAME DESTINED FOR THE WASTE-BIN OF HISTORY.



## FREE THE FIVE PUERTO RICAN NATIONALISTS!

Every year as the heroic Jayuya uprising is marked at the end of October, the cry of "Free the Five Nationalists!" is heard among the Puerto Rican people and all those who support the just demand for Puerto Rico's independence.

The five nationalists are the longest-held political prisoners in the U.S. The first of them to be imprisoned, Oscar Collazo, was one of two members of the Nationalist Party who opened fire on

Harry Truman's presidential residence in October 1950. It was a time when the heroic nationalist-led uprising was unfolding at Jayuya, Puerto Rico, an uprising which the U.S. Marines met with savage repression. Collazo's fellow freedom fighter, Griselio Torresola, was killed immediately by Truman's guards, while Collazo was wounded.

In explaining why he took this action, Collazo pointed out that he felt it was his duty as a Puerto Rican to expose the criminal rule of U.S. colonialism over the island, and especially the repression of the 1950 uprising.

The other four prisoners, Andres Figueroa Cordero, Irving Flores, Rafael Cancel Miranda and Lolita Lebron, were all arrested after they led an armed attack on the U.S. Congress in 1954. The House of Representatives was debating a bill to tighten the colonial hold over Puerto Rico, and again, the attack was used to expose colonialism and demand independence.

More than twenty years later, all five prisoners remain behind bars. Figueroa Cordero is currently suffering from cancer, but the authorities will not release him for medical care.

These fighters have given their lifetimes to the struggle for Puerto Rican independence. They have refused to renounce their principles no matter how much their captors torment and oppress them. All five have become symbols of the liberation struggle. Lolita Lebron, who has continued to make her voice heard even from the penitentiary, has also become a symbol of the powerful role played by women in the anti-imperialist struggle.

Since the events of the 1950s, the colonial exploitation of Puerto Rico has only intensified, and more revolutionaries have been jailed and killed. The U.S. imperialists have continued to plunder the resources of the island. They use it as a pivotal military base for contention with the Soviet social-imperialists in the Western Hemisphere. Through domination of the island, a constant supply of cheap labor is maintained for factories on the island and in the U.S., where over half the Puerto Rican population has been forced to migrate.

The five nationalists were imprisoned because they dared to expose the true features of U.S. rule. They provide an inspiring example for workers and people of all nationalities that to win victory we must dare to struggle and fear no sacrifice. The struggle to free them is a component part of the battle for Puerto Rican independence and full democratic rights for the Puerto Rican minority in the U.S.

**FREE THE FIVE NATIONALIST PRISONERS!  
INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO!**

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To the Staff of *The Call*:

I am writing this letter to congratulate you for the great improvements in the Spanish section of your newspaper, and also to tell you that the article for September 16 on Mexican independence was very interesting and detailed. Reading it, we are reminded of important facts that we sometimes tend to forget.

I hope that soon the section in Spanish will be even bigger and that you continue to publish articles like the one on September 16 that teach us so much.

I am writing a little late, but I also want to take this opportunity to send my most sincere condolences on the loss of the great man, Mao Tsetung.

I.O.,  
Los Angeles

Dear Friends,

The report on the Swedish Communist Party (SKP) in your October 11 issue showed that they have some major disagreements with our Chinese friends.

For instance, they say "NATO is mainly a tool for U.S. hegemonism. But it is necessary to oppose both the NATO and Warsaw Pacts together."

Contrast this negative view with the position laid out by the late Premier Chou En-lai in 1973: "In the past, we opposed NATO but now the Warsaw Pact has changed its nature. It is no longer a defensive alliance. It has become dominated by a single country (Russia). Therefore, in this respect, NATO has assumed a partly defen-

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sive character. And we think Western Europe is right to maintain its vigilance and avoid Finlandization."

The SKP also says that "we opposed Sweden's entry into the EEC and led the anti-EEC struggle."

China, on the other hand, recently accredited a full ambassador to the EEC as a sign of the importance they attach to its development and strengthening.

In *The Call* the week before that I was shocked to see a picture of Leon Trotsky standing beside Lenin, thus perpetuating the bourgeois myth that he was Lenin's closest comrade-in-arms.

You haven't changed your politics lately, have you?

Sincerely,  
F.Y.,  
Atlanta

### EDITORS NOTE:

We would point out to reader F.Y. that it is quite possible for fraternal Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations to differ on certain questions, especially questions

of tactics, and especially considering the role played by different countries in the world.

Furthermore, reader F.Y. was mistaken about the picture which appeared in *The Call* (Oct. 4, 1976, p. 7). It does not show Trotsky standing next to Lenin. The picture is a still photo from the Russian film "Lenin in October," which was produced in the USSR in 1937 for the 20th anniversary of the October Revolution (and, by the way, it was produced under the personal supervision of Stalin). The picture actually shows Russian actors portraying Lenin and Stalin, who reader F.Y. mistook for Trotsky.—ed.

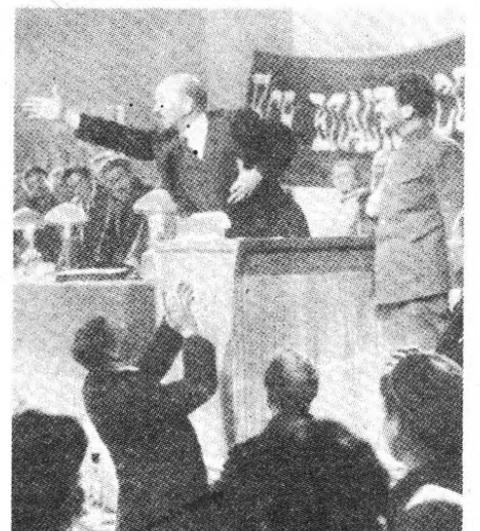


PHOTO FROM OCT. 4 ISSUE that reader F.Y. asks about.

# NAVAJOS FACE EXXON ROBBERY

The largest Indian tribe in the United States, the Navajos faces devastating robbery and ruination by the U.S. government's Bureau of Indian Affairs, along with one of the largest imperialist companies in the world—Exxon Corporation.

Exxon Corporation has recently been given permission by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to explore and mine for uranium on the Navajo reservation.

According to an article in the Albuquerque Journal, the operation will cover 625 square miles of the reservation. The effects will be far-reaching, both to the land and the people. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) issued a draft environmental impact statement that lays out some of the effects.

"If mining and milling takes place, significant environmental impacts include subsurface water depletion, soils and vegetation disturbance, air quality degradation, interruption of the community services and facilities and disruption of established lifestyles and social patterns."

To compensate for these attacks on the Navajo reservation, the plan is supposed to give half of all new jobs to Navajos and the tribe is to be given a 49% interest.

In order to understand the gross nature of this agreement with Exxon, the history of the BIA, particularly of its dealings with the

Navajo people, must be studied.

Native Americans are ruled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, under the Department of the Interior.

The BIA controls everything any Native American wishes to do with the reservation land. It has led the quelling of Indian uprisings and overseen the robbery of their resources and the denial of their culture.

In the 1930s, the BIA said that the Navajo land was being overgrazed. Within the next five years, the BIA ordered the people to get rid of many of their sheep and goats, the backbone of the Navajo economy at that time.

