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

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China Admitted to U.N.

On Monday, Oct. 25th, the United Nations General Assembly voted 76-35 in favor of the Albanian resolution to seat the People's Republic of China in the United Nations and to expel the Nationalist Government of Chiang Kai-shek. This is definitely a victory for the People's Republic of China and for socialism! But at the same time we must look at it for exactly what it is and what brought it about.

"We should oppose whatever the enemy supports and support whatever the enemy opposes." Mao Tse-tung. This seemingly too simplified statement has been born out in history to be true. Whenever the U.S. boasts loudly of a victory, such as in Vietnam, it is really a defeat and whenever they scream defeat we should look closely and not be fooled.

The United Nations is and has been since its conception a tool of the U.S.. The military strength of the U.S. has allowed for this situation. Countries such as Turkey and Israel, complete vassals of the U.S., could not possibly have voted for the admittance of the People's Republic of China unless they were told to and paid to by the U.S.. So, it becomes obvious that even though Nixon, Rogers etc. scream defeat, the U.S. was secretly manouvering forces so as to insure the admittance of China. In addition, either the U.S., Taiwan or the Soviet Union could have vetoed the action. Why is it none did?

The U.S. imperialists knew all along that China would not bend on the question of Taiwan which is known by everyone to be a part of China.

China is coming from a position of strength and stability while the U.S. is coming from a position of weakness and decay. History is working in China's favor. Therefore the imperialists have to make certain concessions if Nixon still plans to visit China. It is obvious that changing economic relations inevitably lead to changes in the imperialist alliances and in the relationships of the imperialist powers to the socialist world. The U.S. has

to expand its markets. China represents one-fourth of humanity so the U.S. imperialists are in a do or die position where they have to develop some type of trade relations with China. The imperialists are quite willing to give up Taiwan to save their own hides. The watchword of imperialism as stated by John Foster Dulles, a leading imperialist dog, goes, "We have no permanent friends and no permanent enemies, only permanent interests." He couldn't have said it better.

However, the admittance of China to the U.N. is not the end of the struggle, it is only the beginning. As the government of the People's Republic has pointed out the U.S. has not abandoned its "two-China policy". Even though the Chiang clique has been expelled the U.S. still has huge financial investments in Taiwan, and keeps the Chiang clique in power with U.S. troops. They also maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan. This is the type of two-faced policies the U.S. government carries on.

It is obvious and correct that China should and will utilize this short period of "diplomatic relations" with the imperialist powers to strengthen the advancing socialist and revolutionary forces. The seating of the People's Republic of China in the U.N. will give China the advantages of a world wide forum for the forces of socialism and from which to further expose the imperialists aims. Primarily however, it will prevent the formation of any united fronts in the imperialist world against the People's Republic. It will and has heightened the divisions in the imperialist world. The Chinese Party knows full well that time is on the side of the revolution.

In closing we wish once again to announce our unqualified support to the Chinese government. China is the most advanced country in the world today. It is the leading progressive force in the world and under the banner of socialism and proletarian internationalism will continue to lead the struggle against capitalism and all reaction. There is only one People's Republic of China!!

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SYNDICALISM DISARMS the PROLETARIAT

The Communist League is rounding out three years of struggle. During this time, the League has had to deal with a number of counter-revolutionary tendencies within and around the organization.

From the beginning, the Communist League recognized that the root of every anti-working class deviation in the left was the counter-revolutionary revisionism of the Communist Party of the U.S.A..

Since we were small and correctly believed that we had to concentrate our fire on the main enemy, we were forced to forego any public analysis of the various anti-Marxist, petty bourgeois tendencies that have been contending for the leadership of the so called movement.

It is clear today that one counter-revolutionary ideology has gained supremacy. That ideology can be referred to as the specific Anglo-American form of Anarcho-Syndicalism.

Considering the petty bourgeois, opportunist nature of the movement, it is not suprising that it should embrace the outlook of syndicalism.

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Syndicalism

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Syndicalism is a primitive, petty bourgeois, radical outlook that is based in that strata of society that has been recently pushed off the farm and into the urban proletariat--or recently hurled out of the petty bourgeoisie into the proletariat. This "revolutionary" outlook is based on the most casual and perceptual knowledge.

Syndicalism has been the major trend within the American revolution for the past 100 years. The old Socialist Party, the Socialist Labor Party, the Syndicalist League, the Industrial Workers of the World, and the Communist Party have all been basically syndicalist.

Originally, syndicalism proposed that the trade union would grow bigger and more powerful until they took over the organization of industry and in fact became the government. Thus the primitive revolutionaries could only see the question of individual capitalists that had to be struggled against. They never saw the capitalists as a class or understood the role of the capitalist state as the principle weapon of the capitalist class.

Inherent in syndicalism is the idea that the workers of each factory will have to liberate that factory and there was no such concept as responsibility of the class as a whole.

Under the present conditions of the general separation of the left from the working class and especially from the trade unions, this concept of individual emancipation was transferred to the social struggle. This explains the growth of organizations that organize women as women, blacks as blacks, chicanos as chicanos, etc..

How is it that such an ideology appears full blown in the United States just before and after the Civil War? The answer is that the working class in the United States was imported from the bastions of syndicalism--Germany, France and Ireland. Whereas the countries of Europe had to develop their proletariat out of the population of the countryside, the U.S. capitalists were able to import the proletarian class from Europe--and these proletarians brought their "revolutionary" ideologies with them. The truth is that the first native born proletarians in the U.S. arrived into the cities from the farms during the great depression. This continued and massive immigration from abroad accounts for the difficulties of developing a Marxism that is at once a universal scientific expression of the proletariat, and at the same time is expressed in terms of the concrete and national struggles of the proletariat in the U.S.

