

400 Years of Slavery and Capitalism

LEGACY OF INJUSTICE BEHIND TYLER CASE

In the Angola State Prison, here in the plantation South, a Black youth waits on death row. The only force standing between Gary Tyler and the electric chair is a surging mass movement across the country that is demanding his immediate release and an end to the racist injustices committed against the Afro-American people.

What brought Gary Tyler to his present situation? Beneath the

well-known facts of the Tyler case, which by themselves vividly demonstrate that he is the victim of a racist frame-up, there lies a whole legacy of national oppression, stemming from the days of slavery. This legacy survives today, drawing into its web of oppression not only Gary Tyler but millions like him. The Gary Tyler case is but a single expression of the whole system of national oppression and racial injustice which is built into the

capitalist system. As such, the fight for his freedom must be closely linked to the working class struggle aimed at the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a socialist society.

In October of 1974, a racist mob attacked a school bus carrying Black students from a desegregated high school in Destrehan, La. A shot rang out, and a white student fell dead, the victim of an unknown assailant. But Tyler, who was on the bus, was singled out by the police because he protested police treatment of the Black students. One year later, he was convicted of murder by an all-white jury and sentenced to die in the electric chair. Retrial motions have been denied despite new evidence clearly proving his innocence.

It's no coincidence that this case takes place in the Black Belt South, the historic homeland of the Afro-American people. Chained to the land as slaves for centuries, Black people developed all the characteristics of a nation, especially through their revolts and resistance to oppression. Even though slavery was overthrown more than 100 years ago, Black people are still waging revolutionary struggle for the basic democratic rights they are denied both in the Black Belt and the northern cities where half the Black population now lives.

The fact that Gary Tyler was judged by an all-white court is typical of political conditions in today's Black Belt. Jurors, judges, sheriffs, bailiffs, tax collectors, the whole state machinery is run by and for a tiny white power structure, at whose core are the big planters, agribusiness interests, industrialists and bankers, with ties that go directly to Wall Street. The right to vote, which was an ele-



SUPPORT for Palestinians is shown by this demonstration in Iraq.

Upsurge in Palestine

With only stones and flaming sticks, thousands of Palestinians bravely fought Israeli Zionist troops in the West Bank town of Nablus May 16, demonstrating their determination to liberate their homeland.

The incident, which followed the murder of a young Arab girl by Israeli police, is part of the continuing revolutionary storm sweeping occupied Palestine and the whole Mideast. It took place during worldwide celebrations of "Palestine Week" which denounced the twenty-eighth anniversary of Zionist rule in Palestine. Major rallies in New York, Detroit and other U.S. cities demonstrated solidarity with Palestine.

Uprisings in the West Bank area have mobilized hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in recent weeks to protest Israeli expansion and aggression in the lands which have been occupied since the 1967 war. Some 68 Zionist settlements have been built recently on Palestinian lands, forming a military border to enslave the stolen lands and bring Israel into a stronger position for confronting Egypt and Syria.

Zionist officials make little pretense about the expansionist purpose of these settlements. Israeli Prime Minister Rabin said in April, "None of these settlements has

been built to be taken down again." General Sharon most clearly expressed the intentions of the Zionists when he said that the whole West Bank should be permanently absorbed into Israel, the Palestinians driven out, and "two million Jews brought to populate this part of Israel by the year 2000."

The policies being carried out by the Zionists today in the West

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FOODSTAMP CUTS HIT 5 MILLION

The ruling class is using massive cutbacks in the food stamp program to attack the growing strike movement. Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz, when questioned about the administration's proposed cuts, threatened strikers with starvation, saying, "a man leaving a job to go on strike" had no right to food stamps.

At issue is a new set of food stamp regulations which the administration was ready to implement on June 1. In addition to making striking workers ineligible for stamps, the new rules would cut 5.3 million people off the program and raise the cost of the stamps to those who are still eligible by 25%.

The new regulations are an attack especially on the lowest-

paid workers, including most women and minority workers. Already on the edge of poverty, these workers are the most likely to go hungry if they go on strike or are laid off. Under the new regulations, laid-off workers will be prohibited from applying for stamps until three months after their layoff.

Last week, in response to a suit filed by over 100 families, states, unions and private organizations, a federal judge blocked implementation of the regulations for at least 10 days.

The ruling class threats are bound to backfire. It is just these kinds of attacks that are exposing the myth of economic "recovery" and bringing more and more people into the streets in the growing fight for jobs or income.



Call Editorial:

Independence For Puerto Rico

The June 6 Puerto Rican Day Parade in New York City, bringing together half a million Puerto Rican people, is a show of strength and a tribute to the Puerto Rican heritage.

Faced with the recent upsurge in struggle, however, U.S. imperialism has called on its handful of supporters among the Puerto Rican population to try to make the parade a display of support for colonial rule. But no amount of U.S. manipulation can silence the growing demand for Puerto Rican independence.

Independence for Puerto Rico has been the just demand of the Puerto Rican people from the 1823 insurrection at Lares against Spain to the 1950 Jayuya uprising against the U.S.

Since imposing its colonial rule in 1898, under the guise of a "friend," the U.S. has plundered the island and impoverished the nation's people. More than 13% of the land has been turned into military bases. Once self-sufficient in agriculture, Puerto Rico must now import 90% of all agricultural goods.

The U.S. has also stripped the Puerto Rican people of their most basic rights, suppressing the Spanish language and Puerto Rico's national culture, forcibly sterilizing one-third of the women of child-bearing age, and forcing many thousands of Puerto Rican youth to die in imperialism's Korean and Indochinese wars.

U.S. corporations control about 80% of the island's industry. Their investments, topping the one-billion mark, bring tremendous superprofits to big U.S. capitalists. But they have brought such severe unemployment and poverty to the island that more than two million Puerto Ricans have been forced to leave their homeland and migrate to the U.S.

In an effort to salvage the crisis-ridden government of U.S. lap-dog Hernandez Colon, the "Compact of Permanent Union" bill has been introduced in the U.S. Congress to break unions, wipe out minimum wage laws and cut welfare, food stamps and other relief benefits.

In recent years, there has been a powerful upsurge in the Puerto Rican workers' and independence movements: a wave of strikes against U.S. companies, broad protests against police repression and a growing drive for independence.

The Puerto Rican independence struggle has grown strong alongside the third world movement against imperialism and the two superpowers, the U.S. and the USSR.

Today it is the Soviet Union that wears the mask of a friend, as the U.S. did in 1898, in order to add Puerto Rico to its string of satellites and neo-colonies. Those forces within the independence movement who preach reliance on the USSR or who promote illusions about this aggressive superpower, would lead the fight for independence into the arms of the social-imperialists. Tens of thousands of Puerto Ricans are not battling the U.S. only to exchange one imperialist yoke for another.

Taking up arms, relying on the masses and guarding against back-door intervention by the USSR, the Puerto Rican people will certainly be able to drive the U.S. imperialists out of Puerto Rico and win genuine independence. Such a blow to imperialism will be a great victory for workers of all nationalities in the U.S.



EDITORIALS

FORD CONTINUES ATTACK ON INTEGRATION

President Ford's on-again, off-again maneuvers on school busing last week amounted in sum to more aid and comfort for the segregationist gangs North and South, and for their backers.

For the record, Ford said May 26 that the administration intended to try to overturn the historic 1954 "Brown vs. Board of Education" decision, where the Supreme Court ruled segregated schools unconstitutional. A day later, he retracted this statement, and two days after that (May 29), Attorney General Levi said he would not pick Boston as a test case to challenge busing, as he had announced earlier. What do these moves mean?

It's plain that these seeming administration "retreats" came in the face of a widespread protest. Levi, according to a New York Times account, was "stunned by the public outcry" and "upset by the strength and heated nature of the criticism" of the earlier proposals.

But it's even more plain that NAACP head Roy Wilkins is betraying the cause he claims to stand for by saying he is "thrilled" by this "retreat" and calling them "a victory for civil rights."

What "victory"? Like the sell-outs he and his ilk have repeatedly shown themselves to be, Wilkins "overlooks" and covers up the fact that the administration has not changed its anti-integration stand one bit. Instead of using Boston as a test case, it announced it will use Louisville or Wilmington or some other; and instead of challenging the 1954 Brown decision directly at this time, it will challenge all the later cases that gave some legal force to the 1954 ruling.

The current battle over busing is a continuation of the Afro-American people's centuries of struggle that began under slavery, flourished under Reconstruction, was betrayed in 1877, and has surged up again during the past three decades, winning concessions such as the Brown decision and the more recent busing programs.

This fight for equality and against the segregation of nationalities, whose highest form is the struggle for voluntary multinational unity based

on the Afro-American nation's right of self-determination, is a cause that strengthens the whole working class in its historic fight for emancipation from wage slavery.

That is why President Ford is again, as in the past, giving encouragement to the segregationist gangs. The big monopoly capitalists, whom Ford serves, are banking on the organized racist mobs North and South to aggravate divisions among the people and to prevent a closer merger between the working class movement and the movement for Afro-American liberation. They hope thereby to delay their inevitable overthrow and the doom of this imperialist system that arose on slavery and is founded on national oppression.



CHINESE workers study May Circular.

TEN YEARS OF CULTURAL REVOLUTION

Can socialism win its victory over capitalism? Once in power, can the working class consolidate and preserve its victory? Is the future for the revolutionary forces bright?