The Navajo people were neither reimbursed for not herding more animals, nor were they given more land to use. But they were told that if they didn't comply, they would go to jail! It seems strange that the government suddenly became so concerned with the conservation of the gullied, sunbaked

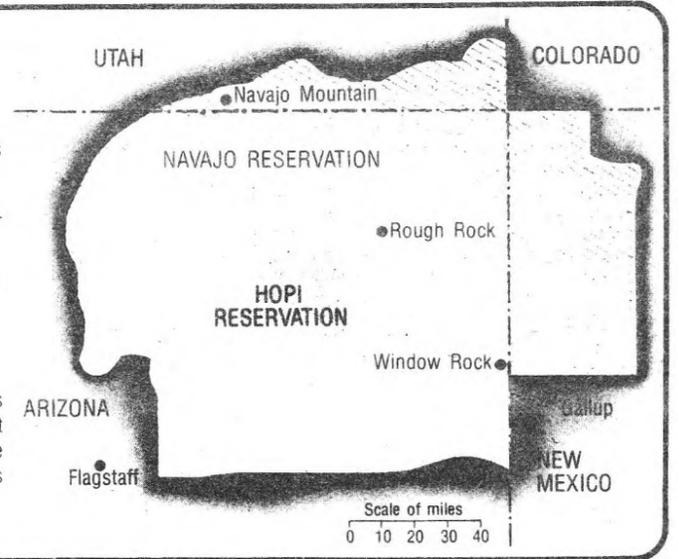
## WHERE ENERGY LIES BENEATH THE SURFACE

Navajo Indian Reservation covers 15 million acres in four States.

Membership of reservation — 140,000 people — is largest in the nation.

Land is believed to contain 100 million barrels of oil  
25 trillion cubic feet of natural gas  
80 million pounds of uranium  
50 billion tons of coal

Altogether throughout the West, 22 Indian tribes control 53 million acres. These lands contain most of the country's known reserves of uranium, one third of its low-sulphur coal and huge oil and gas reserves.



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY shows why big corporations are so interested in driving Navajo and other tribes off reservation lands.

wastes of the reservation.

Perhaps it was the discovery of uranium on the land which led the imperialists to drive the Navajos off their own land. Today it is even more crucial that the imperialists obtain uranium because it is only a matter of time before the biggest source of uranium, South Africa, will be cut off from the U.S.

Nobody is fooled by the 49% of the profits that the Navajo people are supposed to get. Part of it will probably be used to buy off a small section of the tribe, to be the future mouthpieces of the BIA. The rest will most likely be another "broken treaty," as most agreements like this have been in the past. Money like this has often

been used to improve the land and benefit people living outside the reservation, such as constructing highways that pass through the reservation.

The Navajo people are legally considered a "sovereign nation," as stated in many past treaties. However, there is a long history of corporations such as Exxon taking the natural resources out and the people receiving little in return. When it comes to providing necessary services to the people, the U.S. says that the Highway Dept., the Health Dept., the Education Dept., don't reach beyond the borders. But when it comes to exploitation, there are no borders.

The Navajo people demand

the right to mine their own natural resources and to receive all the benefits. In a recent interview with *The Call*, John Redhouse, speaking for the National Indian Youth Council in Albuquerque, said, "We feel that the Exxon agreement represents a continuing theft of Indian lands and resources which is executed through lease contracts rather than through treaties. Over the past 100 years, the goals of the U.S. government and the business interests remain the same—to get at Indian lands and resources. Only their methods have changed. What is at stake is our remaining lands and resources, which are the bases for our survival and existence as Indian people."

## ILLINOIS GIVES AID AND COMFORT TO KLAN

The role of the state in rendering aid and comfort to the Ku Klux Klan was revealed once again in a report issued Oct. 27 by the Illinois State Legislature. The report concluded an 18-month investigation of the KKK, stating that the white supremacist terror organization presents no danger to the masses of Black people.

"The Klan of today," says the report, "belongs in a comic strip. For there is indeed something amusing, rather than terrifying, about a handful of grown men in white robes, burning crosses at picnics, who are unable to see that the issues which once attracted a large following—white supremacy, the Red terror—are almost as dead as the Klan itself."

The investigating commissions which wrote the report was orga-

nized by the Illinois House of Representatives, which even had one of its investigators become the second highest Klan officer. The report was signed by acting Executive Director Ronald Ewert, who concluded: "In a sense, this report is an obituary."

The KKK has a long, bloody history in the state of Illinois and has been active in recent months in fomenting the segregationist movement in Chicago's Marquette Park neighborhood, where mobs of racists brutally attacked a group of people protesting racial segregation in housing in the area. Nothing was done when the Klan set up its regional headquarters in the town of Midlothian last year or when it held a cross-burning in Georgetown, Ill., last July 10.

With the encouragement of the ruling class, the KKK is stepping up its activities against Black and Latino peoples as well as against communist and trade union organizations. They take their cue from Ford and Carter, whose state-

ments supporting "ethnic purity" and opposing busing for school integration have served as a rallying cry for the white supremacists.

From the schools in South Boston, to the armed attacks against Prairie Fire Books in Houston; from the mob attacks on the school bus Gary Tyler was riding, to the white terror in Marquette Park, the KKK presents a direct threat to the rights and very lives of Blacks and other minority peoples as well as all workers.

To pull the rug out from under the people's resistance to the Klan, the government is trying to whitewash the KKK's crimes. To cover themselves and protect the capitalist system, they claim that "white supremacy is dead." But white supremacy and KKK terror will never die of their own accord. The working class and the millions of the oppressed nationalities will be the ones who write the Klan's obituary in the course of defeating the capitalist system which has spawned that organization.



## Denounce Thai junta!

Los Angeles—About 75 people participated in a picket line in front of Thailand's consulate here last month to protest the bloody military coup which took place in Thailand October 6. A spokesman for the Union of Democratic Thais denounced the coup, which has led to the killing and jailing of thousands of workers, students, intellectuals and peasants.

The demonstration, which was supported by the October League as well as a number of Asian-American organizations and other groups, also exposed the heavy hand of the CIA and U.S. imperialism in bringing the coup about.

Since the coup, the fascist regime has launched extensive terror attacks aimed at wiping out the Communist Party of Thailand (Marxist-Leninist) and all progressive and anti-imperialist forces. Despite the terror campaign, widespread acts of resistance are continuing both in the cities and the countryside. (CALL photo)

## OL PAMPHLET PUBLISHED

# New weapon to free Tyler

The October League has just published a new pamphlet, "The Struggle to Free Gary Tyler." This pamphlet is a new weapon in the Tyler defense campaign and in the fight for Afro-American self-determination and socialism.

Using Tyler as an example, the pamphlet shows that "the struggle of the workers and oppressed minorities is one part of a mighty torrent which is bound to get rid of imperialism and its crimes once and for all."

The pamphlet proves that the roots of Tyler's frame-up lie in the oppression of the Afro-American

nation, and that cases like his will never stop until imperialism is overthrown.

Using Gary Tyler's home state of Louisiana, the pamphlet documents the oppression of the Afro-American nation today, as well as in times of slavery. It details how the shadow of the plantation still hangs over the Black Belt, affecting not only Blacks but poor whites as well.

In the Free Gary Tyler movement, various opportunists have tried to divert the struggle away from revolution. The pamphlet exposes the revisionist Commu-

nist Party USA in particular.

Written in a popular style with a number of photographs, the pamphlet discusses all the political issues related to the Tyler case—the death penalty, school busing, Klan terror, the oppression of youth, multinational unity, conditions in the rural Black Belt, etc. At the same time, the pamphlet relates the Tyler case to the struggle to build a new Marxist-Leninist party and the fight for a socialist society.

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# AFRICA DENOUNCES SHAM INDEPENDENCE

Developments in southern Africa over the last week have clearly demonstrated that the people of Zimbabwe, Namibia and Azania cannot be fooled by the sham "independence" schemes of the white supremacist regimes and will continue their struggle until genuine independence is won.

Nowhere was this point more clear than in South Africa, where the puppet "black homeland state" of the Transkei was granted its "independence" on October 26. The fraudulence of this "independence" scheme engineered by South Africa was so clear that not one country in the Organization of African Unity agreed to recognize the Transkei. The United Nations General Assembly voted 134-0 to prohibit all countries from even making contact with it.

