

PEOPLES' 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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Imperialists Yell "Peace" While They Expand War

Once again the U.S. working class has been told lies. Imperialist mouth-piece Nixon, shouts "peace" in Vietnam, while in reality the U.S. ruling class is expanding and intensifying their war of aggression in Indo-China.

The U.S. imperialists have sent 20,000 South Vietnamese puppet troops into Cambodia and 22,000 into the country of Laos. It has also been reported by Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, head of the Provisional Revolutionary Government delegation to the Paris talks, that U.S. troops have invaded Laos. "U.S. ground troops, and not just American advisors are involved!" The U.S. aggressors are also dropping 3,000 tons of bombs a day on these countries.

War monger, Melvin Laird, calls these acts "an indispensable building block in President Nixon's strategy for peace." This statement is an out and out lie to try and trick the U.S. working class! The real "strategy" of the imperialists is to colonize Indo-China and exploit

and oppress the peoples of these countries; and to use this area as a base to launch an attack against the People's Republic of China. They've invaded Cambodia, they've invaded Laos--and now they are preparing to invade North Vietnam. The South Vietnamese puppets have openly stated that they might send troops into North Vietnam.

The U.S. imperialists have suffered defeat after defeat at the hands of the Vietnamese people. But their drive for profits forces them to keep expanding the war into other countries, rather than to admit defeat. However, the more they expand, the deeper in trouble they get. The Cambodian and Laotian people, like the Vietnamese, will never let the U.S. imperialists enslave and oppress their country. Everywhere the U.S. aggressors stick their snouts, the people have risen up to smash the imperialists and kick them OUT!

The final collapse of U.S. imperialism however, can only

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come from within the U.S. It is up to the U.S. working class to strike the final death blow at imperialism. As Karl Marx, the great teacher of the working class wrote, "No nation can be free if it oppresses other nations." This is becoming more apparent to the American working class everyday as the war has only brought them inflation, unemployment, higher taxes and growing fascist attacks on the class when they have protested.

What sense is there in fighting the Indochinese workers and peasants? They are not the enemy! The enemy is the U.S. Imperialists! In the spirit of proletarian internationalism the U.S. working class must ally with its' brothers and sisters in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam to bring imperialism to its final death!

DOWN WITH U.S. IMPERIALISM!

VICTORY TO THE INDO-CHINESE PEOPLE!

LONG LIVE PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM!

KEY TO REVOLUTION IN AMERICAS:

FREE PUERTO RICO!

"No nation can be free if it oppresses other nations." So wrote Karl Marx, the greatest teacher of the working class. What does that statement really mean? How does it apply to the working class in the United States?

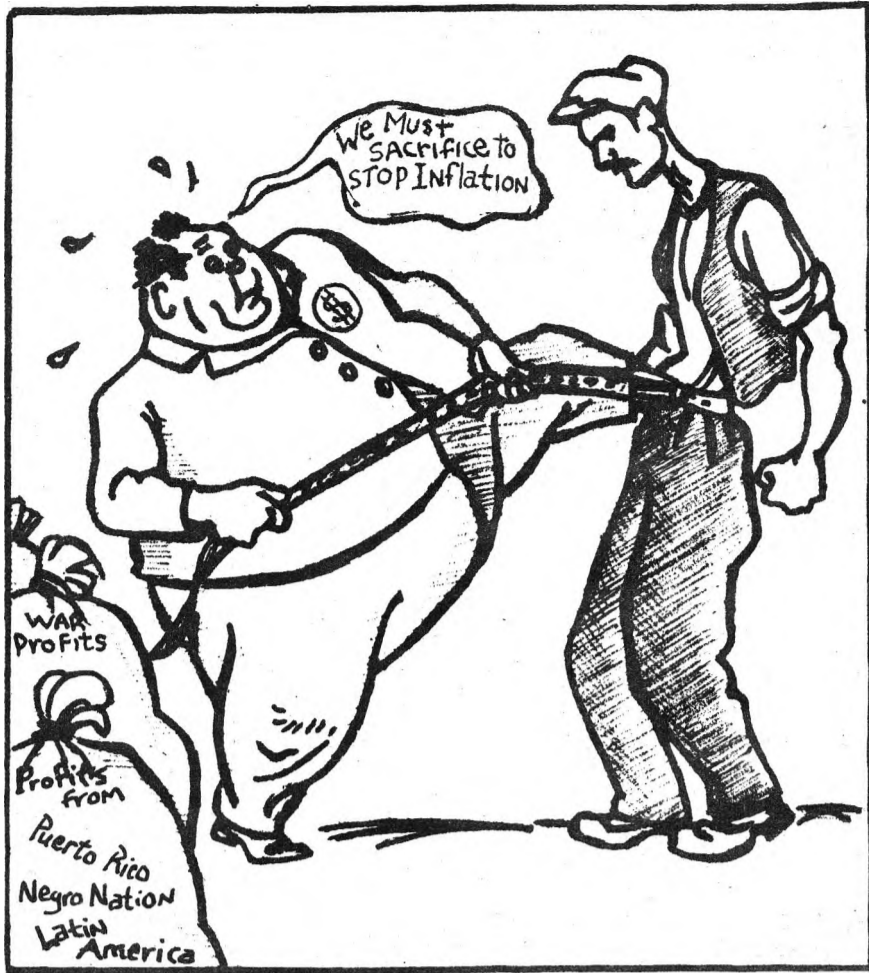
First of all, it is plain to see that the state of the United States has emerged as the hangman of democracy, the main guardian of slavery, the butcher of the colonial peoples and the main enemy of the people of the whole world. All these crimes have been committed under the excuse of saving the nation and the people. But what has really happened to the people and the nation?

The Nixon gang has taken up the slogans of the Kennedy-Johnson gang and told the people that they must make sacrifices. This is only an excuse to intensify the oppression of the U.S. workers. While the imperialists are socking in billion dollar profits this is the real situation with the people: Our working class, some 70 million strong, is 5/6 unorganized. Over 40 million people, whom the government admits are in the poverty level are being forced even further into starvation and misery. Millions of unemployed workers are facing the prospect of never again earning a living. Many of the national minorities are being herded into huge con-



Indochinese fighters--Ready for Imperialists!

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Puerto Rico

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centration camps called urban ghettos. Inflation, manipulated by billionaire imperialist robbers is steadily driving down the wages of the employed workers. The mining and manufacturing industries are looting the resources of the nation and destroying the necessary environment. Our cities are places of fear. Marauding police kill thousands per year at the slightest pretext. A single city, such as Cleveland, Ohio, has more murders per year than the whole of Europe. A whole culture is being built around drugs and pornography. The moral and intellectual development of our people has been pushed backward. These are the rewards that the U.S. people receive for allowing the national and colonial oppression of the worlds' masses.

It is obvious that the spiritual re-awakening of the Anglo-American working class; the strategy and tactics of the revolution; the very salvation of our country depends upon our setting out to fulfill our obligations to the colonial world, in the first place to the Negro people in the Negro nation and to the Puerto Rican people.

The history of the development of the Communist League allowed us to quickly take an advanced position on the Negro National Colonial Question. We were born in Watts, and our first base grew out of the struggle of the black workers. Under such conditions we quickly understood the Negro question. This has not been true as regards the question of the oppressed people of Puerto Rico. Objectively, we did not run into the Puerto Rican movement and it was not until our expansion from the West Coast that we clearly saw the urgency of solving the Puerto Rican question.

In the early stages of the growth of the Communist League we could not help but concentrate on the immediate problems of the areas and shops that gave us birth. As we grew and expanded we had to deal with the question of the Negro Nation as a colony. We had to deal concretely with Stalins teaching: "3) that the non-sovereign nations and colonies cannot be emancipated without the overthrow of the power of capital; and 4) that the victory of the proletariat cannot be a lasting one unless the non-sovereign nations and colonies are emancipated from the yoke of imperialism." (Marxism and the National and Colonial Question, p. 114). At this point we saw the overwhelming and decisive moral, political and strategic importance of Puerto Rico.

Latin America is the main stomping ground of U.S. imperialism. The heaviest imperialist investments are there. The largest amount of profits are wrung out of the peoples of Latin America. It is primarily from the super profits sweated out of Latin America that the bribery of the Anglo-American workers is paid. Out of the billions of dollars robbed from the Latin Americans, the imperialists pay the Anglo-American workers a higher wage, provide welfare, sick benefits and vacations in an effort to force the Anglo-American workers to identify their interests with those of the imperialists. It is primarily from the imperialists' reserves of Latin Americans that the U.S. imperialists gain the strength to bully and oppress the rest of the world.

These facts show us that after solving the theoretical aspects of the Negro question, the biggest job for the Anglo-American revolutionary is the

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WHAT DOES ANGELA DAVIS CASE MEAN?

The struggle to free Angela Davis has become the symbol of the Negro people's fight for independence of the Negro Nation (the Black Belt and surrounding territory in the Southern part of the U.S. State). Because of the rising struggle of the Negro people for liberation, thousands of people in the Anglo-American Nation, the Negro Nation and around the world are demanding that Angela Davis be freed from the imperialist jails. Demonstrations are taking place daily, condemning this fascist attack on the Negro people. The Communist League raises the slogan Free Angela Davis--Free the Negro Nation! because the Negro people will never be free unless the Negro Nation itself achieves freedom and independence. To call only for freedom for Angela Davis is like calling for the freedom of one slave instead of an end to the whole slavery system.

