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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 tyranny and oppression." Lenin

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## NEGRO TEACHER FRAMED

Mike Mason, a Negro national minority junior high school teacher has been bound over for trial for allegedly having sexual intercourse with a minor. Before his case had even gone for a preliminary hearing, he was suspended without pay from his teaching position at South Junior High in Liberal, Kansas. It appears that the Liberal Board of Education has already tired and convicted him. As a matter of fact, Mr. Mason was not even informed of his suspension; he read it in the local newspaper.

The story behind this case is a clear-cut example of the vicious white chauvinism which has penetrated our society. Mr. Mason is a Negro living in a conservative Anglo-American town. He lives with a Negro family which is working against all odds for a decent life. Mr. Mason's accuser is a young Anglo-American girl who for the past year has been sending love letters and poems, calling Mr. Mason, and indicating her "love" for him. He tried to downplay this relationship and consciously avoided the girl so as to insure that no problems would arise. This girl, however, comes from a family who professes hatred for Negroes, and this is the heart of the matter.

This particular case is only one of many cases of harassment, persecution and violence against the Negro. The explanation for the increased violent discrimination against the Negro and other national minorities is the drive by the ruling class toward fascism. A scapegoat is needed to blame high unemployment, high inflation, worsening living and working conditions and all ills of society. The scapegoat for the ruling class is the Negro.

The tactic of the bourgeoisie is to pit one nationality against the other. As long as contention, competition and struggle continue among the workers of this country, the bourgeoisie is free to pass laws such as S. 1, gun control laws, military expenditure bills and various other laws which greatly curtail and reduce the civil rights of the people. Already we are seeing the destruction of the civil rights bills passed in the 50's and 60's.

White chauvinism, the hatred of the "colored" nationalities on the basis of their alleged inferiority, is a time-tested club in the hands of the capitalists to beat back a united working class by dividing and conquering it. White chauvinism is not a weapon for workers—it is the ideological projection of all the workers' worst enemy, the bourgeoisie.

Workers can no longer sit back and let the Mike Masons go to jail for crimes they have not committed because they are Negro. Workers can no longer allow the bourgeoisie to blame foreign workers for the rapidly deteriorating situation in the country. The 1930's should convince people that there is strength in unity. The struggle of the coal miners today should demonstrate that the unity of the multi-

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## GIVE BACK THE LAND

There is a fierce struggle going on in the Southwest of the USNA against the robbery of the land and riches. La Alianza Federal de las Mercedes is one of the leaders of this struggle. La Alianza has carried on a long and militant fight for the land, demanding that the Congress of the United States pass laws to return this land to those to whom it belongs, so that it can be worked for the common good of the workers of all nationalities. In response to the domination and exploitation of USNA imperialism in the Southwest region, La Alianza has expressed its willingness to go all the way to the United Nation's Committee on Colonial Territories to fight for their just cause.

The forefathers of the Mexican national minority workers were promised continued possession of the land-grants in the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo in 1848. But this promise was broken. The Mexican national minority people have been torced off the landgrants and into the factories and fields. The only possession left to them is their labor power which built up the wealth of the Southwest and developed its natural resources.

Since World War II, the bourgeoisie has accelerated its search for natural resources and the industrialization of the area.

The USNA imperialists have driven

## FIGHT CRIME

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has just released its **Uniform Crime Reports for 1974**. According to this report, incidents of crime increased in the USNA by nearly 18% over 1973. The report cites more than 10 million criminal acts, nearly one million in the category of "violent crimes"—murder, rape, robbery and assault—and more than 9 million "property crimes"—burglary, larceny and theft.

Three important facts are revealed in the report. First, criminal activity is spread throughout the whole USNA, not just concentrated in the so-called "inner cities." The figures show that an almost equal number of incidents took place in small cities with under 100,000 population and rural areas as occurred in the large cities. Second, nearly 60% of all persons arrested for crimes were under 25 years old. And, third, of those arrested more than 60% had previous records, and more than 35% had been arrested four or more times between 1970 and 1974.

What do these figures mean for the working class struggle for jobs, peace and equality? They mean that constant fear has entered into the lives of the workers.

Capitalism as a system is a vast criminal act. From the time the workers are forced to sell their labor power in the industrial marketplace they are subjected to constant criminal activity. The products of their labor is stolen from them, as is their health and the welfare of their families.

The FBI's so-called "crime" figures, however, leave out a good portion of the real story, saying nothing about their own crimes, the thousands of illegal break-ins and burglaries committed in the name of "law and order." The FBI said nothing about the CIA's robberies, beatings and tortures, their murders and attempted assassinations and dope trafficking. Nor did the

small farmers and ranchers, most of them Mexican national minority and Indian, off their land and into the big cities and mining communities. This new proletariat has found itself seeking employment at the electronic and garment shops, at military installations, in the coal and gas fields in the Navajo Reservation, the molybdenum mines of northern New Mexico, the uranium mines of Grant, the potash and copper mines of southern New Mexico, on the large ranches, and so on. The national forest lands robbed from the local residents became a haven for large cattle and lumber interests.

The exploitation of the wealth grew at an astronomical rate. Total mineral production (other than coal) increased 2500% and coal production increased 1400% in the last 25 years. Conservative figures indicate that over \$1 billion in minerals alone is taken out of New Mexico annually.