The Nigerian delegate to the U.N., Leslie O. Harriman, stated, "It is a dark day to note that early this morning puppet chiefs appointed by the South African racist regime proclaimed the birth of the Transkei." He added that Transkei was the product of South Africa's attempt to maintain racial segregation by setting up "bantustans" which will be given sham independence while real oppression and exploitation of the country's 18 million blacks continue unabated.

For the last forty years, the top spokesmen for the racist apartheid government in South Africa have tried to undermine the liberation struggle of the Azanian people by promising "independence" for the black tribal homelands. Under the rule of Prime Minister John Vorster, the "bantustan" program has developed with the aim of giving sham independence to the 80%

black population on 13% of the country's most unfarmable lands.

While the economic and political life of the "independent" states will be entirely dominated by South Africa, black workers remaining in the white areas will become "foreign citizens" deprived of even the few political rights which have been won through the last decades of struggle.

The "independence" of Transkei, originally scheduled for the 1980s, was moved up to this year. Vorster is trying to move more rapidly towards "independence" for the bantustans in the vain hope of staving off the tide of liberation raging across South Africa.

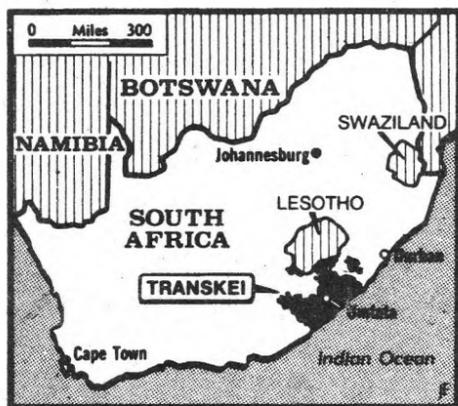
But no one is fooled by Transkei's "independence." The Transkei Development Corporation, owned and controlled by South Africa's biggest white capitalists, will oversee all economic development. The new Transkei government will be run by Chief Matanzima, a black tribal leader hand-picked for the job because of his loyalty to Vorster.

## XHOSA TRIBE OPPOSES REGIME

The people of the Xhosa tribe, who populate the Transkei, have bitterly opposed the racist regime's attempt to hide behind the mask of an "independent" puppet state. Thousands of activists were rounded-up and jailed by Matanzima in his attempt to insure that "independence day" would dawn peacefully. An October 16 celebration of "independence," sponsored by the South African government in Johannesburg, erupted into a militant confrontation between Xhosa and other Azanian people against the riot police.

The theater production of "Sizwe Banzi is Dead" was closed down by Chief Matanzima when it performed in the capital city of Umtata earlier in October. The play, performed by black actors, denounces the Transkei's independence as "meaningless."

The two main actors, John Kani and Winston Ntshona, both of the Xhosa tribe, were jailed by the Vorster regime until



TRANSKEI'S SHAM INDEPENDENCE was met with worldwide condemnation.



GUERRILLA FIGHTERS in Zimbabwe and throughout southern Africa are intensifying armed struggle. (Hsinhua photo)

after "independence" day. The broad mass movement that developed across South Africa demanding their release was a symbol of opposition to sham independence as well as apartheid.

Even while the Transkei farce was being celebrated, new rebellions erupted in the black ghettos of Soweto and Johannesburg, where the flames of liberation have been burning constantly since last June.

The U.S. imperialists, who have propped up apartheid rule in South Africa with billions of dollars in arms and investments, are also backing the Transkei scheme. Although fear of angering the independent African countries has kept the U.S. from recognizing Transkei, the U.S. abstained on the United Nations resolution prohibiting contact with the puppet state.

## U.S. SEEKS BUSINESS WITH TRANSKEI

In fact, the U.S. representative openly stated that the U.S. would seek "business dealings" with Transkei. It is also believed that the U.S. will seek a naval base at Port St. Johns in the Transkei as a new foothold for contention with the Soviet social-imperialists in the Indian Ocean.

Elsewhere in southern Africa, other white supremacist schemes for phony "majority rule" or "independence" are being rejected by the African people. The Geneva Conference on Zimbabwe opened October 28, with several African guerrilla leaders denouncing the plan worked out by Henry Kissinger and Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith to bring about majority rule "peacefully" over the next two years. On Nov. 1, the Rhodesian racists showed they have no intention of giving up peacefully when they conducted a savage raid into Mozambique, "eliminating guerrillas."

In Namibia (Southwest Africa), the guerrilla struggle is also intensifying. South Africa has refused to grant the ter-

ritory its right to self-determination demanded by the United Nations. Similar to the situation in the Transkei, the South African authorities are currently holding a phony "constitutional conference" aimed at setting up a puppet government in Namibia.

The conference is also an attempt to undermine the influence of SWAPO (Southwest African Peoples Organization), the liberation front which has been internationally recognized as the representative of the Namibian people. Even the phony constitutional conference erupted into a confrontation last week when some of the delegates representing people of mixed black and white ancestry charged that the conference was being run by whites with a "master-slave relationship."

The phony independence schemes for Zimbabwe, Namibia and Transkei are all backed to one degree or another by the U.S. But the Soviet superpower's domination of Angola is continuing to deprive the people there of genuine independence as well. The Soviet-Cuban military force remains in Angola, with estimates of its size ranging from 12,000 to 20,000 troops. Even with this massive occupying force and the most sophisticated weapons, the Soviet social-imperialists are no more able to wipe out the liberation struggle than the U.S. and Portuguese were before them. Heavy guerrilla fighting is still taking place in much of Angola's countryside.

The resistance of the African people to all the new superpower schemes to re-enslave them is a great example and inspiration to the international struggle against imperialism and the two superpowers. Armed with determination as well as guns, the Azanian, Namibian, Zimbabwean and Angolan people are certain to win their genuine independence and liberation.

## Indian people fight fascist sterilizations

Indira Gandhi, India's fascist prime minister, was forced to admit last week that many people had been killed by her special police during protests against forced sterilizations.

Both the police killings as well as the policy of forced sterilizations are typical examples of the attacks on the Indian people which have occurred during the 16 months since the "State of Emergency" was declared in June 1975.

In admitting that the killings had taken place, Gandhi tried to downplay the extent of the terror as well as the scope of the sterilization campaign. "Some deaths have taken place due to firing," she said, as if police bullets had accidentally killed a few people. Actually, pitched battles have been fought in a number of villages and cities where armed peasants have risen up against the "family planning" teams sent to sterilize both men and women.

In the incident Gandhi referred to, 50 people were killed and 150 wounded. All were Moslems whose religion prohibits sterilization. The sterilization campaign was developed by the Indian reactionaries with help from their main economic backer, the Soviet Union. In order to cover up the real causes of poverty and misery among the Indian people—namely exploitation by the imperialists and Indian capitalists—the government preaches that the only solution is "drastic population reduction."

In her speech to the rubber-stamp parliament, Gandhi said, "We do not approve

of compulsory sterilization." However, the facts speak louder than her lies. In many areas, no one can hold a job without being sterilized. Peddlars and cab drivers lose their licenses if they don't submit to vasectomies. An article in the Times of India last July 13 exposed that in some big cities "Family planning workers...who fail to bring in 50% of the target fixed for sterilization cases will be suspended."

In one four-month period, from June to September of this year, 2 million people were sterilized, some 600,000 alone in New Delhi. The government hopes to sterilize 6 to 10 million more by the end of the year. Many people have died due to complications from these operations carried out in "sidewalk offices" all over India. "Compensation" is awarded to the spouses in the amount of \$500 for the loss.

The revisionists of the Communist Party of India (CPI) have jumped in to praise Gandhi's ruthless fascist dictatorship and the reactionary sterilization policy, as have Brezhnev and the Soviet revisionists. "Thanks to firm measures," the CPI's General Secretary stated recently, "the forces of reaction were defeated."

