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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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WORKERS ORGANIZE AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT

The campaign against unemployment and inflation in the Detroit area is continuing to develop at a rapid pace. A quick glance at the unemployment situation in Detroit and 5 surrounding counties, will certainly substantiate the fight back of the working class in this area. As of the month of November, 1974, the official unemployment rate was 9.3%. This figure does not really tell the whole story. Many workers who are on welfare or social security are not included in the official unemployment figures. A situation exists where as of the month of September, there were 450,000 people in the Detroit area receiving welfare or social security. In the month of October, there were 72,000 new applicants for welfare. This figure rose to 80,000 applicants in November and is expected to surpass 100,000 by December, 1974. The majority of these applicants are laid-off workers whose unemployment benefits have run out. The welfare offices are jammed and many people camp-out overnight in order to be first in line in the morning. In the city of Detroit alone, the official unemployment figures were 32.6%, or 67,698 out of a work force of 207,661. As of this writing, there are approximately 250,000

auto workers laid-off and day by day the supply industries are likewise cutting back. Alongside of this, the City of Detroit has announced that it will also lay-off 750 city employees on January 6th. The Teamster Union recently reported that in the Detroit area there are 5,000 truckers who are laid-off and the union has sent letters to over 400 corporations in the city demanding preferential hiring for its members.

These ripening objective conditions have fueled the fight back of the working class. On Dec. 27th, demonstrations took place in Flint Michigan. A petition campaign in Detroit which was launched on Oct. 15th was culminated in a confrontation with the Detroit City Council on Dec. 18th. The sequence of events covering the two month period from Oct. 15th to Dec. 18th, represents a series of tactical developments and a mobilization of forces for the confrontation with the Common Council.

The escalating lay-offs in the auto industry and subsequent cut-backs in the supplier parts industry has played the principle aspect in the development of this campaign. In the

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BUSING A FIGHT FOR EQUALITY

January 1st marks the 111th anniversary of The Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. All historians agree that this was a partial measure in approaching the Negro question of that time. Because slaves were private property, the Union armies often returned runaway slaves to their masters. Slaves who reached the Union lines with the intention of fighting for freedom for themselves and all bondsmen were rejected.

The governments of France and England were sympathetic to the Confederacy. Their support to the slavers' rebellion was unhampered by any moral issues since both North and South upheld slavery. At the same time the lower Army ranks and the increasing restlessness of the slaves was in fact making the Civil War a war for the destruction of bondage. The forces around Lincoln were threatened with isolation. In order to save their political necks a series of quite partial measures was taken.

On April 10th, 1862, the government offered to compensate all slave-owners who would set free their slaves. Such a half-hearted effort fell on deaf ears and the antagonisms developed further. On June 19, 1862, Congress prohibited slavery in all the territories. This radical measure nullified the Dred Scott decision and untied the hands of the militant wing of the Republican Party.

It was clear that based on the previous measures more radical ones were possible. The serious objective military situation on the one hand, and the growing resolve and militancy of the democratic forces on the other, pushed Lincoln into the position of making the declaration. With the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation 3,120,000 slaves in Confederate territory were declared free. This was the greatest expropriation of private property in history.

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THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OCTOBER WAR

ON THE TWO-LINE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND THE NEW TASKS FOR THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION

Submitted by the Progressive Arab Students in North America

Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) recently addressed the UN General Assembly as part of the present UN debate about the Palestinian question. The primary purpose of the visit and of this debate in the UN is to legitimize politically the Palestinian question as presented by the opportunist Arafat on the one hand, and on the other hand to prepare the world public opinion to accept the eventual formation of an "independent Palestinian state" on the West Bank.

The key questions Marxist-Leninists must concern themselves with are: (1) whose interests would the formation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank serve? (2) what is the stand of the revisionists on this question? (3) what should be the attitude of Marxist-Leninists toward this move to form a Palestinian state on the West Bank?

IMPERIALIST-ARAB REACTIONARY CONSPIRACY

Before the October War the Arab reactionary governments had hoped to "solve" the Palestinian question through the implementation of the UN Security Council resolution 242, requiring Israel to withdraw to pre-1967 borders. A state of "no war, no peace" prevailed in the Middle East-- a stalemate that benefitted neither the Arab ruling classes nor the imperialists. But in the meantime the Palestinian liberation movement was gaining momentum. The revolutionary fervor of the oppressed Arab and Palestinian peoples forced the reactionary governments to go beyond their desperate attempts to implement the UN resolution, and prepare for "war." Those prior attempts failed to materialize the hopes of the imperialists, the revisionist clique in power in the USSR, the reactionary Arab governments, and the Zionist ruling class. Thus, it became necessary to wage their conspiratorial war of October 1973 in order to break this stalemate.

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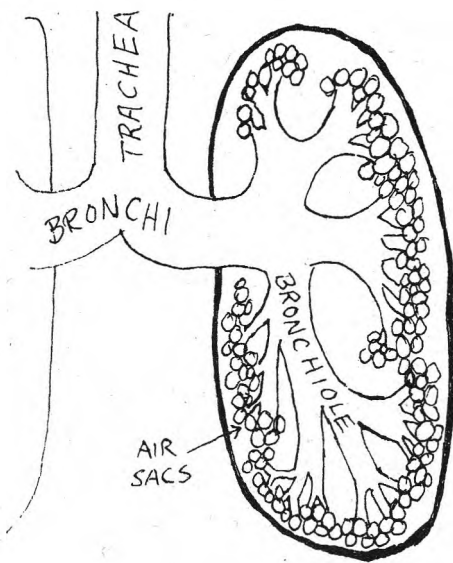
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Labor Column

HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE MINES

The following is the second of a three-part series discussing health and safety in the mines. This article deals with medical aspects of certain diseases which commonly afflict miners.

In order to understand the effects of coal dust upon coal miners it is absolutely necessary to understand the effects of dust upon the functioning of the human lung; only then can we understand the various job-related diseases caused by coal dust, such as emphysema, lung scarring (pulmonary fibrosis), heart disease and some forms of cancer.



Workers who are employed where a great deal of dust in the air run the risk of developing various lung diseases which are a direct result of breathing in dust over a long period of time.

In order for the body to function the lungs must transfer oxygen from the air into the blood and take carbon dioxide from the blood and discharge it back into the air. Carbon dioxide is the waste gas produced in the body and carried by the blood. The process of breathing consists of this exchange of oxygen breathed in and carbon dioxide breathed out.