At the birth of the Communist Party U.S.A. a number of syndicalist groups federated, and in truth the syndicalism of the C.P.U.S.A. has never been defeated. From this point of view, it is not surprising that the "New Left" in their battle against the old foggies of the C.P.U.S.A. had to take up the weapons that history handed them. In the history of the working class of the U.S.A. there is nothing but syndicalism. The "New Left" only added a few petty bourgeois deviations and in general headed it in the direction of fascism.

What is the perceptual knowledge of the new breed of Syndicalists? They see men oppressing women, whites oppressing blacks, bosses oppressing workers, and it is from these observations that the entire political program of syndicalism is constructed. And what is that program? Women will overthrow men, blacks will overthrow whites, workers will overthrow bosses, students will overthrow the administrations and so forth.

Marxism is militantly hostile to such programs. Marxism searches for the internal connections and oppositions and is never satisfied with the observation of external phenomena.

Capitalism is a system of oppression and exploitation. As with all class systems, a state apparatus is constructed to guarantee and perpetuate that system. Where modern syndicalism sees a future in which every grouping is doing "its own thing", Marxism sees that capitalism must be replaced with socialism, which is also a system, only a system under the control of the working class. This system must also have a state, a state that protects the majority against the minority. The syndicalists, by attacking everything except the system and the state that protects it makes a mockery of the concept of "revolution".

The general projections of the movement indicate how firm the syndicalist ideology is in control. The women's liberation movement, the student movement, the black left, the "New Left" all testify to this. Although the theoretical and political projections of the movement are syndicalist, the concrete applications transform it into its opposite--with which it is completely united. In practice, syndicalism (which comes from the left) is expressed as modern Populism (which comes from the right). The reason for this is that both of these bourgeois outlooks disregard the basic social motion, which is the class struggle.

Syndicalism has a most destructive effect on the Negro peoples movement. Here, it becomes expressed as an exceptionally rotten form of white

chauvinism.

Throughout the history of the Left in the United States, the Syndicalist intellectuals have seen to it that the division of labor is that the blacks fight, get their heads busted, go to jail or get killed while the white intellectuals do the thinking. They have seen to it that the concept of black-white unity actually means unity of the white petty bourgeois intellectuals in the leadership, with the black toilers. In this formulation the ideals of unity of the working class is effectively set aside and the strength of the Negro Masses is sapped in futile reformist struggles.

In the Communist Party of the U.S.A., this has been and is obvious, but the heirs of syndicalism in the "Left" go even further. Everywhere they have constructed organizations of blacks who fight and get killed and white intellectuals who call themselves thinkers. Whites are allowed to join the groupings who pretend to study "Marxism", while the revolutionary blacks that are attracted to them are sent to this or that black grouping whose struggles guarantee the existence of the white "Left". These syndicalists are saying what the FBI and the master class has always said, that "blacks are good enough to fight but are not capable of thinking." Twist and squirm as you may, Mr. Bourgeois--social development is beyond the wishes and wills of people. An objective law of the class struggle against capitalism is that the complicated science of Marxism-Leninism will unite with the concrete struggles of the proletariat. This unity of opposites will guarantee the success of the revolution. The very living heart of the U.S. proletariat is black and brown. Black people will learn Marxism despite the concealed efforts of the white so-called revolutionary syndicalists.

From the standpoint of syndicalism--it is easy to see the theoretical rationale for this rotten white chauvinism. Since whites oppress blacks the thing to do is to separate them, to build black movements, in the confused and reactionary image of the white syndicalists. In this manner the unity of the class is prevented and the slavery of the Negro toilers is guaranteed--all under the banners of revolution.

It would seem that the most casual examination would show that the emancipation of any exploited class or group is impossible without the overthrow of the system that exploits it. More yet, it is clearly seen that the proletariat cannot emancipate itself without emancipating every oppressed class and group within the country. Therefore, it would seem that every oppressed

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Free Humberto Pagán

Humberto Pagán, a 20 year old Puerto Rican, was a student of the Department of Social Sciences at the University of Puerto Rico. On March 11, of this year the Riot police of Puerto Rico entered the U.P.R. with the intention of attacking and causing a massacre of Puerto Rican students--as it has done repeatedly on previous occasions. But this time the students were prepared and the hunters became the hunted. Two members of the colonial police and a lackey R.O.T.C. student died as a consequence of the armed confrontation between students and police.

Following these events, on March 17 to be exact, the police invaded the house of Humberto Pagán in Aguadilla, arrested and beat him up in the presence of his parents and family. Humberto was then charged by a judge of having killed one of the two policemen that died in the battle of March 11th. Bail was set at \$30,000.00.

Following his arrest, the Puerto Rican government, police and press did all they could to paint Humberto as a guilty man. The colonial governor of the island, Luis Ferre, went so far as to congratulate the police for having arrested such a dangerous criminal". In other words, the government and all

the other reactionaries were hysterical about the way in which the students had answered the police aggression, and they were asking for somebody's head. They needed somebody to accuse, anybody, to be declared guilty and in this way give a warning to the students, again with the intention of repressing the growing Puerto Rican revolutionary movement.

The trial for Humberto was officially set for September 21st. But he was aware of the fact that he had already been tried. With the statements of the governor, the chief of police, the press and some legislators of the party in power, etc, he knew his case was already decided. The government was about to perform another of its famous and frequent "Legal Lynchings". This is why Humberto left the country. Not because he was guilty but because he was being used as an example chosen by the government to scare revolutionaries and to appease the reactionary comprador ruling class.

Humberto Pagán has been arrested in Ottawa, Canada. He is accused of having entered the country illegally. Already the FBI has told the Canadian government that it wants Humberto Pagán extradited to Puerto Rico. If the government of Canada agrees to the FBI's

wishes, Humberto Pagán will spend the rest of his days in jail.