As usual, the revisionists have turned reality on its head. In fact, "firm measures" like the sterilizations have kindled the sparks of rebellion among the masses of people which are aimed at the real reactionaries—the Gandhi fascists and their imperialist and social-imperialist backers.

## From the World Press



Just before the elections in West Germany last month, Roter Morgen, newspaper of the Communist Party of Germany/M-L (KPD-ML), carried an article exposing the phony prophecies of all the candidates on their ability to wipe out unemployment. Almost a million workers are currently unemployed in West Germany, with a very high percentage of youth unemployment.

"The aim of bourgeois prophecies about 'liquidating unemployment' and entering an 'economic boom' is very clear," says the article. "To arouse hopes and illusions among the working people, they try to create the impression that crisis is something transitory and in the future; not only will the capitalist profits increase, but the workers' income as well."

"But facts prove the contrary. The real cause of unemployment is a matter of the system of capitalist society. The much-praised 'economic boom' is in fact a boom for capitalist profits, taking place while the condition of the working class and other working people has been absolutely aggravated." Among the 950,000 who are officially unemployed, many women are not counted, and hundreds of thousands of immigrant workers also laid off are not counted because they have been deported after years of exploitation in West Germany.

"The duty of the working class," the article concludes, "is to strengthen the class struggle in opposition to the campaign of illusions spread by the bourgeoisie. The working class must deal more and more powerful blows to the monopoly bourgeoisie and its state apparatus until the final destruction of the capitalist order."

## REPORT FROM MINNESOTA'S ASPARAGUS FIELDS

# Migrant workers fight starvation

The following article comes from correspondents in Minnesota who, inspired by a Call article on Chicano sugar beet workers (July 12), decided to write about conditions of migrant workers in their area who work picking and canning asparagus. The correspondents point out that their article "is the product of fruitful cooperation between Chicano and white workers, and between Marxist-Leninists and advanced workers." They add, "We wrote the article based on first-hand investigation and experience of the conditions described, after consultation with migrant workers and organizers in Minnesota and with resident white workers."

The vast majority of Minnesota migrant farmworkers, including asparagus workers, are Chicanos from western and lower Texas. They are among the millions of workers forced by the imperialist exploitation of Mexico to make their home in the United States, only to find themselves oppressed here by the same enemy.

All of the asparagus workers are employed by the Owatonna Canning Company of Owatonna, Minnesota, and work asparagus fields throughout Steele and Dodge counties.

To entice the Chicanos to travel the long distance from Texas to Minnesota, company recruiters paint a rosy picture of the "excellent" working and living conditions and wages. They also imply that the work clearance orders,

an agreement between the state employment agencies of Minnesota and Texas on working conditions for each migrant, are legally binding contracts that guarantee the protection of the workers.

In fact, the wages are at starvation level, the living and working conditions are dismal, and the laws protect only the growers' right to make a profit.

During the asparagus season, workers live in one of the company's eight work camps. The worst camps, Meriden and Cashman, are nothing but wooden shacks.

In fact, Cashman was originally a prison camp during World War II. Some camps are surrounded by high wire fences, suggesting concentration camps.

Only the few crew chiefs have

private bathrooms, and the public baths are dirty and inadequate. When the workers are picking wet fields, the floors of the restrooms become mudholes. The company, unwilling to spend money for private bathrooms, claims that the migrants would not take care of them anyway.

Adding to the health hazards, the drinking water in the camps is often contaminated, causing severe illness, especially among the children.

### CONDITIONS ARE ROTTEN

Conditions in the fields are equally rotten. In an endlessly repeated process, the workers walk a row of asparagus, picking from one side of a field to the other. Scales on each side of the field weigh and record the amount picked. Then the pickers unload the baskets into boxes which are trucked to the company for canning.

On top of this, the workers must "clean" the fields as they pick, by pulling weeds and breaking off unusable asparagus. Since they are paid only for the asparagus weighed, the cleaning and boxing operations are free labor for the company.

### SIX CENTS A POUND

The wage is only 6 cents a pound, a rate that has not been raised for at least 12 years. The company has made a pretense of meeting federal minimum wage requirements by paying 15 cents for "bad" fields, but, in fact, an average day's picking turns out to be about 300 pounds of asparagus, or about \$1.50 per hour for a 12 hour day—well below the minimum wage.

In order for the workers to survive under these conditions, they must put in as many hours per day as possible. Every member of the family, including toddlers and elderly people beyond re-

tirement age, must work in the fields, often against a doctor's advice. A 12-14 hour working day, 7 days a week is common during the height of the season.

When charged with flagrant violations of federal and state laws regarding minimum wage, child labor, housing, etc., company officials either lie outright or blame "Chicano culture" for the degrading conditions under which the migrants must work and live.

These conditions are a clear example of imperialist oppression of national minorities. Heaping national oppression on top of class oppression, the big capitalists, like Owatonna, wring especially big profits from the labor of the Chicano workers.

At the same time, white workers in rural Minnesota are also victims of imperialist exploitation. Many have been forced to sell their small farms to the same big growers, and now work alongside Chicano migrant workers in the canneries during harvest season. Here the super-exploita-

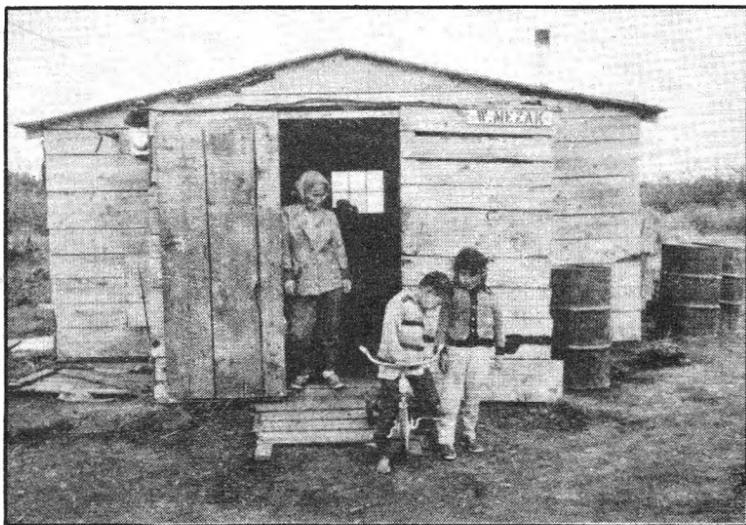
tion of the Chicano keeps wages low and working conditions bad for everyone.

Unity between local resident workers, who are mainly white, and the migrant workers, who are mainly Chicano, is essential to improving the conditions for everyone. Theirs is a common struggle against the big growers.

### ORGANIZING IN THE FIELDS

Throughout the fields of the Midwest and Northern states, migrant workers are getting organized. The struggle of Minnesota's migrant sugar beet workers, who have organized the Association of Sugar Beet Workers, is sure to have its effects on asparagus workers among whom there is a growing sentiment for unionization. But their conditions have been largely ignored by national labor unions. The United Farm Workers Union, for example, has only sent boycott organizers to Minnesota who are not permitted to organize the union in the fields.

The same deplorable conditions of Minnesota's Chicano asparagus workers are faced by migrant workers from Florida to California. The source of the starvation, ill health, and early death is the imperialist system itself, whose thirst for profits reaches from Mexico to Minnesota.



MIGRANT WORKERS from California to Minnesota suffer sub-human conditions at the hands of agri-business interests.

## ANTI-DEPORTATION ACTIVISTS REHIRED IN GARMENT SHOP

Los Angeles, Calif.—Workers at Davis Pleating Co. won a victory last week, when two workers, including a union steward, were re-hired with back pay after months of protest by the rank and file. They had been fired for organizing a movement in the shop against deportations and attacks on minority workers.

