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SOUNDING THE DEATH KNEEL OF COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID thousands of Black Africans demonstrate in the face of violent repression.

VICTORY TO ANTI-APARTHEID STRUGGLE!

The streets of South African cities erupted last week with the massive rebellion of Black Africans rising up against the apartheid system. What burst forth in the Black ghettos of Soweto and Alexandra was five centuries of anger directed at colonialism, imperialism and racist apartheid rule.

Protests near Johannesburg and Durban were initially sparked when John Vorster's white supremacist regime imposed new laws forcing Blacks to learn the ruling class language, Afrikaans.

Student-led demonstrations turned into widespread revolts when Vorster brought in machine-gunning police to stop the demonstrations. Although well over 100 have been killed and thousands injured, the Azanian people have continued the assault on their oppressors, and new outbreaks are being reported as we go to press.

Around the world, support is developing for the rebellion which began June 16. The United Nations

sharply condemned the terror of the Vorster regime in a Security Council meeting June 19.

Here in the U.S., the October League and other organizations have called rallies in a number of cities to demonstrate solidarity with the Azanian people (see box). The actions will denounce the apartheid system which forces some 18 million Black Africans to live under conditions of virtual slavery, while toiling in the mines and factories of the world's biggest imperialist corporations.

Conditions of life for Blacks in South Africa have worsened in recent months from an already intolerable situation. A United Nations study reported that real wages for Black workers have not increased since 1910. Churning out immense superprofits for General Motors, Polaroid, DeBeers and all the big mineral cartels, Black workers earn an average of \$50 a month.

Denied virtually all political rights, Azanians are forced to live

in "Blacks-only" slums and must carry identification passes at all times. On top of these conditions, the last few months have seen increased police terror by the Vorster regime, gunning down rebels and militants.

Through this reign of terror, Vorster has been preaching that "there is no opposition to apartheid inside South Africa" and that "detente" prevails between Blacks

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Bicentennial for Whom?

As the climax to the Bicentennial draws closer, the hypocrisy of capitalist "freedom and justice" is blatantly exposed by the new wave of attacks on Afro-American and other minority people.

While President Ford prepares to "proclaim liberty throughout

the land" on July 4, he is simultaneously working on plans to reinforce school segregation and prohibit busing.

In Boston, Los Angeles, New Orleans and Chicago, the Nazi Party and the KKK openly lead attacks on Black people, while the politicians aid and encourage their efforts to pit white against Black and divide the working class.

Amid all the flag-waving and lecturing on democracy, the imperialist spokesmen are pursuing their stated goals of deporting a million Mexican workers on welfare, assassinating Native American leaders and closing schools and hospitals in minority communities.

These facts of life in the U.S. today demonstrate that while the American revolution of 200 years ago put an end to British colonial rule, it only won freedom for a small handful of capitalists. The last 200 years of freedom for the capitalist class has meant tyranny, oppression and wage-slavery for the working class and oppressed nationalities who make up the vast majority of the population.

In order to hide this history of oppression, the ruling class has

waged a cultural offensive designed to make the revolution of 1776 serve their purposes today.

In television's "Bicentennial Minutes," the revolutionary virtues of Washington and Jefferson are upheld. But the fact that these men were slave-holders is conveniently ignored. In fact, early capitalism arose and thrived on the slave trade and slave labor in the cotton fields. The continued oppression of the Black nation has meant that Black people today are still denied basic democratic rights. Black liberation will only be achieved when Black people win the right to self-determination, a right which the capitalists of 1776 cherished for themselves but forcibly denied to the nations they later oppressed.

The principles of "equality" and "democracy" which were set forth in the constitution were never meant to apply to people of colored skin or to the white workers and farmers. Those who drafted the constitution were bankers, manufacturers, plantation owners and slaveholders. Workers, small farmers and women were not

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REBELLION AGAINST TEAMSTER MISLEADERS GROWS

Frank Fitzsimmons well-orchestrated display of support for his own reactionary leadership at the June 14 national convention of the Teamsters Union, was unable to hide the rising storm of dissent building within the union.

Flanked by goons and his cir-

cle of yes-men and bureaucrats, boss Fitzsimmons turned the Las Vegas meeting into a frenzied attack on all opposition, rank-and-file as well as that within the bureaucracy itself.

Aside from having himself and the other loyal members of his

executive board reelected by a near-unanimous vote, Fitzsimmons also had himself voted a 25% pay raise in an arrogant display of disdain for rank-and-file sentiments.

He opened the proceedings with an arrogant tongue-lashing against the opposition: "To those who say it is time to reform this organization, and it's time the officers stopped selling out the members of this organization, I say to them, 'Go to hell.'"

The opposition Fitzsimmons refers to is made up, however, of different and incompatible forces.

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FOR A UNITED GARY TYLER DEFENSE

Representatives from more than 25 groups active in the campaign to free Gary Tyler met last week and postponed the planned July 17 demonstration in order to combine forces with another demonstration on July 24 in New Orleans.

The October League, one of the initiators of the July 17 action, welcomes this step towards building a unified Gary Tyler defense movement. We urge all supporters of the July 17 demonstration to join us on July 24 in the demonstration planned by the New Orleans Gary Tyler Defense Committee. Within that demonstration, the planners of the initial July 17 action will organize a "July 24 Southwide Coalition to Free Gary Tyler" contingent which we also support.

Gary Tyler, the 17-year-old Black youth victimized by a racist murder frame-up, has been sen-

tenced to die in the electric chair. The demand for his freedom has developed as a symbol of the Afro-American liberation struggle. The efforts to organize his defense have been a concrete tool in building unity among Black and white workers in the common fight against imperialism.

The July 24 demonstration will take place in New Orleans at the same time that the United Klans of America will be holding their white supremacist convention. The march and rally therefore will be a blow against Klan terror and the racist hysteria which President Ford and all the capitalist politicians are fanning with their new attacks on the rights of minority people.

The "Southwide Coalition" will raise four demands in addition to "Free Gary Tyler!" They are:

Down with Segregation, Death to the Klan!

Full Democratic Rights for Black People!

Jobs or Income Now! Jobs not Jails!

Self-Determination for the Afro-American Nation!

We urge all our readers to march in New Orleans on July 24 and make these demands heard loud and clear. For information on how you can participate, contact: SCEF, 3210 W. Broadway, Louisville, Ky. 40211.

WASHINGTON SCANDALS NO SURPRISE

The spiraling sex scandals in Washington are a further sign of the decadence of the class of people who rule this country.

The facts that have come to light go far beyond the sordid behavior of a particular congressman. They point to a widespread system of degenerate activities involving the most powerful names in Congress. Every member of this body is implicated, if only by covering up what everyone knew. The situation is one more illustration of the great revolutionary leader V.I. Lenin's observation that institutions like Congress, under monopoly capitalism invariably are pig-sties.

It would be a mistake to believe that the exposures in the press reflect a sudden wave of "moral purity" sweeping the halls of the Capitol. What is going on is that one set of thieves is digging up the dirt on the other set as part of the sharpening infighting for positions of power.

It would be an error also to think that Washington is unique. What happens in Congress is only a reflection of the policies of the big business class as a whole, in politics as well as in morals. This whole class, which runs the country, is decayed and rotten beyond repair.