What does Angela Davis have to do with the Negro Nation? What do the black people living in the North, East and West of the U.S. have to do with the Negro Nation? The Negro Nation is a colony of U.S. Imperialism. The imperialists make billions in super-profits off the backs of the working people living there. They steal and plunder everything of worth from the Negro Nation and jail or murder anyone who tries to stop them. In order to keep the Negro Nation enslaved, they must prevent the people from leaving. That's why they treat the Negroes who have come North and all blacks as second-class citizens. Otherwise, everyone would leave the South. Because of this fact, it's clear that black people in the North will never be free until the Negro Nation is free. It is also clear that any political struggle of blacks in the North must be tied to the struggle for the independence of the Negro Nation.

There are some traitors to the struggle who are trying to isolate the Angela Davis case from the Negro people's fight for liberation. These lackeys of the imperialists are the Communist Party USA. By constantly saying things like "Free our beautiful sister Angela", and "Send her your love", the CPUSA is hiding the real issue. Should we "send her our love", or should we demand "Independence for the Negro Nation"? By raising their wishy-washy slogans the CPUSA is helping to further the colonial oppression of the Negro people and aiding the imperialists.

The struggle to defeat U.S. Imperialism is a worldwide struggle. Colonized nations around the world are

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International Women's Day:

Fight For Women's Rights

On March 8, workers all over the world will be celebrating International Women's Day. They will celebrate the struggle for women's rights and equality and honor the millions of women who are fighting for the liberation of the working people from imperialist oppression. The Communist League, in joining this celebration, sets itself the tasks of making the fight for women in this country into the workers' struggle, against capitalism and imperialism.

Women are fighting back against the Welfare and Medical cuts that are pushing them further into poverty and misery. They are fighting back against low wages, rising prices, and oppression on the job. They are fighting the capitalists who are trying to put the burden of the economic crisis on the workers' shoulders.

To combat this great surge of women power, the bosses have tried to hide the class nature of women's oppression. According to the newspapers and T.V., it is the petty-bourgeois and ruling class women who are oppressed the most by male supremacy--women like teachers, social workers, college professors and students, even factory owners and women politicians. But working class women know different!

Most Exploited and Oppressed

It is often said that women's wages are lower than men's because women don't have to support their families. But this is not true. 15% of all women are the breadwinners for their families and yet in 1966 women made only half the wages men did.

Most exploited and oppressed of all are the black, brown, Filipino, Chinese, Japanese and

other national minority women. They make \$1,200 less per year than white women. They work in the worst, lowest-paying jobs such as sewing, laundries, hospitals, factories and domestic work. These women are exploited and oppressed, 1) as members of a national minority, 2) as women, and 3) as workers.

Unorganized Women

Over 80% of all working women are unorganized--unprotected by even the weakest unions, and openly cheated out of wages, overtime, sick leave, pensions and industrial compensation by the employers. In industries where women are most of the workers, like garment, electrical assembly, and retail clerks, the unions don't fight for the women's demands and discourage women from participating in union activities. Again, most of the unorganized women are national minorities.

The ruling class tries to divide men and women against each other. The capitalist will pay men more per hour than women. He can then turn around and threaten the men by saying "Look, if you don't like what you're getting, quit! I can always hire a woman and come out further ahead." So you can see that men, by accepting this bribe are only setting themselves up to be knocked down. As long as the boss can hire women to do the same work for less, or use the women as strike-breakers, the men can't demand more pay.

This is the same trick the capitalists use to divide the black and white workers: he just pays the whites a bit more to keep them from uniting with their fellow black workers. As long as black and white workers are kept divided and fighting, the capitalists can keep everybody's wages down.

Welfare and Reserve Labor

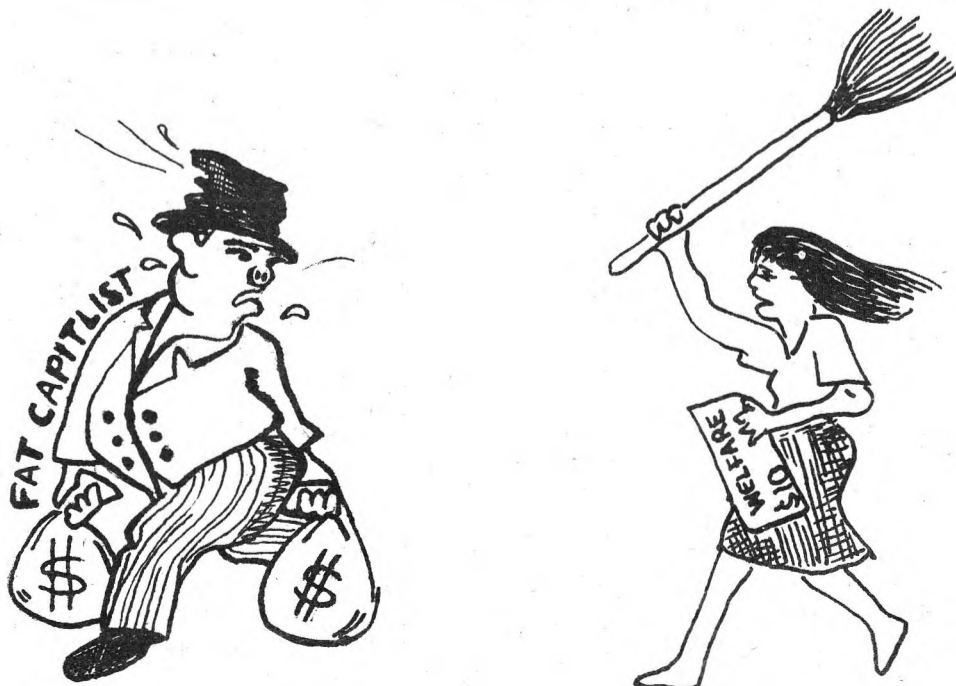
Many women can't make enough at a job to support their families, so they go on Welfare instead of working, or in addition to working. They are forced by lack of free and adequate child care centers to stay at home even when they could be working. Or, they are forced to slave on the job and then slave when they get home, doing housework, laundry, shopping, etc. According to the U.S. Dept. of Labor, the most common reasons for women not working are "family responsibilities and child care", "ill health", and they "believe it would be impossible to find work". Women must take the lead in the struggle to alleviate these conditions for as Engels said in The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State, "The emancipation of women becomes possible only when women are enabled to take part in production on a large scale, and when domestic duties require their attention only to a minor degree." p.158

There are always a certain number of women out of work and on welfare. Women are a reserve labor force for the ruling class. When the boss needs their labor power again, he calls the women out of the kitchen to work for lousy wages. During WWII the ruling class needed women's labor, so the number of women hired climbed by 15%. Wages and conditions for women also improved. But immediately after WWII the number of women in labor dropped by 12% and it was back to the same old dime-a-day. In many plants they have refused to hire any women at all since WWII, even though women were quite capable of doing the work during the war. The saying "last hired and first fired" applies to women as well as national minorities. The capitalists use women, national minorities and especially national minority women as a reserve labor pool. This reserve labor is necessary to the capitalists 1) a ready supply of cheap labor whenever he needs it, 2) for strike-breaking, and 3) to keep all wages down.

Male Supremacy

What is male supremacy? It is the idea that men are naturally superior to women and have the right to dominate them. Where does it come from? This lie is taught to us by the capitalist class. Why? To keep men and women divided and fighting each other and to keep the capitalists on top. Working class women are the most oppressed by male supremacy. Professional women, teachers, social

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NO UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS FOR MEXICANS MAKES BIG PROFITS FOR CAPITALISTS

Almost everyone who still has a job is worried about getting laid off. As the factories get slower and slower, the workers try to look busy and hide from the foremen, hoping they won't be the next to go on the unemployment rolls, because who can live and raise a family on a \$30 check, or at most, a \$65 check from the unemployment insurance?

But what if we didn't get unemployment insurance at all? That is the case with thousands of Mexicans who work in this country. Even though a man may have lived and worked and paid taxes here for 20 years (and many have), he has no right to unemployment insurance if he is Mexican. Once he is laid off he has no way to pay his rent or feed his family, and it's almost impossible to find another job now. Some Mexican families have managed to get Welfare, but now Governor Reagan of California is combing the Welfare rolls to get rid of Mexican "illegals".

Many of the Mexicans in the U.S. are really Mexican-Americans, that is they were born here or they became citizens. But probably just as many are "illegal". That means they are Mexican citizens who crossed the border into the U.S. as "visitors". They aren't allowed to work here, but many have lived and worked here for years. Why don't they all become citizens? The Peoples' Tribune heard about one Mexican couple who only a few weeks ago went to the Immigration Office to apply for citizenship. They were told to get out of the country within one week or face arrest. Actually, this was nice treatment in comparison to those who get thrown in trucks and driven back to Tijuana with no warning, no chance to take care of children who may be waiting at home, no money.

Some people will say, "Why should people who are working here illegally take the unemployment money away from those of us who are legal citizens?" But whose argument is that? It's not the workers who lose money when a Mexican worker gets unemployment insurance. The companies pay for the insurance and they are the ones who don't want to lose their profits. Of course, when they need a cheap supply of labor, they are glad to hire Mexicans and make huge profits from their labor. Then the government turns its back on this violation of the law. But when production gets slow and the workers are no longer needed, the government "remem-

bers" its own laws and refuses to pay unemployment insurance or welfare to these "illegals".

