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"The Communist's ideal should not be a trade-union secretary, but a tribune of the people, able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression." Lenin

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CLP Holds Founding Congress

Build the Party!

An enthusiastic, united founding Congress of the Communist Labor Party of the USNA was held over the Labor Day weekend in Chicago. Such a Congress could only be the result of years of difficult organizational, ideological and theoretical struggle. The struggle for this principled unity really began after the 16th Convention of the Communist Party (USA) held in 1956. Since that date there has been an unbroken line of organizational efforts that testify to the determination of the revolutionaries to unite on the basis of Marxism-Leninism.

Over 500 delegates attended the Congress. They represented all sections of the USNA, including a fraternal delegation from the Puerto Rican Revolutionary Socialist Party. All the various nationalities and national minorities were represented: the Eskimo, Hawaiian, Philippino, Negro and Indian peoples and the Mexican national minority and others.

The whole range of revolutionary experience was represented and helped to guide the Congress. In attendance were over 30 comrades with more than 25 years in the Marxist movement. Several had been members of various national committees of the CPUSA and one had been a delegate to the Comintern. The oldest participating comrade had joined the revolutionary movement in 1909.

Above all, the Congress was a proletarian Congress. The vast majority of the delegates were from the shops, mills and mines. The Party Program and Resolutions reflected the breadth of vision that only the proletariat is capable of. The main thrust of the Program and Resolutions was for a united front of struggle of the working class from below, basing our efforts on unity with and support to the Negro Nation and Latin America. (The Congress documents are being printed and will be available through the People's Tribune.)

Each comrade who attended the Congress was made aware that we are at the brink of some important historic moments. As with all junctures

in history, the opportunities and the dangers are great.

Success in our movement is going to demand that every comrade, individually, as well as, through their collectives seize every opportunity to display Bolshevick individual initiative. Our Party must become a party of fighting leaders, or it will not be a communist party at all.

The Congress completed the task of building the essential form of our Party. The task that faces us now is to build our Party into the vanguard of the proletariat.

It is clear that in order to move forward rapidly and as a compact group, we must have identity of views on what the immediate tasks are and generally how they are to be accomplished. First of all, we should agree that our Congress radically changed the political environment in which we operate. It is clear that the

formulations and methods of the past period will not apply in a qualitatively different situation. At the ending of an old qualitative development and the beginning of a new - guidelines, rules, attitudes, etc., for a while are stood on their head. What we are saying is that the rules for building a league, study circle or study action group cannot apply in the building of the Party. In order to develop under the new conditions it is absolutely necessary to examine every proposition that was accepted as verified truth in a previous period.

In this light, we must re-examine our whole attitude toward recruiting. In a previous period our outlook correctly was "to accept only the advanced of the advanced", and then nine times out of ten they were required to become developed Marxist-Leninists before they could be considered for membership. The outlook conformed to the task of gathering together the conscious elements to form the Party. Is that outlook correct today? No, it is not. In order for the Party to become the vanguard, it must recruit into its ranks the vanguard elements - that is to say the practical leaders of the proletariat.

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Nixon Pardoned- Working Class Indicted!

Before the foul stench of Watergate has cleared the air, President Ford has pardoned the prime scoundrel in that affair - Dick Nixon. Ford has pardoned a man guilty of breaking and entering, robbery, tax evasion, mass murder and mutilation in Southeast Asia, murder and torture in Chile (and throughout Latin America), conspiring with South African military leaders to commit murder, in short, a record that would have made Hitler turn pale in terror!

Workers throughout the USNA are expressing their bitter indignation at the pardon of Nixon. We must organize and articulate this indignation of the working class and lead in the demand for new elections. The pardon of such a scoundrel must be seen as an indictment of the workers and toilers, and all who cherish democracy.

Why is Ford, as was Nixon, fighting to maintain the "Watergate coverup" at the expense of personal and Republican Party "popularity"? Because Ford, the Republican Party and the Democratic Party as well, are but tools of the imperialists, whose most reactionary, chauvinistic elements are launching a drive toward fascism. Through the "coverup" they hope to keep the people of the USNA ignorant of this inhuman

offensive. In pardoning Nixon, it becomes more obvious that Ford's principle allegiance is not to any political party, but to the interests of finance capital.

While giving the proven criminal Nixon a full pardon, those who fled the country to avoid forced military service were slapped with a sham "conditional amnesty". Under this "conditional amnesty" one faces the grim choice of either submitting to two years of "alternative service" to be followed by a "clemency discharge", or else being branded indefinitely with an "undesirable discharge", which would make finding a job almost impossible.

In addition to the pardon of bloody Nixon, Ford is taking other steps in advancing the drive toward the nightmare of fascist military rule at home, and preparing for war abroad. Ford has used his power as Commander in Chief to reinstate White House Chief of Staff Alexander Haig Jr., as not only an army general, but "supreme commander" of NATO and the 300,000 man USNA armed force stationed in Europe.

Haig moved from colonel in 1969 to four-star general in 1972 (jumping over at least 243 senior

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NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FIGHT FOR JOBS!

The recent formation of the Communist Labor Party comes on the threshold of a major economic crisis in the USNA. The working class of this country is and will suffer the major burdens of this crisis. It is becoming increasingly clear each day that the Ford administration is going to do no more than the criminal Nixon administration to alleviate these burdens of the working class.

