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NEGRO GIRL MURDERED

Sheila Ferrell, a 13-year old Negro youth is dead.

On the evening of August 17, Sheila and three young friends were picking peaches from a tree on the property of John Bailey, a 24-year old Anglo-American. (Bailey had not yet moved into the house; he was in the process of renovating, in a Negro community in Wilmington, Delaware.)

Bailey appeared at the door of the house, went inside, returned with gun in hand, and chased the four young Negro girls up the streets. Two shots rang out. Sheila continued running, finally collapsing on the porch of a cousin. Bailey then fled. Sheila remained in a coma and one week later, she died, a victim of vicious white chauvinism and the continuing terrorist attacks against the Negro people.

Bailey had been arrested in 1970 on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder; following his arrest for shooting Sheila Ferrell he was released the following day on \$25,000 bond. The judge's decision to release Bailey on bond outraged the Wilmington Negro community and several demonstrations ensued, culminating in a rally at a Wilmington shopping center, where police attacked a crowd of about 200 demonstrators with tear gas and billy-clubs; a number of arrests were made. When the news finally arrived that Sheila had died, Bailey was rearrested and jailed without bail.

This murder of a Negro child is another tragedy in the long history of oppression and terror against the Negro people. In the last month, the murder of a Negro national minority youth in Detroit triggered several days of demonstrating, while the Negro community of Milwaukee rang with protest at the police slaying of two young Negro workers.

The working class of the USNA must demand an end to murder and terror against the Negro people. We must reaffirm our conviction that the Negro people remain the key to social progress in the USNA; that all attempts to terrorize the Negro people and deny them rights that are granted to others, inevitably results in those rights being denied to all. We must once again remind all workers and progressives that all reactionary movements are directed first against the Negro people but only as the opening moves toward reaction against our entire class. The defense of the Negro people must be our front line in the defense of peace and social progress.

No charges were preferred against Sheila Ferrell; no judge or jury deliberated her guilt or innocence. One man accused, judged and executed only to be released onto the streets of Wilmington the following day. This vicious, chauvinist murder is vigilantism of the worst sort, the sort of vigilante action advocated by the Klan, the Nazis, and the Posse Comitatus. Before our eyes, we witness the complete suspension of all civil

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Striking teachers in Chicago.

MEANY ATTACKS NEGRO WORKERS

In another display of white chauvinism and anti-labor sentiment, George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO, lashed out against the Negro workers being hired at the expense of "white" workers. Meany stated, "I don't think I'm responsible for the fact that people in this country 125 years ago went to Africa and brought people over here as slaves. That's not my responsibility at all...To say that we've got to sacrifice our kids and our rights to take care of people who merely say that they've got to be employed because their skin is black, that is discrimination in reverse and I don't buy it." (Chicago Tribune)

Mr. Meany speaks of "we", but what "we"? Obviously, he feels that he speaks not for the trade-union movement as a whole, but the organized, skilled Anglo-American section of the working class. He isn't speaking in the interests of labor, as he has professed for so many years, but he speaks in the interests of a certain section of the working class, the section bound to imperialism by a thousand threads. He tries to speak for all workers who are not "colored". Well Mr. Meany, we don't buy it! Millions of Anglo-American workers do not support your statement that the rights of Anglo-Americans are being sacrificed because Negro workers want jobs. Millions of Anglo-American workers stand by their Negro brothers in the struggle for jobs, peace and equality. We won't buy your rotten white chauvinism and splitist tactics. You will not succeed in furthering the divisions in our class!

Many workers, both Negro and Anglo-American were surprised and shocked at this statement by the most "illustrious" misleader of them all. However a brief look at labor history shows that every organized trade union movement in this country has failed and will continue to fail if the Negro question is not solved. From the beginning, the organized labor movement in this country has consistently driven the Negro worker from its ranks. The Knights of Labor,

which based its organization on the equality of the working man, disintegrated when they began to exclude Negro workers. Later, the AFL under Gompers, mouthed pious phrases about the equality of Negro and Anglo-American labor while driving the Negro worker from industry. The Railroad Brotherhoods were built to drive the Negroes from that industry. A common occurrence for this union was strikes by Anglo-American workers to protest the hiring of Negroes.

Skilled Negro tradesmen were reduced to shining shoes or sweeping floors as organized labor drove them away. In the words of a Negro worker, "In the South we died on the lynch rope; in the North we slowly starved to death."

The CIO, which organized industrial unions, as opposed to the AFL which organized craft unions, openly adopted a policy of anti-discrimination. However, the CIO was more concerned with union recognition struggles than the breaking down of discriminatory hiring practices. Although the CIO did much to organize already employed Negro workers, they did little to open the doors of industry to the Negro worker.

