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ONWARD TO SECOND CONGRESS

Fourteen months ago the Communist Labor Party held its founding Congress. Attended by various Marxist-Leninist groupings throughout the country, our party began to hack out its general political line. Now, November, 1975, we have a strong political line and we have a Bolshevik party organization. This period of months has been a process of consolidation of both our line and our organization. We can say that the first stage of our development as a party has been completed. This is exemplified by the independent role that we have played both within the international arena and here in the USNA. In the international arena we joined with the growing number of Communist Parties who are refusing to take sides in the struggle within the socialist camp. Upholding Marxism-Leninism, we have not sided with one or another, but have sided with the international proletariat in the struggle for peace and socialism. As the international situation develops and intensifies, the CLP will continue its relentless struggle against all traitors of Marxism-Leninism, throughout the socialist camp. These traitors, parading under the label communist, are sabotaging and undermining the revolutionary movements throughout the world. The main danger in the communist movement is right-wing revisionism and a consistent struggle against it is inseparable from the struggle for socialism.

Within this country we have also made great breakthroughs. One of our first steps during this period was to break our relations with the "left", or as they would like to be called the "young communist movement". We turned away from these armchair revolutionaries and began the process of digging into the proletariat. The process of Bolshevizing the party is the process of bringing into our ranks the practical leaders of the class, the vanguard of the proletariat. Although this has been a slow and difficult task, we have laid the foundations to build the factory nuclei into the base of the party.

But our developing party still has a long way to go. Although we have begun to implement Peters' **Manual on Organization**, we are still a long way from making every factory our fortress. Now that we have completed the first stage of our development, it is time to plunge into the second. This second step is to recruit the vanguard elements of our class into our ranks. But in order to do this, we must broaden our influence. The party will never grow unless we begin to draw into political struggle the masses of workers in this country. It is no longer possible to fight alone with a few good contacts. Everywhere we look the fascists are broadening their base, and if we are to succeed in not only building our party, but building and leading an anti-fascist struggle, we must involve many more people in this life or death battle. The factory nuclei are the key to this development. Even though we have had some success in this most important aspect of our work, we are far from the needed results.

As regards the general anti-fascist movement, we have made significant strides forward. Wherever the Klan or the Nazis have rallied, marched or demonstrated, our party has been there

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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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WORKERS MARCH AGAINST NAZIS



When the Nazi Party headquarters in El Monte, California, announced last month that the next target for their fascist drive was Pasadena, California, many people laughed and the Mayor of El Monte declared, "They themselves really don't cause any problems."

Tell that to Rev. Harrison Bailey, the 60 year old Negro minister from Pasadena who was kidnapped and drugged unconscious by Nazis on the night of September 16th and awoke to find himself hanging by an electric cord and a belt from a tree in Manzanita Park in Pasadena with the words "Down with School Busing" and three swastikas painted on his T-shirt.

Pasadena has a successful school busing program and has been the scene of anti-Negro, anti-busing organizing which culminated in the election of three anti-busing school board members last spring. Pasadena, like Boston and Louisville, where Klan and Nazis raised their heads in the busing struggle, shows very clearly how the capitalists use the ideology of white chauvinism to support their drive towards fascism.

Despite a month long cover-up by the bourgeois press, the Pasadena police and the traitorous silence of several members of the local NAACP who knew about this attempted lynching but said nothing about it, the news finally leaked out. Shocked and angered that the Nazis had brought the lynch rope into Pasadena, nearly 100 workers and young people of all nationalities from three counties jammed a mass meeting at Friendship Baptist Church demanding justice. Frightened by the large turnout, certain compromised so-called leaders attempted to declare the meeting to be a "closed meeting" and turned the floor over to two Pasadena city police. The police tried to assure everybody that they were "looking into the matter" but "could not discuss details at this time." The police at first even tried to claim that the Rev. Bailey hanged himself, but were forced to drop that lie.

Led by members of the LA County Unemployed Council, the Communist Labor Party, the Pasadena Community Information Center and others, speaker after speaker took the floor denouncing the Nazi Party, exposing the role nationally of the police who

have blocked for and protected the Nazis, the KKK and other fascist gangs and calling for the working class to take independent action against the Nazi Party. Two nights later another mass community meeting formed the Concerned Citizens for Equal Rights and Justice and called for a demonstration in the same park in which the Nazis attempted to lynch Rev. Bailey. The demonstration was to demand: a full scale investigation of the Nazi Party directed by the community, that the Pasadena Board of Directors and the federal government declare the Nazi Party to be illegal, that any attack on school busing be made a capital crime, that the deportation of undocumented workers stop at once and that Nazi Party members be arrested and charged with attacks on the Pasadena Negro community.

These demands were made in response to a whole series of fascist acts of intimidation by the Nazi Party in Pasadena. Thousands of Nazi leaflets have been distributed in the Negro community reading, "Nigger, you and your Jew friends won the battle—You lost the war" referring to the struggles of the decent people of Pasadena for busing. Then a dozen Negro community leaders, ministers and even the Pasadena City Director, received poison pen letters from the Nazis, with photographs of Rev. Bailey hanging in the park and the word, "Next time it will be by the neck, Nigger."