While wholesale prices are rising at an annual rate of 50% and food prices at a rate of 92%, Ford is promising over 5 billion dollars in arms to Israel. While the unemployment rate in cities such as Detroit is 9.5% and in the inner city of Los Angeles (which is mostly Negro and Mexican national minority) it is 50% and rising, Ford and his economic henchmen are pushing a money policy that means in the 1974 fiscal year alone, the government donated \$5 billion worth of interest rates to bankers such as Rockefeller, Morgan, etc. While tens of millions of workers throughout the country are struggling for jobs and ways to keep up with the rising cost of living, Ford has arrogantly stated that the USNA has the right to intervene and spend billions of our tax dollars in the interests of imperialism in countries such as Chile and Vietnam. And President Ford has "promised" to spend only \$65 million for jobs in 680 areas of the country that have a 6.5% or higher rate of unemployment.

The Communist Labor Party recognizes that the only real solution to this crisis and capitalist exploitation as a whole is socialism and the seizing of political power by the working class itself. The Party also sees that the road to power of the proletariat can only be accomplished by the revolutionary struggle for reform. The Party therefore proposes to all our members, friends, honest trade unionists and progressive fighters in the cause of the working class that we undertake as massive a campaign as our resources will allow against the fascist political and economic attacks on our class. This campaign will take the form of a struggle against unemployment and a struggle for jobs.

We therefore make these proposals for the campaign:

1. To force the government to provide decent jobs for every able bodied worker (man or woman) in the country.
2. To unite in the struggle against unemployment and inflation, every possible mass organization that fights in the interests of the working people, such as, welfare rights, organizations of the national minorities, women's and veterans' groups, trade unions, etc.
3. To bring into the political arena the masses of workers to struggle against the political and economic attacks of the imperialists.
4. To recruit into our party the militant workers and fighters for the working class.

Now the question is how are we to implement such a campaign? There is no use making the call for socialism in an abstract manner. The facts of

the matter are that the struggle for socialism is a process, a development in the class struggle, of the vanguard, and through the vanguard, of the working class as a whole. This has been the experience of the revolutionary movement both in this country and throughout the world. Recognizing this, the Party can best develop this campaign by entering the struggle where it is at, and while constantly organizing and consolidating it, involving larger and larger sections of the working class, thereby raising the struggle to a higher level.

The imperialists themselves have handed us the weapon with which to enter the fight. It is Public Law 93-203 or the "Comprehensive Employment and Training Act" of 1973.

Among other things, Title II of this act provides for the Secretary of Labor through state, county and local governments to set up public employment programs in areas with 6.5% or higher unemployment rates for three consecutive months. As was stated above, there are over 680 such areas in the country. It is common knowledge that the inner cities in every major urban area where there are large concentrations of Negro, Mexican and Puerto Rican national minorities, have unemployment rates double, triple and more than that rate. There are in fact an estimated 20-25 million unemployed persons in the country. And yet President Ford has committed just \$65 million of the act's \$350 million appropriation to create a paltry 8,000 public jobs!

We must expose these facts and figures of unemployment with as broad a campaign as possible in every area our Party has an organization. We must go to every unemployment center, welfare center, hiring hall, etc. and organize the unemployed to fight for jobs. We must try to turn every trade union's and mass organization's attention to the crying need for jobs. We must demand of every congressman, senator, state and local government and public institution not only that public law 93-203 be fully implemented, but that it be expanded to provide funds at the expense of the war industry and monopolies so that every worker is guaranteed a decent job and income.

And last, but not least, when and where the program is implemented, we must fight for the unionization and collective organization of the workers involved.

Our Party is young, our forces small, and the odds we face are tremendous, but our cause is invincible because we fight in the interests of mankind. We must rally to our banner tens, hundreds of thousands and even millions of workers, and this campaign is the first step in that process. We are situated in key areas of the country, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Cleveland, and San Francisco and we must utilize this relative strength to throw every resource we have into the struggle. And above all, we must recruit into our ranks the best and bravest of the fighters for the proletariat.

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END UNEMPLOYMENT!

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Comrades and friends,

Our new Party needs a symbol for the masthead of the People's Tribune. We invite you to send us your drawings and suggestions for this new symbol that will represent the Party.

The struggle against forced busing again reared its ugly head as schools reopened this fall. In Boston, Massachusetts the massive boycott against busing by the Anglo-American section of the working class in the South Boston neighborhood erupted into bitter violence against the Negro national minority students coming to school there for the first time. The picture of mobs of Anglo-Americans attacking Negro national minority children has kindled the disgust and anger of people throughout the USNA. We must expose this attempt of the bourgeois state to foment our already divided class. We must protect and defend our children by demanding quality education for all working class children.

The desegregation plan in Boston involves some 18,000 Negro national minority and Anglo-American students. But the boycott of Anglo-American students assigned to Negro national minority neighborhoods, like Roxbury and Dorchester, has been almost completely successful. Because of the bitter propaganda that has been carried on against busing over the summer, many Negro parents have kept their children at home also, out of fear of violence. And, as expected, those Negro students who went to their assigned schools in South Boston were met with mobs of adults and students throwing stones and bearing clubs.

The boycott was urged on by such arch fascists as the infamous former Congresswoman Louise Day Hicks and School Committee Chairman John J. Kerrigan who have both worked for years to prevent any attempts to de-

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Busing Crisis Stirs Class Divisions

segregate the schools. The decision by U.S. District Court Judge W. Arthur Garrity, Jr. to finally institute busing after years of procrastination by the courts came right before the Supreme Court decision to prohibit busing across city lines based on the situation in the Detroit metropolitan area.

Why are these decisions coming now - at a time when the whole of our class is already uptight about inflation and rising unemployment? The bourgeoisie knows that the class is disunited, having created these conditions through years of playing the "game" of "divide and conquer". Bringing the busing issue to a head at this time only exacerbates the already existing hatred and mistrust that many Anglo-Americans and Negro national minorities have towards each other. All of the frustration caused by working harder and harder trying to "make it", but always slipping further and further back, is now being turned inward on ourselves, rather than on our class enemy, the bourgeoisie.