In order for oxygen to get to the lungs, the air must pass through the nose, windpipe (trachea) and smaller branching tubes called bronchi. All of these passageways filter and humidify the air so that it will be ready for the transfer of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the lungs. The hair and the moist mucous membrane of the nose do the initial filtering. The windpipe, bronchi and smaller branching air tubes (called bronchioles) are lined with tiny hairs (cilia) which catch dust particles. The bronchioles have tiny muscles which can close them completely preventing air from reaching the air sacs in the lungs where the actual transfer of oxygen to the blood takes place. There are millions of these tiny, delicate air sacs in each lung. Blood flows all around the outside of these air sacs, separated from the air inside the sacs by a membrane one-millionth (1/1,000,000) of an inch thick. This membrane is so thin that gases can pass through it--oxygen from the air into the blood and carbon dioxide into the sacs and out into the air again. With each breath inhaled

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Long Live SOCIALISM!

The month of December saw two very important dates, the birthdays of both Comrade Joseph Stalin and Comrade Mao Tsetung. We would like to take the occasion of these two great events, to reaffirm our support of the Chinese and Soviet people and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

To the Soviet people, we say Long Live the First Socialist Country. Long Live the people who gave us socialism, who developed the dictatorship of the proletariat to its highest degree. We remember with you the greatness of Stalin who led your great country through the arduous years of the building of socialism, and through the heroic Great Patriotic War for National Liberation. We remember also the years when Khrushchev tried to destroy and defame our dear Comrade Stalin, which could only be an attack on the dictatorship of the proletariat. For it was Joseph Stalin who represented to all the victory of the toiling masses against imperialism and for the national liberation of all oppressed peoples and for socialism. Today in the Soviet Union we find a situation where the revisionists have taken hold of the state machinery and are trying hard to turn the wheels of history back to the dark days of capitalism. And we say again to the Soviet people, we support you in your struggle to overthrow these revisionist traitors and reestablish the dictatorship of the proletariat. We have tried, and we will continue to try to make contributions to the struggle against revisionism and for socialism. History is on the side of the proletariat and all toiling peoples and the world's

working class has the example of both the Soviet and Chinese revolutions to learn from and to follow.

To the Chinese people, we say Long Live the Chinese Revolution, Long Live Comrade Mao Tsetung, the greatest living Marxist-Leninist in the world. To the world's toiling masses, Mao Tsetung and the Chinese people represent the future, a future of socialism, a future free from imperialism and national oppression. The Chinese people, the People's Republic of China today is the bastion of socialism. Daily the Chinese people under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party are consolidating their victory over the capitalist agents from within and the imperialists from without.

The world situation today is a dangerous one. War between the imperialists is imminent. For us, the proletariat of the USNA, the threat of fascism looms around every corner. The greatest support that we can lend to the socialist Chinese, Soviet people, Albanians, Vietnamese, and all oppressed peoples is the struggle against our own bourgeoisie. We must begin this fight immediately. We must not allow the imperialists to isolate the socialist camp.

Let us learn from the great Soviet and Chinese people, from Comrade Mao Tsetung and Comrade Stalin. The revolutions of history prove to us that socialism is possible and not only possible, but inevitable. Let us celebrate the birthdays of these two great Communist leaders, by redoubling our efforts to stop fascism, to stop war and to go on to the dictatorship of the proletariat. As comrade Marx said long ago; we have nothing to lose but our chains, we have a world to win.

CHILE

CRISIS DEEPENS UNDER FASCISM

In a secret report the World Bank revealed that Chile's economy has worsened since the fascist military coup of Sept. 1973. Inflation in Chile for 1974 in the past year has risen 350% and the report stated that inflation can be expected to reach 600% by the end of the year. This is higher than inflation ever got under the Unidad Popular's government. The report also stated that at the beginning of the year, there were 1.5 million Chileans unemployed and without benefits. While millions of Chileans are unemployed and inflation continues to rise, the fascist junta has tripled the amount of resources going to the military. All of this is taking place under a fascist dictatorship that overthrew the Unidad Popular government claiming the UP was ruining the nation's economy and democracy.

In Chile today, workers are laboring under conditions terrifyingly similar to those of Nazi Germany. Factories look and are run like military camps. Soldiers armed and ready to shoot at the least sign of disobedience man every door and in many cases every aisle. The real wages have gone down since the coup, the intensity of labor has increased and the right of workers to organize and defend themselves has been taken away.

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OPEN BORDERS! STOP DEPORTATIONS!

As the gaunt shadow of unemployment stalks the workers' Christmas homes, President Ford skis and Rockefeller slumbers in the Puerto Rican sun. Hundreds of thousands of men and women have to face their families with no food, no money, and a bleak future.

But what is the response of the bourgeois government? "Tighten your belt," says Jerry Ford, - it's really not our fault-- blame the Mexicans. The bourgeoisie must have a scapegoat to blame for the ills that the rampant capitalist crisis of overproduction has caused, and at the same time divide the revolutionary upheaval of the hardest hit section of the class, the national minorities. In this case, blame the Mexicans has become a rallying cry for the bourgeoisie.

Throughout the country, particularly in the Southwest, every newspaper cries of the "brown invasion." Each paper publishes the unemployment figures and right beside them publishes the estimated jobs held by non-U.S. citizens. This leads one to believe that the unemployment is the result of the foreigners, particularly undocumented Mexican national workers taking "our" jobs.

But this is not the case, and any worker who examines the facts will agree. History shows us that the rich ruling vultures of this country have always opened the borders when they needed cheap labor. Because their families had no food in their stomachs, the Irish, Italians, Eastern Europeans, and Negroes were forced to come into this country and

helped create its vast wealth. Yet when the capitalists were faced with the crisis of capitalism, they blamed the immigrant workers for the rising unemployment.

Under the "bracero program" the bourgeoisie imported over four million workers from Mexico. The U.S.N.A. imperialists created a situation where workers from a neo-colony controlled by U.S.N.A. imperialism, were starving to death and needed jobs. Only about ten per cent were used in farm labor. The rest were used to drive down wages and break unions in the steel, furniture, electronics, and plastic industries. Because of their inability to speak English and their unfamiliarity with the current conditions, these Mexican national workers were forced to work without social security, without union coverage, and for lower wages.

Today the undocumented Mexican national workers are being viciously painted as a 'horde of brown barbarians who sneak across the border to steal jobs.' Yet look at the jobs they hold! Because of the colonial oppression of their nation, which is justified in the form of white chauvinism, the Mexican national minority as well as the Negro national minority are forced to work under conditions of extreme hardship in unskilled and semi-skilled jobs. Since they are affected the worst and have the least to lose, the national minorities are the most revolutionary and the most militant at this time. Therefore, the first brutal gusts of the fascist storm fall on them.

Calling for deportations is an attempt to isolate and attack the Mexican national minority workers and in reality it is an attack against all of us.

