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# PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE

*"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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## KLAN-NAZI SETBACK IN CHICAGO

On June 29, 300 angry workers and progressive-minded people rallied near Chicago's International Amphitheatre to stop the Ku Klux Klan and Nazi Party from holding a public demonstration. Led by the Chicago Unemployed Workers Council's Committee to Stop the Klan, these workers rallied under the banners of "Smash the Klan" and "Jobs with Peace." Their numbers and their militancy succeeded in scaring off the handful of brownshirted Nazis who had surfaced carrying signs that read "We Want Reds Dead," "Kill Nigger Communists," and "Back to Africa."

This was not the first time that the Klan and Nazi Party—these standard-bearers of fascism—have emerged in Chicago. For months they have been carrying on an active organizing campaign in the suburbs surrounding Chicago: in Crown Point, Indiana, in Cicero, and in Aurora, where they burned down a Baptist church that had valiantly housed an Anti-Klan protest rally.

On Chicago's Southwest side, four Negro national minority families, attempting to move into a predominantly Anglo-American neighborhood had their children beaten, their homes vandalized and shots fired into their houses. An Anglo-American woman trying to sell her house to a Negro national minority family was also threatened and garbage thrown at her house. In Chicago's South Shore community, three families attempting to organize a multi-national block club received threatening phone calls from Klan members; one family was warned that their home would be burned.

On June 19, the Klan issued a memo to its membership calling for an anti-communist rally to protest the Peoples' Bicentennial, sponsored by the Communist Party USA (CPUSA), on June 29. The Chicago Unemployed Workers' Council learned about the Klan's plan and formed a subcommittee, the Committee to Stop the Klan, and began a city-wide campaign to prevent these fascists from publicly demonstrating.

The blood-drenched history of the Klan and the Nazi Party—a history of brutal terror, of the burning and lynching of Negro people, of strike-breaking and anti-democratic struggles—shows us that these groups cannot be dismissed as thugs or crazies. They represent the shock troops of fascism, which is the open terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinist, most imperialist elements of finance capital.

History shows us that the only way the growing fascist offensive can be stopped is by the united action of the working class. The Unemployed Workers Council went first to the working class with a call for unity of action against the Klan and the Nazi Party. Major factories throughout Chicago were leafleted, anti-fascist resolutions were presented to unions, and workers from all parts of the city were urged to join in the rally.

But this was not enough. The offensive of fascism threatens not only the working class it strikes at all toiling strata and all progressive people. For this reason the Unemployed Workers Council set out to mobilize a popular front of all progressive forces. Church groups, community groups, and national minority organizations lent their support. Their combined strength was the key fac-

tor in getting the Chicago City Council to unanimously adopt (47-0) an Unemployed Workers' Council initiated resolution condemning the Klan and calling for their expulsion from the city.

The CLP appealed openly to both the leadership and the membership of the CPUSA, against whom the Klan had called the demonstration. But true to form, the revisionist leaders of the CPUSA silently rejected our call. Despite this treachery of their leaders, some CPUSA members supported the rally against the Klan and joined in the struggle. (For more on the role of the CPUSA, see p. 4)

The rally and counter-demonstration was clearly a victory for the working class in Chicago and throughout the USNA. First, the counter-demonstrators outnumbered the fascists at least 3 to 1 and forced

them to retreat under police guard. Second, the fascists were unable to gain any significant foothold in the Anglo-American working class neighborhood surrounding the International Amphitheatre (the old stockyards area) because of the door-to-door canvassing carried out by the Unemployed Workers Council prior to the rally and counter-demonstration. Third, the extensive exposure of the fascists in leaflets, on radio and TV caused a split in their ranks with the KKK and other reactionaries refusing to hold their demonstration as they had previously planned, side-by-side with the Nazi Party. Nonetheless, it was only one battle against the forces of terror and reaction, and there are sure to be many more.

This victory must become the springboard for future battles and

further victories. We must continue to wage a political struggle against these forerunners of fascism. Workers and progressive people must see to it that these bloodthirsty gangsters are prevented from openly assembling, that their foul deeds of murder, arson and physical abuse are thrown back in their faces, and that they are rooted out of police departments and government agencies.

Finally, we must fight for unity of action of the working class. Under the slogan of "Jobs with Peace" we must fight to build unemployed workers councils as one of the forms our united front against fascism must take. Only in this way can we defeat the fascist attack and pass over to the offensive to overthrow monopoly capitalism, the seed-bed of fascism!

**Smash the Ku Klux Klan and Nazi Party!**

## CLEVELAND BAIL FUND BUSTED

Recent events in Cleveland testify to the forward march of fascist oppression against all sections of the working class. On April 19, 1975, such oppression was clearly evidenced when a bail bond fund-raiser for victims of police harassment was broken up by Cleveland Police loaded into 21 cars.