Anyone who saw the pictures and film clips of the violence that has taken place in Boston knows that we have a lot of work ahead of us to unite our class. This incident is an example to the whole of the USNA that a section of the proletariat can be the vanguard of the counter-revolution, as well as, the revolution. This the fascist well know. Pitting

one section of the working class against another section is a common tactic to build a social base for fascism.

And one of the best areas for the bourgeois state to pit us against each other is around our children. When grown men attack defenseless children, most everyone is angered. But the whole of the working class suffers from poor education, some sections worse than others. Through the PTA's and other community organizations we must use this issue of busing to enter the struggles around the schools to help build the united front of the working class against fascism. We must raise this question of busing especially in the Anglo-American communities for it is here that the bourgeois state has been most successful in dividing our class around this issue. The question of integration has been used as being synonymous with a good education and the CPUSA has played a major role in helping the bourgeois state push this line. We are not opposed to integration, but we must point out to the whole class that a good education does not necessarily come through integration. We are not for or against busing, but demand a quality education for all working class children no matter where they go to school.

**BUILD A UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM!
QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL WORKING
CLASS CHILDREN!**

FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE

What the People Must Learn

September marks one year since the overthrow of the Allende government in Chile by a fascist military coup. The role that USNA imperialism played in sabotaging and undermining that government is now coming out in the open. It has already been established that the USNA through the CIA allotted \$8 million to keep Allende from being elected and after his election, to ensure that his government would fail. The revisionists in Chile and around the world aided in the downfall of Allende by never leading the Chilean people towards socialist revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat. Instead, they "supported" the Allende government through setting it up as a model of the "peaceful transition to socialism". The Chilean people have paid for this treachery and betrayal with their lives.

But the Chilean people have a long and courageous history of political struggle and will be victorious in their struggle against imperialism. We, who are in the "belly of the beast" must support and aid their struggle in any way possible. We have translated from the Spanish and are reprinting below an article submitted by the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile.

The Central Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile has published a document entitled "Unity of the People in order to Fight Imperialism and to Overthrow the Dictatorship". This document was

edited in Chile in April, 1974 and has been profusely distributed in the country.

We are reproducing here the first part of this document, Chapter 3, entitled "That Which our People Must Learn".

III. That Which our People Must Learn.

Some lessons that our people must extract from past experience:

- 1) Again it is proven that in countries like ours, you govern with imperialism or against imperialism; with the masses or against them. There is no middle road.
- 2) The Chilean people, made up of workers, poor peasants, middle strata of the city and the countryside, students and the progressive intellectuals that together represent more than 95% of the population, have no possibility of advancing toward liberation unless they have an organization and army of their own. Only the proletariat and its vanguard party will be able to lead the anti-imperialist, anti-monopoly and anti-latifundist struggle consistently and until the end.
- 3) The process of liberation of the Chilean people, like the rest of Latin America, will be necessarily prolonged and should count on the coordinated solidarity of the continent.
- 4) The weakness of capitalist development in countries like ours, and hence of the bourgeoisie, is its

inability to wage a consistent struggle against imperialist domination and against the fetters that the latifundia and the monopolies represent for the development of the liberation of the country.

5) Even weaker is the sector of the reformist bourgeoisie that represents the leadership of the "Unidad Popular". Since it did not even have their own economic base, it had to look for it in development, and the use of the privileges of the economic and bureaucratic state apparatus. This was one of the objectives of the leadership of the "Unidad Popular" when they widened the state sector of the economy, that is to say, to develop itself as a sector of the state bureaucratic bourgeoisie.

6) Since its birth, the reformist bourgeois policy of the leadership of "Unidad Popular" was condemned to failure. It could not have done anything other than what it did. It was not a question of it having committed errors like some people say. Due to the weakness and the close interests that it represented, it could have never been able to do anything else. Either it was to conciliate with imperialism and the reactionaries, renouncing its reformist program, or it was to be open to defeat and to becoming the morbid prelude to a bloody fascist regime. It had but two alternatives: Goulart or Gonzalez Videla.

7) In order to strengthen their positions, the leadership of the "Unidad Popular" looked for the uncon-

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EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

This is the first of what will be a regular feature in the People's Tribune. The purpose of this column is to explain the fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism, especially in their application to the problems the working class is confronting today. In order to make this column useful, the readers' contributions will be essential. If you have questions you would like discussed in this column, please send them to the People's Tribune, Educational Column, P.O. Box 3774, Chicago, Illinois 60654. We will always try to suggest where further reading can be found on any topic we discuss.

What Is Inflation?

All prices are rising today because inflation is decreasing the amount of goods each dollar can buy. Inflation occurs when too much paper money is printed by the government that is not backed up with gold. If too much money is printed, then the value of each dollar is decreased.

The average rate of growth for the USNA total money supply in the 1960's was 3.8%. From 1970 to 1973 the annual rate of increase has been 7%. This is the highest rate for any four year period since World War II. And today this rapid growth in the total amount of money is happening at a time when the general economy (the level of production and exchange of commodities) is declining by a 2% annual rate.(1) In 1967 each dollar represented 1/35 of an ounce of gold, in 1973 each dollar represented 1/101 of an ounce of gold, and today each dollar represents 1/143 of an ounce of gold. The amount of value each dollar represents has gone as low as 1/200 of an ounce of gold.(2)

The value the dollar represents was further decreased by the official devaluations of the dollar. The dollar was devalued by the government in order to win new markets for USNA produced goods. Devaluation is when the official worth of the paper money is decreased and it effects mainly the exchange rate with other paper money. For example, before the devaluations it took about 3½ West German marks to equal a dollar. After the devaluations it took only 3 marks to equal one dollar. Thus, the prices of all West German imports to the USNA, Volkswagens, for example, increased by more than 10% and the prices of all USNA exports to West Germany fell by the same amount. This has led to a dramatic, if temporary, rise in the share of the world market held by the USNA. But by lessening the value of the dollar, it has also furthered inflation here.