There are endless examples of how the organized labor movement has openly taken a stand against the Negro. The myth that has been perpetuated that the Negroes were strike breakers and scabs, has been the result of the historic exclusion of the Negro from industry.

If particularly the Anglo-American workers continue to accept the anti-Negro, anti-"colored", anti-"black" propaganda of the government, press and union misleaders, they will fail in their fight against the capitalists just as their predecessors failed.

The discriminatory policies of the state, the unions and the capitalists have hurt not only the Negro worker, but all workers. Every worker is affected by the oppression of the Negro people.

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EQUAL QUALITY EDUCATION

Across the country the school year has opened amid strikes and violence. Near martial law prevails in Louisville as a result of Klan inspired anti-busing terror; the National Guard stands on alert in Boston. In almost every major city in the country thousands of schools scheduled to open for the new school year stand empty. Many are closed for lack of funds, others are shut down by striking teachers, still others by violence.

In Illinois, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, thousands of schools and scores of school districts are the battlefield where students and teachers are fighting against the overall degeneration of education. New York city is now the scene of a massive teachers strike, following a militant march of 15,000 teachers from the Brooklyn Bridge to City Hall last week in protest of their contract. Teachers in Los Angeles and Boston are preparing for similar strikes. At the same time, furious anti-busing violence intensifies the school crisis.

All these struggles testify to the mounting crisis in education which affects every school and every child, which affects the entire working class of the USNA. Segregated, overcrowded classrooms, needed teachers laid-off while others are overworked, schools closed and services and programs cut back — in short, bankruptcy inside the schools and terror outside — all are symptoms of a disease threatening to destroy our educational system. That disease is growing fascism.

Fascism is being developed by the bourgeoisie in response to the deepening crisis which affects every aspect of our lives. In the ten years since 1965, the cost of education in elementary and secondary schools has nearly tripled. Schools are caught in the vise of inflation and recession. While the cost of education soars, the working class, struggling against unemployment and the rising cost of living, is unable to bear the burden of increased taxes necessary to finance the educational system. Although the price of educating our youth has soared to \$70 billion, the Federal government is only providing \$10 billion. The balance must be raised by school districts and state governments on the basis of property taxes and matching funds. Consequently, more and more schools are unable to pay their bills, particularly in the large cities where the working class is concentrated around industry. The result is slashed budgets, teacher layoffs and school closings, causing increased classroom size, a ratio of students to teachers so high that education becomes impossible. In New York City kindergarten has been eliminated for 70,000 children, while proposals have been raised to close 43 schools and layoff 7,000 teachers. In Washington state, 3500 teachers will lose their jobs this fall.

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MEXICANOS, VIVA MEXICO

"Mexicans, Long Live Mexico", is the famous El Grito de Dolores with which Father Miguel Hidalgo launched the fight for the Independence of Mexico on September 16, 1810, 165 years ago. The struggle of the Mexican people for freedom from national oppression has been waged continually ever since.

Against Spain, war raged for 11 years, and the British then tried to enslave Mexico by debts. The USNA attacked Mexico in 1848, occupying Mexico City (as the US Marine "hymn" begins, "From the halls of Montezuma") and seizing over half of Mexico's land. In 1861, the French tried to impose an Austrian archduke as "emperor" of Mexico. Then the US imperialists began their orgy of looting the wealth of Mexico and exploiting the people. General Pershing led the US Army across the border in an attack on the Mexican Revolution in 1916. Standard Oil, Texaco, the Guggenheims and many other USNA imperialists have grown rich at Mexico's expense.

Today, the President of Mexico, Luis Echeverria, a man with long-known and documented ties to the CIA, the man directly responsible, as Minister of the Interior, for the machine-gun murders of more than 50 student demonstrators in 1968, is the

faithful servant of USNA imperialism despite his talk of "third world" independence. The struggle of the Mexican people for freedom from USNA imperialism goes on today and is a vital link in the chain of revolutionary hemispheric unity in the fight to overthrow USNA imperialism.

On this 165th anniversary of Mexican Independence Day, we dedicate ourselves anew to the struggles to destroy the oppressors of the Mexican people and of our proletariat, the chief enemy of all the peoples of the world, the USNA imperialists.

We pledge ourselves again to the struggle for Regional Autonomy for the Southwest, that territory seized from Mexico in 1848. We actively support the struggle of the Mexican national minority against deportations, for bilingual education, for the organization of farm workers, the right to vote, in short, for full equal rights. The USNA proletariat can only win freedom and socialism for itself by fighting side by side with the Mexican people and all oppressed nations against our common enemy, USNA imperialism.

