

THE RED WORKER



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Vietnamese women march on Saigon puppet troop compound. The great majority of the Vietnamese people are united for independence and against the Saigon puppet government and the U.S. aggressors.

VIETNAM IS ONE COUNTRY NIXON'S LIES WON'T FOOL ANYONE

Stunned by severe defeats at the hands of the Vietnamese people, the U.S. government has been forced to take desperate measures to save its corrupt puppets in Saigon. Nixon's "Vietnamization" program has followed in the footsteps of every other U.S. scheme in Vietnam, to complete failure!

So the Nixon administration has launched massive bombing attacks against north and south Vietnam, mined the harbors of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV), and illegally violated the rights of other nations to freedom of the

seas. The Nixon administration has more than doubled the number of ships and planes attacking Vietnam and even threatened to send in more U.S. ground troops. All these actions are evidence of the complete failure of U.S. policy in Vietnam. They are signs of weakness, not strength.

In order to cover up its new aggression, the Nixon administration has bombarded the U.S. people with a mass of lies. In essence, these are the same lies and distortions that U.S. rulers have been pedaling about Vietnam for 20 years.

For instance, Nixon says his increased aggression is because of the "invasion" from the north. Vietnam is one country, the Vietnamese are one people. How can Vietnam invade itself? This fact is well known, especially to Nixon, who was Vice President when the U.S. first occupied the southern half of Vietnam. (See Box)

It is the U.S. government that has committed aggression against all of Indochina. It is the absolute right and duty of the various Indochinese peoples to come to each other's aid in resisting the U.S. imperialists' attempts to subjugate Indochina. It is the absolute right and duty of the people of north Vietnam to support their countrymen in the south. No amount of lies by U.S. rulers can change this fact.

Another Nixon lie is that the Vietnamese are not negotiating in good faith at the Paris Peace talks. It is the U.S. government and their mouth-piece flunkies from Saigon that have undermined the Peace talks. The DRV and NLF representatives have consistently shown their genuine desire to end the fighting in Vietnam. The only thing they have refused to do is to hand over their country and people to domination by the U.S. They have agreed to negotiate with the Saigon puppets, even though that government has no legal or moral right to exist and represents no one except the U.S. imperialists and Vietnamese traitors. They agreed to come to the talks in 1968 even though the U.S. continued the bombing of north Vietnam. They are still willing to talk today in spite of the massive increase in attacks against north Vietnam.

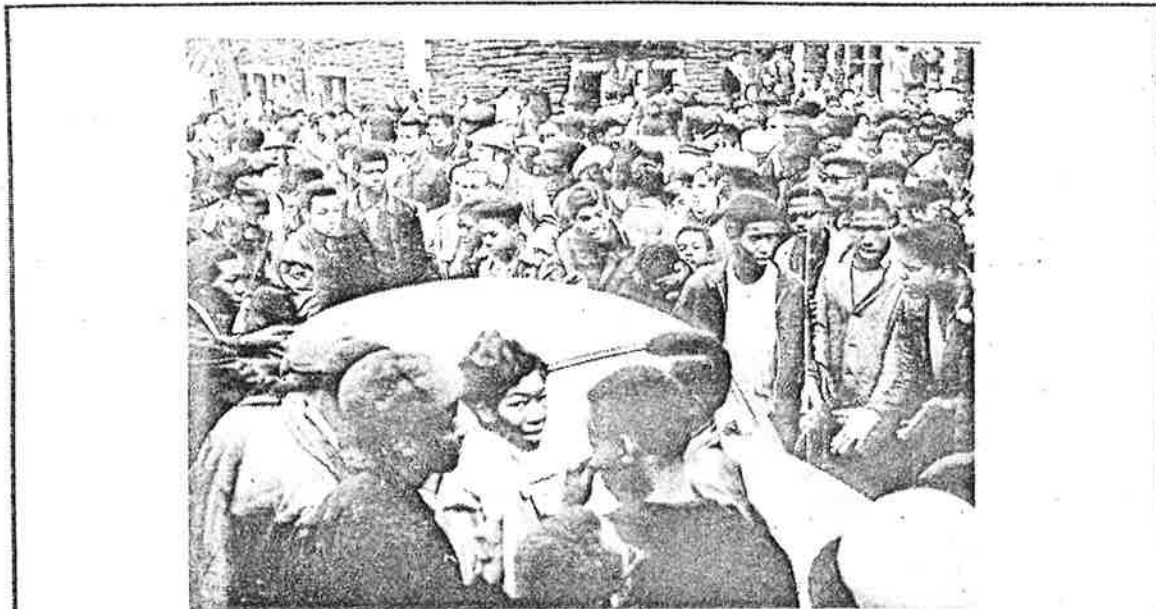
What the Vietnamese are demanding at the talks is a free (that is, not foreign dominated), democratic government in south Vietnam. This is what they had obtained in the 1954 treaty, which the U.S. government violated.

Nixon says that the U.S. wants a "free, democratic government" in south Vietnam. He goes on to say that this means the Thieu puppet government. The Saigon regime was created by the U.S. expressly for the purpose of *preventing* free elections — not holding them. It has jailed and murdered thousands of Vietnamese patriots. There has *never* been a free election in south Vietnam, a fact so glaring that many U.S. rulers (Harriman, Clark Clifford, Kennedy etc.) will now even admit it. The candidate who ran against Thieu in 1967 was put in jail the day after the election and is still there. In 1971, Thieu didn't even bother to have anyone run against him. The Saigon regime has closed down every

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FREE HENRY WHITLOCK



Only the masses of people can free Henry Whitlock from the "justice" of the capitalists' racist courts.

More and more people are becoming involved in the campaign to free Henry Whitlock. Whitlock, a 24-year-old Black man, worked out at the General Motors plant in Doraville until last January when he was charged with killing a Decatur policeman. The evidence against him was not even enough to warrant an indictment. His family insisted that Whitlock was home in bed at the time of the killing, but an all-white, hand-picked suburban jury sentenced him to the electric chair.

Henry Whitlock is a victim of the capitalist system -- a victim of the fact that the capitalist ruling class is finding it increasingly harder to rule by "democratic" methods and is resorting to open police terror.