Inflation is also a kind of hidden tax. The government pays its bills (mainly for wars and "defense" spending) by just printing more paper money. This lessens the value of all dollars.

In addition, wars are traditionally paid for at least in part by inflation. For example, prices doubled in the four years of the Civil War in the USNA because the Union government printed \$450 million inflated dollars (the first "greenbacks"). The imperialist aggression in Vietnam was no exception to this tradition; in fact, inflation has paid and is paying a large percentage of the total cost of the war. Other adventures like the \$8 million dollar CIA "investment" to overthrow the Allende government in Chile or the \$2.2 billion dollar backing of Israeli aggression in the recent

Mideast war are "financed" in this way.

The government also has resorted to inflation in order to try to prevent the deepening general economic crisis. They try to keep the economy going by spending more and more money that they just print from "thin air". A symptom of this crisis, which we will discuss further in our next column, is that in the last 19 months the value of all stocks on the New York Stock Exchange has fallen by \$350 billion.(3)

The Textbook on Political Economy, prepared in the Soviet Union in the early 1950's, sums up these points: "Under conditions of developed commodity production, paper money is often used instead of gold coins. The issue of paper money was engendered by the practice of the circulation of worn and devalued coins which had become transformed into symbols of gold, symbols of money.

"Paper money means money tokens issued by the State, which people are obliged to accept instead of gold so far as its function as circulation medium is concerned. Paper money has no value of its own. For this reason it cannot fulfil the function of measure of the value of commodities. However much paper money may be issued, it represents only the value of that quantity of gold which is necessary for commodity circulation to be maintained...

"If paper money is issued in accordance with the amount of gold needed for circulation, the purchasing power of paper money, i.e., the amount of commodities which it can buy, coincides with the purchasing power of gold money. But usually the State issues paper money to cover its expenses, especially in wartime, during crises or other emergencies, without regard to the needs of commodity circulation.

"When the production and circulation of commodities are restricted or when an exceptional amount of paper money is issued, the latter is found to be in excess of the quantity of gold needed for circulation. Money has been issued, let us say, to an extent double what is needed. In such a case, each unit of paper money (dollar, mark, franc, etc.) will represent half the quantity of gold, i.e., the paper will depreciate by half.

"The first attempts to issue paper money took place in China as far back as the twelfth century; paper money was issued in America in 1690 and in France in 1716; Britain began to issue paper money at the time of the Napoleonic Wars. In Russia paper money was first issued in Catherine II's reign.

"An extraordinarily large issue of paper money, leading to its depreciation and used by the ruling classes for the purpose of transfer-

Coalminers Prepare For National Strike

Recently, the bitter strike at the Brookside/Bailey's Creek mine in Evarts, Kentucky ended in victory for the miners. Yarborough and the other Duke Power stooges gritted their teeth and signed a contract with the United Mine Workers. This contract was the result of a year long strike of the workers at Brookside in which one miner was killed and several men, women and children were beaten, shot at and jailed.

Now that the contract is signed, what are the coal operators trying to do? Their first move was to let that cold blooded murderer, Bill Bruner, off scot-free. Bruner, under company direction, killed a miner and then was freed by a grand jury packed with operators. Secondly, the coal operators are trying to sign individual contracts before the negotiating of the national contract which will prevent a nation wide walk out on November 12. The individual contracts pledge to work through the strike.

Just because one victory has been won does not mean we can rest. We must push harder to shut down all coal until all all of the mines are unionized. And we must carry the fight against the coal operators further than merely for a few more dollars. The coal operators are parasites who, like all capitalists, live at the expense of our labor. Mines don't have to be unsafe, but they are under capitalism. Workers don't have to fight gun thugs and evictions just to make a decent living, but they do under capitalism. The miners' fight must be supported by the whole of the working class and likewise, the fight of the working class for a new society is directly in the interests of the miners.

SUPPORT THE MINERS' STRUGGLE!

ring the burden of State expenditure on to the backs of the working masses and increasing their exploitation, is called inflation. Inflation, which gives rise to an increase in the cost of goods, bears heaviest upon the working people, because the wages and salaries of the workers lag behind the rise in prices. Capitalists and landlords benefit from inflation, owing above all to the fall in the real wages of industrial and agricultural workers. Inflation benefits those capitalists who export their commodities. As a result of the fall in real wages and the reduction thereby of the costs of production of commodities it becomes possible for them to compete successfully with foreign capitalists and landlords and increase the sale of their commodities."

The bourgeois "cures" for inflation all amount to a vicious attack on the working class. Unemployment, speed-up (increase in "productivity") for those still employed, cuts in health and welfare spending, "Buy American", and ultimately, war are their program. This is a fascist

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JEFFERSON ASSEMBLY

Workers Battle UAW-Chrysler Collusion

As a result of the present economic crisis, that is, the crisis of overproduction, over 1700 workers (approximately 1/3 of the total work force) were indefinitely laid off from the Jefferson Assembly plant in Detroit on December 21 of last year. Needless to say, this mass lay-off had profound effects on the remaining workers. The rebelliousness and militancy of practically every worker grew as they watched in agony their fellow workers being thrown into the streets, unsure of when they'd be back to work or if they'd be back at all. And just to add to this, Chrysler had the nerve to put the entire plant on overtime (8.5 hours) immediately following the cut-back.