For the last three years the Community Bail Fund has held a dance to raise funds in order to bail out working class people harassed and jailed by the Cleveland police. The Fund only works with those charged with misdemeanors since felony bonds are too high for adequate funds to be raised. Those active in the fund represent progressive members of the legal community at a near by college, religious leaders from the community, and working people from the Near West Side community.

During the Fund's first two years, their fundraising events were held outside the Near West Side and were not subject to outright police harassment. But this year the event was held at the Franklin Castle on the Near West Side, a community center with such programs as free food for elderly citizens in the neighborhood and around the city. Since there was liquor at the event, the sponsors took careful steps to keep its distribution within the law in order to avoid police harassment; the sponsors even hired an off-duty Cleveland police officer to "guard" the event.

In the middle of the party, the Cleveland Police, without warning, surrounded the building with 21 police cars and charged into the party. Several officers removed their badges while everyone at the party was herded onto the street. The official excuse for the raid was the blanket statement of liquor control violations, which actually did not exist. As a result of this raid, protests were raised throughout the community.

As a result of successful segregation along national lines, the Cleveland Police have moved in a brutal and violent manner within the Negro communities. As in all major cities in the USNA, there are too many stories of wanton police slaying of Negro youth without prosecution of the murderers, brutality in the city and county jails and unbridled terror and harassment on the streets.

"The most recent incident involves Cleveland Police slaying a Negro

youth, Derrick J. Browne, who was allegedly riding a stolen motorcycle and shooting at police. But 14 neighborhood witnesses state they never saw a gun, the youth's mother states papers proving her son's ownership of the cycle are in his wallet held at the coroner's office. Memorial Day found the police slaying Dwayne Hawkins, 19, though his mother begged police not to kill her son while he wildly swung a knife in her home. The outrage of many Clevelanders has forced even City Council President George Forbes to call the shooting of Browne 'outright murder'." (Cleveland Plain Dealer, June 9, 1975)

The attack on the Bail Bond Ball is an attack on all Cleveland workers and represents an escalation in such attacks, not the first of which was the brutal police activity during the Hough uprising of 1967. Police violence, common in the Negro community, is now intensifying in the Near West Side in response to growing working class organization and the rising political struggles in this multinational community. Such attacks are clearly an attempt to break the backs of progressive workers' organizations in order to weaken our class. Workers on the Near West Side have recently been organizing steadily around pollution from a local steel mill, which ended in victory; around schools for quality bilingual education; around jobs, rights and benefits for the elderly and welfare recipients, and many other important issues. Anglo-American, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Appalachian and Negro workers are beginning to unite their struggles for political and economic rights. In order to prevent any movement toward unity, the police have launched an offensive against these progressive activities of the workers.

The Bail Fund's focus on police harassment is daily intensified in opposition to political oppression by the state. Many church leaders, active in the Bail Bond Fund, and also active in the Inter-Church Council of Cleveland, run an important program of community forums and discussions on desegregation of the schools and quality education. The Inter-Church Council, in alliance with the NAACP, is working in a progressive way to unite workers, promote the

struggle for equality, educate workers and prevent such violence as occurred in Boston. These organizations are objectively contributing to the struggle against fascism. The unity of the workers of all nationalities is necessary to the successful defense of our class against the mounting fascist drive in the USNA. Common struggle, which creates the conditions for uniting the working class, is beginning to develop in Cleveland, and it is precisely this movement towards unity that the capitalists and their hired thugs seek to smash!

## VIVA EL 26 DE JULIO

This July 23, we salute the valiant Cuban people on the anniversary of the assault on the Moncada which marked the beginning of the revolution that freed the Cuban people from the murderous grip of USNA imperialism.

In the 16 years since the 1959 revolution, Cuba has gone from being a country full of poverty, prostitution and corruption to having the highest standard of living in Latin America. The Cuban people now have food, homes, electricity, plumbing, free educational and medical facilities and most importantly, they are free from USNA imperialism.

The imperialists have attempted to destroy the Cuban Revolution and bring the Cuban peoples back under their yoke many times in these past 16 years. From the Bay of Pigs to the CIA's attempts on Fidel and Raul Castro and other Cuban leaders' lives that have recently been disclosed, the glorious and courageous Cuban people have defended their country and their revolution. It is the world proletariat's responsibility, particularly in the USNA, to do everything in its power to keep USNA imperialists from intervening in Cuba.

We take this occasion to salute all the anti-imperialist struggles throughout Latin America and the colonial world and express our solidarity with these national liberation struggles!

**Workers and Oppressed People of the World, Unite!**

# PROLETARIAN PATRIOTISM

The bourgeoisie is celebrating the approaching 200th anniversary of USNA independence by hawking "Liberty Bell Ice Buckets," "Leaders of the Revolution" alarm clocks, and an orgy of chauvinism. President Ford celebrated the "shot heard 'round the world'" at Concord by declaring the USNA ready to fire the first shot in a nuclear war. The CPUSA calls to "continue the democratic traditions of Washington and Jefferson." The CLP also celebrates the revolution, but from a proletarian point of view!