The United States and the whole world are in the midst of great upheaval. The growing tide of the anti-imperialist struggle in the U.S. -- the Afro-American liberation struggle, the workers' movement, the student and anti-war movements, and the women's movement -- has challenged the U.S. capitalists ruling class' power to rule.

As the ruling class increasingly moves on the defensive and dispenses with its democratic facade, more and more people have found themselves face to face with the armed and judicial force of the capitalist system. Workers on the picket line see the capitalists' police protecting the scabs who are stealing their jobs and the managers who are living high off the workers' hard labor. As the fight

for the liberation of the working class has grown, so has the ruling class attempted to legitimize "legal" terror to keep the people down.

The police, hired as armed guards of capitalism, become more open and brutal in their repression of the people. The police have truly earned the hatred of the people, and as a result more of them are getting killed.

Since the people have lost their respect for the police and the system they represent, the capitalists are now trying to terrorize them into obedience.

This desperate use of fascist tactics is why Henry Whitlock is facing the electric chair.

Whitlock -- a Black man and an auto worker -- has been singled out by Decatur police because he represents the people who have been struggling the hardest against the capitalists and their unjust policies. When a Decatur policeman was killed in January 1971, the Decatur police could have chosen any black worker, but their choice was made easy by their grudge against Whitlock.

This arbitrary terror is a fascist tactic that has been used before when capitalists were forced to resort to terror to maintain their power. In the south the ruling class has encouraged vigilantes such as the Ku Klux Klan to practice "illegal" terror on the black community -- particularly when black people were beginning to unite and fight for liberation.

The Nazis used this tactic when

they occupied France in World War II. Whenever *one* soldier of the Nazi occupation army was killed by the underground liberation forces, the fascists would choose 50 French men and women *at random* and execute them. This is the approach that resulted in Henry Whitlock being railroaded onto death row.

People are joining the Whitlock defense because they understand the principles involved in the case. They see that every day spent on Death Row is not only a personal tragedy for Whitlock, his family and friends, but is also a threat to the rights of all workers and an attempt by the ruling class to terrorize them into not struggling.

Already it is clear that this attempt is not working. Thousands of people have signed petitions and attended rallies and benefits for Henry Whitlock. The case is becoming known to everyone in the Atlanta area. People are beginning to see that the capitalist system, which produces injustices like the Whitlock case, must be overthrown. It is becoming clear to the ruling class that this attempt at scaring the movement into submission is backfiring. Instead of retreating, the people who have been active before are fighting twice as hard and thousands of new people are being brought into the struggle for the first time. The capitalists have "lifted a rock, only to drop it on their own foot."

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In the early morning darkness of Saturday, May 6, the offices of *The Great Speckled Bird*, a radical weekly Atlanta newspaper were destroyed by fire. Both *Bird* staff and firemen said later the building was firebombed.

This cowardly attack followed a period of intense repression of the 4-year-old newspaper. Directed personally by Atlanta Mayor Sam Massell, this repression had previously peaked on Monday, April 17, when city police began arresting all *Bird*sellers on the streets on charges of peddling without a license. This was a blatantly unconstitutional attack -- even by the bourgeoisie's own Constitution! -- on the *Bird*'s democratic right to free speech. It was also a blatantly discriminatory use of the law, since unlicensed salesmen for the capitalist *Constitution* and *Journal* were not bothered by police. The capitalists say they believe in "free speech" and "constitutional rights" for the people; but they drop their phony democratic front like a hot potato when the people start exercising those rights, and show what their power really rests on -- the armed might of their police. Nevertheless, the *Bird* fought back by getting a federal court injunction against further police harassment under the peddlers' ordinance, which stopped this wave of harassment.

While *Bird*sellers were being arrested on the streets, Massell was making inflammatory anti-*Bird* statements. "They're no longer a

newspaper, they're a hate sheet, so they no longer have any rights," Little Hitler ranted in one such tirade. "They've yelled fire in a crowded theater, and under those circumstances, the right to free speech can be limited. It's no longer a viable alternative newspaper. It's just a matter of time until the newspaper closes."

But Massell was wrong. Despite the fire, which totally destroyed the *Bird*'s office, furniture, machinery and files -- everything but the subscriber list -- the staff immediately rallied to the task of rebuilding, began putting together the next regular issue, and turned a bad thing into a good thing. They have not missed an issue since the fire!

Why was Massell, a lackey of the downtown business interests who poses as a friend of working people and poor people, so upset by the *Bird*? Because the *Bird* has been bold in exposing how Massell, the Board of Aldermen, the police and the rest of the city government act only to benefit the banks, department stores, real estate developers, big corporations and downtown business interests; and against the interests of black and white working people and poor people. A few months ago, for instance, the *Bird* published a secret slumlord list of the largest owners of slum properties in Atlanta, which included some aldermen and several of Massell's friends and business associates. Massell (who is also a realtor) refused to act on the list and even denied that it existed until the *Bird* published it.

The *Bird* was started in the spring of 1968 by a group of young Atlantans. Most were students or former students, labor organizers, activists in the civil rights or antiwar movements. They wanted their own newspaper to express their opposition to racism, the American war of aggression against the Vietnamese people, and other policies of the imperialist ruling class. They saw the *Bird* as an alternative to the monopoly capitalist papers, the *Constitution* and the *Journal*.

In its four years of publication, the *Bird* has supported the Indochinese, Palestinian, African, Afro-American and other national liberation struggles against U.S. imperialism; has defended China and other socialist countries; has supported workers' struggles, such as the city garbage workers' strike and the recent strike by workers at Holy Family Hospital; has opposed racism; has struck blows at male supremacy; and has supported various struggles for democratic rights for women, students, youth, GIs, homosexuals, prisoners, tenants, welfare recipients, etc. In all these aspects, the *Bird* has been a fighter against imperialism and a true ally of the working class movement.

Viewing both its positive and its negative sides, however, it is clear that the *Bird* has been predominantly anti-imperialist, and a friend of the working class movement.