But alongside of the development of the natural resources and of production, the impoverishment and misery of the people of New Mexico and all of the Southwest has grown. This is because the new wealth is controlled and benefits only a few, the capitalist class.

On the Indian reservations, the official unemployment rate is over 71%. 80-90% of the housing is considered

report cite the Watergate crimes, the criminal activities of the transnational corporations, the phoney "energy crisis" and the bribery and corruption throughout every level of government and law enforcement. The capitalist class is the most dangerous gangster and criminal element in society!

USNA capitalism is facing a severe crisis, which has accelerated the growth of degenerate criminal activity, instigated by the ruling class. The major capitalists and monopolies, and the important politicians, are closely tied to organized crime. The crime syndicates are servants of the capitalists, working as labor goons, political enforcers, an illegal terrorist arm of the major corporations and military apparatus. These crime organizations are allowed to operate; they form the basis for all illegal gambling, narcotics, prostitution, labor thugs, commercial shake-down operations, burglary rings, car theft rings and all other forms of major crime.

The crime syndicates are the organized advanced guard behind the mounting wave of violence and theft in the USNA. Backing up this network of crime is a growing army of lumpenproletariat, declassed elements who live off the working class. The ruling class has cultivated this growing lumpenproletariat. They have cultivated the climate of the "rip-off" where the fast dollar is king. The jails and prisons have been allowed to become graduate schools of crime and degeneracy where the innocent party or the first offender returns to society not "rehabilitated," but angry and vengeful.

The stakes are high for the working class. The youth of this country are being poisoned with drugs and al-

dilapidated. 77.8% of the water consumed is contaminated. Per capita income is 1/3 the national average. Everywhere the resistance of the Indian peoples is met with fascist terror from the BIA, the FBI and the rest of the imperialist state.

In many of the Mexican national minority communities, unemployment is over 50%. Hourly wages in New Mexico are some of the lowest in the country. The alienation of the people from the wealth produced is such that some are being forced to heat their homes with dried manure—in a state that produces the natural gas and much electricity for all of California.

The revolutionary struggle against oppression has a long history in New Mexico. The vast majority of the people of the area have always opposed oppression and exploitation, the swindles, corruption and misery brought by imperialism. Groups like "La Mano Negra", "Las Gorras Blancas", "Los Penitentes," and numerous groupings of heroes (which bourgeois historians call "bandidos") have risen up to resist the conquest.

In the 30's La Liga Obrera de Habla Española was organized around Gallup and had a membership of 8000. The famous miners' struggles of the 1940's and 50's by the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (about which the film "Salt of the Earth" was made) were also part of this struggle, as were all the labor struggles throughout the state (in Artesia, Albuquerque, Grant, as well as in the copper and uranium field.)

Along with these struggles, literally hundreds of protests were staged in the last 10 years against the oppression of the Mexican national minority and Indian peoples. The resistance to the robbing of the land became world-known with the Tierra Amarilla raid and numerous other activities in the 60's by La Alianza Federal de las Mercedes.

But La Alianza fights for more than the land. La Alianza realizes that the struggles of workers everywhere must be joined together into one mighty torrent. Towards this goal La Alianza joined in the effort to better implement CETA, so that all workers might have jobs with peace. Members of La Alianza demanded to speak out on this issue earlier this year in a session of the Albuquerque City Council, and were denied the right to speak publicly, as they have been denied the right to publicize their cause in the bourgeois media in general.

La Alianza has consistently fought for quality education for all working class children, supporting bilingual education throughout the Southwest, and working actively in a pre-school for bilingual education open to all children. La Alianza has also seen the fascist threat to the civil rights of the working class in this country, and has actively supported the struggle to defend Bessie Lou Cornett and against the KKK in Kentucky, and for trade union democracy in the mines of Silver City, New Mexico.

The CLP resolutely supports La Alianza and pledges its active participation in this struggle. The problems confronting the working class and the movements of the oppressed peoples can only be resolved by uniting the struggles for jobs, land and equality.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

# WORKERS THROWN INTO STREET

According to federal statistics over 76,000 working-class families in Washington, D.C. need housing. What is the bourgeoisie's solution to this crisis? Get them out of D.C!

Hence the outrageous joint campaign by landlords, bankers, contractors, journalists and politicians to clear employed and unemployed workers, and especially national minority workers, out of Washington to make way for parking lots, shopping centers, convention halls and the suburban petty-bourgeoisie. We demand quality housing for our class!

In the inner-city, over half the predominantly Negro families are eking out a living on less than \$5000 per year, after being driven up from North and South Carolina and Georgia in hopes of government jobs and to escape the lynch rope, Jim Crow and low wages of the Negro Nation. Thousands were starved off their lands by USNA imperialism in the Caribbean and Central and South America. These colonial peoples make up nearly 95% of the inner city population and bear

the brunt of the housing crisis.

As the struggle of Washington's workers for housing reforms grows, studies mushroom daily "proving" that "no one" really wants real estate controls. "No one" is slumlord Cafritz who raised rents up to 40% at the Parklands complex where there are no fire extinguishers and two children were critically burned last June. "No one" is speculator Basiliko who made a 230% profit in one month selling "renovated" property in Adams-Morgan. "No one" is the Federal City Council, a group of D.C. businessmen whose board of directors includes Congressman Fauntroy (D.-D.C.) as well as Kissinger, Butz, Simon and Schlesinger, who funded the Urban Land Institute study which found that D.C.'s prime need is for more middle and upper-income housing.