Another person might say, "But this is OUR country and we worked hard to build it, so why should we give it all away to foreigners?" But wait a minute! Where did we get this country in the first place? California, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and Colorado all used to be part of Mexico. The U.S. waged a war and stole all this land in 1848. And since then, who built the railroads? Who mined the gold and copper, who has done almost every bit of labor that feeds the United States vegetables and fruits from the fields and orchards of the Southwest? Yes, it was the Mexican people who built the Southwest of this country. It's a lie to call Mexicans "foreigners!" This country belongs to all the people who have labored to build it, the workers, whether they are black, Chinese or Mexican. The only people it doesn't belong to are the imperialists who have never done an honest day's labor!

The only reason the laws deny Mexicans unemployment insurance is because it's very profitable for the capitalists this way. The U.S. workers have allowed that greedy class to get away with this injustice. Why? Because the imperialists have allowed the American workers a better job, a better house, a better car. And then they are told: "See, America is better than Mexico, you are better than Mexicans." In this way, with a bribe and a bunch of chauvinist lies, the imperialists have divided the American workers against their own class brothers and sisters, the Mexican workers. It's time we united and overthrew our common enemy, the profit-seeking imperialist system!

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rising up against U.S. Imperialism. The downfall of U.S. imperialism will come with the liberation of all colonies. With each victory of the Indo-Chinese people, the Latin American people, and other colonial people, U.S. imperialism is badly wounded.

But the final death blow must be struck here, by the Anglo-American working class. And we can only accomplish this task by uniting with our Negro brothers and sisters and

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workers--those who have authority over other workers, also suffer from male supremacy, but to a lesser degree.

Ruling class women may be affected indirectly by male supremacy, but we are not worried about them. Jackie Onassis and Lady Bird Johnson both have tremendous wealth and power. Where did they get it? Off the backs of the working people! Also internationally, Indira Ghandi of India and Golda Meir of Israel stand as oppressors in their own rights. Male supremacy mostly helps those women make their money, it doesn't hurt them. But to the working class women, slaving all day on the job and all night in the home, male supremacy is a hated burden and the cause of constant fights in marriage and harassment and degradation on the job!

Women and the Fight for Socialism

Women are not going to be free as long as we have capitalism. This means that women must join the fight against capitalism and for the dictatorship of the proletariat if they hope to gain complete democratic rights and equality. In every working class organization, unions, caucuses, community groups and in the Communist League, women must take leadership positions. In Vietnam, women are well over half the fighting forces. They also work in construction, run cranes, load ships, etc. Without the full fighting strength of the Vietnamese women, the Vietnamese people could not defeat the U.S. Imperialist aggressors. Unless the masses of women in the U.S. are organized and fighting, we cannot overthrow capitalism, establish the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, and build socialism. Men and women must not let the capitalist line of male supremacy hold women back from taking their full and equal part in the workers' struggles.

The oppression and exploitation of women is a necessary part of the capitalist system. This oppression arose along with private property and will only disappear when private property is abolished. Emancipation can only come about with the destruction of capitalism!

LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL

WOMENS DAY!!

emancipating the Negro Nation. This is true because the Negro Nation is a backbone of U.S. Imperialism. Because of its location, the Negro Nation exists within the borders of the U.S. state, and without its resources U.S. Imperialism will die. The Communist League shouts loudly:

FREE ANGELA DAVIS

FREE THE NEGRO NATION!

Welfare Cuts Pay For Imperialist Expansion

A direct attack is being made on Welfare, as many of us already know. In many places the capitalists have already cut the blind and disabled and the non-residents from the Welfare rolls. Also Mexicans and other aliens are being cut off.

Unemployment is skyrocketing all over the country: 7% in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, 15% in Cleveland, 12% in San Francisco and New Orleans; but up to 50% in East St. Louis, East Cleveland, Harlem, Bedford Stuyvesant, Watts, East Los Angeles and San Antonio. What is going to happen to all these millions of laid-off workers when their unemployment insurance runs out? Right now they go on Welfare. But soon even these crumbs will be cut back. The capitalists are trying to pass laws right now that say if you are an able-bodied man or woman and able to work, even if you cannot get a job, you will get no welfare. The same goes for women who could work, but can't afford a baby-sitter-- tough luck!

The amount of Welfare you can still get is going down fast. Nixon, the big mouth-piece for the Imperialists, wants to set the maximum Welfare for a family of four per year at about \$2,000. This is at least \$1,800 below the federal poverty level. And many families can't get that much. In the Negro Nation, in Mississippi for example, a family of four gets about \$750 a year! (Newsweek, February 8, '71) In Puerto Rico it's even less.

Why do they cut back Welfare at a time like this? Because U.S. Imperialism is in a real mess. It has lost its war against south Vietnam. But the imperialists cannot afford to lose control of all of South-East Asia, so they are wildly expanding the war into Cambodia, Laos and soon into north Vietnam. This takes billions of dollars and where are they going to get it? They'll take it out of the workers, especially the most oppressed workers like those on Welfare.



Welfare recipients protest increased cutbacks in New York.

The cuts in Welfare must be seen as just one part of a growing fascist attack on the working class. As the U.S. Imperialists turn the economic screws tighter, the danger of mass uprisings of the people is greater. So they cannot simply cut back Welfare; at the same time they must also use the police to suppress, murder and intimidate the people.

The imperialists are desperately trying to enslave and colonize people all over the world; this is their only hope for more and more profits. In order to carry out their insane plans they must keep the U.S. workers quiet; they must have "peace" at home, at the point of bayonets, if necessary, to carry out their wars of plunder around the world.

But it is important to note that the imperialists cannot cut off Welfare completely, they cannot force the whole working class into unemployment and poverty. They can and have reduced the colonial peoples in Puerto Rico, the Negro Nation and Latin America to this level, to the level of living in cardboard shacks, to the level of prostitution and starvation. But they must not do this to all the U.S. workers or they will definitely have a revolution on their hands. It is necessary to keep some of the workers pretty satisfied, because fascism must have a base of support and it is among a bribed section of the workers that they'll get it.

Why did the U.S. workers ever get Welfare and Unemployment insurance in the first place? Because the U.S. Imperialists had to bribe the people of the U.S. in order to divide them from the people of the colonial world. The imperialists didn't mind giving us a few crumbs if the United States workers would sit back and allow them to loot and rape the colonial countries, to get immeasurable profits, and to bathe whole countries in blood, like they've done in Vietnam. The U.S. Imperialists know that the key to their domina-



Welfare recipient in her Harlem apartment.

tion of the whole world is the division between the working people of the world, between the U.S. working class and the colonial peoples.

In all the propaganda about Welfare lately, in the newspapers and on T.V., we can also see how they use this issue to divide up the U.S. workers. For example, the well paid white workers are told that all the people on Welfare are blacks, Puerto Ricans and Mexicans. This is a chauvinist lie! At least 60% of all people on Welfare are whites. The workers who have it a little better than the rest, or who at least have a job, are told that all their tax money is going to Welfare. Wrong again. First of all, the U.S. spends on Welfare in one year about as much as it spends in Vietnam in 3 months! Only about 5 cents of each tax dollar goes to Welfare.

But still the bourgeois propaganda has convinced many workers to hate the workers on Welfare for taking away all their hard-earned money. As we can see, this is a very effective way to keep the workers divided. It is not a new tactic. Hitler also bribed a section of the German workers who, along with the traitorous trade union officials, helped Hitler to totally enslave the poorest workers, especially the Jews and other national minorities. These bribed, fascist workers were also Hitler's support for the invasion and terror against other countries.

So the imperialists will never totally eliminate Welfare. They use a two-pronged strategy on the U.S. working class: bribe some of the workers into supporting fascism and imperialist wars, and drive the rest of the workers to the brink of poverty, cut welfare, make the workers work harder for less pay, take away their democratic rights and suppress with open violence and terror any protest against this oppression.

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What Is A Communist?

Many times when we are bringing the People's Tribune or a leaflet around, we in the Communist League are asked, "Well, what is a Communist, what do Communists do?" We are hard working people who are struggling and fighting for Socialism. We want the working and poor people of the U.S. and the entire world to be free, free from oppression and exploitation. Free from hunger, slavery, war and poverty. The vast majority of people, the working and poor people, should decide collectively what is best for their country; not a few stinking rich capitalist toads, who live off our sweat and who can't do without us to make their money and profits. Why should we live like this? The working class hates the rich exploiters. Hates them for the miserable living conditions, hates them for the crummy wages they shell out, hates poverty, war, hunger and no medical care, hates them for the divisions they have made between men and women and people from different nations. The advantage we have on our side is that we can do without the rich capitalist class. We don't need bosses to screw us over, we don't need lousy schooling for our kids, we don't need cops busting down our doors, and then our heads. If the rich capitalist class is no good we should get rid of it. And the working class has the strength to do it.

A Communist grows out of this miserable life of oppression and constant hardship. A Communist knows who our enemy is and from then on works to destroy that enemy and liberate the oppressed and working people. One Chinese Communist said, "Communists grow wherever exploitation and oppression of class by class exists, the oppressed will always rise and struggle against their oppressor." (from Iron Bars But Not a Cage) It's natural that if a bully keeps attacking over and over, the underdog surely will rise up, with the help of others in his same position, to smash the bully and be rid of him.