What is particularly dangerous is their effort to flood the rest of the country with their kind of male-supremacist "culture" of prostitution and pornography. By trying to impose its own degeneracy on the working class, the ruling class hopes to distract us from our revolutionary tasks and to disable us from fighting back.

The imperialist ruling class has always exposed its thoroughly reactionary nature by promoting war, national oppression, unemployment and attacks on women. The decadent nature of its moral practices now coming to light in Washington is one more count in a long indictment against these criminals.



JOIN THE FIGHT FOR GARY TYLER'S FREEDOM!
JULY 24
IN NEW ORLEANS
DEMONSTRATE

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Dear Comrades,

It has taken me nearly eight years since my departure from Vietnam to understand why the victory of the Vietnamese people was a victory for all people. I can pinpoint this understanding to the study groups and OL functions I had attended in the past three months.

Previously, I couldn't comprehend the reason for all the anti-war protests nor the reason why the U.S. lost. Today I know: U.S. imperialism was defeated by the Vietnamese people.

It's been a few years since we vets returned to the "world." The disclosures made from the Pentagon Papers and the entire Watergate affair has awakened me to facts that I didn't want to believe. How could the U.S. government, which we fought for so valiantly, simply lie, cover-up, and dupe an entire nation into believing that its cause in Vietnam was just? Today I'm sure that we were the unsuspecting pawns of U.S. imperialism. I also suspect that many vets seek to do something, anything, to make sure that future Vietnams never occur again.

At present, the October League (Marxist-Leninist) is attempting to form a communist party. And to put it bluntly, "We need you!" I keep asking myself, "What do I have to be thankful for here in the States?" I've been to the VA hospitals and seen how poorly disabled vets are treated. I read in the papers how difficult it is for us vets to find jobs. It saddens me to read how some vets, in desperation, have re-enlisted.

Although I returned to the "world" in August '68, the effects of my 370 days, 18 hours and 12 minutes (Damn right, I remember!) persists. That is, until I met a member of the October League. Through a few rap sessions, my "Nam-inherited" habits, such as not feeling comfortable in large crowds, not trusting people I immediately meet, feeling my life is being wasted etc., slowly changed. I stopped feeling sorry for myself, quit smoking dope, ended my

Letters



daily visits to the bar after work.

My life today has meaning. I feel there is much to do to destroy the system that wants to dominate foreign countries for their strategic importance, natural resources and cheap labor.

Today, the African country of Angola is under a new threat of imperialism. Whether it's practiced by the U.S. or the USSR, imperialism is still the same. These two superpowers are again attempting to divide portions of the third world. This competition can lead only to a third world war. If there's a lesson to be learned from Nam, we must all unite and do whatever needs to be done to halt imperialism. We as vets know what "hell" is—we've been there. It's up to us to take concrete action. Struggle for a Marxist-Leninist Party. Overthrow this turkey government.

Ben, a Chinese-American worker in San Francisco

To The Call,

We're writing *The Call* to thank you for your help in our struggle. We work in a lead smelter here in Seattle called Quemetco, which has a reputation of being the worst factory in Seattle. Workers here face extremely dangerous working conditions—lead poisoning from dust and fumes, and severe burns from hot lead to can battery acid.

Recently there was a serious explosion in the smelter. A furnace blew up, nearly killing some workers. The company, which knew of a water leak in the furnace, continued to run the furnace at the risk of seriously injuring and killing the people in the smelter. When asked why they ran it, they had nothing to say. Neither did the union

bureaucrats from our local. But the people selling *The Call* at our factory wrote a leaflet exposing the company and the evil system of capitalism that were responsible.

Also, some of us have been following *The Call* articles on the United Rubber Workers strike because their situation is much like ours. We, too, have had to live with a three-year contract that offered us nothing.

It has been *The Call* that has helped us to understand what we are up against and the need to fight the factory owners every inch of the way. Our support to the United Rubber Workers and the weekly *Call*.

In Struggle,
Quemetco Workers

Dear Call:

We recently had an educational on the slogan "Jobs Not War" in the Boston Fight Back Organization. It was stressed that "detente" is a sham, that the military preparations for another big war are proceeding, and that both superpowers were rapidly arming themselves.

I told of an experience that happened in my union (UE) one day. We were talking in a Steward's Council about the depression and the layoffs in our shops. A steward who's in the CP got up and said that we should all urge our companies to go to Washington and meet with the Russian trade delegation because the Soviet Union and Poland are buying a lot of American machine tools.

His line was that our only hope for jobs is through "detente" and friendship with Russia. According to him, there's no danger of war. This false and dangerous line of the sell-out CP must be thoroughly exposed. *The Call's* been doing an excellent job in telling us the truth about "detente" and the real (imperialist) nature of the Soviet Union. Keep up the good work.

P.C.
Boston, Mass.

7,000 Protest N.Y. Daycare Cutbacks

New York City—More than 7,000 militant working women, men and children marched through the streets here June 8 in an angry protest against the shutdown of nearly 50 daycare centers. The centers, which cared for 3,500 children, allowed thousands of women to maintain full-time jobs.

"This isn't just a demonstration," exclaimed one woman worker as contingent after contingent from daycare centers across the city poured into a park near City Hall. "It's a mass movement."

The march got strong support from onlookers and many joined the action. In the garment center, women in sweatshops raised clenched fists and joined in the chanting. Working men on the streets cheered the demonstration. In the financial district, women office workers flocked to the windows and shouted encouragement.

The daycare cutbacks are a vicious attack on working women. The capitalists and their hired politicians are seeking to reverse the gains of the women's movement in recent years, driving women out

of the factories and back into the narrow confines of the kitchen. The aim? To use discrimination against women to drive down the general conditions and to further exploit all workers.

This measure was only the latest in a series of attacks on the rights and living standards of the millions of working-class and minority peoples in New York City. At the end of May, across-the-board wage and benefit freezes were imposed on all city workers, a negotiated contract was scrapped with transit workers and \$379 million proclaimed in new cutbacks, closing down hospitals and schools.

The consequence of the daycare cutbacks follows the logic of the profit system. It shows how the capitalists make use of women as a reserve of cheap labor, holding

them off or driving them into the labor market at various times.

Where the capitalists do provide a minimum of services, such as daycare or health care, they do it incompletely, haphazardly and for their own profit. Today, the centers that are open have been cut in food supplies and staff.

Many daycare workers are unionized, but their leadership refused to organize against the cuts. "They've never done anything but front for the city," said a Brooklyn worker. "This action was pulled together by rank-and-file workers, community groups and some of the daycare center administrators. When the union leadership got an idea of how big it would be, they tried to wreck it by calling another action in a few days where they will speak along with all the politicians."

The line of the revisionist CPUSA merged right in with the legalism and reformism of the union leaders. The CP distributed



"Thousands in the street and not a word in the press..."

a leaflet consisting solely of a legislative reform measure calling for "an adequate percentage of the war budget" to go to schools and daycare.

The October League, the United Workers Committee and other anti-imperialist groups in the action, however, sharply exposed imperialism as the source of the crisis and cutbacks, pointing to the need to organize the fightback and make the bosses pay. The working class and the masses of minorities and women, they insisted, could

only end this misery permanently by overthrowing imperialist rule.

Many workers were very aware that the capitalist media gave slim coverage to the event. "It's outrageous," said one daycare worker. "Thousands of people in the street and not a peep from the press."