The fight in D.C. for rent control, for a freeze on converting rental units into condominiums and for a tax on real estate speculators is turning into a national test case. In D.C., where the

first mayoral election in its history was held in August of '74, the Congressional House District Committee has the final say on legislation. From across the country, real estate interests are lobbying Congress to kill housing reforms in D.C. before they spread.

The courts have already ruled in favor of the local Apartment Owners & Builders Association (AOBA) saying that the part of D.C.'s first "rent control" bill, prohibiting automatic pass-throughs of utility hikes to tenants, is "illegal."

In the dozens of tenants associations and block clubs that have come together to fight rent increases and for enforcement of the housing code, workers are learning that the struggle for decent housing is NOT a struggle of tenants against their landlords. The Cafritz and Wm. J. Davises are hand-in-glove with the savings and loan institutions that refuse loans for inner-city working-class housing; with HUD which is proposing 500 units for 75,000 needy families; with the courts who evict workers and protect AOBA. The fight is against the growing fascist assault on the part of the capitalist class against the Negro and other national minority workers.

We have seen the City Housing Inspectors refuse to make inspections on the grounds that they would be "harassing" landlords. We have watched Mayor Washington and Councilman "Save-the-Children" Barry insure that the Housing Rent Commission be incapable of serving the majority of tenants by allotting the HRC so little money that it could not inform the community of their rights or take the time to hear many tenants' complaints let alone prosecute landlords violating the laws. Now we hear City Housing Chief Lorenzo Jacobs joining the chorus demanding an end to all housing controls so that private industry can go on making profits at the expense of the majority of D.C.'s residents. While the Negro and other national minority workers now receive the hardest blows, the standard of living of the entire working class will suffer if these attacks are not halted.

We are fed up with schemes like the current rent control bill which guarantees landlords a minimum rate of return. We demand productive jobs at living wages, including jobs building the housing we so sorely need. If private industry will not invest in working-class housing, make the federal government—which runs D.C. as its private preserve—finance housing here and everywhere!

The fight for decent housing is part of the struggle of working people against capital—against a system in which the bourgeoisie makes a living by owning property and we have no choice but to sell ourselves for wages. That is why a strong tenants' movement can only be built as part of a strong, class conscious workers' movement. But the capitalists well know that the weakest link in the chain of labor is the unity of the national minority and Anglo-American workers. A class divided cannot stand up against the fascist assault; divided, it will collapse like a house of cards under the bourgeois offensive of terror and white chauvinism.

The Communist Labor Party therefore sees as the critical task of the multi-national vanguard of the proletariat the construction of an Equal Rights Congress to defend the rights of the national minority workers and to be an organizational expression of the unity of the working class. A working class, united in will and action can defeat the fascist assault currently underway. The struggle for the Equal Rights Congress is the struggle for **Jobs with Peace!** for equal, quality, integrated education for our children, for an end to deportations and for quality housing for the working class.

# USSR

Recently two of our comrades visited the Soviet Union on a two week tour of Moscow, Tallinn (in Estonia) and Leningrad. What follows is a description of what they saw, which indicates that the revisionist clique has not turned back the Soviet socialist revolution.

## General Impressions

As we were driving from the Moscow airport to our hotel, the first thing that impressed us was the cleanliness—no litter or garbage in the streets anywhere. There was nothing that even approached what we know as a ghetto or slum. Coming from San Francisco with an unemployment rate of 40% in the construction industry, we were impressed by the massive building program and by the movement of equipment that we could see from the bus. Later we were to learn that 450 flats were constructed in Moscow daily. (In contrast with our massive unemployment, they actually have a universal shortage of workers.) Housing nowhere costs a person more than 5% of his income.

In travelling through Moscow, Leningrad and Tallinn we were able to see tremendous progress in the reconstruction of the cities and towns that had been all but levelled during the fascist invasion. For a country that had lost over 20 million people only 30 years before, these workers rebuilt from the rubble, a modern socialist country.

In Leningrad we saw the Pavlovsky Museum. Here the fascists had occupied the building for 3 years, right on the outskirts of the city. When they were driven out by the Soviet army they burned the building, leaving only charred walls. What we saw was unbelievable. The Soviet peoples with their love for their history, had rebuilt the museum so well that it looks as it did hundreds of years ago.

In Moscow, we walked down a boulevard which had been razed to the ground by the fascists. In less than two years a boulevard of six story buildings had risen out of the ashes.

As for clothing, the average citizen in the USSR is dressed well even by our standards. They don't have the large amount of clothing, but they do have well-made and attractive clothing.

We had a discussion with an Estonian woman who had been a factory worker but who had gone to school and accepted a lower paying job in order to serve her people better. She said that 10 years ago clothes had cost more and that the citizens had demanded better made and less expensive clothing. Through the collective effort of the workers' trade unions, the quality had improved and the cost had gone down.