In a feeble attempt to stop the community demonstration, the Nazi Party threw up a fascist picket line in front of an adult bookstore the day before the march. Under the flimsy disguise of "combatting pornography" these stormtroopers marched in full uniform distributing leaflets against "race mixing" and calling for the extermination of Negroes and Jews. They were met by several dozen angry people who demanded that they get out of town. The police gave the Nazis every protection, beat several demonstrators and arrested several young workers on charges like "using foul language". One Negro man who spit on a Nazi was charged with assault and battery!

In a further effort to prevent a march against the Nazis, the police went on the radio urging people to stay away because they predicted violence. The press could find nothing

better to do than call Rev. Bailey a "kook" and blame "outside agitators" for stirring up trouble against the Nazis. Both the press and radio coverage took great pains to portray what was happening as a "racial conflict" pure and simple, and to cover up the fascist nature of this attack on the whole working class. Every attempt was made to make it sound as if the Nazis represented the Anglo-American section of the Pasadena community and Anglo-American workers in general.

Despite all these maneuvers, over 400 workers and students of all nationalities marched through Pasadena to the park where Rev. Bailey was hung. The Nazis' threat to attack the march fizzled out as hundreds filled the park, while Nazi Party members drove by in cars taking photographs and tape recordings.

In a show of real proletarian internationalism, speakers of all nationalities addressed the demonstration, calling for destruction of the Nazi Party, the Ku Klux Klan, the Posse Comitatus and all fascist gangs. The speaker from the Communist Labor Party called for the formation of a national Equal Rights Congress to defend the national minorities and thus the whole working class, from the fascist drive in our country. People of conscience stepped forward, including Rev. Bailey himself, Charles Johnson, Regional President of the NAACP, communists, trade unionists, unemployed workers, and others.

This demonstration represented an important step in the battle against the Nazis in Pasadena. But it is only a beginning. Because of the mounting pressure on the local government and the growing unity of workers of different nationalities, the Pasadena Chief of Police wrote a public letter to the Nazis, telling them that they're "not welcome" in Pasadena. The Nazis immediately responded by restating their intentions to bring terror to Pasadena and pointed out how "the time was ripe" and the fact that their supporters were members of the Pasadena police.

The Communist Labor Party raises the urgent call for all workers to come to the defense of the Negro people. All over California and the rest of the country the Nazis, the Klan and the Posse are on the rise, organizing the most degenerate scum and increasing their terror on the Negro and Mexican and Puerto Rican worker. This terror must be met by the working class. Too many examples prove that we cannot rely on the courts, the police, the liberal politicians and labor misleaders.

Every form of organizing must begin immediately to protest the lynching of Reverend Bailey and these brutal attacks on the working class. We must act now to prevent the fascists from advancing further. We must unite all workers and progressive people in organizing rallies, forums, and marches, in exposing these butchers and their capitalist masters to all. We must demand that the Nazis and all fascist gangs be outlawed and punished for their crimes. In our workplaces and neighborhoods the proletariat must be organized to protect whoever comes under attack. This is a life and death struggle for our class. Only by smashing these fascists can we achieve lasting peace, equality, and progress.

US OUT OF SPAIN

(This article was submitted to the **People's Tribune** by the Iberian Peninsula Information Group at our request. We want to thank the comrades for the article.)

On September 27, five revolutionaries were executed in Spain by the Franco government. Two of the men were members of the Basque revolutionary organization ETA (Euzkadi Ta Askatasuna: Fatherland and Liberty) and three belonged to FRAP (a Marxist-"Maoist" group). All were sentenced by summary courts martial, as ordained by the new so-called anti-terrorist law. The regime born out of terror, appeals to the ultimate form of terror in its last effort to survive: the assassinations signify the peak of a consistent repression against the mounting opposition to fascism in Spain. The increasing number of strikes all over the country, the overwhelming leftist victory in the National Union elections of June, the increased mobilization of the Basque people, the ever growing force of the student movement, the growth of the clandestine political parties, the divisions within the Church (and perhaps the military), and the reluctance of the liberal bourgeoisie to continue its alliance with a dying regime, all these factors have brought the regime after 40 years to an impossible decision: either to open up a democratization process, which would signify its own destruction and a first step towards a socialist Spain (the Portuguese struggle is on everybody's mind), or to harden the traditional fascist repression. The decision for the latter was in fact dialectically inevitable, especially in view of the support from the USNA. Thus the long struggle reaches its last stages.

The long story is well known. After the defeat of the Spanish people by the Nazi-Fascist alliance, and the tolerance of Franco's "neutrality" during World War II by the western "democracies", US imperialism produced the Spanish version of the Marshall Plan and NATO. The European bourgeoisie was bound to accept the Marshall Plan and NATO. In spite of refusing to allow any Spanish participation in both "European" projects, it welcomed the Truman doctrine and it could not oppose the new relations of friendship between the only remaining fascist country in Europe and the "champions of democracy". Fascism is unacceptable to the imperialists only when the contradiction is untenable.

