



SADLOWSKI NO ALTERNATIVE FOR STEEL WORKERS

As the February 8 elections for presidency of the United Steel Workers union (USW) approach, many steel workers are wondering if the campaign mounted by liberal Ed Sadlowksi is any alternative to the Abel-McBride misleadership which now dominates the union.

The Sadlowksi team has been busy trying to win the support of steel workers who have demon-

strated strong anti-Abel sentiments. But the fact is that a Sadlowksi victory would only represent a change of faces at the top, with no basic change in program for the union.

The October League has initiated a campaign of exposure of the Sadlowksi "alternative," urging workers to throw their ballots away and take up the fight against

the steel bosses and their labor lieutenants in the USW.

At the mills around the country this week, an OL leaflet is going out, explaining why the rank and file should not pin their hopes on Sadlowksi but should instead intensify the fight around basic demands and build their union (PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 11)

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FIGHT DON'T FREEZE!

**Cold wave intensifies
capitalist crisis**

The worst winter in this century has brought untold hardships to the masses of people.

Already over two million workers have been laid off and hundreds of thousands have faced curtailment of working hours as a result of the cold wave. Steel mills, auto assembly plants and over 4,000 other large-scale industrial enterprises have accounted for the bulk of the layoffs, unable to get enough fuel supplies to stay in operation.

In New Jersey alone, layoff totals have reached as high as 700,000. New York and Pennsylvania have added over half a million workers to the unemployment rolls between them. The freezing citrus crop in Florida, while being used by growers as an excuse to triple their prices,

has meant layoffs for 150,000 migrant workers.

The entire Pennsylvania school system was shut down last week. Most of the urban centers in the Midwest and East also carried out massive school cutbacks.

On top of these crisis conditions, capitalism's thirst for profit



CAPITALISM IS TO BLAME for hardship and death during this severe winter.

is responsible for the deaths of numerous people as the freezing weather continues. Last month, the Ohio Edison Co. shut off heat to Thomas Kuhn, an elderly man in Mansfield, Ohio, for non-payment of an \$18 bill. Kuhn froze to death as a result. Similar incidents have been reported in Illinois, New York and New Jersey.

The cold wave has unleashed a

chain reaction of difficulties for working people. Auto accidents and abandoned vehicles line the roads. Resort cities, whose economy depends on winter tourism, have been ruined. Frostbite and cold-related illnesses are hitting record numbers of people.

The big capitalists led by their new spokesman Jimmy Carter have tried to solve the crisis with

their usual magic "solution": make the people bear the burden.

After consulting all his advisers and collecting vast scientific data on the weather, Carter announced his plan to the American people last week. One part of the plan calls on Americans to make "greater sacrifices" by turning the thermo-

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RESISTERS AND VETS SAY:

NO TO CARTER'S PHONY 'AMNESTY'

With Jimmy Carter's sham amnesty proposal fresh in their minds, more than 300 Vietnam war resisters, deserters, veterans, and their supporters met in Toronto Jan. 29-30 for the International Conference of Veterans and War Resisters.

The conference laid out various plans, including a demonstration against the sham amnesty to be held February 5 outside the White House in Washington, D.C.

Despite severe weather conditions that kept many from

attending, participants in the two-day conference included representatives of dozens of veterans and exile groups from thirty states as well as Canada, Sweden, and France.

In opening statements, the purpose and general stand of the conference was summed up. Steve Kinnamon, representing nearly 2,000 exiles in France and Sweden, said, "Our demands today are universal and unconditional amnesty, honorable discharges for all Vietnam-era vets, a single-type discharge, and a reinstated and improved GI Bill of Rights and the democratic rights of GIs, including the right to organize."

Kinnamon, who deserted the army in 1967 and spent four years underground in Laos, went on to "salute the historic victories" of the Indo-

chinese peoples and called on the conference to continue in the tradition of resistance to imperialist wars of aggression.

Pat Simon, coordinator of Gold Star Parents for Amnesty, was loudly applauded when she stated, "Some of our leaders tell us that some of our sons would be alive if some of you had gone to take their place, but you know and I know that our sons would be alive if the government had listened to what the resisters were saying and stopped the war."

When Carter and his aides concocted their fraudulent amnesty scheme, they had obviously hoped to split the the resistance movement. They pardoned only those persons who resisted the draft, while not making any provisions for

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CONFERENCE demanded universal amnesty. (Call photo)

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CARTER'S \$50 REBATE - - PEANUTS

Peanuts may have made Jimmy Carter a millionaire, but the peanuts he offered the American people last week won't even pay their heating bills.

Carter's "tax package," to put an extra \$50 into the pockets of most Americans, is just another ruling class attempt to weaken the people's anger over the deepening economic crisis.

Similar to tax rebate schemes instituted under Ford, Carter's proposal is sure to produce the same results—continued crisis, unemployment, inflation and more cutbacks in social services.

While the masses of people face a severe winter with unprecedented heating bills and hundreds of thousands of new layoffs, Carter claims that an extra \$50 in the pockets of rich and poor alike will increase demand for goods, stimulate production, and get the economy rolling again. But consumer surveys have already indicated that any extra dollars the people can get their hands on will go toward paying off old bills, not new purchases.

Far from giving a helping hand to the millions of poor and working people, Carter's "tax package" aims to solve the economic crisis by taking

from the poor to give to the rich. Carter's ruling class patrons, the Rockefellers and other big capitalists, will not only increase their pocket money by \$50, they will also get an increase in the amount of their investment tax credits.

While the rich are getting a lot more from Carter's program than the poor, the poorest of all aren't even covered. An estimated four million Americans—those with no income whatsoever—will not even get \$50. Carter says he'd like to give them something, but, "they're too hard to find."

Carter claims he "can't find" these millions, although they have filled the streets in increasing numbers to demand jobs, income, and an end to cutbacks. But the working class is not so blind.

Workers and minorities are coming to see that new faces in the White House can't hide the old truth. A system based on profit for a handful of capitalists can give the people only increasing poverty and hardship. Socialism is the only "program" that can meet the needs of the people for jobs and an end to economic crises.

HOSTON FAMILY WRITES

To *The Call*:

We are the parents of Curtis Hoston, Jr., who was brutally murdered by U.S. marshals in Washington, D.C. We want to let the readers of *The Call* know what is happening in the struggle to obtain justice for Curtis Hoston.

The second Grand Jury hearing was dismissed January 15. The Grand Jury ignored the testimony of more than twenty witnesses, including eye-witnesses to the brutal beating of Curtis and again failed to indict the marshals.

The Grand Jury system in the United States works only for the benefit of the capitalists. Whenever the government has committed a crime, the Grand Jury is never in the stand for justice for the defendant, for "the government is never wrong." Although the medical examiner declared Curtis' death a homicide, the Grand Jury ruled "there were no murderers." The Grand Jury is always secret. We must do away with secret Grand Jury hearings, and the defendant's attorney should be present.

We will march on the courts of "justice." We are helping to build the demonstration on February 19 called by the D.C. Unite to Fight Back and other organizations. We will march on the Superior Court of Washington, D.C., where Curtis was murdered.

Only the masses of the working-class people and the minority groups in this country will bring about change. Let us unite together for justice.

Rosa and Curtis Hoston, Sr.
Washington, D.C.

RCP PROMOTES REFORMIST SOLUTIONS

Dear Comrades,

Your articles on the militant nurses' strike in Chicago, especially the December 13 article "Striking Nurses," have demonstrated the need for workers to build unity in order to fight the main enemy, the bosses, by delivering the main blow to the revisionists and reformists who compromise the workers' struggles.

On December 11, a so-called "unity" conference was held in New York City to formulate a strategy to fight the cuts in health care, which have affected many health care workers and communities in our city. It was initiated and sponsored by the Medical Committee for Human

Rights (MCHR) and the New York-New Jersey United Workers Organization, both under the leadership of the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP).

The unity called for was with the very forces at which the main blow must be directed. The conference sought to organize people to fight these cuts by uniting with the revisionists and reformists, who seek to compromise both the struggles of health care workers and communities affected by the cutbacks.

The call to the conference bemoaned the effect of the cutbacks but never targeted the cause of them—the imperialist system. At the conference itself, a spokesperson from MCHR said that our ultimate goal should be to eliminate profit-making from health care. By suggesting that adequate health care for the masses of working and oppressed peoples can be provided on a not-for-profit basis without the defeat of imperialism is pure reformism. It says that imperialism can really meet the needs of all people and, therefore, does not need to be overthrown.

The reformist character of the conference was also shown by the choice of speakers. The lead-off speaker was an administrator from one of the hospitals where cutbacks have been made. This encouraged people to see such administrators as friends of the working class and to work through them to "improve" health care. Another panelist, claiming to represent the communities, proposed that the solution to the health care crisis would come through participation in the state's own planning process. By putting forward such people as experts with valid answers, the conference planners legitimized their reformist solutions.

None of the featured speakers addressed the role of the trade union bureaucrats, who have actively conspired with the hospitals to impose cuts in the work force and in health care.

In all, this conference preached reliance on the bourgeoisie rather than on the strength created through our own unity. We must take the lessons of the Chicago nurses' strike to all struggles and consistently oppose revisionist and reformist solutions.

Comrades in New York City

COMMENTS ON THE GUARDIAN

Dear *Call*,

I congratulate you on your New Year's editorial and all the stands and recent work that you have taken on. I want to comment on the last couple of issues of the *Guardian*.

Letters



The *Call*, P.O. 5597, Chicago, Ill. 60680

I was on the *Guardian* in New York in 1970. I was on their first *Guardian* trip to China in 1972. And I also founded and was the first *Guardian* Bureau coordinator in Boston until I finally broke with their line last year.

In the *Guardian*'s New Year's editorial (Jan. 5), they state, "to speak of 'resistance' (to imperialism) today as though there really existed a mass fightback movement would be a mistake." This pessimistic and ostrich-like line reflects their class outlook. It shows that they are not rooted in the factories, among the oppressed peoples in the U.S., or on the side of the world's people against the two superpowers. Where there is oppression, there is resistance. Need that age-old truth be repeated to them?

Amidst all the recent tons of wording that Irwin Silber has put his readers through on "party building," about "being concrete" and not "dogmatic," etc., this little statement (Jan. 5 *Guardian*) is most telling: "An undue haste to apply Marxist-Leninist theory to concrete practice all too often results in political absurdities. . ."

This is an anti-Marxist, anti-working-class line that somehow things will move to a higher form without starting from the lower. It preserves these slick, ivory-tower "independent" commentators and their position in a clean New York office.

When they talk about revolution being a "serious business," that's what it is to them—a business, production of a weekly paper that spreads revisionism to a section of the American people that Gus Hall and Brezhnev are not able to reach.

Their recent commentary on China is probably one of the most telling to the world's peoples. To unite with the new working-class leadership of Hua Kuo-feng and against the bourgeois "gang of four" is "flunkeyism" to the *Guardian*. Smith's statements about "left dogmatism" and "It's alright to be a faction and still be in the party" point out again the anti-Leninist line of the *Guardian*. No wonder that China has stopped *Guardian* tours.

Lastly, I'd like to tell of an incident that happened nearly three years ago when several of us helped move the *Guardian* to its present new office. Irwin Silber and Martin Nicolaus got into this frenzied, long, heated argument over who should have this certain desk. Of course, this went on while we did the work. We didn't think of it then, but what is bourgeois right?

Again, congratulations to you. And many more victories!