**VIVA MEXICO!
VIVA HEMISPHERIC UNITY!
ABAJO CON LOS IMPERIALISTAS
DE LOS EUN!**

JOBS WITH PEACE

(The following is a letter written by workers of the Lackawanna Unemployment Council who are struggling against unemployment and all manifestations of this economic crisis.—Ed.)

On July 7, a group from the Lackawanna Unemployment Council and several sympathetic workers gathered in front of the New York Gas and Electric Company to protest the arrest of another unemployed worker for "theft of services", and to demand that the charges be dropped.

This unemployed worker, Pete, was receiving only \$31.00 a week unemployment and a small amount of welfare. When his utility bills began to pile up, he tried to make either a partial payment or get welfare to give emergency aid. Both attempts were turned down.

Then, at the end of June, Pete's utilities were cut off. The food he had in his refrigerator was left to go bad and no one cared that the special formula milk his baby needed, spoiled.

Somehow that night, a bypass wire was installed, and soon after that New York State Gas and Electric swore out a warrant against him for "theft of services."

Pete had a lawyer to defend him, but he wanted to do more. He wanted to show people how the capitalists aren't interested in the workers at all, except for how much they can squeeze out of us. So he came to the unemployment council. There they decided to picket in front of the Gas and Electric Co. to demand that the charges against Pete be dropped, that there be no disconnections of services for any unemployed worker, that there be jobs for every worker, and that there be Jobs with Peace.

Later on the police came out. Without even listening to the complaints of the demonstrators, they said that unless we moved three squad cars would be there in two minutes to take us to jail. We really saw then who the police protect!

People who read the informational leaflet that was being passed out, were very receptive and complained about getting the same kind of treatment. They saw that we were right. The only way to fight these attacks against our living standard is to organize together.

We workers didn't cause this economic crisis, yet we workers are the ones paying for it. Pete's case is not isolated. All across this country, the standard of living for both the employed and unemployed is being driven down while the capitalists rake in the profits and prepare for another war so they can make even more profits at our expense!

We say NO! All over the country, the Unemployment Councils are growing, as the workers see that it is only by organizing themselves, that they can fight and win their rights and that they can win jobs without war.

**BUILD THE UNEMPLOYED
COUNCILS
JOBS WITH PEACE!**

The Communist Labor Party supports the development of unemployed councils such as this one in Lackawanna. However we feel that these committees of the working class must react not only to the economic manifestations of the crisis which confronts the working class, but should also broaden their programs to include and expose the political manifestations of the crisis. The struggle for busing and against the Ku Klux Klan, the struggle for equal quality education are integrally connected with the struggle for jobs with peace. Only a working class which struggles against all manifestations of the capitalist system will be able to overthrow it and establish socialism.



LONG LIVE CHILE

Two years have past since President Salvador Allende was overthrown and assassinated by the vicious military junta. Terror and murder remain as prevalent today as it did that fateful day two years ago. The military junta has not only stepped up the violence against the Chilean people, but has ventured into other Latin American countries to track down and assassinate Chilean revolutionaries. The state of seize, declared by the junta as a measure of internal defense, and the curfew continue. As was reported by the International Commission of Jurists, an organization recognized by the United Nations, repression in Chile has now reached its greatest level since the coup and "for each detainee released in recent months, at least two new arrests have been made."

But as we have always reported, the workers and peasants of Chile continue valiantly to struggle against the junta. The real enemy of the junta is the masses of people, which it subjects to the most brutal oppression and exploitation and in the Resistance Movement that those masses are beginning to develop. It is because the MIR has advanced the development of the Popular Resistance as an objective for this period that the junta has attacked it with all its repressive capacity.

The attempt to disarm the MIR through a publicity campaign of demoralization has failed. Indeed, the junta itself must have doubted its efficiency from the beginning; upon the death of Miguel Enriquez, at the same time that it instigated this campaign and cried victory for having assassinated the foremost leader of the Left in Chile, it warned, "This clandestine war has not ended." A month later, the chief of police, General Ernesto Baeza recognized the existence of "pockets of resistance" throughout the country. Meanwhile, the MIR has rearmed itself and maintained its presence in the heart of the mass movement through its organizing actions and through various forms of propaganda, although the death of Enriquez was a great blow delivered to the movement of the Chilean people.

The struggle of the Chilean working masses for "Bread, Jobs and Liberty" is an historic and revolutionary struggle. The CLP has always supported the struggle of this brave people and recognized the great importance of the revolutionary movements in Latin America. Although our Party is small in numbers, we pledge ourselves to the struggle to defend and support the Chilean people in the most important way possible - the overthrow of USNA imperialism which is the backbone of this fascist junta. Our internationalist duty is best summed up in our unceasing struggle against USNA imperialism.