In December, 1950, the US re-established diplomatic relations with Spain. In July, 1951, the US military began to deal directly with Franco and Spain obtained a 100 million dollar loan which, after the visit by the US Secretary of Defense, was used to begin construction of military bases. The legal statute of the bases has suffered some variations through the years; but its strategic importance remains.

Torreon, near Madrid, is the center for the seven other control installations, which practically cover the country, and perhaps the most important US base in Europe. Stationed there are KC-135 planes, Phantoms F-4 and C-130; between 1957 and 1965 it was a central base for B-47s. Morón and San Pablo, near Seville, have C-130 Hercules planes and other transport planes and is the control center for the oil pipe which links all US bases in Spain; Zaragoza, the second largest air base had lost importance in the mid sixties but it is again crucial since 1969 when the US lost the bases in Lybia; Rota is the largest US naval base in Europe and the favorite home of the VI Fleet, (with UR-24 planes, VQ-2s and VPs) especially used for the Polaris submarines.

Just as the military bases function as an independent "NATO", the in-

jection of capital they brought with them served as a starting point for the Spanish economic development of the late fifties and sixties; that is to say, for an enormous accumulation of capital that transformed Spain into the tenth industrial nation of the world. The traditional Spanish peasant became the exploited industrial worker inside Spain and a migrant laborer in Western Europe. Fascist Spain and "anti-fascist" Europe joined hands in the enterprise. The European bourgeoisie accumulated capital from the toil of imported cheap labor; the Spanish bourgeoisie from its internal cheap labor and from the import of money sent back home by the three million Spaniards working in Europe. As the process developed the influx of foreign capital increased; all leading industries are foreign-controlled: West Germany, for instance, is the biggest investor after the US. Fascism is no impediment for their joined exploitation of the Spanish people. Steel mills, the largest Ford factory in Europe (being built in Valencia), shipyards, chemical industry, food production, total cultural penetration, a central CIA office...Spain is inseparable from international capital.

But the contradictions also developed. The working class has organized clandestinely, the intellectuals and professionals are demanding greater freedom, old political parties have reorganized and new ones have appeared and the liberal sectors of the bourgeoisie feel the constraint of the fascist superstructure. Spain, where strikes are illegal and severely repressed, is one of the top five countries in the world in terms of work hours lost as a result of strikes. The working class struggles have increasingly taken an anti-capitalist character; in 1968, for example, about 60% of the strikes were mainly of a political nature. And in the Basque country, the zone of highest productivity in all Spain, nationalistic opposition to the centralized authority is inseparable from the militancy of the working class and the generalized struggle for socialism.

In order to diffuse the popular struggle and to satisfy the demands of a bourgeoisie which wants to play a more important role in the economics and politics of the social-democratic world, the regime has off and on pretended that it was capable of some "liberalization". But the events of this year, culminating in the murder of the five revolutionaries, demonstrate clearly once again the nature of fascism.

We must not be deceived by the early protests that came from the social-democrats of Europe the day of the murders. They see the end of fascism in Spain and they and the Spanish bourgeoisie would like to make sure that a revolutionary situation does not evolve. They are too worried about the present development of the class struggle in Portugal and they would like to control the situation from the beginning. The apparent contradiction between a Europe that condemns Franco and a USA that makes new agreements on the military bases disappears if we understand that, as they come together to help the Socialist and right wing parties in Portugal, they will come together to both sustain Franco and manipulate an anti-revolutionary transition out of fascism.

There is now a new unity of the left in Spain and its major problem is to be able to define a revolutionary proletarian policy; the specific forms that the struggle for socialism will take. The North American people have an important role to play in general support of the struggle of the Spanish people, specifically in relation to the USNA presence in Spain. US planes, guns, tanks, troops and the CIA are NOW on Spanish soil and their immediate role will be to impede radical transformations of the society.

WHAT MAKES HISTORY CHANGE?

We are out to make history. Our class' historic task is to end all exploitation and oppression. We in the CLP have dedicated ourselves to the cause of socialist revolution in the USNA. Therefore the question, what makes history change? is vitally important, as we do not only want to understand history but to change it.