Here a word about wages and working conditions. The lowest wage in the USSR is 130 rubles a month—5% to rent, 50% to food, 10% to transportation and 35% to entertainment and clothing. An example is the Leningrad dockworkers. The average wage is 237 rubles, the highest is 400 and the minimum is 170. Their union dues are calculated at 1% of their wages. The head of the union earns 190 rubles a month and collects only half his pension along with his full wages upon retirement, whereas a regular worker collects his full wages and full pension upon retirement.

Workers on the docks and most industrial enterprises get a 10 minute break every hour. Also, male workers generally retire at 60 and females at 55. Retirement is at a younger age for workers in the more hazardous occupations.

Our wages in the USNA are continually being eaten away by inflation and our standard of living is falling. In contrast, wages in the USSR are rising while prices stay the same or fall—in short, their standard of living is going up.

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cohol; far too many are being enticed into criminal activity, turning on their friends and family. From the growing lumpenproletariat the ruling class is now recruiting the members for the fascist gangs like the Nazi Party, the Ku Klux Klan and Posse Comitatus.

What can we do about rising crime and the use of the criminal elements by the growing fascist movement? All action must start from the clear point of view—the workers in the USNA are repelled and angered by the rise in criminal activity. However, this revolution at crime and the lumpenproletariat, has been attacked by certain elements in the "left." There is a position which glorifies the lumpenproletariat and presents them as social heroes. Just as dangerous is the view

## FRAME-UP

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national working class is the path which should be followed.

The CLP calls on all workers and progressive people to react to and support the case of Mike Mason. Shaking one's head and sighing is not sufficient. Show your support for the right of all people to equality and justice. Don't let the bourgeoisie fool you into thinking that the economic depression and increased political reaction is due to the Negro, Mexican or Puerto Rican. The German people believed Hitler when he said it was the Jew, and look what happened to them. Contact every organization that you belong to, and publicize this case. Demand that they support Mike Mason and the right of people to live a decent life. Write to the following to demand that Mike Mason be set free:

Mayor Gene Hibbs  
1105 N. Prospect  
Liberal, Kansas

Board of Education  
Dr. J. L. Smalling  
411 N. Kansas  
Liberal, Kansas

Seward County Attorney  
Thomas Smith  
Seward County Courthouse  
Liberal, Kansas

Southwest Daily Times  
16 S. Kansas  
Liberal, Kansas

United and organized protest is the beginning step toward real unity. Let's use this case as a step towards the organized defense of the national minority workers against fascist terror.

that holds that criminal activity is "understandable" because people are being driven into desperation by the economic crisis. Those who glorify the lumpenproletariat will eventually march to the tune of fascism, or will become the first victims of their heroes. Those who find justifiable conditions for criminal activity only confuse and hurt the revolutionary movement of the workers.

The first point of attack against rising fascism and rising crime is to prevent the youth from becoming a recruiting ground for organized crime and the fascist gangs. Here our battle cry must be **Jobs for Youth! Full employment!** We must demand that young people be given socially useful work at a decent wage; that they must have decent educations and recreational facilities. If young people remain without jobs and are allowed to drift aimlessly, increasing numbers will become embittered and may be swayed by the appeals of the fascists.

Our next point of attack must be against the public officials, the police, judges and capitalists who cultivate and cooperate with the organized criminal elements. In almost every major city, and in most neighborhoods, there is a growing movement to move against crime. So far, the fascists have used this movement to mold opinion into blaming crime on unemployed national minority workers. Communists and militant workers must enter these organizations, beat back the fascists and direct the struggle against crime. The police must be forced to move against narcotics dealers and organized gangs. The workers must fight for the right to protect themselves, their families and neighbors and resist every effort to disarm the people of the USNA.

Finally, in our unions, churches, neighborhood groups, we have to mobilize people to demand laws which will make it a capital crime to conspire to produce and sell narcotics; we need laws making it a capital crime for public officials and police to cooperate with criminal elements; and finally, we must demand equal application of the criminal laws. This means long prison terms for politicians and public officials involved in bribery, corruption and theft, for FBI, CIA and military intelligence officers who order and carry-out burglaries, torture and murder. This means long prison terms for bankers and corporate executives who steal, bribe, engage in price-fixing and arrange artificial commodity scarcities.

The fight against crime is an important part of the class struggle, it is an important battle in the struggle against rising facism.

# SOUTHERN COLUMN

December 1 is an important date in the history of the Negro people's national liberation movement. For it was on December 1, 1955, that Mrs. Rosa Parks steadfastly refused to move from her seat in the white-only section of a Montgomery, Alabama bus. Her subsequent arrest kindled the Montgomery bus boycott and signaled the beginning of more than a decade of heroic struggles against the shackles of Jim Crow. And yet today we witness the treachery of the USNA state in sabotaging school busing to achieve integration and giving the KKK a free hand to stop busing by its fascist methods. Moreover, the reactionary Anglo-American churches in the Negro Nation have established a network of schools for "whites" only which goes a long way toward undermining any progress that was made toward school integration during the 1960's.

Just last month in Memphis, Tennessee, a Negro mother attempted to enroll her two preschool-age children in a day care center at a Baptist church near her home. The church displayed signs advertising its day care facilities. But the woman was blatantly told that although there was "plenty of room" in the center, her children would not be accepted because it was "against church policy" to accept "blacks."