Lenin said "the history of modern civilized America opens with one of those great, really liberating wars," and set off a wave of revolutions that swept over France, Haiti and Latin America from 1810-22. This bourgeois revolution had two aspects, two forces contending with each other as well as with the British. On the one hand were wealthy manufacturers, slaveholders, speculators and merchants—the early bourgeoisie who fought for the rights of property, of slaveowners, of their own full exploitation of North America. On the other hand were the small farmers, workers, slaves, freedmen and apprentices, early proletarians who fought for civil rights, equality, an end to imprisonment for debt, and abolition of slavery. Washington, Hamilton, Madison and Jefferson defended property, owned slaves and feared "the mob."

These bourgeois' fear of the people drove them to hold a secret convention in 1787 to form a strong central government to crush popular insurrections, maintain slavery and be a tool for westward expansion. The constitution was a charter for the rights of property and to own slaves. Only white males could vote (slaves counted as 3/5 of a person for determining states' representation in Congress.) The early bourgeoisie faced a hard struggle to put the constitution over. Sam Adams, Tom Paine and Patrick Henry refused to attend the convention. The states would not ratify it because of popular opposition. Only by providing the Bill of Rights and by propagating the myth that slavery was dying, were they able to pass the constitution.

We want to make clear our stand for proletarian patriotism.

First of all, what marks us as revolutionaries is our unbending hatred for this multinational state—this filthy-rich, degenerate, blood-stained ruling class that has made a pig sty out of our homeland. We hate this monopoly capitalist system that was erected on the slaughter and looting of the Indians—on the blood and labor of 40,000,000 Africans who were dragged in chains from their homes. It is a system built on shattered dreams of destitute Irish and Poles and Italians and Greeks—on generations of immigrants who came here with a dream of equality and democracy. We hate this system that is built on the plunder of the Mexicans and the economic enslavement of the peoples of the world.

Marxism-Leninism teaches us that the dual nature of things is the basic law of life. And so it is with patriotism. There is a bourgeois patriotism, actually chauvinism, that calls for the enslavement of weaker peoples, that calls for the hatred of everything and everyone that is not Anglo-American, white and protestant. This outlook allowed for the terrible crime that led to the enslavement of the peoples of the Caribbean, Central and Latin America, allowed for the invasions of China and the Soviet Union. It is to the shame of the Anglo-American masses that today it is USNA imperialism that has become the hangman of revolutions.

It is to our shame that USNA imperialism has so corrupted, depraved and dehumanized some Anglo-Americans that they conduct themselves worse than the brutes who were Hitler's Storm Troops. We are angry and ashamed that this hateful ruling class has made imperialist wars, segregation, fascist plunder and oppression, institutions of our country.

There is another United States, that of 9/10 of its people which gave to the world the first great liberating war from colonialism. This land is the land of Shay's Rebellion, where the poor farmers fought for years to prevent the new ruling class from denying them the fruits of the war against the colonialists. This land is the land of incessant slave revolts, the land of Richardson who led 500 slaves in armed revolt against Tennessee Coal and Iron Co. This is the land of John Brown, the hero, and his men. Brown contributed to the development of guerilla warfare. How proud we revolutionaries are that it is our land that could produce such men and women. Our land is the land of the Mollie McGuire. This land became the first land of radical democracy under the popular governments of reconstruction.

We can be proud of the democratic heritage of the USNA, a heritage that was won with the blood of martyrs and the selfless sacrifice of millions. Our organized working class did not hesitate to join with Marx in the 1st International. Anglo-America gave the world's working class the International Days of Struggle, May Day and Working Women's Day.

We call for the commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the revolution by the preparation of a new revolution, the proletarian revolution for socialism.

We call for the continuation of the struggle for civil rights begun by our revolutionary predecessors, the early proletarians and small farmers who forced the Bill of Rights from the reluctant bourgeoisie, from the slave-owning Jeffersons and Washingtons. But this struggle cannot be limited only to constitutional rights, but must be extended to encompass civil rights never allowed to the majority of the workers, such as freedom to live wherever you want, immigrate freely, have decent schools and quality education for your children. These, and all other civil rights will only finally be won for all workers by the socialist revolution.

Today the fight for our civil rights is the fight to secure them for the Negro people—historically and continually deprived of them—for the other national minorities and people oppressed by USNA imperialism, and not only for a small section of the Anglo-Americans, for not even all Anglo-Americans share in these civil rights nominally assured by law. We call for these rights for all people, and condemn Senate Bill 1 as an attempt to destroy them!

We call for the fight for Civil Rights which today is the fight against fascism.

We call for the fight for the freedom of the Negro Nation, the continuance today of the revolutionary fight against slavery.