Last month marked the 10th anniversary of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in China, an event of great historical significance which proved that the answer to all the above questions is an en-

thusiastic "yes!"

On May 16, 1966, Mao Tsetung, the Chairman of the Communist Party of China, guided the drafting of the circular which sounded the call for China's cultural revolution. This circular served as a call to China's 700 million people to continue the socialist revolution under the conditions of the dictatorship of the proletariat and to defend their revolution against attempts at capitalist restoration.

Since that time, the Chinese people under the guidance of their great Communist Party and Chairman Mao have won tremendous victories over the capitalist roaders like Liu Shao-chi, Lin Biao and Teng Hsiao-ping. In the Circular of May 16, 1966, Chairman Mao warned against the "representatives of the bourgeoisie who have sneaked into the Party" and who posed as revolutionaries by "waving the red flag to oppose the red flag."

Liu Shao-chi and those who followed him promoted various theories and programs aimed at eroding the rule of the working class and bringing back bourgeois rule as happened earlier in the Soviet Union with Khrushchov and company. They promoted capitalism and revisionism in the cultural sphere, trying to weaken the resistance of the people. They preached "the dying out of class struggle" while at the same time intensifying their own class struggle against the people. They also promoted the idea that the development of the "productive forces" was more important than revolution, in order to turn the people away from their struggle to build socialism.

If the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution had not taken place, a counter-revolutionary restoration could well have occurred throughout the country before long.

Relying on the masses, Chairman Mao called forth the revolutionary "three-in-one" committees in which workers and peasants, soldiers and revolutionary party cadre worked together to fight the revisionists. Through the course of this revolution, the consciousness of the masses was raised and millions came to be able to better distinguish Marxism from revisionism. Today the Cultural Revolution in China is continuing in the present stage of beating back the "rightist wind" which Teng Hsiao-ping represented.

Let the revisionists rant and rave about the "disruptive" effects of the cultural revolution. Let the opportunists call it "ultra-left." We warmly welcome a hundred more cultural revolutions which will prove to be the salvation of socialism and will lead the way toward the abolition of all classes and the achievement of a communist society. This is the hope of the struggling working class of every country.

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Brothers and Sisters:

I really liked your article "Puerto Rico Needs to be Independent". This kind of article is a big help for the simple reason that there are thousands of Puerto Ricans that really believe that if imperialism leaves Puerto Rico, we Puerto Ricans will all die of hunger. The sad thing about this is that for 78 years, we have been dying of hunger because of Rockefeller and his accomplices. Thanks to U.S. propaganda, many of us think that Puerto Rico is an island which is too small to sustain itself. Right now we depend on the U.S. for everything. Puerto Rico is a paradise for everyone except ourselves. We produce nothing because the people who worked the land now live in city slums. Someday the U.S. will pay for all this. I will never forget what the system has done to the Puerto Rican women.

I congratulate you for using the example of Albania. It is a small nation like Puerto Rico, but it is free and sovereign. The case of the Palestinians is also very similar to that of the Puerto Ricans. They are struggling for lands that were stolen by foreign invaders, the Zionists.

Venceremos,
L.G.
Salem, Ore.

To The Call,

I work at American Biltrite Co. in Chelsea, Mass. I'd like to

relate to Call readers an incident that happened last week at work. To me, this incident showed the importance of the use of The Call in organizing workers against the capitalist system and at the same time, revealed some basic differences between the OL's and the RCP's approach to the workers' movement.

I walked into the lunch room for break and noticed a supporter of the RCP reading The Call. I sat down at the same table and saw he was reading the centerfold article "Biltrite Workers Fight for The Call." I asked him what he thought of the article; he didn't respond. Another worker at the table asked what the article had to say. The RCP supporter gave the paper to Bill. Bill read it and summed it up that the company didn't want the workers reading The Call, but that the workers supported The Call.

The RCP supporter pointed out that the company didn't like the workers reading any communist newspaper. He went on to say that the company was trying to repress communist literature because the influence it would have on the workers would mean that "the workers would fight for better work conditions and a better contract."

I've been reading The Call for almost a year now. I told Bill and the RCP supporter that I thought The Call did more than that—that it teaches the workers about the

Letters



imperialist system and shows how the fight against American Biltrite must be seen as a fight against the whole system, not just for a better contract or better work conditions at Biltrite.

The RCP is afraid to bring this picture of the whole system to the workers. They think the workers are dumb and can't understand anything beyond the economic struggles in their factory. This view is an enemy of the working class because it won't lead to revolution.

Congratulations to the weekly Call.

In Struggle,
M.S.
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Comrades,

When the bosses at St. Regis Paper Co. in Boston fired two communists, Paul Moskowitz and Steve Carlson, on phony charges during the wildcat strike there last Jan. 23, Paul and Steve, with the Boston and Cambridge Fight Back Organizations and other St. Regis workers, leafleted factories in the area with the same

international—Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU).

One place they came to for support was Metropolitan Greeting Cards, a sweatshop of 200 workers, most of them young people and women, many of them Portuguese. The sell-out union bureaucrats were furious when the leaflet was passed out in English and Portuguese. The business agent even threatened to kill Paul. The company has made these bureaucrats into foremen, yet these traitors refuse to print the new contract for the workers after two years. They say it would cost \$1,000 to print 200 contracts, yet they refuse to say what they do with the \$7.00 (as of May, \$7.50) a month dues, which are higher than St. Regis! The average worker makes \$3.00 an hour, yet these bureaucrats let the company spend \$60,000 on TV cameras to watch workers at their machines.

Workers were not fooled when bureaucrats dressed in coats and ties passed out a ridiculous anti-communist leaflet saying Paul and Steve "are trying to destroy our democracy." Workers at Metropolitan and other RWDSU shops like Foster Grant and Pneumatic Scale are continuing to expose these sell-outs and fight to make the union their own.

P.D.
Boston, Mass.

HALF-MILLION IN PARADE

PUERTO RICANS NEED REVOLUTION

The June 6 Puerto Rican Day parade in New York is taking place in the midst of the sharpest mass struggles of the Puerto Rican people since the rebellions of the '60s.

But parade organizers are doing their utmost to prevent the half million marchers from giving voice to their legitimate protests against the recent cutbacks and discrimination that add to the misery of the Puerto Rican community in the city.

While thousands of workers and community people in the past few months have stormed hospitals, schools and workplaces slated for shutdowns, and marched against cutbacks, forced sterilizations and police repression, parade leaders plan a celebration of the very system that oppresses the masses of Puerto Ricans. They paint the parade as "apolitical" and have dedicated it to the Puerto Rican singing success, Bobby Capó. But they plan the day's final event as a tribute to pro-statehood, pro-imperialist San Juan Mayor, Carlos Romero Barceló.

In addition to a string of floats advertising "Puerto Rican progress," they are flying in 50 mayors of Puerto Rican towns to

preach the "benefits" of U.S. rule. They want to convince the people that just a few more reforms can patch things up and give the Puerto Rican people a good life. But what is the reality?

The conditions in New York provide the best example of life for Puerto Ricans in the U.S. It is a city with over a million Puerto Ricans, more than the three largest cities in Puerto Rico combined.

The South Bronx, one of the areas of greatest concentration of Puerto Ricans, reflects the worst face of national oppression under imperialism. About 65% of the population is Puerto Rican. Unemployment stands at an average of 30%, 75% among youth. More than 40% of the families are on



HOSTOS STUDENTS and faculty demonstrate against the closing of this bilingual college.

welfare. The city has declared 75% of the housing sub-standard, with 20% of the units lacking water and close to 50% lacking heat. Infant mortality and malnutrition are higher in the South Bronx than anywhere else in New York. One of the main hospitals in the area, Fordham, is scheduled for closure.

Educational facilities are dis-

mal. Whereas 95% of whites complete high school, and 65% of Blacks, only 26% of Puerto Ricans finish. Among Puerto Ricans over 25, 13% have a high school education. If the city closes Hostos College, they will eliminate the only bilingual college on the East coast (one of two nationally), and the main college for Puerto Ricans in the city. The State University has less than 1% Puerto Rican enrollment. City-wide, only 3% of the Puerto Ricans needing bilingual education receive it, and that was prior to recent cutbacks. Over 90% have Spanish as their mother tongue.

MAJORITY ARE WORKERS

The vast majority of Puerto Ricans in New York and nationally are workers, concentrated in sweat shops and service industries. Bankruptcies in these sectors have squeezed increasing numbers of Puerto Ricans out of jobs every year. In the past decade, a 40% decline in N.Y.'s garment industry has pushed large numbers of Puerto Rican women onto welfare.

This kind of national oppression, a source of great profits for the capitalists, is rooted in the system itself. No reform can eliminate it.

If ever the condition of a people cried out for revolution, it is now. But among those who would try to divert the Puerto Rican people from this just path are not only the open spokesmen for imperialism who head the parade, but also a number of supposedly "revolutionary" organizations who are in reality opportunist at the core. Chief among them is the Puerto

Rican Socialist Party (PSP).

The PSP's line weakens the Puerto Rican people's struggle by isolating them from their firmest allies. PSP denies the fact that most Puerto Ricans in the U.S. are part of the U.S. multinational working class, alongside other nationalities working and fighting as part of this class.