A Latin woman worker summed it up: "The people know of their misery and their struggle from life. No matter what the capitalists try, they can never hide this reality. The people will learn and they will win in the end."

10 YEARS SINCE CHICAGO PUERTO RICAN REBELLION

By M.R., a worker correspondent in Chicago who participated in the Puerto Rican rebellion of 1966.

It is ten years this month since the first Puerto Rican Day parade took place in Chicago. The fact that the parade was even held at that time was a concession on the part of politicians and the rich who run Chicago to the growing anger of Puerto Ricans against racist oppression. But the concession did not stop the Puerto Rican struggle as the politicians had hoped. Instead, the parade sparked a rebellion which began later the same day and continued for several days with thousands of people fighting in the streets.

At the time of these events in 1966, there were 60,000 Puerto Ricans living in Chicago, including 30,000 on the Northwest side. The vast majority of these people were



PUERTO RICANS in Chicago marched against police murder.

workers who had left Puerto Rico because of the imperialist exploitation of their homeland. They came to Chicago only to find racism, poverty, unemployment and slum life—in short, they faced the same imperialist exploiters they had left behind.

Humboldt Park, in the center

of the Puerto Rican community, was for "whites only." Police constantly harassed Puerto Ricans in the area, and Puerto Rican women were treated like prostitutes.

Given this history of oppression, the anger of the community was ready to explode. Two events lit the fuse. Just before the sche-

duled June 13 parade, police shot and killed an innocent man, Miguel Laboy. Laboy had refused to open his apartment door to policemen who wouldn't identify themselves. The police broke down the door and opened fire, killing Laboy in front of his wife and nine children. This is how the Chicago police treated Latinos.

The other incident took place right after the parade. Police shot Areclis Cruz, a young boy, outside the San Juan theater.

But the Puerto Rican people were tired of this kind of brutality and racism. Rebellion broke out, and the people fought back. The people opened gunfire on the police, hurled stones and "molotov cocktails," and turned over police cars. When cops forced them back into their homes, they came out again on their roofs and through the alleys.

There was solidarity between many Blacks and Puerto Ricans in the community. The year before, rebellions had broken out in the Black community demanding their rights and opposing police brutality. Like the Watts rebellion, this was part of a rising tide of the li-

beration struggles.

There was also firm unity built within the Puerto Rican community itself as men, women and children fought together. Some leaders of the struggle recognized that it was the whole system which spread racism and oppression, not white people.

The police killed a four-year-old boy in the course of the rebellion. Their dogs bit many more people, and 42 were arrested.

The politicians were frightened and tried to stop the struggle. The Puerto Rican governor (a lackey of U.S. imperialists) told the people to be peaceful. Mayor Daley went on T.V. with pleas and threats. Plainclothes Latino police and Spanish-speaking priests were sent into the neighborhood.

But this fightback of thousands of people in Chicago lasted for over a week. When it was over, the people had won a lot. Puerto Ricans had proved that they deserved respect. They were able to unite and fight with great force. They had friends—other poor and working people. Humboldt Park was no longer for "whites only."

The rebellion was a big step forward in the struggle for the rights of the Puerto Rican minority. But the struggle must advance beyond the level of spontaneous rebellion in order to defeat imperialism. Now, because of the economic crisis, the ruling class is trying to take back many reforms won through the struggle, and minorities especially are being attacked.

The people will win against imperialism. Just like in Puerto Rico, where the people are fighting for independence (now against both superpowers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union), the people here are uniting with all oppressed people against our common enemy.

EXPOSE TAIWAN SPIES IN THE U.S.

Gainesville, Fla.—Chinese students at the University of Florida have exposed another link in the nation-wide spy network used by the reactionary Taiwan clique to spy on Chinese students in the U.S.

Today's Taiwan clique, heir to Chiang Kai-shek and his Kuomintang party (KMT), is desperately trying to maintain its fascist hold over China's Taiwan province. With the help of thousands of U.S. troops, the ruling clique tries to hold back the liberation of Taiwan and its reunification with China.

But the people of Taiwan are rising up against this rule. The struggle of students from Taiwan in the U.S. is a part of this upsurge.

Two Florida students have signed affidavits stating that they were contacted by the KMT and asked to spy on fellow students. Eight other students say they are also the "subject of surveillance activities."

Other evidence of such surveil-

lance was reported at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the University of Minnesota, Cornell University, the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Chicago.

The KMT spies record students' activities on "report forms" and then send them to Taiwan puppet officials in the U.S. A student who attends lectures on the People's Republic of China, reads certain books or magazines on China, goes to meetings of clubs supporting reunification of Taiwan and the mainland—or even associates with people knowledgeable about the People's Republic—is subject to surveillance.

The consequences of being reported are very grave for Chinese students in the U.S. In 1966, Huang Chi-Ming, a student at the University of Wisconsin, was imprisoned for 5 years when he returned to Taiwan. His crime was attending discussions on the prob-

lems of Taiwan while in the U.S.

One Florida Chinese student summed this up: "They do surveillance on every Taiwanese student here, and they send back reports on your behavior. Very serious things have already happened in our homes in Taiwan. Letters have been stopped. Our parents' jobs have been threatened. The government has asked our parents to write letters disowning us."

"We really live in a dark world. The things we have done here—just talking to the press and asking questions about mainland China—is already enough to be executed in Taiwan."

KMT spies could not operate in the U.S. without the permission of the U.S. imperialists. The U.S. ruling class is the biggest exploiter of Chinese people on Taiwan. The reactionary KMT puppet-dictators and their masters in the U.S. work hand in hand to repress knowledge

of socialist China.

But the KMT is losing its battle. As one of the most prominent University of Florida Chinese activists told *The Call*: "The Nixon visit to the mainland opened the eyes of the Chinese intellectuals in the U.S. to the lies and cheating that was done by the KMT government of Taiwan, and no amount of slander can change this. These personal attacks only make us want to work harder."

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RESISTANCE TO CHILE JUNTA BUILDS

Behind the scenes of last week's meeting of the Organization of American States in Santiago, the Chilean people continue to organize resistance against fascist repression.

Three and a half years after the CIA-backed military coup which overthrew the Allende government, world opinion continues its thunderous condemnation of the junta's brutalization of the Chilean masses.

Economically, the Pinochet regime's repressive policies have resulted in starvation for thousands of people. Prices, especially of staples, continue to rise sharply. In the last year, for example, the price of milk rose 400%.

Many of the biggest capitalists and foreign imperialists whose holdings were expropriated under Allende have been welcomed back by the junta to buy the means of production at give-away prices. U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon recently visited Chile and promised continued U.S. aid if Pinochet would make some token

reforms.

While freeing a handful of political prisoners, the junta continues its severe political repression. An estimated 95,000 people have been picked up by the junta's police since the coup. Torture continues to be standard procedure of the secret police.

Political parties remain under ban or suspension. Unions have been reduced to paper organizations, stripped of their rights to bargain or strike. New and stricter press censorship laws are being used to close down even some conservative newspapers and radio stations for such infractions as reporting a rise in the price of sugar.

Far from wiping out the revolutionary spirit of the Chilean people, these attacks have led to increased resistance. The Chilean Anti-fascist Press Agency (ANCHA), published by the People's Front abroad, recently reported several new developments in the resistance movement.