Just look at who is heading the anti-undocumented Mexican national drive! It is none other than Leonard F. Chapman, commissioner of U.S. naturalization, who was the head of the "Vietnamization Program." The aim of that program was to put all the Vietnamese in concentration camps. The horror of the situation, fellow workers, is that those same type of inhumane, vile concentration camps that caged Japanese U.S.N.A. citizens during World War II, are being built in San Diego to incarcerate the undocumented Mexican national workers which leaves open the door for incarcerating Mexican national minority workers as well! If we stand by and allow this to happen we will be following in the footsteps of fascist Nazi Germany. And the whole U.S.N.A. working class will pay for their silence and inaction.

Along with Chapman, the bourgeois legislators in the House of Representatives and Senate are trying to enact the Rodino Bill. This Bill would supposedly tax employers who hire non-citizens. But is this the solution for the proletariat? No! The Rodino Bill is a fascist bill. Under the guise of stopping the exploitation of undocumented Mexican national workers, the Bill actually means unemployment and hunger for these workers. It is through these guises that the fascists will gain their strength. On the one hand through violent methods, and on the other hand, through coming on as "friends of the people" concerned with the welfare and unemployment of some workers. In reality, they will try to quench all our revolutionary upsurge with their honey-mouthed lies.

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DOUG FRASER: TRAITOR TO THE WORKING CLASS

Coleman Young, the "People's Mayor" of Detroit and "champion" of closer police-community relations, has appointed a top labor lieutenant, Douglas Fraser, as Chairman of the Detroit Police Commission. Douglas Fraser is one of the most powerful members of the UAW International Executive Board. He is the UAW Vice-President in charge of the Chrysler Department, and also the head of the UAW's Community Action Program (CAP), the "political arm" of the UAW. CAP is in charge of backing candidates for election all over the country. Why was this man appointed at a time when the bourgeoisie is making concrete preparations for fascism? As Stalin said, "The labor lieutenants and fascism both mislead the masses, declare revolution, and actually provide mass support for the bourgeoisie; while open fascism smashes working class organizations from the outside, the labor lieutenants wreck them on the inside." (Stalin, Selected Works, Volume 13, page 299) A look at Fraser's record will show that he is well qualified for the job.

In July 1973, when two militant Negro national minority workers, supported by hundreds of workers, shut down Chrysler's Jefferson Assembly Plant.

Fraser said he gave the workers "an 'A' for ingenuity", but that "Chrysler should not have given in." At Detroit Forge, two weeks later, when workers walked out over dangerous health and safety conditions, Fraser told the workers, "Go back to work, we'll negotiate, we must strike legally." The result was many workers getting fired permanently. At Mack Stamping, where workers staged a sit down strike over intolerable working conditions, Fraser showed his true fascist colors by organizing a goon squad of "parkchopper" union-officials backed up by the Detroit Police Department and viciously assaulted striking workers. At the recent Dodge Truck strike, Fraser said he was prepared to again call out the International's Goon Squad if the police and court could not break the strike. Fraser used fascist threats of physical violence and red-baiting tactics in an effort to split the strikers' unity. He said; "Once again a tiny minority has attempted to deny the overwhelming majority of UAW members their right to work." However, the "overwhelming majority" voted 2,043 to 377 in favor of a strike.

As the workers militant resistance to inflation and unemployment

increases, so does the treachery and open collaboration with capitalists by labor lieutenants like Doug Fraser. In his new role as Chairman of the Police Commission, Fraser can now use his talents to mislead a larger section of the class within the city. To do this effectively, he, as a labor traitor, must push the line of "common interests" between the working class, the capitalists and the state.

The primary "goal" of the new police commission is to bridge the "gulf of hostility" that separates the police from much of the public. Fraser calls for a policy of "even-handedness"... "the police must be closer to the community and I think the mini-station concept is a step in the right direction. But the citizens also have to show the police they are ready to cooperate."

The mini-stations provide a fine illustration of "community control of police", one of the principal old songs of the CPUSA and its followers. On the surface, the mini-stations appear to be the protectors of the community. The station is always open to the people and the rookies make it a habit of joking and playing with the children. Since the establishment of the Parkside mini-station in May of 1974, there has been a change in the way the police enter the projects to make an "arrest". Instead of 1 to 2 squad cars containing 4 to 6 officers, the average number of officers is 12 to 14 irregardless of the type of call being answered. A vivid example of this would

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MIDDLE EAST

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The October War was a limited war which was planned and staged by USNA imperialism, the Soviet revisionist clique, and the Arab reactionary governments, with the collaboration of the Zionist ruling class, in order to achieve their immediate political objectives. The most important among these were:

(1) The consolidation of the Arab reactionary governments in power because of their claimed victories on the battlefield. This was necessary in order to set back and undermine the growing strength of the various resistance and revolutionary movements which had come to pose a direct threat to the existing reactionary governments.

(2) The legitimization of the Zionist state as an independent political entity to coexist with the Arab nations. The direct negotiation between Egypt and Israel immediately after the war and the proposal for the Geneva Peace Conference were meant to pave the way toward this political and diplomatic legitimization.

(3) The "Jordanization" of Egypt; that is, making it a direct tool of USNA imperialism in the area by isolating it from its traditional role (under Nassar) as leader of a united front against imperialism, Zionism, and feudalism.

(4) To transform the Palestinian question from a colonial question (i.e., the direct occupation of Palestine by USNA and international Zionism) to a national-semicolonial question, that is, by advancing the necessity for the formation of a "Palestinian mini-state" on the West Bank.

As a consequence of the October War, qualitatively new contradictions have emerged within the Palestinian liberation movement, dividing it into two antagonistic camps. The opportunist, petty-bourgeois nationalist camp led by the Arafat clique, and their supporters in the ranks of the Arab governments, are mounting and intensifying their diplomatic, ideological and political efforts on a worldwide scale to legitimize their submission to USNA imperialism, Soviet revisionism and Arab local reaction under the slogan of "political realism" and "step-by-step liberation of Palestine." The Soviet revisionists and the CPUSA, backing this camp, hail the formation of the Palestinian mini-state as a "victory for the third world."

The other camp is the progressive and heroic Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) which is led by the genuine Marxist-Leninist Comrade George Habash, which totally and categorically rejects these reactionary measures. The PFLP withdrew from the executive committee of the PLO when the PLO accepted in principle the formation of the mini-state and participation in the Geneva negotiations. The PFLP is denounced by the revisionists as "ultra-leftist phrase-mongers."

THE POSSIBILITY OF WAR

In the era of imperialism, wars are inevitable. Taking the interests and inherent contradictions of USNA imperialism and Israeli Zionism into account, one is led to conclude that the possibility of another war in the middle east is unavoidable.