There is an ancient Chinese fable called "The Foolish Old Man Who Removed the Mountain". "It tells of an old man who lived in northern China long, long ago and was known as the Foolish Old Man of North Mountain. His house faced south and beyond his doorway stood the two great peaks, Thailand and Wangwu, obstructing the way. With great determination, he led his sons in digging up these mountains hoe in hand. Another greybeard, known as the Wise Old Man, saw them and said derisively, "How silly of you to do this! It is quite impossible for you few to dig up these two

huge mountains." The Foolish Old Man replied, "When I die, my sons will carry on; when they die, there will be my grandsons, and then their sons and grandsons, and so on to infinity. High as they are, the mountains cannot grow any higher and with every bit we dig, they will be that much lower. Why can't we clear them away?" Having refuted the Wise Old Man's wrong view, he went on digging every day, unshaken in his conviction. God was moved by this, and sent down two angels, who carried the mountains away on their backs.

"Today, two big mountains lie like a dead weight on the Chinese people. One is imperialism, the other is feudalism.

The Chinese Communist Party has long made up its mind to dig them up. We must persevere and work unceasingly, and we, too, will touch God's heart. Our God is none other than the masses of the Chinese people. If they stand up and dig together with us, why can't these two mountains be cleared away?" (from Five Articles by Chairman Mao Tse-tung)

Many people have said, "We know things are miserable in the U.S., and we should do something about it, because we could have a prosperous society, instead of a dying one. But what could we do against the gigantic U.S. Imperialist government?" If we take the lesson of the Foolish Old Man and the Chinese Socialist (cont. on p. 10)

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difficult problem of linking up with the revolution in Latin America.

The only moral and political route to the gigantic revolution in Brazil is through Puerto Rico. There is no possibility of convincing the bigger and stronger nations of La' America of our revolutionary perspectives and earnestness unless we make the emancipation of Puerto Rico a major aspect of our program.

We are not middle class do gooders, like the so called Communist Party USA and their left talking friends. They "support" the struggle for the independence of Puerto Rico in the same manner as they support humane societies, protests against lynchings and the preserving of the forests. Our starting point is the tactics of the Anglo-American revolution. Our teacher is Marx, who fought for the independence and freedom of the Irish in the interests of the socialist movement of the British workers. This is our outlook. It is in the decisive interests of the Anglo-American workers that Puerto Rico be separated from U.S. imperialism.

Our practice and investigations have clearly shown that the revolution in the Americas will certainly be one hemispheric process. During the period of the revolutions against England, Spain and Portugal there were different social systems, different oppressors and different political goals. Today there is but one American market, one social system and one oppressor. The decisive task of the Marxist Leninist Parties and groups is to achieve a revolutionary unity. This is absolutely impossible without the

struggle for the emancipation of Puerto Rico.

Apart from the tactic of changing the colonies from a reserve of imperialism to a reserve of proletarian revolution, there are overwhelming moral considerations. In order to be worthy of socialism, the workers of this nation must cleanse their conscience of the rape of Puerto Rico. The conquest and overthrow of a legitimate government, the resulting misery, squalor and starvation there distorts the morality of the Anglo-American workers and makes it impossible for them to move in their self interest.

The Anglo-American workers are rising up against the oppression of imperialism. The strike waves, the uprisings in the cities, the powerful womens movement, the peace movement, the struggle for bread and housing testify to the depth and strength of this movement. We have no doubt that the working class will carry out its tasks with honor. We are at that stage of our development where we must raise the question of Puerto Rico in the same militant and decisive manner that we raise the Negro question.

At the moment, the Marxist Leninist leaders of the Puerto Rican revolution are being tried for "conspiracy". One of the Comrades has already been sentenced to a term of five to eight years at hard labor.

The Communist League will not shirk its international responsibilities to Puerto Rico. We will do all in our power to defend the comrades on trial. We intend to popularize the Puerto Rican question in a new and proletarian way.

Cops Provoke Violence - Attack Chicano Moratorium



"We are living in occupied Aztlan." This was the cry of a rally of 5,000 people at the Chicano Moratorium, on Jan. 31, in East Los Angeles. But the rally, a sign of the Chicanos' growing political awareness, turned into a police attack on the community.

One man was left dead and at least 40 people were injured when sheriff's officers fired into a crowd. The police and politicians blame this violence on the people. They say the police did everything they could to prevent violence, staying in "low profile".

The truth is that the rally was seething with plainclothes police. Sunday morning cops with long hair were seen setting up cameras on Whittier Blvd. The parking lot of a nearby police academy was full of patrol cars. All days off for city cops were cancelled because of anticipated trouble. The imperialist class made sure the police were armed to the teeth and ready to attack, while making it appear that they were nowhere in sight.

The demonstration was a protest against the oppression of Chicanos. Like blacks and other national minorities, Chicanos, or Mexican Americans, have the lowest paying jobs, poor housing and schools and they always get the worst the capitalists can dish out. Why? Because long ago, in 1848, the U.S. government waged a bloody war against Mexico and stole California, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas (Aztlan), from Mexico. And since then, Mexico and Aztlan have been exploited by the U.S. capitalists. Today Mexico is a semi-colony of U.S. imperialism. Because of this the imperialists treat all the people who came from Mexico or Aztlan as "inferior". This national oppression, backed up by the imperialist ideology of white chauvinism, is why Chicanos are among the most exploited and oppressed workers

in the U.S. Because of their hatred of this imperialist oppression, Chicanos are escalating their protests.

In order to protect their bloody rule, to preserve this very profitable oppression of the Chicano people, the imperialists have to attempt to terrorize the people into silence and submission.

But, the imperialists could not let the police openly attack this Moratorium the way they did at the August Chicano Moratorium. They had to make it appear that the people started the violence. But, in fact it was the police agents in the crowd that tried to provoke an incident and use the anger and indignation of the people to lead them into a trap. Who but a lackey of the police would call for the people to "have a party" at the Sheriff's station? The people's lack of organization made them an easy target for such provocation.

Since Jan. 31 the imperialists have used the violence provoked by their own agents to justify the murder of one man and to convince the workers

that there should be no more demonstrations. Sheriff Peter Pitchess, for example, said "I certainly don't think a demonstration of this type is of any benefit if the end result is violence." It's clear they are moving to prohibit mass demonstrations, to limit the right of working people to assemble and petition the government. These moves to take away the democratic rights of the working and oppressed people are all a part of the increasing trend towards fascism that is spreading throughout the country. The working class must not be fooled by the lying cries of the police and politicians who blame the violence on the people.

Another tactic the imperialists used was to blame militants and communists for the violence. But are communists responsible for police brutality? For the conditions in the sweatshops, for the bad housing, education and medical care, for the millions of people dying in Indochina? Still the capitalists try to put the blame for violence on the communists. But a true communist doesn't lead people to suicide. Only the police agents do that or misleaders like the revisionist Communist Party U.S.A. or the Trotskyites. Both of these friends of imperialism were in evidence at the demonstration.

To counter the police and traitors and the whole rising tide of fascism, and to prevent unnecessary bloodletting, the working class, blacks, chicanos and anglos, need unity and organization. Only an honest communist party of the working class is capable of organizing and preparing the working class for revolution. Only a Marxist-Leninist communist party will be able to guide the revolutionary struggle of the working class to overthrow capitalism and establish a dictatorship of the working people.

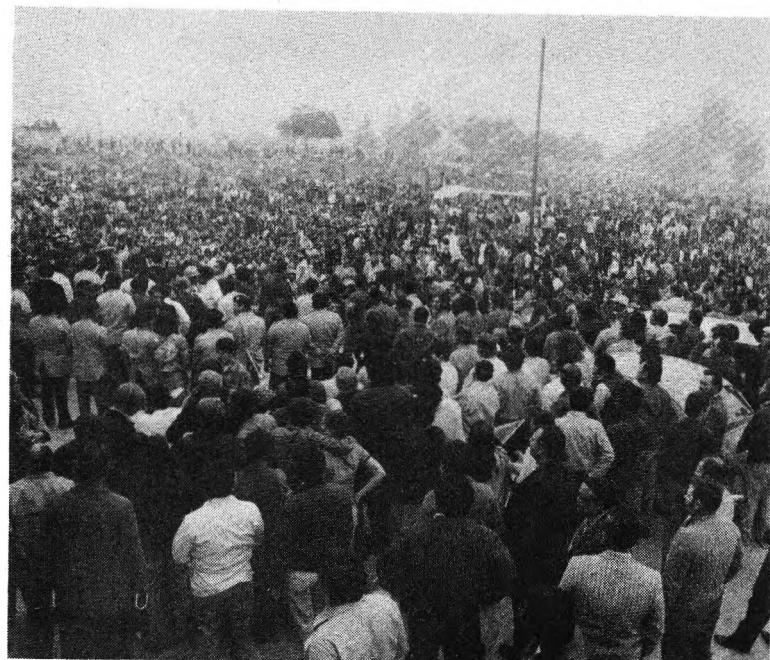
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Independence For The Negro Nation!

WHAT IS A NATION AND WHAT IS THE NEGRO NATION?