On March 23, copper miners at Chuquicamata mine struck to demand that the government pay back wages owed them since December. They were supported in their walkout by miners at the El Salvador mine. Frightened by the boldness of the miners, the government immediately sent the minister of mines to promise a resolution of the grievances.

In the south of Chile, a group of Mapuche Indians are organizing against an



CHILEAN WORKERS stand united against foreign imperialism and reaction at home.

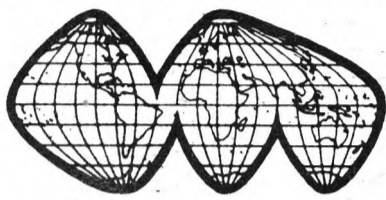
attempt to return their land to the landlord from whom it was expropriated several years ago. The Mapuches, who have suffered severe national oppression almost to the point of extinction, were involved in a number of land takeovers during the Allende years.

In addition to spontaneous acts of rebellion, ANCHA reports the growth of organized resistance groups and the popular anti-fascist front. This year, these groups sponsored May Day activities in several cities. One resistance organizer wrote: "We held several celebrations. The majority were small meetings, but one gathering attracted 350 people. Under our circumstances, this was a big victory."

In the midst of the repression and growing fightback, the all-too-familiar voice of the revisionist Chilean Communist Party is condemning the resistance movement and

the organizing of armed struggle as "ultra-left." In their analysis of the present situation, the revisionist traitors to the working class call for "restoring bourgeois democracy and establishing democracy and constitutionality in the armed forces" in alliance with the very sectors of the bourgeoisie who brought about the coup in the first place. This, in fact, is the same rotten line which set the masses up for slaughter in 1973, when the revisionists preached peaceful transition to socialism.

Chilean Marxist-Leninists, like the Revolutionary Communist Party, have called for smashing these revisionist traitors and building the leadership of a new party. Only on this basis can the spontaneous resistance of the Chilean people be organized into a revolutionary movement capable of defeating the fascists and their imperialist backers.



...in brief...

EAST TIMOR: The people of East Timor have overwhelmingly rejected the attempts of the Indonesian government to legitimize its invasion of the country by having it annexed to Indonesia by a phony "East Timor Popular Assembly." A radio broadcast by the Front for the Liberation of East Timor (FRETILIN) stated, "The people of East Timor will fight to the last man. Victory is certain." FRETILIN is continuing the guerrilla struggle from the mountainous areas of the island.

DEMAND JOBS: Workers in the Namur area of Belgium, faced with over 8.6% unemployment, demonstrated 5,000 strong on June 10 to demand jobs. A number of small shopkeepers closed their stores in solidarity with the workers.

CAPITALIST CRISIS: Australian ranchers have shot at least 20,000 head of cattle in recent weeks, rather than lose money on feeding and transporting them. The destruction of the cattle reflects the capitalist crisis in agriculture with ranchers destroying cows while beef prices soar in the markets.

BOLIVIA: Some 50,000 miners walked off the job June 14 protesting the repression of the Banzer regime. The government recently declared martial law and sent troops to occupy the mines. All tin mining came to a halt as workers demanded that the troops get out and that arrested union leaders be freed.

BRITAIN-ICELAND: The Communist League of Union (EIK-ML) in Iceland issued a statement this month protesting the recent agreement between Britain and Iceland to settle the so-called "Cod War." The statement points out that Britain is trying to dominate the fishing industry in Iceland's waters. Iceland's capitalists are capitulating by allowing Britain guaranteed fishing rights within Iceland's territorial limits. The statement also points out that in the background of the conflict is the rivalry of the superpowers who are contending for control of all the world's strategic waterways.

'Meatless Thursdays' in USSR

U.S. food prices are again being driven up sharply by Soviet grain purchases. The Moscow regime is panic-buying grains to stem the spread of popular anger, including food riots, in the USSR.

The start of "Meatless Thursdays" in the USSR last month is only the tip of the iceberg of the food shortage, the Paris daily Le Monde reported last month. Not only red meat is in short supply, but also sausages, chickens, vegetables, coffee and other items. Smaller loaves of bread have been standard for several months.

The food scarcity outside Moscow is

LEBANON NEXT ANGOLA?

Will Lebanon become the next Angola? Recent statements by the Soviet Tass news agency are preparing the ground of public opinion for a possible Soviet intervention in this strife-torn Mideast country.

Under the guise of "warning" the U.S. and European countries against direct military intervention in Lebanon, Tass issued a statement June 9, saying "The Middle East is much closer to the Soviet Union" than to these other countries.

"The Soviet Union is not less interested in how the situation in Lebanon and around it develops and continues to develop" than other powers, Tass said, adding "Nobody should lose sight of this."

The statement was accompanied by the dispatch of 15 more Soviet warships to the Mediterranean, bringing the social-imperialist fleet there to 70. Soviet armed forces chief of staff Kulikov was sent aboard one of the ships. The U.S. navy is also building up forces in the area.

Both superpowers have fanned the flames of civil war in the Lebanese conflict, provoking Arabs to fight Arabs. The USSR, main seller of arms to Syria and the PLO, has also supplied weapons to the right-wing Phalange via Bulgaria.

As in Angola, the achievement of unity among the third world forces concerned in Lebanon is key to blocking superpower intervention and aggression. The thinly-veiled Soviet threat, and its military buildup, underscore the urgency of this danger.

even more serious than in the capital, Le Monde's correspondent reported. Government food shops lack even potatoes, onions and cabbage. What especially angers the Soviet people, however, is that many items can be bought on the flourishing black market. But prices are so high that only the affluent minority can buy its fill there.

Demonstrations that turned into riots took place last month in Rostov and Kiev, according to a number of sources, including reports by French citizens returning from Russian visits. A crowd of workers in Kiev smashed windows and stalls of government food shops to protest the regime's "austerity" policy.

Dock workers in Riga also staged a work slowdown to protest the lack of food, and strikes reportedly took place in a number of factories over the lack of meat and vegetables.

The current aggravation of the Soviet food crisis comes from the crisis inherent

in imperialism itself. The Soviet imperialists are pouring all their capital investment into war preparations necessary for their global expansion. Purchasing foreign grain is only a stopgap measure to stave off popular rebellion.

To speed up its war drive and to try to calm the Soviet people's anger, the USSR so far has bought 18.7 million tons of wheat and corn from the 1975 U.S. harvest and has options on 4.6 million tons more. This new buying spree has sent U.S. grain prices "soaring," the New York Times reported June 9.

The results will show up shortly in the price of bread and many other foods in the supermarket. As in the past, the profits will mainly go, not to the farmers, but to the big grain monopolies like Cargill and Continental, who made hundreds of millions from the Great Grain Robbery of a few years ago.

From the World Press



Four of the groups in the Marxist-Leninist movement in the Dominican Republic have joined in a declaration aiming at consolidating the break with revisionism and forming a unified Marxist-Leninist party. The groups are Linea Roja, Voz Proletaria, Bandera Roja and Via Marxista-Leninista. Following are brief excerpts from the statement, as it appeared (Dec. 1975) in Servir al Pueblo, the organ of Linea Roja.

"In our country there is as yet no Marxist-Leninist party, vanguard of the working class . . .