Although the line speed was reduced from 65 units an hour to 42 an hour, there was an increase in the amount of work on each and every job. In many cases the work load doubled and sometimes even tripled. Older workers who had left the harder work on the line to work as drivers, inspectors, janitors, etc., found themselves right back on the line working some of the hardest jobs in the plant which had been vacated by the younger workers who had been laid off. The massive reduction in the work force also necessitated a cut back in chief stewards throughout the plant. That meant there were fewer chief stewards representing more workers. This only meant that with all the other burdens the workers had to suffer, they would also have to labor in the absence of adequate union representation.

A plant shop newspaper, JARUM (Jefferson Assembly Revolutionary Union Movement), which had begun regular publication in January of this year told of the plight of the workers in this atrocious situation. In Department 9171, the chief elected steward was laid off and sent back to the line. He was replaced by the skilled trades steward in the second shift. This meant that not only would the skilled trades steward have to represent all the skilled tradesmen throughout the plant, but also the production workers in Department 9171. This arrangement left the production workers in 9171 without any representation at all, since the skilled tradesman made little or no effort at all to represent them. The skilled tradesman was not elected by the workers in 9171; he was appointed through a deal.

JARUM correctly exposed and analyzed this deal. "This appointment was part of a deal concocted through an agreement between the International leadership, Local 7, and Chrysler Corporation. Why? Because there is a movement emerging on the part of skilled trades to break with the UAW. Chrysler doesn't want to see a break because it would mean that they would have to negotiate with skilled trades independently of the UAW. The UAW doesn't want the break because they would lose a part of their economic base, as well as, lose their control over the skilled tradesmen. Thus, they have both united in a common cause - the cause of keeping the skilled tradesmen as happy as possible.

"The Constitution and By-laws of Local 7 states that: 'Whenever

there is a decrease of employment that would result in a reduction of chief stewards, the chief steward with the least number of constituents shall be eliminated.' (p. 8) This was not done in this case since (as the skilled tradesmen are smaller in number) the skilled tradesman should have been cut back. This clearly violates this clause, as well as, illustrates the collusion between the UAW and Chrysler in an effort to appease skilled trades."

Furthermore, JARUM went on to link the fight of the workers for their democratic rights with the political fight around Watergate and pose a solution for both. "As members of the UAW which is supposed to be a democratic union, we are entitled to elected union representation. The workers in 71 didn't elect the skilled tradesman to represent them. He was appointed to the job, and through a deal at that. This is no different from the present situation in the American government today. Nixon, threatened by a movement for impeachment and constantly confronted with demands for his resignation, appointed Gerald Ford to the office of Vice President. Needless to say, this appointment was also made through a series of underhanded, under the table, hole in the corner deals too! So in the event he gets impeached or is forced to resign, his ace lap-dog and flunky, Ford, can continue his work to drive down the standard of living of the working people and win greater profits for the capitalist class through the bribery and corruption of our political system and through continuing to abolish our most basic democratic rights and freedoms." This has certainly been proven since Ford has assumed the Presidency. The message of JARUM was clear. Accept no appointed representatives or leaders. Demand that new elections be held!

Within a few weeks after the JARUM article appeared, the workers were at their breaking point. Because of the harder work, the overtime, the harrassment by management seeking to squeeze more and more work out of every worker, and not having a chief steward to call on for assistance, the workers decided to take matters into their own hands. First, the workers circulated a petition calling for the removal of the skilled tradesman and that new elections for chief steward be held. The petition was met with 100% approval throughout the department. The petition was then presented by some 35 workers of the department to the Local administration, along with the demand for immediate action. The Local vice president, unable to respond to the militancy and demands of the workers, asked that the petition be submitted to the Local Executive Board. The next day the same group of workers returned and again presented the petition. The Local vice president admitted to the fact that the skilled tradesman was appointed by the International and that the Local was not responsible nor could they (the Local) reverse the appointment. Confronted with the growing strength and unity of the militant workers, the Local leadership contacted the International union as well as Chrysler Corporation

for a solution. Neither Chrysler nor the UAW could afford to force the workers to take further action, nor could they afford the re-call of their appointed chief steward, as this would have surely upset the skilled tradesmen. So the two sides united on redistricting the plant, keeping the skilled trades steward to represent skilled trades and reinstating the elected chief steward in 71.

Struggles such as these point out the growing militancy of the working class and what workers can accomplish with organization. Shop leaflets are a key weapon in uniting workers around our common cause to fight the increasing exploitation in our factories and mills and growing unemployment. As the overproduction crisis deepens, more and more of us will be thrown out of work and those of us that are still working will face nothing but speed-up and the loss of what little union representation we have left. We must take the program of the Communist Labor Party to the class and build our Party with these workers who are leading the struggle against the growing attack on our living conditions. The working class is calling out for guidance and organization; we must answer that call.

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ditional support of the masses. It made an effort to tame the mass struggle. It did not want the masses to escape its control and go toward illegality and unconstitutionality. At the same time, it fomented in the masses illusions about the possibility of combatting imperialism and the reactionaries by means of the bourgeoisie's own laws, illusions about the professionalism and political neutrality of the reactionary armed forces.

8) In this way, the leadership of the "Unidad Popular" disarmed the people ideologically, militarily and politically. In addition, it isolated the proletariat by denying it the support of the middle strata which it pushed towards fascism by its adventurism. Faced with the reactionary offensive, the proletariat and the sector of the people that accompanied it found themselves defenseless, isolated and immobilized. With its policy, the reformist bourgeoisie led the popular movement to conciliation, frustration and failure. It thus became the prelude to fascism.