Did nations as we know them today always exist? No, history shows that nations did not always exist. Nations were formed originally as a result of the growth of capitalism and today imperialism. In both the period of capitalism and imperialism the chief concern of the bourgeoisie is the securing of markets. They have to have these markets in order to sell their goods and continue to make profits. The capitalists began by securing their "own" or "home" markets. As imperialism developed these home markets grew too small to satisfy the greed of the bourgeois imperialists. So, the imperialists went abroad and forced different peoples together, uniting them with a common language (usually the language of the imperialists) developing an economic life, a common territory etc. For example, African countries had their boundaries drawn by British, French, and Belgium imperialists as they struggled for and divided the spoils among themselves. Members of the same tribe found themselves belonging to different countries due to arbitrary lines drawn on maps. As time passed these people were forced to consider themselves members of a particular country rather than members of a particular tribe. The situation that led to the creation of the Negro Nation here in the U.S. followed much the same pattern.

THE NEGRO NATION

Throughout our paper we frequently refer to the Negro Nation and raise the demand "Independence for the Negro Nation." In this article we hope to show briefly what we mean when we refer to the Negro Nation, what it is, where it is and how it developed.

First of all, when we say Negro Nation we are referring to the historically evolved community of English speaking black and white people who live in the Black Belt area of the southern U.S. plus the immediate surrounding area that is economically dependent upon and tied to the Black Belt.

We call this nation the "Negro Nation" because the term "Negro" is the most accurate term available. "Negro" is different than terms such as "black" or "Afro-American" in that it is the only term which can be used to refer exclusively to those people living in the Black Belt and immediate surrounding territory.

It is important to note that although the majority of Negroes are black, there is a large minority of white Negroes who live in the Negro Nation.

There is a lot of confusion around what is meant by a "nation". The Communist League takes the most objective and scientific criteria, as put forth by Comrade Stalin and applies these definitions to the Negro Nation. "A nation is a historically evolved, stable community of language, territory, economic life and psychological make-up manifested in a community of culture." (Marxism and National Colonial Question, Marxist Library, Vol. 38, p.8)

How do these criteria apply to the Negro Nation? To answer this we have to look at each criteria one at a time. :

I. AN HISTORICALLY EVOLVED PEOPLE:

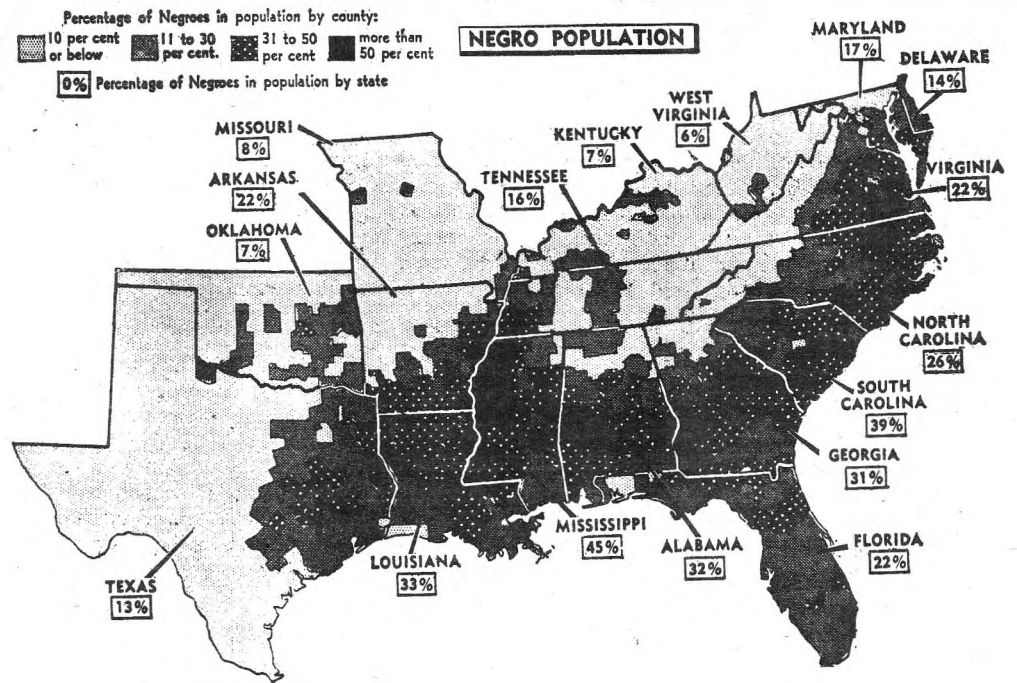
The Negro people are historically, as well as racially distinct from their African ancestors. They were formed

ican strain very noticeable, due primarily to the wholesale rape of Black women. The Negro people are historically evolved from the many different African tribes.

II. A STABLE COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE:

The Negro population in the South has been growing steadily year by year. In 1860, there were roughly four million blacks in the South, in 1910 about nine million and in 1960, eleven million. Today, 54% of all black people live in the South.

In the Negro Nation or that area which includes the Black Belt and the immediate surrounding area live more than five million blacks, and the emigration (departure) from this area has ceased. In fact, since 1966 the Bureau of the Census has noted a definite trend toward immigration into the Negro Nation. So you see, that in the area we are referring to as the Negro Nation there has been a steadily growing population of Negroes.

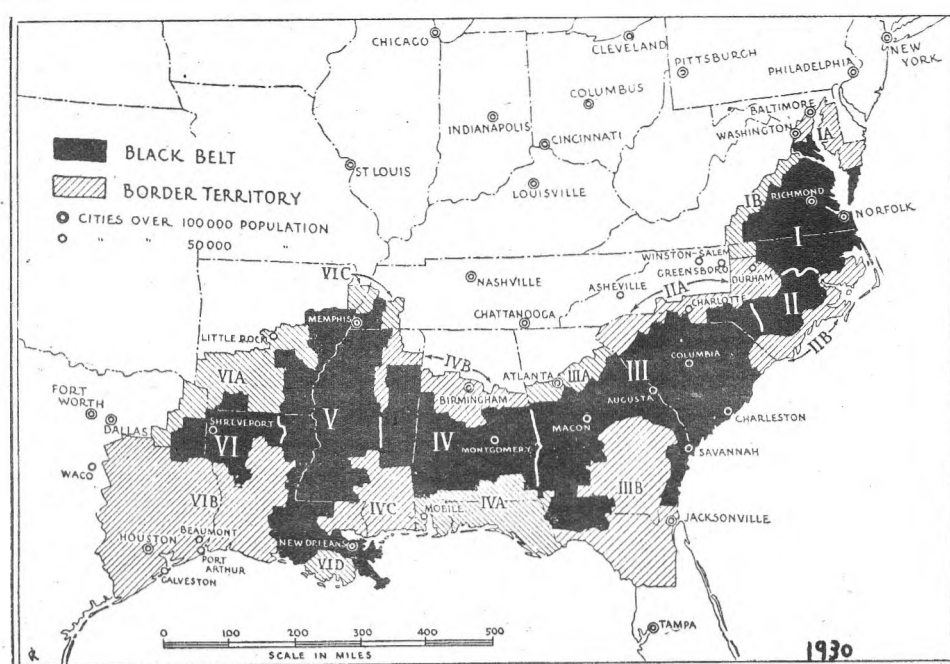


from the merging of the diverse African tribes, kidnapped from Africa, such as Oboes, Croman-tees, Hausas, Tapas, Mandingoes Nagoes, Dohomans, Yorubas, Paw-paws, Congolese, Whydaks, etc. From these different tribes which were at different stages of economic development and had different languages, gods, and cultural backgrounds emerged a people with a common Negro nationality forged by centuries of chattel slavery in North America.

The system of chattel slavery was the common experience of all the African people that came to the American colonies. The present Negro population is a mixture of these tribal groupings with the Indian and "white" Amer-

III. A COMMUNITY OF LANGUAGE:

When the slaves were kidnapped from the different African tribes and brought to the American colonies they spoke many different languages. However, once in the American colonies they were forced to give up their various African languages and to speak one common language. This common language was English, the language of the oppressor nation. This has been the experience of other peoples too. For example, Brazil is a nation which speaks Portuguese the language of their former oppressor, and Mexico is a nation where Spanish, the language of its former oppressor is spoken.



BLACK BELT AND BORDER TERRITORY

While the language of the Negro Nation is basically English it differs in many ways from the English spoken outside of the South, and especially outside the Negro Nation. Linguists in Washington call Negro English a fully formed linguistic system in its own right, with its own grammatical ruled and unique history. So we see that there is a common stable language spoken in the Negro Nation.

IV. A STABLE COMMUNITY OF TERRITORY:

The 1960 census reported that 54% of all Blacks lived in the South. What the census did not point out however, is that a large portion of this 54% is concentrated in a very specific area of the South. This area is the "Black Belt" area. The term "Black Belt" originally referred to the rich and fertile black soil that stretches 1,600 miles long and 300 miles deep. It is this stretch of land that we are referring to when we speak of the Black Belt. The map above shows where the Black Belt lies.

The Black Belt area was critical to the economic development of the South as a region. It was in this Black Belt area that the major agricultural crops were grown and where the major plantations were. These crops were mainly tobacco, cotton, rice, indigo, and sugar. In order to grow and harvest and export these crops the plantation landlord class employed the Negro slave which explains the heavy concentration of the Negro people in the Black Belt.

As Stalin says, "A nation is formed only as a result of lengthy and systematic intercourse, as a result of the fact that people live together from generation to generation. But people cannot live together for lengthy periods unless they have a common territory". This territory exists for the Negro people in the Black Belt and surrounding territory.