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BIRD DEFIES CAPITALIST FIREBOMBING



Radical newspaper, Great Speckled Bird, firebombed following harassment by city government.

CALIFORNIA AND GEORGIA COMMUNISTS MERGE UNITY GROWS IN

The Georgia Communist League (Marxist-Leninist) in Atlanta and the October League (Marxist-Leninist) united on May 13, 1972. Together they formed one national organization with the name October League (Marxist-Leninist).

This unity comes at a time when the workers' movement, the struggles of oppressed peoples, the anti-war, student and women's movements have grown tremendously. Not since the 1930's has U.S. imperialism been rocked with such a crisis as we see today. The inevitable product has been the upsurge of millions of people fighting against this system and its policies of exploitation, war, and injustice.

From these struggles thousands of revolutionaries have come to recognize the need to build a new, revolutionary communist party in this country. It is becoming crystal clear to these revolutionaries that the old revisionist Communist Party U.S.A. does not want revolution; that they will never prepare, arm and lead the working class and oppressed masses in making revolution. They only lead the working class back into the waiting arms of the imperialists.

A lot of unclarity still exists as to how such a vanguard party will develop. Since this is the main immediate aim of the October League (M-L) we will go briefly into our view of how this goal can be reached.

A Communist Party Cannot Be Decreed, But Must Be Forged In The Heat of Class Struggle

As far as our *theoretical tasks* are concerned, this means that communists must stand firm and defend the principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought against all of its enemies.

The CPUSA, the trotskyites and opportunists of other brands are trying hard to divert the revolutionary movement. Mastering the principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought can only happen if we take up the most relentless fight against opportunism and bourgeois ideology. Mastering the principles can only take place in the closest connection with their concrete application to the crucial strategic and tactical questions facing the U.S. revolution.

Revolutionary theory cannot be developed by a handful of intellectuals behind closed doors but must be steered and tested in the heat of class struggle

(both theoretical and practical class struggle). Apart from this method we cannot hope to hammer out a firm party program which can unite all communists with common convictions around a correct plan for action.

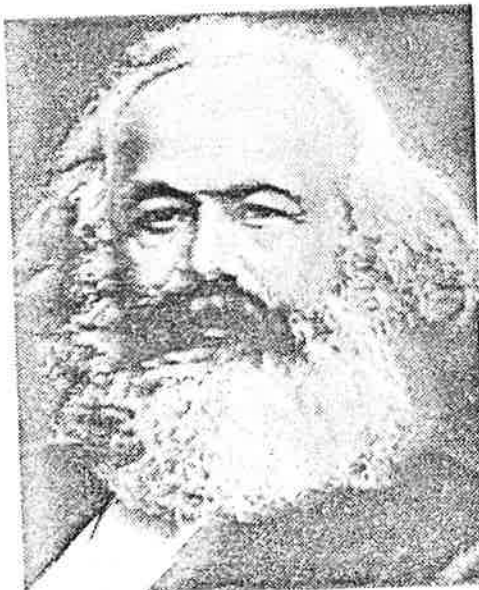
This approach to party building also has important application to the *practical work* of communists and class-conscious workers. Because of the betrayal of the CPUSA, the theory of communism is separated from the working class and mass struggle against imperialism.

To build a new communist party we must closely link the theory of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and the aims of dictatorship of the proletariat and socialism to the mass struggles, particularly with the movement of workers in the big factories.

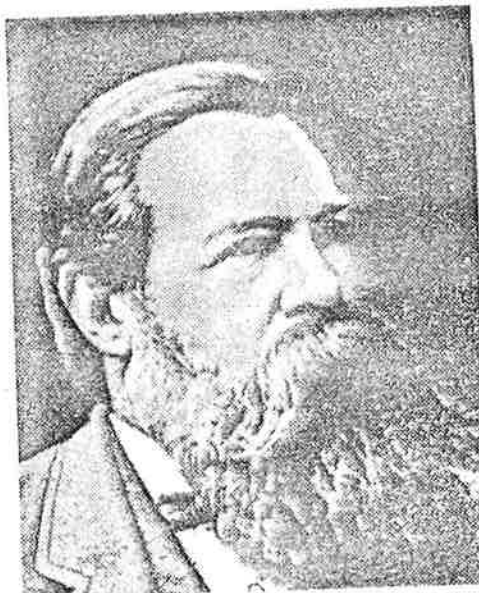
In practice, this means that we must direct the majority of our efforts to building factory-based communist organizations. While concentrating on winning the most advanced, class-conscious workers to communism

and the revolutionary struggle, we must organize the working class on all levels. Communists must fight shoulder to shoulder with the masses in the political and economic struggles they are waging. At the same time we should not be short-sighted and simply tail after those struggles. Communists must actively take up the task of winning the masses of workers to revolution and socialism through their own experience in the daily battles against the capitalist class.

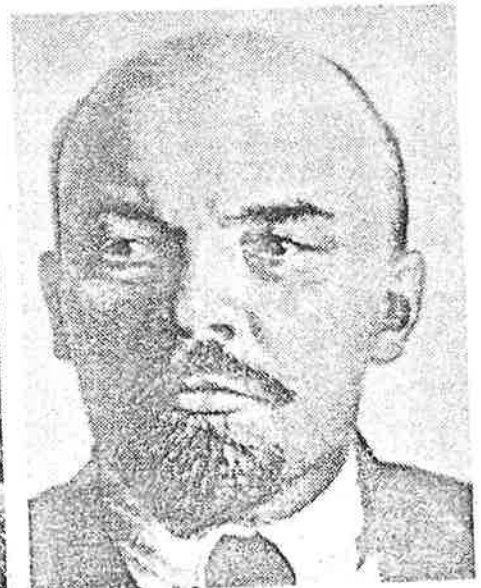
As this work develops it will



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become more possible for the workers and communists to play a decisive role in mobilizing the U.S. people into a broad united front against imperialism and its policies of exploitation, war and injustice.

In other words, to build a vanguard party (not vanguard in words but a real vanguard in deeds) we must go deeply among the masses and cement this bond between communism and the working class movement.