**LONG LIVE JULY 4!**

**LONG LIVE PROLETARIAN  
PATRIOTISM!**

# DOMINICANS IN PUERTO RICO

This article was submitted by the **Manolo Tavarez Justo** Fighting Committee, Revolutionary Organization of Dominican Residents in Puerto Rico.

The bourgeois landowner Yankee dominated regime that since 1966 represents the government headed by Joaquin Balaguer (Pres. of Dominican Republic), in 1974 demonstrated its incapacity to resolve the most urgent problems that thousands of our humble people are subjected to. Balaguer defined the economic policy as "my government's best policy" which was inflationary and at the same time allowed the bourgeoisie, the landowners, and the yankee monopolies to obtain huge profits through the speculation and consent of the puppet government.

The present inflationary situation leads to a decrease in the workers' wages' purchasing power and perpetuates a grave economic situation, the result of the exploitation of man by man in the Dominican Republic.

The immense suffering of the exploited classes (workers and agri-laborers) worsens as a result of unemployment in the city and lack of land for the agri-laborer who for the most part lives in a miserable state of poverty.

The Yankee Balaguerista government has not been able to resolve the problems of public health, which is daily getting worse. The Daily publications report that dozens of poor children die from relatively minor illnesses such as measles, cholera, and parasitism, while many die of malnutrition.

In **Robert Read Cabral** hospital countless children go blind from lack of vitamin A, or get rickets because they are deficient in vitamin B.

With these moving examples we can deduce that the government does not pay heed to children in particular, and to the people in general.

Public education is disastrous. According to government figures, the Secretary of Education and National Office of Statistics states there are 750 thousand children between 5 and 14 years of age who do not go to school because of a shortage of rooms and the government's apathy in providing education. These children also must work to help out their families. Out of 100 children, only 21 reach the 6th grade, 12 reach the intermediate school and 5 graduate from high school.

This extends to the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo which is in danger of being closed since the yankee-balaguerista government has refused to allocate the corresponding budgetary funds and approve an increase necessary for the growth of enrolled students.

The worst thing about this is that not the whole country lives in these miserable conditions since there is a minute number of oligarchical families and individuals who keep on getting richer. While the majority of the people's children live in a marsh of misery, destitution, hunger, repression, prosecution, and lack of education, the oligarchy's sons are healthy and receive the best education. While the people live in wretchedness, the oligarchy gets richer. They are like worms that feed themselves off of our misery and suffering.

Along with this, we have to see how the foreign monopolies steal our mineral resources which cannot be replaced, obtaining tremendous profits they invest in foreign banks in diverse industrial and commercial activities.

We also see how the foreign monopolies such as Falconbridge, Rosario Mining, and Gulf & Western, control our economy. Our economy is in the hands of the yankee imperi-

alists who take the liberty to govern us politically, with the consequence of political repression and increasing hunger. It is also normal to find these monopolies hand in glove with the Balaguerista government throwing the agri-laborers from their lands to increase their area of exploitation.

Such are the conditions, under the yoke of the repressive yankee-balaguerista government that force the jobless Dominican worker and the landless agri-laborer to emigrate to foreign although brotherly countries, working in the most unsafe and inferior jobs, earning below average wages, living in inhuman places, paying high rents, unaware of the cause of their misery and despised by the unconscious masses.

Our **Manolo Tavarez Justo** Fighting Committee, an organization of revolutionary Dominicans in Puerto Rico, realizes that the Puerto Rican government deprecates the foreign worker as part of the overall imperialist campaign whose aim is to divide the working class.

Whereas in the past the yankee imperialists did not utter a word about the foreign workers because they needed that cheap labor to work in the most contemptible conditions, it now tries to swarm the masses with its lie that we, the foreign workers are to blame for the Puerto Ricans' unemployment, and not the capitalist nor of course colonial economic crisis.

Every day fascist type acts pushed by the imperialists and their lackeys are increasing. One such example is trying to pit "workers against workers" thereby abolishing the class struggle and driving the workers to fight their own brothers, instigated through a so called problem economic in nature (the foreigners taking away the native workers' jobs) when in reality the problem is a national one, the problem of the North American domination (Yankee imperialism) over the Puerto Ricans, the logical cause of the problem.

Our **Manolo Tavarez Justo** Fighting Committees are sending a warning to the working class and the people in general, not to be fooled by imperialist propaganda, for when a foreigner becomes integrated with the work of a determined country he immediately passes on to form part of the working masses of that country and is equally exploited by the boss and suffers the same or even worse misery and oppression as the rest of the workers.

We should be clear that the working class, the laborers in general, irregardless of our origin, have a common enemy, capitalism and imperialism.

Therefore, our struggle must be focused towards the destruction of that common enemy, imperialism. And we must take an active and militant part in that struggle.

We want to conclude by making a call to all immigrants residing in Puerto Rico—in particular the Dominicans—to join ranks with the revolutionary Puertorrican organizations, fighting for the creation of a Front Against Repression, proposed by the Puertorrican Marxist-Leninists, irregardless of their status (legally documented or undocumented.)