The NAACP filed a complaint but were told by city licensing officials that the church had the legal right to reject whoever it wants because the day care center was privately owned. So much for those who argue that segregation no longer exists in the Negro Nation, and that there exists a "New South" free from Jim Crow.

We all remember 1963 in Birmingham, Alabama, when the fascist police commissioner "Bull" Connor set dogs on peaceful civil rights marchers. Bourgeois liberals claim those days are over. Yet in Memphis, evidence is now surfacing which shows that the police are still using dogs in a program of terror against the Negro people. In early November, a 17 year-old Negro youth revealed that after being arrested in conjunction with a burglary, he was handcuffed and forced to lie down by police who then allowed a police dog to bite him at will "about 20 times." Shortly after this incident made the news, two other Memphis Negroes reported that they also suffered similar brutality in separate incidents in 1974. All three of these victims willingly took lie detector tests and were shown to be telling the truth. But the scars they bear provide just as accurate a testimony to the fascist nature of the Memphis police force.

These dog-bite cases are by no means the only recent incidents in Memphis which depict the reign of terror being carried out by the police here. On Oct. 18 of this year an 18 year-old Negro youth was shot from behind as he tried to flee police who wanted to question him. The youth was unarmed. This is at least the sixth such murder by police in the last two years. Last year an even younger Negro teenager, similarly unarmed, was shot directly in the back as he tried to climb a fence to get away from the police who "thought" he might be a suspect in a robbery. And during the first week of November, 1975, there was an incident in which an 84 year-old Memphis Negro and his wife became involved in a heated argument. Several police officers arrived just as the woman was leaving the house. She begged the officers to go away because her husband was drunk and not thinking straight. The old man came to the door with a pistol in his hand. The police told him to drop it. He refused, but never raised the gun. The police then opened fire anyway, riddling his body with over 16 bullets.

Unmitigated white chauvinism, brutality, police murders—this is the heritage of the enslavement and subsequent imperialist subjugation of the

Negro Nation. At times the heavy hand of imperialism pretends to ease up somewhat in order to attain specific goals, i.e., to defeat the slaveocracy in the 19th century and to industrialize the South in the 20th. But in actuality it always remains the heavy hand of fascism, forever ready to attempt to crush the Negro people's aspirations for freedom and equality. In our ongoing work in the Negro Nation, we must be diligent to clearly expose the fact that the acts of terror being perpetrated against the Negro people are not isolated events but rather part of the USNA imperialists' overall political program aimed at keeping the Negro Nation, their most important colony, in line.

FREE THE NEGRO NATION

## LETTERS FARAH WORKERS FIGHT FOR JOBS

My name is Magdalena Hernandez. I worked for Farah Manufacturing Company for 18 years. Around 1969, before Farah was organized, I spoke with Willie Farah the owner, on behalf of the seamstresses. I asked him why they did us so many injustices, why they worked us so hard and paid us so little. He told me he didn't know what went on in the sewing floor, but he could check into it and make sure we were made happy. Time passed and he never fixed anything. Also he stopped being friendly to me and began avoiding me. Soon thereafter I called him on the phone and told him he wasn't much of a man if he wouldn't even face up to a woman.

After realizing that Farah was not going to do anything, I said that by organizing ourselves we could put an end to the injustices committed against the workers, and some of us began organizing in 1969. Two years later they fired me for disobeying a foreman — but it was really for organizing that I was fired. After I was fired, I continued organizing until the day of the strike, travelled out of El Paso getting support for the strikers, and worked on the boycott. Everyone knows this. We defeated Willie Farah, and of this I am very proud since I was the first woman to join the organizing drive of Farah, the biggest pants factory.

After we won our strike, before negotiating the contract, my brothers and sisters on the negotiating committee told Val, the president of the union, that the first thing that had to be negotiated was the reinstatement of the four of us (this refers to the four women who were fired for union organizing activities prior to the strike, Editor). We were Ida Garcia, Elvira, Lidia, and myself Magdalena Hernandez. Val said that he had taken care of everything and the four of us were to come in as strikers. But this did not happen. The company refused us our jobs and the union did not get us our jobs. Farah is denying me a job because he knows that I am a good leader of the workers, and not as he says because I refused to obey a foreman.

I am not satisfied. I want to present by case before the judge and I want to confront my accusers. But I know that laws are written for the rich. But I know that you, my Lord, will help us so that so many injustices are not committed on us, since you see all things these men do to us.

I am asking for help from all the people who are concerned with the cause of the workers, and especially all the brothers and sisters in the ACWA. Protest this injustice because it isn't good that after I fought so hard to win our union, they throw me into the street without a job. Pass resolutions in your unions and locals of the ACWA demanding an investigation of my case. Send letters to the ACWA asking them to give me my job.

Magdalena Hernandez

Send letters to:  
PO Box 3383  
El Paso, Texas

# DON'T BLAME FOREIGN WORKERS

Once again the bourgeois press is splattering huge headlines about the "illegal aliens taking away our jobs." The INS (Immigration & Naturalization Service) is asking for more manpower to supplement the 1,750 men they already have patrolling and terrorizing the borders from California to Texas. The atrocious use of electronic devices, airplanes, jeeps, helicopters, and roadblocks to hunt the undocumented workers is not enough for the INS. In addition they are asking for \$50 million extra a year to increase their attacks on the undocumented workers.