D.R.,
Boston

WORKERS FIGHT FORD'S FREEZE

Dear Comrades,

Ford Motor Co. has lately been trying to use the crisis over cold weather to cut down on their heating bills. Last week, notices were posted stating that "as a patriotic gesture" thermostats in the plant would be turned down "a few degrees." The message was clear—overtime production (58 hours a week) would be continued, and Ford would avoid trouble with the energy companies by freezing the workers!

Ford's "patriotism" has been met with several work stoppages, as people refused to work in the severe cold. The latest, taking place in the body shop on the day shift Jan. 28, forced the plant to shut down after 5 hours out of a scheduled 10-hour day.

Angered by the situation, workers on several lines stopped work, demanding heat. We returned to work after being promised that the heat would be turned up, only to find out that this was to last for one hour! Fearing the people's anger, the plant was shut down at lunch time. At the last minute, some foremen tried to make up for the time lost in the walk-off by refusing to shut down for our clean-up time. This was met with another walk-off!

The local union bureaucrats have gone along with the company position that the cold weather is "an act of God" and that nothing can be done about it. They were nowhere to be found on Friday.

The workers are proving different. People are determined to strengthen the unity shown on the 28th. We will not continue to sacrifice our health for Ford's profits.

W.D.,
Chicago

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- Sun., Feb. 13 New Orleans
- Wed., Feb. 16 Houston
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(See next week's issue for times and addresses.)

TYLER SUPPORTERS VOW TO FIGHT ON, TARGET SYSTEM

Last week's decision by the Louisiana State Supreme Court to uphold the racist frame-up of Gary Tyler has been met with militant statements by Tyler supporters, renewing their determination to fight for his freedom.

On learning of the court decision, the People's Defense Coalition (PDC), which includes the October League, SCEF and numerous progressive groups and individuals in New Orleans, announced plans to hold more rallies, demonstrations and conferences focused on the Tyler struggle.

PDC Chairman Kalamu ya Salaam issued a press statement in which he said, "militant mass action is the best first line of defense" in the case of Tyler and all

other political prisoners.

Salaam noted, "Only a militant push by organized and politicized people can guarantee Gary's freedom. Now is the time to push harder, organize more and more people, and to deepen our political understanding."

Gary Tyler himself also spoke out against the court decision and its sentence of life in prison at hard labor without parole for 20 years. The 18-year-old Black youth, falsely accused of murder, told *The Call* in a January 26 interview:

"The people are fighting the worst enemy in history—the perpetrators of racism. This capitalist country is a country of blood-suckers. They are trying to break us down. They are trying to put fear in our hearts. We're the ones keeping this country running; we do the work. They can't keep us down. If we keep pushing, something's got to break."

Tyler also explained that his lawyer was working for an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. But he added, "I don't believe in them. I don't expect to get justice in the U.S. Supreme Court, and I'm not depending on the courts." Tyler thanked all those who had supported him and called for more massive actions in the future.

PDC STRENGTHENS DEFENSE

As we go to press, the PDC is working on plans to unify, strengthen and expand the defense efforts. Discussion is underway about demonstrations to coincide with a resentencing hearing which the court will hold soon.

In cities around the country where the October League, Tyler Defense Committees and Fightback committees have been working, activists are determined to continue building the struggle. They are linking Tyler's case to the whole history of oppression which Afro-Americans have faced in this country and are targeting capitalism as the source of that oppression.

HUNDREDS OF NEW CALL READERS

Hundreds of workers were signed up as new subscribers during *The Call's* National Subscription Drive Jan. 17-24.

The addition of these new readers to the thousands who already read *The Call* every week constitutes a dramatic show of support and enthusiasm for the expanded 16-page *Call*.

Workers were signed up inside the factories, subscription tables were set up at plant gates, and canvassing was done door-to-door in working-class and minority communities despite freezing temperatures in the East and Midwest. About two-thirds of the new subscriptions were sold to factory workers.

Indiana *Call* activists doubled their current number of subscribers by linking the sub drive to the work around the upcoming steel union elections. Members of local



MASS MARCH in Concord, North Carolina, demanded freedom for Ronnie Long. (Call Photo)

TEXTILE BARONS CAN'T STOP STRUGGLE MILITANT MARCH FOR RONNIE LONG

Concord, N.C. — Demanding freedom for Ronnie Long, a 20-year-old Black frame-up victim, 250 people marched through the streets of this Cannon Textile Mills-controlled town Jan. 22. Long is falsely accused of raping the wife of a Cannon Mills executive.

The slogans of the march — "Free Ronnie Long," "Self-Determination for the Afro-American Nation," "Death to The Klan," and "Organize Cannon Mills" — reflected the marchers' understanding that the fight against Long's frame-up is one battle in the struggle against the whole system of national oppression. By linking this fight to the efforts of Cannon Mills workers to win union rights, Ronnie Long defense organizers have been able to mobilize wide support from textile workers in the area.

POLICE HARASS PEOPLE

Cannon Mills' police forces from the region harassed and threatened the people in an attempt to stop the march. One member of the Ronnie Long Defense Committee was followed by the police and told he would be fired from his job if he continued organizing. Cannon Mills scheduled an unusual "overtime" shift at their mill on the day of the march in order to keep workers away, and riot-equipped police vowed they would attack the planned demonstration. All this failed to frighten either the mill workers or people from the Black community, and the march

itself was a militant showing.

At the rally itself, Ronnie Long's father, Ike Long, set the tone by reading a letter from his son that called for the overthrow of the imperialist system and an end to oppression of Afro-Americans. An October League speaker exposed the revisionist CPUSA and their front-group, the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression, for trying to mislead the people into "trusting" the system of "justice" to win Long's freedom. The Alliance has been exposed recently for its attempts to sabotage the Ronnie Long Defense Committee.

The enthusiastic crowd also heard speeches from the Communist Youth Organization and the National Fightback Organization, who, along with SCEF, mobilized workers to come from the East Coast and the South. Representatives of People United to Live and Let Live and Birmingham Tyler Defense Committee also spoke.

Ronnie Long is still in prison under two life sentences. But defense organizers are trying to raise bond money while his appeal is in the courts. For information

and petitions, or to send donations, contact the Ronnie Long Defense Committee, Box 575, East Spencer, N.C. 28039.

LONG RELIES ON PEOPLE FOR FREEDOM

Dear Call,

I would like to show my gratitude for the publicity you have brought to my case, and also for accommodating my Defense Committee in its activities. . .

I am now in Raleigh's Central Prison with two life sentences, waiting to hear how my appeal is going to come through. I put my hope and faith in the people—not just Black people, but all people of all nationalities who believe in seeing justice done. . .

The quicker people respond and stand against all instances of national oppression and all walks of injustice, then and only then will a stronger unity flourish. . .

The people and only the people are the ones who can give me back my freedom. . . I am asking for the people's support in the fightback against imperialism.

Ronnie Long



"FREE RONNIE LONG!" "Organize Cannon Mills!" shouted Long supporters. (Call photo)



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STEERING STEEL WORKERS INTO SADLOWSKI'S CAMPAIGN

RCP - ERRAND BOYS FOR LIBERAL MISLEADERS

The election campaign of trade union liberal Ed Sadlowski for president of the United Steel Workers of America (USWA) has become a common meeting ground for all the opportunist forces within the workers' movement. From the revisionist Communist Party USA to the petty-bourgeois centrists like the Guardian newspaper, the opportunists have flocked to support Sadlowski.

Another group of phony communists waving the red flag only to promote Sadlowski's reformist campaign baloney is the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP). This group has turned all its members into errand boys for the liberals.

At a time when rank-and-file militancy is growing and a large number of steel workers are looking for revolutionary answers, RCP is putting its energy into keeping the workers in the fold of reformism and reliance on the liberal misleaders. They have called those workers who refuse to take part in their dead-end reformism "apathetic" and have stepped up their appeals to counter what they call "cynicism" among the workers who back neither McBride nor Sadlowski.

"For steel workers," the RCP announces in the Feb. issue of their newspaper Revolution, "fighting to elect Sadlowski is a way to break up the Abel machine and build organization of the rank and file united around their real demands and interests." They add that "the Sadlowski campaign is the only real opposition the

fact that Sadlowski is one of a whole slew of liberal "opposition" candidates that a section of the capitalists are now promoting to leadership in the country's major unions.

From Arnold Miller in the UMW to Doug Fraser in the auto workers' union, this grouping of social-democratic types, generally allied with the left-wing of the Democratic Party, are being called on to do what the openly reactionary bureaucrats like Abel and Meany have been unable to do—quell the growing militant upsurge of the rank and file.

Sadlowski aims his appeals at the rank-and-file workers fed up with Abel's kind of open class-collaborationist leadership in an effort to keep the rebellious workers chained to the system of capitalism. The RCP isn't telling the workers anything they don't already know when they limit their exposures to the Abel machine alone.

Behind RCP's support of Sadlowski lies their opportunist view of the labor leadership in general. They portray the liberals as a significant alternative to the open reactionaries while launching their most vicious attacks against genuine communists like the October League who are showing the workers that reliance on Sadlowski is a dead-end street.

RCP PLEADS CONFUSION

Ignoring the thousand strings which tie the liberal labor aristocrats to the bourgeoisie, the RCP pleads confusion, claiming that there is no way to tell if the bureaucrats will "wind up on the ruling class' side." They argue that "Sadlowski would not necessarily act in the same manner" as the other bureaucrats. In addition, the February issue of Revolution proclaims that the question of whether or not to struggle against the traitors in the union leadership is purely a tactical question.

In this way, RCP denies the bourgeois class character of the whole labor aristocracy. At the same time, they ignore the concrete conditions of today's struggle in the labor movement, especially the emergence of this opportunist gang of liberals.

The labor aristocracy, as Lenin explained in "Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism," consists of the uppermost stratum of mostly skilled workers and top labor bureaucrats, bribed by the imperialists with the crumbs from the superprofits they have plundered from the colonies. These bribes come in the form of money, position and privileges. They are used to separate the upper stratum of the workers from the rank and file. Certain leaders are promoted from the ranks of this stratum to lead the rest of the workers into the trap the bosses are setting for them.

MISLEADERS DO BOSSES' BIDDING

In return for their promotion, the leaders of both the Abel-McBride type, as well as the Sadlowski type, do the bidding of the bosses. Until the rank and file organizes itself and begins to develop its own revolutionary leadership, its choice in these union elections is going to be limited to one between opportunists of different stripes.

It is the task of communists at the present time to expose the role of these social props of the bosses. It is especially important to expose the liberal, social-democratic and revisionist misleaders who pose as alternatives.

Does this mean that no tactical alliances are possible between communists and opportunist labor leaders? No, it doesn't. Communists can use such alliances at times to draw themselves closer to

the rank-and-file workers. This is particularly true when the opportunists head organizations that the workers themselves support as their own.

But in order to gain access to the rank and file and win them away from the opportunists, communists must never give up independence and the right to criticize. Secondly, they can never spread illusions about the reformists the way that RCP has done in the Sadlowski campaign.

Even today such tactical alliances are possible, although the communist movement is generally weak. But they necessitate the consistent struggle against reformism and bourgeois trade-union politics and exposure of these poisons.

Furthermore, these alliances are *not* called for when opportunists like Sadlowski admit to only the most minor differences with their opponent. On some questions, Sadlowski takes even a worse stand than McBride (i.e., foreign affairs) while on other significant ones, such as the racist Consent Decree, he stands shoulder to shoulder with Abel.