Engels said in his speech at the graveside of Karl Marx, "Just as Darwin discovered the law of evolution in organic nature, so Marx discovered the law of evolution in human history; he discovered the simple fact, hitherto concealed by an overgrowth of ideology, that mankind must first of all eat and drink, have shelter and clothing, before it can pursue politics, science, religion, etc. and that therefore the production of the immediate means of subsistence and consequently the degree of economic development attained by a given people or during a given epoch, form the foundation upon which the state institutions, the legal conceptions; the art and even the religious ideas of the people concerned have evolved, and in the light of which these things must therefore be explained, instead of vice versa, as had hitherto been the case." It is the level of development first of all of the productive forces, the tools, factories, skills and know-how of the people, that determines the kind of social relations that are possible. These social relationships, fundamentally those of class against class, are the basis of the rest of society—the state, religion, art and legal system. Engels said in his Preface to the German Edition of the Communist Manifesto of 1883, "Eco-

nomie production and the structure of society of every historical epoch necessarily arising therefrom constitute the foundation for the political and intellectual history of that epoch; that consequently (ever since the dissolution of the primeval communal ownership of land) all history has been a history of class struggles, of struggles between exploited and exploiting, between dominated and dominating classes at various stages of social development; that this struggle has now reached a stage where the exploited and oppressed class (the proletariat) can no longer emancipate itself from the class which exploits and oppresses it (the bourgeoisie), without at the same time forever freeing the whole of society from exploitation, oppression and class struggle."

This understanding of history is a call to action. It provides the scientific basis of the role of the proletariat in modern history. For it shows clearly that while on the one hand, the development of society is an objective process, one that depends on the concrete development of the productive forces, on the other hand, we make our own history. The development of society depends on us. The productive forces in the USNA have provided the objective basis for socialism for many years—everything our class needs to build socialism is ready at hand. It is the class rule of the bourgeoisie, enforced by its state and upheld by its ideology, that stands in our way. The working class and its Party must mount a revolution that will sweep away these obstacles. This is

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KOREA IS ONE NATION

The Communist Labor Party extends its warmest fraternal greetings to the Workers' Party of Korea on the occasion of its 30th anniversary. Since 1945, the Workers' Party of Korea has led the Korean people in winning important victories which have contributed both to the Korean people and to the international working class.

It was the Korean people under the leadership of the Workers' Party who heroically resisted the attempt by USNA imperialism, under the mask of the United Nations, to install a fascist regime over all of Korea as a base for aggression against socialist China and the Soviet Union. During the Korean War, Korea and its people were subjected to unmerciless saturation bombing; the use of chemical and biological warfare, and the constant threat from Washington of the use of nuclear weapons. The murderous aggression of USNA imperialism bombed every city, town and village into the ground, and every bit of vegetation, particularly forests and food growing areas were completely destroyed. But the Korean people could not be beaten and in the end, USNA imperialist aggression was stopped.

Afterward the people of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea set about rebuilding their war torn country. In 20 years they have turned their ravaged land into an industrialized socialist country, where destruction, want and starvation are unknown.

Today, the Workers' Party of Korea is leading the whole Korean people in the struggle to reunify their country. In the words of Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Workers' Party in his speech at the 30th Anniversary Celebration: "Reunifying our divided country is the greatest national duty and the most important revolutionary task for our Party and people." And he continued: "The master of Korea is the Korean people. The Korean people cannot tolerate the foreign imperialists partitioning their territory and trampling upon their national sovereignty."

In carrying out the struggle for re-

unification, the Workers' Party has prepared the people of the DPRK for the possibility of new attacks by USNA imperialism and its puppet fascist regime in the south. Since the USNA's defeat in Vietnam, Washington has been doing a lot of sabre-rattling about Korea, saying that Korea will not be allowed to fall like Indochina, and these have not been idle threats for the USNA has moved ground-to-ground missiles armed with nuclear war-heads to positions along the so-called Demilitarized Zone separating the north from the south.

The quest for reunification has involved the broadest appeals from the DPRK to the people of the south, and has included discussions with the regime in the south. As Kim Il Sung noted in his speech: "In their struggle for reunifying the divided country, the communists in the north and the south Korean nationalists can quite possibly unite and cooperate. The struggle for reunification is a struggle not between communists and the nationalists but between patriots and traitors and between the forces of national independence and the imperialist forces of aggression." The best indication of the broad and popular sentiment in the south for reunification is the recent increased use of terror by the fascist regime against a growing movement for peace and reunification. In the last several months the Park Chung Hee regime has jailed or threatened to jail opposition politicians, intellectuals, journalists and clergy; newspapers have been suppressed, and the already extensive network of secret police further increased to try and smash any signs of popular resentment against the regime and for peace and reunification.

The Korean people have made great sacrifices in driving off imperialist aggression, and they are now prepared for more sacrifices, if necessary, to unite their homeland. The CLP pledges its solidarity to the Korean people and will fight against any move by USNA imperialism to stage new acts of aggression against the whole people of Korea.

FASCISTS ON THE MOVE

Chicago

Chicago, a city with a long and reactionary history of segregation, lynchings and anti-Negro riots has recently witnessed a new drive by the Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan to build a nesting ground for fascism. The Nazis, in particular, have openly organized a "white power" campaign in the Marquette Park area and have led terror raids on the neighboring Negro national minority community of West Englewood. Following weeks of beatings of Negro school children, brazen attacks on Negro pedestrians, motorists and bus drivers, and homes in the "changing" neighborhood, an organized resistance movement is rapidly taking shape.