A greater danger posed by the PSP is its role in covering for the most treacherous enemy in the working class and oppressed nationality movements, the revisionist Communist Party (CPUSA), and in supporting Soviet social-imperialism internationally. The PSP is helping to revive the rotten corpse of CP revisionism in the U.S. by allying with it and providing it with a new cover. In the process, PSP's own program has become nothing but a warmed-over version of the CP's program of begging Congress for makeshift reforms.

REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE

Despite the attempts of these opportunists to leave capitalism intact, the Puerto Rican struggle for democratic rights is in fact part of the revolutionary struggle to overthrow capitalism. This fight can only be won under the leadership of a revolutionary party, made up of the best working class fighters of all nationalities, the kind of party which Marxist-Leninists are building today. This party will lead the broad masses of people in this country to support not only the fight for socialism, but each and every fight to win full democratic rights for the Puerto Rican people, and independence for Puerto Rico.

KENT STATE VICTIM SPEAKS SIX YEARS LATER

"We are quite properly outraged at the viciousness with which the state acted here at Kent, but at the same time, we must be fully aware that it acted as it always has and always will." With these words, Tom Grace, whose leg was shot off by the Ohio National Guard, began to sum up the lessons of the 1970 demonstration against the U.S. invasion of Cambodia in which troops killed four students and wounded nine.

Grace, who is now a member of the Call Committee in Buffalo, N.Y., and an activist in the Buffalo Workers' Movement, spoke to 2,000 students who rallied on the Kent State campus May 4 to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the struggle. Several of the others who were wounded six years ago also spoke.

ATTACKS LIBERAL SLOGAN

In his speech, Grace attacked the liberal slogan now being raised by the university administration of "No More May Fourths." He showed that two aspects of May 4, 1970, were inevitable under capitalist rule—both the just rebellion of the people against imperialism's crimes, and the armed terror of the state against those who rise up.

"The class system under which we live must oppress the great majority of people who live under it," said Grace. "Oppression generates revolt and it will continue to flare up as people fight back. . . Our concern must be how to end forever the ability of a minority ruling class and the state which ultimately serves its ends alone from inflicting such horrors as May Fourth, Attica, and so many thousands of others upon the majority. . . The entire system of exploitation and oppression upon which this society is organized must be done away with and the vast majority must seize power in its own behalf."

In his speech, Grace drew a link between the student movement of the '60s and the developing movement today in opposition to cutbacks, tuition hikes and other attacks, especially on poor and minority students. He urged students not to be intimidated by



OHIO GUARDSMEN fired into crowd of students at Kent State.

police attacks used to put down these struggles, noting that no matter how many students were jailed or killed, more would get organized and fight back.

Continuing on the theme of what was wrong with "No More May Fourths," Grace cited the Gary Tyler case (see page 1) as another example of capitalist injustice that will continue until the system is overthrown. He compared the efforts to get a new trial for Tyler to the efforts to try the Ohio National Guardsmen for murder at Kent: "The courts are neither more nor less than an or-

gan of the same state which perpetrated both the frame-up of Gary Tyler and the shootings at Kent. Justice will not be had without the mass support of the people in either case."

In concluding his speech, Grace pointed out that spontaneous revolts, like the student struggles of the '60s, need revolutionary leadership if they are to be fully successful. He called on students to integrate themselves with the struggles of the working class and support the efforts to build a Marxist-Leninist party capable of leading the struggle.

A Government Of, By and For Millionaires

At least one out of five senators is a millionaire, and none is anywhere near as poor as an "average citizen," says a recent report by a Ralph Nader study group.

That general idea isn't news, but it's interesting to see it documented. The inquiry found that "the U.S. Senate consists of men far wealthier than their constituents."

The group of "at least 21" millionaires and multimillionaires includes some of the most powerful names: Howard Baker (real estate, banking, mining), Harry Byrd (real estate, orchards), James Eastland (plantations), Barry Goldwater (inherited department stores), Edward Kennedy (inherited bank, liquor and real estate wealth), Russell Long (oil), Joseph Montoya (land), Charles Percy (headed Bell and Howell Co.), etc.

The list includes both parties as well as members of the liberal and

conservative wings in each. Only five senators claimed to be worth less than \$50,000, and they might have been lying. The average American has a net worth of about \$4,000, the study says.

"Does this inhibit the senators' ability to represent their constituents?" asks an article about the study in the liberal Chicago Sun-Times May 23. Its wishy-washy answer: "Most senators are not the scions of inherited wealth and can empathize with the poor. It is their wealthy constituents, however, who generally carry more influence with the senators."

That isn't the half of it. The facts show the Senate is a political debating club for the rich, the capitalist class. Whether they inherited their money or "made" it, who cares?

So what's the meaning of the reformist talk about "relying on Congress to curb the presidency"?

It's relying on capitalists to curb each other. This is what the phony "communists" of the CPUSA are preaching.

The liberal Sun-Times, in keeping with Nader's reformism, concludes what we need "is a law requiring complete financial disclosure by members of Congress." Nonsense. What we need is a revolution to bring about a whole new type of government where (a) the rich are kept out from the

start, (b) only working class and other propertyless people can be representatives, and (c) all representatives get ordinary wages, no privileges, and must work at their regular job part of each year to keep them "honest." These are the characteristics of socialist governments like China and Albania.

We have a government of, by and for millionaires. We need a government of, by and for the working people.

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VOLGA PLEASURE PALACE EXPOSES SOVIET CAPITALISM

The sordid sexual activities of the politicians in Washington, prominent in the headlines last week, have their parallel in today's USSR.

The story of a pleasure palace on the Volga, uncovered May 11 by the Russian paper *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, provides further proof of the degeneration of the once-socialist USSR into a capitalist country and its continuing attacks on women.

The \$845,000 Volga pleasure palace, built with state money, is the Soviet counterpart to the news that Ohio Rep. Wayne Hays kept a \$14,000 call girl at the taxpayer's expense, here in the U.S.

Massive handmade chandeliers, carpeted floors, mosaics and specially commissioned murals, marble baths, landscaping and a private beach set the atmosphere where the chief of the Russian construction monopoly and his colleagues spent their time and the people's money. The place was staffed with "hostesses"—only the most beautiful could qualify, says *Literaturnaya Gazeta*—and with 17 full-time servants and maintenance workers.

The big bureaucrat-capitalists "ate, drank

and entertained themselves with love games" there for two years, says the paper, before somebody blew the whistle. No doubt the motives of those who exposed the game had as much to do with rivalries between different power cliques as do the charges now being thrown around in Washington. In the end, the big Russian officials got off easy, just as Hays will, but the state threw the book at the servants, with sentences up to 15 years hard labor.

In a related development, the Russian revisionist rulers are taking further steps to consolidate male supremacy by reviving beauty contests.

Eliminations for selecting a "Miss USSR" have begun in the Russian capital, reports a correspondent of the French weekly, "45 Express" after visiting the preliminaries.

A Russian official in charge of the contest made a feeble effort to distinguish between this exhibit and the degrading annual "Miss America" event. "It's humiliating for

a woman to win a contest only due to her physical attributes," he said. Instead of bathing suits, the Soviet contestants therefore line up in smocks and aprons. They must also demonstrate ability to prepare a dinner, repair a doll's dress and tune in a station on television, the official explained. Such tests only show further that the Soviet capitalists are propagandizing that "a woman's place is in the home," doing the cooking and sewing.

A joke now going around in Moscow expresses the Russian people's bitterness and contempt for their present degenerate rulers. In the story, Brezhnev's aged mother comes in from the countryside to visit. He shows her the swank apartments, the dachas, the Rolls and Cadillacs, the servants and fancy imported things he and his fellow bosses enjoy. Puffed up with pride, he asks her, "What do you think?" "Very nice, my son," she replies. "But where will you hide it when the Bolsheviks come back?"



FRENCH COMMUNIST—Romain Le Gal.

(L'Humanite Rouge Photo)

Repression in Germany, France

The Marxist-Leninists of France and West Germany are fighting back against stepped up repression of their organizations and newspapers.

A mass meeting of several thousand in Paris May 8 launched a campaign for the liberation of Romain Le Gal and four others arrested for alleged membership in the banned Communist Party of France—Marxist-Leninist (PCFML), as well as on behalf of other victims of repression.

Similar meetings are taking place or planned in West German cities to protest the May 13 convictions of two editors of the Marxist-Leninist weekly *Roter Morgen* (Red Dawn), and the separate conviction of another Marxist-Leninist.

The charges against the *Roter Morgen* editors were that the newspaper "slandered and insulted the government" and "stirred up the people" by using the terms "exploiters' state" and "so-called democracy" in referring to West Germany and that it agitated in favor of "the dictatorship of the proletariat." For this, the editors were sentenced to one year and to four months, respectively. Sentences were then suspended "on good behavior."

Another Marxist-Leninist received a sentence of one year for having distributed leaflets outside the main West Berlin police station appealing to police not to interfere with an upcoming demonstration to demand a children's clinic. This was judged "an action treasonous to the constitution" and "subversion of the state."

The West German persecutions are part of a series of new laws seeking to ban all Marxist-Leninist speech and activity. As in France, where the PCMLF was outlawed in 1968, the moves are part of the ruling class reaction to the rise of mass struggles.