**LONG LIVE THE CHILEAN
PEOPLE!
DEATH TO USNA IMPERIALISM!**

Struggle in Chile by Manuel Cabieses Donoso, a member of the MIR, is his record of 11,000 hours in a concentration camp and is available from Vanguard Books for 30 cents.

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MEANY

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But aside from the economic and political consequences of this harsh discrimination, workers of all nationalities must face up to their moral responsibility to history. This country was built on the enslavement of the Negro people, on the murder and slaughter of the Indian and Mexican peoples; it is a grim history of terror, beatings, lynchings and assassinations. It is a history that all workers are responsible for. When George Meany declares that he is not responsible for these age-old practices, we should spit in his eye and remind him that it has been the craft unions in this country which have upheld the discriminatory practices. Meany must be removed as a so-called spokesman of labor. The fact that unemployment among the Negro population exceeds 30%, shows that discrimination is still the order of the day.

Mr. Meany claims that "we" shouldn't suffer because the Negro wants jobs. We agree that no worker should suffer unemployment, but the fact is that capitalism is unable to solve the present crisis, the fact is that the system is long overdue for a change. Mr. Meany tries to blame the Negro worker for the "whites" not having jobs. But who is to blame? It is the capitalists, it is Ford, Rockefeller, Morgan, U.S. Steel, General Motors, Exxon and their hacks like Meany, Abel and Woodcock. Because he is a servant of these capitalists, he blames the Negro. He blames the Negro because our class is beginning to fight together against unemployment, the Klan, for busing, peace and equality. He blames the Negro because the capitalist system has failed to provide society with its needs. Why doesn't he shout about Kissinger committing us to \$9 billion for the Sinai Agreement? Why doesn't he rant and rave about the fact that Ford beefs up the military budget, yet vetoes every bill for full employment? Why, the answer is clear, division and disorientations is what he must do in order to rake his part of the profits!

Mr. Meany, we don't buy your chauvinist slander! However, it is true that if this multi-national working class does continue to fight one another, there will be no progress for anyone. Our working class is objectively united by the sell of their labor power. Labor cannot stand and win if it is divided. Karl Marx said long ago "Labor cannot emancipate itself in the white skin where in the black it is branded." The workers will never be victorious in their struggle against capital if they stand opposed to one another. This fact the capitalists know very well, and they work in every way possible to achieve this goal.

We should take a good look at the history of this country. We should think twice about continuing in the footsteps of our ancestors. We, as a class, must demand Freedom for the Negro Nation and actively fight to do away with the system that is at the heart of this oppression - imperialism, the gravedigger of humanity. The Negro worker is not to blame! He is a doubly oppressed victim of this imperialist system, as all workers are victims. The old trade union slogan of "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" must become the labor movement's calling card. Anything else will spell defeat!

**FREE THE NEGRO NATION!
EQUALITY FOR ALL NATIONAL
MINORITIES!**

Read the
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DRAFT POLITICAL RESOLUTION

(The following is the Draft Political Resolution of the Central Committee of the Communist Labor Party. It is a statement of political policy of our Party. Every comrade in the Party must conduct thoroughgoing discussion of this resolution, which will be presented at the Second Congress of the CLP.)

The state of the USNA is a multi-national, oppressive, militaristic, bureaucratic apparatus of violence that is securely in the hands of the monopoly capitalists. These imperialists use this organ of violence against the oppressed peoples within the USNA, against the Anglo-American working class, against the toiling strata of the colonial, neo-colonial and semi-colonial areas of the world. The USNA armed forces, the strike force of imperialism, is poised to hurl the earth into another imperialist war of aggression.

Our country and our diverse peoples are worth fighting for. Despite imperialist bribery, generations of imperialist ideological indoctrination and the wholesale sell-out of mass leaders, the peoples of the USNA have continued to believe in democracy, equality and fair play. Indeed, the imperialists have relied on this sense of decency to ensnare the people in their criminal imperialist wars. The people have lacked a strong proletarian Communist Party to guide them in their struggle and therefore they have fallen prey to such propaganda as "fighting for the right of self-determination of the Korean people" or "stopping Communist aggression in Vietnam." Historically, our Revolutionary and Civil Wars have been and are banners that rally the most profound sentiments of freedom and equality. Our Party inherits, defends and fights to broaden the revolutionary and democratic history of this country. The basis of our patriotic spirit is our proletarian internationalism. United action of the international proletariat is the condition for their emancipation. We look upon the handful of monopolists who control the economic, intellectual and cultural life of this country as its most immediate and dangerous enemy.