Israeli Zionism is the direct tool of USNA imperialism. The creation of the Zionist state has caused divisions among the Arabs and the Palestinians thereby enabling the USNA to manipulate the economic and political developments in the Middle East, for the benefit of its own ruling class.

The USNA imperialists do not want a "peaceful political settlement." If there were a "peaceful settlement", the Arabs might divert their economic, political and military capabilities which have always been primarily directed against the Israeli state into a more hegemonious economic and political front that would reduce their almost total dependency on the imperialist technological and scientific achievements, thus causing a serious economic crisis to USNA imperialism and the other imperialist countries of Europe and Japan. The Arabs could thereby create a political and economic front that might become a decisive balancing force in the struggle among the monopoly capitalists on the one hand, and the socialist countries on the other.

The Zionist state is torn with internal contradictions-- the mounting resistance movement in the Palestinian colony under its control on the West Bank, the struggle of the Jewish working class against inflation, unemployment and political oppression. The October War of 1973 shifted the political, diplomatic, military and economic "balance of power" to the side of the Arabs, not to mention the international political recognition of the PLO as the "legitimate representative" of the Palestinian people.

Taking these new internal and external contradictions into account one is led to believe that Israeli Zionism will not accept these new "political realities" as the determinant factors in bringing about a "peaceful political settlement" in the Middle East in the forthcoming "Geneva Peace Conference." As a result the Zionist state will put the political barriers that are necessary (i.e., not accepting direct negotiation with the PLO) in order to put off, if not to eliminate, the idea of the "Geneva Peace Conference" until they are militarily in a stronger position.

It is obvious that the most efficient and immediate way of achieving these objectives is to launch another "preemptive war" in the immediate future through which the Zionist state would aim at a military victory in order to achieve their political objectives-- that is, a direct political recognition from the Arab states, and thereafter negotiate directly new conditions for peace. A situation of "no war, no peace" would serve the interests of the USNA imperialists, the Soviet revisionist clique and Zionism because it would leave the Arab nations dependent militarily on the Soviet revisionists, and dependent politically on the USNA to deter Israeli expansion.

POSITION OF PROGRESSIVE ARAB STUDENTS IN NORTH AMERICA

The position of the Progressive Arab Students in North America is that the slogan "Free Palestine" can no longer serve as a unifying factor for the various resistance movements primarily because of the new contradictions that the October War has brought about vis-a-vis the PLO. The struggle between the two lines is becoming antagonistic, which will inevitably lead to new strategies and new tactics on both sides.

The new concrete contradictions that exist between the two lines dictate that the Palestinian struggle must be waged in accordance with the concrete conditions in each particular country. The new tactics and strategies of the Palestinian revolutionary movement can and must no longer divorce their struggle from the concrete struggles of the vast majority of the Arab and Jewish people for scientific socialism. Consequently the PFLP should serve as the revolutionary link between the various progressive Arab and Jewish movements by calling for the formation of Marxist-Leninist parties in the Arab countries that would mobilize, organize, agitate and raise the level of political consciousness of the Arab masses in their struggles against their oppressors-- imperialism, international Zionism, feudalism and local reaction.

Hence the Palestinian question has to be internalized; that is, the Palestinian question cannot be separated from the struggle for socialism within each country.

Therefore we submit that the new slogan that would summarize the concrete historical and political development of the Palestinian question must be (to paraphrase Stalin): A "Palestinian" struggle in one country.

LONG LIVE THE ARAB AND JEWISH PEOPLES' STRUGGLE AGAINST INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM, ISRAELI ZIONISM, LOCAL REACTION AND FEUDAL OPPRESSION!

LONG LIVE THE "PALESTINIAN" REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE IN EACH COUNTRY!

DOUG FRASER

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be the recent incident in which police responded twice to a family dispute.

The response was of course immediate, and the tactics were that of storm-troopers - the area was literally under a military siege! There were 12-14 policemen armed with twelve-gauge shotguns, lead-filled sticks and other riot equipment. They were seeking one man who happened to be unarmed both times. There was no regard for others, in particular the children playing in the area. A "warning" of "Get those children out of the way!" (off the playground) was substituted for proper evacuation procedures. The manner in which the police maneuvered was a reflection of the recklessness, irresponsibility and disregard for human life which historically has been their practice. It is obvious that the mini-states will mean more community control, by the police!

As we can see, the capitalists have picked their man well. Fraser is playing a dual role to help build fascism. On the one hand, as a labor lieutenant, he is trying to undermine the trade union from the inside and on the other, as police commissioner, he has become a direct tool of the state to smash trade unions and all other working class organizations from the outside. As the working class organizations become disorganized and disoriented, the fascists are able to pick up the pieces to consolidate a fascist labor front.

We must not allow this to happen. We must build the United Front of the Working Class against Fascism from below, from the shop floors, from the workers' community and mass organizations, to prevent the victory of fascism

BUSING

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This series of partial measures was won by radicals who clearly understood that each victory, no matter how small, would cut the ground out from under the conservatives and clear the path for bigger and more important victories. In fact, it was the above series of measures that made possible the 13th Amendment (which outlawed slavery throughout the country).

As regards the struggle for the complete emancipation of the Negro people and the relationship of this struggle to the overall fight for socialism, we are still faced with tactical decisions. These decisions include: should revolutionaries fight for reforms that seem very minor, or should revolutionaries fight only on the strategic level?

In the current struggle over bus- ing this question has sharply come to the forefront. Some revolutionaries, especially Anglo-American revolutionaries, have objectively joined the worst enemies of progress and the Negro people in their "principled" stand against busing. The reasons for this position are minor; they range from the defense of the neighborhood school to the substitution of sloganeering for thinking. Such an example is "to oppose what the enemy supports" or to "swim against the tide." However, it is easily seen that the subjective base for these so-called revolutionaries is their chauvinism that has convinced them that they know what is best for the massive revolutionary movement of the Negro people.

In order to really understand the overwhelming importance of the busing issue, it is necessary to look at the recent events in the evolution of the struggle. First of all it should be reaffirmed, and it is a sad commentary that it needs reaffirmation, that the Negro masses hate segregation, have consistently fought against it and will continue to do so. We must also reaffirm that the communist movement hates and struggles against segregation with all its might; no matter if every person in the country declares himself for segregation in any form, we consistently fight against it.

During the past thirty years the often unsupported struggles for the "little" things -- the right to eat at a public lunchroom or the right to vote -- were the mobilizing tools that slowly drew tens of millions of Negroes

and Anglo-Americans into the struggles that culminated in the armed mass uprisings of the 1960's. The point we are making here is that it was the partial reform struggles that provided the base for the mass movement. It should also be clear to all that if the communist does not struggle to lead the spontaneous reform movement he cannot lead the inevitable mass struggle.