"There is, however, a communist movement, made up of various Marxist-Leninist groups and organizations with various degrees of solidness and development, but all with a series of common principles and aims . . .

"Today, here as in all the world, the basic trend of all veritable Marxist-Leninist revolutionaries is toward reorganization, which is to say, toward Marxist-Leninist unity. A living example of this reality is the work which our organizations are developing for the unity of Marxist-Leninists . . .

"The correct path is for the Marxist-Leninist organizations, be they strong or weak, large or small, old or young, to struggle for unity through a process of discussion, study and mass struggle in a single strong political organization of the working class . . .

"The fact that today only four Marxist-Leninist organizations are working with this perspective and toward this aim does not mean that we are the only Marxist-Leninist organizations in the Dominican Republic; there are others who, however, have not yet arrived at the understanding that this is the more correct path . . .

"A coordinating committee for unity must be formed to carry out this work . . .

"The Dominican revolution, like all the other revolutions in the world, requires for its victory a strong vanguard party, which in our country will be the Dominican Workers Party (Marxist-Leninist), with a concrete theory and a scientific program to guide it."

While Woodcock Preaches Harmony

General Motors Blocks Union Drives in South

General Motors, the corporate giant of monopoly capitalism, has shown its anti-union teeth in a recent campaign to block the United Auto Workers Union (UAW) from organizing seven parts plants in the Black Belt South.

GM's anti-union attacks are pulling the mask off the lie promoted by UAW leaders that "class harmony" is a reality between auto workers and management. One of the myths spread by the UAW bureaucrats is that the auto barons have discarded their big stick, anti-worker, anti-union ways.

But while UAW president Leonard Woodcock was making a plea for moderation in '76 contract demands to protect the company's profit recovery at a recent Special Bargaining Convention GM was driving UAW organizers out of the South.

In the small Black Belt town of Clinton, Mississippi, at a Packard Electric Division plant, GM has defeated two union drives in the past two years. Just as in the vicious anti-union campaigns of the '20s and '30s, GM has resorted to company spy networks, forced interrogations, bribes and firings. It has also threatened reprisals and launched a propaganda onslaught with radio, TV and newspaper ads, movies, floods of leaflets, posters and letters. GM's vice-president for industrial relations describes this policy as "neutrality," "leaving it

up to the workers in each plant to decide."

At the Clinton plant, for example, workers "volunteered" to set up union "dis-organizing committees," print bumper stickers and T-shirts. The company, meanwhile, announced an unexpected 65 cents an hour raise just prior to the union certification elections. Posters throughout the plant were drawings of ugly vultures, labeled UAW and IUE. Both unions were engaged in the organizing drive.

One leaflet handed to all the workers bore the headline: "Northern Unions vs. Mississippi Working Folk" and told the workers that unions had "outlived their usefulness and constitute a barrier to progress."

While pointing to high dues, gangsterism and bureaucracy in the unions, GM carefully covered over the enormous profits GM makes by excluding the union, eliminating pension, health and unemployment program benefits, as well as strikes. In addition, GM made a special effort to turn the Black workers, more than 50% of the labor force in the plant, against the union.

In trying to fan anti-union sentiment, especially among Black and other minority workers, GM has no better helper than the union misleadership itself. Under their control, the union has become an instrument for spreading chauvinism, propping up company discrim-

ination, and promoting divisions among workers of different nationalities, organized and unorganized.

The UAW's own rotten record on organizing drives is a clear example. Except for the two half-hearted attempts to organize this Mississippi plant, the UAW has done virtually nothing to organize in the Black Belt South. In fact, UAW membership overall has declined in recent years.

Until the news hit the media and protest sharpened within the union, reflecting fear of more job losses due to runaways to the South, Woodcock and his circle kept it pretty much under the rug. Faced with pressure from workers, however, Woodcock began to make a fuss. "They can't say they have a constructive attitude (in Detroit)," he quibbled, "and then have a destructive attitude in another part of the country."

But how can Woodcock insist that GM has a "constructive attitude" at all, when tens of thousands of auto workers in the Detroit area are still on permanent layoff, and others are working 18 hours forced overtime a week, with deteriorating safety conditions and brutal speed-ups? His words of "criticism" are just a further exposure of his role as lackey to the big capitalists.

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July 19. But the UAW bureaucrats have never done more than pay lip service to the defense and organization of the unorganized. They parade around as great union organizers, trying to live off the militant history of organizing in the '30s, which brought hundreds of thousands of workers into industrial unions.

Bureaucrats such as Woodcock did not build the UAW, nor lead the bitter fights against GM and Ford. It was the masses of workers who stood up fiercely, under the leadership of the then-revolutionary Communist Party.

Communist fighters were decisive in building the UAW. The strike leadership in the great Flint sit-down in 1937 which broke the resistance of GM was composed of almost all communist workers. At that time, the unions were centers for organizing workers not only to win demands against individual bosses, but also to struggle against the whole capitalist class.

Today, however, the labor misleaders and their union bureaucracy are like a yoke around the necks of the workers, holding them back from class struggle, and tying them to reformism and class collaboration. It is not Woodcock nor any of the labor lieutenants who will stand up to the union-busting attacks by GM.

In fact, the UAW official in charge of relations with GM, Irving Bluestone, has been too busy mapping out plans with company executives for "worker participation" in management, which GM insists "gets us away from the confrontation spirit," to even mention the Mississippi anti-union campaign.

GM is relying on UAW bureaucrats to go right on trying to mislead the workers, and lull them to sleep with visions of labor-management cooperation so that it can continue to wage a vicious campaign to wipe out union rights and intensify the exploitation of the workers.

WORKERS Committee in Atlanta demonstrates support for Owens-Illinois workers fired by the company. (Call Photo)



Fightback Grows at Owens-Illinois

East Point, Ga.—The Owens-Illinois company fired a worker May 21 for trying to help a Black woman worker who had collapsed from exhaustion. The firing sparked a struggle that spread through the plant and led to the forging of a rank-and-file caucus in the union.

The day after the firing, a small protest picket of six workers went up in front of the plant, handing out leaflets which linked the incident to the company's increasingly repressive policies. Within days, the picket line swelled to 60, with supporters joining in from other plants in the Atlanta area: Atlantic Steel, Nabisco, and Mead among others.

Owens workers had been facing an almost daily intensification of harassment and speed-up. Workloads for some had been doubled. In addition, the company had just changed its absentee policy, so that no excuse was acceptable for missing work.

Not only O-I, but also the union misleadership, Local 101 of

the Glass Bottle Blowers Association (GBBA), denounced the picket line. O-I took immediate action to clamp down on growing support for the picket by firing 14 workers on May 24, and a total of 40 workers by the end of the week. They were charged with "damaging the company's reputation with the community."

The union misleaders, meanwhile, had called the workers "fools" and "monkeys" for being "tricked into an action by a hidden handful." Local president Jim Wilson, who had done nothing to oppose company discrimination or fight the endless grievances workers had filed over the last year, insisted that workers restrict their activities to filing one more grievance and that they rely on arbitration to win their demands.

The workers, however, turned their fire against the bureaucrats at a union meeting May 24, voting down what is usually an automatic approval of union officials' salaries. They also exposed the racist vice-president who had claimed

that "the plant would be a better place to work if it wasn't for the niggers and the women."