Puerto Rico is completely controlled and run in the interests of the U.S. imperialists. Luis Ferre and the entire puppet government in Puerto Rico are true examples of a comprador bourgeoisie. They're put into power by the U.S. imperialists and their sole job is to do the bidding of those same imperialists. These are the real forces behind all the reaction and counter-revolution in Puerto Rico. And in essence it is U.S. imperialism that is the main enemy of the people of Puerto Rico.

It is the U.S. imperialists who are our enemy too. Neither the working class in the U.S. nor the Puerto Rican people will be free as long as we both live under the present dictatorship of this bourgeois class. Revolution is the only possible way to be rid of the imperialists, the Nixons and the Luis Ferrés. Our enemy is the same. We must unite and demand:

FREE HUMBERTO PAGÁN !!

INDEPENDENCE for PUERTO RICO!!

OVERTHROW U.S. IMPERIALISM!!

Rebellion In Memphis

The main contradiction inside the U.S. today is between the Negro Nation and the U.S. imperialists. The imperialists are trying to drive the Negro people back into slavery with a campaign of terror and murder that increases every day.

In Memphis, Tennessee a 17 year old Negro, Elton Hayes, was beaten to death by a pack of vicious animals known as police. These 23 "peace officers" were not charged with any crime, but rewarded with a paid vacation. A few days later, a 3 year old baby was run over and murdered by the Memphis police. In self-defense, the Negro people of Memphis have risen up against these fascist forces.

Only a few weeks before this, 19 year old Margaret Ann Knott was murdered by fascists who ran her down with a car while she was in a peaceful demonstration. In Lubbock, Texas, the Ku Klux Klan and police shot and killed a Negro child who was entering an all white school. And these are not all the Negroes who have died at the hands of the fascists in the last few months. How many more have been beaten and injured? How many more will die in the months ahead?

The Negro Nation is an oppressed colony within the borders of the U.S. state. To maintain its colonial rule there, the U.S. imperialists from the very beginning instituted a reign of terror over the Negro people--a fascist dictatorship that still exists today. The Ku Klux Klan burned and lynched thousands of Negroes in the past. But when the U.S. went to war in Korea under the banners of "democracy" and "self-determination", the U.S. government attacked the Klan to "prove" how "democratic" the U.S. is. But in reality the Klansmen only took off their hoods and put on police badges. Robert Hudgins, Grand Dragon of the Virginia Realm of the United Klans of America, bragged on T.V., "If you break down the people's employment or profession, we have more members of the police department coming into the Klan than any other profession." Today, the police and National Guard do the same job as the Klan used to do--they just use guns and tanks instead of lynch ropes. Instead of the Klan driving through the streets, the Negro people watch the National Guard.

This is not to say that the KKK is dead; it is increasing its fascist terror. After

the atrocities committed against the Vietnamese people, the whole world sees that U.S. imperialism is the most anti-democratic force in the world. The truth is out--the imperialists no longer need to put on the democratic mask. So, once again, the Klan is unleashed.

How are the Klan and police able to beat and murder people at will in the Negro Nation? How is fascism able to stay in power in the Negro Nation? It is because the workers of the Anglo-American nation (the north) and the Negro Nation are divided from each other. Because the Anglo-American proletariat has not fought against these fascist crimes against the Negro people. What happens when the proletariat of an imperialist nation doesn't support and unite with the people of its colonies? Here is a good example: Over a year ago in Butte, Montana, the copper miners went out on strike. After some time the company put forth its final concessions, but the miners decided it wasn't enough and continued the strike. So the company said "That's OK", and started importing copper from its mines in Bolivia and Chile.

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PHASE 2: Master Plan to Save Capitalism

In the middle of October, President Nixon rolled out "Phase II" of the "New Economic Policy" which began in July. Following in the path plowed by the "temporary wage-price freeze", this new step in the master plan to save U.S. monopoly capitalism from disaster is setting up long range controls on the economy and the working class that already may extend until 1973. Behind the ranting and raving about "self-control, individual restraint, going on faith" etc., and the ridiculous carnival pitch of salesman Nixon and Connolly lies another giant step towards fascism.

It has been pointed out that the U.S. Imperialists have been put in a desperate situation by the revolution in the colonies, by the collapse of the dollar as the standard of international trade, by the re-entry of the other capitalist world powers in the fight for markets and by a trade deficit that has reached monumental proportions. Phase I was the initial step in the imperialists' challenge to the working class in the U.S. and to the other imperialist countries. Phase I has already brought on the shifting of alliances and trade agreements that will lead to a new world war, a war in which the U.S. Imperialists will vie to defend its markets from the rapidly expanding Common Market countries, Japan, and the Soviet Union. For the U.S. Imperialists, in the long run, war is necessary if they are to survive. But, as it was pointed out in the People's Tribune (vol. 3 #8), "The U.S. (Anglo-American) working class will not stand for another war. They are sick and tired of war. The imperialists, on the other hand, must have war. Therefore they must also institute fascism in the U.S. to crush all resistance. This is where the wage-price freeze comes in. This pro-fascist measure is aimed directly at the most exploited and oppressed sections of the working class, at the minorities, the unorganized and the unskilled workers who are in the majority and are also the most revolutionary."