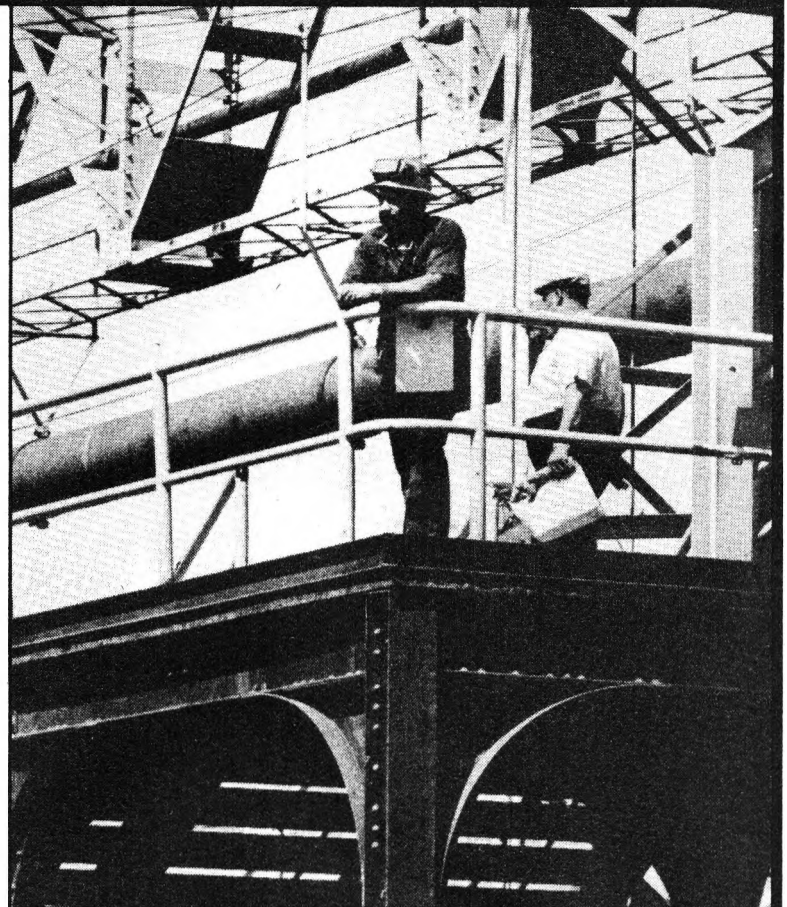
The RCP not only prettifies liberalism but also downplays the struggle against the revisionist CPUSA and is actually carrying out united action with them to get Sadlowski elected. The RCP has already gone through many struggles side-by-side with the revisionists in the unions without even a word of criticism.

The common ground that the RCP finds with the revisionists is worship of the spontaneous economic struggles of the masses. Everything they do in the labor movement is aimed at "increasing the activity of the masses" while they ignore the decisive factor of raising the workers' political consciousness and developing revolutionary leadership of the workers' movement.

The RCP characterized their labor work as the "single spark method," which they describe as follows: "to seize on every spark of struggle, fan and spread it." They view the workers' movement as being in the stage of narrow economic struggle exclusively, so they define their tasks very narrowly, appealing primarily for more "activity" by the workers.

This economist viewpoint was summed up by RCP Chairman Avakian in a May Day speech last year when he said, "The present struggles of the working class in this country are centered around wages and benefits, working conditions, against speed-up, lay-offs, compulsory overtime and other attempts by the capitalists to increase the exploitation of the workers." These economic struggles, he added, "form at present the center of gravity of the working-class struggle and the work of the Party."

As opposed to the communist method of fusing the political struggle for revolution and socialism with the spontaneous struggles of the masses, the RCP sees the economic struggle as the "center of gravity," developing quantitatively into the struggle for socialism.



STEEL WORKERS who are fed up with both Sadlowski and McBride are denounced as "cynics" by RCP. (Call photo)

Build the Movement of the Rank & File!



BUST UP THE ABEL-McBRIDE MACHINE!

VOTE SADLOWSKI FOR PRESIDENT!



RCP poster pushes Sadlowski's reformist campaign as steel workers' answer.

Abel machine has faced in years."

The RCP's desire to capitalize on the anti-Abel sentiments of many workers leads them to tail Sadlowski and promote him as a focal point for some "new organization." The facts of Sadlowski's own record as head of District 31, however, show that he poses no real opposition at all. He certainly neither promotes nor even supports the real demands of rank-and-file steel workers.

As district chief, Sadlowski stood by while tens of thousands of workers were thrown onto the streets by the steel companies. He directed his fire at the left forces in the union even to the point of using goon squads to "protect" union members from communist literature. He has joined hands with the Abel machine in backing the racist Consent Decree, which strips minorities and women of their right to fight discrimination in the mills.

In addition to all this, Sadlowski and other liberal union leaders like him help the CPUSA promote the "detente" myth and spread the cry that the government should "reorder priorities" and unilaterally disarm itself. Sadlowski's other idealist notions, which he laid out clearly in an interview with the magazine Penthouse, call for automating two-thirds of all steel workers out of their jobs.

What is it then that has gotten the RCP all worked up over Sadlowski's election campaign? The answer lies in

This is also the reason that RCP puts out two types of newspapers—one for the communists (Revolution) and the other for the workers (the various "Worker" papers) which confine themselves generally to the minimum demands of the workers' movement and totally ignore its final aims of socialist revolution.

Along with the revisionists and the Sadlowski forces, the RCP has also downplayed the fight against discrimination as being "divisive" and diverting the struggle away from the "real economic demands." This merges with RCP's infamous chauvinism on the question of school segregation and their open opposition to workers' struggles for equality of languages and against the deportation of foreign-born workers.

The RCP's tailing of liberal reformists like Sadlowski is just the flip side of their earlier "left"-sounding rhetoric of "jamming the unions." Their earlier view of the backwardness of the workers' movement led them to call the unions "useless arenas of struggle" and to set out to build pure "revolutionary" workers' organizations. In this way, they tried to drag the most class-conscious workers away from the union struggles of their fellow workers.

Today, their basic petty-bourgeois view of the unions remains, but they have openly capitulated to the liberals as being the only hope for moving the workers into struggle. They still promote their separate intermediate organizations for the workers. But now their emphasis is on negating the role of a real communist party within the unions, while still preaching that leadership can only be exercised through some organization slightly above the unions. They still have no program for turning the unions themselves into centers of class struggle and revolution under communist leadership.

Without such a program, their alliance with Sadlowski has become even more treacherous. Their united action with the revisionists and the illusions they spread about the Sadlowski liberals are carried out under the banner of a "revolutionary communist party," making it the worst kind of opportunism. While the influence of the RCP among the steel workers is relatively small, they still serve to blunt the edge of the struggle against reformism and especially hold back the advanced workers.

The RCP has even further revealed itself as an opportunist gang operating under the mantle of revolution.

CLASS STRUGGLE SHARPENS IN STEEL UNION

FORGE CALLS ELECTION BOYCOTT

In the Jan. 20 issue of The Forge, the Canadian Communist League (M-L) called for a boycott of upcoming elections in the United Steelworkers Union (USW), the largest industrial union in Canada. "The two slates being presented," they wrote, "are made up of totally reformist bureaucrats who have nothing to offer the working class."

While exposing the collaborationist record of I.W. Abel and his would-be successor McBride, the CCL stressed in the article that Sadlowski's "aggressive negotiation" ticket and "militant talk" does not make him an alternative.

"Abel has excellent bourgeois backing and Sadlowski isn't doing so badly either. Bourgeois economist J.K. Galbraith—the economist who inspired Trudeau's wage

freeze—fully supports him, and the revisionists in the U.S. and Canada also actively back him."

The article details the close ties between each of the candidates and the bourgeois parties—the Democratic Party in the U.S. and the New Democratic Party (NDP) in Canada, as well as the support they all pledged at the September USW convention for Zionism and the Pak Jung Hi dictatorship in South Korea.

"Under the leadership of these traitors," explains The Forge, "the Steelworkers' union remains one of the pillars of American imperialism. For all their talk of Canadian autonomy, the Canadian Steelworkers' bureaucrats support imperialist oppression and exploitation in Canada and cast aside the

struggle for an independent union movement in our country.

"This struggle," the article continues, "is part of our fight for class struggle unions which oppose firstly the bourgeoisie, and then superpower hegemony, especially American imperialism.

"Only with rank-and-file mobilization in struggle and rejection of all forms of class collaboration will we be able to develop the proletarian spirit in our unions. This is the only way we will win our demands and educate union members in order to raise class consciousness.

"Refusing to vote," they conclude, "is a positive gesture, an act of combat to develop class struggle unions."



Cartoon from Tampa leaflet exposes collaboration of bosses and union bureaucrats.

TAMPA GOON ATTACK FAILS

Tampa, Fla.—Two company goons at the Shuron/Textron plant attacked one of four workers doing gate distribution on January 21 of a leaflet calling for a boycott of the upcoming steel union elections.

But the attack failed. Not only did the leaflets go out, but a larger group of people returned that same afternoon with more leaflets and support from workers inside the plant.

Police patrol cars had been seen scouting the plant in the morning. But the police took off when the goon attack began.

The leaflet, put out by the October League, called on Shuron workers to reject Sadlowski as well as McBride on Feb. 8 in the elections. It pointed out the terrible work conditions in Tampa's USW plants and the massive layoffs, including the complete shut-down of McGraw-Edison.

Targeting the union misleaders as apologists for the companies, the leaflet stressed the need for rank-and-file workers to rely on their own forces and organize to drive the USW misleaders out of the union.

HEALTH & SAFETY DEMAND GROWS

By worker correspondents at Gary Works, USS

"It's only an eye." This is what we were told by three foremen at U.S. Steel (USS), Gary Works when we tried to help a fellow worker whose eye was injured on the job. We were working the midnight shift as laborers in the mason department in 10 degree below zero weather.

USS, which preaches "safety first" and prides itself on its health and safety program, in fact is responsible for numerous on-the-job deaths and injuries. Last year at Gary Works a young woman had three fingers chopped off as she was hooking up a lift on a crane.

She was laid off and offered a few hundred dollars for her lost fingers. In the last few months workers have been killed by electrocution, have bled to death, and have been crushed by cranes and hit by trucks. Almost all accidents are blamed on the workers' "carelessness."

But we learned first hand that it's the capitalists' concern for profits that lies behind these hazards. When workers try to put safety first, they are harassed and, in this case, even threatened with a 5-day suspension for calling for an ambulance without notifying the foreman. The fact is there were no foremen around, which is a

violation of safety rules. The bosses were just covering their own tracks by reprimanding us.

The foremen, servants of the capitalist mill owners, were more concerned with their rules and regulations than the workers' safety. The union, far from exposing this situation and organizing the workers to fight it, has given up our right to strike over health and safety and will not back us up if we refuse to work unsafe jobs.

The workers must organize and rely on ourselves to fight this battle for health and safety. We cannot rely on the "goodness" of the company or the union bureaucrats. Both are very deadly enemies.



YOUNG STEEL WORKERS constantly face layoffs and harassment. (Call photo)

CYO FIGHTS FOR JOBS IN STEEL

By the Chicago Communist Youth Organization chapter

As part of our national "Jobs for Youth" campaign, the CYO has initiated a struggle to demand jobs at the giant steel mills in the Midwest. The largest concentration of steel mills in the country is in the Chicago-Gary, Indiana area. In the last two years alone, some 40,000 workers, mainly youth, have been laid off, and there have been 30 deaths due to overwork and unsafe conditions.