At the same time we must not neglect the struggle, but must give the firmest support to the National Democratic Revolution whose forerunner was the General **Manolo Tavarez Justo**.

**Puerto Rican and Dominican  
Workers, We are Brothers!**

**Our Common Enemy Is Yankee  
Imperialism**

**San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1975**

**Manolo Tavarez Justo Fighting  
Committees**

# STRUGGLE AT JEFFERSON INTENSIFIES

The recent election at the Jefferson Assembly Plant in Detroit, at a time when 2/3's of the auto workers there were laid off, resulted in the incumbents retaining their positions in UAW Local 7. But the vote was close enough to warrant a run-off. The militant opposition slates had hoped to unseat the union misleaders who had done nothing in the last six months to organize the workers to keep the plant from closing later this year, and who have fought rank and file efforts to build an Unemployment Committee. Since November, 5,000 workers have been laid-off — which makes Jefferson the hardest hit auto plant in the country.

All of this comes at a time when *Fortune* Magazine has predicted that unemployment will remain around 8% at least until 1980! "For example, Michael Evans, president of Chase Econometrics, sketches the following scenario: Aggressive monetary and fiscal policies succeed in reducing unemployment to around 7% in 1977; at that point, however, inflationary pressures come roaring back and the Fed reacts with a tight-money policy that produces a second recession in less than 3 years. Unemployment then rises to 8.2% by 1979 and remains above 6% into the 1980's. Evans is by no means the only business analyst to predict the next recession before the current one has fully run its course. Among business analysts, some such forecast has become almost conventional wisdom." (*Fortune*, June, 1975, p. 86)

Although some Jefferson workers have been recalled to other Chrysler plants, they and other workers will soon be laid off again. This, plus the closing of Jefferson later this year will throw thousands of workers onto the streets. Many of these lay-offs will be permanent, for during each crisis since World War II an increasing percentage of workers has remained permanently unemployed.

The capitalists can no longer control the economy, nor can they provide jobs at all for increasing numbers of workers. "We are in for a prolonged seige of high unemployment rates, and there does not seem to be anything anyone can do to alter the fundamental situation." (*Fortune*, June, 1975, p. 186)

As a result of this severe economic crisis, fascist attacks, both political and economic, have escalated. One such legal attack is Michigan State Statute 4843 which attempts to further shift the burden of the crisis on to the backs of both employed and unemployed workers. This law, which was publicized as granting \$30 more per week to all unemployed workers, in reality actually grants this total amount to few workers. However, a less publicized, vicious section of the statute states that workers who are fired for certain types of misconduct will receive no unemployment compensation nor would workers who voluntarily quit (even if only to look for a better job). The firing of workers without compensation is a warning to the militant fighters for the working class that not only can they be fired "for cause", but in so doing, the capitalists save themselves millions that they won't have to pay into the unemployment insurance fund.

The auto industry, centered in Detroit, is a key sector of the USNA economy, which influences all the areas of industrial production. As stated in *Fortune*, "another negative influence on the employment outlook is the state of the auto industry. Even with some recent recalls, employment of production-line workers is off by more than 30% from its September, 1973 peak...and not even dutifully optimistic auto executives

expect a return to that level of employment for the foreseeable future. Since two jobs are created in supplier industries for every job opened at an auto plant, a lag in the auto industry will limit the pace of employment in the manufacturing sector as a whole." (*Fortune*, June, 1975, p. 87)

Both the corporations and unions are researching the possibility of conversion, i.e. employment by converting car factories into war industry plants. The working class must oppose such false solutions. We must

## VICTORY FOR GPA

With the threat of a strike in south central Mississippi and eastern Alabama, the Gulfcoast Pulpwood Association (GPA) won its first victory since the return of Fred Walters as president on May 10, 1975. The victory was an agreement from five wood dealers in Mississippi and Alabama for a \$2.00 raise for a load of pine pulpwood. The victory affects woodcutters in three Mississippi counties (Forrest, Jones and Perry) and one Alabama county (Washington). These counties are in the heart of the Negro Nation's so-called "wood country."

The election of Walters, an Anglo-American from near Laurel, Mississippi, as president and Herbert Jones, a Negro from York, Alabama, as vice president signals the reemergence of the GPA as a leading force in the United Front Against Fascism in the Negro Nation. Their election was the result of the membership of the GPA wresting control back from the political opportunists and bureaucrats who had taken over in October, 1973.

During the late 1960's, along with the movement of other workers in the south, woodcutters began to organize. The GPA was a product of this organization. Up until the late 1960's, the dealers would not sell trucks and other equipment to Negroes. However, this policy changed as Anglo-American woodcutters became more militant. The Negro woodcutters refused to scab and joined the GPA from the time of its inception. The GPA, since its beginning, has been composed of both Negro and Anglo-American workers and has been committed to a multinational struggle.