But how is this being carried out? Phase II consists of a maze of commissions, boards, committees, etc., to carry on the "fight against inflation". There is a pay board to control wages, a price commission to control prices, a committee on interest and dividends, a productivity commission, etc., all under the umbrella of the Cost of Living Council headed by Secretary of the Treasury, Connolly. We are led to believe that all of these new control devices are going to make it better for the U.S.



workers. But if we take a look at the last time the U.S. government took direct control of all phases of its economy, the Roosevelt Emergency regime of 1932, we see another picture: The National Industrial Recovery Act (NRA) or New Deal came at the height of the worst industrial crisis that U.S. monopoly had ever known. Taking emergency powers "as if in wartime" (as Nixon has done with his wage freeze) Roosevelt began the "most comprehensive and ruthless attempt of finance-capital to consolidate its power with the entire strength of the State machine over the whole field of industry, to hold the workers in subjection under extreme and intensified exploitation with a universal lowering of standards, to conduct on this basis and on the basis of the depreciated dollar a world campaign for markets and to prepare directly the consequent inevitable war". (R. Palme Dutt, Fascism and Social Revolution). Every industry was controlled by direct state organization, including price fixing, restriction of production, control of labor and guaranteed profits. Along with this was a forced depreciation of the dollar which drove down the real wages of workers. Workers were stripped of their right to strike (a provision of Nixon's plans) and government arbitration was compulsory (Taft Hartly injunctions). Labor camps were set up to provide cheap labor for the profit hungry industries (New York's welfare program calls for compulsory work or no welfare check). What did all of this add up to? Nothing less than experiments in fascism, in the Corporate State, more fully developed in Nazi Germany, where the most reactionary, and chauvinistic monopoly capitalists consolidated their rule and used the fascist government to take direct control of production, labor, trade and all social institutions.

In taking these new fascist measures, Nixon has learned well from his teachers Hitler, Mussolini and Roosevelt. By establishing those big labor traitors Meany, Woodcock, Fitzsimmons etc. on the "pay board" that will

act to drive down the real wages of the most exploited and oppressed workers, he has gone a long ways toward consolidating the fascist labor front of the most highly bribed labor traitors. "The reformist labour leaders have taken the role of direct allies and lieutenants of the Roosevelt emergency regime. Here, again, therefore, a strong social basis exists for the development of full fascism, if this should become necessary to the bourgeoisie." (Dutt) And Meany, Woodcock ad nauseum, have put on a big show, wiping the drool from a few days of their sham protests about "big government control" they leapt into their seats on the pay board. They are now part of the ever stronger syndicate of big government, big business and big labor, all consolidated under one roof of counterrevolution.

Now Nixon has the hangmen to introduce his new version of the Nazi Labor codes, which wiped out all contract agreements, abolished the right to strike, intensified "productivity" or exploitation and established the belief that workers and employers must "work together against the common enemy of inflation". Of course the Nazis went a step further and established the employers as labor trustees, but Nixon is close behind his labor lieutenants who have destroyed all vestiges of independence in the trade unions.

The semi-fascist program of Roosevelt never was fully carried into the desperation of a complete fascist state because of World War II which effectively ate up the paralyzing surplus of commodities and opened up production full swing. Coupled with this was the victory over Europe and Asia's markets that allowed U.S. Imperialism to expand rapidly. But now the days of rapid expansion and increasing super-profits are gone. The U.S. monster is eating less every day and will have to fight just to limit the loss of its markets to the rising colonized nations and the re-emerging European and Asian capitalists. This is when

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School
Bond
in L.A.

Capitalists Spend Taxes On Wars Not Schools

"If the people don't care about school safety, then too bad!" This is what the city govt. of Los Angeles is saying because of the defeat of the recent school bond to fix up and earthquake-proof L.A. schools. Do the people care about safe schools? Of course. Well then, what is the real story?

As everybody knows, on February 9, 1971 a huge earthquake hit Los Angeles. Dozens of buildings fell in that earthquake including hospitals, apartments, old folks homes, etc.. Dozens of homes were flattened as far away as 20 and 30 miles from where the quake took place.

The anger of the working people over the destruction and the loss of over 40 lives when a "pre-fabricated" Veterans Hospital collapsed, set off a whole series of official investigations. It was determined that over 1/3 of all old buildings in L.A. would fall in another earthquake.

Despite all the talk, since February, nothing has been done, of course. Talk is cheap. The old buildings are still standing with "CONDEMNED" signs hanging on them.

The poor quality of buildings in L.A. caused much misery when the earthquake hit. This could have been prevented if it wasn't for the fact that we live under a money-hungry capitalist system. The basic law of capitalism is the search for maximum profits for the capitalist class. As Joseph Stalin wrote: "What is the capitalist system of economy?
1) power in the country is in the hands of the capitalists;
2) the instruments and means of production are concentrated in the hands of the exploiters;
3) production is subordinated not to the principle of improving material conditions of the masses of the working people, but to the principle of ensuring high capitalist profit;
4) the distribution of the national income takes place not with a view to improving the material conditions of the working people, but with a view to ensuring the Maximum profits for the exploiters."

Stalin tell it like it is here in the U.S. and the earthquake was a clear example. The U.S. capitalists' drive for profits forces them to spend our tax money that we sweat and slave for, on war against the people of Vietnam. There is money for the capitalists in the war, but how much money can they make fixing up the public buildings of a city where HALF the buildings are either not fireproof or not earthquake proof? Not very much. The capitalists

care about that greenback not about the working class.

Almost one-half of the schools in L.A. have been declared unsafe for earthquakes and they must be torn down by 1975. Almost all of these rotten schools are located in the working class communities. You never see a crumbling school in Beverly Hills. Thousands of young children and youth go to school every day in L.A. An earthquake during school hours could possibly kill or injure tens of thousands of children. Does the government do anything to improve the buildings?

The government had the gall to hold a special election to see whether the people of L.A. were willing to pay more taxes to rebuild the schools. Of course this safety bond failed. This shows the hypocrisy of capitalism. We, fathers and mother of the working class who can feed our kids no more than beans and rice for dinner, who work hard to make ends meet, which never seem to meet, can we afford more in taxes? No one is going to mark an "X" when he knows it will mean more money out of his already too thin wallet. Besides, many school bonds have passed over the years and what good did they do? Not much. The schools remain completely unsafe and the level of education we get is terribly low. Now what will happen after 1975 when all the schools are torn down and there will be no new buildings? Maybe the capitalists don't think education for the working class is important at all!