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON WORKS FOR KOREAN CIA

Former members of the so-called Unification Church of Rev. Sun Myung Moon have confirmed that the church and Moon himself work in the pay of the fascist south Korean CIA.

Moon, the wealthy Korean industrialist-turned-evangelist, has developed support among many senators and congressmen and his organization has become a powerful lobby in Washington, promoting continued backing for the reactionary Pak Jung Hi regime.

Aside from these lobbying efforts, Moon has been actively trying to raise an army of anti-communist volunteers to fight in Korea to prevent unification of that country between north and south. Moon also operates the International Federation for Victory Over Communism, a fascist indoctrination school for south Korean government employees.

According to a New York Times article, Moon's organization is based in New York where it spent more than \$1 million in pre-

paration for its "God Bless America" rally in Yankee Stadium on June 1. The Unification Church also announced the purchase of the New Yorker Hotel in Manhattan for "more than \$5 million." Last year Moon reported his earnings to be \$60 million. According to *The Times*, most of his funds come directly or indirectly from the south Korean CIA.

The basis for his support from the large sections of the U.S. ruling class lies in the fact that U.S. imperialism has tremendous interests in preserving the fascist rule of the Pak clique in Seoul. Since WWII, south Korea has received \$12 billion in backing from the U.S., more than any other government except the old reactionary puppet clique in Saigon. More than 40,000 U.S. troops occupy south Korea where the U.S. also keeps "hundreds of nuclear weapons" according to *The New York Times*. All this is done at a cost of \$600 million a year according to Pentagon calculations.

MAY 18 REVOLUTIONARY HAITIAN CELEBRATION

The Haitian Revolution of May 18, 1803 was celebrated in Chicago recently when over 150 people rallied together to hear speakers and see the new movie "Haiti: The Path to Liberty."

May 18 represents the anniversary of the historic armed struggle of the Haitian people when they overthrew French domination in 1803. This popular uprising was based on building a united front of the broad working masses and all patriotic forces.

This year's event exposed the U.S. imperialist support for the reactionary Duvalier regime. With the guidance and training of U.S. Marines, Duvalier and his terrorist goons, the "Tontons Macoutes," have murdered thousands of Haitian patriots, crushed unions and student organizations and ruthlessly enforced U.S. exploitation of Haiti's workers.

The film, made in Algeria, called on anti-imperialist forces to oppose U.S. support for the reactionary Duvalier regime. It was especially directed to all Haitian compatriots who have been forced into exile or to seek work in France, England, the U.S. and Canada.

The struggle in Haiti has long been a beacon to oppressed people and especially Afro-Americans in the Black Belt South. The 1803 Haitian revolution broke the chains for more than 500,000 Black slaves, and handed Napoleon's French empire its first defeat. This decisive military victory frightened the slaveholders half to death. It also speeded the abolition of slavery in the northern states. Southern planters used every means to keep the news of the revolution from their slaves and to prevent Black

Haitian sailors from making their way ashore in southern ports.

The Revolutionary Organization of May 18 which sponsored the Chicago event, is one of several patriotic organizations of Haitians in North America.

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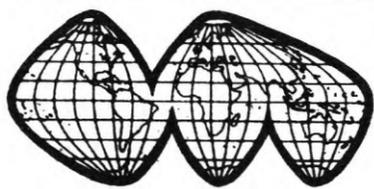
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"Angola shows that the new tsars are adherents of the peace of the grave, of disarmament of those they oppose, of detente for the forces they confront, and of peaceful coexistence between their colonial slaves and the leaders of Great Russia," says a recent issue of *No Transar* ("Stand Firm"), organ of the Communist Party of Argentina (Marxist-Leninist), formerly *Vanguardia Comunista*.

"No one doubts that Angola is only one battle, another partial attack, only a part of the disposition of forces for the main attack. Angola shows that the possibility of open war between the two superpowers is growing . . .

"But Angola showed more than the two superpowers fighting like bandits over booty. It showed the rapid decline of U.S. imperialism and the ascendancy of Russian aggressive capability. Angola showed the inverse of the relationship between the principal powers during the 1960s. Now it's the Soviets who send their 'advisors' and their arms thousands of kilometers from their territory, and the U.S. who vacillates . . . In the dispute for world hegemony, the offensive, the initiative, is in the hands of the Russians. That is why, while both superpowers are equally enemies of all progressive people, the main danger of aggression and of war rests in Moscow. . .

"The experience of Angola is a compelling warning that the dispute between the two superpowers can also be seen on our own soil. It compels us to pay double attention to the danger of the social-imperialist tactic of intervening in the growing wave of anti-U.S. struggle, of making itself agents and 'allies' in the middle of this struggle and pushing itself to power, smashing the real patriotic democratic and revolutionary forces. This is the real danger for all the peoples dominated today by U.S. imperialism, a danger from which no one is free. It is a danger fed by those who portray U.S. imperialism as stronger than it really is, and who hide or disguise jealously the rise of Soviet aggression."



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ANGOLA: Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's announcement that he will remove 200 Cuban troops in a week from Angola, even if it is actually done, will leave large numbers of Cuban troops there into 1978 and will leave a sizable force there permanently. This shows that the Soviet-Cuban occupation forces have no intentions of giving up their domination of the newly-independent country. In other developments, an Angolan army commander, known by the Russian name Bakaloff, issued a plan through which he told the press the ruling MPLA central committee would take direct control of the armed forces. Angolan president and leader of the MPLA, Augustinho Neto, canceled the report the same day, and said it had been issued without his knowledge even though he is commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

ISRAEL ATTACKS: Jews of African and Asian descent battled Israeli police in Tel Aviv May 25-6, protesting their living and working conditions. Known as Sephardics, these Jews have historically faced discrimination from the primarily European Zionists who run Israel.

SWAPO FIGHTS ON: The South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) is stepping up the armed struggle for the liberation of Namibia from South African racist rule, according to an interview with SWAPO's UN representative Gurirab. He added that guerrillas in Namibia's "operational zones" believe that it is the "determination of the people to fight for freedom" which is decisive, not South Africa's sophisticated weapons. In the last four months, SWAPO fighters have killed 100 South African troops.

AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY: Celebrations were held across the African continent May 25 reaffirming Africa's commitment to independence and liberation. Samora Machel, president of Mozambique, issued a statement in which he strongly supported the armed struggle in Zimbabwe and also noted that every African country was engaged in the anti-imperialist struggle for economic independence.

Interview with ACIPCO Caucus Leader

WORKING PEOPLE HAVE THE POWER

Birmingham, Ala.—The development of the rank-and-file movement at American Cast Iron Pipe Company (ACIPCO) in the heart of the Black Belt South was linked closely to the civil rights and Black power movements of the '50s and '60s. The story of CEJO, the Committee for Equal Job Opportunity, which was formed at ACIPCO in 1965, was told to *The Call* by a worker who asked to be referred to as "Sam." Sam is a Black worker and leader of CEJO, who also participated in the founding conference of the National Fight Back Organization last December.

Sam started working at ACIPCO in 1959 where, he pointed out, "There was only so far a Black man could advance. There was very little we could do about this," he added, "because we had no organized labor... The only thing that Blacks did then was common labor."

The committee, Sam recounted, "grew out of the crusades that Dr. Martin Luther King was leading. People felt real strongly about what he was doing. They advanced further than the idea of Dr. King. You have quite a few people (in CEJO) who advocate now that 'it's going to take a change in the system to deal with our problems.'"

People at ACIPCO, Sam went on, "participated in the demonstrations during '63 (to desegregate the schools) when Bull Conner was Commissioner of Public Safety... They (ACIPCO) had a rule that if you were involved in any type of demonstration, you would be discharged... We had people take part in a demonstration and come back the next day and find out they didn't have a job. So this committee's been involved ever since then. We take part in the struggles against police brutality because we

believe that what is happening in all these things involves the oppressive system."

CEJO members also waged a long battle in the courts and the streets against ACIPCO's discriminatory policies. To avoid real compliance with the 1964 Civil Rights Act, ACIPCO set up a phony testing system for promotions that prevented Black workers from qualifying for better jobs. CEJO challenged this testing system in 1965, and then, when EEOC was set up a few years later, CEJO filed over 600 charges, which were ignored. CEJO then organized 800 workers to back a class action suit in 1969. "We sued them for discrimination in jobs, hiring, promotions; we sued them for back pay."

In 1972, Sam explained, "the case was tried by Judge Lynne, and the judge found that we hadn't been discriminated against... We had to picket Judge Lynne's office around the clock with placards saying that the judicial system is just a front, that Judge Lynne is a racist."

After a long appeal through the 5th Circuit Court, the decision was reversed, granting workers

plant-wide seniority and back pay.