The firings occurred after a stormy union meeting last August 10. Shop steward Robert Valentine had seized the microphone to speak for the more than 300 workers who had crowded into the room. He denounced the bureaucrats of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) for working hand-in-hand with the immigration agents. Following the meeting, the ILGWU suspended Valentine from the union, and collaborated with the firing of Valentine and another worker.

While Davis Pleating was forced to rehire the two workers in arbitration hearings Oct. 29, the ILGWU had already held a kangaroo court Oct. 20 to try Valentine for the phony charge of "conduct unbecoming a union member."

On the day of the hearing, Valentine passed out an open letter to all Davis Pleating workers. It explained that the bureaucrats back deportations as part of their attacks on the rank and file, hoping to promote divisions among the workers and weaken the growing opposition within the union to their own sell-out policies.

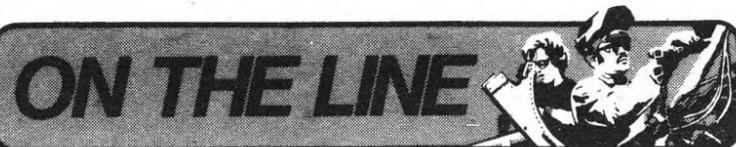
The bureaucrats tried to counter the broad support for Valentine by threatening to photograph and get fired any workers who attended the hearing. They even went so far as to publish an article in the local Spanish language newspaper *El Express*, claiming that if immigration raided Davis Pleating again, it would be Valentine's fault for "drawing attention to the fact that there were undocumented workers in the plant."

But in the face of these threats and attacks, over 30 workers accompanied Valentine to the "trial," demanding that all charges be dropped. ILGWU hacks closed the door on the workers, while a four-man team voted to expel Valentine and fined him \$500. Nevertheless, both Valentine and his fel-

low worker are back on the job.

Over the past few months, since the August firing, support for Valentine has been linked to building a rank-and-file movement against the efforts of the ILGWU bureaucrats, the government and immigration officials to attack the workers at Davis Pleating. Petitions to get Valentine reinstated had also called for union defense of all workers' rights and an end to fascist deportations. These petitions circulated throughout the plant with more than 80 workers signing in one day alone.

In an interview with *The Call*, Valentine explained that first his firing and now his expulsion from the union, are "attacks on all workers." It's an attempt, he stressed, "to smash rank-and-file unity and prevent our building a strong workers' movement in the union that will defend and fight for the interests of the workers and put an end to the collaborationist ILGWU leadership. Now that we're back on the job," he added, "the fight will only intensify."



## D.C. unemployment battle

By a Washington, D.C., worker correspondent—

Georgetown University Hospital, like most employers, is not satisfied with exploiting us on the job and firing us to cut costs. They also try to cheat workers out of hard won unemployment benefits.

The hospital employs a consulting firm—Reed, Roberts Associates—which does nothing but try to get workers' unemployment benefits denied or maximum penalties given. Reed, Roberts is a parasite of a sick economy that is forcing millions of workers off their jobs and speeding up the ones who are left. It profits from the economic crisis—the way bail bondsmen, loan sharks and professional eviction companies do—directly from the suffering of the working class.

This firm is one of five in the D.C. area that search for infringements to keep workers from getting full benefits. Reed, Roberts works for most of the large hospitals and hotels here, and nationally for Pizza Hut, Hyatt, Macke, etc.

Georgetown imposed a "job freeze" in July as a result of the economic crisis. Many people are now doing the work of two. Many others have been fired—especially workers who protest unfair treatment and bad conditions or who worked in the union drive last spring. Fired workers are carrying on their fight for jobs and income both at the hospital and against Reed, Roberts at the unemployment office.

Some have gone to the Unemployment Board together to demand full benefits. The D.C. Unite to Fight Back is also lending support. On October 21, the Fight Back and two fired Georgetown workers demanded and received two checks which had been withheld for a month!

Workers will continue to fight wherever the ruling class attacks us—at our workplaces, the Unemployment Board, or through its agents like Reed, Roberts.

## Fight forced overtime

Los Angeles, Calif.—Workers at GM Southgate voted Oct. 17 at their union meeting against all overtime, demanding that the Woodcock misleadership suspend overtime nationally until a contract is agreed on. They also passed a resolution denouncing the Ford contract, imposed on workers by UAW bureaucrats. "We are unwilling to settle for the terms agreed upon with Ford," said the telegram sent by rank-and-file demand to the UAW national headquarters.

This protest is only one of a long series of rank-and-file protests to spread across the country since UAW announced ratification of the sell-out Ford contract. A number of large Ford plants in Ohio, Georgia, and California, for example, refused the contract and remained on strike, despite the UAW vote. Ford, GM and Chrysler workers alike have singled out the phony "short work week" provision in the new contract which does nothing to limit the long hours of forced overtime or speed-up, and tries to pass off a few paid holidays as a substitute for the workers' demand of a four-day week.

# RESISTANCE BUILDS TO NEW SOVIET TSARS

Despite the strict rule of the fascist dictatorship in the Soviet Union and its censorship of all news of internal resistance, the movement of the Soviet working class and the various oppressed nationalities is making itself heard.

The Soviet bosses have promoted the revisionist notion that the USSR is a "state of the whole people" with no antagonistic class contradictions. But the mass resistance that is growing inside the country illustrates that oppression breeds resistance. In an imperialist country like the Soviet Union, just as in the United States, the struggle of the working class is bound to lead to revolution and socialism.

The Soviet people have a long, proud history of revolutionary struggle. It was here that the first socialist country was born 59 years ago in the storm of the October revolution. Under the leadership of Lenin, and later Stalin, the USSR smashed the rule of imperialism and defeated the attempts by class enemies both inside and outside the country to make a comeback. It wasn't until the late 1950s that Khrushchev and company were able to seize power in the state and the party and embark on the road of the complete and all-round restoration of capitalism.

## FASCIST ASSAULT BY NEW TSARS

In the process, the new tsars unleashed a monstrous fascist assault on the rights of the working people and especially against the oppressed nationalities. Fascism has been necessary to keep down the heroic determination of the Soviet peoples. However, like the Hitler fascists in Germany, the actual carrying out of fascism is combined with rhetoric about "socialism." Socialist demagoguery is combined with open terror to chain the masses ideologically as well as attack them physically.

In recent years, the Soviet people have begun to organize themselves once again. Operating in the most secret of methods to avoid arrest, jailing, torture and mental hospitals, the resistance movement has issued leaflets, manifestos and agitation and propaganda against the rule of the Brezhnev regime. Strikes, which are illegal, have become widespread throughout the country. Resistance has also grown among the peasantry and within the military. Soviet and world press confirm a new wave of revolutionary struggle unfolding.

## WORKERS PROTEST 25TH CONGRESS

When the 25th Congress of the Soviet revisionist party was convened last February, for example, the workers at a telecommunication plant of more than 20,000 workers in Leningrad struck in defiance of suppression by troops and police. At the same time, leaflets were issued in the streets calling on the Soviet people of all nationalities to unite and overthrow the reaction-

ary rule of the new tsars.

The leaflet said: "We have seen with our own eyes that the Soviet Union has entirely turned into a traditional prison of great-Russianism for the Soviet people of various nationalities." The leaflet attacked Brezhnev and company for their use of "concentration camps and 'psychopathic hospitals.'"

It adds: "Through KGB terror, deceptive propaganda and economic pressure, the new tsars endeavor to keep the peoples in fear. . ." The leaflet called on the Soviet people of all nationalities and the oppressed people of the Eastern European countries to unite and fight against the national and social oppression by the new tsars in the Kremlin.

## OTHER SIGNS OF RESISTANCE

Other signs of resistance were seen on April 12 when a bomb exploded outside the government building in the capital city of Georgia, the home of the great Soviet leader J.V. Stalin. The process of capitalist restoration began with a slanderous attack on Stalin by the Khrushchev revisionists. This bombing was one of many acts of opposition by the Georgian people, who have never lost their love for Stalin and for socialism.