The only way the working class will ever get decent schools and safe living and working conditions is to establish a socialist system.

In the People's Republic of China, the socialist economy guarantees the well being of the Chinese people. As Joseph Stalin wrote: "What is the Soviet (socialist) system of economy?
4) the distribution of the national income takes place not with a view to enriching the exploiting classes and their numerous parasitical hangers-on, but with a view to insuring the systematic improvement of the material conditions of the workers and peasants..."

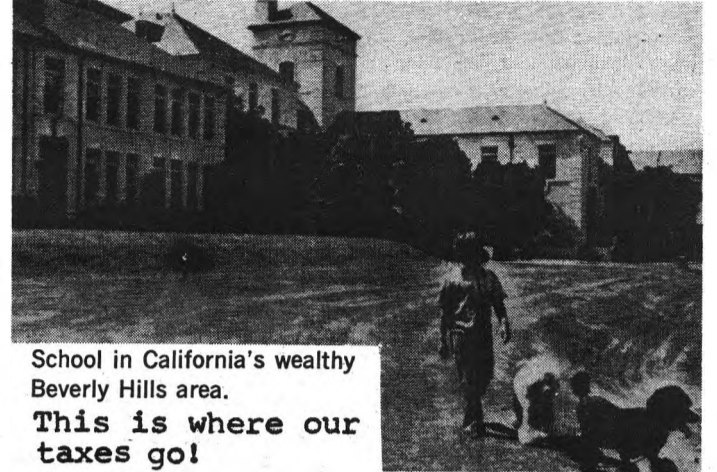
When terrible earthquakes and floods hit Chile a year ago, China, without a word, gave millions of dollars worth of food and clothing to the suffering people.

This is the kind of system that we need. We can get it only by overthrowing the capitalists and their state.

Only through revolution. The first step to be taken in this direction has to be the building of an independent political party of our own, of the proletariat. This is the only possible way to achieve the unity and organization necessary to overthrow the capitalist state.

FIGHT FOR SAFE SCHOOLS AND
BETTER EDUCATION FOR THE WORKING CLASS!!

BUILD AN INDEPENDENT COMMUNIST PARTY!!



School in California's wealthy Beverly Hills area.

This is where our taxes go!

Memphis

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The miners in Montana sat for over a year and the city of Butte died because there was no income. The imperialists used their colonies of Bolivia and Chile as reserves of strength. How could the miners of Butte turn these reserves of imperialism over to reserves or support for their strike? They couldn't have done it. Why? Because for five years while the Chilean miners starved to death, what was the attitude of the miners in Butte? "Don't worry about them, they're only a bunch of Indians."

From this example we can see how white chauvinism helps the imperialists get extra strength from the colonies and how it prevents the Anglo-American workers from fighting in their own interests. The Anglo-American proletariat cannot fight fascism as long as the imperialists have that reserve in the colonies. Today the Negro Nation is a reserve of U.S. imperialism--a source of cheap labor, a source of troops for their war in Vietnam, a source of huge super-profits.

The Anglo-American workers must unite with the people of the Negro Nation. We cannot turn our eyes away and pretend not to see the suffering of the Negro people. Instead, we must fight for their liberation from fascism and imperialism. This is not a question of morality in the bourgeois sense, but concretely, if we are going to defeat fascism and have a socialist revolution we'd better have the Negro Nation, Puerto Rico, Latin America and all the other reserves of U.S. imperialism militantly on our side. If we don't, the imperialists will surely use them against us.

There is only one way to unite with the Negro people--by demanding and fighting to FREE THE NEGRO NATION!



Fascist U.S. Marines shoot at women and children in the Dominican Republic, 1965.

Fight For Freedom In The Dominican Republic

In 1965, 42,000 U.S. marines--pulled out of Vietnam--were sent to the Dominican Republic to put down the growing revolution. Why? Because the Dominican Republic is one of the U.S.'s most important semi-colonies. Its wealth and strategic importance (near Puerto Rico in the heart of the Caribbean midway between North and South America) make it vitally important for the U.S. imperialists to control it. Their stake in the Dominican Republic led them to crush the revolution caused by the lack of political and human rights, the utter poverty, misery and suffering forced on the Dominican people.

After successfully putting down the revolution, the U.S., in order to consolidate its control, instituted a fascist government under Dr. Balaguer. The function of this government has been and still is to eliminate any progressive movement that may arise. Since 1965, it has been estimated that between 750-800 persons have been murdered or have disappeared (presumed dead) by the fascist regime.

It is with these facts in mind that we publish the following article written by the Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in the Dominican Republic. Moreover, the CL intends in the future to discuss more fully imperialism and revolution in the Dominican Republic as well as the rest of Latin America.

The Dominican Republic is an under-developed country where chaos and confusion have been the main symptoms of that social disorder peculiar to the typical backward countries. Since 1844 when it became independent, vain attempts have been made to establish a government based on the fundamental principles of representa-

tive democracy. Instead of having a type of democracy similar to that of the economically advanced countries, that is, representative democracy, historically, throughout our so-called republican life, chaos, economical backwardness, underdevelopment and social confusion have been the distinctive features of the entire social process.

The Dominican tragedy is very well known among the Dominican people, but is something completely ignored by the Americans. Therefore, the main purpose of the Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in the Dominican Republic is to inform the American people of the tragedy lived by the Dominicans up to now. This article will deal mainly with the historical period of the Balaguer regime, an extremely unpopular regime.