When company firings failed to intimidate protestors, and when union misleaders failed to divert the struggle into arbitration, a secret deal was worked out between International Union officials and corporate execs. They agreed to change the firings to 3-day suspensions, if the picket line was stopped.

On May 27, workers decided to move from the picket line to the inside and from there to build a strong O-I fightback caucus. To mobilize and educate more workers about the union misleaders, they filed charges against the union president, demanding that the workers and not the bureaucrats make union policy. "When the workers win control of the unions from these bureaucrats," one worker stressed, "they'll become a powerful force in our struggle against Owens-Illinois and against this system."

ON THE LINE



Caucus Target of Misleaders

Boston, Mass.—The Concerned Workers Caucus has been the chief target of a campaign by leaders of URW Local 984 to deny union rights to the 40% of the workforce on layoff. Concerned Workers has exposed the fact that the union bureaucrats are doing nothing to fight for the jobs of those laid off and are allowing conditions to deteriorate inside the plant.

"They should have protected people's jobs in the first place when the company laid them off. Now they're choking the hell out of the people who are left," said one worker in reference to the union's misleadership.

Members of Concerned Workers recently attended a union meeting to ask that laid-off workers be exempted from dues. But the bureaucrats refused to let the workers remain active without paying. When workers refused to leave the meeting, the bureaucrats cancelled it. The following day, the workers were suspended from union activities and the URW hacks quickly pushed through a 50% dues increase.

Phony 'Concern' for Women

Instead of eliminating health hazards on the job, many companies are eliminating women of child-bearing age from their payrolls, according to a recently published University of California report.

This growing form of sex discrimination hides behind "concern for women's health." Many substances such as vinyl chloride, carbon disulfide, lead and others, have been linked with birth defects, stillbirths and miscarriages in women workers. These same poisons have also been linked with cancer, nervous disorders and deaths among men and women workers alike. Rather than protect all workers against these toxic substances, companies are firing or refusing to hire women.

In one instance, women at an Idaho lead smelter were forced to transfer to allegedly safer departments at a cut in pay and with loss of seniority. In another, a mother of four working in a Canadian battery plant was told to submit to sterilization or lose her job.

Fight Norwood Discrimination

By GM-Norwood Correspondents—

Norwood, Ohio—The fight against discrimination continues at GM where day-to-day incidents are unmasking the company's and the union bureaucrats' lie that "there's no discrimination at GM."

Following the unjust firing of a Black woman worker and mistreatment of a second Black worker told to stay at his job despite an injury, a delegation of white and Black workers from the first shift went to the main office to confront the production manager. His refusal to listen just fanned our anger, and we organized a separate meeting.

Some false "friends," however, like Ohio State Representative Rankin, showed up at the meeting to tell us it was our fault discrimination exists, because we didn't vote in the last union election. Vote in better reps next time, he said, and then he told us to rely on him in the meantime to straighten things out with UAW bureaucrats.

But Rankin as well as the UAW bureaucrats are defenders of the capitalist system of exploitation that's responsible for discrimination. What this meeting showed us was the need to expose these phony "friends" and their sham solutions as part of our fight against GM's discriminatory policies.



Towards a Party Program

OL Women's Commission Intensifies Ideological Struggle

The National Women's Commission of the October League recently met to sum up key areas of mass work among women and begin discussion on points for the new party program on this strategic question.

The commission began by reviewing the political gains of the last two years' campaigns around International Women's Day. These campaigns provided concrete vehicles for giving communist leadership to the women's movement, especially among working class and minority women. They also served as the focus of sharp ideological struggle against the revisionist Communist Party U.S.A. (CPUSA) and their centrist allies who peddle the line of "united action" with the revisionists.

The commission deepened its understanding of the dangers of revisionism and reformism (including feminism) within the women's struggle and isolated right-opportunism as the main ideological danger within the communist movement.

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The meeting denounced the role of the revisionist CPUSA which uses the women's movement to build support for Soviet aggression under the banner of "peace" and "detente." Examples of the revisionist danger were also given by OL activists inside the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW). In that organization, the CP blocked with the chief labor bureaucrats to carry out a red-baiting campaign aimed at wiping out revolutionary leadership in CLUW.

The unity between revisionism and feminism was also studied at the meeting. It was observed that neither the revisionists nor the feminists target imperialism and class society as the source of women's oppression, but aim the main blow at men and their ideas.

The revisionist notion of a "united front of women" was also criticized by the commission. This theory holds that women of all classes should unite as the main strategic alliance for women's emancipation. It is opposed to the Marxist-Leninist view that the strategic alliance to be built is the unity of the working class, men and women. Secondly, a movement of the broad masses of women must be built based on this unity and following the leadership of the working class party.

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and criticized a rightist line resulting both from aspects of the "united front of women" theory and a failure to fully understand the role of reformism in the trade union movement. The meeting stressed that the labor aristocracy itself initiated CLUW in order to bind the working women's movement to the chains of reformism and capitalism. The top bureaucrats who run CLUW have talked their heads off about the plight of women, but have done nothing to put an end to the discrimination faced by women in the plants from the bosses or from the chauvinist labor misleaders, who refuse to organize the majority of women workers.

PROGRAM OF CLASS STRUGGLE

The discussion called for a program of class struggle inside the CLUW chapters to replace the labor aristocracy's control with genuine revolutionary leadership. The same type of struggle must be waged in the trade unions as a whole, in organizing the unorganized, and on all fronts of working women's battles.

While developing the strategic battle against revisionism, the commission also took note of the struggle against ultra-"left" deviations on the woman question. Inside the anti-revisionist movement, for example, the so-called "Revolutionary Wing" opposes the democratic demands of women such as the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. The "Wing's" line, which is increasingly being followed by the Congress of African People (CAP), is one of the chief reasons that the Black Women's United Front (BWUF) has been paralyzed and wrecked. CAP's role inside that mass organization has been to promote empty sloganeering and "left"-sounding rhetoric, while leaving BWUF without leadership or a program for struggle. This has driven most of BWUF's former members away.

The commission concluded its meeting by calling for intensified efforts to recruit women, especially working women, to the new party; to build unity among men and women workers; and to raise the theoretical level around the woman question in the course of the party-building efforts.

The commission observed that propaganda work was especially important to accomplish these tasks and planned a series of *Call* and Class Struggle articles to deepen the analysis of the points made at the meeting.



Springfield, Ill. demonstration brought 10,000 people out to support the Equal Rights Amendment. (Call Photo)

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trade union leaders is greater because they carry out their work under the mantle of "communism," their program of struggle and trade union demands is in essence the same as that of the reformist trade union leaders. It is based on an open defense of trade unionism, or, as they pose the task "the defense against monopoly's attack on honest trade unionism" (Draft Resolution).

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'S IN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT

direct inheritors of the Second International's rotten class-collaborationism. These self-proclaimed "socialists" have been preaching the reform of capitalism and support for imperialism since WWI.

The CP describes these "new trends" as "moderate social-democrats such as Harrington, Wurf, Lucy and Seldon, who shun Meany's more reactionary positions but are reluctant to challenge them. They continue

merger between revisionism, reformism and social-democracy in support of "detente" (meaning support of social-imperialism) is an international phenomenon and carries beyond the trade union movement into the arena of electoral politics. It is part and parcel of the revisionist strategy to take power while keeping the capitalist system intact.