Finally, when we say that a party must be forged in the heat of class struggle, this means we have certain *organizational tasks*. Organization is our weapon for transforming ideas and plans into action.

Today many communists exist in small organizations, but all (small or big) suffer from organizational *primitivism*. By this we mean that the pace of the mass struggle often outstrips the organizational abilities of communist groups to participate in the most organized and consistent manner as leaders of these battles.

The training of large numbers of communist cadre -- cadre who can keep their political bearings while going deeply among the masses, the mastery of all different types of work (open/secret, propaganda work); and the struggle against narrow localism and organizational sectarianism are only a few

of the organizational problems which we must fight hard to overcome in the next period.

To sum up, a new communist party must be consciously fought for. It will not come ready-made!

In our view, these are very bold tasks for such a young communist movement to take on. But the rapid expansion of the mass movement and the frenzied attacks by the imperialists call for communists to be farsighted, practical and bold!

In the next few months, the October League (M-L) will begin publication of a national political newspaper in which we shall speak to many of these questions in greater detail.

The formation of the October League, on a national scale, is only a single step in the direction of building a new communist party. But it is important because it shows the direction towards unity based on principle and common practice which the communist forces are moving towards and which must be cemented in order to build a new party.



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newspaper that was even slightly critical of the government, and maintains a vast bureaucracy and secret police force to oppress the Vietnamese people. Yet Nixon insists that the free election he's talking about be held under this government. To make it look a little better, he has ordered his stooge Thieu to offer his resignation one month before any election would be held — a meaningless gesture since Thieu's U.S. bought, trained, and paid bureaucrats and police would still be in power.

Acceptance of Nixon's proposal means a rigged election and continued oppression of patriotic Vietnamese in the south. It means the acceptance of a U.S. puppet government. This is what the Vietnamese have refused to accept at the Paris talks. It is the Nixon administration that still tries to impose a U.S. controlled government on south Vietnam. It is the U.S. that has sabotaged the Peace talks by vainly trying to gain through talks what it couldn't gain by force.

Nixon Uses Phony POW Issue To Cover Up Increased Aggression

Of all Nixon's lies, his phony concern for U.S. prisoners of war is the most hypocritical. Nixon doesn't care any more about the lives of the 400 U.S. servicemen held in north Vietnam than he does about the 50,000 Americans and several hundred thousand Vietnamese that the U.S. government has already sent to their death. Nixon knows perfectly well that the only way U.S. POW's can return home is when the U.S. gets out of Vietnam. He knows that when the Vietnamese forced the French to withdraw from their country in 1954 that they released every French prisoner they held, and they numbered in the thousands. He knows that if the U.S. withdrew from Vietnam, that the Vietnamese would no longer have any reason whatever to hold American prisoners and that they would be released. The Vietnamese have repeatedly made this clear. Nixon's phony concern for the POW's is nothing but a cheap trick, designed as an excuse to increase his aggression. His policies will simply increase the number of POW's and prolong their captivity.

The Vietnam War Is Against The Interests of the Vast Majority of American People

The policies followed by the U.S. government in Vietnam and elsewhere

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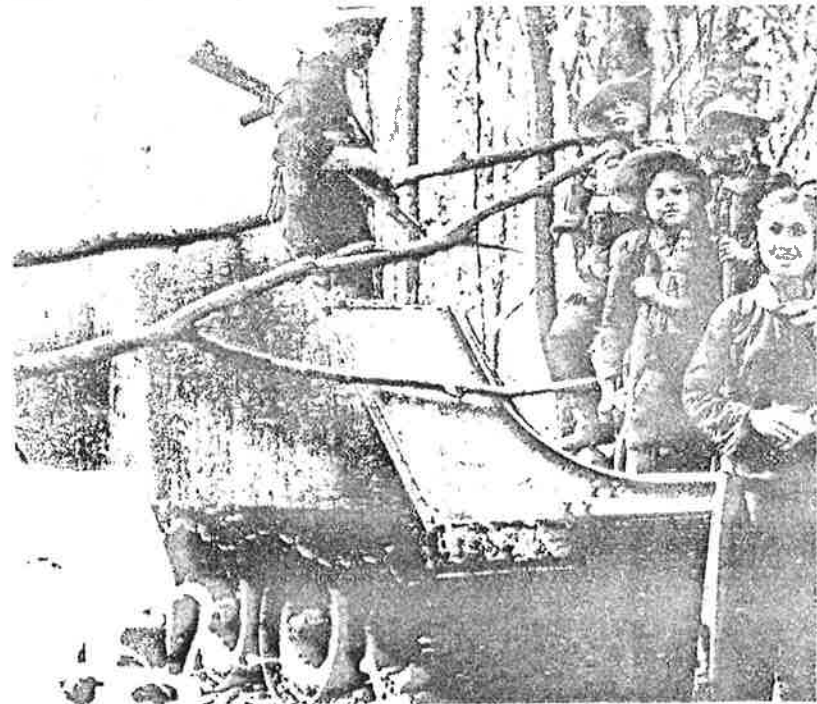
around the world are directly against the interests of the vast majority of American people. The U.S. government and the giant monopoly corporations that it represents invest billions of dollars in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. By exploiting these countries, they rake in tremendous profits. U.S. aggression around the world and particularly in Vietnam serves the sole purpose of protecting these investments.

The imperialists finance the war in Vietnam off the backs of the American people, especially the working-class, through increased taxes and inflation. In the meantime, the monopolies get rich exploiting Asian workers and selling war materials.

The continuation of the war is against the interests of all but a handful of rich American capitalists. The majority of American people already oppose the war. Nixon's bombing and mining cannot end the war, but will only arouse the Vietnamese people to greater resistance. The U.S. government must end all attacks against Vietnam, withdraw all support for the illegal Thieu regime, and get out of all Indochina now!