On October 5, an 84-year-old veteran of 58 years in the party announced his withdrawal from the CPSU in an open letter to Brezhnev. He denounced the present regime for autocratic rule and militarism at home. He accused the Soviet leaders of forming a "privileged caste" and "wallowing in wealth, isolated from the people, riding roughshod over them. . ."

He added that, "While preaching 'international detente' and 'peaceful coexistence,' the Soviet Union is in fact amassing nuclear weapons and rockets at an even faster rate and preparing a new generation of mass destruction weapons and for wars of aggression."

## REVOLT IN ARMED FORCES

Some of the most open signs of revolt have come from within the armed forces which the Brezhnev regime is preparing for a new world war. Just like the thousands of U.S. soldiers in Vietnam and Cambodia who revolted when they saw first-hand the injustice of their government's actions, the Soviet troops are being affected by the orders they are forced to carry out.

Soldiers of certain units have refused to carry out orders to crush strikes and rebellions. Many soldiers among the Soviet occupation troops in Czechoslovakia openly showed discontent and some even sided with the Czech people who resisted the invasion and permanent occupation.

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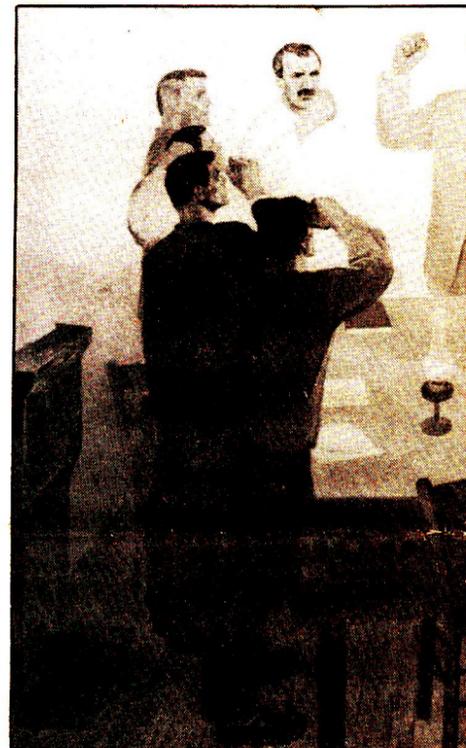
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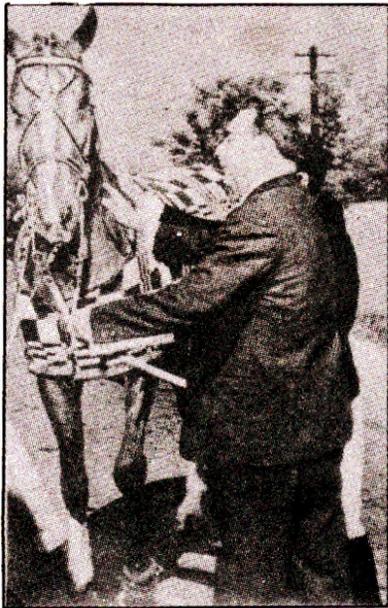
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We wish your Congress great success in carrying out all its decisions and express our warmest feelings of solidarity with the Albanian people in continuing our common struggle against imperialism and the two superpowers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, against the forces of modern revisionism, and for the victory of communism.

With communist greetings,  
Central Committee, October League (M-L)

and socialist revolution. Albania has also played a crucial role in the international fight against revisionism, never fearing to stand up to the intimidation of the new tsars in the Soviet Union and to expose the restoration of capitalism there.

On the eve of these historic events, the 10th plenary session of the Central Committee of the Party of Labor of Albania was convened under the chairmanship of

Enver Hoxha, first secretary of the Central Committee. The meeting discussed several reports to be presented to the Seventh Party Congress. Enver Hoxha's report on the work of the Central Committee and an economic report for the five-year plan to cover 1976-1980 were both adopted unanimously. In concluding the meeting, Comrade Enver Hoxha delivered a major address.

Leading up to the congress, the Albanian press has been printing letters from friends and comrades in many foreign countries showing the great support and enthusiasm for Albania's development which is held by workers all over the world. A comrade from Spain extended revolutionary greetings to the congress and said that Albania's victories are a "testimony to the Marxist-Leninist line of the Party of Labor, fruits of the great creative work and the high revolutionary spirit of a heroic people."

To celebrate the congress and party anniversary, a number of new industrial projects were opened recently. A spare parts plant for the textile industry, the first of its kind, was just opened, as was a new coal-enriching factory.

Albania's youth have been especially active in organizing for the congress, and a number of delegations of youth activists were recently received by top ranking party officials. One delegation representing youth from three districts visited the house where the party was founded, now a museum.

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None of these three lines express the correct assessment that the two superpowers together constitute the main enemy and should be consistently opposed, while striking the main blow at the Soviet social-imperialists who are the more dangerous and the main source of war.

Now the conference has taken a new turn. The October 15 issue of Revolution announces that "to make it easier for some groups to participate, the three lines that the conference was structured around were changed to four."

What is the new fourth line of the conference? Has the RCP at last seen the bankruptcy of all three formulations and put forward a Marxist-Leninist position?

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# MOBILIZES FOR SEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS

## OL message to Albania's Party of Labor

On behalf of the October League (Marxist-Leninist) of the United States, we express our heart-felt greetings on the glorious occasion of the Seventh Congress of the Party of Labor of Albania.

In the 35 years since the founding of the PLA, the party under the leadership of comrade Enver Hoxha has charted the path for the Albanian people in winning national independence, defeating fascism and imperialism, and forging a strong, socialist Albania.

We wish your Congress great success in carrying out all its decisions and express our warmest feelings of solidarity with the Albanian people in continuing our common struggle against imperialism and the two superpowers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, against the forces of modern revisionism, and for the victory of communism.

With communist greetings,  
Central Committee, October League (M-L)



ALBANIA'S LIBERATION was won through armed struggle against the Nazi occupiers. (ATA photo)

Enver Hoxha, first secretary of the Central Committee. The meeting discussed several reports to be presented to the Seventh Party Congress. Enver Hoxha's report on the work of the Central Committee and an economic report for the five-year plan to cover 1976-1980 were both adopted unanimously. In concluding the meeting, Comrade Enver Hoxha delivered a major address.

Leading up to the congress, the Albanian press has been printing letters from friends and comrades in many foreign countries showing the great support and enthusiasm for Albania's development which is held by workers all over the world. A comrade from Spain extended revolutionary greetings to the congress and said that Albania's victories are a "testimony to the Marxist-Leninist line of the Party of Labor, fruits of the great creative work and the high revolutionary spirit of a heroic people."

To celebrate the congress and party anniversary, a number of new industrial projects were opened recently. A spare parts plant for the textile industry, the first of its kind, was just opened, as was a new coal-enriching factory.

Albania's youth have been especially active in organizing for the congress, and a number of delegations of youth activists were recently received by top ranking party officials. One delegation representing youth from three districts visited the house where the party was founded, now a museum.

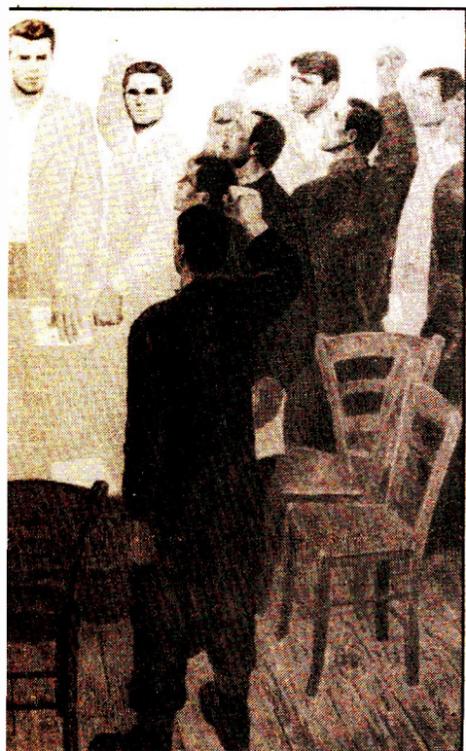
They declared their determination to carry on the class struggle under socialism.