Capitalism in this country developed by the wholesale destruction of peoples, by slavery and the most brutal brigandage. Today, its concentration is almost complete. Less than 500 interlocking boards of corporate directors control or own all the productive forces that are worth while. The peoples of the USNA cannot and will not for long co-exist with this rapacious war-making exploitative system.

THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

The world is divided between two great economic and political camps. The socialist sector and the imperialist sector of the world are mutually exclusive and absolutely antagonistic. There is no inter-penetration of capitalism within socialism, nor is there an inter-penetration of socialism into capitalism. One cannot grow into the other. The sectors are mutually antagonistic and exclusive.

The imperialist bourgeoisie of the world is consolidating as a class. Capitalist financiers freely trade on one another's stock markets and freely invest in one another's countries and former possessions. Representatives of Brazilian capitalists sit on the boards of directors of the multinational corporations that rape their country. These multinational corporations confirm Lenin's brilliant work, **Imperialism**.

The gigantic accumulation of idle financial capital — the almost indescribable revolutionization of the means of production, the shrinking consuming capabilities of the peoples in the imperialist sector of the

world, the stirring of the masses — all point to the growing inevitability of another imperialist war. Such a war cannot be fought between imperialist blocs. Although there are some contradictions between the imperialist groups, no imperialist blocs exist. USNA imperialism cannot fight France or England for a re-division of the world. They are all part of the internationalized imperialist bourgeoisie. The socialist sector is the only possible target for such an imperialist adventure.

There are contradictions and important contradictions within the imperialist camp. The fact that today there is not a polarity within the imperialist orbit does not do away with the contradictions within and between the various bourgeoisies. However, the lack of polarity does do away with the possibility of an inter-imperialist war, and makes war against the socialist sector a political inevitability.

The Socialist Camp

The socialist camp is rent with internal contradictions. These contradictions arise from the specifics of the various revolutions. In every socialist country the revolution had the character not only of a proletarian revolution, but also the character of a mighty upsurge of the masses against the ravages of war, for independence from the horrors of imperialist occupation, against the social and political restrictions of feudalism and for the completion of the bourgeois democratic revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

In each of these countries, there was a temporary identity of interests of the antagonistic bourgeoisie and proletariat. Consequently, the dictatorship of the proletariat emerged as the most varied, stubborn and persistent form of the class struggle.

The struggle within the socialist camp is increasingly taking a national form—a form that makes ever more difficult the militant expressions of solidarity of the revolutionary proletariat within the socialist sector.

The main danger within the communist movement and the socialist sector is the danger of right-wing revisionism. Revisionism is the counter-revolutionary motion within Marxism and cannot be properly struggled against if placed theoretically outside the Marxist movement—to do so removes the polarity within Marxism.

The growing danger of war against the socialist camp has the positive reaction of creating the conditions of unity within the socialist camp against the onslaught of imperialism. Although USNA imperialism has taken world-wide advantage of the struggle within the socialist sector, the war danger compels all revolutionaries to understand that USNA imperialism with its horribly destructive military force is the main danger to the people of the earth.

Our Party, upholding Marxism-Leninism everywhere and everywhere uniting with the revolutionary Marxist-Leninists, does not choose national sides in this historically inevitable struggle that is taking place within the socialist camp. Our proletarian internationalism, our contribution to the cause of peace, is described by our efforts to overthrow our own bourgeois apparatus. This is the concrete Leninist form of proletarian internationalism. The source of the war danger is world imperialism, headed by USNA imperialism. The struggle for peace is the struggle to disarm and overthrow this aggressive, war-making social power.

THE NATIONAL POLITICAL STRUGGLE

The social process within the USNA

is clearly more and more becoming an open collision of classes and class interests. The class struggle is a many sided social process, expressed in the motion of the minorities and the oppressed nations in their fight for emancipation, in the movement of the youth, the women, the aged and the other oppressed and exploited sections of our society.

The class struggle is reflected ever more sharply in the struggle of the organized union movement against the labor lieutenants, mis-leaders and goons. Although the labor movement is the totality of the struggle of the laboring class against its social and economic fetters, the union movement is the most comprehensive and unifying force. Our Party, while concentrating its main effort on factory work, and the building of plant nuclei, never fails to build and fight within the organized trade union movement.

The national liberation movements within the USNA are the firmest and most militant allies of the working class. The Party consistently organizes mutual support and understanding of these two inter-dependent aspects of the proletarian revolution, the working class struggle and the national liberation movements.

The growing revolutionary energy of the country's 30 million Negroes, the developing consciousness of the national character of the Negro people's struggle has been and is a firm organizing force and inspiration to all of the movements of the oppressed and exploited within the USNA. The support and defense of the Negro people's movement is basic to the unity of the working class and to the development of the Party.