The Dominican Republic is immersed in a state of confusion and upheaval. The social forces are split in many different ways, especially the ruling elite. Repression against all opposition to the present government by the armed institutions which represent it has reached an inhuman stage, for not even the lives of citizens are respected or taken into consideration. Any officer (or agent of the law) can kill anyone and keep walking, as if nothing had happened. Afterwards, he can simply argue that he acted against communism and that he wanted to protect our national pride. It is as well known that the Dominican Republic government is anti-communist as it is known that the U.S. imperialists have intervened in Vietnam.

Penitentiaries are full of political prisoners, mainly as the result of ideological discrepancies with the ruling class. The press is being

constantly coerced and journalists systematically threatened and injured for reporting the truth about events. Unemployment has increased in great proportions bringing increasing starvation to Dominican families. At the same time the cost of living has continued to rise.

Terrorism is already an essential element to the existence and to the dynamic process of the government itself. Without it the government would not live 48 hours. The people are angry, even though in a repressed form, and ready to struggle. They are waiting for the appropriate moment to give the government the coup de Grace, the final blow. However, the Balaguer regime has taken steps to try and prevent this. Terrorist groups have been organized by the state machine to fight the revolutionary forces; especially the student movement. Groups, as "Las fuerzas incontrolables" (the uncontrollable forces) as Dr. Balaguer named them himself; "La Mano" (the Hand), and recently "La Banda" (The Band), are commonly known to everyone in the Dominican Republic. Their principle and only role is to destroy anyone who opposes the government.

In the entire history of the Dominican Republic there has not been a government that publicly, as today, has declared itself through its actions as an enemy of human rights. We have had terrible dictators: Pedro Santana, Buenaventura Baez, Ulises Heureaux and Rafael Trujillo. But they are mere dwarfs when each one of them is compared (regarding, of course, the proper historical difference of their own times) with Dr. Juaquin Balaguer. Under Dr. Balaguer's regime the Dominican people have suffered everything, except progress, for the country as a whole, and respect for the human being.

That is why our organization exists today: because of the bitter experiences lived in the Dominican Republic. We will protest before the American people and also, before world opinion; and will demand an immediate stop to all types of degradation committed against our brothers, and our people; because the Dominican Republic is a country that has struggled throughout its history for the creation of a real humane society where man will not be an oppressed being nor a stranger, but a real man working in peace, in harmony, with the rest of the world.

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Old Means Useless To Capitalists

If you ever wonder what will happen to you when you get old and "can't work" anymore, you can stop wondering and start worrying. San Francisco City and County's "Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center", or some hospital like it, is waiting for you. Only a few very rich ruling class people can get good medical care and round the clock nursing when they get old and sick. Working class people end up in public institutions like Laguna Honda or are forced to live and die in the conditions of "Skid Row". Why does this happen to old people in the U.S.? Because the U.S. is a capitalist country where people are only worth something as long as they can produce profits for the ruling class.

Most of the patients at Laguna Honda are paid for by Medi-Cal, social security, welfare or insurance (until it runs out). Most of the patients will never leave, they will stay in the hospital until they die. And the sooner they die, the better for the capitalist class. In Fascist Germany, old sick people were killed outright by the thousands because they were "misfits", a so-called burden on society. In the U.S. we still have a phoney front of "democracy" so they just kill older workers more slowly and secretly or leave them to die on the streets. But fascism is growing in the U.S., and the bad treatment of old people, along with all working class people, is getting worse and worse.

You have only to walk down the halls of Laguna Honda and look at the rows upon rows of crippled old bodies attended by overworked female orderlies. Laguna Honda is no hospital. No real medical care goes on there. Most patients are lucky if they see a doctor once a week for five minutes (one doctor, famous for his incompetence was called in to pronounce a patient dead and had to ask an orderly if the patient was dead!). Some of the patients have actually starved to death from neglect. Other patients pace the floor in locked wards that are no more than jails until they are too old to walk and then they are transferred to regular wards. All patients have almost nothing to do and lay in bed staring at the walls, their bodies and minds wasting away, living in a daily torture.

The patients at Laguna Honda are working class people who worked hard for the capitalists all their lives and have ended up with less than nothing. Is this their fault? No! It is capitalism that chews up workers and spits them out to die. Both workers and patients are broken to serve the greed of the capitalists.

At Laguna Honda, the work is hard, backbreaking and endless. It is depressing to care for patients day in and day out and have them slowly die in spite of all you do. Most of the workers fight against the rotten conditions and try their best to help the patients and each other to carry out their work.

What can we do to stop this inhumane treatment of our older working class brothers and sisters? Does it have to stay this way? In Socialist China many older workers continue to work as long as they are able. Their experience in production is absolutely necessary to the younger inexperienced workers. Young and old alike participate to build socialism. The old remember the bitter past in China when the working class and peasants suffered and died like flies and they remind the youth to be vigilant against capitalism. Mao Tsetung, the leader of the Chinese Communist Party, has said, "ABOVE ALL, PEOPLE ARE THE MOST PRECIOUS." Under socialism every person is important and necessary to the struggle for production, and the fight for a new society that serves the working class. In China, "According to state regulations, workers and staff members who retire at old age are generally entitled to receive life-long pensions equivalent to 50-70% of their original wages. Besides, they continue to enjoy free medical care and other welfare benefits as they did before retirement. When they die, the state gives subsidies to their dependents, including a subsidy for funeral service.

"After their retirement, their former colleagues and Little Red Soldiers in their neighborhood frequently visit them and help them with their household chores. Very often, workers of grain stores deliver grain to their houses, barbers go to their houses to cut their hair for them... These retired men and women who have long worked industriously for the motherland's construction are cared for and respected by the people."