These young workers and peasants said that continuing class struggle will strengthen the productive forces and lead to more powerful defense of the country, which is especially important in light of superpower military build-up in Europe.

Great strides were recently reported by health workers, who are summing up their area of work in preparation for the congress. The state guarantees its citizens free medical service and treatment in health institutions throughout the country. Tremendous importance has been placed on develop-

ment of the countryside, where new, well-equipped hospitals have been set up in all districts.

The backbone behind these advances has been the working class in alliance with the peasantry and the leadership given by the party. The Seventh Congress will undoubtedly deepen the party's revolutionary political line and set high goals for the future. Albania, known as the "lighthouse of socialism" in Europe, will continue to inspire the international working class forward to new victories.



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## THREE-RING CIRCUS S FOURTH RING

third line held that the Soviet Union alone is the main enemy of the world's people (represented by William Hinton). Apparently Irwin Silber has now chosen not to participate, fearing exposure of his line. The latest issue of the Guardian tried to put as much distance between the Guardian and the conference as possible. But Silber's centrist line is still represented with or without his participation.

None of these three lines express the correct assessment that the two superpowers together constitute the main enemy and should be consistently opposed, while striking the main blow at the Soviet social-imperialists who are the more dangerous and the main source of war.

Now the conference has taken a new turn. The October 15 issue of Revolution announces that "to make it easier for some groups to participate, the three lines that the conference was structured around were changed to four."

What is the new fourth line of the conference? Has the RCP at last seen the bankruptcy of all three formulations and put forward a Marxist-Leninist position?

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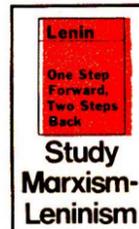
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## Lenin fights for unified vanguard party



Beginning with this issue of *The Call*, we will carry a series of articles on the study of V.I. Lenin's classic work, *One Step Forward, Two Steps Back*. This study is crucial for gaining an understanding of the Marxist-Leninist approach to party building, the central task of all communists in the U.S. today.

Presently, the Organizing Committee for a New Marxist-Leninist Party (OC) has mobilized all of its participating organizations in studying *One Step Forward, Two Steps Back* to prepare for the formation of the new party and the first congress. Combined with a study of the concrete conditions of our own movement, Lenin's work is a brilliant guiding light in forging the party and in fighting revisionism and all forms of opportunism.

Like all classic works of Marxism-Leninism, *One Step Forward* was written as a weapon in the struggle against opportunism. In the period leading up to and following the Second Congress of the Russian Social-Democratic Labor Party (RSDLP) in 1903, Lenin led the struggle to reconstitute the party along revolutionary lines and opposed the opportunism of the Mensheviks, especially on matters of organization. The congress revealed that the Mensheviks were the main opponents of Marxism within the ranks of the working-class movement.

Lenin devoted months of effort to the writing of this rich work, making a thorough study of the minutes and resolutions of the Second Congress and of all of the speeches and inner-party documents. With this accurate documentation, he was able to draw a clear line of demarcation between the Menshevik opportunists and the genuine communist trend which had been organized earlier around the newspaper *Iskra*.

It was in this book that Lenin successfully defended the principle of a single, unified party against the line of maintaining

the small, local circles with their primitiveness and disorganization. In opposition to the Mensheviks, who called for a diffuse party without firm discipline, Lenin fought for a tightly organized party, built solidly on the clearest and firmest of communist principles. Lenin showed that program and political line had to be concretized into the organizational form of the vanguard party.

The Mensheviks opposed democratic-centralism and advocated many centers and autonomy of different factions in the party. Lenin, however, fought to establish the party as a single center with firm centralism as well as inner-party democracy and for a party with unity of action and unity of will.

*One Step Forward, Two Steps Back* brings the inner-party struggle to life and clarifies questions that are of vital importance to our movement today. At a time when the unity trend represented by the OC is leading the struggle to build a single, unified communist party on the basis of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, the opponents of the party have come forward with various anti-party attacks and formed themselves into anti-party blocs.

Nowhere is their opportunism more outstanding than on matters of organization. Like the Mensheviks, these anti-party opportunists demand that the local circles, which today are a hindrance on our movement, be maintained. They fear supervision from the masses and refuse to give up their autonomy.

The study of *One Step Forward, Two Steps Back* is a mighty sword against the anti-party opportunists of our day and against the line of modern revisionism on party building. We call on all of our readers to take up the study of this immortal work of Lenin's with us and to organize study circles around this book. We urge readers to write in comments and applications of the study to today's conditions.

# CHINA...

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Chun-chiao and Yao Wen-yuan.

A joint editorial published on October 25 by the People's Army, Red Flag Journal, and the Liberation Army Daily says that the Wang - Chang - Chiang - Yao clique had been factionalizing and attempting to split the party for a long time. The editorial, entitled "A Great, Historic Victory," points out that Chairman Mao himself had criticized the four again and again and urged them to stop their wrecking activities. The article cites several examples.

Among them was a warning to the four made by Mao on July 17, 1974, when he said: "You'd better take care; don't form a small faction of four people." Again on December 24 of the same year, he said, "Don't form a faction; those that do will fall."

## MAO'S WARNINGS

During preparations for the convening of the Fourth National People's Congress at the end of 1974, Chairman Mao warned that "Chiang Ching has wild ambitions. She wants Wang Hung-wen to be chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and herself to become Chairman of the Party Central Committee."

Finally, the article points out that on May 3, 1975, at a meeting of the Politburo of the Central Committee, Chairman Mao reminded the four of the "three do's and three don'ts" in carrying out inner-party struggle and warned them: "Don't function as a gang of four, don't do it anymore. Why do you keep on doing it?"

The "three do's and three don'ts" are Chairman Mao's instructions to "practice Marxism-Leninism and not revisionism; unite and don't split; be open and above board, and don't intrigue and conspire."

But the anti-party clique did not heed Chairman Mao's warnings. They did not make a self-criticism, but got even worse. During the period right before and after Chairman Mao died, their attempts to wreck the party by underhandedly seizing power became even more frantic and flagrant.

Over many years, the counter-revolutionary behavior of the "gang of four" succeeded in isolating them from the masses. This is why their exposure and defeat was welcomed so warmly by the Chinese people.

The people's satisfaction at being able to redress their grievances was expressed in an article on the current struggle by the Pingshan County Party Committee. The committee wrote: "We suffered deeply from the revisionism the 'gang of four' had practiced, which greatly enraged us. For a long time, we have wanted to settle accounts with them."

The Pingshan Party Committee also accused the "gang of four" of "tampering with Chairman Mao's thesis that revisionism is the main danger at present," and of teaching instead that the main danger was "empiricism."

In China's biggest city, Shanghai, where 6.5 million people participated in recent demonstrations, the staff of the Lu Hsun Memorial Hall added to the criticism of the four when they revealed the identity of the hidden capitalist-roader in the party who was denounced 40 years ago by the great revolutionary poet and cultural worker Lu Hsun. The staff said that it was Chang Chun-Chiao, one of the gang of four, under the pseudonym of Ti Ke, who Lu Hsun had criticized for pretending to be a revolutionary, while all the time working in the service of the Kuo-mintang.