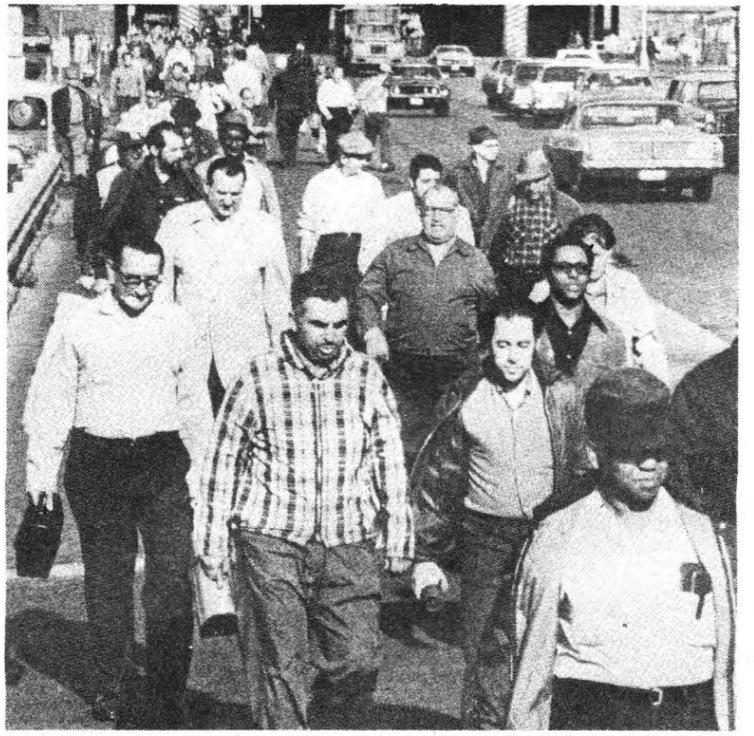
At ACIPCO, plant-wide seniority was never established, and the back payments ranged from \$100 to \$1,200. The "larger" payments went only to a handful, while the majority of workers got almost nothing.

"They did this," Sam pointed out, "precisely to lessen CEJO's influence among the people... But still you couldn't call that back pay, not for a ten-year period. So we asked the guys to turn their checks into us, and about 450 did; only about 25% cashed them, and the rest held on to their own." This coordinated drive made it impossible for ACIPCO to settle the claim.

"The experience has been good; most of our people have learned that they didn't intend for people to get their rights under this law."

A main front of the struggle today at ACIPCO is to unionize. "I've been involved in three union campaigns," Sam indicated, "and we haven't been successful... It's going to take a long struggle." In the last drive, Sam stressed, "the organizers just sold out... We haven't heard from them since the last election."

CEJO today has a membership of 300-400 workers, and its weekly meetings bring steelworkers as well as other workers from across the city. Members of CEJO have participated in the national fight back movement. Sam pointed to the need to involve workers from all industries, and explained that



"We need to make people more conscious of what labor can really do."

they would continue "to expose the judicial system, that it doesn't work for the average man. It's the monopoly of the rich. We need to make the people more conscious

of what labor can really do, where the power lies," Sam concluded. "I'll always be around working people because that's where the power's at."



Teamster Sell-Out at UPS

Striking United Parcel Service (UPS) workers in the central states region had the rug pulled out from under them as Teamster Union leadership ordered their two-week strike ended.

At official meetings on May 15-16, workers were told to go back to work under the provisions of the old contract, pending final ratification of a new one.

Progress reports on the negotiations read to the rank and file showed that the new contract failed to deal adequately with many important issues, such as grievance procedures, forced overtime, appearance standards and supervisors doing union work.

Outraged over the strike settlement, many workers refused to go back and kept up their picket lines in spite of union orders. UPS went to court, however, and got a temporary restraining order threatening the strikers with mass arrests to force them back on the job.

Union Drive at Gottlieb

Northlake, Ill.—The campaign to win union recognition at Gottlieb, a manufacturing plant in this west Chicago suburb, is gaining new support this week with the movement to rehire four union activists.

On May 25, the company used a phony excuse to fire one worker who had been organizing for the union, calling on four Northlake police to escort him out of the plant. In a walkout which followed, three more workers were fired. To fight overtime, harassment and discrimination, and to protest the firings, these workers have called on fellow Gottlieb workers to sign up and build the union.

TRW Worker Demands Union

By V.H., a Houston Worker Correspondent—

In July 1975, the employees of TRW Mission in Houston, Texas, were called into a meeting to discuss a speedup plan known as the Scanlon Plan. The idea behind this scheme is to dangle a monthly bonus in front of the workers if they increase their production. In fact, it's just a way for the company to make more money.

We put out more production than ever before, but soon TRW Mission was overstocked and they laid off many workers. Now they are putting pressure on employees that didn't get laid off by demanding they produce the work of two people. I wonder what happened to the so-called bonus we were supposed to get from this Scanlon Plan? Somebody got the money, we sure didn't.

Mission claims they laid off according to seniority, but that's a lie. I know they laid off people that have been there longer than some of the ones that didn't get laid off. If a union was in TRW, this may not have happened.

Some of the women who run the machines have to take quite a bit of agitation from some of these inspectors and this is discrimination against women workers, to be put under pressure all the time.

If a company you work for ever talks about a plan called the Scanlon Plan and want to use it in their company, vote it down.

After some people read this, TRW Mission and the Scanlon Plan may offer the workers a bonus, just to prove everything about this article is a lie. But you, the employees that are still there at Mission, know what the truth is. It's time to get a union in there. It may not be everything, but it's something.

URW LEADERS END STRIKE BENEFITS

Chicago, Ill.—The United Rubber Workers Union (URW) leadership pushed through a decision at last week's May 27 Special Convention to end all strike benefits for the 70,000 workers, now in their seventh week of a national strike against the Big Four tire companies.

The decision to make no special dues assessment to replenish the strike fund will cut off all financial support to the strikers because funds dried up after 3 weeks of small payments, 2 weeks ago. This decision came on the heels of a stepped-up offensive by the tire companies against the strike.

In addition to increased security guards, injunctions and police arrests of picketers, the companies are keeping the production lines moving with scab labor done by managerial and office staff. Firestone has also launched a nation-

wide advertising campaign, "Nobody Wins," attacking all the workers demands as inflationary and calling on consumers and other workers to oppose the strike.

Most URW workers—strikers and non-strikers alike—were taken aback by last week's decision, passed by delegates at the convention on the recommendation of the International Executive Board, under the command of President Peter Bommarito. Earlier this month, this same leadership had been stirring up sentiments against the special dues assessment by requesting an outrageous \$25 a week from every member not involved in the strike.

"How are they going to be able

to feed their families?" one URW non-striker asked, in an interview with *The Call*. "We were against that giant assessment Bommarito originally proposed, but we were all in favor of giving some kind of financial support."

Following the convention, Bommarito told the press that extending strike benefits "would only extend" the strike. Obviously he is more concerned with a quick ending to the strike than he is with victory for the union.

Bommarito's comment after the convention was: "We're not going to use strike benefits to get an acceptable agreement. We suffered in the past, and I guess that's what's going to happen now."

DeKalb Workers Face Phony Charges

DeKalb, Ga.—Ten striking DeKalb County workers were charged with "conspiracy to murder" this past week in the continuing battle to win recognition of the Laborers' International Union (LIU).

Some 235 workers have been out on strike for the past six weeks, while county officials have steadfastly refused to negotiate, claiming that it is illegal for county workers to unionize. They have responded instead with mass firings, arrests, court injunctions and now these phony murder charges.

The ten were arrested on May 21. Two of the strikers were ambushed by a stake-out squad of neighboring Gwinnett County police as they were observing buses picking up scab workers. The squad fired several rounds at the two

men, but neither was hit. Eight more strikers were picked up during the course of the day in other locations around the county.

The action was an attempt, in part, by county officials to split off white workers who have taken a stand against discrimination and gone on strike. Although less than 10% of the strikers are white, three white workers were arrested in the round-up.

While the union is providing legal defense in the case, LIU Regional Manager Howard Henson has failed to mobilize a militant response to the attacks and has consistently tried to prevent the October League and the Fight Back Organization from joining the pickets.

NOBODY WINS!

When you strike, you lose. You lose your job, your money, your health, your family. You lose everything. You lose your life. You lose your soul. You lose your future. You lose your hope. You lose your faith. You lose your love. You lose your respect. You lose your honor. You lose your dignity. You lose your pride. You lose your self-respect. You lose your self-worth. You lose your self-esteem. You lose your self-confidence. You lose your self-belief. You lose your self-respect. You lose your self-worth. You lose your self-esteem. You lose your self-confidence. You lose your self-belief.

1. For every \$1000 you strike, you lose \$1000.00. You lose your job, your money, your health, your family, your life, your soul, your future, your hope, your faith, your love, your respect, your honor, your dignity, your pride, your self-respect, your self-worth, your self-esteem, your self-confidence, your self-belief.

2. A lot of Living Americans are protesting against the strike.

3. Ingressions on persons, 200 Americans, against the strike.

4. More than 1000 people are protesting against the strike.

5. Additional security agencies are present against the strike.

6. When you strike, you lose the number of employees who are not on strike.

Firestone

Strike-breaking ad tells big lie.

'Third World Main Force Fighting Imperialism'

This is the concluding part of the interview with OL chairman Mike Klonsky on the present international situation.

Call: How do you view the role of the countries of the third world in the present international situation?

MK: The term "third world" refers to those countries which have long suffered oppression at the hands of the imperialists, particularly the countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America. It is important to note that the third world includes the great majority of the world's people, the overwhelming number of whom are workers and peasants. This is why the question of the liberation of the third world is of special significance to communists.

Today we are witnessing a tremendous upsurge in the struggles of these third world countries. They have become the main force in fighting imperialism and colonialism. Along with the second world countries (the lesser imperialists of Europe and Japan), they constitute a significant bloc of forces against both U.S. and Soviet social-imperialism.