From coast to coast the vulture call of "deporting the illegals" has been heard from the media. That was not the case in the late 1800's when immigrants provided cheap labor in the development of capitalism in this country. It was not the case right after World War II when the USNA state imported cheap labor to fill the shortage of unskilled farm labor. Then the agri-businessmen and the media applauded the Bracero program set up in 1942 to import cheap labor from Mexico. They praised the USNA for "lending a helping hand to our little Latin brothers." Those who dared expose the degrading miserable plight of farm workers packed into tiny cubbyholes, were shunned.

Why then the sudden cry for deportations?

Because faced with a crisis of overproduction and the growing restlessness of the workers, the bourgeoisie must at all costs prevent the unity of the workers, particularly of the national minorities. It is no accident that the bourgeoisie has portrayed the Mexican as lazy in the eyes of the Negro workers, and accused him of bringing in diseases. It is no coincidence that the Mexican has been taught that because he is lighter he is better than the Negro.

The bourgeoisie understands that if those at the bottom of the ladder who have suffered the most and therefore are ready to fight the hardest, were to get together, the bourgeoisie's days would be numbered.

To whip up mistrust among the workers the bourgeoisie must insist that foreign workers are the cause of unemployment in the USNA.

But that is a lie. Unemployment is not the undocumented workers' fault. Unemployment is a permanent feature of capitalism. Capitalists, people like Rockefeller, know only one law and that is **MAXIMUM PROFITS at ANY expense**. Every minute we work for the capitalist, every drop of sweat we pour is producing profit for the capitalist.

In their lust for profit, the capitalists are forced to bring in machinery and technology to extract even more from us. Instead of using the machinery in the workers' interest by mak-

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Children

One of the highlights of our trip was a visit to the Pioneer Palace in Moscow where youngsters can go after school. All children can go free and they have a wide range of activities to choose from where their interests are allowed to develop and their horizons broadened. They have discussion groups where they talk about such things as nations fighting for their independence. The kids have pen pals in these countries and collect money and send them gifts. There are also groups of children learning to cook, paint, sew, embroider, sculpture, dance and even cross-breed plants. The children have their own planetarium, zoo, track and field, swimming pool, astronaut training center, dramatics club, and other things. Besides the Pioneer Palaces in all the major cities, each trade union has facilities for children. It was clear that the children have a special place in society as they are considered the future of society. (The second part will continue in Vol. 3 No.1)

ing the work easier, it is used to work those remaining on the job even more, and to create a permanent reserve of unemployed. This reserve is necessary for the capitalists because they can use the unemployed as strikebreakers and also to lower the wages of all workers.

The capitalists are caught in a bind; laying off workers means no money to buy back the goods produced so the capitalists must reduce production and lay off more workers. Their solution is to conquer new markets through war.

That is why the US will spend \$105 billion on the military budget and the preparation for war instead of using that money to provide jobs for the more than 20 million people unemployed.

Deporting the 6 million undocumented workers will not provide jobs. Studies have shown that factories who call the INS to deport undocumented workers do not contact the Employment Department to hire new people.

Furthermore, a recent investigation showed that 77% of the sampled undocumented workers paid Social Security taxes, 73% paid federal income taxes, yet only .5% received welfare benefits, 1.3% obtained food stamps, 3.9% collected one or more weeks of unemployment benefits, and 7.6% had children in public schools. They also work longer hours for an average of \$2.71 an hour.

Aware that the Anglo-American working class does not want war, the government must launch a full scale campaign of deceit and terror to force the workers to go to war. The call for deportations IS one of the many poisonous fascist weapons the ruling class must use in order to have workers at each other's throats.

Just as the bourgeoisie is directing their first blows against the national minorities in an attempt to have them fighting among themselves, so must the workers stand up in defense of these workers. The formation of an Equal Rights Congress that will join all groupings engaged in the fight against all forms of discrimination and for jobs with peace is necessary. Such a Congress could deal a heavy blow to the real enemies of all decent honest people—the capitalists.

Look around you, it's not the Polish or Greek worker toiling next to you who throws you into the street or cheats you in your paycheck. It's not the Haitian or Dominican undocumented workers who call in the police to break the strikes. These workers risked their lives crossing the turbulent waves to reach the promised land of "milk, honey, and freedom" only to find a hostile environment—victims of the same vultures that are living off of you, the capitalists.

It is these capitalists that are sucking the wealth from the South, Appalachia, and Puerto Rico, driving the people ever more into despair and poverty, forcing them to migrate to the North or los Estados Unidos. It is these same capitalists who have bullied their way into Mexico setting up more than 665 industries, paying the Mexican workers one fifth of the wages in Anglo America. At that price who can blame the Mexican worker for practically selling himself to get here.

Fellow workers, next time you hear about the INS using radar to hunt the undocumented workers, remember that same radar could be used to trace your whereabouts. Next time the INS is asking for more money, demand of the government that that money be used for productive jobs. Bring up the issue in your union, organization, or community and demand that there be no more deportations. Remember, the struggle in support of the undocumented worker for unionization and for a better life without fear of being thrown out is a fight for the unity of the workers against fascism and for jobs with peace.