Young steelworkers are denied job security and union representation while on probation, and if they are laid off before putting in two years, they can't collect Supplementary Unemployment Bene-

fits. Minorities and women have been hit the hardest with on-the-job discrimination. They have the lowest paying jobs and the highest rate of layoffs.

Neither McBride nor Sadlowski have said a word about the problems and demands of youth. Sadlowski, though, has tried to pass himself off as a fighting alternative to the Abel leadership. The bosses have hopes that liberal "insurgents" like Sadlowski can keep the workers in line, especially the youth, who have been in the front ranks in the fight against the union misleaders and the system.

At present, the CYO is doing work at the high school in the community near one of the larger

mills, linking together the struggles of unemployed youth with those of the workers in the mill.

The CYO is also working to build the steel campaign initiated by the October League to fight for class struggle unions and throw our ballot away in the Feb. 8 union elections. We must make it clear that Sadlowski is no alternative for youth or any steelworkers.

The election uproar and upcoming contract provide us with an excellent opportunity to rally the masses of youth to fight for jobs in the mills, for an end to layoffs and discrimination and to educate the youth about the role of the union misleaders as defenders of the capitalist bosses.

WORKERS DEFEND RIGHT TO STRIKE

By worker correspondents at Redfield Gunsight—

Denver, Colo.—The day before Christmas vacation, over 30 workers walked off their jobs in the machine shop at Redfield Gunsight Company to demand justice for a worker who was unfairly threatened with a three-day layoff for supposed "insubordination."

But the company attempted to intimidate the workers by writing almost every one of them up for conducting an "illegal work stoppage." They could get away with this because they knew the union leadership (Local 5550, United Steelworkers) would back them up. A leaflet distributed at the plant pointed out, "Where were they (the local bureaucrats) when we stood up to the company? Hiding!"

Local officers and grievance men turned their backs on the workers when the company wrote everyone up. They openly stated they agreed with the discipline, saying that "you shouldn't have violated the contract," and "you all are lucky, you could have been

fired."

From the international to the local level, our unions are controlled by misleaders who try to stop us from directly confronting the capitalists. They praise the "legal" and bureaucratic grievance route to the skies.

The entire incident brought out the need to link up the struggle at Redfield with the campaign to boycott the upcoming International elections on Feb. 8. Workers in this small local are seeing that they are not alone in fighting back against the bosses and the bureaucrats.

As the leaflet explained: "What we did on December 22 was right! We exercised one of our most important weapons in this struggle—united mass action and stopping production. No company, law, contract, or union sellout can take this right away from us."

The walkout at Redfield and the campaign to boycott the election are just one step in the overall struggle to drive these bureaucrats and their bankrupt ideas out of our unions.

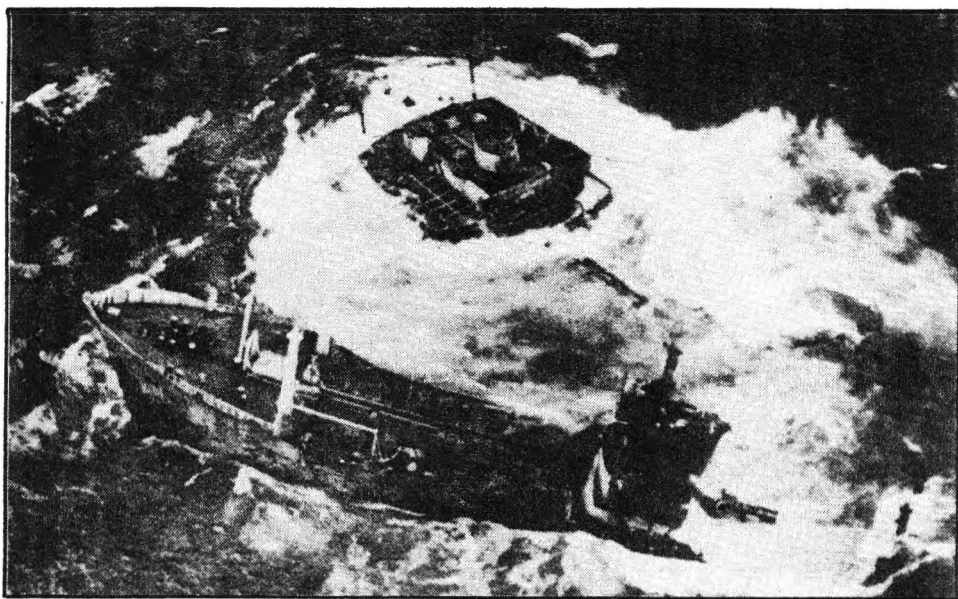
'ONLY 240 LIVES'

"Control fumes in the coke ovens? We estimate it would save only 240 lives a year. It's not worth the investment." This is what steel companies had to say at recent hearings in Washington, D.C., on industrial health and safety. The cost of keeping workers alive and healthy were coldly calculated by the capitalists in terms of dollars and cents and found to be too expensive.

About 30,000 workers, the vast majority minorities, work in the hot, dirty smoke of the furnaces that convert coal to coke in the process of making steel. Coke workers are up to 3.5 times more likely to die of lung cancer than other steel workers and 7.5 more likely to die of kidney cancer.

IMPERIALISTS TO BLAME FOR OIL SPILLS

FLAG OF DECEIT FLIES ON 'LIBERIAN' TANKERS



WRECKED ARGO MERCHANT was U.S.-owned ship operating under Liberian flag.

BENDIX AND MARLBORO RUNNING AWAY TO USSR

Several of the biggest U.S. imperialist corporations are taking advantage of the phony superpower "detente" in order to run away to the USSR and open new plants.

Because the Soviet Union has become not only an all-round capitalist country, but a fascist dictatorship of the Hitler-type, it is a very attractive place for U.S. monopolists to export capital. Wages are kept low and strikes are punishable by death in this former birthplace of workers' power.

The latest to enter the open door are the Bendix Corporation and Phillip Morris, Inc. Bendix has just concluded an agreement for a joint venture with the Soviet state monopoly to build a \$40 million spark plug factory.

The deal was engineered by Jimmy Carter's new Secretary of the Treasury Michael Blumenthal, who obviously foresees great benefits in the "detente" schemes of the U.S. and Soviet bosses. Blumenthal was chairman of Bendix until his appointment

by Carter.

While the Bendix plant will be officially run by Russian managers, Bendix officials will have the power to oversee quality control. This is a first in the history of U.S. plant operations in the USSR.

But the big money to be made, according to U.S. experts, is connected with the expected massive Soviet auto market. Now Bendix is in on the ground floor.

The Phillip Morris deal allows their Marlboro brand to become "the first foreign brand of cigarettes to be manufactured and sold in the Soviet Union," according to Business Week Magazine.

Bendix and Phillip Morris will now join Pepsi-Cola, which is already reaping giant profits from its Soviet investments.

The new tsars in the Soviet Union have opened the door to their fellow imperialists in the U.S. just as their predecessors the old tsars did before 1917. They will sooner or later meet the same fate as their forerunners did at the hands of the Soviet workers.

After the recent rash of shipping accidents and coastal oil spills, many people have been wondering why most of the vessels involved were flying the Liberian flag. How could a small country like Liberia have so many ships go down within such a short time period?

Facts show that while ships like the Argo Merchant, which broke up off the New England coast in the biggest oil spill in our history, carried the Liberian flag, they were not owned by Liberia at all. The San Sina, which exploded off Long Beach, California killing nine sailors; the Argo Merchant; the Olympic Games; the Oswego Peace and the Universe Leader, all of which had oil spill accidents last month, are all examples of the shipping companies' flag of deceit.

SMALL IMPOVERISHED COUNTRY

Liberia is one of the smallest and poorest countries in the world, despite its immense natural resources. Located in West Africa, it has a population of 1.8 million with a per capita income of about \$300 per year even though it is Africa's leading producer of iron-ore.

Long-victimized by foreign imperialists, Liberia was used as part of a plan which has made billions in profits for the giant shipping corporations in the U.S. and other big powers. At the end of World War II, U.S. Secretary of State Edward Stettinius directed the use of U.S. funds to build a giant port from which to transport the Liberian ore and developed the practice of sailing U.S.-owned ships under the Liberian flag.

This clever move by Stettinius, who had formerly been the president of U.S. Steel, meant that the giant U.S. shipping monopolies would be free from paying the higher wages of U.S. seamen and free from their unions. They would also be free from U.S. corporate taxes and government safety standards.

Today the U.S. Coast Guard estimates that 2,518 merchant ships are registered to Liberia. The American flag flies openly above 1,051 of these ships and about a third

of the ones masquerading as Liberian are actually wholly owned by U.S. corporations.

The ships under Liberian registry are usually staffed by sailors from various third world countries. They are forced to work for about \$120-a-month, compared to the average \$700-a-month that a U.S. seaman is paid. Shipping under a Liberian flag is no different from the many runaway shops, which flee to colonially oppressed countries for superprofits.

As for safety conditions, the recent oil spills and crew deaths can be traced to the fact that Liberia does not require ships to meet safety standards. Furthermore Liberian law does not require that ownership of corporate holdings be listed. This is because Liberian laws are written by U.S. monopolists. The giant port of Monrovia was built with U.S. money, which is Liberia's official currency. In fact the Liberian Shipping Council is located not in Africa, but in New York. This enables the owners of wrecked ships to duck under cover and avoid financial responsibility.

19 ACCIDENTS IN 23 YEARS

The Argo Merchant, which ran aground and spilled 7.5 million gallons of crude oil into the Georges Bank fishing grounds, had a record of 19 previous accidents in 23 years. According to Liberian documents, it is owned by Thebes Shipping Co. of Monrovia, Liberia and is the only ship owned by the company. But the same people who own Thebes also own the Amership Agency, which in turn owns eight other tankers.

Such supertankers, because of their massive size, are prone to break up easily and are floating deathtraps for sailors. However, they are a source of billions in profits for the oil transporters like Exxon.

The Liberian people, whose flag has been used as a flag of deceit while their country is being plundered; the sailors of all countries whose living standards and very lives are threatened; and the fishermen and other workers dependent on the sea are all directly attacked by this practice of U.S. and other imperialist powers.

ANTI-FASCIST RESISTANCE ERUPTS IN SPAIN

Once again, Spain has erupted in massive protest against fascist repression.

Since the death of fascist dictator Francisco Franco 14 months ago, hundreds of thousands of workers have participated in strikes and work stoppages, students have shut down the universities, and Basque and other minority peoples have heightened their resistance to national oppression.

Everywhere, the Spanish masses have taken to the streets to demand an end to the brutal economic and political repression of the dictatorship of King Juan Carlos and Premier Alfredo Suarez.

Last week, this movement surged forward once again. On January 23, demonstrators demanding amnesty for political prisoners in Madrid and Barcelona were met with police and right-wing bullets, resulting in the death of one student while many were wounded.

On the 24th, 2,000 students at the University of Madrid rallied to condemn the killing. Again, the police attacked, killing a young woman student. The same day, five people closely associated with the revisionist Communist Party were gunned down by right-wing terrorists. Throughout the week, tens of thousands of workers joined nationwide strikes and work-place meetings to protest police and fascist terror.

The workers' actions, which were especially strong in the Basque provinces and in industrial cities like Madrid and Barcelona, were supported by students who struck their universities and organized street demonstrations. In Pamplona, police killing of a demonstrator on the 27th prompted

further strikes the following day. In Madrid, three policemen were killed in retaliation and three others wounded toward the end of the week.