V. A QUESTION OF ECONOMIC COMMUNITY:

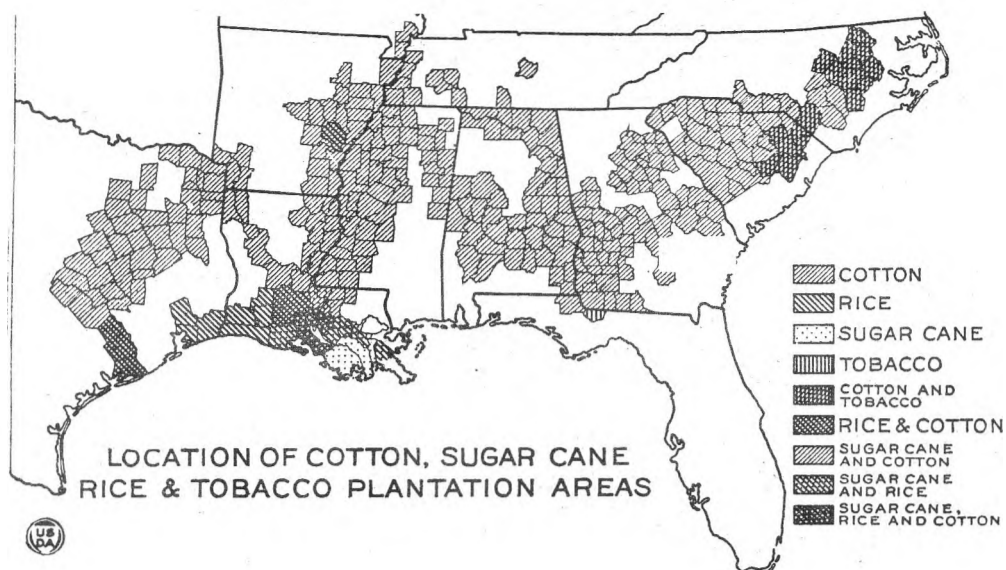
The Negro Nation has a common economic life which began developing before the Civil

War and was based as we have said on the production and exporting of agricultural products.

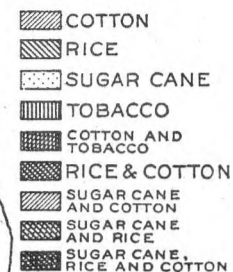
After the Civil War and the defeat of the Southern Planter class, Northern capital began to spread in the South. Some of the major areas in which Northern capital invested itself were the development of railroads, lumber, coal, steel, iron, tobacco and cotton. In the late 1880's the South was producing more iron than the whole U.S. was before the War. And, the Negro Nation itself, which is less than 3% of the world's land produced 55% of the world's cotton in 1929. With this development of U.S. Imperialism (beginning around 1880), the economic ties between town and country and a common banking, credit and monetary system, which make up economic community were re-established. The existence of these ties between the industrial towns and the agricultural countryside are essential to a nation.

Another aspect of common economic life or community of a nation is the existence of economic classes. The major classes of the Negro Nation are the comprador bourgeoisie, the national bourgeoisie, the peasantry or farmers and the proletariat.

The comprador bourgeoisie are those black puppets of the U.S. Imperialists whose interests lie with the imperialist oppressor class instead of with the Negro people. The comprador bourgeoisie is entirely dependent on the U.S. government for its growth and survival. In return for its survival these traitors serve the U.S. Imperialists by maintaining control over the increasing revolutionary struggles of the people in the Negro Nation. Representatives of this class are found among the clergy and the upper elements of the Negro college community. However, the most important section of this class is the Negro politicians. Some examples are Charles Evers, Julian Bond, and Walter Washington. Others include the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., Rev. David Abernathy, and Rev. Andrew Young, etc.



LOCATION OF COTTON, SUGAR CANE RICE & TOBACCO PLANTATION AREAS



The Negro national bourgeoisie on the other hand aren't so dependent on the U.S. Imperialists. Their market is in the Negro Nation. Today, the Negro bourgeoisie is based mainly around 14 banking institutions, 16 savings and loan asso., 12 life insurance companies, 14 fraternal benefit societies and 11 funeral service and mutual aid companies in the Negro Nation. This class is also rooted in service industries i.e. catering, eating and drinking establishments, gasoline stations, auto repair shops, and real estate dealers and brokers. These businesses serve primarily a "segregated" Negro market. The National Bourgeoisie living in the Negro Nation does not feel the full effects of the oppression of the Negro masses. They have good homes, expensive cars, college educated children and even yachts and country clubs.

The Negro national bourgeoisie would like to establish a state in the Negro Nation that it could control for its own benefit. This kind of black capitalism can be seen in the program put forth by the Black Muslims.

Both the comprador bourgeoisie and the national bourgeoisie are supporters of capitalism and neither will fight for the interests of the Negro workers and peasants.

THE NEGRO PROLETARIAT

The Negro proletariat or working class has been growing rapidly. Non-agricultural employment in the South increased by 75% between 1946 and 1966. One reason for this is that since World War II scores of profit hungry industries have moved to the South seeking a cheap supply of labor. Out of 7 million proletarians working in the manufacturing, contract construction and transportation industries in the South, 2½ million are concentrated in and around the Negro Nation. Over 50% of these workers are black, and in 1960 more than 60% of all blacks (in the South and the rest of the U.S.) were employed in the South. The Negro proletariat however is made up of both black and white workers.

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Communists (cont. from p. 6) revolution, the question is easily answered. The U.S. Imperialist government is the weighty mountain on our backs, and the Communists and the masses of oppressed people, standing up together and digging together can clear this mountain away.

The heroic people of Vietnam are one of the best examples of how the U.S. Imperialist government can be fought against. The struggle in Vietnam is led by the Communists, and the heroic fight of the oppressed people is defeating U.S. Imperialism. In

outh Vietnam there was the fighter Nguyen Van Troi, one of many who has given his life for the Vietnamese people, and the oppressed people throughout the world. In a book, The Way He Lived, his widow tells about Nguyen Van Troi: "The thugs accused him of being an agent of the Communists, after trying to smear Communism with every kind of slander, they charged him with being a Communist-inspired saboteur and terrorist. To this Troi replied that he had never seen the Communists do harm to anybody, but on the contrary since he had been a boy he had seen Yankees pouring in in an ever greater numbers, that the skies over Saigon echoed with the roar of their planes, and that they had been killing the people with their bombs and bullets. Then he added sarcastically; If you rascals keep calling me an agent of the Communists, I'll look on it as an honor. The Communists have been working for the good of the

people. Only the toadies of the Americans have reason to feel ashamed of themselves."

To be a Communist is to serve the people. The test of the words and deeds of a true Communist is if they go along with the highest interests and are strongly supported by the overwhelming majority of the people. Working in the interests of the working and poor people--working everyday to free ourselves from capitalist oppression. Knowing that the only way we can be free, the only way there will be democracy for the people is to get rid of the oppressor, the rich capitalist class. "There cannot be, nor is there or will there ever be real 'Freedom'...as long as there is no freedom for the workers from the yoke of capital, and no freedom for the toiling peasants from the yoke of the capitalists, landlords and merchants." (Lenin) A Communist is dedicated to the liberation of the people and works entirely in the peoples' interests.

There is a difference in a person who in words calls himself a Communist, but in deeds isn't a Communist. Here in the U.S. there is a Communist Party, the CPU.S.A. They call themselves Communists, but their actions only help the ruling class. These so-called Communists do not work in the interests of the overwhelming majority, all they do is set back the working class struggle. If the Communist Party U.S.A. was working in the interest of

the people we would have kicked out the rotten government and set up a socialist society where workers have all the political control, years ago. The CPUSA is not a Communist Party, it is a revisionist party, working against the overwhelming majority of working and poor people.

Another example is Russia since the death of Stalin. The Russian government hides behind communist phrases and calls itself a socialist country, but if you look at the real situation, at what goes on in Russia, you can see that Russia is in deed not a socialist country. The Russian government is a rotten revisionist bunch of capitalists who work against the interests of the Russian workers and peasants.

One thing that should always be remembered in judging anyone or any organization is to listen to what they say, but most important, watch what they do. How do their deeds or actions go along with what they say?

In the Communist League, we try and set the example of a good Communist in the way we work, our practice. Our words or theory come from Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tse-tung. And our action, our deeds, come from our interest in the socialist revolution, the revolution is our lives. It is better to die working to liberate the working and oppressed people than to live like a slave under capitalism!

WORKERS & OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF THE WORLD UNITE
WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOOSE
BUT OUR CHAINS !!



WELFARE (cont. from p. 5) about it? There is only one answer: revolution. Capitalism has gotten to a point in the U.S. where it is rotten, it is dying, and there is no way to save it or make it better. As

long as the imperialist ruling class is in power their only concern will be for PROFIT, no matter how much blood the people of the world have to shed, no matter how much the American workers have to suffer. There can be no compromise with this

class; it's either us or them. The imperialists must be totally eliminated, and the working class must establish their own dictatorship of the proletariat. Only then will we be able to build a socialist society for the benefit of the workers.