Secondly, it should be clear to all that every revolution is fought over legal principles. Anyone who ignores the "legal" struggle and wants to participate only in so-called revolutionary work is simply a sectarian who must be driven out of the movement.

The political victories in the field of civil rights, especially the 1954 school decision, were utilized to strengthen the Negro People's Movement. Reactionary elements sensing the vital

Support Committee for Jarum, which was organized around the issue of the closing of the Jefferson Ave. Assembly Plant. It is made up of a coalition of factory and community activists whose prime objective is open protest against the Chrysler Corp. and a mobilization of other activists for such actions.

The confrontation with the City Council took place on Dec. 18th. It was spearheaded by the Workers Action Coalition for Jobs (WACJ). Three demands were placed before the council:

1. That the Common Council must hold a public hearing on unemployment and the allocation of CETA funds. (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973)
2. That the Common Council must fully implement the present CETA funds in Detroit to provide the full 700 jobs allocated.
3. That the Common Council must call on the U.S. Congress to provide additional funds to the Detroit area and expand the present funding at the expense of the military budget, so that every unemployed worker, male and female, is provided with a decent job at a decent income. Also, that these jobs create quality schools, better housing and better health facilities for all workers in the Detroit area.

The Common Council was confronted by nearly 80 people with petitions demanding jobs with 20,000 signatures. Although 3 demands were put forth, only the first one was addressed by the Common Council. Forced, by the mounting struggle of the working class, the Common Council will hold a public hearing on jobs, Jan. 17th, at 2:00 p.m., at the Common Council Auditorium. 700 jobs were allocated in Sept. and up until the present time only 478 have been filled. Out of these 700 jobs, 100 have been set aside for the Police Department.

Also on Dec. 18th, a press conference was held by the Concerned Citizens Council and a coalition of 27 different community organizations, at which a retraction of an earlier statement blaming the workers' abstenteeism, alcoholism, and drugs as the cause of the Jefferson closing was made. The Concerned Citizens Council then went ahead and announced the formation of the unemployed council. Within 24 hours over 500 phone calls were received, and the Concerned Citizens Council was forced to go back on the air to ask for a moratorium on calls, except for emergencies. Some of the calls for help came from as far away as 100 miles out of Detroit. Such is the pre-

importance of the school decision set out to overturn all civil rights and anti-segregation laws. These reactionaries chose for their first target the school decision. For them it was a natural because of the emotional aspects of this struggle. However, we would be very poor communists if we were, for one moment, to assume that the goal of these reactionaries and fascists was to overturn the school decision. Their goal is to repeal every law against segregation and drive the Negro people back to the lynch rope, menial tasks and second class citizenship.

This strategic question makes it absolutely necessary that the busing battle be won. Objectively, any persons-- especially Anglo-American radicals-- who for any reason oppose busing, must be branded for what they are-- white chauvinists and social fascists.

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The tactics of the bourgeoisie are clear. Through their labor lieutenants, in this case, particularly the Teamster leadership, every attempt is being made to divide the working class. They pit Teamsters against auto workers and city employees and further through the press to turn the whole of the working class against the undocumented Mexican national workers. The Detroit News and the Freepress, in the Sunday, Dec. 29th editions, both carried headline stories on the question of undocumented Mexican national workers, claiming that over 30,000 of these workers hold jobs in the state of Michigan.

But our tactics must also be clear. Our strength lies in organization. The fight back of the working class in Detroit has taken many forms-- the petition campaigns, the formation of unemployed councils and even in some cases, incidents of violence due to the frustration and desperation of our class. Every worker across the country must fight to organize unemployed councils. We must raise the issue of unemployment in every organization that we belong to. We must make our voices heard to the bourgeoisie. We must tell them that we will not accept their solution to unemployment which is to blame the undocumented workers in this country and try to further divide our class. We must show them that we will not bear the burden of their crisis of overproduction. Only as a united, organized working class can we defeat the bourgeoisie in their attempts to strangle us both politically and economically. The building of unemployed councils is an important part of the United Front of the Working Class Against Fascism.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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course of the struggle, at least 3 active unemployment committee have developed. One at Ford, Local 600, Dearborn Assembly Plant, one at Local 600, Tool and Die Building, and one at Eldon Gear and Axle, Local 961. At the same time, struggles for the formation of unemployment committees are taking place at almost every UAW local in the city. The UAW International Executive Board has been forced to reactivate its old Community Service Committees, which are tied into each local union structure, in order to stave off the development of unemployment committees.

Alongside of this development, has been the formation of the first unemployed council in the City of Detroit during the present crisis. This unemployed council developed out of the



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fresh air penetrates all the way down to the air sacs where oxygen is absorbed and carbon dioxide is discharged.

Black lung (pneumoconiosis) refers to blackness of the lung caused by coal dust; while the color of the lung is the most obvious sign of disease, the coal dust itself produces a wide variety of lung diseases including emphysema, lung scarring, heart disease and certain forms of cancer.

Emphysema occurs when inhaled dust particles block the path of air into the air sacs and prevents the exchange of oxygen for carbon dioxide which remains trapped in the air sacs. Eventually, the pressure of the trapped gases causes the air sacs to burst, which decreases the ability of the lung to function properly. When a large number of air sacs are broken, the worker has a hard time breathing because there is less lung space (fewer air sacs) available for the essential exchange of gases.

Emphysema is fairly common among coal miners, rock drillers, sand blasters, beryllium workers and asbestos and talc workers. But because it takes years for the disease to develop it is often difficult for the worker to prove that the disease is directly related to dust hazards on the job.

Lung scarring (pulmonary fibrosis) is another hazard caused by dust and tends to scar the lungs-- when a small dust particle reaches an air sac, it injures the sac, causing the lung to form a scar which replaces the air sac. Different types of scars may form, but the result is the same. The scars are hard and stiff and do two things:

(1) They make the affected air sacs useless for the transfer of gases, and

(2) They make the lungs stiff. When the lungs are stiff they don't expand and contract as they should, which makes the worker short of breath.

• Coal miners disabled by black lung disease, rock drillers disabled by silicosis, asbestos workers who suffer from asbestosis, are all victims of scarring of the lungs.

When emphysema or lung scarring occurs, heart disease generally follows. When the lungs are not working properly and getting oxygen into the blood, the heart has to work harder to get more blood through the lungs to compensate for the reduced lung capacity. Consequently, the heart becomes larger and larger as well as weaker, and finally gives out. Many workers in the industries mentioned above suffer heart attacks which are actually caused by lung disease. Widows of coal miners frequently have a hard time collecting compensation because the cause of their husband's death is listed as a heart attack. While it is true that the miner died of heart failure, this failure was probably caused directly by one or both of the dust-related lung diseases discussed above.