A coalition led by the Concerned Black Fathers, Chicago Unemployed Workers Council, and its Committee to Stop the Klan and the Communist Labor Party has mounted a city-wide campaign to stop the Nazis. The campaign began with the immediate defense of the homes being attacked by the Nazis and has begun to rally support in the so-called heart of the Nazi stomping ground, where several Catholic churches have helped distribute coalition literature and have urged their congregations to resist the calls of the Nazi murderers. Pressured by growing anti-fascist outrage, the city fathers moved to ban the latest Nazi rally by demanding a \$500,000 bond for the use of the park in which the rally was to be held.

On November 4, a coalition sponsored rally drew well over one hundred people who came to lay plans to strengthen support for the anti-fascist campaign. The rally was attended by Mexican, Puerto Rican and Negro national minority and Anglo-American workers who demonstrated their militant fighting spirit. Not content to celebrate a victory and go home, the rally unanimously accepted plans for the further defense of the community and drew up a petition that reads as follows:

We the undersigned are thoroughly outraged at the lack of response by the police, the courts, Mayor, City Council and Governor against the actions of the Nazis and KKK. These scum have repeatedly held marches and attacked innocent people, particularly the Negro people.

The Nazis and KKK are undemocratic, provoke hatred and therefore have no place existing in our society. They commit criminal acts and should be prosecuted for them.

We call on all freedom loving people to support the following:

1. That all charges against Frank Haley be dropped. He was arrested the 12th of October for defending his family and home against Nazi attacks.
2. That all charges against Clyde Callahan, convicted of involuntary manslaughter be dropped. While fleeing Calumet Park under the vicious attacks of Nazi and Klan influenced whites, Mr. Callahan accidentally ran over someone.
3. That the City Council take action to remove the words "Stop the Niggers" from Rockwell Hall. This has long been an eyesore and insult to the people of Chicago.
4. That the City Council, Mayor, Governor and state legislature initiate a law making it illegal for the Nazi Party and the Klan to operate in the city and state.

The CLP urges all workers and progressives to join this coalition of anti-fascist fighters and start defending our rights against this capitalist backed Nazi rampage!

SMASH THE NAZIS!

Philadelphia

On Saturday, October 4, David Edmonds became the seventh person murdered by the Philadelphia police in the past three months, the 24th this year. The number of deaths at the hands of these cops now stands at 105 since 1970. Compare this with 63 police killings in the entire decade of the 60's and 32 in the 1950's. Recent victims include 17 year-old Vaughn A-vent, a Negro national minority youth shot in the back in North Philadelphia; Anthony Majewski, Jr., a 27 year-old Anglo-American worker shot in a diner while making a phone call; and Steven Kaminsky, a 20 year-old epileptic who was murdered after being mistakenly arrested on a drunk charge.

In each of these cases, eye-witnesses refute the official police story and charge the cops with outright murder. However, in every case, the Police Homicide Division and the DA's office ruled "justifiable homicide". There have been no trials, no chance to hear the evidence in an open court, no chance for justice! The Philadelphia police have been given the right to kill at will.

The Philadelphia police have been known for a long time as one of the most brutal police departments in the country. Every day there are new reports of police terror against the people of Philadelphia. One day it is an illegal break-in into a worker's home, the next day, a Nigerian student "mistakenly" beaten by the cops is deported, and so on. The press has blamed these attacks on the increase in crime and the gang problem. But the real source lies in Philadelphia's 11.4% unemployment (over 50% among the Negro national minority), in the loss of over 65,000 production jobs in the past 4 years, and in one of the highest inflation rates in the country.

The increase in police terror is no accident. It is part of the Capitalist ruling class' response to the present crisis of overproduction. Unable to provide jobs with peace, they are driving towards fascism and war. All over the country, the police are clearly lining up on the side of the most reactionary forces and playing an increasingly open role in the drive towards fascism. In addition to their own attacks, the police have been encouraging "illegal" attacks upon workers, especially national minorities. Recently, in South Philadelphia, the cops stood idly by while a gang of 15 Anglo-Americans attacked a Negro worker, George White, Jr. Police terror goes hand in hand with Klan and Nazi terror.

This increase in open "legal" terror has been directed by Philadelphia's "Top Cop", Mayor Frank Rizzo. Rizzo's achievements have not gone unnoticed, and in his present reelection campaign he has been rewarded by the bourgeoisie. In the words of the President of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, "Frank Rizzo has a wider base of support among the city's business community than any other mayor in recent history." (Philadelphia Inquirer, 9-30-75)

The police attacks have not gone unanswered. Protests in response to the recent terror campaign have taken place in various parts of the city. It is now time to move forward—to unite the brave but isolated struggles under the banner of the unity of our class. It must be made clear that while police terror always strikes the national minority workers first and the hardest, it does not stop there. The drive towards fascism immediately threatens the Anglo-American workers as well! Rizzo and his gang are working overtime to split the working class with terror against one section and chauvinist lies to another. The aim is to enslave us all! The fascist campaign

Buffalo

The school boards in both Buffalo and its multinational suburb, Lackawanna, have been ordered by the Commissioner of Education to implement plans for busing to integrate their respective schools. Both have stubbornly resisted, refusing to carry out the orders since 1966. In Buffalo, the Mayor appointed a public anti-integrationist to the school board, whose influence resulted in the 1972 4-3 vote against busing. In Lackawanna the School Board has vowed to fight the order "all the way to the Supreme Court."