NEGRO NATION

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It is the black proletariat in the Negro Nation that is taking over the leadership of the revolutionary movement there. This can be seen by the 1967 shipyard strike in Newport News, Virginia, by the big hospital strikes in Atlanta, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina in 1969 and by the militant strikes of garbage men from 1968 through 1970. All of these incidents of fightback and many more show the increasing class consciousness of the Negro people and the Negro proletariat in particular. It is only the Negro proletariat, allied with the oppressed people of the world, and the Anglo-American (U.S.) proletariat, that is capable of leading the Negro National Liberation struggle and the fight for independence and socialism.

THE NEGRO PEASANTRY-- ANCHOR OF THE NEGRO NATION

No nation can exist without a peasantry (farmers) to stabilize it in one place. It is the peasantry who are tied to the soil and who serve as a home market for the nation. The peasantry produce raw materials for the industrial towns to work with, and the industrial towns produce goods for the peasantry. The peasantry are those farmers who fully or partly own a farm.

Agriculture was the basic purpose for the importing of African slaves to the American colonies. By 1850 2.8 million of the slaves lived in the "cotton kingdom", working on farms and plantations. The majority, 1.8 million, were put to cultivating cotton, with the rest being used to raise tobacco, rice and sugar cane.

In the Negro Nation today the number of Negro farmers has declined but the number of rural proletariat (those who work on farms but don't own them) has increased. In the South today, Negro farmers comprise only one-sixth of all farmers, but the Negro rural proletariat make up one half of all farm wage-workers. In addition, it should be mentioned that there are within the "Black Belt Area", approximately one million "landless peasants" who remain on the land, but who are not for the most part included in commercial agricultural statistics. These people survive off welfare, part-time jobs, and small gardens. (Dept. of Labor Statistics Special 1966 Report, "Part-time labor in the Rural South".)



Comrade Joseph Stalin pointed out in Marxism and the National Colonial Question, that "the national question is in essence a peasant question." In other words, the question of territory and land redistribution is a key aspect of the national question. When Comrade Stalin made this analysis he was referring primarily to Asian colonial nations having large masses of land-hungry peasants. However, the size of the peasantry is not the primary factor. As long as the peasantry exists, a nation will remain anchored to a given territory. This fact in turn means that the national question can only be settled by a liberation and redistribution of the lands worked by the oppressed farmers, wage-laborers and landless peasants who are the "anchor of the nation". Certainly no progressive person would deny that the independence of Puerto Rico can only come about through some form of land redistribution, and the ration of peasants to workers in that country is only one to 26.

As shown above, a relatively large peasantry or "anchor" holds the Negro Nation to a general area embracing thousands of square miles of territory. Like the Puerto Rican National Colonial question, the Negro National Colonial question can only be solved by a return of the land to the people who have toiled over it for centuries.

It should be added that in this era of declining imperialism, National Liberation and the redistribution of the land can only be accomplished by a united front of workers and peasants under the leadership of a proletarian party.

VI. COMMUNITY OF CULTURE:

In the Negro Nation there is a definite culture. This culture is different than that of any other nation. This culture developed out of the special conditions of slavery that were endured by the Negro people.

Because of the economic exploitation and the oppression suffered by the slaves they were excluded from the culture of the Anglo-American (U.S.) nation and forced to create their own.

The Negro people developed their own music, literature, poetry, etc., all of which expressed their struggle against slavery and oppression. This

culture can be seen in the food, such as chitterlings and hog maws, which was the result of the master keeping the best part of the pig for himself and giving the innards to his slaves.

Their music was basically made up of slave work songs and spirituals which voiced the suffering and aspirations of Negroes. Today this same feeling of oppression is expressed in many black rhythm and blues songs.

Aside from music and food the Negro people have other distinct characteristics such as funerals, attitudes toward hospitality, religion and many other customs and attitudes.

So you can see from the above things that there is a separate culture in the Negro Nation.

Now, we've covered all the different characteristics that are necessary for nationhood and can see that there is a Negro Nation. But of what importance is this to the rest of the U.S. state, to the Anglo-American nation?

U.S. Imperialism is the most brutal and powerful imperialist state in history. It is the main enemy of the people of the earth. Because the Negro Nation exists as an oppressed colony within the borders of the U.S. state, the oppression and struggle of the Negro people constitutes an important link in the chain of anti-imperialist struggles taking place around the world. It is this struggle between the imperialists and the colonies that is the most acute social contradiction in the world today. As long as this contradiction exists there can be no lasting peace either in the imperialist countries or in the colonies. As long as one nation oppresses another nation it cannot be free.

Without working class unity and international solidarity between workers of all nations there can be no death blow struck against U.S. Imperialism. Nor can the building of socialism in the U.S. be accomplished. In other words, if the Anglo-American working class doesn't stand up and demand "Independence for the Negro Nation", then there can be no overthrow of imperialism and no liberation here in the United States.

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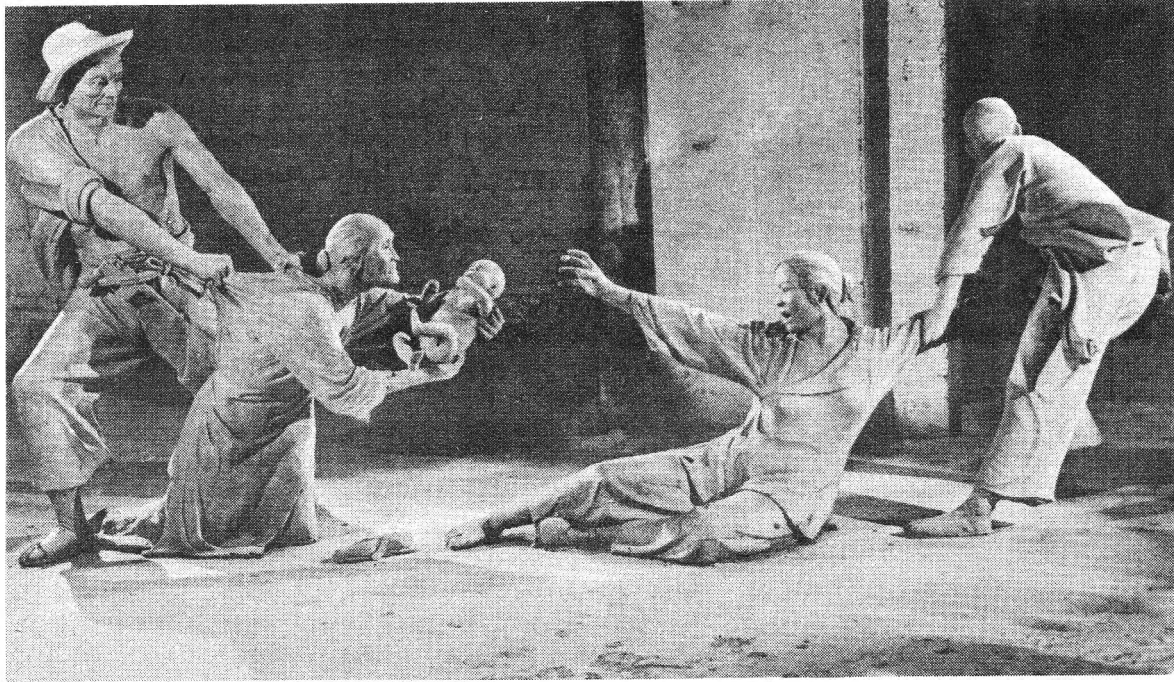
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Rent Collection Courtyard



A mother is torn away from her baby so that Liu can indulge his special delight — fresh human milk.

This grand exhibition of life-size clay figures takes its setting from the former rent collection courtyard of Liu Wen-tsai, a tyrannical landlord of Taiyi County, Szechuan Province in southwestern China. It recreates a profound, vivid and truthful picture of the raging class struggle in old China's countryside.

Before liberation the people of Taiyi suffered untold misery through the brutalities of the local despots and the oppressive taxes levied by the Kuomintang reactionary government. Only three or four per cent of the local population were landlords, yet they occupied almost four-fifths of the arable land, mercilessly exploiting and oppressing the peasants and driving them to a life worse than that of beasts of burden. The Taiyi of pre-liberation times was typical of the rest of semi-colonial and semi-feudal old China.