In the face of these events, the Suarez government has taken further steps to stop the working-class struggle through open terror, continuing its familiar policy of "Francoism without Franco." In spite of the fact that a well-known fascist organization, the Anti-Communist Apostolic Alliance, has claimed credit for some of the murders, no charges have been brought against anyone.

Instead, the government has instituted new fascist laws banning public demonstrations, expelling foreign "extremists" and restricting the use of private arms. Suarez has also promised an additional \$60 million to the police and suspended two constitutional "guarantees" legalizing the detention of suspects indefinitely without charge and the wholesale search of homes.

While the workers are bearing the brunt of these fascist attacks, the revisionist Communist Party (which is relatively large and influential in Spain) has actually lent support to the regime. They have desperately tried to stifle the workers' movement, hoping to prove to the ruling circles that they can "control" the workers and thus win a position in a new government. Revisionist leader Carrillo even told a German correspondent last week that the fascist regime of Juan Carlos could no longer be considered as a creation of Franco.

Despite their boasted "independence" from Moscow, the Spanish revisionist party

is actually a fifth column for the interests of social-imperialism. They are desperately lobbying for a seat in government in order to better spread the "detente" myth along with the treacherous theory of "peaceful transition to socialism."

In response to the murders, the revisionist party called on its members to "avoid demonstrations." Their reason, according to the Washington Post, was that "the government was in enough trouble" and they should not "create problems for Suarez" which might lead to cancellation of the scheduled elections.

In its report on a large revisionist-led funeral march for some of those murdered, the New York Times said that revisionist security marshals "swiftly silenced" shouts of "Murderers!" and attempts by the crowd to sing the Internationale. The Times even quoted a "high-ranking Communist leader" as having adopted the fascist slogan "Viva Espana!" (Long live Spain!) in his funeral oration for two of the assassination victims.



(FRAP drawing)

The fascist authorities are clearly beginning to rely more heavily on the revisionists. While revisionist-led actions are usually tolerated, the meetings led by genuine Marxist-Leninists have been brutally suppressed. There have also been reports of collaboration between revisionists and police officials to suppress members of the Communist Party of Spain (M-L) and the FRAP.

But the revisionist treachery is not going unchallenged. Already, numerous spontaneous outpourings of the class struggle have shown that workers are rejecting the bankrupt leadership of the revisionist party. In addition, the Marxist-Leninist forces are growing stronger and developing their leadership of the revolutionary struggle.

THIRD WORLD STANDING UP

BEHIND RISING COFFEE PRICES

The price of coffee is the focus of the latest attacks by the imperialist superpowers against the developing countries of the third world.

Suddenly, U.S. corporation presidents are talking like militants about demonstrations and boycott movements. Fancy restaurants on Park Ave. are serving their patrons tea instead of coffee, while Brazil's and Colombia's coffee growers are being painted in the press as "rip-off" artists and crooks. This is the same kind of propaganda campaign that previously targeted the oil-producing countries.

In short, a new campaign aimed at blaming the third world for the present economic crisis and pushing the burden of the crisis onto their shoulders has been hatched in the board rooms of the biggest U.S. corporations. The imperialists hope to cripple the growing resistance and unity of the developing countries against superpower domination.

The campaign reached its high point after a giant frost destroyed two-thirds of Brazil's coffee bushes in 1975, wiping out thousands of growers. Most of these small growers have long been kept in dire poverty and near-starvation as a result of imperialism's manipulation of the coffee market. But the sharp rise in coffee prices was not simply due to the frost in Brazil.

MOVEMENT SWEEPS THIRD WORLD

In recent years a massive movement has swept all of the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. Uniting closely together in their demand for a new world economic order, the third world countries have been sparked by the Arab and other oil-producing countries, who formed the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in 1960. For the first time in history, the third world is no longer allowing the big powers to use their countries as dumping grounds for western-made goods and a source for cheap labor and natural resources.

The price of coffee has always been kept low by the imperialists. Throughout this century, they have imported massive amounts to the U.S. from Latin America and Africa at prices around 40 cents per pound. This coffee was then sold at a 300 percent mark-up to U.S. consumers and especially to workers, who have come to rely on coffee as a stimulant to get them through the long work day.

As recently as 1975, the price of Brazilian coffee was 45 cents a pound on New York docks. But as prices of other commodities in the advanced capitalist countries were forced up by inflation and the capitalist crisis, earnings on coffee production went down so low that farmers were forced to bulldoze coffee bushes into the ground and to plant soybeans, corn or other crops instead. This ruined many farmers and farm



BRAZILIAN PEOPLE average \$60-a-month income, while their coffee is the source of huge profits for U.S. companies.

workers because, unlike corn and soybeans, coffee must be picked by hand and many workers are needed in its production.

Especially in Latin America, where more than half of the foreign exchange earnings come from coffee export, imperialist price manipulations proved devastating. The earnings of the coffee producers fell from 80 percent to less than 20 percent of the total price, while the imperialist corporations like Maxwell House, Yuban, Folger's and others reaped windfall profits.

As the Latin American countries got deeper in debt, the U.S. corporations, at the end of 1975, produced \$3 billion in profits. Morgan Guarantee Trust Co. reported that four Latin American countries taken together in 1975 had an extended foreign debt of over \$12 billion. The share of Brazil alone was more than \$7 billion.

In these countries, it has been the workers and peasants who have suffered the most from foreign plunder of the coffee. In Colombia, the second-biggest exporter of coffee after Brazil, some 90 percent of the coffee is grown by farmers with 10 or fewer bushes. Nearly half of the people of Brazil make the minimum wage of \$60 a month.

These are just a few of the factors that led the governments of the coffee-growing countries to increase the prices on exported coffee to bring them more into line with the rising costs of other commodities. Even the Brazilian government, which has generally carried out the bidding of U.S. corporations and has run up an enormous debt to them, has begun to take some measures to defend the country's natural resources.

Although the Brazilian government is the beneficiary of the increased price, U.S. coffee corporations are in turn using the higher prices as an excuse to increase their profits by another 100 percent or more. But the source of skyrocketing inflation can in no way be laid at the doorsteps of the coffee-growing countries. Rather this inflation

is an outgrowth of the general crisis which has rocked all the imperialist countries. It was made worse by speculations, massive military spending and other factors.

Another interesting note is the role that the Soviet social-imperialists are playing in the coffee market. While posing as a friend and "natural ally" of the third world countries, the USSR has in fact been sabotaging the movement of the coffee exporters by plundering its new colony, Angola, of its coffee at one third the price on the world market. (Angola was formerly the third largest coffee-growing country in the world.) In this way, the social-imperialists are crippling the price increases, dividing Angola from the united struggle of the coffee growers and heightening Soviet contention with the U.S. By following their imperialist policy of buying cheap and selling dear, they join in with the U.S. imperialists in exploiting the third world.

So beneath the militant sounding articles in the pages of the New York Times and Wall Street Journal about the need to boycott coffee, there is concealed the imperialist ambition to smash the movement of the third world countries and increase the superprofits of the U.S. monopoly corporations at their expense. Boycotting Brazilian coffee is simply diverting the struggle from the real cause of inflation, the imperialist system.

FREE MARGARITA BAEZ!

A movement is being built in Paraguay and around the world to save the life of patriotic fighter Margarita Baez, as well as the lives of countless other victims of the fascist military regime of Alfredo Stroessner.

For 40 years, Paraguay has been under the iron rule of this dictator. Stroessner has suppressed all patriotic and working-class movements in order to defend the interests of U.S. imperialism.

Margarita Baez is an activist in the Movement for the Defense of the Nation (MODEPA), a broad patriotic organization that has opposed the Stroessner dictatorship.

Baez was arrested August 17 of last year near Asuncion, the capitol of Paraguay, while carrying out political agitation for MODEPA among industrial workers. She herself is a young worker.

Baez was five months pregnant when seized by police. Subjected to the most brutal tortures, she is now near death, and the fate of her child is unknown.

A committee to save the life of Margarita Baez has been built among the Paraguayan people as part of their struggle for national liberation from imperialism and fascist rule.

The October League joins with organizations around the world condemning the repression against the Paraguayan people and the brutal torture of political prisoners, and demanding immediate freedom for Margarita Baez.



HOURS OF LABOR go into a single pound of coffee.



...in brief...

PAC STATEMENT: The Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC) has recently issued a statement hailing the support given to the anti-apartheid struggle by workers in western countries. In Britain, for example, workers and their unions have refused to handle mail, phone calls or other communications to South Africa.

The PAC statement expressed the hope that western workers would continue their support of the southern African liberation struggles, taking action against the big corporations which have holdings in Azania, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

The PAC also called on workers across the African continent to lend aid to the developing armed struggle in southern Africa.

OPPOSITION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Over 300 people have signed their names to a document known as "Charter 77," expressing opposition to Soviet control of Czechoslovakia and asserting various demands for political rights.

The signers of the document represent a number of well known political figures, intellectuals and rank-and-file workers. It is the most significant movement of opposition to the regime since the Russian invasion of 1968.

The Czech authorities have begun repressive measures to silence this opposition. Supporters of "Charter 77" have been arrested and interrogated on numerous occasions.

Observers believe that the USSR is getting ready to make another "example" out of Czechoslovakia, as they did in 1968, in order to crush growing rebelliousness in other Eastern European countries.

CHILEANS SUPPORT TYLER

The Chilean People's Front sends its full support to brother Gary Tyler, imprisoned for more than two years and falsely accused of murder.

The imprisonment of brother Tyler is one more example of yankee imperialist repression, in this case against the American people themselves and especially the Afro-American people. You all know from experience, as we do also, the extent to which the capitalists go to maintain their privileges and continue exploiting and oppressing the people.

The Chilean People's Front, struggles to defeat the fascist dictatorship, throw out yankee imperialism and, free from all imperialism, win our true liberation.

In our country we struggle for the freedom of all political prisoners, who today number more than 8,000. At the same time, we support and fight for freedom of all the political prisoners who live under dictatorships in Latin America and the whole world. Today we stand in solidarity with Gary Tyler and demand his immediate freedom.

We support all the struggles to win freedom for Tyler, knowing that the people's struggle is the only road to victory. Brother Tyler himself said: "I'm for demonstrations. . .End oppression by every means. Oppression has got to go."

We enthusiastically salute Gary Tyler for his fighting spirit and we are sure that with the struggle of the masses he will surely win his freedom.

Fighting and united we will win,
Chilean People's Front
January, 1977

LENIN'S TEACHINGS ON WOMAN QUESTION

Leading up to the International Women's Day actions scheduled for March 5, *The Call* will be reprinting excerpts from the classic works of Marxism-Leninism on the woman question.

We encourage our readers to use these excerpts in their study and to write to us with questions and comments.

This week's excerpt is taken from Clara Zetkin's "Recollections of Lenin." Zetkin, a German communist, was very active in developing the Communist International's work among women. In this article, she records Lenin's comments to her in 1920 on the resolutions and theses that the Comintern needed to adopt. Lenin's remarks focus on correctly combining the immediate demands of the women's movement with the final aims of the working-class struggle.

"The theses must emphasize strongly that true emancipation of women is not possible except through communism. You must lay stress on the unbreakable connec-



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tion between woman's human and social position and the private ownership of the means of production. This will draw a strong, ineradicable line against the bourgeois movement for the 'emancipation of women.' This will also give us a basis for examining the woman question as part of the social working-class question, and to bind it firmly with the proletarian class struggle and the revolution.