Spanish speaking parents in Buffalo fought tooth and nail for bilingual/bicultural education in their schools. They had to write their own applications for federal funds under Title VII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Throughout this struggle, the Buffalo School Board did everything it could to divide Puerto Rican and Mexican national minority parents from Negro parents in the Parent Advisory Council for programs for educationally disadvantaged children.

Spanish speaking parents organized in La Junta de Padres in Lackawanna are now demanding that the School Board, which canceled bilingual programs under Title I, maintain and expand these programs because most of the over 200 children in the public school system are far below their grade level in reading comprehension. Of the 35 students in Lincoln Junior High School participating in the Title I bilingual math and reading courses last year, at least 20 were reading at less than a 5th grade level.

Time and again the Junta de Padres has called meetings with school board administrators and staff, demanding their right to have education in a language their sons and daughters can understand. They have been put down time and time again.

Reactionary catholic school administrators have publically stated that there is no need for bilingual education in Lackawanna. Sixty Spanish speaking and 40 Arab parents showed up at the August School Board meeting. The response was a lot of mealy-mouthed phrases like "we will study your problem" and call for four police cars to "keep order."

The history behind these struggles is one of organized resistance to equal and quality education on the part of the school boards and the open encouragement of violent fascist, white chauvinist groups, particularly in Buffalo's east side. The White Power Bookstore (since destroyed by angry workers), the White People's Vigilantes and the National Guard Party are all examples of these kinds of organizations. These attacks have taken the form of attacks and harassment of

must be answered by the combined efforts of all honest people. We propose that an Equal Rights Congress be built to immediately respond to the terror now centered on the Negro national minority workers. We can and must build such an organization with the already existing organizations such as the Philadelphia Equal Rights Committee (PERC), pro-busing groups, community groups—a fighting organization that can unite the workers in every factory, every union, every church and community group.

The Communist Labor Party calls on the people of Philadelphia to unite and organize to stop the murdering of our fellow workers. We call for:

1. Immediate suspension without pay of any police officer who attacks a civilian.
2. Immediate arrest of the officer.
3. Public trial in front of a jury within two months of the attack.

Negro national minority families moving into formerly all Anglo-American neighborhoods on the east side, and warnings to "federal integrationists, the NAACP, 'masochistic liberals' and communists—posted on the bulletin board of Buffalo's 16th Precinct Police Station. Recently members of BUILD (a progressive national minority organization) were arrested and convicted of trespassing for observing police activities in the 12th Precinct Station after several incidents of police brutality in the community.

The results of these actions is that there is less and less leadership in support of busing or bilingual education by "liberal" groups. More and more of the leadership is coming from honest militant organizations like parent groups, the Puerto Rican Chicano Committee and the Communist Labor Party.

The crying need in the struggle is for the unity of the working class. Negro organizations and Puerto Rican organizations must join hands and battle against the school boards, government and fascist gangs. Anglo Americans must support the militant drives of the national minorities for equality. This is the only way we can unite our class. The advanced workers are battering the school boards, the courts, the federal and local governments—in short the State. The same reactionary State that is daily curtailing our rights, that sends police on us when we strike or struggle in any way.

The struggle for busing, bilingual and quality education are part and parcel of the working class struggle for Jobs and Peace.

Fascism and War is the bourgeoisie's only answer. Well, Mr. Moneybags, we won't have that! We demand Jobs with Peace, Busing and Quality Education!

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to meet them, and in many cases turn them back. But there again, we have not drawn into motion large numbers of workers and progressives into this struggle. The anti-Negro character of the fascist offensive has demonstrated our correct analysis of the Negro question in this country. And any struggle against fascism must be tied up with the liberation and freedom of the Negro Nation, where the lynchings, random shootings and terrorizing of the Negro people are fast becoming daily occurrences.

In order to broaden the anti-fascist movement, we are proposing the formation of an Equal Rights Congress. This organization if organized properly, can be a key link in the chain to unite the national minority workers and thus unite that section of our class which can be united. This Equal Rights Congress coupled with our struggle against unemployment and for jobs with peace must become clarion calls from our party.

Our Second Party Congress will enable our party to sum-up its first year of experience, consolidate our organization and develop our political line. It is a Congress of unity, a Congress which represents a party with one line and one goal. Our comrades can be proud of our small party, but as Stalin says, we must not become dizzy with success. The road ahead is long and treacherous. The imperialists are consolidating their grip and moving quickly towards fascism. This next period of time will be crucial for our party. Either we recruit the vanguard into our party and become the general staff of the working class, or we will disintegrate and die, as so many before us. With our correct program, and militant spirit, we enter this next period with faith in the future and dedication to the struggle. Onward to the Second Congress of the Communist Labor Party!