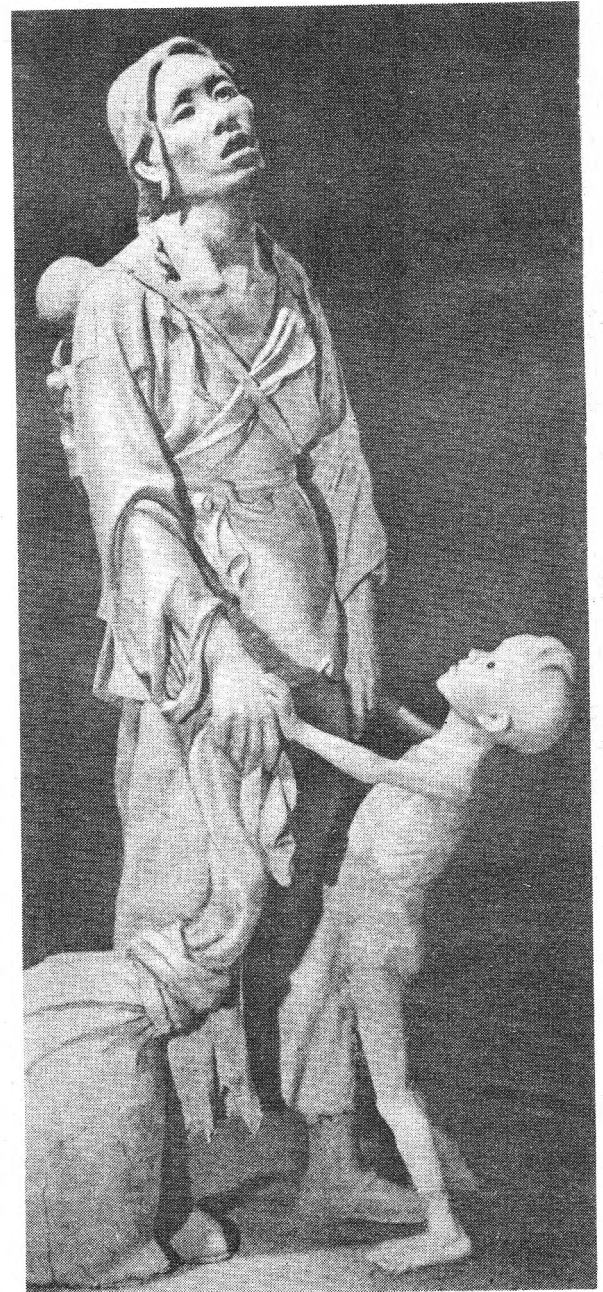
Under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party headed by the great leader Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese people in 1949 completely threw off the rule of imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat-capitalism and established the People's Republic of China. Since then the people of Taiyi, like those in other parts of China, have been liberated, they have set out on the socialist road and have

marched bravely forward in the socialist revolution and in socialist construction.

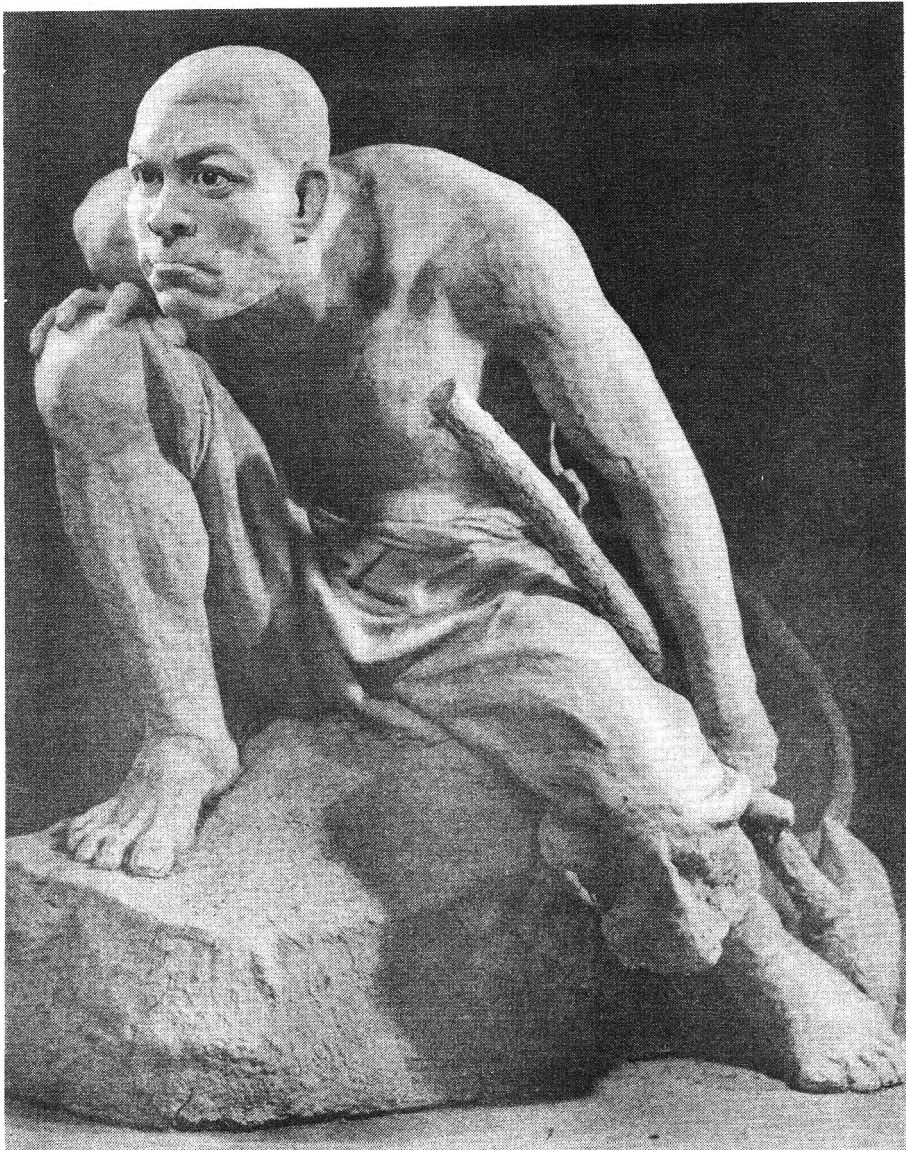
The more than a hundred sculptured figures portraying the story of rent collection are the work of a group of revolutionary Chinese art workers who, following a path lit by the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung, creatively studied and applied Chairman Mao's works, completely immersed themselves in the lives of the workers, peasants and soldiers, and gave full play to their collective efforts.

The sculptures — arranged in six scenes — angrily condemn the feudal landlord class in old China for its heinous crimes in ruthlessly exploiting and oppressing the peasants; they deeply reflect the fierce class struggle, waged by hundreds of millions of Chinese peasants under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party headed by the great leader Chairman Mao Tse-tung, to overthrow the merciless rule of the feudal landlord class and to capture power for the people.

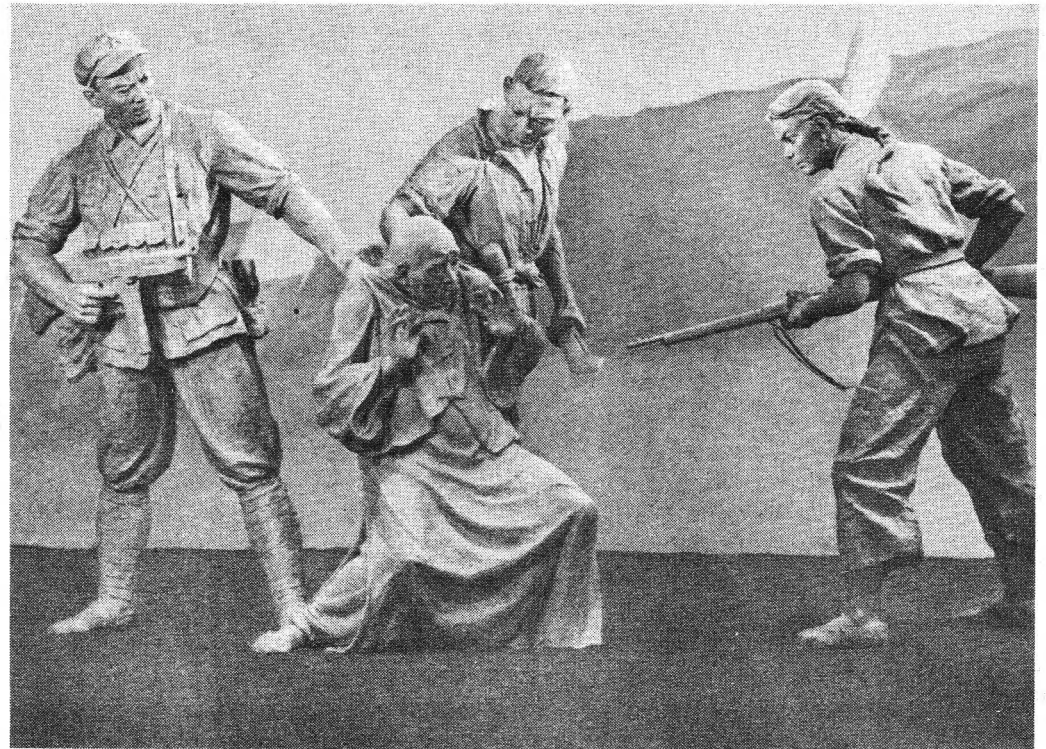
Rent Collection Courtyard offers a striking example of how sculpture can serve the workers, peasants and soldiers as well as socialism. It is a brilliant achievement of the great proletarian cultural revolution and a victory for the great thought of Mao Tse-tung.



Her strength is gone, her spirit is weary, her emaciated boy cries out for food... yet all of this widow's grain must go in rent.



Only by thoroughly demolishing the man-eating system can the working people be emancipated.



The landlord Liu Wen-tsai is captured by the soldiers and the rebelling peasants.

Seizure of Power

Under the cruel exploitation and oppression of the landlords, the peasants seething with bitter class hatred rose in revolt. They got organized under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party and carried on an unyielding armed struggle against the landlord class.

The Chinese People's Liberation Army liberated Szechuan in 1949 and, with the co-operation of the revolutionary masses, captured Liu Wen-tsai, thoroughly smashed the rule of the reactionary classes and established the new political power of the people. Under the wise leadership of the Chinese Communist Party headed by the great leader Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the emancipated peasants holding high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought are determined to carry the proletarian revolution through to the end.

If you want a copy of Rent Collection Courtyard, contact one of the brothers or sisters who are passing out the Tribune.