The onset and symptoms of lung disease may develop rapidly or slowly. The major symptom of both diseases (emphysema and lung scarring) is shortness of breath. In rapidly developing lung diseases, shortness of breath may appear as soon as a year after exposure to the dust. The shortness of breath occurs at first only after

physical activity but then occurs after less and less activity, until finally the worker is short of breath all of the time and unable to work. The worker may finally die of lung disease or heart failure.

Chronic lung disease follows a course much like that of rapidly developing lung disease, but the symptoms may take years to develop and many more years to worsen. The worker may have already retired by the time the disease appears and be unable to collect compensation because he cannot prove that his illness is job-related. In Kentucky, for example, 72% of disabled miners who file for pneumoconiosis (black lung) compensation are denied. The type of dust, its size and its level in the air as well as the miners length of exposure to it are essential.

All of these diseases are preventable and can often be virtually eliminated by simple techniques. These techniques include good ventilation, wetting the source of dust, enclosing the dust and other similar things.

Coal miners reject, and correctly so, X-ray and breathing test requirements in detecting the black lung disease because the blood-gas test is the only test that accurately detects how sick the working and disabled miner is. This blood-gas test directly measures how much gas exchange (oxygen for carbon dioxide) actually occurs in the blood, and is the most scientifically accurate and reliable measure of pulmonary, or lung function.

When the exchange of carbon dioxide for oxygen is obstructed, lung function is decreased because lack of oxygen leads to destruction of small blood vessels in the lung. This often leads to a strain on the right side of the heart and to the enlargement of the heart (cor pulmonale), and death from heart failure may follow. In the USNA, autopsy studies confirm that the evaluation of this type of heart enlargement (hypertrophy) is critical in evaluating coal miners black lung disease (pneumoconiosis). Furthermore, this hypertrophy must be analyzed by means of the blood-gas test rather than by the x-ray and spirometric test, which only measure, and often inadequately measure, the amount of coal dust in the lung.

Dr. Richard L. Naeye, Chairman of Pathology at Pennsylvania State University, recently performed autopsies on the bodies of 175 Appalachian coal miners. Many of these men, while alive, had no difficulty breathing and their x-ray and spirometric tests revealed no serious coal-dust damage to the lungs. The autopsies of half of these men revealed that they had nearly twice as much tissue containing coal dust as those who had difficulty breathing.

On the other hand, autopsies of miners who had a difficult time breathing revealed that while they had thicker heart walls and more abnormal air spaces, they also had more properly functioning bronchiole tubes than the miners who had no difficulty breathing. Thus, half of the apparently healthy miners were actually more diseased than the miners who exhibited symptoms of lung disease. That is, though both groups were diseased, many of those who appeared to be healthy were actually sicker than those who were obviously diseased. But, the x-ray and spirometric tests failed to prove the serious lung disease of these apparently healthy men which only came to

light on autopsy, but which would have been properly detected by the blood-gas test.

Many miners who are actually disabled by obstructed airways or heart disease are given x-ray and spirometric tests which produce inadequate evidence; on the basis of these tests they are excluded from compensation. "The law must already be judged a failure," says Dr. William H. Anderson, Chief of Pulmonary Diseases Section, University of Louisiana School of Medicine.

But the whole superstructural safety and health institution is based on this erroneous and unscientific x-ray and spirometric method, and this is done with a conscious effort on behalf of the imperialists.

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DEPORTATIONS

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Heading up the fascist attack against the undocumented Mexican national workers from another angle is the chauvinist, opportunist sell-out Cesar Chavez who uses farmworkers to patrol the borders. When undocumented Mexican national workers are attacked, the Anglo-American working class must be the foremost and staunchest fighters for open borders. Open borders means much more than the free, unrestricted flow of all non-U.S.N.A. workers in this country. It really means the struggle to force the government to protect the rights of all workers. It means wage parity; it means all workers should have the same social security, educational and housing benefits. It means all workers must be covered by minimum wage laws and medical benefits.

We, the U.S.N.A. working class, must be in the forefront of the struggle against deportations, for the rights of the Mexican national minority and all other workers who come here from other countries. Why should we side with the employers and rulers? Instead we must unite the class and not allow the bourgeoisie to take advantage of one section of the class, or to lead us to attack our working class brothers and sisters. This is particularly true concerning the recent events in Los Angeles. On October 31, 1974, two of the leading Negro national minority newspapers, The Herald Dispatch and the Sentinel both carried articles urging the Negro national minority to "be the hardest fighters against the unfair and un-American encroachment of these alien Chicanos in our community and citizenship rights."

Furthermore, these newspapers said of the Mexican national minority "... these same people are meeting about overloading our economy with more of these leeches." The bourgeoisie is trying to inject chauvinism into the Negro national minority community; these attacks are the initial steps of the bourgeoisie to build a base for fascism by attacking the undocumented Mexican national workers, isolating the Negro national minorities, and separating the class as a whole. This will only lead to further attacks on the Negro national minorities and soon those concentration camps will not only hold national minorities but the Anglo American workers as well. Our class cannot move forward unless it fights for all its members.

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Pulmones negros (neumoconiosis) se refiere a la negrura de los pulmones causada por el polvo carbonífero; aunque el color de los pulmones es la señal mas obvia de la enfermedad, el polvo carbonífero produce otras clases de enfermedades del pulmon inclusive enfisema, el cicatrizar del pulmon, enfermedades del corazon y varias formas de cancer.

Enfisema ocurre cuando el polvo aspirado estorba el transporte del aire a las celdas para aire impidiendo el intercambio del oxígeno y el dióxido de carbon el cual reside en las celdas para aire. Con el tiempo la presión de los gases atrapados causa que se revierten las celdas para aire, disminuyendo la capacidad de la propia función de los pulmones. Cuando un gran numero de celdas para aire se revierten, el trabajador tiene dificultad respirando porque hay menos espacio en los pulmones (menos celdas para aire) utilizable para el cambio esencial de gases.

La enfisema es una enfermedad comun entre los mineros de carbon taladradores de piedras, y los obreros trabajan con berlillo, asbesto y talco. Pero debido al hecho de que la enfermedad tarda años en desarrollarse es muy difícil para obreros comprobar que sus enfermedades estan relacionadas directamente con el peligroso polvo del trabajo.

El cicatrizar del pulmon (fibrosis del pulmon) es otra enfermedad causada por el polvo que tiende a cicatrizar los pulmones. Cuando un particulo de polvo entra a una celda para aire, dana y el pulmon fabrica una cicatriz que reemplaza la celda. Se pueden formar distintos tipos de cicatrices pero el resultado es el mismo. Las cicatrices son duras y tiesas y producen dos efectos:

- 1) Hacen inútiles a las celdas afectadas.
 - 2) Endurecen los pulmones.
- Cuando los pulmones son endurecidos no se extienden ni se contraen como deben y entonces le hace falta aire al obrero.