Of course, the situation in the third world is complicated. Many of the third world governments represent bourgeois or semi-feudal classes of the various countries. Also there are different contradictions among the third world countries, many of which are leftovers from the days of colonialism. There are national and, of course, class contradictions to be resolved by the peoples of these countries.

Generally speaking, however, the tendency to unite against the superpowers is growing. The countries and movements within the third world are drawing closer together and advancing steadily in the struggle for independence, defense of their sovereignty, their national economies and resources. It is a special duty of communists in the U.S. to render their fullest support to this movement.

Call: What about those third world countries or movements which are directly tied to one or the other of the superpowers?

MK: Within every positive trend there is a counter-current or negative force. While

the general trend in the third world is unity against imperialism, this trend develops unevenly. Every country in the third world has been influenced by this trend, and yet there are a few countries and movements which continue to be used and manipulated in the extreme by one superpower or the other.

For example, the U.S. exerts its authority in south Korea through a huge occupation army and a puppet government headed by Pak Jung Hi. The U.S. was thus able to force south Korean troops to fight in Viet-



INDOCHINESE LIBERATION struggles signaled anti-imperialist storm in third world.

nam. Similarly, the Castro government in Cuba sent its troops to fight the Soviet war in Angola. Cuba has become a satellite of the USSR, as a result of the social-imperialist stranglehold on its economy. There are a few other countries in this category. But even among regimes of this type, contradictions with the superpowers are sharpening.

Many of the old contradictions among the third world countries are being resolved peacefully. This is contributing greatly to the cause of anti-imperialism. For example, the signing of the agreement between Iran and Iraq last year, ending their long con-

flict, was in many ways an example for the whole third world.

Call: What is the relationship between giving support to the positive moves made by second and third world countries and supporting the workers' struggles within those countries?

MK: The cornerstone of our international work must always be proletarian internationalism based upon support for the working class movement in each and every country. Right now within the third world coun-

tries, the class struggle is mainly taking on the form of a national struggle against colonialism and imperialism. That is why we try to build support for the struggle of the oppressed nations and countries against imperialism. In the final analysis, it will be the task of the majority of people in those countries, that is the working people, to carry the struggle through to socialism.

In the second world countries, we must give resolute support to the working class in its struggle, not only to defend the national interests of their country, but also to overthrow their capitalist governments and build socialism.

On this complex question, we should always keep in mind who the principal enemies of the world's people are—the two superpowers—and not raise the contradictions with lesser enemies to the level of the principal contradiction.

Call: Does this apply to the fight against revisionism as well?

MK: Yes, it does. The main revisionist center is in Moscow. That is where the main fire of Marxist-Leninists must be directed today. At the 25th Congress of the CPSU, Brezhnev paraded the revisionist leaders before Cuba, Portugal and other countries before the podium to attack the Chinese and the Marxist-Leninists of every country. His objective was to divert the fire off himself onto these smaller revisionist parties. While attacking revisionism everywhere, our main fire should be directed at the biggest traitors, the Soviet revisionists.

Call: Could you elaborate more on Cuba's role?

MK: Yes. The present Cuban occupation of Angola shows the depths to which the Castro revisionists have dragged the U.S. imperialists out the front door, Castro allowed the Soviet social-imperialists in the back door.

The Soviet social-imperialists use their "fraternal aid" to dig their claws into the countries and independence movements all over the world and promote their own interests. Many countries, such as Egypt, are beginning to see through such "aid."

Cuba, as much as any country in the Soviet sphere of influence, has been victimized by the "fraternal" behavior of the Soviet Union. Their economy has remained lopsided. They are in enormous debt. They are totally reliant on the Soviet Union for all their necessities. This is why Castro must parade before the other third world countries saying that Brezhnev is the "best friend" of the third world. This is why he launches vicious denunciations of Mao Tsetung and the Chinese people. This is why he must in fact repay Cuba's enormous debt with the blood of the Cuban people themselves in Angola today, and elsewhere in

EQUALITY OF LANGUAGES AND NATIONS

The October League publishes its newspaper, *The Call/EI Clarin* in two languages. This fact is an example of a basic Marxist-Leninist principle—upholding the equality of languages. Revolutionaries attach such great importance to this question because of the close link between imperialist oppression of languages and nations.

The great revolutionary Lenin pointed out: "Whoever does not recognize and champion the equality of nations and languages... is not a Marxist; he is not even a democrat." In socialist China, a country of over 50 different nationalities, the constitution specifies that "all the nationalities have the freedom to use their own spoken and written languages."

The development of a common language is an integral part of the development of a nation. Language is created by the people themselves during a long period of national development. A common language is the means by which the people of the same nation communicate ideas, engage in trade, carry out class struggle, and in general, develop a common economic, political and cultural life.

The people of the U.S. include many different nationalities, each with its own historic language. Next to English, Spanish, the language of the large Chicano, Puerto Rican and other Latin American national minorities, is most widely used, spoken by an estimated 16.5 million people.

The African peoples brought to this country as slaves spoke many different

tribal languages. Over a period of more than 400 years, they developed a common language—English—as one aspect of their overall development into a nation. Even today, their separate development is manifested in a distinct dialect—Black English.

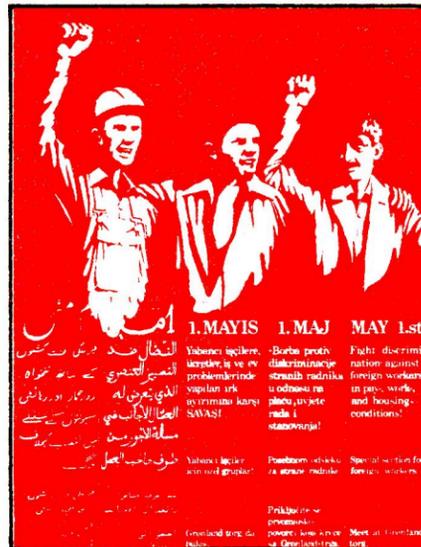
But even though each nationality has its own historic language, we can see today many minority people in the U.S. cannot speak or write their native language, or (as in the case of the Afro-American people), their English dialect is considered by bourgeois authorities to be "sub-standard." This is because of imperialist suppression of minority nationalities and their languages.

The history of U.S. imperialist oppression of nations, both within and outside its borders, is filled with examples of discrimination and suppression of languages. At the turn of the century in Puerto Rico, for example, the U.S. government imposed an English-language educational system for all children. All teaching was carried out in English until the late 1940s when the popular independence movement forced the imperialists to re-establish education in Spanish. Today, the study of English is still compulsory in all Puerto Rican schools, and many factory workers in Puerto Rico are required to speak English on the job.

Within the U.S., children who enter school knowing no English are simply excluded from learning until they acquire sufficient comprehension of English through their own efforts. Strict rules against speaking Spanish, Chinese, and other minority languages are common in U.S.

schools.

Each class in society uses language in its own interests. The imperialist class uses language to divide the workers along national lines and to maintain the special oppression of minorities and profit from their cheap labor. They do this by making English the "official" language in the U.S. and by denying the rights to a job and citizenship to non-English speaking workers. The imperialists of today's Soviet Union, which was once a socialist country, have similarly declared Russian the official language and attempted to wipe out other languages in total violation of Lenin's teachings.



May Day poster printed in five languages by Norwegian communists.

The working class uses languages to struggle against national and class oppression. In the U.S., the movements of the oppressed minorities have built class-consciousness and unity by reasserting the right to use their own language and by studying their native language and history. Language has become a weapon in exposing imperialism as the enemy and in educating and training people to fight against it.

The working class also builds unity by learning each other's languages. This is a common occurrence in the factories where many different nationalities work side by side. When struggles break out, workers must be able to explain them in every language in order to confront the bosses with a solid front.

The fight for equality of nations and languages in the U.S. has won some reforms from the imperialists. In response to a 1974 suit brought on behalf of Chinese school children in San Francisco, for example, the Supreme Court ruled that special education had to be provided for about 1.1 million students whose primary language is not English. On the basis of this decision, bilingual education programs were established in a few school districts.

But with the recent rulings on desegregation where busing programs were instituted, new attacks have been made on the language and culture of the Chinese and other national minorities. Instead of busing for integration, authorities have turned the busing program in the Chinese communities into assimilation campaigns.

the world tomorrow.

Finally, Brezhnev uses the Cubans to peddle revisionist influence in the movement in the U.S., Puerto Rico, the Caribbean and throughout Latin America. The Cuban revisionists do the bidding of the Soviet revisionists in places where they themselves cannot operate.

Call: Some say it is only China's response with the third world movement because, in China, the working class holds state power. They claim that this is not the job of communists out of power. What is your view?

MK: The socialist governments have their own special tasks, such as carrying on diplomatic relations with every country possible on the basis of peaceful coexistence. They are also forced to make compromises at times that communist parties and organizations don't have to make them. But diplomatic work is always subservient to the interests of socialist revolution, and China stands as a great example of aid and self-sacrifice for the cause of the world revolution.

Forging the common front with all the anti-imperialist forces in the world is the task of all communists and anti-imperialist fighters. We all have the task of uniting with the main force in the struggle against the two superpowers. We must also work to win over the wavering and vacillating elements and make use of the contradictions in the enemies' camp. We can never leave the task of supporting the third world struggles solely on the shoulders of the socialist countries.