9) With much vigor, the experience demonstrated again the validity of the Leninist thesis that without struggling against and defeating revisionism one cannot develop a serious struggle against imperialism and the reactionaries. Similarly, there cannot be a real struggle for national independence if we put our faith in another imperialist power, or what is worse, if it carries with it a concealed dependence on another imperialist power. The people must depend, in the first place, on their own forces, and secondly, utilize the inter-imperialist contradictions.

10) Our people until now have lived and tested the fate of two alternatives. One, a "democratic" bourgeois regime - one which offered it reforms and underwhich it had, although limited, some bourgeois democratic guarantees and liberties. And the other, the

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PARTY

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Here we are not referring to the trade union hacks or the various misleaders - we are talking about the thousands and millions of rank and file leaders of not only the unions, but the practical workers in the shops, the floor leaders of the working class organizations. Any comrade involved in the practical struggle fully understands that these vanguard elements are ideologically separated from communism and, in fact, many workers leading militant struggles are quite divorced from politics in general. Therefore, to have the position of recruiting only the workers with ideological and theoretical development means not to recruit.

Our Party, like all parties, must follow the objective rules - that is, if a workers supports the Party Program, will submit to democratic centralism, join a Party organization and support the Party financially, he is eligible for membership. Does this mean that we should use the CPUSA's approach of recruiting off the streets? No, it does not. Recruiting, like everything in our Party, is a collective concern. The contacts of the comrades should be discussed in the units and there the decision is made whether or not to recruit.

While we are calling for recruitment on a large scale, we are also insisting that recruits represent at least potential leadership, and that we still pay attention to the question of quality. There still tends to be some confusion about this relation between quantity and quality. These are not separate concepts. What has to be struggled for is a quantitative development of our quality. In a few words we want to develop from a very small, but very good Party, to a very big and very good Party. But this can be done only if each and every comrade pays strict attention to the qualitative aspects of our quantitative growth.

We want all the comrades to fully understand that the life of the Party is in danger. The danger arises out of the pull backwards by the political struggle itself. The weight of habit, isolation from the centers of the class struggle, backwardness in the political struggle all work to keep us from completing the leap.

Politics implies maneuvering and maneuvering demands reserves. The small size of our Party precludes any real maneuvering. We are calling upon the comrades to double the size of our Party in a very short period. This is the only way to resolve the contradiction between our organizational tasks and our organizational strength.

Ever since the October Revolution, the Marxist-Leninist parties have had to struggle with the petty bourgeois idea that a highly disciplined small party is the revolutionary ideal. This, of course, is a petty bourgeois view of the socialist revolution as a conspiracy instead of a social revolution led by the proletariat. These "would be" conspirators point to the Bolshevik Party (at the time of the revolution the Bolsheviks had a membership of 600,000) as such a small party. Lenin replied, "In Russia we were a small party, but we had with us in addition the majority of the Soviets of Workers and Peasants Deputies throughout the country. We

had with us almost half of the Army which numbered at least 10 million men."

It is clear that a "small" party under the conditions of such mass ties does not exist anywhere in the world today - certainly not in the USNA.

No, Comrades, we need a big party. We need a big party because we live in a big country with a big working class. Without establishing ties with the entire social movement and winning over the majority of the working class to our cause, talk about socialism is simply "left" wing foolishness. Only a big party can accomplish these tasks.

One of the contradictions of party development is the fact that we are short of people, yet the country is full of people. This contradiction can be resolved only by build our Party, i.e., by recruiting the leading members of the proletariat and by Bolshevizing them in the process of the struggle.

Another concept that we must struggle with is: From which class should we recruit? In the past period, we correctly insisted that all our members either be workers or that they join the working class. But this policy was necessary to give us the proletarian base that would guarantee the line of our Party. Now, however, we are ushering in a new period of party building. The present demands that we send our cadre in all directions and into all classes. We absolutely have to build a communist student movement, as well as, consolidate a movement of the working class youth. We absolutely must recruit from the broad sections of the intelligentsia. At the same time, we have to recruit in such proportions as to guarantee that the decisive control of our Party is in the hands of the proletarians, and especially in the hands of the proletarians from the nationalities and the national minorities.

The question then arises: How do we guarantee that we are recruiting from the vanguard? The answer has to be that the majority of our recruiting should be done in the course of struggle. Those workers who come forward in class battles, strikes, demonstrations, protests, etc. prove by their actions that they are part of the vanguard and they should be recruited. The real problem is this: We cannot hope to recruit from the vanguard unless we are in the thick of the struggle - unless we are providing leadership to the existing struggle. It is clear that in this stage, deep involvement in the struggle and recruiting are inseparable. It will be shown that only through our efforts to create a united front of struggle from below can we really recruit.

There is no question that we are on the road. The class is beginning to stir again. Our Party has a structure that has been tested in decades of class battles. Our Party Program conforms to the crying needs of the political struggle. Our cadre are dedicated, mentally and physically strong and eager for battle. Overcoming this current contradiction in our work will allow for another big leap forward. At all times and in every struggle our leading slogan should be: BUILD THE PARTY!

INFLATION

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attack. The "labor leaders" are cooperating down the line in this. Meany has endorsed a plan to link any wage increases with increases in "productivity" - enforced by the unions!

Inflation has been especially pushed on to the colonies and even the other imperialist countries by the USNA. In Europe, inflation is running 20%-30%. In the colonies it is often 40%-50% and as high as 700%.