"The communist women's movement itself must be a mass movement, a part of the general mass movements; and not only of the proletarians, but of all the exploited and oppressed, of all victims of capitalism or of the dominant class. Therein, too, lies the significance of the women's movement for the class struggle of the proletariat and its historic mission, the creation of a communist society.

"We can be legitimately proud that we have the flower of revolutionary womanhood in our Party, in the Comintern. But this is not decisive, we have to win over the millions of working women in town and country for our struggle and, particularly, for the communist reconstruction of society. There can be no real mass movement without the women.

"We derive our organizational ideas from our ideological conceptions. We want no separate organizations of communist women! She who is a Communist belongs as a member to the Party, just as he who is a Communist. They have the same rights and duties. There can be no difference of opinion on that score.

"However, we must not shut our eyes to the facts. The Party must have organs—working groups, commissions, committees, sections or whatever else they may be called—with the specific purpose of rousing the broad masses of women, bringing them into contact with the Party and keeping them under its influence. This naturally requires that we carry on systematic work among the women.

"It is therefore perfectly right for us to put forward demands for the benefit of women. This is not a minimum program, nor a program of reform in the Social-Dem-

ocratic sense, in the sense of the Second International. . . Nor is it an attempt to pacify the masses of women with reforms and to divert them from the path of revolutionary struggle.

"Our demands are no more than practical conclusions, drawn by us from the crying needs and disgraceful humiliations that weak and underprivileged woman must bear under the bourgeois system. We demonstrate thereby that we are aware of these needs and of the oppression of women, that we are conscious of the privileged position of the men, and that we hate—yes, hate—and want to remove whatever oppresses and harasses the working woman, the wife of the worker, the peasant woman, the wife of the little man, and even in many respects the woman of the propertied classes.

"The rights and social measures we demand of bourgeois society for women are proof that we understand the position and interests of women and that we will take note of them under the proletarian dictatorship."

I assured Lenin that I was of the same opinion, but that it would no doubt be opposed. Uncertain and timid minds would reject it as suspicious opportunism. Nor could it be denied that our present demands for women might be incorrectly understood and interpreted.

"What of it?" Lenin exclaimed, somewhat annoyed. "This risk exists in everything we say and do. . . In our case it is not only a matter of what we demand, but also of how we demand.

"Every tussle of this kind sets us at loggerheads with the respectable bourgeois clique and its no less respectable reformist lackeys. This compels the latter either to fight under our leadership—which they do not want—or to drop their disguise. Thus, the struggle fences us off from them and shows our communist face. It wins us the confidence of the mass of women, who feel themselves exploited, enslaved and crushed by the domination of the man, by the pow-



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er of their employers and by bourgeois society as a whole. Betrayed and abandoned by all, working women come to realize that they must fight together with us.

"Must I avow, or make you avow, that the struggle for women's rights must also be linked with our principal aim—the conquest of power and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat? At present, this is, and will continue to be, our alpha and omega. That is clear, absolutely clear. But the broad masses of working women will not feel irresistibly drawn to the struggle for state power if we harp on just this one demand, even though we may blare it forth on the trumpets of Jericho. No, a thousand times no!

"We must combine our appeal politically in the minds of the female masses with the sufferings, the needs and the wishes of the working women. They should all know what the proletarian dictatorship will mean to them—complete equality of rights with men, both legal and in practice, in the family, the state and in society, and that it also spells the annihilation of the power of the bourgeoisie."

CALL INTER AZANIAN LEADER

The following interview was conducted in January with Theo Bidi, representative of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) of Azania (South Africa). During the next few months, the October League will be sponsoring a speaking tour for a representative of the PAC in order to further educate people in this country about the Azanian people's struggle and build support for it.

Call: What were the factors which led to the Soweto uprising last summer? What impact has Soweto had on the overall Azanian liberation struggle?

Bidi: The national uprising that erupted in Soweto started over the imposition of "Afrikaans" as a language of instruction in Black schools. But the underlying issues were wider and deeper than just the language.

All manifestations of apartheid are accountable for this uprising. Africans want their land back, and want their liberation as a single national entity with it. Having tasted the bitterness of white domination for so long, they want their freedom, self-determination and self-government. The struggle of the Azanians is for nothing less than state power and the overthrow of white domination.

Soweto has resulted in a further, greater awakening of the Azanian people, in greater unity and greater determination to struggle against their oppression and dehumanization.

The most important thing of all is their loss of the fear of the enemy's guns! This has opened the most exciting and encouraging vistas for the struggle ahead. People's war is now no longer a pipedream of the PAC but a definite inevitability that stares everyone in the Republic of South Africa (RSA) in the face. A frantic resurgence of revolutionary political activity is afoot.

What is the history and program of the PAC?

PAC was born on April 6, 1959 after more than a decade of struggle with the old-guard leadership of the ANC (African National Congress) over the objectives, discipline and methods of the struggle. On March 21, 1960, PAC launched the Positive Action Campaign which resulted in the Sharpeville Massacres. The focus was primarily on the oppressive Pass Laws that operate only against the Africans. All leaders were imprisoned for up to three years. Towards the end of 1962, when some leaders returned from prison, PAC reorganized and prepared for an armed, general uprising. Efforts—enthusiastic and feverish—continued into early 1963.

In April 1963, 10,000 or more PAC activists were arrested in a nationwide police sweep, as a result of betrayal on the eve of the uprising. More than 100 were hanged. All those convicted were sent to the maximum-security prison on Robben Island. Later that year, PAC sent its cadres to training abroad in free African countries.

The devastating blow of 1963 threw the PAC, which was then on the brink of an armed struggle, into a situation from which it has taken years to emerge and resume the commanding heights. In the course of those hard years at home and abroad, PAC has been doing everything in its power to prepare for an all-embracing, protracted armed struggle—militarily, politically, ideologically and organizationally.

Thus, right now, the stage for our long-awaited people's war is set. Our people and organization are quite ready. Yet some difficult problems, which are crucial to the successful conduct of our war of liberation, remain to be solved.

The PAC aims at the total overthrow of white domination and western imperialism in our country; establishing a democratic, socialist, non-racial and just social order; restoring the land to its rightful owners; regenerating economic development in all vital sectors in such a way as will enable the most oppressed to regain dignity and effective control of their land and destiny; and making our contribution to mankind and the world struggle against imperialism, neo-colonialism, and hegemonism.

Our struggle is for national emancipation and independence. Liberate the forces

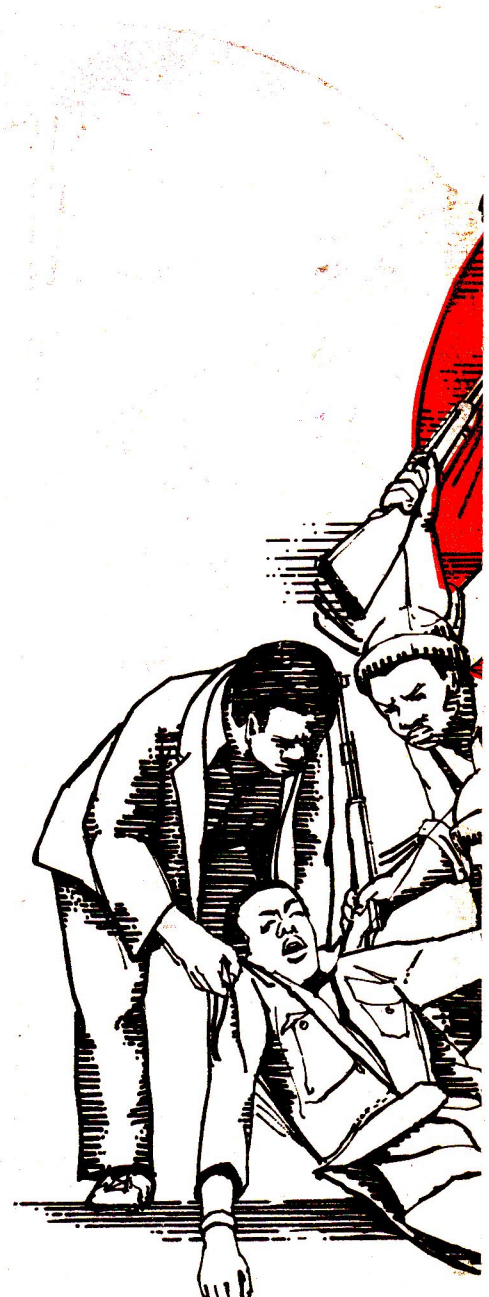
of production, liberate our education and culture and develop them to the fullest extent. Liberate and ultimately unify the African continent, and thus release all its potentials for its own good and that of all mankind.

What does apartheid mean in day-to-day terms in the life of the Azanian people?

In everyday life, apartheid means brutal super-exploitation of "cheap Black labor" by both local settler capitalists and foreign monopolies in the farms, mines, factories, commerce and other sectors of the economy. Blacks work there for 10 times less than whites—or less. It means deprivation of any opportunities for advancement of any kind. It means any and all Black workers—who by law can never be regarded as skilled labor—must forever content themselves with "dirty jobs."

It means prohibition of Black trade unions, Black strikes and bargaining. It means unequal education, with Blacks forced to have "Bantu education," which is *slave education*, to "keep them in their place." In day-to-day life, apartheid means harassment of Blacks by the racist police in their houses, in the streets, in social gatherings (weddings, funerals, church service, etc.), in school and even at work.

Apartheid also means arbitrary, summary evictions of whole Black communities in pursuance of the evil policy of "separate development"—a practical implementation of the fundamentals of apartheid philosophy. Blacks are driven from "white cities," "white areas" and towns (which constitute 87 percent of the land mass of our country) into the so-called "homelands" or "Bantustans"—the barren, undeveloped, unproductive, exhausted 13 percent of scattered pieces of land. In that process, our people suffer unprecedented losses, tribulations, in-



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dignities and dehumanization as they are moved without any prior preparations, compensation, recourse or redress.

What is the role of U.S. imperialism in South Africa?

With about 494 companies operating in the country, the U.S. is second only to Britain in RSA. It is also second to Britain in terms of investments. From this basis, U.S. imperialism has "suddenly" taken an active interest in our country's affairs.

Kissinger's "shuttle diplomacy" in southern Africa has only one aim. That is to "fix" Zimbabwe and Namibia with the invited, active connivance of Vorster in a desperate bid to buy time for him to accomplish the ends of "separate development," isolate the national liberation movement and buy free Africa, and thus reduce or actually nullify the chances of a just solution of the real problem. The Africans must be swindled, cheated out of their real aspirations and demands and must be forced into Vorster's "solution," if American present and future interests (economic, political and military) are to be achieved.

To this end therefore, the U.S. gives all political and diplomatic support to RSA. This treacherous activity is almost certain to increase and pose grave problems for our struggle in the near future, when people's war will engulf RSA in a final battle.

What is the role of the Soviet Union in South Africa?

Whereas the U.S. has a direct, long-standing involvement in RSA by way of monopolistic industrial and commercial corporation subsidiaries and the capital investments operating there, the Soviet Union is limited to what it styles "support for the struggle against apartheid." In practice and essence, this "support" is interference with our national struggle. So far, all its "support" has achieved is the disunity of the liberation forces of our struggle.

The Soviet Union supports certain political groupings, labelling them "the authentic representatives" of our people, and vilifies

others as "reactionaries," "stooges of U.S. imperialism." It works day and night to discredit them and tarnish their image abroad, regardless of their unquestionable standing among the oppressed and struggling Azanian people.