# International Briefs

## Spain

The destruction of Ruedo Iberico, a progressive book store in Paris, is further indication that the controlling forces in the Spanish government are resisting with all their might the long-awaited freedom from fascism of the Spanish people.

Many had hoped that with the death of Franco, Juan Carlos would permit certain democratic liberties denied for 36 years under the fascist government. However, it is now clear that Juan Carlos will continue in Franco's footsteps. Evidence shows that not one change has been made in the old government apparatus. The cabinet ministers remain the same. The army and police still remain dominated by the fascists, and executions and imprisonments continue. The so-called amnesty for the 2000 political prisoners has now been reduced to clemency for only one-tenth that number. Arch-fascist Aris-Navarro remains Prime Minister and presently is the controller of the Franco fortune.

Juan Carlos was taken at the age of 18 and trained as a successor to Franco personally by Franco himself. Juan Carlos was only to be a figurehead controlled by Carrero Blanco, then Prime Minister. However, strongman Blanco was assassinated in Madrid and it appeared that Juan Carlos would go it alone.

Further resistance to changing governmental policies comes from the US government. Vice-President Rockefeller, the only governmental representative besides the fascist Pinochet of Chile and Prince Ranier of Monaco at Franco's funeral, told Juan Carlos "no change now."

On the other side of the coin, however, there are tremendous social forces pressing for limited change in Spain. One of the most important of these forces is the European capitalists (many of whom speak for the Rockefeller financial interests) and Spanish bankers who want Spain in the common market and an end to the trade and financial restrictions.

Secondly, there is the Unión Democrática Militar, a liberal movement amongst the Spanish armed forces which lists its membership at 2000. While the fascists have been actively purging officers associated with the UDM, it is not broken and is still an important force in the struggle for democracy.

Finally and most important is the Spanish working class. Spain's economy has been hurt badly by the capitalist world's economic crisis. Particularly hurt has been the tourist trade in which Spain leads the world. Further, many Spanish workers previously working in other European countries, sending money home, now are losing their jobs and returning to Spain. Upon arrival home, they are faced with high unemployment and miserable living conditions.

In conclusion, Spain is faced with the prospect of inevitable change. The world capitalists are afraid this change could lead to another Portugal. Yet they are also afraid that if limited changes do not take place, they will be unable to neutralize certain sections of the left. The US government realizes all too well that a small break could destroy the dam. So they are courting the fascists on the one hand while quietly agreeing to a "Spinola Democracy."

No matter which road is followed, the underlying problems will remain. And while the Spanish people fight hard for the defeat of the fascists, they know that the victorious road for real freedom is the road of the Portuguese proletariat, and its leader—the Communist Party of Portugal.

## China

President Ford's trip to Asia was a carefully orchestrated act designed to bolster his political standing with the conservatives in his party, widen the rift between China and the USSR, reassert US control over its colonies and neocolonies in Asia and the Pacific and put the Soviet Union on the defensive.

Teng-Hsiao-Peng, Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China who obviously supports the same goals, proved himself to be a capable supporting actor to Mr. Ford. Teng in his opening remarks to Ford denounced Detente so vehemently that Mr. Ford had to actually defend the Soviet Union. Teng constantly spoke of the need for the US to maintain a "presence" in Asia and claimed that China and the US "share common goals in the Pacific."

Teng never publicly spelled out what he meant by a "presence" in Asia but it should be clear that the US "presence" in Asia is now centered on 60,000 troops in Korea. As for the "shared goals in the Pacific", we have to assume that the Indonesian fascist invasion of East Timor, two days after Ford met with Teng, comes under this category. The examples of these "shared goals in the Pacific" could go on and on from US bases in the Philippines to building a naval base off the sub-continent.

But while Teng and Ford admitted to shared interests in the Pacific, we should also mention the fact that Ford and Teng also have shared interests in the Atlantic. Mr. Teng has for the last 18 months publicly supported the strengthening of NATO, did everything possible to smash the Portuguese and Angolan revolutions and boldly supports the revanchists of West Germany.

Teng, who has clearly emerged as China's Khrushchev, was a key ingredient in the "success" of Ford's trip. It was no accident that immediately after Ford left China, the Soviet Union felt a need to compromise on key aspects of a Salt II agreement, which could allow the US to fully develop the Cruise missile.

Our Party is firmly convinced that neither Mr. Teng's nor Mr. Ford's "shared goals" and "common interests" will be met. We stand firmly in support of the liberation of the Philippines from the USNA imperialists, an end to USNA imperialists' "interests" in Asia and Africa. We fully support the revolution in Portugal and the dismantling of NATO.

We are also firmly convinced that Mr. Teng and his cohorts will only be a footnote in the history of the Chinese revolution. The revolution in China is advancing by leaps and bounds and is sure to sweep Mr. Teng and along with him his common interests with US imperialism, off the stage of history.

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Minneapolis

# FASCIST MAYOR ELECTED

The recent upset mayoral election of Charles Stenvig, police lieutenant and former mayor of Minneapolis, has again highlighted the historic weakness of the working class movement in Minnesota. Stenvig, who was mayor from 1969-73, achieved national notoriety as a leader of the "white backlash" to the rebellions of the late 60's. The strength of the Stenvig movement has been a puzzle to many people, coming as it has, in an area of the USNA famous for its liberal, populist heritage. To understand it and to fight it we must look to the history of Minnesota's Farmer-Labor Party.