Call: How important is the international situation in terms of developing a line for the new party?

MK: The new communist party must be a party built squarely upon the principles of proletarian internationalism. Today, the international situation is a touchstone for demarcating real communists from opportunists, revisionists and trotskysts.

It is essential for U.S. Marxist-Leninists to have a common line on the most important questions. The recent events in Angola laid the basis for Marxist-Leninists to tighten their unity in the struggle against the two superpowers and against modern revisionism. The growing factors of war and revolution should serve as a catalyst for communists to deepen their unity efforts and forge a single unified party on the basis of Marxism-Leninism.

The Health, Education and Welfare Department (HEW) recently "clarified" its bilingual policy, thereby reversing an earlier position that made bilingual education mandatory for non-English-speaking children. Now HEW is saying that bilingual education is "not the only remedy" to end language discrimination in schools and that, therefore, the programs are not mandatory to meet federal standards.

While we support busing for integration, we oppose the assimilationist drives of the government. Unless the demand for integrated schools is directly linked with the defense of minority national languages and culture, it becomes a chauvinist demand.

Similar attacks are being carried out by the closing of Hostos College in New York City, one of two bilingual universities in the country. They are examples of the fact that the fight for equality of nations and languages won't be resolved under capitalism.

As the unity of the workers and oppressed minorities against imperialism has grown, workers are taking up the demand against discrimination and the oppression of languages. For example, the National Fight Back Organization has raised the demand for translation of union meetings and contracts in several union locals, and at its founding conference last December, carried out all proceedings in both English and Spanish.

The fight for equality among languages and nationalities draws great inspiration from the achievements of socialist China in this area. In China, minority language publishing houses and broadcasting stations have been set up and, in some cases, written languages have been developed where only a spoken language existed before

liberation.

Marxist-Leninists today also look to the history of working class struggle in the U.S. and to the once-revolutionary Communist Party, which, in the 1920s, worked to publish revolutionary papers in 18 different minority languages. The degeneration of the CP into a revisionist party was accompanied by a policy of liquidating their special work in minority languages.

The goal of the October League is to build a new multinational revolutionary party to lead the whole working class and the oppressed nationalities in the fight for socialism.

The building of a multinational party and a united workers' movement requires the building of a multilingual party and a movement that fights for the equality of languages.

As a beginning in carrying out those principles of equality, the October League publishes *The Call/EI Clarin* bilingually, and provides translation for its events, leaflets and documents. We raise the demand for regional autonomy for minority peoples, and a part of such autonomy is the guarantee of the right of their own language. Through these demands and struggles, the conditions are created for uniting all the nationalities and ending the oppression of nations and the oppression of languages once and for all.

The ultimate aim of communists, said Stalin, who himself was a great theoretician on the national question, is the merging of the various nations and languages. But, he pointed out that this can be achieved only when socialism has won its world-wide victory and national oppression has been ended.

The Marxist-Leninist Student Collective originated among university students in the Midwest, the majority of whom have left the university and gone into the factories. This collective has given revolutionary leadership to the student struggles in which they were involved and has actively promoted the widespread study of Marxist-Leninist theory among their fellow students. They are one of a number of organizations which have recently declared its political agreement with the call of the October League for Marxist-Leninists to unite and form the new communist party.

For too long the struggles of the working class, oppressed nations and nationalities, women, youth and students in the U.S. have developed without the leadership of a genuine communist party. The time has come for all honest and genuine Marxist-Leninists to unite to form and build a new fighting communist party. In our efforts to build and lead a revolutionary mass student organization, we have come to realize the absolute necessity of a genuine communist party.

We are looking to the working class movement for leadership, and many of us are going into the working class to use our education to fight for that class and to help bring to working people the truth of their glorious past and future.

Even though the objective conditions for a genuine communist party have been present for a long time, they are not decisive for its creation. The forces of revolution, the subjective forces, are the basis for the creation of a genuine communist party. They are decisive. Without revolutionary theory, politics, organization and practice, the working class cannot become a class for itself, capable of leading the just struggles of all oppressed people against imperial-

UNITY STATEMENT OF MARXIST-LENINIST STUDENT COLLECTIVE

ism. This class, conscious of itself, will lay the foundation for the dictatorship of the proletariat and the ultimate establishment of communism. But this is not to belittle the importance of objective forces, for they lend extreme urgency to the task of developing a genuine communist party now.

The USSR, once the proud stronghold of proletarian revolution and socialism, has degenerated into a social-imperialist superpower intent on replacing the hegemony of U.S. imperialism with its own. It is the main danger to the people of the world today. Its restless and rabid expansionist drives daily increase the probability of another worldwide imperialist war. The immediate need to lead our people in struggle against

is the main danger to party building. On the one hand, there are the open conciliators of Soviet social-imperialism, the Guardian, whose centrism around the Angolan liberation struggle and their support for Soviet social-imperialism continues to be exposed. On the other hand, there is the so-called "Revolutionary Wing," who split in order to wreck, who are isolated from the mass struggles of the working class, and whose super-theoretical disguise makes them appear "left," but is just a cover for their opposition to building a genuine communist party now. We believe that the correct way to deal with the right opportunists in the young communist movement is to unite with the genuine

Marxist-Leninists in these organizations and to step up the political exposure of the bankrupt lines of their leadership.

Through the upsurge in the anti-imperialist struggles of the '60s, masses of workers rediscovered the revolutionary essence of the working class. They began to form pre-party organizations on a national scale. The struggles within and

between these pre-party national organizations forged the rudiments of a correct political line based upon the principles of Marxism-Leninism and the concrete conditions in the U.S. At the same time, a Marxist-Leninist press began to develop, summing up the experience of the working class and its allies, and agitating in the interests of the democratic rights of all oppressed peoples.

As genuine communist organizations grew and developed, Marxist-Leninists began to lead and organize the fightback against imperialism within the U.S. This trend grew and developed, and out of it emerged a national mass fightback organization led by communists. It became clear that a genuine Marxist-Leninist pre-party national organization had emerged that was capable of uniting all the genuine Marxist-Leninist forces in the U.S., the October League (Marxist-Leninist). With the OL's call for Marxist-Leninist unity around party building, many genuine Marxist-Leninist forces have come forward to unite at the May Unity Meeting. This is a very good sign, for it demonstrates the growing unity among Marxist-Leninists and their determination to build the party now.

There is only one way for genuine Marxist-Leninists to go and that, comrades, is on to the party! The main trend is unity! The main danger is right opportunism! Build a genuine Marxist-Leninist party! Smash the revisionist CPUSA! Expose and oppose the opportunists in our movement and unite all genuine Marxist-Leninists!

another imperialist war and to prepare them for it lends extra urgency to the task of forming the party now.

At the same time, due to the decline of U.S. imperialism, a severe economic and social crisis has intensified the class struggle in the U.S. The imperialists are attempting to unload the burden of their crisis onto the backs of our people. Massive unemployment and underemployment, cut-backs in social services, childcare and education are becoming everyday events in the lives of the workers and oppressed minorities. On top of all this the rising threat of fascism adds an ominous overtone to the social chaos confronting our people. The increased oppression and exploitation, and the resistance of the working class and its allies, demand the leadership of a genuine communist party now.

The main danger within the international working class movement at this time is revisionism. Its consolidated center is in the USSR. The CPSU is the stronghold of modern revisionism, and it peddles its imperialist schemes and ideas under the cover of socialist rhetoric. Its counterpart and agent in the U.S. is the CPUSA. The CPUSA must be broken with completely and isolated from the working class movement. There can be no joint action with them. They must be smashed. Only through constant opposition to the CPUSA will a genuine communist party be forged in the U.S.

In the young communist movement, right opportunism expressed in two forms

James Jackson Supports Unity Efforts From Prison

James Jackson is a young Afro-American steelworker serving 15-25 years in prison because he rebelled against the steel bosses and killed a racist foreman in self-defense.

The May Unity Meeting is a special event in the history of the class struggle. Prisoners across the nation give support to all those who are willing to unite and fight against our common oppressor—the sixteen ruling imperialist families.

Mass organization isn't a dream any more, but in reality first of many steps to come. A new party is a must. We were all born under the same sun and perhaps will die under the same conditions, unless we pool our resources and energies and aim them in the right direction.

With this direction being a one-way street we mustn't back up nor back down

just because the road is long and difficult to travel and full of stalled vehicles. A new party will push all obstacles aside so we can continue onward to the eventual destination of liberation.

Prisoners have everything to gain from the May Unity Meeting as you people out there supply us with life-sustaining inspiration. You people are the ones that call the attention of the public to our struggles from within and it will be you people who will lead, educate and direct the working class in the fight for the dictatorship of the proletariat. We're depending on organizational unity and the children are depending on us to make this all possible.

We salute you!

James Jackson
Pendleton, Ind.

LEGACY OF INJUSTICE . . .

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mentary demand of the civil rights movement of the '60s, is still in practice denied to millions, especially in the rural districts. In their historic homeland and throughout the country, Black people remain without political rights, much less political power.