As regards the military occupation and direct colonial rule of USNA imperialism in Puerto Rico, the slogan of the USNA working class and its leader can only be **Immediate Independence**. The slogan of the proletariat and its leader as regards the Negro question is **Free the Negro Nation**, so as to create the conditions for the erection of a national state that can determine the will of the people as to their future relationship with the Anglo-American state.

The proletariat and its leader demands and fights for a wide-ranging system of local and regional autonomy for the Mexican national minority, for the Indian peoples, the indigenous Hawaiians, the Eskimo and all peoples conquered by USNA imperialism.

The proletariat and its leader demands that the USNA state renounce all the secret arrangements and unequal treaties imposed on the Philippine Islands and all peoples and countries that have been bullied by USNA imperialism.

A combination of historical, economic and social forces including the struggle of the oppressed people within the USNA state, the declining standard of living of the working class, the growing resistance against this reduction in living standards, the massive and growing resistance of the people to imperialist war, the quantitative and qualitative growth of the proletariat, the gigantic qualitative development of the productive forces and their growing under-utilization are creating an unprecedented political crisis in the USNA.

In response to the deepening struggle between the forces of progress, (the working class, the national liberation movements, the youth and women movements) and the monopolists who control the state apparatus, the monopolists are attempting to transform the state from a reactionary bourgeois democratic form to a fascist form. Fascism, as a state form, is unbridled terror against the toiling strata. It is unbridled chauvinism, reaction and imperialist war. Fascism is the open terroristic dictatorship of

the most reactionary, chauvinistic, militaristic, imperialistic sections of finance capital. Fascism's narrow social base accounts for its violence. This social base of support is drawn from declassed and degenerate elements from all social classes. However, the thugs that uphold fascism should not be confused with the financial capitalists who are a section of the capitalist class. This capitalist group is the benefactor of and the class base of fascism. The fascists attempt to broaden this narrow class base by the creation of a labor front.

It is in the struggle against the growing fascist danger that we clearly see the necessity of concretely struggling against all forms of revisionism within the revolutionary movement. Our experience has already shown us that the revisionist tactic of calling for the masses to rely on the state apparatus to protect them from the Klan and the Nazis, is extremely dangerous. We must lead the masses in a concrete struggle against this projection in order to carry out the struggle against the political gangs.

The struggle against the fascists is the struggle to defend the political, economic, social and cultural standards of the people. This is a many sided struggle and no aspect dare be overlooked. However, cultural, social and economic and political struggles are mobilizing forms to prepare the people for the struggle in the streets. The tactic of confrontation, a constantly escalating tit for tat struggle, prepares the masses for the socialist revolution. Such a revolution should not be looked upon as a single act. Revolution is an era of the masses battering the state apparatus, weakening and disorganizing it until an insurrectionary force can overthrow it.

The first step in our revolutionary preparation of the people is their united defense of their standard of life. Therefore, the United Front against War and Fascism is the cornerstone of our policy. There are two aspects to this struggle. The first and primary one is the United Front of the working class. The primary tactic is the formation of unity from below. We rely on the shop and union caucuses, the rank and file of the working class organizations, as a base to bring clarity and finally unity of action of the class in its struggle against the fascists. While struggling for the unity of action of the working class, our Party works to build a popular front against fascist reaction. Such a front is based on the struggle of the oppressed minorities and nations, upon the social struggle of the women, the youth, the intellectuals. We seek the widest possible unity of the masses in this struggle.

The deepening social and political crisis of this country has placed gigantic tasks on the shoulders of our Party. In order to discharge its historic duties, the Party must become the Vanguard of the Proletariat. That is to say, that the Party must recruit into its ranks the practical leaders of the proletariat, while remaining the conscious expression of the objective social process. Our proletariat is very large, consequently its vanguard is, also very large. Hence, in order to carry out these tasks, we must build the Party. We must build it through the practical struggle. We must constantly improve the quality of the Party. Only in this way will the Party be able to significantly influence the working class struggle.

This period of history is filled with opportunities and with grave dangers. As the violent fascist nature of the capitalist class becomes clear, millions of proletarians will join us in the defense of our peoples, our class and our country. With a communist's faith in the people and confidence in our future, we set out to rally the masses to carry out our correct program.

STEEL WORKERS SUPPORT COAL MINERS

On the afternoon of August 29, steelworkers from the Communist Labor Party and members of the Chicago Unemployed Workers' Council staged a rally at U.S. Steel South Works in Chicago. Standing atop a soapbox across from the main gate, the speakers called for: 1) the smashing of all no-strike agreements such as the ENA; 2) an end to government interference and court injunctions in the coal fields; 3) the total defeat of fascist gangs such as the Ku Klux Klan, the Nazi Party, and the Posse Comitatus; and 4) nationalization of the energy industry. While representatives of the CLP and the Unemployed Workers' Council spoke, 60 workers signed petitions supporting the miners and many others expressed vocal support for the rally. In spite of the fact that the leadership of the steelworkers' union has done nothing to support the miners' strike, many rank and file steelworkers were hungry for news concerning the coalminers' struggle and anxious to know how they could support it.