The late 1920's and 30's were the heyday of the Farmer-Laborites. Floyd Olsen, Farmer-Labor governor, stood on the steps of the state Capitol and told the unemployed that, "I hope the present system of government goes right down to hell." In the 1934 campaign, on the heels of the Minneapolis general strike, Olson defended his program of social reforms, "My opponents say so much about liberty that will be destroyed under our plan that I am compelled to ask: Whose liberty? Liberty for what purpose? Liberty of the Citizens Alliance to arm thugs to shoot defenseless strikers in the back! Liberty of promoters of spurious bank stocks to fleece widows and orphans! Liberty of the millionaires to escape all taxation! Liberty to pay low wages! Liberty to make peasants out of farmers! We are in a fight. It is the people's fight. Let us not betray them."

Communists helped build the Farmer-Labor Party. And they fought alongside of Farmer-Labor workers for unemployment relief, social security, and many other reforms. But the result of this mighty upsurge was not the binding of the masses of workers to the political ideals of socialism, but a resurgence of populism. In the late 1940's the Farmer-Labor Party merged with Minnesota's Democratic Party (DFL) under the leadership of Hubert Humphrey, then mayor of Minneapolis.

In the following years, Humphrey and his cronies led a vicious red-baiting campaign to expel communists and progressive workers from the DFL clubs. The end result was the destruction of the independent, anti-fascist movement of workers in Minnesota. Today it is no exaggeration to say that the state AFL-CIO is run out of Hubert Humphrey's office. Likewise Dave Roe, Minnesota AFL-CIO president, is stomping through labor halls across the country for an HHH presidential nomination.

The danger of populism is its failure to assert the leadership of the working class as the only class able to solve all the pressing social questions. Populists, no matter how sincere, could see no farther than the crushing of the small and weak by the rich and powerful monopolies. Their solution was to lump all the people together—the workers, storekeepers, farmers, and intellectuals on the one side; and the monopolies on the other.

The inevitable result of such a combination without the leadership of communists, is the rise of classless projections like Floyd Olsen's "cooperative commonwealth" or "Swedish socialism." These projections are based solely on breaking up the monopolies and returning to an earlier capitalist stage. Communists see that the present domination of modern society by monopolies is an inevitable outgrowth of that earlier capitalism. Consequently, we see that there is no turning back history, nor any utopian scheme for reconciling these differences. We fight to rebuild society in the image of the working class. We fight

for the dictatorship of the only consistently democratic and revolutionary class, the proletariat.

In Minnesota, the ideology of populism has held great sway within the revolutionary movement. Many a worker, when faced with expulsion from the DFL for his communist activities, quit the CPUSA, feeling his first allegiance was to the DFL.

The danger of populism within the revolutionary movement and upon the working class, is its political instability. Without the firmness of vision that comes with an understanding of society's different classes, the masses of workers and progressives cannot hammer out a correct program. And they are easily sucked in by fascist demagoguery. One look at the Farmer-Labor Party confirms this. On the one hand was Floyd Olsen, who cried, "When the final clash comes between Americanism and Fascism, we will find the so-called Red as the defender of Democracy and the super-patriot and captain of industry on the side of mass slavery." And on the other were the Henrik Shipsteads, Farmer-Labor Senator, who sided with the American Nazis in opposing USNA entrance in World War II.

Today the sudden re-election of Charles Stenvig, populist and arch-conservative, confirms the instability of populism as a working class political outlook. In 1935, Georgi Dimitrov Comintern leader, called on USNA communists to combat fascism by building a mass Worker's and Farmer's Party. But he specifically warned that, "In no case must the initiative of organizing the party be allowed to pass to elements desirous of utilizing the discontent of the millions who have become disillusioned in both the bourgeois parties, Democratic and Republican, in order to create a 'third party' in the United States, as an anti-Communist Party, a party directed against the revolutionary movement."

In this light the re-election of Stenvig and the re-organization of his political machine is a very serious development. It is a known fact that Stenvig was supported by the Minnesota T Party and that the Minnesota T Party was a co-sponsor to a public meeting of the KKK and Nazis last April. It is also a known fact that Philip Hurley, head of the local National Society for the Preservation of the White Race, threw his support behind another cop and Stenvig crony in the 4th Ward Alderman race.

Under no circumstances can we allow Stenvig and his machine to develop as a spokesman for the "small people." Nor can we allow the open endorsement of a Stenvig supporter in the 8th Ward by the Minneapolis AFL-CIO to go unanswered. No, in the midst of more and more unjustified police beatings, we cannot allow Charles Stenvig, police lieutenant, to appoint a hand-picked chauvinist as chief of police.

Fellow workers, to fight the growing political and economic attacks on our class, the CLP calls on all workers and progressives to join in a demonstration in Minneapolis on Stenvig's inaugural date. We suggest the following demands:

1. Jobs with peace. Open hearings on CETA job program. Full support by the City Council and Mayor for the Hawkins full employment bill.
2. End to all police brutality.
3. Repudiation by Charles Stenvig of his support from the Nazis, T Party, and Society for the Preservation of the White Race.
4. Declare the Nazis illegal and unwanted in Minneapolis.