Los mineros de carbon inhabilitados por el pulmon negro, los taladradores de piedra inhabilitados por silicosis y los obreros de asbesto quienes sufren de asbestosis son todos víctimas del cicatrizar de los pulmones. Cuando un obrero esta sufriendo de enfisema o del cicatrizar del pulmon, por lo general tambien desarrolla enfermedades del corazon. Cuando los pulmones no están funcionando bien, y no llevan oxígeno a la sangre, el corazon tiene que trabajar mas para transportar la sangre a través de los pulmones y oxígeno a la sangre. A medida que esta ocurriendo esto, el corazon crece mas y mas y se debilita mas y mas hasta que deja de funcionar. Muchos obreros en las industrias ya mencionadas sufren ataques de corazon que en realidad son causados por enfisema del pulmon. Las viudas de los mineros de carbon con mucha dificultad reciben compensacion porque la causa de las muertes de sus esposos es clasificada como ataques del corazon aunque es cierto que el minero murio de un ataque de corazon, el ataque fue probablemente causado directamente por una o dos de las enfermedades de pulmon ya discutidas.

El desarrollo y los sintomas de la enfermedad del pulmon se suelen

desarrollar rápida y lentamente. Uno de los sintomas principales de ambas enfermedades, la enfisema y el cicatrizar del pulmon es la falta de aire. En las enfermedades de pulmon que se desarrollan rapidamente este sintoma puede aparecer solo un ano despues del primer contacto con el polvo.

Al principio, la falta de aire ocurre solamente despues de actividad física, luego despues de menos y menos actividad, hasta que al final, el obrero siempre esta corto de aire y no puede trabajar. Al final el obrero se muere de una enfermedad de pulmon o de un ataque de corazon.

La enfermedad de pulmon cronica sigue un curso mucho como la enfermedad de pulmon que se desarrolla rapidamente, pero los sintomas pueden tardar años en desarrollarse y muchos mas años para empeorarse. Para entonces el obrero quizas ya se haya retirado y no puede cobrar compensacion porque no puede comprobar que su enfermedad es relacionada a su trabajo. Por ejemplo en Kentucky, de los mineros inhabilitados que se registran para recibir la compensacion de neumoconiosis (pulmon negro), a un 72% se les niega la compensacion. El tipo, tamaño y nivel del polvo en el aire y el periodo durante el cual el minero es expuesto al polvo, son factores esenciales.

Todas estas enfermedades se pueden evitar y pueden virtualmente ser eliminadas a traves de técnicas simples. Estas técnicas incluyen buena ventilacion, mojar el lugar de donde viene el polvo, encerrar el polvo y otros métodos similares.

Los mineros de carbon rechazan, y con mucha razon, tomar rayos x y exámenes de respiracion porque solamente el examen de sangre-gas puede detectar con certeza que tan enfermo esta el obrero. Este examen de sangre-gas mide directamente el intercambio de gas (oxígeno por dióxido de carbon) que ocurre en la sangre y es científicamente la mas exacta y la mas confiable medida de la funcion pulmonaria. Cuando el intercambio de dióxido de carbon por oxígeno es obstruido, la funcion de los pulmones disminuye porque la falta de oxígeno conduce a la destruccion de los capilares en el pulmon. Muchas veces esto resulta en un esfuerzo excesivo en el lado derecho del corazon y el ensanchamiento del corazon puede resultar en la muerte debido al fallo del corazon. En los EUN los estudios de autopsia confirman que el analisis de este tipo de ensanchamiento del corazon (hipertrofia) es decisivo en el analisis de la enfermedad ad de pulmon negro (neumoconiosis) que sufren los mineros de carbon. Ademas esta hipertrofia tiene que ser analizada con un examen de la sangre para ver si contiene gas en vez de usar el examen de rayos x o el examen del espirómetro, que solo miden, y muchas veces inadecuadamente, la cantidad de polvo carbonífero en los pulmones.

El doctor Richard L. Naye, presidente del Departamento de Patología en la Pennsylvania State University recientemente hizo autopsias sobre los cuerpos de 175 mineros de carbon de Appalachia. Muchos de estos hombres no tenían dificultad con la respiracion cuando vivian y sus exámenes de rayos x y del espirómetro no revelaron ningun dano serio de polvo carbonífero a los pulmones. Las autopsias de mitad de los hombres que habian tenido dificultad respirando revelaron que tenían casi el doble de tejido conteniendo polvo carbonífero, que aquellos

mineros que si habian tenido dificultad con la respiracion.

Por el otro lado, autopsias de mineros que habian tenido dificultad respirando revelaron que aunque las paredes de su corazon eran mas gruesas y que tenían mas espacios de aire abnormales, tambien tenían mas tubos de bronceo funcionando propiamente que aquellos mineros que no habian tenido dificultad respirando. Asi es que mitad de los mineros que aparentemente estaban sanos en realidad estaban enfermos que aquellos mineros que demostraban sintomas de enfermedad de los pulmones. Aunque ambos grupos tenían la enfermedad, muchos de ellos que parecían haber tenido buena salud en realidad estaban mas enfermos que aquellos que obviamente tenían la enfermedad. Pero los exámenes de rayos x y del espirómetro no pudieron demostrar la grave enfermedad pulmonica en estos hombres que aparentemente tenían buena salud, porque esta enfermedad solo se manifestó en las autopsias, pero solo con un examen de la cantidad de gas en la sangre se puede detectar la enfermedad.

Muchos mineros que en realidad están inhabilitados por la obstruccion de los pasajes o por una enfermedad del corazon son examinados con rayos x con el examen espirómetro que producen evidencia inadecuada; sobre la base de estos exámenes, son negados la compensacion. "La ley ya ha fracasado," dice el Dr. William H. Anderson, el Presidente del Pulmonary Disease Section (el Departamento de Enfermedades Pulmonares), University of Louisville, School of Medicine.

Pero el Instituto Superestructural de salud y seguridad esta basada en el error y no científico metodo de los rayos x y el examen espirómetro y todo esto es un esfuerzo conciente por la parte de los imperialistas.

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Fellow workers, we cannot, we will not be bought off by this temporary "solution" to "combat unemployment" that the bourgeoisie is trying to force on us, when in reality they just want to splinter the working class in order to destroy the revolutionary potential of the workers! It is at this time of the bourgeois offensive against a section of the class that the class must fight the hardest for all its members and turn the struggle against those who bear the real blame for our problems, the bourgeoisie.