Steelworkers and coalminers both occupy a strategic position in industry. Without coal not a pound of steel can be made. Without steel no cars, trucks or appliances can be built. At the same time, the same capitalists who own the mines of West Virginia and Kentucky exploit the labor of steelworkers in Illinois and Pennsylvania. These parasites, together with their political representatives in labor and government have conspired behind closed doors, far away from the mines and mills, to deprive us of one of our most basic rights — the right to strike. And now when our grievance procedure is little more than a **graveyard of complaints**, when miners and steelworkers are forced to work in conditions that either kill us all at once or slowly choke us to death on coke dust and chemical pollutants; when unemployment among industrial workers is 11.7%, when our real wages have dropped the same percentage in the last three years, the capitalists are allowed to violate contracts at will. When we strike, they have their old friends—the Abels, Meanys and Millers—work along with the judges to force us back to work. This is why the miners' strike is a blow for steelworkers and for the whole working class.

As the government and our labor misleaders continue to divide us, to confuse or beat us into submission, their fascist thugs, the Nazis, the KKK and the Posse Comitatus are more than happy to help out. While the capitalist class is attacking the coalminers, they are encouraging these thugs to organize in the streets, smash windows and beat up Negroes, as in Chicago's Marquette Park. In Harlan Co.,

Kentucky, the KKK has threatened the life of Bessie Lou Cornett, a leader of the Brookside Coalminers' strike in 1974 and a consistent fighter for civil rights, decent housing and equal quality education. In short, what we are witnessing is the stripping away of our rights one by one. The attacks on the striking miners are part of an all-encompassing drive toward fascism as the bourgeoisie prepares for war. The defense of the miners and Bessie Lou Cornett is the defense of the steelworkers and the whole working class.

Our Party and progressives everywhere have consistently supported the coalminers in their struggle against the coal operators and the KKK. But we must go further and demand that the government intervene in the interests of the coalminers and other workers. The government must nationalize the energy industry so that profits are curtailed and benefits to the working class are increased.

We must demand that the govern-

ment stop its intervention on behalf of the oil and coal companies, and force the government to intervene on our behalf and take over the coal and oil fields with minimum compensation, regulate the prices and run the energy industry in the interests of society.

The coalminers cannot win this battle alone. Only by uniting all the various struggles of our class can we forge a bond between all workers and win these class battles. A consistent fight to nationalize the energy industry can rally the masses of workers to the cause of freedom from exploitation and oppression.

**SMASH THE ENA!
SUPPORT BESSIE LOU AND THE
STRIKING COALMINERS
NATIONALIZE THE ENERGY
INDUSTRY!**

TELEGRAM TO E.S.U.N.A.

(The following is a telegram of support sent to the Annual Convention of the Ethiopian Student Union of North America, by the Central Committee of the Communist Labor Party.)

TO: COMRADES OF E.S.U.N.A.
FROM: THE COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY

Dear Comrades,

The second Plenary Session of the Central Committee of the C.L.P. sends its warmest fraternal greetings to the E.S.U.N.A. Convention. We express our determined support for the embattled Ethiopian people and for their student movement that has done so much for the revolutionary movement of North America and Ethiopia.

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rights by the vicious terrorism of fascist thugs. All such terror must be halted. But terror and vigilantism, the overall assault on every civil right, first of the Negro and then of all other workers, can only be stopped by a solidly, united working class.

We class conscious workers bear the responsibility of uniting the struggles of all sections of our class; of imbuing the masses with the spirit of socialism, of directing the struggle against our common enemy, the USNA imperialists, and of demanding freedom for the Negro Nation, and equality for national minorities.

**FREE THE NEGRO NATION
WORKERS AND OPPRESSED
PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, UNITE!**

EDUCATION

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In response to teacher layoffs and a proposed contract that would only cover 5 months of the current school year, Chicago teachers voted 10 to 1 to strike. Behind the economic issues of cost-of-living raises and improved fringe benefits lay the demand for the reduction of class size and reinstatement of laid-off teachers. In a recent Detroit strike teachers also hit the streets for better working conditions, better wages and reduced class size.

Not only the teachers, but the youth themselves are desperately fighting back. Take for example Newark, New Jersey, where predominantly Negro national minority students boycotted classes for two weeks in protest against a cutback of 900 teachers and 600 school employees. Teachers, students, parents — the entire working class of the USNA is under attack.