The GPA's first president was James Simmons, from Forest Homes, Alabama. The growth of the GPA really began to intensify with its first strike in the fall of 1971. This strike lasted three and a half months and was aimed at preventing the wood dealers and wood companies from reducing the price of a load of wood sold by woodcutters.

During the first strike of 1971, a split developed in the GPA and as a consequence, James Simmons was forced to resign as president. Fred Walters became the new president in early 1972. Since this time, the GPA's officers and executive board have been composed of Anglo-American and Negro members. Another important fact regarding the GPA is that wives of woodcutters are automatically full members with equal voting rights. They have also served as officers. In late 1972, the GPA established the Woodcutters Mutual Assistance Cooperative, designed to sell parts to woodcutters at a more reasonable price than the usurious dealers. This was an important development for woodcutters in the Negro Nation. From late 1972 until October, 1973, the GPA recruited members from throughout Mississippi, Alabama and Florida and set up

demand that the plants stay open and that all jobs be productive and at the expense of the war industry! Yes, we want jobs, but jobs with peace, for war ultimately would mean the murder and devastation of fellow workers world-wide.

Because of the class collaboration of the Local 7 leaders, the rank and file workers have been unable to get a functioning Unemployed Committee. Therefore, any action taken by the workers must be based on the organization of the unemployed Jefferson

locals in each of these states.

Then, in the fall of 1973, the GPA again went on strike. This time the organization was seeking recognition from the dealers. However, once again a split developed in the GPA. Walters resigned and Delbert Carney, an Anglo-American from Chatom, Alabama, became the new president. The national office of the GPA was moved from Eastabuchie, Mississippi, to Chatom, Alabama. The strike dwindled and recognition agreements were not obtained with any dealers. During the next eighteen months Carney proved himself to be a political opportunist and bureaucrat. Membership and the activity of locals began to fade. The GPA's goals and purposes became uncertain. The vice-president, Reverend C. L. Kimbrough, a Negro from Mobile, Alabama, proved himself to be a comprador and clearly exposed himself when he declared, shortly before his ouster from office, that only a "fool" would work as a woodcutter.

On May 10, 1975, Walters and Jones were overwhelmingly elected president and vice-president of the GPA. The office is once again in Eastabuchie, Mississippi, and the commitment to a united struggle is again clear. The Eastabuchie office is being renovated by the woodcutters themselves, every effort is being made to revive local chapters throughout Mississippi and Alabama, the GPA is supporting other workers' struggles in the Negro Nation, and the recent \$2 raise indicates the growing strength of the GPA in its struggle against the wood dealers and the giant paper companies.

## CLINIC ATTACKED

La Clinica El Centro para la Salud del Pueblo don Pedro Albizu Campos free clinic is a medical center which for some time has served the mainly Puerto Rican community on the near Northside of Chicago. The people who run the clinic are involved in other activities helpful to the working class of the area, such as the GED (high school equivalency) program of the Escuela Ruiz Belvis, directed toward high school dropouts.

Saturday, May 31, the Clinic held a benefit to enable it to continue its work in the community. The program included the classic film *Salt of the Earth*, about a strike of Mexican national minority copper miners in New Mexico in the early 1950's; a presentation by the Chicano theatre group La Trucha; and revolutionary songs from throughout Latin America sung by El Grupo Latino, a Puerto Rican group connected with the Clinic. The benefit was well-attended and successful.

The following night, Sunday, the Ruiz Belvis school was broken into and robbed of two projectors and the print of the film *Salt of the Earth* which had been shown at the

son workers as well as those still employed, and the entire east side community which this plant closing would so vitally affect.

The necessity of organizing the workers to keep the plant open is urgent and immediate. The motion of the corporation and union leaders is to keep their plans to close the plant secret. For that reason we must start canvassing, door to door, throughout the city to organize and mobilize the working class to use every means possible to keep Jefferson open, even if we must seize the plant and run it ourselves!

Keep Jefferson Open!

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For background of the struggle at Jefferson Assembly, see *People's Tribune*, Vol. 1, No. 4.

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benefit. Nothing else was taken. The message was clear: Don't give any more benefits. Don't teach revolution to the working class of Chicago. Don't unite the Puerto Rican and Mexican national minorities to fight against USNA imperialism.

As of this date the thieves have not been found. But one thing is clear: the robbery is a political act, not simply a coincidence. The Clinic is not the only progressive grouping being attacked. A few days later the Puerto Rican high school was also robbed of film equipment. The police, KKK, Nazis and Cuban "gusanos" are being mobilized everywhere by their imperialist masters to crush the growing movement of the working class against high prices and for jobs with peace.

We not only sympathize with the workers of the Albizu Campos clinic and the community they help, but will stand with them to build a united front against fascism, a coalition of democratic groupings and individuals dedicated to stopping the daily escalating attacks on our living standards and lives.