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cratic control" as part of a plan for "radical structural reforms" of capitalism. "Restructuring" is posed as an alternative to the communist program of socialist revolution, and it is on this basis that the CP tries to build its "Anti-Monopoly Coalition."

In calling for a "restructuring" of the trade union movement, the revisionists are basically defending the liberal labor bureaucrats and maneuvering for more influence themselves. The new structure they seek to build is not a trade union movement organized as a center for revolutionary struggle, but a bureaucracy in which they and their allies hold hegemony.

The CPUSA's traitorous policy of class-collaborationist trade unionism was clearly seen in the recent strike of San Francisco city workers which ended in bitter defeat last May. The defeat was the result of a sell-out by the San Francisco Labor Council in which the revisionists have gained some influence. Their strategy for winning the strike was based on a cozy alliance with "pro-labor" Mayor Moscone rather than mobilizing the workers themselves. Moscone and other city officials turned on the workers, knowing they could rely on the bureaucrats to force the strikers back to work with none of their demands met.

Because the revisionists had a stake in building up these union misleaders to secure their own future and undermine the rank-and-file sentiment of resistance and rebellion, they openly declared the settlement a "victory" (Daily World, May 18).

The traitorous alliance with the reformist trade union leaders is just one part of the strategy of the revisionists. They have also attempted to organize their own independent fronts within the trade union movement to increase their negotiating position. Playing on the widespread rank-and-file sentiment for independent organization in the form of the caucus movement which arose in the 1960s, the CP launched their own organization called

Trade Unionists for Action and Democracy (TUAD).

TUAD, in its newspaper Labor Today, describes itself as organizing "rank-and-file trade unionism." This is an honest self-portrayal in that it confines itself strictly to trade unionist politics as opposed to revolutionary working-class politics. Its main program is confined to support for the reformist trade union leaders like Sadlovski combined with agitation around "detente" and lip-service to the fight against racism.

It is necessary to mention that the revisionists' strategy in the unions also includes a life-or-death struggle against genuine communists who have begun to make their influence more greatly felt within the trade union struggle. In France and Italy, where the revisionists are strong in the union movement, genuine communists have been barred by the revisionist bureaucrats, fingered to the police and even set up for assassination.

In the U.S. union movement, revisionism directs its most vicious attacks on the "Maoists" and "Black nationalists" (see "Rebellion in the Unions" by revisionist labor hack George Morris), whom they see as providing the greatest challenge to their own legitimacy in the labor movement.

The struggle against the revisionist trade union leaders is part and parcel of our revolutionary struggle against the capitalist system. Along with the reformists, the revisionists must be made the target of our main blow within the workers' movement. Their danger is bound to increase as the crisis of capitalism deepens and thousands of workers begin to turn towards communism as the only solution. It is at this point, when capitalism's open labor lieutenants stand exposed before the working class, that the bourgeoisie will come to rely more and more on the phony "communists" in the CP.

Key to this struggle is the building of a genuine communist party in the immediate future which will enable us to organize in the unions on a revolutionary basis of class struggle. Without such a party, the fight against the revisionist and reformist leaders cannot be carried out in a thorough-going way.

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**MILLION MORE JOBS
AWAIT US-USSR TRADE**

SAN FRANCISCO STRIKE SPREADS

By PAT BARILE
The Soviet Union is seeking \$10 billion in trade deals with U.S. firms for the next five years, according to an article in the American Metal Market Metalworking News. The deal would produce the equivalent of ONE MILLION jobs for U.S. workers, not counting the additional jobs which would be created as the billions filter through

REVISIONIST LIE—"Detente" won't bring jobs. In fact it is a cover for war plans.

to waver under the influence of Cold War inertia and anti-communism. Many of these can be brought to a pro-detente stand and to more consistently democratic and class-struggle positions. . ."

On the basis of this opportunist analysis, the revisionists put forth their strategy of a "Left-Center united front" with the whole section of social-democratic and reformist traitors to the working class whom they describe only as "waverers." This growing

trade union leaders is greater because they carry out their work under the mantle of "communism," their program of struggle and trade union demands is in essence the same as that of the reformist trade union leaders. It is based on an open defense of trade unionism, or, as they pose the task "the defense against monopoly's attack on honest trade unionism" (Draft Resolution).

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It is not we who play into the hand of U.S. imperialism, but those who cover up the source and danger of imperialist war, who grossly magnify the power of U.S. imperialism in the world, who promote unity with revisionism and Soviet social-imperialism, and who are trying with every means at their command to prevent a genuine communist (Marxist-Leninist) party from

being born. If the editors of the Guardian wish to see who props up U.S. imperialism and delays its revolutionary overthrow, they should examine themselves and their allies.

The overwhelming majority of Marxist-Leninists will certainly agree with Irwin Silber's conclusion in his June 4 speech that the differences between his line and our line are irreconcilable and allow no compromise. That is why the Guardian editors as political figures, and their newspaper as an organized force (such as it is), can no longer be considered as a part of the Marxist-Leninist movement. The task now is to step up the exposure and struggle against the ideological influence of their line.

The Guardian editors summed up Silber's speaking tour with its New York climax as indicating "a vast reservoir of political sentiment and cadres" for the Guardian's line.

In reality, Silber's speaking tour, including his final act of denying that the Soviet Union is imperialist at all, is only welcomed by the revisionists and Trotskyites.

'GETTIN' ON COUNTRY'

To all those who attended the National Fight Back Conference in Chicago or the Southern Fight-Back Meeting in Eastabuchie, Mississippi, last year, Anne Romaine is no stranger. This talented singer and musician is one of the most dedicated artists performing country and western music today.

The fact that the struggle of the working class is central to Anne Romaine's life makes her album release "Gettin' On Country" of special interest to *Call* readers.

The album, produced in Nashville, contains a wide range of songs, including love ballads like "Mountain Morning Sun" as well as hard-hitting songs of struggle like "Georgia Cotton Mill Woman" (a true story of Nannie Washburn). Nannie, for those who aren't familiar with her, is a veteran fighter

for socialism and a member of the October League. Her story is brought to life in this Romaine composition.

Another work of major importance on the album is "On the Line," written by the well-known country artist John D. Loudermilk. This is the story of Joan Little, the Black woman militant whose recent frame-up murder trial ended in victory as a result of the nationwide demonstrations of the people. This song, when originally cut on a single, played an important role in educating masses of people about the Little case. Joan Little was acquitted in August 1975.

The appearance of Anne Romaine's album is very significant and timely. Born in the textile town of Gastonia, North Carolina, Romaine's roots are planted firmly



ANNE ROMAINE (Call Photo)

in the life of the working class. Her album reflects a growing cultural movement in the South to support the struggles of the working class and oppressed minorities.

"Gettin' On Country" is available from: SCEF, 3210 W. Broadway, Louisville, Ky. 40211

BICENTENNIAL . . .

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allowed to vote. Freed Blacks were not even admitted into the meeting room of the Constitutional Convention. American Indians were shot at and driven off their lands even while the convention was in session.