The oppression of the Afro-American nation serves the biggest U.S. capitalists in numerous ways. It provides a large pool of extraordinarily underpaid and super-profitable labor for the factories and mills both South and North. The South especially is a haven for runaway shops fleeing the more unionized North. The low degree of unionization in the Black Belt is itself a direct result of the national oppression of the Afro-American people. This oppression divides and weakens the whole working class. Southern white workers on the average make \$3,000 less than their northern counterparts.

From birth, Blacks face an unequal and segregated existence in every aspect of their lives. Gary Tyler grew up in this existence, and in this sense his case is not unique. Two important aspects of the Tyler case, the fight for integrated education and the racist use of the death penalty, clearly demonstrate that the same brand of capitalist injustice could have been just as easily meted out to any other Black man or woman.

What kind of education do Blacks receive under capitalism? Black people suffer 5 times the illiteracy rate as that of whites, a ratio that has widened in the last 15 years. This can be attributed in large part to the effects of racial segregation in the educational system. Further, only 8% of Blacks receive college educations, compared to 21% of whites. This 13% gap has risen dramatically since the

8% difference of 1960.

Inferior education is carried over to inferior job opportunities. Blacks today earn only 58% of what whites are able to make. They remain "last hired, first fired." The unemployment rate for Blacks is twice the national average, forcing millions of Black men and women to walk the streets desperately searching for some means of feeding their families.

Especially for Black youth, the current economic crisis has taken a drastic toll, with as much as 60-80% of all Black youths under 24 permanently unemployed. With no job, no future, and no place to go, many young Blacks are easy prey for the police. Tyler, himself only 17 years old, faced the same situation.

It is in this light that the struggle for desegregation in education assumes such significance. From the streets of Boston to the back country roads in Destrehan, Louisiana, Black people are fighting for their self-determination, which has its reflection in the demand for school integration and opposition to the racist violence instigated by the capitalists.

Thus the national oppression of the Afro-American people in the Black Belt is not an accidental feature of U.S. imperialism, as some think. U.S. capitalism first arose on the basis of the slave trade and the slave labor in the cotton industry and national oppression has been a pillar of the system ever since, providing it with its lifeblood

profits.

The ideology of white chauvinism is linked to the oppression of the Black Belt. It is spread by the capitalists and their bribed labor lieutenants in all parts of the country and is used to pit white workers against Black.

Trying to contain the Afro-American people's rebellion, the



GARY TYLER defenders gather signatures in nationwide petition drive.

government has filled the prisons and death rows with Black fighters like Gary Tyler.

Once subject to arrest and the "tender mercies" of capitalist courts, Black people on the average receive three times the sentence for the same offense as whites. Of the 3,859 "legal" executions carried out in the U.S. since 1930, Blacks have made up 54% of those killed by the system, even though they comprise only 12% of the total

population. Currently there are 544 people awaiting execution like Gary Tyler, yet Blacks and other minorities number 58% of these people.

The intensification of national oppression has produced a tremendous struggle on the part of the Afro-American people for liberation. This struggle will only be victorious when Black people win the right of self-determination, the capitalist system is overthrown and socialism established. Self-determination means political power—power in the hands of Black

people and the right to political separation.

Though Gary Tyler sits on Death Row in Angola State Penitentiary, he cannot be executed until the U.S. Supreme Court again rules the death penalty "constitutional," as many people think the Court intends to do. The fight for Tyler's freedom, then, is linked with the fight against the return to this racist "legal" murder weapon.

Mrs. Juanita Tyler, Gary's mother, pointed out the link between his case and the revolutionary upsurge of Afro-Americans when she told *The Call* in a May interview (in Destrehan—ed.), "They have intimidated Black people there for a long time from speaking out, especially the older ones. But now some people have spoken out . . . We don't go along with the old slavery-type ways!"

It is this revolutionary struggle of Black people for self-determination which merges closely with the fight of the whole working class for socialism and liberation from wage-slavery. This is why the Gary Tyler case must be brought to Black and white workers as an exposure of the whole system. Besides the thousands who will recognize Tyler's innocence and fight for his immediate release, there will be many who, seeing capitalism's responsibility for this affair, will come to understand the need for socialist revolution.

Under socialism, there will be no more Gary Tyler cases, no more all-white juries deciding the fate of Blacks in racist courts, no more selective use of the electric chair against Black people, no more Klan nightriders, and no more small, white cliques exercising a dictatorship over the masses of Black people. Instead, it will be the old exploiters and their KKK thugs who will go on trial before people's courts.

Even if we win freedom for Gary Tyler, the same system that gave rise to this injustice will continue to fuel the fires of national oppression in its drive for profits. That enemy—the capitalist system—must be the target of our attack.

UPSURGE IN PALESTINE . . .

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Bank reflect the same armed terror and genocide, supported by the big imperialist powers, which was used to plunder Palestinian lands and establish the Israeli state in 1948.

The resistance of the West Bank Palestinians is a reflection of the developing Palestinian revolution which has grown strong through the last 11 years of the armed struggle led by the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO).

But it is not the Israeli Zionists alone who stand in the way of Palestinian liberation. The superpowers, the U.S. and the USSR, are frantically competing for control of the Mideast with its rich oil lands and its strategic location on the flank of Europe. The superpower attempts to manipulate the situation, their treachery and their aggression make them the chief enemies of all the Arab peoples.

The U.S. for its part, has long been recognized as the power pulling the strings on Israel. Despite some tactical shifts in U.S. Mideast policy, Congress has approved \$4 billion in arms and cash for Israel over the next two years, making it the recipient of one-third of all U.S. foreign aid.

But the Soviet Union, while posing as the "friend" of the Palestinians, has proven even more treacherous to the liberation struggle. Over the past ten years, the Soviet revisionists have supplied the Zionists with some 60,000 Jewish immigrants to help solve their manpower shortage, and the flow of Jewish immigrants to Israel continues.

The Egyptian government recently denounced the phony "aid"

of the Soviet Union and broke off the friendship treaty between the two countries. Egyptian President Sadat and numerous Arab political leaders have exposed the Soviet Union for shutting off the arms flow in the middle of the 1973 war.

Ever since the 1967 war, the Soviet social-imperialists have called for a Geneva Conference to achieve peace in the Mideast. Their aim in calling for such a conference is to work out a superpower deal, tossing the genuine interests of the Palestinian people to the wind.

Meanwhile, according to a report in the Algerian newspaper *El Moujahid*, the Soviet diplomat Akhramovich quietly showed up in Tel Aviv May 7 to continue discussions leading toward Soviet recognition of Israel. This shows the hypocrisy of the Soviet revisionists who claim to support the program of the PLO (which calls for a democratic Palestinian state with religious freedom for all), but are legitimizing the Zionist settler state of Israel.

This week, Soviet Premier Kosygin and President Podgorny travel to Iraq and Syria amid wide speculation in the Western press that the USSR is trying to heighten already existing tension between Egypt and Syria. Both superpowers fear the powerful unity of the Arab countries, and both, especially the Soviet Union, are doing their best to keep the Arab world divided.

The complicated situation in Lebanon is an example of the way the superpowers play on religious or national differences in order to advance their own interests. The continuing civil war, with its momentary ceasefires followed by

eruptions of hostilities has expanded far beyond the initial question of balance between religious groups in the government. Each superpower is trying to use the atmosphere of turmoil to bring about an alignment of forces favorable to its own interests, and each is playing on at least two sides of the fence.

The U.S., for example, has backed the Christian Phalangists faction and sent them sizable quantities of arms. The Phalangists seek to cut Lebanese ties to the Arab world and expel Palestinian guerrillas from their Lebanese bases. But U.S. special diplomat Dean Brown has also sought to improve U.S. ties with the Lebanese Moslems, the PLO, and Syria.

On the other side, the Soviet Union has approved of Syrian intervention in Lebanon, even now that Syria's role has been criticized

by the PLO. At the same time, the revisionist Communist Party in Lebanon has been beefed up with funds from the Soviet Union in order to advance Soviet interests among the Moslem forces which support the PLO and oppose Syria's position.

These superpower maneuvers have one thing in common. Both superpowers enjoy the fact that Palestinian forces and energy are increasingly being diverted into the Lebanon situation, and that Arabs are lining up against Arabs.

While the tension in Lebanon continues, the revolutionary upsurge on the West Bank provides an inspiring example of the unity and strength of the Palestinian people. Such unity is a powerful force capable of withstanding all repression, defeating any superpower, and winning freedom in Palestine.

DENOUNCE NCLC FASCISTS

Baltimore, Md.—On April 26 an October League member was attacked by NCLC (U.S. Labor Party) goons while he was leafletting the unemployment office.

After being beaten to his knees, Cappy Pinderhughes was forced to draw a knife in self-defense and cut the two attackers. When the police came, they arrested him instead of the NCLC goons, to the amazement of eyewitnesses. For defending himself, Cappy Pinderhughes faces one deadly weapons and two assault charges.

NCLC's role at the unemployment office as everywhere else is to attempt to harass and hold back the work of organizations like the October League and Baltimore Fight Back Committee.

NCLC, also known as U.S. Labor Party, among other names, with their paper "New Solidarity," plays a role much like Hitler's Brown Shirts—their shouts about socialism, communism and revolution are only a cover for their right-wing, fascist activities. Their role as government agents was proven once again when former CIA director William Colby admitted during a congressional briefing that "New Solidarity" gets \$90,000 a year in CIA funds.

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