Our program must be to expose the Rodino solution as false and to oppose Saxbe's concentration camps; to abolish and not strengthen the force of the Immigration and Naturalization Department. We must force legislators, union leaders, and community leaders to fight in the interests of the workers, to cover all workers by social security, to maintain equal wages for equal work, to enforce the existing laws that prohibit the unequal pay to non-English speaking workers, to cover all the workers with health and educational benefits.

The situation is clear and so are our tactics. The bourgeoisie is pulling stale and cheap tricks for their well-worn bag. They say blame the crisis of capitalism on the undocumented Mexican national workers, attack and deport these and other undocumented workers from Latin America.

Brutal exploitation and dictatorship, this is what fascism means for the working class in any part of the world. The fascists come to power shouting about improving the plight of the workers and reconstructing the country, but in reality they do the exact opposite.

The USNA imperialists together with the Chilean fascist engineered the coup and help keep these fascist butchers in power. We can see what the USNA imperialists are willing and have always been willing to do to protect their interests. They do this all around the world and nothing should make us believe that they won't continue to do so wherever they need to, including here in the USNA, unless we stop them.

We must give our support to the national liberation struggles and the democratic struggles around the world. The greatest support we can give to the toiling masses of the world, is to build a United Front of the Working Class Against Fascism in the USNA, and overthrow the USNA imperialists. The CLP gives all its support to the heroic Chilean people in their active resistance to the brutal Chilean fascists that are supported and paid by the USNA imperialists.

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Sugerimos entonces que un lema nuevo que resume el desarrollo concreto histórico y político de la cuestión palestina, debería ser (para parafrasear a Stalin) "una lucha palestina" en un país;

Por lo tanto la cuestión palestina se tiene que internalizar, es decir, la cuestión palestina no se puede separar de la lucha en cada país por el socialismo.

Por lo tanto, el FPLP debe servir como el vínculo revolucionario entre los movimientos progresistas árabes y judíos a través de hacer el llamado por la formación de partidos Marxistas-Leninistas en los países árabes. Partidos que movilizarían, organizarían, agitarían, y alzarían el nivel de la conciencia política de las masas árabes en su lucha en contra de sus opresores--el imperialismo, el zionismo internacional, el feudalismo y la reacción local.

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Es obvio que el modo más eficaz e inmediato de hacer esto es lanzando otra "guerra pre-emptiva" en el futuro a través de la cual el estado zionista intentara una victoria militar para alcanzar sus objetivos políticos--es decir, el reconocimiento político de los estados árabes, y luego negociar directamente unas condiciones nuevas para la paz. Una situación de "ni guerra, ni paz," serviría los intereses de los imperialistas de los EUN, de la pandilla revisionista soviética y del zionismo porque forzaría a las naciones árabes a depender militarmente de los revisionistas soviéticos y de los EUN políticamente para que los EUN detuvieran la expansión israelite.

Tomando en cuenta estas contradicciones externas e internas nuevas, es fácil pensar que el zionismo israelita no aceptará que estas "realidades políticas" nuevas son los factores determinantes para un "arreglo político pacífico" para el Medio Oriente en la próxima "Conferencia de Paz de Ginebra". Por eso, el estado zionista pondrá barreras políticas (como no negociar directamente con la OLP) para retrasar y si es posible, eliminar la "Conferencia de Paz de Ginebra" hasta que este en una posición militar mas fuerte.

El estado zionista esta lleno de contradicciones internas--el creciente movimiento de resistencia en la colonia palestina que esta bajo su control en la Orilla Occidental, la lucha de la clase obrera judía en contra de la inflación, el desempleo y la opresión política. La guerra de octubre de 1973 puso la "balanza del poder" política, diplomática, militar y económica al lado de los árabes, y logro el reconocimiento político internacional de la OLP como el "representante legítimo" del pueblo palestino.

Los imperialistas norteamericanos no quieren un "arreglo político pacífico." Si hubiera un "arreglo pacífico," es posible que los árabes utilizarían sus capacidades económicas políticas y militares, que hasta ahora siempre han estado dirigidas en contra del estado israelita, para reducir su casi total dependencia de la ciencia y la tecnología imperialista. Esto le causaría una crisis económica gravísima para el imperialismo de los EUN y los otros países imperialistas de Europa y Japon. Entonces los árabes podrían crear un frente político y económico que podría convertirse en un factor decisivo en la lucha entre los capitalistas monopolistas por una parte y los países socialistas por la otra.

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La Posibilidad de Guerra

El otro campo es el heroico y progresista Frente Popular para la Liberación de Palestina (FPLP), dirigido por un verdadero marxista-leninista, el camarada George Habash, que rechaza total y categóricamente estas medidas reaccionarias. El FPLP se salió del comité ejecutivo de la OLP cuando la OLP aceptó (en principio) la formación del mini-estado y el participar en las negociaciones de Ginebra. Los revisionistas consideraran ultra-izquierdista al FPLP.

Como consecuencia de la guerra de octubre, han emergido contradicciones nuevas dentro del movimiento de liberación palestino, dividiendolo en dos campos antagonísticos. El campo nacionalista, oportunista pequeño-burgués dirigido por el grupo de Arafat y sus apoyadores en los gobiernos árabes, esta aumentando e intensificando sus esfuerzos diplomáticos, ideológicos y políticos mundialmente para legitimizar su sujeción al imperialismo norteamericano, al revisionismo soviético y a la reacción árabe local bajo el lema de "realismo político" y la "liberación de Palestina a pasos." Los revisionistas soviéticos y el Partido Comunista de los Estados Unidos de América, en apoyo a este campo, declaran que la formación del mini-estado palestino es una "victoria para el tercer mundo."

(4) Transformar la cuestión palestina de una cuestión colonial (ie., la ocupación directa de Palestina por los EUN y el zionismo internacional) a una cuestión nacional semi-colonial, es decir, plantear la necesidad de formar un "mini-estado palestino" en la Orilla Occidental.

(3) La "Jordanización" de Egipto, es decir, hacer a Egipto la arma directa del imperialismo de los EUN en esa área aislandole de su papel tradicional (bajo Nasser) de líder de un frente unico contra el imperialismo, el zionismo, y el feudalismo

(2) Legitimizar el estado zionista como una entidad política independiente que co-existiera con la naciones árabes. Las negociaciones directas entre Egipto e Israel, justo despues de la guerra y la propuesta para una Conferencia de Paz en Ginebra, fueron parte de este proceso de legitimización política y diplomática.

(1) Los gobiernos reaccionarios árabes en el poder se consolidaron debido a sus supuestas victorias en el campo de batalla. Esto fue necesario para debilitar la creciente fuerza de varios movimientos revolucionarios y de resistencia que eran una amenaza directa a los gobiernos reaccionarios.

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