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In District 26

FORCED BUSING, COMMUNITY CONTROL AND BAKKE

In concluding his speech, the spokesman for District 26 Community School Board raised his voice and in a very emotional way expressed "We have the right to decide what goes on in our schools. It's the future of our children what is at play. It's up to us, the legitimate representatives of the parents in this community, the ones capable of selecting the programs that are more feasible to the need of our children. Let Mayor Koch, let the Federal Government, let the Board of Education know that we will not allow them to ruin our school district. Let's fight for our rights."

The majority of the over 500 people attending the school board meeting rose up and enthusiastically applauded for more than a minute. In this way they showed their support for their school board and the two decisions recently made by the board. Later that night, more than two hundred people marched in the streets of Northeastern Queens chanting slogans in favor of community control, against the attacks of the Board of Education and in support of their ousted school board. What we have described actually did happen in School District 26 in March of this year. And before you believe that we are talking about progressive and militant parents that have stood up in defense of the best interests of their children, we should explain to you what these actions really represent. The Local School Board was ousted by the Board of Education accused of not representing the better interests of the community. This action was the result of more than two months of open confrontation in which the Local School Board made the following decisions:

- ***Turned down a federal grant that allocated money for developing summer jobs for over 1,000 students in the district, and
- ***Refused to comply with federal regulations that mandates districts to submit statistics of the breakdown of faculty and students in terms of nationality and race. This refusal caused the district to lose more than \$1 million in grants for remedial reading and full-time kindergarten classes.

Both decisions run counter to the best interests of the working class youngsters of that district and especially against the interests of the Afro-American students that are in that district as a result of forced busing.

COMMUNITY CONTROL

What happens in District 26 shows us concretely that concepts like "community control" are used to create illusions among people and that in the last analysis, it's necessary to analyze the class contents of the concept community that is used by reformists to substitute the concept class, oppressed, etc. The "community" is composed in fact of people that belong to all classes and behind the "community control" concept in fact is a tendency to blunt the class differences and deny the leading role of the working class in all aspects of the struggle.

Besides, the concept of community control itself has to be seen in the context of class society--of what class is in power. Seen in this context, and not in the abstract, we must conclude that it is impossible for the oppressed to control anything in this capitalist society. Only the class that is in power can expect to control their communities, their schools, etc., in any society. Thus, to put forward community control as a demand in capitalist society is to create false illusions and to promote reformism, not revolution. That is why we oppose it.

The two programs that the Local School Board refused to accept were part of the affirmative action programs which the militant struggles of the oppressed nationalities and women forced the capitalists to grant. The standards established for the summer jobs, based on the income, would have guaranteed most of the jobs to very needy and poor Afro-American youngsters. And the remedial courses and the full-day kindergarten class obviously benefits working class families and oppressed nationalities who are the ones more in need of free day care. This fascist and racist board refused to accept.

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Miners Strike

Brilliant Example of Class Solidarity!



Angry miners burn sell-out contract (left) and receive food donations from striking farmers (right) during the powerful miners strike which reminds us of Frederick Engels words

"People who endure so much to bend one single bourgeois, will be able to break the power of the whole bourgeoisie."

For many years to come, workers and oppressed people in this country will be speaking and remembering the just-ended coal miners' strike. For 109 days, the coal miners showed us all that if we stand together, we can defeat any enemy, no matter how powerful it may be. The coal miners showed us all with their example that in fact the U.S. multinational proletariat, and not the capitalists, is the most powerful class in this society.

Despite having titles of property to the mines, having the courts and judges declaring the strike illegal, having the police and the National Guard on their side, counting with the help of traitor Arnold Miller and other sell-out bureaucrats to control the struggle from within, the coal industry was not capable of keeping their mines working. With all their money and their power they were not able to get coal out. And this threatens them, this scares them to death. Because they know, they have learned from the experiences of Russia, of China, of Albania, that one day the individual struggle of workers of different trades will become the conscious struggle of workers of all trades in a powerful revolutionary movement which, led by its vanguard communist party, will end once and for all the system of private property and exploitation.