While the schools go bankrupt on the inside, they are surrounded by real and threatened terror outside. Busing, the only way to achieve equal and quality education for all children, is the political bombshell — the spearhead of the fascist attack on the working class. While teachers are striking in order to be able to deliver quality education, the children, parents, workers and progressives everywhere are waging the battle for busing, for equal quality education for all children.

The scene is similar in almost every metropolitan school district — all the current struggles are part of the same battle for equal quality education. In Detroit, 70% of the public school students are Negro national minority. In Chicago, most schools are still segregated, the Negro schools being the poorest and most overcrowded. In Louisville and Boston, in the face of violence in the streets, busing is being enforced by the National Guards. City schools and those in poor rural areas are understaffed, overcrowded, largely segregated and under fierce attack; suburban schools are underpopulated, better financed and almost exclusively Anglo-American. Clearly, the demands of the teachers are objectively tied to the fight for busing!

In order to stop the further disintegration of the schools and secure a decent education for all our children, the working class must rise up and demand the nationalization of education. The Federal government must be forced to take over and run the schools and must insure well-equipped schools, adequate teachers, smaller classes; must provide bilingual education and enforce busing to insure equal quality education for all children.

As the current economic crisis deepens, under the pressure of unceasing unemployment and rising inflation the imperialists are intensifying their preparations for a fascist dictatorship. The KKK, ROAR, and the Nazi Party are agitating against busing and attacking the buses, workers, and children, leading the attack against the Negro people as the opening move in the attack on our class. At the same time, the Federal government cuts back on educational programs such as bilingual education in order to stuff more money into the bulging pockets of the Defense Department. With a swollen military budget of \$105 billion, the Federal government will only spend \$10 billion on education...\$10 billion for our youth, and ten times that for nuclear submarines, MIRVed missiles, arms at home and arms abroad in preparation for a war against our fellow workers in the lands of socialism.

Just as we must battle the Klan, the Nazis, and every other fascist thug attacking us and our children, we must support the just demands of the striking teachers, fight for busing and de-

CHICAGO

KLAN/NAZI ASSAULTS

In the past several weeks, we have reported on the latest Klan/Nazi assaults on the working class in Chicago.

The KKK has not only burned crosses but they have openly recruited in Cook County Jail, where they not only distributed literature, but also assisted in the escape of several Anglo-American prisoners.

In the wake of the brutal assault on Steven Garret, a Negro reporter, the Nazis demonstrated at Marquette Park in Chicago. Following the demonstration, they attacked Negro passers-by, shouting obscenities and throwing rocks and bottles at cars.

Since then, Delmar Morton and his family, southside residents, were set upon and beaten by a gang of Anglo-American youth.

Further evidence of the rapidly deteriorating situation in Chicago, is the conviction of Negro worker Clyde Callahan.

Clyde Callahan was the victim of a fascist assault by a gang of Anglo-American youth in Calument Park in 1973. During the incident he called on police in the park for help. He was not only refused help, but he was told to get out of the park or else! Severely beaten, he accidentally ran over an Anglo-American youth in his rush to escape from the park.

When Clyde Callahan was later convicted of manslaughter, the real message of the court was loud and clear — the Klan and Nazis not only intend to make cross burning and beatings a daily occurrence, but the courts will prosecute, convict and jail anyone who tries to fight back.

Clearly, the recent upsurge of Klan/Nazi violence is anti-Negro. For the Mexican and Puerto Rican national minorities, the message is clear — the attacks on the Negro people have always meant worsening conditions for all the national minorities; eventually our entire class is attacked in the same brutal manner.

If the plans of the imperialists spell slavery for the Negro people, it is so that they can grind down the Anglo-American working class as a whole. Our task is to rally workers in every neighborhood in Chicago to the defense of the Negro people. We appeal to the entire Anglo-American working class to make the slogan "An injury to one is an injury to all" a living reality.

We must demand of our local, state, and federal governments the following concrete action:

1) An end to "slow" police response to complaints against criminal actions by the KKK and Nazis.

2) We demand legislative action by the government to ban these groups and that they be stopped from conducting rallies and meetings; that cross burnings be outlawed and that all violence against the working class be prosecuted.

We must show now, that we stand united in our struggle for a better life, for jobs with peace, for equality and freedom.

mand the nationalization of education. There is no other way to stop the mounting fascist attacks on education and our youth. We cannot allow "White Power" t-shirts, rock-throwing and cross-burning to take the place of equal quality education for all children.

**SMASH THE KLAN!
FIGHT FOR BUSING!
NATIONALIZE EDUCATION!**