# APPEAL REJECTED

Workers across the country have become very much aware of the rising fascist gangs and thugs. The Ku Klux Klan and Nazi Party are growing and spreading their vile anti-communist, anti-labor, white chauvinist propaganda from coast to coast. We have cited in the **People's Tribune** in the past month the various examples of the viciousness of these groups and also the fightback of the workers to this fascist offensive.

On June 22, 1975 a sub-committee of the Chicago Unemployed Workers Council, called the Committee to Stop the Klan, was formed in response to an announcement that the Klan and Nazi Party would march and rally against the Communist Party USA in front of the International Amphitheater in Chicago. This committee began preparations to unite with all forces who were willing to fight the Klan and stop them dead in their tracks. Members of the Communist Labor Party participated in this coalition and one of their steps was to appeal to the CPUSA, which was holding its 21st National Convention, for help and participation in this committee. However, the response of this convention, where the leading members of the CPUSA gathered was that they not only turned us down, but chided and laughed at us. Members of the CLP leafleted the CP convention on Friday June 27 and this was the response of these "communists:" "It's people like you who get the Klan going!" "We're too busy to fight the Klan!" and lastly the classic social-democratic response, "The police will protect us from the Klan!"

This disgusting show of reconciliation with the enemy must be exposed and not tolerated! The CLP notes with sadness that the situation in this country among the "left" is decrepit and degenerate. The "left" in this country can find nothing better to do than fight amongst themselves as to who is the real communist. While the fascists mount a concerted drive against our working class, the CPUSA and all its pimps are too busy to fight the Klan. Or else, they put their faith in the police to protect them from the fascists. An example of the "revolutionary character" of the October League was that during the CP's Bicentennial meeting, the O.L. demonstrated right alongside of the Nazis against the Communist Party. These so-called revolutionaries refused to struggle against the fascists and indeed participated with them. As the honest communists and other workers demonstrated against the Klan, the members of the CPUSA sat and clapped their hands to rock music.

The CLP remembers the tragic lesson of history. We remember April, 1932 when the Communists in Germany appealed to the Social Democratic Party for a united front against the Hitlerite fascists. We also remember that the appeal was rejected. We remember July, 1932, when a second appeal was made by the communists and also rejected. Then there was January, 1933 and finally after the burning of the Reichstag and the unleashing of Nazi terror against the workers, the communists made a fourth and final appeal. This appeal went unanswered, Hitler had been installed. The Fascists were consolidated.

The CLP must take note of the situation that took place last weekend; the similarities between the two are striking. We refuse to accept the passivity of the CPUSA leadership, as the struggle of the fascists daily consolidates. We appeal again, as we did last week to the honest members of the CPUSA and entire radical movement to join us in the struggle against fascism. We can also note that a few people from the CP crossed the streets to join us. And more significantly 40-50 mainly Anglo-American workers alongside the march joined in the demonstration.

We demand, as all communists

must, that the CPUSA take a position against the rising fascist offensive and that they come to the aid of the working class, by participating in the developing united front of the working class against fascism.

In another effort to appeal to the CPUSA we are reprinting the letter that our General Secretary, a one-time member of the CP, wrote to the CPUSA to ask for their support and participation in this important and decisive struggle. We hope that all communists and progressive workers will join us in this struggle to stop fascism. It can be done and only the workers can do it.

## APPEAL TO CPUSA PARTY CONVENTION

Comrades,

Sunday at 1:00 the Ku Klux Klan along with a grouping of fascist gangs are planning an "anti-Communist" demonstration at the International Amphitheater.

This is no ideological demonstration. This is a test—to rally in the heart of the Negro working class community under the guise of anti-communism. Its real purpose is to terrorize this community and further disorganize the progressive movement in this city.

This demonstration must not take place. The Negro peoples' movement and the working class will never forgive revolutionaries who sit idly by while the streets are turned over to gangsters and thugs.

We must not allow these lynchings to gather here. The history of the heroic party of Germany proves that unless the fascists are met at every turn and are given blow for blow it is impossible to rally and educate the masses.

The Communist Party has a splendid history of struggle. Our class and country could not have moved forward during the 20's, 30's and 40's were it not for the spirit of struggle and self-sacrifice displayed by the Communists. We all share in and are proud of that tradition.

We are fast approaching a new turn in the history of our country. The political and economic instability has created a growing war danger and sharply posed the question of fascism.

The Negro residents of this area, militant workers around the city, a front of militant organizations have united to prevent the Klan from terrorizing this area. We call upon this convention and the comrades to join us in a struggle that may very well crush this fascist gang in Chicago.

In struggle  
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# STRUGGLE IN HARLAN

In Harlan County, Kentucky, the Ku Klux Klan is on the rise again. In conjunction with the coal operators, they are attempting to halt the rising class consciousness of the coal miners of Appalachia and to take away the few gains the miners have made—union contracts and better living conditions. They attempt to do this through terror and by arousing in the most backward elements hatred, white chauvinism and anti-communism.