The best source for the discussion of money and inflation is Marx's Capital, Vol. I, Chapter 3.

- 1) Fortune, July, 1974, p. 91.
- 2) Business Week, 9/21/74, p. 2.
- 3) US News & World Report, 9/9/74, p. 20.

PARDON

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army generals) without holding a military job. During that time he was assistant to Kissinger on the National Security Council staff in the White House. The ascendance of Haig in the political arena reflects the tightening stranglehold of the fascist oriented military on the governmental bureaucracy. In fact, "For most of the final Nixon year, as Haig himself would agree, he was the acting president of the United States."(1)

Forging ahead in the drive toward fascism, Ford has placed the vice presidency in the hands of one of the most brutal, imperialistic elements of finance capital - billionaire Nelson Rockefeller. "He is a member of the politburo of a government of private capital within the governmental structure of the United States."(2)

Rockefeller is part of the awesome imperialist grouping that has its hand in the working of governments throughout the capitalist world, that is directly responsible for the misery and suffering of the majority of the colonial world. From their Anaconda Copper mines in Chile to their Exxon petroleum sources in the Middle East, the Rockefellers have proven beyond question that they will murder any force that threatens their imperialist holdings.

This September marks three years since 2000 inmates at New York state's Attica Prison - Negro national minority, Latin American, and Anglo-American - stood together demanding better conditions and decent treatment. Under the direction of Nelson Rockefeller these demands were met with a fury of bullets by New York state troopers which left 43 dead.

We must rally the workers in our shops and communities in boldly opposing the takeover of government by a military hierarchy that has proven itself on all continents to be the executioner of democracy and freedom loving people.

From the shops, mills, mines, docks, farms and streets must spring the voice of the proletarian vanguard demanding new elections!

- 1) Chicago Tribune, 9/15/74.
- 2) Chicago Sun Times, 9/8/74.

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actual regime, openly fascist, under which their exists no human rights and no possibility for achieving liberty, unless it is opposed with sufficient force and it is overthrown.

Naturally, given the choice between this regime and the one that this regime overthrew, the people prefer the previous one. We, however, have to prove to the people that they have their own alternative, their own road, that will not be a return to a past full of shame and frustration nor the acceptance of the present situation of submission to terror and oppression.

The Chilean people must and can make their own destiny. Their own experience proved that only the people are the principal protagonist and the motive force that moves history. To do this the people must depend in the first place on their own forces and not have confidence in the demagoguery of the reformist bourgeoisie.

representante ("shop steward") adies-
trado y que hubiera nuevas elecciones
por el representante principal ("chief
steward"). Entonces, 35 obreros del
departamento presentaron la petici-
ón a la administración del local, ade-
más de una demanda por acción inme-
diata. El vice-presidente del local,
no pudiendo responder a la militancia
y a las demandas, pidió que la peti-
ción se le propusiera a la Junta Ex-
ecutiva del local. El próximo día el
mismo grupo de obreros regresó y, o-
tra vez, presentó la petición. El
vice-presidente del local admitió que
el representante ("steward") adiestra-
do había sido designado por la In-
ternacional, y que el local no era
responsable y no podía invertir la
asignatura. Enfrentado con la fuer-
za y la unidad crecientes de los o-
breros militantes, el liderato del lo-
cal llamó al Sindicato Internacional
al, además de la Chrysler Corporation,
para tratar de resolver el problema.
Ni Chrysler ni el U.A.W. podían darse
el lujo de dejar a los obreros tomar
mas medidas, pero igualmente no podían
tampoco darse el lujo de quitar al re-
presentante "steward" adiestrado, por-
que esto enojaría a los obreros adies-
trados. Así, los dos lados se unieron
para redividir los distritos sindi-
cales de la fábrica, manteniendo al
representante ("steward") adiestrado
para representar a los obreros adiestra-
dos, y reinstalando al representante
principal ("chief steward") elegido
del departamento 71.
Las luchas como ésta, señalan
la militancia creciente de la clase o-
brera y lo que los obreros pueden lo-
grar por medio de organización.
Volantes dentro de la fábrica son
una arma clave para unir a los obreros
alrededor de nuestra causa común de
luchar en contra de la explotación cre-
ciente en nuestras fábricas y talleres,
y contra el desempleo. A medida que
se profundiza la crisis de la sobre-
producción, mas y mas de nosotros
perderemos nuestros trabajos, y los
que permanecen en sus trabajos se en-
frentaran con el aumento de producción
y la pérdida de la poca representación
sindical que nos queda. Debemos lle-
varle a la clase obrera el programa
del Partido Comunista Laboral de los
EUN y construir nuestro partido
juntamente con aquellos obreros que
están dirigiendo la lucha en contra
de los ataques crecientes contra nu-
estras condiciones de vida. La clase
obrero demanda la guía - debemos con-
testar su demanda.

Los sindicatos.
La inflación especialmente ha
sido fomentada en las colonias y tam-
bien en los otros países imperialis-
tas por los EUN. En Europa, la in-
flación está a un 20-30%. En las
colonias la inflación muchas veces
está a un nivel de 40-50% y hasta tan
alto como 700%.
El libro que mejor discute la
cuestión del dinero y de la inflación
es el "Capital por Marx" (Vol. I, Ca-
pitulo 3).