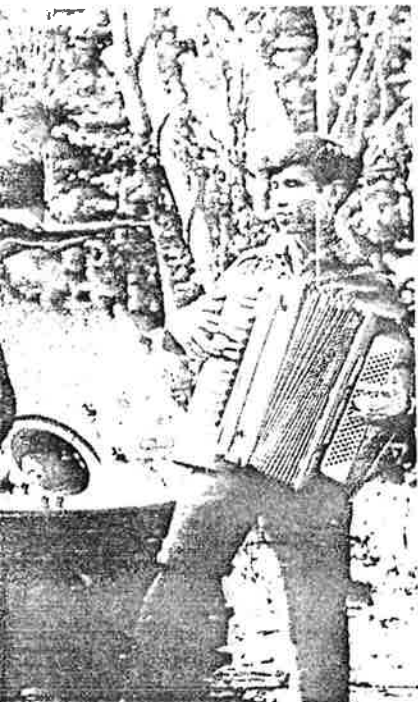
*Ho Chi Minh united
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*All of the US airplanes, bombs, and tanks cannot defeat the tremendous
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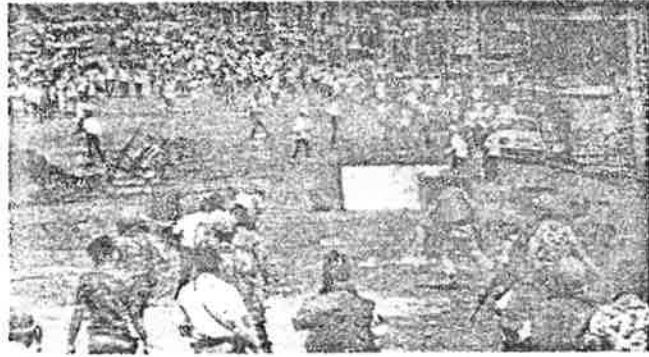


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SOME HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT VIETNAM



Veterans, students, soldiers, students protesting against Thieu regime are attacked by Saigon police.

In 1954, the Vietnamese people had succeeded in defeating the French imperialists and signed a treaty with France that divided Vietnam, one country, into two temporary zones to allow the French and their supporters to leave. These two zones, north and south, were to be reunited in 1956 by a nation-wide internationally supervised election.

But as soon as the French had withdrawn, the U.S. set up an illegal military dictatorship in the southern zone and installed their puppet stooge Diem as "President." The U.S. government armed and financed the Diem regime, as well as training its secret police. This was in complete violation of the treaty of 1954. It was the U.S. puppet government in the south that then refused to hold elections, not the legally established government in the north.

The reason why the Diem puppets refused to hold the election is clear. These U.S. installed butchers were traitors to the Vietnamese nation. They had sided with the French against the Vietnamese. When they came to power they killed and jailed thousands of south Vietnamese who had fought against the French. From 1954 to 1960, the Diem puppets — supported as a "democracy" by the U.S. — executed more than 10,000 and imprisoned more than 50,000 political prisoners. They took the land away from the peasants (before 1954, the Viet Minh, led by Vietnamese communists, had distributed the land to the peasants) and returned it to the landlords. Today 2.5% of the population in Vietnam owns 80% of the land. The U.S. flunkies in Saigon were and are hated by the Vietnamese people. President Eisenhower even admitted that if free elections had been held, Ho Chi Minh would have gotten over 80% of the vote.

For years after the U.S. government and its Saigon henchmen refused to hold elections, the leaders of the DRV (north) made every effort to avoid war and peacefully reunify their country. When all of these efforts were refused, the people of south Vietnam re-organized themselves into the National Liberation Front (NLF), and by 1964 they had nearly succeeded in destroying the corrupt Saigon regime. The U.S. then fabricated the Tonkin Gulf Incident as an excuse for bombing north Vietnam and landing troops in the south. Then as now, the U.S. rulers cried "aggression from the north" to cover up their own actions.



Meany wants to cooperate.

AFL-CIO President George Meany told a senate committee last month that he was ready to give up strikes. "I don't believe in strikes," he said. "I don't believe they mean what they did years ago."

Meany doesn't believe in strikes because he's afraid of the rising struggles of the rank and file workers. He knows that in militant struggles workers are coming to challenge the capitalist system, and Meany is first and foremost a defender of that system.

Once again trade union bureaucrat Meany has shown himself to be the chief capitalist spokesman in the working class ranks. Last year he helped implement the capitalists' wage freeze by approving trade union participation on the board. He and his cronies prevented mass trade union action against the freeze.

Now Meany wants to surrender workers' interests one step further. Meany is willing to do what the capitalists have wanted to do for many years -- abolish strikes.

Meany wants to give up one of the working class' strongest weapons -- the strike -- and replace it with "neutral" "third party" arbitration. "Third party" arbitration has always represented the interests of the capitalists. Without the threat of a strike, these "neutral" arbitrators will decide even more in favor of the capitalists.

The "right to strike" Meany says he wouldn't give up. This is doubletalk which means that Meany supports strikes in *words*, but in *deeds* would use the international unions' power to prevent local strikes and to force arbitration and sell-out contracts on the unions.

MEANY AGAINST THE MAIN TREND OF WORKERS

Meany has set himself against the present upheaval in the workers' movement today. As the economic crisis

DON'T LOOK FOR MEANY ON THE PICKET LINES

TRADE UNIONS



Rank and file workers want to fight capitalist attacks.

of U.S. imperialism deepens, the need for strikes is growing. Meany wants cooperation with the capitalists. The rank and file wants to fight. The large number of strikes in recent years shows that the great majority of workers are willing to sacrifice in order to fight the capitalists' attempts to cut wages and increase speedup. The miners, longshoremen and many others refused to accept Meany's policy of surrender to the wage controls.

Meany wants to hold this growing militancy down and keep the rank and file passive. He knows that in militant struggles many workers are breaking out of the bounds of narrow trade union activity and beginning to see the necessity for revolutionary action and change.

His arbitration proposal aims to keep workers divided, weak, out of action, and totally dependent on the union bureaucrats and liberal democrats. But Meany is only digging his own grave. The more he speaks for the capitalists the more he isolates himself as their well-heeled servant and the more he stirs rebellion in the ranks.

The trade union bureaucrats -- like Meany, Abel, Boyle, Woodcock, etc. -- are threatened by this revolutionary upsurge today. Their main concern is how to best keep the workers' struggles down and how to best channel workers into harmless and ineffective reforms that do not threaten the system of capitalism and the power of the trade union bureaucrats.