The only way we can get socialism is by organizing a political party of the proletariat, a communist party, to lead the fight against Fascism and to establish the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. This party must be made up of the most exploited and oppressed workers--old and young, women and men, national minorities and whites. It must unite and lead the mass movement in its fight against fascism and for socialism. Only by uniting every form of protest against the capitalist class under the direction of a Marxist-Leninist party can we have a socialist revolution.

U.S.-China People's Friendship Association Formed in New York

"Withdrawal of all U.S. forces from China's Taiwan province and the Taiwan Strait and the dismantling of all U.S. military bases there."

"Restoration to the People's Republic of China, the only legal government representing all the people of China, of all its legal rights in the U.N. as well as in all other international bodies."

These are the demands put forth by the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association founded in New York City on Sunday, Aug. 8th. Over 250 people attended the founding meeting representing many groups and individuals from cities throughout the east coast. The bulk of attendance were advanced workers and genuine progressives.

The Associations founding meeting was clearly a step forward in the direction of tightening the ties between the Chinese and U.S. peoples. Chinese literature, movies and information were available to help the Associations participants to gain a better understanding of the People's Republic of China. The Associations intentions of promoting friendship on a principled basis was observed by its desiring "peaceful co-existence" between the U.S. and China. It stated that the best way of guaranteeing peace between the two countries is by both countries observing the principle of non-aggression and by refraining from interfering in each others internal affairs.

The founding conference of the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association was definitely a conference of promoting peace between the people of the U.S. and China and a striking blow at the imperialist rulers of the U.S. who desire conquering all the worlds peoples.

Only through the uniting of the world's toiling masses against the schemes of the U.S. imperialists will genuine peace be brought about and it is with this in mind that the Communist League takes up the slogan of the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association "People of the World Unite!"



POLICE DIVIDE AND CONQUER IN EAST LOS ANGELES

Divide and conquer! These are the tactics the U.S. imperialist ruling class are using to stop revolution in this country. As the economic conditions for workers and oppressed peoples daily worsen, as more and more of our "democratic" rights are being taken away, more sections of the working class are turning towards revolution and rebellion in an attempt to better their conditions. All the spontaneous struggles in recent years, from the Watts uprising in 1965, to the Chicano Moratorium in East Los Angeles in 1971, have been symptoms of the awakening of revolutionary sentiments of the working class. The finance capitalists who control the wealth in this country and all over the world, use the state (the government, courts, prisons, army, national guard, and police) to keep us in line and crush any revolutionary movements. The one tactic that has been successful in stopping revolution has been to keep the working class divided and fighting among themselves.

This tactic has been successful in racially mixed areas like housing projects. Here, poor and oppressed people especially from among the national minorities are herded together into substandard housing projects which have virtually been turned into concentration camps. Cops in patrol cars and helicopters move through these areas day and night. The cops send in their agents to dope up the youth. However, their most important role recently has been in stirring up trouble between the people in these projects in an attempt to create a race war among the blacks, Chicanos and Puerto Ricans, thereby keeping the class divided. The government runs these projects and especially divides the white workers off from the national minorities by discouraging them from living in the projects. When a poor white worker applied to live in Aliso Village, a housing project in East L.A., he was told, "Oh, you don't want to live with those trouble-making militants. You won't be safe there; they're always fighting each other."

For over ten years in the Aliso Village projects, there have been difficulties between the black and Chicano residents. The cops are doing a good job in instigating this trouble. Black mothers are told by the cops that the Chicanos are going to make trouble for them and they should move out. The principal at Roosevelt High School, a predominantly Chicano high school which serves the youth from Aliso, tells black parents their



kids are being beaten up and they should have them transferred because the Chicano youth are out to get them. Recently, two young black girls were shot and the police blamed it on Chicano youth. Everytime there is a fire-bombing of a home in Aliso, the cops blame it on the blacks or Chicanos depending on which minority lived in the home.

The Communist League does not see the problem in Aliso as a conflict between races. Certainly if we look around us, we can see that the bad living conditions are not due to our neighbors who happen to be of another color. After all, they are living in the same rotten housing. Our oppression is not due to color differences, but is based on national oppression, on the fascist ideology of white chauvinism. White chauvinism, which says that the white Anglo-American nation is superior to other nations is the excuse for the brutal exploitation of the colored masses of the world by the U.S. imperialist nation. It's the U.S. imperialists in the Anglo-American nation that oppresses and enslaves other nations like the Negro Nation in the South, the Puerto Rican Nation and the South-west region in the United States. The oppression and enslavement of these nations serves to justify the oppression and inequalities suffered by the national minorities here in the Anglo nation, the blacks, Puerto Ricans and Chicanos. White chauvinism is the principle ideology of U.S. fascism. The only hope that the U.S. fascists have is to unite the white people in the United States as white people and keep the national minorities fighting among themselves and thus preventing revolution and the overthrow of U.S. imperialism.

The only way we can stop fascism and overthrow U.S. imperialism, the vicious enemy of the workers all over the world, is through uniting ourselves as a class. Marx, the great leader of the Communist movement said, "No nation can be free if it oppresses other nations". We

workers in the Anglo-American nation, black, Chicano, Puerto Rican and white, must unite and support the struggles for independence of the Negro and Puerto Rican nations. We must support the struggles of the Chicano people for regional autonomy in the Southwest. We must fight for the real equality of the national minorities in the Anglo nation. We need unity not for unity's sake or to love each other but to eliminate the U.S. imperialists, the chief oppressors of the working people all over the world.

How can real unity be achieved. We must join together under an organization that can organize all the individual acts of resistance into one revolutionary onslaught. Real unity can only be realized in a multi-national Communist Party and not in separate parties. Separate parties only keep us divided and play into the hands of the imperialists. Only a Marxist-Leninist Party which understands the science of revolution, and through this scientific analysis of concrete conditions can come up with the correct strategy and tactics for overthrowing this imperialist state, can lead the working class to victory.