By current indications and recent history around the world, it is conceivable that the Soviet Union has chosen its own "winning horse" in our country, that it is therefore investing everything in it with a view to attaining an unchallenged position of influence through these groupings upon the unlikely event of their emergence as sole victors in the national liberation struggle.

It is thinkable that the Soviets will do all in their power to ensure this outcome, if only to gain a firm foothold in our country in the interests of its global expansionist drive and contention with the U.S. So it is that already we see the spectre of our people in a fierce struggle against the two superpowers—U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism in the not-too-distant future.

How does the PAC view the South African Communist Party?

In our view, the SACP is a handful of false communists whose career and business in life is thwarting, frustrating, and defeating the unity of our national liberation movement, preventing the Azanian revolution, oppressing some African leaders in the Azanian struggle, and ensuring the permanence of white supremacy and privilege in our country.

The SACP has never done a stitch of good work in our country throughout its 55 years of existence. Having failed to bring us liberation, it is perpetually making certain that nobody else will do so. It is reactionary through and through.

What are the strong and weak points of the Vorster regime? What is the significance of the Transkei affair?

White domination's strongest point today lies in its army and police force. These two chief elements of the RSA's state

power are possibly the most well organized, more disciplined and strongest equipment-wise in the southern half of Africa. That is why she has thus far been able to carry out large-scale repression inside and ever growing aggression outside.

South Africa's greatest weakness lies in her economy. The day all our *cheap Black labor* decides to sacrifice everything by pulling out of it totally, RSA's economy will definitely crumble, bringing down with it the whole fabric and structure of apartheid settler-colonialism.

Our own strength is in the millions of our oppressed people. We are an overwhelming majority, and they are a pitiable minority. We need to do an even much better job of mobilizing and organizing, educating and arming our people, and a new, great and final chapter will be opened in a battle to the finish.

The Transkei is *not* a state. It is an integral and inalienable part of Azania. The abominable, false creation effected on October 26, 1976 is a reactionary, arbitrary move that is being opposed by our people

inside and outside the Transkei territory. It will never be accepted by Azanians.

How can the American people contribute to the Azanian people's struggle?

There is certainly a great deal that the American people as a whole can do in solidarity with us. Politically, they can exert pressure on their government to reconsider its foreign policy on southern Africa as a whole, and racist South Africa in particular. They can force American multi-national corporations to pull out of our country, leaving apartheid to the mercy of our blows. The American people should ensure that Vietnam will not be repeated in our country.

The American people can also organize and give material equipment and financial aid so badly needed in Azania in order to conduct the struggle to victory.

In waging our current struggle as well as in its forthcoming higher phases, we necessarily and rightly depend on our own efforts. Nobody will liberate us but ourselves. Yet we need and welcome all the active goodwill, solidarity and support of the world's people.

The American people are truly crucial in this respect. If U.S. imperialism is ultimately to be defeated, we must fight and defeat it together. Our struggle is theirs, just as theirs is ours.

Australia's E.F. Hill reports on China visit

Last December, E.F. Hill, the Chairman of the Australian Communist Party (M-L) visited China and had a discussion with Chinese Communist Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. In this special report for the Vanguard, the Australian Party's newspaper, Hill speaks about his experiences in China.

Chairman Hua, who I had already met some few years ago, impressed me as a modest, unassuming, wise person with a profound grasp of Marxism-Leninism and very easy to talk to.

He outlined the exposure and criticism made by Chairman Mao over the last two or three years of his life, of the activities of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Chun-chiao, Chiang Ching and Yao Wen-yuan. Repeatedly Chairman Mao had told them not to form a gang of four. He had made attempts to correct them. But they persisted in their attempts to subvert the Chinese Communist Party and Government.

I have no doubt of the correctness of what Chairman Hua said, namely, that had this plot succeeded, China would have suffered a tremendous setback. In its turn, that setback in my opinion would have been a serious setback for the whole international Communist movement and the oppressed peoples of the world.

As it is, I am certain that the Chinese people, led by the Chinese Communist Party under the wise leadership of Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, have loyally carried out in an all round way and in every respect Chairman Mao's teachings and I am certain they will continue to do so.

It was precisely this that the "gang of four" was out to sabotage. For example, over quite a few years, rumours and slanders against the late Premier Chou En-lai have been circulated in China and in the world. These rumours and slanders had their origin in the "gang of four" and in the Lin Piao conspiracy, each of which was linked to the other.

Over the last 20 years, I have periodically visited China. In that time, there has been astounding progress in the building of socialism and the continuance of the socialist revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. The enemies of socialism within and without China get more and more desperate in their attempts to arrest that progress. They have agents who worm their way into the Communist Party.

As Chairman Mao said, the bourgeoisie can be found right within the Communist

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Party. So Liu Shao-chi appeared, then Lin Piao, then the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao gang. These enemies have all been defeated because millions of Chinese people are imbued with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and they are headed by the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of China founded and developed under the guidance of Chairman Mao.

There is no doubt the Chinese people are full of revolutionary enthusiasm. This can be seen even in a comparatively short visit. Everywhere there are big character posters which denounce the deeds of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao group. These big character posters express the real heart and mind of the Chinese people. Everywhere there is immense enthusiasm.

Under Chairman Hua's leadership the Chinese Communists are loyally integrating the universal truths of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought with the actual conditions of China. They are leading the Chinese people in continuing the socialist revolution under the conditions of the dictatorship of the proletariat. They are conscientiously carrying out Chairman Mao's proletarian line in foreign policy.

I said at the meeting of Chairman Hua with me: "Chairman Mao's Marxist-Leninist proletarian foreign policy with its profound analysis of the three worlds and the implications of this analysis correctly answered the all important question in the world class struggle—who are our friends and who are our enemies. It correctly identified the world domination strivings and menace of the two superpowers, emphasized the grave danger of Soviet social-imperialism, showed the decisive role of the third world and correctly estimated the position of the countries between the two superpowers and the third world.

Such an analysis is a powerful weapon in the hands of the proletariat and peoples of the world—it fills them with optimism. In my opinion, to confuse it in any way is to do a disservice to the people of the world and to the international communist movement."

It is all a great triumph for the Chinese people and the International Movement.



'My Undercover Years with the KKK'

Submitted by a reader in Washington, D.C.—

Gary Thomas Rowe was paid by the FBI to participate in terrorist actions, beatings and murders of Black people and civil rights activists during the early '60s in Birmingham, Ala. He tells his story in a recently released book, *My Undercover Years with the Ku Klux Klan*, based on his testimony last year before the Senate hearings on the FBI.

Although not the author's intention, the book brings out some important lessons about the Klan

and its relation to the capitalist system—lessons which are useful at a time when the Klan is stepping up its violent attacks in Houston, Boston, New Orleans and elsewhere.

Rowe, himself a segregationist, joined the Klan at the FBI's request. His "job" as an agent in no way held him back from participating eagerly in Klan violence. He gave his FBI bosses detailed reports on the structure and leadership of the KKK and called the FBI office before every action that the Klan was planning.

The book reveals that, although the FBI knew in advance about most of the raids, beatings and bombings that went on in the Birmingham area, nothing was ever done to prevent them, and no arrests were ever made. Rowe was on the scene when Klansmen brutally murdered civil rights activist Viola Liuzzo and a Black man not identified by Rowe. Although Rowe gave eyewitness testimony at two murder trials, the killers were acquitted.

According to Rowe, "the agents told me that the FBI took no position on segregation or integration; it only investigated violations within its jurisdiction." This is the "objective, above classes" view of justice that the government pretends to carry out. But the government, as Rowe's book shows, actually works with and covers up for the Klan.

The book's clearest lesson, confirmed every day by struggles around the country, is that the Klan is part of the ruling-class

machinery for repression, just as much as the police, FBI and courts. It plays the role of an extra-legal, fascist arm in maintaining the oppression of the Afro-American people and is a tool for promoting segregation and preventing working-class unity.

Rowe tells of the close ties between Klan Grand Wizard Bobby Shelton and Alabama Governor George Wallace. He describes cities in Alabama where "to be a dogcatcher there, a man would have to be a Klan member."

In 1961, CORE Freedom Riders, attempting to integrate the bus system, arrived in Birmingham and were met by a "welcoming committee" organized by the Alabama Highway Patrol and Birmingham police chief "Bull" Connors. One thousand Klansmen, wielding chains, sticks, and clubs were allowed 15 minutes to attack the Freedom Riders before the police intervened—to arrest the demonstrators!

The picture that emerges from the book is one of complete complicity between the Klan and the government at every level—from the police and local judges all the way up to the FBI.

Another section of the book describes how the Klan was used by the capitalists to stir up trouble in an area where a union organizing drive was going on. The message was clear: do everything possible to turn white workers against Black and to hold back working-class unity.

It is revealed, however, that

the racists like Rowe who are active in the Klan are despised by the majority of working-class southerners. The book gives numerous examples of Black and white southerners who fought back against Klan attacks.

One of the most outstanding examples is the instance of the Starr family, a white couple in their early 60s who were raising a 6-year-old Afro-American boy. Klansmen burst into their small cabin, dragging them outside so all three could be shot.

But the couple resisted. Says Rowe, "Mrs. Starr screamed, 'Let my husband go!,' and when we turned to look, she was standing in the cabin doorway holding a gun. . . Under her covering fire, her husband ran back inside. . . I thought they would surely barricade their door and use the cabin as a fort, but I had underestimated their courage. They did not attempt to hide. Instead, they turned on their outside lights and both of them came out with their guns blazing. They walked straight toward us, shooting at us as if we were ducks. 'We're going to die, but you are, too!' they shouted at us."

At this show of armed resistance, the Klansmen fled, "falling all over ourselves in our panic," according to Rowe. The courage of the Starrs in standing up to the Klan exposes the base cowardliness of the KKK and serves as a call to all workers and oppressed nationalities to actively oppose the Klan and the whole system that spawned it!

Rowe's book gives further ammunition to those who are waging the struggle against Klan terror and exposes the real interests that stand behind the KKK.



'The minority views upon the world'

It's amazing how the world can pass the poor man by
And never think twice or wonder why
It's not his desire to live this way
Though he struggles, and struggles day after day
So we boycott and protest, the best way we know how
And still the world passes us by
Some are afraid, and refuse to get involved
Thinking all the time they may lose their job
Our eyes have been closed for too long
It's time to wake, and let the world know what's wrong
What is there to do to get our point across
The working Black minority have suffered their loss
The system is corrupted and we all know that
But the rich politicians refuse to come and bat
We are constantly saying, the world can't be this way
But it seems more likely day by day
It makes no difference if you're white or Black
The people have the power to fight back
So what is left for us to do
Rebel against the system, let the working class rule

Jack Clemons
Eatonton, Ga.

Ed. note: Jack Clemons, a young worker has been an activist in the fight against police terror in Eatonton, a rural Black Belt town.

Worldwide opposition to Zionist propaganda 'ENTEBBE' BANNED IN CARIBBEAN

Jamaica and Guyana recently banned the showing of the movie *Victory at Entebbe*. The U.S.-made movie which glorifies Zionist and imperialist attacks on the Palestinians and the whole third world, has been met with resistance from the Caribbean to Europe.

The premier showing in Trinidad on Jan. 13 sparked mass outrage. After viewing the film people became so angry, they burnt the theater to the ground. Current showings in Trinidad are being

done only under heavily armed security.