Meany and the AFL-CIO today represent the ideas and politics of the tiny handful of workers who actually do benefit from the imperialist system. These bureaucrats are tied by a million strings to capitalism and to the capitalist government. They push the idea that capitalism is the best of all possible systems for the workers of the U.S.

Even the best trade unionism limits the struggle to the framework of capitalism. The aim of pure and simple trade unionism has always been to obtain better terms for the workers in selling their labor power, but never to challenge the system of wage slavery itself. This attachment to capitalism is why the trade union bureaucrats can't even put up a decent fight for every-day economic demands.

In strikes, they almost always try to restrict activity to the most "legal" and "safe" action. They agree with the capitalist government to limit pickets to a few workers and oppose attempts to challenge unjust court injunctions and engage in mass picketing. They try to confine shop struggles to filing grievances and they oppose militant struggles outside the contract -- such as against speedup, arbitrary firings or racist company practices.

Further, they try to keep workers' political activity to voting once every four years for a capitalist politician. They oppose mass political activity by workers

ALONE ARE NOT ENOUGH

on such political issues as the Vietnam war, the wage freeze or political prisoners.

What today's trade-union leaders are saying is that workers should co-operate with the bosses, help "improve" capitalism, and then they will be able to share in the benefits. This amounts to saying that capitalism is a just system for workers and only needs a few minor reforms.

It has never been the case that capitalism was a system of justice for the working class in this country or anywhere else. Again and again it has shown itself to be the root of exploitation, poverty, oppression and war. *Workers must fight to end capitalism, not "improve" it.*

REVOLUTIONARY APPROACH TO THE WORKING CLASS STRUGGLE NEEDED

The capitalists are trying desperately to maintain their oppressive system. They are mounting an economic, political, and increasingly, through the police, a military attack on the working class and the masses of people.

United revolutionary working class action -- including strikes -- is more necessary than ever to combat these last-ditch efforts by the dying capitalist class.

Trade unionism as we know it today and the present trade union leaders have exposed themselves as incapable and unwilling to take up this task.

Under these conditions it is urgent that workers get organized. We must develop organizations which can carry out the defense of economic gains and also take up the political struggle against the reactionary policies of the capitalists -- such as the Vietnam war, the wage freeze, discrimination against the Afro-American people, and the increased police attacks.

The working class movement must reject reformist schemes which require us to abide by capitalist ground rules in return for promises and a few crumbs. We must take a class struggle approach to our battles -- an approach which recognizes that the working class has nothing in common with the rotting reactionary

capitalist class. We must adopt ways of fighting that unite our class and spread the understanding of the contradiction between these two classes.

While rejecting the sell-out policies and leadership of the present-day trade unions, we must not desert the workers who still don't recognize that the unions are acting as mouth-pieces for the capitalists. While building up real fighting organizations, we should also struggle within the unions and demand that the leaders take up the economic and political struggle in a wholehearted way.

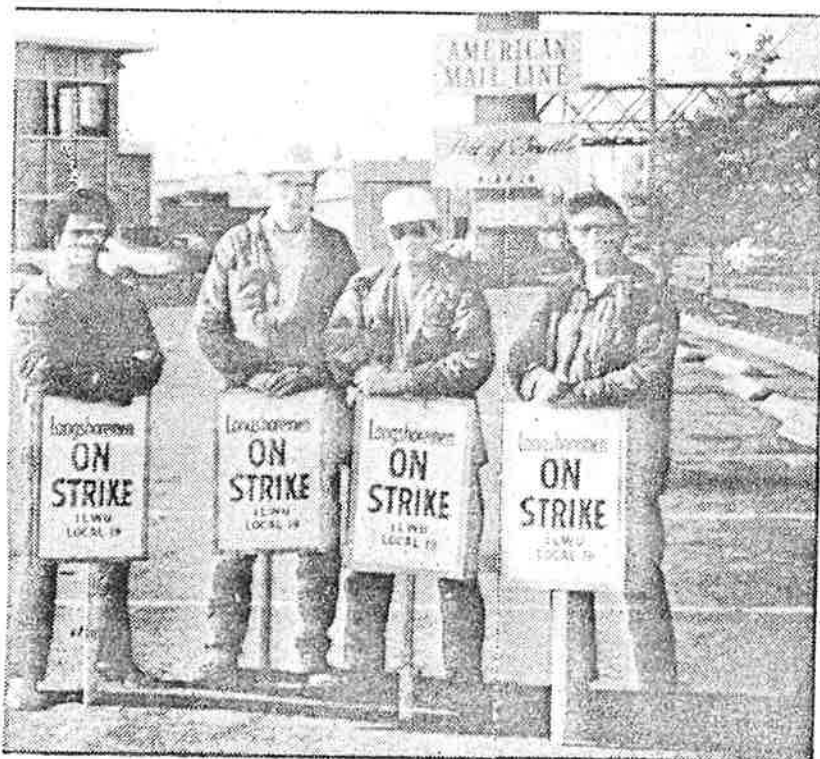
These workers' organizations should be formed around concrete political issues -- such as the defense of Henry Whitlock, ending the Vietnam war, and issues in the shops. In the struggle around these issues, we should aim to build solidarity in the working class between black and white workers, men and women, employed and unemployed, union and non-union, and between workers here and the workers and



oppressed people of all countries.

We must not fear to break the capitalists' rules -- its court injunctions, restrictive ordinances, and so forth. We must fight in a way that unites the great majority. The capitalist laws, courts, and police cannot defeat us when we stand united.

In the course of this fight we must wake up more and more workers to the revolutionary understanding that the final solution must be the overthrow of the capitalist class and the establishment of workers' political power.



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VICTIM OF CAPITALISM

HENRY WHITLOCK



The People's Committee to Insure Justice has raised the demand of a new trial for Henry Whitlock, a change of venue, and a jury of his peers. The court is supposed to hear the demand for a new trial in September. Those who would like to circulate petitions and do other work to support these demands should contact the Committee at 1532 Gordon St., S.W., Atlanta. Telephone: 758-2431.