El mensaje del JARUM era claro:
No acepta ningún representante o
líder designado y exigir nuevas elec-
ciones!
Dentro de unas pocas semanas des-
pues de que apareció el artículo, los
obrero estaban al límite de su pa-
ciencia. Debido al trabajo más duro,
las horas extraordinarias, las hosti-
gaciones de los jefes que estaban
tratando de sacarle mas trabajo a
los obreros y estando en una posición
en la cual no podían llamar
a ningún representante ("shop steward")
para ayuda, los obreros decidieron
actuar en su propio nombre. En pri-
mer lugar circularon una petición que
exigía que se despidiera al actual

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mente del UAW. El UAW no desea el
rompimiento porque perdería una parte
de su base económica, además de per-
der su control de los obreros adies-
trados. Así los dos se han unido en
una causa de mantener a los obreros
adiestrados lo mas contentos posible.
"La constitución y los reglamen-
tos del local #7 dicen que 'Cuando
quiera que haya una disminución de em-
pleo que resulte en una disminución prin-
cipales ("chief stewards") el represen-
tante principal (el "chief steward")
con el número mas pequeño de constit-
yentes será eliminado (pag. 8). ' Esto
no sucedió en este caso porque el
obrero adiestrado debi haber sido
despedido (ya que sabemos que los
obrero adiestrados son menos en nu-
mero). Esta claro que esto viola la clau-
sula, además de que demuestra la colu-
sion entre el UAW y la Chrysler en
su tentativa de apaciguar a los obre-
ros adiestrados.
El JARUM vinculó la lucha
de los obreros por sus derechos demo-
cráticos con la lucha política aire-
dedor del escándalo de Watergate y
planteó una solución para los dos. "Co-
mo miembros del UAW, que se supone
ser un sindicato democrático, tenemos
el derecho de elegir a nuestra propia
representación sindical. Los obre-
ros del departamento 71 no eligieron
al obrero adiestrado para representar-
los. Fue designado al puesto, y además
por un convenio secreto. Esto no es -
distinto a la situación actual
en el gobierno norteamericano. Nix-
on, amenazado por un movimiento de
residencia, y enfrentado con demandas
por su renuncia, designó a Gerald
Ford a la oficina de vice-presidente;
No es necesario decir que esa designa-
ción también se hizo por medio de una
serie de convenios secretos, tratos
corruptos y decisiones podridas. En-
tonces, en caso de que sea residenciado
tenga que renunciar, su primer perro
faldero y lacayo podrá seguir su
trabajo (el trabajo de bajar el nivel
de vida de los obreros, de ganar mas
ganancias para la clase capitalista
a través del soborno y de la corrupción
de "nuestro" sistema político y de
seguir aboliendo nuestros derechos y
libertades democráticas básicas.
Esto, se ha comprobado desde
que Ford ha llegado a ser presi-
dente.

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duetos se beneficiar de la inflación, a
causa de la disminución de los sala-
rios reales de los obreros industria-
les y agrícolas. La inflación le
beneficia a esos capitalistas que
exportan sus mercancías. El resulta-
do de la disminución de los salarios
reales y de la reducción del costo de
la producción de mercancías, hace po-
sible que entren en competición con
buen éxito, con los capitalistas ex-
tranjeros y que aumenten la venta de
las mercancías.
El "remedio" burgués para termi-
nar con la inflación es un ataque vi-
cioso contra la clase obrera. El
desempleo, el aumento de producción,
la disminución del dinero para la
asistencia pública, "Comprean America-
no" y finalmente la guerra son los
programas de la burguesía. Los "li-
derez laborales" están cooperando con
estos programas. Meaney está apoyan-
do un plan para eslabonar un aumen-
to en la "productividad" - se supone
que este programa será enforzado por

PERDON
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(saltando por encima de por lo menos
243 generales del ejército que tienen
más senioridad) sin tener un empleo
militar. Durante ese tiempo, fue el
ayudante a Kissinger en el Consejo de
Seguridad Nacional en la Casa Blanca.
La ascendencia de Haig en la arena
política refleja el firme aprieto
militar fascista sobre la burocracia
gubernamental. Es más, "Todo el año
final de Nixon, como hasta el mismo
Haig admitía, desempeñó el papel
de presidente de los Estados Unidos."
(1)
Avanzando en el empuje hacia el
fascismo, Ford ha designado como
vice-presidente a uno de los elemen-
tos de capital financiero mas bru-
tales e imperialistas - al bilionario
Nelson Rockefeller. "El es un
miembro del politburo de un gobierno
de capital privado dentro la estruc-
tura gubernamental de los Estados
Unidos." (2)
Rockefeller es parte del poderoso
grupo de imperialistas que "ayudan"
a dirigir gobiernos por todas partes del
mundo capitalista, grupos que son
directamente responsables por la
miseria y el sufrimiento de la mayoría
del mundo colonial. De sus minas de
cobre Anaconda en Chile, a sus fuentes
de petróleo Exxon en el Medio Oriente,
los Rockefeller han demostrado sin
duda que asesinaran a cualquier fuerza
que amenaza sus intereses imperialistas.
Este septiembre marcó tres años
desde que 2000 presos en la cárcel
de Attica de Nueva York - minorías
Negros y Latinoamericanos y Anglo-
Americanos se unieron para
demandar mejores condiciones y
tratamiento decente. Bajo la direc-
ción de Nelson Rockefeller la respuesta
de estas demandas fue una furia de
balas disparadas por los soldados
de caballería estatal de Nueva York
que dejaron 43 muertos.
Tenemos que reunir a los obreros
en nuestras fábricas y comunidades
para oponer vigorosamente la captura
del gobierno por una jerarquía mili-
tar que en todo el mundo ha mostrado
ser el verdugo de la democracia y de la
gente que ama la libertad.
Desde las fábricas, minas, talle-
res, las granjas y calles debe de
brotar la voz de la vanguardia pro-
letaria que esta demandando nuevas
elecciones.
Vease este artículo en ingles para las
notas.