In February, 1975, the Harlan Daily Enterprise, (a local county paper) published an advertisement for the KKK, which included an address for more information about them. Three months later, workers in the Cloverfork area began receiving threatening letters from the Klan. These letters warned against mixed dating. For example, one letter said "We hear you have been dating that nigger girl, not paying your store bills and not feeding your family. You know we are against such things and you have been misled, and will correct these things real soon."

This letter was followed a week later by a trumped-up arrest of the man who had received the letter. The man was beaten and jailed. One local law enforcement official and three State Policemen took part in the beating. Shortly after this incident a cross was burned at the home of another family who had also received a letter from the Klan. This letter warned that the woman "Stop dating that nigger" and that "You have one baby by this nigger and are working on another." Other letters warned against "loose morals" and "dope pushing."

It is no mistake that the Klan has appeared now! And it is no mistake that they began first in the Cloverfork area of Harlan County or that they are spreading to the coalfields. The Cloverfork area has historically been a more militant section of the county. Evarts, for example was the site of the famous "Battle of Evarts" in the 30's where miners fought and died for better wages, better living conditions and unions. In Brookside, Ky., (also in Cloverfork) less than a year ago, miners went on strike for union recognition and better living conditions. The strike lasted 13 months and intense struggle developed. Miners fought against coal operator controlled courts, politicians, state police, gun thugs and scabs, and they even faced company machine guns on their picket lines. This strike culminated when a pro-union coal miner was shot to death by a hired company gun thug. Fearing an outbreak of retaliation by the miners, the union leadership and the coal operators hurriedly signed a union contract.

This new contract that was negotiated not only in Brookside, but in the other coal mines, did not meet the needs of the coal miners. The new leadership of the miners' union was exposed and the coal miners reacted by firstly rejecting the new contract and in some districts burning the drafts of the contract along with pictures of Miller and Trobovich, president and vice-president of the United Mine Workers. The miners are becoming aware that if they are to make any serious gains, they must rely on themselves.

As a result of this rising class consciousness and militancy amongst the coal miners, the bourgeoisie in Harlan and throughout the country is stepping up the fascist offensive. Through the KKK and other organizations they have begun their reign of terror. In West Virginia the newly formed "Populist Forum" has organized themselves to fight the move to allow Negro history textbooks in the Kanawha county school system. In Tennessee, the newly formed "Posse Comitatus" organized to prevent the unity of Anglo-

American and Negro workers. And still another fascist organization in Harlan County is the K.I.N. (Keep Informed Neighbor), a group of coal operators, whose tasks are to "Explain to workers why unions are not in their interest."

As in many parts of the country, Harlan County has responded to the growing fascist offensive. The workers, the Harlan Labor News (HLN) and the Communists are attempting to build a popular front against these fascist attacks on our class. The workers in Harlan, through the HLN, have in the past exposed the opportunism of the miners' union leadership. The HLN is becoming a platform from which the workers of Harlan County can speak. The paper has exposed the coal-operator controlled city and county governments. Although the Harlan County courts freed Bill Bruner, the brutal murderer of a striking coal miner, the HLN was the leading force in the struggle for his conviction. The HLN has helped to organize the Georgetown residents against the politicians' attempts to drive out the Negro residents there. And now, the HLN is staffing and exposing the Klan. The staff members of the HLN spoke to the Harlan Ministerial Association's monthly meeting, and asked them to join in the fight against the Klan. These ministers were presented with concrete evidence of the Klan's presence in Harlan, but they refused individually and collectively to join in the struggle against them. These supporters of fascism have even gone so far as to defend the Klan.

The progressive workers of Harlan County have never supported the Klan. Harlan has seen unity between Negro and Anglo-American workers for decades, particularly in the struggle for a union. They will not pay their initiation fees and dues to write hate letters to each other or burn crosses. The Klan has failed to arouse much support in their drive to "rid the country of dope and communism."

Because of the rising militancy of the coal miners, the coal operators realize that to increase suppression of the workers they must first remove the obstacles in their path. They must disarm the workers by crushing their leaders. They must deal with the communists. Thus far the red-baiting of progressives has failed. Coal operators tried to crush the "Miners for Democracy" inside the UMWA when the miners began to kick out the old leadership. This movement was labeled a "plot to destroy the union." These tactics are not new! In the 30's attempts to organize unions were labeled "Communist plots."

But the workers are beginning to understand the need for proletarian leadership. Communists and advanced workers must mobilize all workers to fight back fascism. Our experiences with the areas' ministers, the supposed "leaders of brotherhood," have taught us that we must dig deep into the working class, bringing the understanding that white chauvinism and the KKK can only mean more suffering for the workers. In order to defeat the fascists we must stand together—Anglo-American, Negro, Mexican, all sections of our class. We must not wait for the fascist onslaught. We must not wait for the opportunists, whether trade union misleaders or those with white collars around their necks!

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