Along with burying this history of oppression, the ruling class tries to hide the history of revolutionary resistance. There are no "Bicentennial Minutes" honoring Denmark Vesey, Nat Turner or any of the other heroes who sparked over 120 slave rebellions from 1579 to 1865. Picnic plates and restaurant placemats do not portray great events in the class struggle such as John Brown's assault on Harper's Ferry in 1859. Brown, a white man, and numerous others joined with Blacks to give their lives in the struggle for Black liberation and the freedom of all oppressed people.

It is the great tradition of Denmark Vesey and John Brown which lights the way for the working class of today in its struggle. The path of capitalists like Washington and Jefferson, while progressive in its day, has led to capitalism's highest stage—imperialism—with nothing progressive about it.

Yet phony revolutionaries like the revisionist Communist Party (CPUSA) have jumped on the red, white and blue bandwagon, preaching that liberation for the oppressed nationalities will come about by reforming capitalism.

Angela Davis, a revisionist spokesman, gave a speech in Milwaukee last month in which she

criticized Blacks who oppose the chauvinist Bicentennial celebrations. "We must use the Bicentennial," said Davis. Blurring the distinction between the capitalist revolution of 1776 and the working class revolution needed today, Davis said, "In 1776 there was a revolution. In 1976, let's do it again." She went on to spell out what a "revolution in 1976" meant to her—a program of legislation and other reforms to "renew our commitment to justice and equality."

But capitalism is a system which embodies injustice and inequality for the masses of people. Even with all the reforms that have been won through the struggle of the last 200 years, the frame-up of Black youths like Gary Tyler continues. The KKK is still marching. American Indians are still living in poverty on reservations. Asian and Latin women still work 14-hour days in non-union sweatshops. Black workers still earn only 60% of what whites earn. Thousands of Black sharecroppers still toil under conditions little different than the days of slavery. These facts expose both the revisionists and the capitalist rulers of the U.S. who claim that the system can be reformed to provide justice and equality.

The condition of minority nationalities in the U.S. is only one among many reflections of what imperialist oppression in 1976 means for the masses of people. These facts cannot be hidden by any amount of flag-waving, nor any glorification of the revolution of 1776.

DOWN WITH APARTHEID . . .

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and whites.

The rebellion of last week exploded Vorster's lies. Fighting only with rocks and bricks, an estimated half million Blacks took part in the Soweto and Alexandra uprisings alone. Press accounts indicated that a number of white students also joined the struggle. The freedom fighters dared to stand up to the white supremacist military machine and, while suffering some losses, they showed that Azanians will not tolerate apartheid rule much longer.

Like the Sharpeville massacre of 1960, the uprising of the last week marks an important turning point in the Azanian struggle. At Sharpeville, 60 peaceful Black protesters were slaughtered in the street, awakening many Azanian freedom fighters to the need to take up armed struggle.

Last week's events, although apparently spontaneous, serve as a call to intensify the anti-apartheid struggle. On the second day of the

rebellion, Vorster called for "law and order by any means," and ordered police to open fire on "all crowds." But the rebellion continued for three more days and spread to other cities.

The racist South African state is now under siege from all sides. Mozambique, formerly allied with South Africa when it was a Portuguese colony, has won its independence and become a militant opponent of South Africa. In Namibia (Southwest Africa) guerrillas of the Southwest African People's Organization (SWAPO) are stepping up their armed struggle to drive South Africa out and have gained worldwide support for their cause. In neighboring Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), African freedom fighters are rapidly encircling the white supremacist regime of Ian Smith with armed support from several African countries. With the flames of liberation now burning inside South Africa itself, the Vorster regime has never been more isolated.

This isolation is the background to Vorster's meeting this week in

Germany with Henry Kissinger. Frantic for aid to shore up his rule, Vorster is appealing to the U.S., the biggest imperialist investor in South Africa. U.S. imperialism has always provided South Africa with military and diplomatic aid.

The current developments in South Africa are only the latest in a series of events which have riveted world attention on the whole southern tip of Africa. Both imperialist superpowers, the U.S. and the USSR, are carrying out a frantic scramble for power in that strategic part of the world. Both superpowers fear the strength of the armed liberation movements and the African countries fighting for genuine independence.

The superpower rivalry has already led to the Angolan civil war in which the Soviet Union split the liberation movement and massacred 150,000 Angolans in order to gain a military foothold in southern Africa.

Faced with both the rising tide of liberation wars and the Soviet military danger, the U.S. has been forced to tone down its previous policy of all-out support to the white supremacist regimes in Rhodesia and South Africa.

KISSINGER'S TRIP

On his May tour of Africa, Kissinger said that the U.S. was committed to bringing about majority rule "by peaceful means," in southern Africa, hoping to get the liberation movements to lay down their arms and submit to U.S.-sponsored negotiations.

But the events of recent days in South Africa have amply demonstrated that there can be no "peaceful reconciliation" between Black Africans and the Vorster regime. Armed struggle is the key to ending the vicious apartheid rule.

The Azanian rebellion is not only a call to action against racism and imperialism in southern Africa, it gives strength to anti-imperialist fighters everywhere.

Even though the treatment of Blacks in South Africa is especially brutal, the same imperialist system promotes racism and national oppression from Johannesburg to Boston. The fact that Azanians are rebelling and fighting back even under the terror of apartheid, lends great inspiration to the struggles of the working class and oppressed nationalities in the U.S.

TEAMSTERS . . .

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In the first place, there are the angry and, in certain locals, powerful allies of the late Jimmy Hoffa.

They are particularly embittered over the murder of Hoffa shortly after he announced his intentions of running against Fitzsimmons. Here the contradictions amount to little more than a falling-out among thieves.

GROUPS OF REFORMISTS

Secondly, there are groups of reformists such as those who organized PROD (Professional Drivers Council for Safety and Health) in 1972 and Teamsters for a Democratic Union, which played a major role in the strike by 400,000 truckers in April. Claiming a membership of up to 3,000, PROD released a lengthy exposé just three weeks before the convention accusing Teamster leadership of too much corruption and too high salaries, both a product of too much power.

Also included in the rank-and-file forces are some smaller groups such as "Upsurge" and others organized among the United Parcel Service (UPS) workers. "Upsurge" is influenced largely by the Trotskyist reactionary group International Socialists (IS).

While exposing some of the worst corruption in the Teamsters' leadership, these reformists fail to present the rank-and-file with a real alternative of class struggle aimed at taking power in the union.

Rank-and-file members of numerous Teamster locals, especially those made up largely of women and minority workers, have rebelled against the leadership's sell-out policies. The current BFI strike in



FITZSIMMONS got a new raise.

Santa Barbara, California, and the Teamster cannery workers who have sided with the United Farm Workers are two such examples.

Last April's strike over the National Freight Agreement was another example. Under pressure, Fitzsimmons called the first national walkout in the union's history. When he tried to impose a quick settlement after three days, wildcats broke out in many locals across the country, defying his leadership.

The Teamsters convention is a blatant example of American business unionism. Flaunting their power and their contempt for the masses of workers, Teamster top dogs voted themselves an outrageous salary raise and ordered steep dues increases to foot the bill.

Fitzsimmons, already the highest paid labor bureaucrat in the world, was awarded a yearly salary of \$156,275 to go along with his unlimited expense account and union-paid jet plane.

While Fitzsimmons and his cronies appear to be riding high today, the show in Las Vegas reveals the deep divisions within the union and the new beginnings of rank-and-file upheaval which will have the decisive influence over the future of the Teamsters Union.

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