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the task history presents us.

This understanding of history also shows clearly that once the leap into a new stage of development has been made it cannot be reversed. The development of society is an objective process; like Humpty Dumpty, once broken, the old society cannot be put together again. After the French revolution of 1789 and the reign of Napoleon, the French nobility, supported by the reactionaries of the world, tried to re-establish feudalism in 1815. They could restore the Bourbon dynasty to the throne, but they could not restore the laws and basic social relations of feudalism—they could not retake the land from the peasants, they could not repeal the development of the forces of production and the new social relations arising from them. In 1870-71, the French bourgeoisie was determined to crush the workers' movement that rose to its highest point in the Paris Commune, so that it would never rise again. In the single city of Paris, they killed 30,000 people in one week, but they did not kill the workers' movement because that movement springs from the very foundations of society—it can be temporarily defeated but it cannot be wiped out.

The Nazis tried to destroy socialism in the Soviet Union in WWII—they killed 20 million people; they destroyed 2/3's of the productive capacity of the country, but they did not destroy socialism in the Soviet Union. Socialism was built there over 15 years of hard struggle against both internal and external enemies and by the great sacrifices of the Soviet people, supported by the workers of the whole world. By the 1930's socialism was firmly established in the Soviet Union—a qualitatively new system of social relations, with a new form of state, local governments, education—all new social institutions.

What the Nazis failed to do from the outside, the revisionists cannot do from the inside. They can retard the development of socialism; they can distort and try to turn to their own corrupt advantages the institutions of socialist society; they can try to pursue an international policy that aids the imperialists; all this they have done. But they cannot put the Humpty Dumpty of capitalism back together again in the Soviet Union. The Soviet people will inevitably cast them aside and again march full speed towards the development of communism and in full support of world proletarian revolution.

The bourgeoisie would have us believe that history is a nightmare, an endless repetition of murder and exploitation, in which the only question is who's on top. They would have us believe that nothing new is possible—that revolution inevitably leads only to a new set of exploiters. They would have us believe that there is no salvation possible, no escape on this earth. We say NO! The working class will end all oppression and exploitation, we will end war and national oppression. We will establish socialism, a qualitatively new stage in the development of history, and there will be no turning back.

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SOCIALISM AND NATIONAL LIBERATION

Under imperialism, the highest stage of capitalism, the enslavement of nations reaches its highest degree. Imperialism is the stage of capitalism where capital accumulation has spilled across national boundaries—imperialism is a system of economic, political, cultural and military aggression against weaker nations and peoples. Whole nations are held in bondage and systematically plundered, while the justification for these acts is found in the fascist ideology of national chauvinism, the alleged "inferiority" of the oppressed nations and peoples.

Following the Civil War and Reconstruction, USNA imperialism built itself upon the colonial oppression of the Negro Nation. With the development of the Negro Nation, open fascist terror against the Negro people became the bloody tool with which the finance capitalists of Wall Street held and hold today the Negro Nation in chains—segregation, misery, poverty, and the constant threat of the lynch rope and burning cross became the daily lot of the Negro people.

As USNA imperialism expanded, the Southwest region was seized from Mexico by force of arms in order to gain its natural resources and drive the peoples of this region down to the lowest level of existence. By the early part of this century, both Puerto Rico and the Philippines also became colonies of USNA imperialism. In each case, the result for the oppressed peoples of these colonies was the degradation, misery and oppression of second-class citizenship and colonial exploitation supported and defended by the constant, vicious lash of white chauvinism.

As the imperialists drive down the standard of living in the colonies, in the name of maximum profit, the oppressed nationalities and peoples are forced to leave their homes and migrate to the big cities of the USNA to look for work and a better life. Once here, the Negro, Mexican, Puerto Rican and Filipino worker face the worst conditions. From the rat and roach-infested apartments in Bedford Stuyvesant to the barrios of East Los Angeles, they face bad housing, language discrimination, third-rate education, low paying jobs or unemployment and constant harassment from the capitalists and their state—from the police, courts and immigration officials to jobs discrimination and joblessness.

However, just as the imperialists cannot maintain their exploitative system without oppressing and dominating weaker nations, so the working class cannot abolish imperialism without the consistent fight against all national oppression and for the freedom of the oppressed nations. The battle to destroy imperialism and free the oppressed nations is a fight which the Anglo-American working class must wage arm in arm with all the people and nations enslaved by USNA imperialism.

Following the socialist revolutions in the Soviet Union and China, the working class solved the problem of national oppression and division of nationalities. The October Revolution in Russia was won because the Russian workers united with and actively fought for the oppressed peoples who had been oppressed by the tsarist government. The Russian workers proved by their actions that they believed in freedom and equality for all peoples and nations.

Before the revolution, in the old days of tsarist rule, the nationalities were kept in chains. Poverty and misery were the lot of these people, who were called "aliens" yet they made up almost half of the population. They were denied political rights and bore the brunt of economic exploitation. The tsarist government would institute bloody rampages, setting one nationality against the other, blaming one nationality for the oppression of another. In order to try to

stop the growing revolution.