We can free Henry Whitlock, just as massive struggles in recent years have freed Bobby Seale, Huey Newton and other political prisoners. But we can only do it if we realize that victories in the courtroom come about because of mass struggle. We must take the fight to every person and organization that will give support and mobilize them to create a situation where it is easier for the state to release Henry Whitlock than to send him to the electric chair.

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BIRD

As the anti-imperialist forces in the U.S. and in the world have grown stronger, so the *Bird* has become firmer in its own opposition to imperialism.

The firebombing of the *Bird* is a blatant example of the U.S. bourgeoisie's increasing use of fascist, violent repression against the progressive, revolutionary and workers movements. Just as they freeze our wages, try to destroy our unions and take away our hard-won right to strike, so they attempt to intimidate and repress the radical movement. We firmly condemn this cowardly attack and express our solidarity with the *Bird* and all other victims of fascist repression. It was good that the staff decided to continue publication. Their example of not missing an issue proves that people, not things are decisive!



CAPITALISM IN CRISIS

LATEST INSTRUCTIONS TO THE BOURGEOIS PRESS — ATLANTA CONSTITUTION PLEASE NOTE

General Motors Chairman Gerstenburg has just issued the latest instructions of the ruling class to their hired hands of the "free" press. Gerstenburg, speaking for the entire monopoly capitalist class, issued his directives at the 86th convention of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Gerstenburg said: "The press can help correct the widespread misunderstanding [what he means is "widespread understanding" — RW] that higher productivity is synonymous with harder work, speedups, and with labor exploitation." He went on to say that anti-pollution and safety devices on cars don't really benefit society, that is, General Motors.

Gerstenburg had a willing audience in the American Newspaper Publishers Association, whose positions have been consistently right-wing. For example, at this same convention, the ANPA labor relations official warned against the "danger" of granting workers more than the 5.5% pay increase approved by the Pay Board, while the ANPA chairman stated that the association will continue to try and gain reinstatement for two Nationalist Chinese journalists who were discredited when the puppet Nationalist government was kicked out of the United Nations.

So keep your eyes on the newspapers. Pretty soon we'll probably see editorials in the Atlanta Constitution-Journal trying to explain how speedup, layoffs, raising taxes and prices coupled with frozen wages really isn't "exploitation" at all. Actually, this would just be a continuation of their consistently racist, anti-labor policy, in which they have favored the pay board's phase II attacks on workers' wages and come out for laws outlawing strikes. They are nothing but paid mouthpieces for big business.

But at least one good thing came out of the ANPA convention. It was reported that the average man (i.e., the workers) spends only about 10 minutes a day reading their trash.

The working class needs a newspaper of its own which will take a working class point of view on all the issues — and help build our struggle. In the next few months the October League will be putting out this type of newspaper — support it when it comes out!



AUTO COMPANY PROFITS AT ALL TIME HIGH

G.M., Ford, and Chrysler have all reported record first quarter profits. G.M.'s were \$651 million while Ford's were \$252 million, both all time highs. Chrysler reported profits three times what it made in the first quarter of 1971. American Motors also reported a sharp increase in profits. Phase II seems to be working real well for the capitalists, which was just what it was intended to do. On the other hand, rising wages for the working class haven't set any records lately.

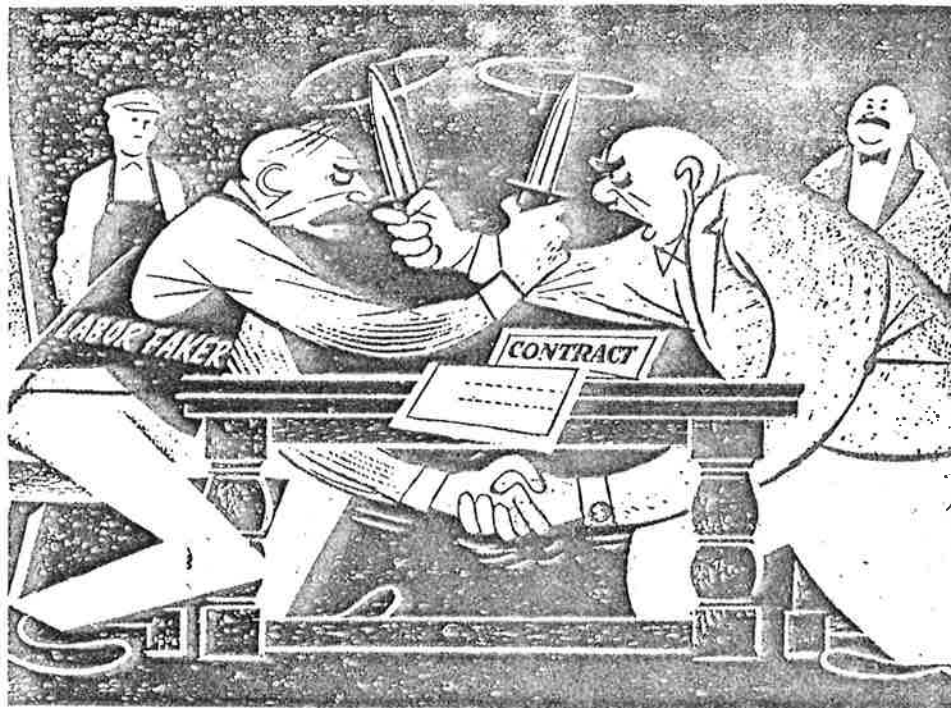
GENERAL MOTORS THANKS THEIR FRIEND IN THE KREMLIN

General Motors has said "Thanks" to their man in Moscow, the anti-working class, revisionist posing as a communist, Leonid Brezhnev. G.M. sent along a 1972 Cadillac Eldorado with Nixon, to give to this servant of international imperialism, as a token of their appreciation for his dedicated service in sabotaging the International Communist Movement and selling out the struggles of workers and oppressed nations around the world. Mr. Brezhnev will add the car to the Mercedes and yacht that he already has.