## WELCOME PARTY DECISIONS

The Chinese people have welcomed the recent party decisions because they show that under the leadership of Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, their country will continue along the path laid by Chairman Mao, carry out the class struggle under socialism, and strengthen the dictatorship of the proletariat. But the imperialists, social-imperialists and their apologists in the workers' movement are trying to spread their own wishful thinking that the current struggle means that China's political color will no longer be red.

Bourgeois press reports, for example, have characterized the struggle as being between "moderates" and "radicals," revealing hopes that under Chairman Hua's

leadership, China will "moderate" her fight against imperialism and become more "reasonable."

Typical of the China watchers' analyses of events was an October 22 article in the New York Times which predicted that under Chairman Hua's leadership, "China would become more bureaucratic and less revolutionary." "There is no doubt," the article said, "that many Chinese (have) grown weary of Mao's constant and disruptive demands."

These "experts" have twisted events in China to prove the bourgeois theory of human nature—that the masses have inevitably grown "tired of waging class struggle."

The Soviet social-imperialists also have been testing the waters. In spite of the rejection of the message of condolence from the CP of the Soviet Union to the CPC after Chairman Mao's death, Brezhnev sent another party-to-party message last week congratulating Hua Kuo-feng on being party chairman. The Chinese party once again returned the message, pointing out that the two countries have no party-to-party relations.

## SLANDERS BY REVISIONISTS

The distortions and slanders of the imperialists have been echoed by the revisionists in the U.S., who especially hope that China will repudiate its leading role in opposing Soviet social-imperialism. In a September 19 article, they speculated that, with Chairman Mao's death, forces more favorable to the USSR would come to power.

The centrist Guardian, which has been openly attacking China for months, for its part, called capitalist-roader Teng Hsiao-ping a "close associate of Chou En-lai" on Oct. 27. In addition, the Guardian echoes the bourgeoisie by claiming to use the terms "moderate" and "radical" for "convenience" because the "struggles within the CPC are so complex that few, if any, outsiders" can understand them.

The view of the bourgeois press is that the Chinese people have been kept "in the dark" as passive observers of a "power struggle" in the party. In fact, socialist China is witnessing one of the great movements of proletarian democracy in history. In every factory and community, in the cities and the countryside, party cadres have been meeting with the people, discussing the traitorous actions of the "gang of four."

The developments in China stand in sharp contrast to the U.S. Here, the elections are being used to hide the capitalists' dictatorship. In China, the masses are being mobilized to exercise the workers' dictatorship over a handful of capitalists like the "gang of four."

# DEMOS SET TO FREE TYLER

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Nov. 6 rally at Safety Bldg. at 1:00 P.M. Car caravan begins at 11:00 A.M. on 34th St. between North and Meinecke.

HARTFORD, CONN.—Nov. 6 demonstration at 1:00 P.M. at park at Main St. and Albany Ave. Car caravans leaving Baltimore, New York City and Washington D.C. areas.

DETROIT, MICH.—Nov. 6 demonstration, Federal Bldg., 1:00 P.M.

CINCINNATI, OHIO—Nov. 6 march through the Black community of Avondale to be followed by a rally at 1:00 P.M. at Lexington and Redding Rd.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Nov. 6 picketline starting at 11:00 A.M. at the Firestone Sheriff's Dept. station.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Nov. 10 picketline at Oakland City Hall at 3:30 P.M. Also, there will be a dance the evening of Nov. 13 at the UAW Local 1364 union hall to raise funds for Gary Tyler defense efforts.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Nov. 10 demonstration at the Supreme Court Bldg., 10:00 A.M., as Tyler presents appeal for new trial.

HOUSTON, Tex.—Nov. 7 rally at Kelly Court housing project at 2:00 P.M. Cultural performances and bands will also be featured.

TAMPA, FLA.—Nov. 6 march leaving at 10:00 A.M. from the Tampa Workers Committee office at 3816 29th St. Returning later for a rally.

ATLANTA, GA.—Nov. 6 march and rally, Perry Homes, 2:00 P.M.

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has now dropped in the course of becoming revisionist.

Norris, after his release from a 15-year prison term, was forced to flee the state of Alabama because racist police and prison officials were trying to throw him back in jail on a phony "parole violation." This was 23 years ago, and when Norris recently asked for a pardon, he was told that he had to return to Alabama and face certain imprisonment or worse.

He refused, knowing full well the Klan-style "justice" that has always been in store for him. However, widespread protest forced Alabama officials last week to reluctantly grant Norris' pardon. This victory, and the successes of the great campaign to free the Scottsboro Boys during the 1930s, provide much inspiration and many valuable lessons in our fight to free Gary Tyler today.

## VALUABLE LESSONS

One of these lessons is that the capitalist courts, police, and secret terrorists like the KKK will never willingly cease their attacks on Black people. As in the struggle to free the Scottsboro Boys, the road to victory in the Tyler freedom movement lies in mobilizing tens of thousands of people to take to the streets, opposing this particular injustice and giving voice to the demand of the Afro-American people for self-determination.

To build for this week's demonstrations, mass leafleting is going on in the factories, communities, and schools of dozens of cities. One of the largest demonstrations will be in New Orleans on Nov. 10. The People's Defense Coalition to Free Gary Tyler (PDC) has called for a mass protest outside the Supreme Court Bldg. at 10:00 A.M. as Tyler presents his demand for a new trial. The PDC includes the October League, Southern University of New Orleans Students, Ahidiana, the National Fight Back Organization, SCEF, and a number of community groups.

Another broad mobilization will take place in Hartford, Conn., on Nov. 6. People from throughout the New England area will demand freedom for Tyler and link this fight to the recent upsurge in the struggle of prisoners against fascist repression at the state prison in Somers, Conn.

Sponsors of the demonstration include the October League,

United Workers Committee of New York, D.C. Fightback, Boston Workers United to Fight Back, Bridgeport Workers' Organization (M-L), Boston Unity Collective, Communist Youth Organization, Prisoners' Survival Organization of New Hampshire, and Gary Tyler defense committees in several New England cities. They are raising demands to "Free Gary Tyler," "Stop Fascist Repression at Somers," "Abolish the Death Penalty," and "Self-Determination for the Afro-American Nation."

In addition to the 92,000 signatures on petitions demanding the immediate release of Tyler, growing support is coming in from many quarters. At its Oct. 16 state convention, the Colorado Federation of Teachers unanimously voted to "join a broad coalition of labor and civil rights organizations in demanding immediate freedom for Gary Tyler," and stated that their organization "supports the full democratic rights of Black people."

Another union, UAW Local 724 in Denver, has also endorsed and will participate in a demonstration to free Gary Tyler called by the October League and the Colorado Workers Unity Organization on Nov. 10.

## WORLDWIDE SUPPORT GROWS

Worldwide support for Gary Tyler is also growing rapidly. The Afro-Asian Latin American Peoples' Solidarity Committee in Canada has endorsed the Tyler freedom movement and will hold a demonstration Nov. 10 at the U.S. Consulate in Montreal.

In a letter to the PDC, they state that "the spirit of Gary Tyler reflects the fighting spirit of the oppressed Afro-American people and that spirit cannot be suppressed by the fascistic measures of U.S. imperialism." They are raising the slogans, "Free Gary Tyler! Down with the Death Penalty!" "From New Orleans to Johannesburg! Down with National Oppression and Racial Discrimination!" and "Death to Fascism! For the Emancipation of the Afro-American People!"

The November demonstrations will certainly bring many new working-class and national minority fighters into the ranks of the Tyler freedom struggle and into the fight against the capitalist system, which is responsible for Tyler's frame-up.

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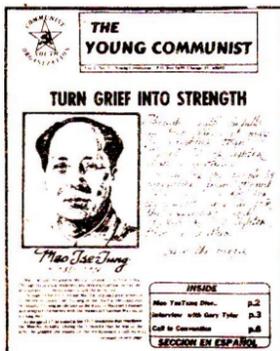
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