In Guyana the movie was banned on the grounds that it goes against "the country's policy of being against any form of violation of the territorial sovereignty of states. . ." In addition, Guyanese officials pointed out that the film is insulting to President Idi Amin of Uganda.

Still not giving up, the imperialists pushed for another showing in Jamaica. But the Jamaican gov-


ernment, upon learning about the nature of the film, immediately banned it. They acted in response to a letter from the Pan-African Secretariat which called the film "a scurrilous attack on the integrity of all Africans and African descendants." Public opinion polls in Jamaica confirmed that the masses of Jamaican people shared this view.

In Europe, many people have stood up to oppose the imperialist lies and distortions of both *Victory at Entebbe* as well as the other U.S.-made film *Raid on Entebbe*. As reported in *The Call* (see Jan. 24 issue), 600 Norwegians demonstrated when *Victory at Entebbe* opened in Oslo.

In France, Marxist-Leninists and anti-imperialists have soundly denounced the films. According to L'Humanite Rouge, "This apology for Nazi-type terrorism, behind the mask of an 'adventure film' to attract spectators, is being denounced and fought against by many anti-imperialist and progressive forces. At the doors of various theaters showing these films, leafletting and discussions have succeeded in turning many spectators away.

"The intolerable must not be tolerated. Zionist propaganda is an insult to the Palestinian resistance and an incitement to crime."


Try as they will, the imperialists are having a hard time using their "thriller films" and big stars to peddle their reactionary ideology. People all over the world are standing up to this cultural assault.



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stats down even below Nixon's infamous 68 degrees. Carter wants home and work-area thermostats turned down to 65 degrees in the daytime and 55 degrees at night. This, he says, can help the country get through the "crisis in natural gas supplies."

The other part of Carter's energy plan is to lift price controls on natural gas sold by producers to pipeline companies. According to Carter, this fat profit stimulus will help get the gas delivered to the places where it is needed.

The Wall Street Journal predicts that natural gas prices will be doubled if the controls are lifted. This move in turn will have the effect of doubling the already-outrageous cost of home heating (40 percent of all homes are heated by

natural gas), and will also have repercussions at the gasoline pump.

The whole "natural gas" crisis, like the oil crisis of 1973, reveals the chaos and anarchy of capitalist production.

When oil supplies became less available and more expensive in 1973, home-builders and factory managers were encouraged to switch to gas. Now gas supplies are running low. While the country goes from "oil crisis" to "gas crisis" to some other crisis next, the big energy monopolies continue to make profits greater than the gross national products of most countries.

One federal energy official said, "The bureaucracy is so complicated, we don't even know where we have supplies and where we have shortages."

The present crisis also shows

how capitalism holds back the development of science and technology. Explaining why there isn't more natural gas around, E.L. Williamson, president of Louisiana's Land and Exploration Co., says, "All the cheap gas has already been found." It costs too much to explore deep underground for gas, say the producers, and so very little exploration is carried out. While this is largely true, many gas companies are sitting on huge "undiscovered" deposits, waiting to "discover" them as soon as price controls are lifted.

There have also been numerous reports of natural gas producers in states like Texas refusing to ship their gas to other states where it is desperately needed, because greater profits are to be made within the state.

The cold wave has been filled with other examples of capitalism's inability to meet the needs of the people. The swine flu affair offers yet another case in point. After giving away \$150 million to the big drug monopolies to manufacture swine flu vaccine, the predicted "epidemic" never developed.

The entire government budget

for flu vaccinations was used up on this project and no money was allotted for regular flu shots. Now, regular strains of flu are hitting various parts of the country in epidemic proportions, especially with the prolonged cold weather.

The already-severe economic crisis of capitalism has been sharpened as a result of the winter-related conditions. Many of those workers who have been laid off will probably be called back to work before they have time to collect unemployment checks. This means that their families will be forced to survive without a week's income. The rate of inflation, which has devastated the living standards of working-class families over the last few years, will be greatly accelerated by rising fuel costs. Long after the winter comes to an end, the masses of people will be suffering from these effects.

CAPITALISM VS. SOCIALISM

Obviously no social system is free from cold waves or other curses of nature. But the difference between capitalism and socialism lies in the manner of dealing with these crisis situations produced by nature.

Under socialism, a centrally planned economy exists and allocations of natural resources are based on a plan. Special mea-

sures are taken to protect the livelihood of the people against any nature-caused disruptions of economic planning. Should a major disaster hit, as happened with the earthquake in socialist China last year, the entire country is mobilized to help those affected. The government makes its first concern the lives and well-being of the people.

But under capitalism, the situation is exactly the opposite. People like Thomas Kuhn are left to die, while the capitalists line their pockets with money plundered from the labor of the workers. When people are laid off and left without an income, the president's only advice to them is "turn your thermostat down." The chaos and anarchy of the profit system constantly breeds shortages followed by surpluses of various resources and products, such as we are witnessing with natural gas.

Severe weather is one thing, but how severely it hits the people depends on the social system. Capitalism, even with all its resources and technology, will continue exploiting the working class, even freezing us to death, until it is overthrown and the resources and technology put at the service of the people.

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NEWS ITEM, JAN. 17, 1977

*2 old Black men
Died in a Harlem hotel
From the cold.*

*Huddled in light coats,
Sitting in wood chairs
Away from the bare window,
Away from the spreading mushroom of ice
in a corner of the room where there was a leak.*

*Downstairs, the elderly
tenants stood as usual
Warming their hands over an ancient stove.
"And we pay \$120 a month for these rooms."*

*The medical examiner
Finished his report
a day later and said
the old men didn't die of the cold,
of the 9-degree temperature in their room.
"It was the cheap liquor they were drinking,
and they had a heart condition,"
he said.
The near-empty bottles nursed in their freezing hands
had warmed them inside and made them
"impervious to the cold."*

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into one of class struggle, not class collaboration.

"It is precisely because thousands are fed up with the leadership of the Abel-McBride 'team'" the leaflet points out, "that now capitalists are pulling out 'insurgent' Ed Sadlowski as an alternative. They would like to satisfy our anger by changing a few faces at the top while leaving the system intact and unchallenged.

"This 'face changing' gimmick is nothing new," the leaflet adds. "Twelve years ago, I.W. Abel came forward presenting himself as the 'spokesman for the rank and file' when he ran against former USW president David MacDonald's 'tuxedo unionism.' We have seen how Abel turned out to be dressed in

the same tuxedo. Now Sadlowski is trying the same routine."

The leaflet details Sadlowski's collaborationist record over the past two years as head of District 31, his inaction in the face of massive layoffs, and his scab plan for reducing the workforce even further, which he introduced in an 'infamous' interview in Penthouse magazine.

On the question of job protection, the leaflet says, "The demand of steel workers is **Stop the Layoffs! Shorter work week with no cut in pay!** It is not the millions of unemployed who should shoulder the weight of the economic crisis. Let the steel bosses, who have manipulated a 12% price increase over the past year resulting in windfall profits, pay the cost of this crisis."

The leaflet links Sadlowski's sellout on the fight against layoffs, unsafe conditions as well as discrimination to his stand on the ENA-strike agreement. "Sادلowski has tried to paint himself as a champion of the 'right to strike,'" the leaflet explains. "But what kind of strike, what militant mass action did he organize when thousands of steelworkers in his district were thrown onto the unemployment lines?"

"Now even his flabby opposition to the ENA has been reduced to complaining that there ought to have been a referendum on it before it was put into effect." But the demand of the rank and file is: **Smash the ENA! Defend the right to strike!**

SUPPORTS RACIST DECREE

"On the issue of discrimination and the fight against racism, Sadlowski has shown again that he is no alternative to Abel." Sadlowski has supported the racist Consent Decree, denying workers the right to sue over past discrimination. He recently put it into practice at Inland Steel. "His promotion of this racist agreement," reads the leaflet, "is a clear go-ahead for continued segregation, increased racist firings and deportations of foreign-born workers, especially Mexicans.

"Discrimination and national

oppression is rooted in the capitalist system," the leaflet stresses, "and are a source of immense profits for the capitalists. They are also a tool in the hands of the steel bosses and union misleaders to divide the workers by nationality," weakening the fighting capacity of the class as a whole. "We demand **Smash the racist Consent Decree! Fight discrimination against minorities and women!**

"TOOL FOR COMPROMISE"

"Throughout the labor movement, whenever workers have taken up the fight against the bosses," the leaflet sums up, "bureaucrats like Sadlowski come forward as the main scabs and slickest defenders of the system. Whenever we want to fight, he says compromise!

"But we've had enough compromise," the leaflet concludes. "These misleaders have turned the union into a tool for compromising on the demands and interests of steelworkers. They've set up a whole bureaucratic structure to promote collaboration with the bosses and stifle rank-and-file initiative.

"That's why we have to drive these company agents from the leadership of the union and make the union a weapon for fighting the steel bosses—an organization of class struggle and not collaboration. To fight layoffs, unemployment and discrimination, we must rely on the rank-and-file steelworkers, and fight against the system that stands behind these attacks.

"The last six months of campaigning have brought home the fact that the real struggle is not between Sadlowski and McBride. It is between the bosses and bureaucrats on the one side and the rank and file on the other. For the thousands of angry steelworkers looking for a change, Sadlowski means more of the same."

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the overwhelming majority of war resisters—the deserters and vets with less-than-honorable discharges—who are almost all working class and minorities.

For every person covered by Carter's plan, there are over 250 who are not. This group includes over 800,000 Vietnam-era vets who received less-than-honorable discharges. These vets with "bad papers" have been handed a "life sentence to job discrimination and social exile" and a denial of veterans' benefits, as one statement by veterans pointed out.

The conference resolved to take up the struggle of these vets, recognizing that a disproportionate number of them are minority peoples. Throughout the war, Black, Puerto Rican, Chicano, and other minorities were used as cannon fodder by the imperialists in numbers far exceeding their size in the population as a whole.

The conference proclaimed that the resistance movement would not be lulled to sleep by Carter's action. Gerry Condon, a former Green Beret who spent six years exiled in Sweden and Canada,

said, "Let's fight like hell for total amnesty for all the victims and resisters of the Indochina war."

Condon went on to say that the amnesty movement was "forging a common will to resist being set against the rightful struggles of third world people for national liberation."

Vinh Sinh, a representative of the Association of Vietnamese Patriots, also addressed the conference, stressing the unity between the struggles of the Vietnamese and American peoples against imperialism.

A representative from the Communist Youth Organization urged the delegates to step up their efforts to oppose war preparations by both superpowers. He denounced attempts to channel unemployed youth into the military in preparation for another imperialist war.

Through many hours of political struggle and discussion, the conference united around five main resolutions. The major resolution condemned Carter's plan and pledged to carry on the fight for total amnesty.

Other resolutions dealt with reconstruction aid to the Republic

of Vietnam and the demand that the U.S. imperialists drop their veto of Vietnam's entry into the United Nations; solidarity with the peoples of those countries who have harbored and supported the resistance movement; an end to U.S. interference in the internal affairs of sovereign countries, especially those in Southern Africa; and full democratic rights for all GI's.

The main question not addressed by conference resolutions was the current international situation and the emergence of the USSR as an imperialist superpower. There was no mention of opposition to both superpowers or the fact that the superpower rivalry is drawing the world rapidly towards war.

In order to organize working people of all countries to oppose unjust, imperialist wars, it is imperative that the resistance movement take up the struggle against both superpowers.

In all, however, the Toronto conference succeeded in uniting around the need to press forward in the struggle for total amnesty as part of the fightback against capitalism.