**THE MORE YOU HAVE,
THE MORE YOU GET**

Pay Board bureaucrats have recently announced that under phase II controls, corporate bosses may get 100% raises while workers are held to 5.5%. These same flunkies of monopoly capitalism, who get paid pretty well themselves, told a congressional committee that these raises for business executives were "equitable and just."

In 1971, workers got an average wage increase of about 7%. Industry bosses got increases averaging 14%. Corporation chairmen got an average increase of 12.5%, to an average pay of \$346,000 per year; company presidents got 17% average raises to \$288,000 per year (How do they get by?); while company vice presidents got average raises of 13.5%, struggling along on an average \$242,000 per year. The chairman of the Bendix Corp. got a 130% raise, while the chairman of General Electric got a 50% raise. IT&T ("Corruption is our most important by-product") board chairman Harold Geneen ended up 1971 with a salary of \$812,000. All these raises and salaries were approved by the Pay Board, who, incidentally, also approved AFL-CIO boss George Meany's pay raise to \$200,000. After all, fair is fair.



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NIXON'S COMING TO ATLANTA!

On Monday, June 19, President Nixon is coming to Atlanta to address the National Convention of the Junior Chamber Commerce. Activities will be held on both June 18 & 19 to protest the war & Nixon's presence.

1. ANTIWAR PICNIC Sunday, June 18 3 PM 'til DARK GRANT PARK

THERE WILL BE MUSIC, THEATER, FILMS & SPEAKERS
as well as workshops and booths set up by various
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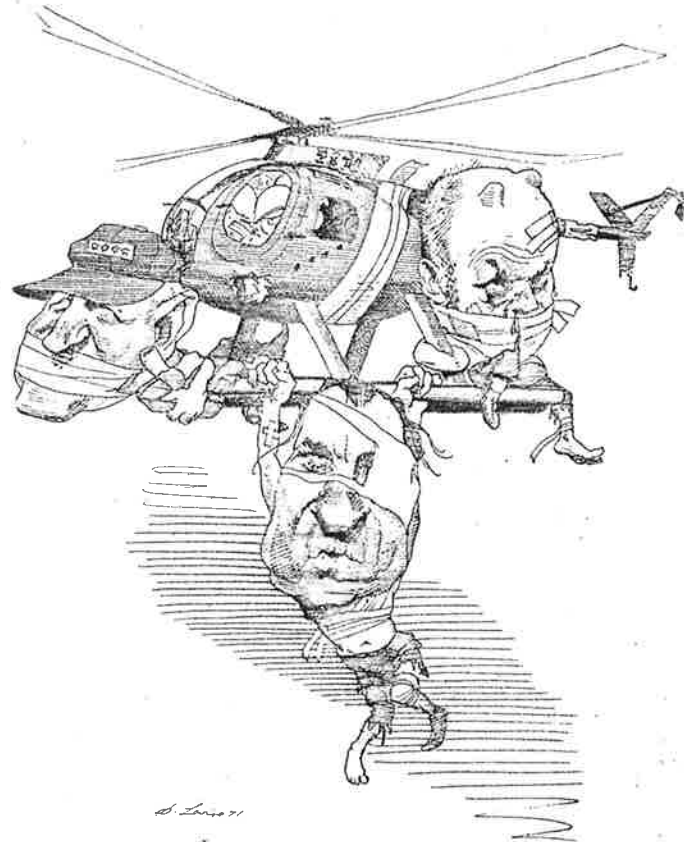
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RICH MAN'S WAR — POOR PEOPLE'S FIGHT

"Let me make this proposal: a massive invasion of South Vietnam by American industry.... In the modest development effort that presently exists a number of American-sponsored firms have been immensely successful."

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Advisor for U.S. Foreign Service
in Taiwan and Saigon

Nixon's promise to end the war is a farce--his latest action against North Vietnam is nothing but a further escalation of the war. The same has been true of all the so-called moves for peace: bombing of the North, bombing of the South, resumed bombing of the North, now the mining of North Vietnamese waters. Each of these tactics has simply widened the war.

Each of these moves has also been an act of U.S. aggression. Vietnam is one country. It fought as one country against the French, who were defeated in 1954 (when it was temporarily divided by the Geneva Accords), but it has continued to fight as one country against control by the U.S. Vietnam has never invaded itself: it has simply defended itself against repeated U.S. invasions.

The war has been carried out because big business, represented by Nixon, seeks control over Indochina. Indochina is a rich source of rubber, oil, and tin, a source of cheap labor for U.S.-owned factories, and a market for U.S. goods. The war in Vietnam also serves as an example to other small countries who may be tempted to fight against U.S. imperialism. It is clear that the United States has no intention of getting completely out of Vietnam: U.S. corporations have made long-term investments in Indochina. (See table below.)

The war is reinforced with the divisive tactic of racism. By portraying the Vietnamese as subhuman creatures unworthy of life, corporate interests try to insure that there be no unity between the people of the United States and Vietnam.

These corporations are the same ruling class that, through massive lay-offs, low wage scales and racial and sexual job discrimination, are responsible for critical economic conditions in the U.S.: 18-20 million people unemployed, 28-30 million living below the poverty level.

And it is the majority of the American people, especially working people, that pay for the war: our men fight and die in the war, our taxes are increased to pay for the war, inflation results and to curb this Nixon introduces the wage-price freeze, under which prices soar and American workers lose their bargaining power for higher wages.

It is in the interests of the vast majority of Americans, as well as the Vietnamese, that the war end. The working people of the U.S. and the people of Vietnam both are the victims in this imperialist war:

**LET THE AMERICAN AND VIETNAMESE PEOPLE BE UNITED TO END
THE WAR!! SOLIDARITY WITH THE VIETNAMESE!!**

CORPORATIONS INVEST IN VIETNAM

Ford Motor Co.: Has plans to build a light truck plant near Saigon
American Motors: Plans to build Jeep plant near Saigon
Johnson & Johnson: Runs textile mill in Vietnam
Esso and Caltex: Plan to build oil refinery in Vietnam
18 oil companies seek concessions to drill for oil off coast of Vietnam
Chase Manhattan Bank: Opens branch in Saigon
Bank of America: Opens branch in Saigon

The maximum wage by law in South Vietnam: \$1.40/day.