A few days after the victory of the revolution, Lenin and Stalin signed the "Declaration of the Rights of the Peoples of Russia". This document announced the principles of the national policy of the new Soviet government:

1. Equality and sovereignty of the peoples of Russia.
2. The right of the peoples of Russia to free self-determination, including the right to secede and form an independent state.
3. The abolition of all national and national-religious privileges and restrictions whatsoever.
4. Free development for the national minorities and ethnographic groups inhabiting the territory of Russia.

This placed all the peoples of the USSR on an equal footing legally. No peoples were to be dominated by another nation. Each had the right to political secession.

In 1922, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was formed by the voluntary and unanimous decision of all the Soviet Republics. Each republic maintained the right to freely secede from the Union. This amalgamation into one union made possible the fastest restoration of the economy, which had been ruined by war. It made possible the common defense of all the Soviet Republics in the face of the aggressive capitalist world surrounding them.

The revolution abolished all national privileges and inequality but to make sure that inequality was actually done away with, the Soviet government took steps to guarantee every type of economic and cultural assistance to these peoples who had been enslaved under the old system. A program of industrial development of these areas was begun. Material assistance and trained workers were brought to areas that before had been at a level of slavery or feudalism. Factories, mines, irrigation and electrical systems were built. Modern scientific agriculture was introduced.

It became a policy of the Soviet government that the standard of living in the formerly oppressed areas would always be kept at a slightly higher level than in Central Russia which had been industrialized for some time. This policy is still in effect.

Great efforts were put into developing the education and culture in these areas. Many schools and colleges were built and the local language and culture of the nationalities was developed.

As a result of this national policy of the Soviet government, there has developed among all the peoples of the Soviet Union a feeling of mutual trust and friendship.

Similarly, in the People's Republic of China, socialism has meant the equality of all peoples and the development of those areas where the people had been enslaved by the old exploiting system.

About six percent of the total population of China are national minorities. They inhabit more than 50 percent of the whole country.

Under the old feudal system, the national minorities were cruelly oppressed by the different ruling dynasties. When the imperialists invaded China, they created the conditions for the unity of all the nationalities to overthrow imperialism and establish socialism. Today national oppression in China has been brought to an end. All peoples have equal rights.

Like in the Soviet Union, financial assistance, material supplies, trained and technical workers were sent to the oppressed areas in order to guarantee the economic development of these areas. Through this assistance, the oppressed areas have been able to greatly increase their productive capacity.

To make sure that all the peoples have equal rights politically, the government has identified and recognized more than 50 nationalities. In the old days before socialism, many of these peoples were ignored or were referred to only as "tribes".

All nationalities in China, regardless of how small or the size of their population, are guaranteed the right to participate in the government. There is an extensive system of regional autonomy whereby the nationalities establish their own system of self-government and administer internal affairs. Its purpose is to guarantee political equality and to give special consideration to the unique characteristics of these areas.

In these areas the government uses the language or languages of the people who live there. To assure educational and cultural development, the government has published many books and periodicals in the languages of the nationalities. Where written languages have not been allowed to develop, they have been created. Music, theater, and films in these languages also have been developed.

In "old" China most working people didn't attend school. Many people could not read. Today special emphasis is given to developing teaching and schools for the minority areas. In Tibet, for instance, there were 30 times as many young people in school in 1971 as there were in 1959.

The National-Colonial Question in the USNA

How will socialism resolve the problem of inequality and division between the nationalities in our country? This will depend on conditions that we cannot foresee at this time. However, we will fight for the real equality of all peoples based on the principle that all nations have the right to political independence.

Today we are fighting to unite the working class around the demand for Immediate Independence for Puerto Rico. Free the Negro Nation, so that the people of the Negro Nation, under their own national state can freely determine what relations they will have with the Anglo-American state. We demand that the USNA government abolish all its unequal treaties with the Philippines. We are fighting for a system of local and regional autonomy for the Mexican national minority, indigenous peoples of this country, Hawaiians, for the Eskimo, and independence for all peoples conquered by the USNA imperialists.

Regional Autonomy means, for example, that the Snohomish Indians of Washington state, who today are forced to live in abandoned automobiles and in shacks on a reservation, who have been denied the most basic political, economic and territorial rights will have their own local self-government, and that their peoples and territory will be developed economically and culturally.

To establish real equality and unity of peoples, the Anglo-American proletariat must reverse the effects of the imperialists' plunder of other nations. This means material assistance to the Negro Nation, Puerto Rico, to all of Latin America, to Asia and Africa, to all the nations and peoples whose labor and blood have paid for the high standard of living and relative privilege which the Anglo-American proletariat has enjoyed. It means that first priority must be given to the economic, cultural and political development of the former colonies and neo-colonies. Only this type of understanding and sacrifice will bring about real equality and unity among all nationalities and make it possible to build socialism here and throughout the world.

WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD UNITE!