We call on all workers and oppressed people who want to fight to come forward and help us build a multi-national class conscious party which can give real leadership to the heroic mass struggles of the people, which can unite our struggle and lead us to overthrow the imperialist state, fight for the independence of the Negro and Puerto Rican nations and regional autonomy of the Southwest and for real equality of the national minorities here in the Anglo nation, and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat!

Workers of the world unite and defeat the U.S. aggressors and all their running dogs!

Build a Class Party,
Build a Mass Struggle!

Welfare Reform in New York Trade Your Family For Your Welfare Check

Once again, the fascist rath of the U.S. imperialists has been unleashed on welfare recipients. Who is hit first by the fascists? The most exploited and oppressed sections of the working class--the national minorities, working class women, etc.--and those on welfare.

Going right along with Nixon's "Welfare Reform" program (see People's Tribune, Vol.3, no.5 p.8), New York state has worked up its own little program--a so-called "Incentives for Independence" program. What this program means for the working class is another step towards a terroristic fascist dictatorship of the monopoly capitalists. If this program is passed the working class will have to "earn" their welfare by being "good little fascists".

The program would cut welfare benefits from \$313 to \$200 a month for a family of four. In order to "earn" back the \$313, the family would have to score "incentive points", worth \$12.50 each. How do you earn points? You must make your children "behave" in school and you must send them to such fascist organizations as the Boy Scouts. Weren't the youth of Hitler's Nazi Germany forced into "youth" organizations so that they could be trained as spies and cutthroats for the fascists? In other words, in order to survive you must make your kids servants of the fascists.

Also, a family could lose "one-third of its benefit check, from \$200 down to \$133 a month, if an adult refused an offered job." (Los Angeles Times, Oct. 10, 1971). This is work for the government, but if they are allowed to get away with this, what is to stop them from taking the next step--forcing people to work as a scab at General Motors, Western Electric, etc. - at whatever job the capitalists want him to do without pay. After all, wouldn't they be able to squeeze maximum profits out of a total slave labor force?!!

This program especially hits hard at women, who, unable to pay for child care, even if they could find a job, are forced to live on welfare crumbs. On top of the exploitation and oppression which the whole working class suffers, the capitalists add on insults and degradation to working class women. Women on welfare can earn their "points" by tracking down husbands and by telling who the father of a child is. Again, the capitalists are trying to make workers think that women on welfare are a bunch of prostitutes who keep having "illgitimate" kids to get more money.

The implication of this welfare plan is clear--fascism is coming home. For years the

U.S. imperialists have used their fascist terror to squeeze out super-profits from the colonized countries. But revolution is the main trend in the world today and the imperialists are being kicked out of the colonies. The imperialists are making up for the loss of wealth from the colonies by squeezing it out of the U.S. working class, especially the most exploited and oppressed. A small section of the class will be and are now being heavily bribed (plumbers, electricians etc.) in order to form a base of support for fascism. But for the majority of the working class, fascism will only mean greater suffering.

The U.S. imperialists have already begun their attack on the most exploited and oppressed workers, particularly the national minorities. Even though the majority of people on welfare are white, blacks, chicanos, Latinos, and Puerto Ricans are forced into welfare in much greater proportion to their overall population because they serve as a surplus or reserve labor force for the capitalists. This fascist plan is particularly aimed at the national minorities, offering them either starvation or slavery!

It is better to starve than to sell yourself to the fascists, but it is much better to fight! The first step in our fight is to build a Communist Party. Only with a revolutionary party, a bolshevik party can we organize all forces of resistance to crush impending fascism! The capitalists go from crisis to crisis wriggling out of them by using this program or that program--they will not wither away by themselves. Capitalism will only die when its evil system is finally crushed by the proletariat.

WELFARE REFORM MEANS FASCISM!!

FIGHT FASCISM--BUILD A COMMUNIST PARTY!!

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imperialism, unable to expand outward for greater profits, must turn inward, must squeeze its own workers to make up for the loss. This is fascism.

But must this be our fate? Will we simply be the mortar and cannon fodder of a new fascist regime? No! The history of the short lived fascist governments of Italy and Germany was the history of the failure of proletarian revolution, of the belief in reforms and bourgeois democracy instilled by opportunist social democrats in Germany, and represented here today by the Communist Party U.S.A., who try to cover up impending fascism and act as ushers of the counter-revolution.

Our path is clear. Build a real communist party, in the tradition of the Russian bolshiviks, the Albanian Workers Party, the Indo-Chinese and Chinese bolshiviks, all who fought to expose the rotten rule of their treacherous governments and their reformist puppets and united all of the forces of revolution to crush the reactionary regimes and pave the way for socialism.

Syndicalism

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grouping, every exploited class, fights first of all for the unity of the proletariat. That is the overriding condition for its own emancipation.

The line that the syndicalists are following, far from fighting for the unity of the proletariat, is fighting to maintain its disunity. The history of this country shows us that whites organized as whites means only one thing--fascism.

The fascist danger is increasing rapidly. The resistance against fascism is also growing. The fascists have penetrated the left, and through the apparatus called the C.P.U.S.A., have connected fascism and revolution as never before. However, the God-children of the C.P.U.S.A., the "New Left" Syndicalists, cannot escape their responsibility for the lack of unity on the left and in the class.

The Communist League wants to clearly point out the counter-revolutionary and white chauvinist character of syndicalism. We call upon the masses of honest revolutionaries to elevate the concepts of women fighting men, of black fighting white, of students fighting administrators, of workers fighting bosses to the level of the class struggle.

It is time to raise the banners of solidarity of the working class, the banners of the proletariat as the vanguard and liberator of all the progressive and suffering humanity.