The battle that has just ended is one of the greatest and most brilliant pages in the heroic and militant history of the struggle of the U.S. multinational proletariat. We firmly believe that overall the struggle was very positive and in fact represents a great victory not only for the miners but for all workers and oppressed people in this country and the world over. In analyzing the strike results we cannot limit ourselves to deal with just dollars and cents, medical insurance, pension funds, safety conditions, etc. All these things are very important and to fight for them that miners went on strike in the first place. In all those areas the miners were able to get a lot more than what the coal industry was offering and traitor Arnold Miller was eager to accept. The fact is that the last contract provides the miners more of all of the above mentioned things than the first two proposals they turned down. This is not to say that the contract is a good one.

In fact although a wage increase of \$2.40 an hour was won, and no curbs on wildcats will be implemented (such as the initially proposed \$20 a day fines) the new contract is far worse than the 1974 contract in a number of areas. For instance, in this contract miners are required for the first time to pay up to \$200 a year in medical expenses which had up to now been paid for by the company. Also, miners will now be faced with more stringent pension qualification requirements, and long retired miners will receive little improvement in their pensions, despite huge increases in the cost of living.

A good contract doesn't exist in this system. No matter how much more we can get we will always be paid a lot less than what we produce with our labor. That's why in demanding better wages we don't lose sight of the fact that in the last analysis it is the wage system and the system of imperialism itself that we are out to destroy. But there are other ways to measure the successes and failures of a strike that go beyond the economic questions mentioned before. Questions like the iron unity of the miners, like the solidarity of workers of other industries, like the alliance between farmers and miners, like the unity of miners of all nationalities in the struggle, like the active

participation of women in the struggle, have to be kept present in any indepth analysis of the strike. And from that standpoint the struggle was really a success.

UNITY OF MINERS

The unity of the miners was shown in many ways. For one the strike breakers were successfully kept out of the mines and in many instances in which they were able to get some coal out of the mines they were never able to deliver it to the assigned destinations. In the middle of a road the miners used very convincing arguments, their strength and their shotguns, to the scab truck driver who "agreed" to dump the coal then and there. That unity was shown also in the voting for the contracts. The first one was defeated by the negotiating team before it was presented to the rank and file for approval. The second was defeated by a majority of 2 to 1. The third one was approved by a majority of 57% to 43%. The first two times the minority that voted for the contract accepted the majority decision and stayed out of work. This was not due to fear as the bourgeois press distorted but out of the understanding that they have to keep their unity. The same thing is happening now in the other direction. The 43% of the miners that voted against the contract have followed the majority in the decision of going back to work. This unity will prove again and again to be key in any successful attempt to carry out wildcat strikes (a real tradition in the coal mines) and many other job actions.

MULTINATIONAL UNITY

Although the majority of the miners are not from oppressed nationalities, the multinational unity was nevertheless present during the struggle. In Colorado, for example, the unity of Chicano and white miners was exemplary. In the heroic tradition of the Ludlow miners, who together with their wives and children fought and died in the Ludlow Massacre of April 20, 1914, the miners of Southern Colorado stood together and turned down contract after contract. The same can be said of the unity of Black and white miners in other areas of the country.

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Line Struggle, or Squabble between Opportunists?

Imagine a band of outlaws committing all types of crimes together for many years. All of a sudden, some of the bandits split from the band accusing its leader of wanting to commit a crime they don't agree with. The splitters blame the band leader for all the present crimes while justifying all the past ones and even claiming that they were in fact good actions. This is in a nutshell what the major split occurred in the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) represents. A big squabble among opportunists in which the dissidents headed by Mike Jarvits the Revolutionary Workers' Headquarters (RWH) as they call themselves accuse the Chairman of the RCP, Bob Avakian, of being responsible for all the opportunist political line and practice of the RCP. In this way, they pretend to come out clean, to disavow themselves of RCP's opportunism, without making any kind of self criticism and repudiation of the line and practice that in fact they have historically upheld.

How does this split in the RCP affect the party building motion in the U.S., and how should communists approach it? To answer this question let us examine more closely the nature of the split and the lines held by the two sides.

In analysing a split in an opportunist organization, the first thing we have to decide is whether or not the split represents the culmination of a two line struggle, the breaking of one of the factions with opportunism and revisionism, or a squabble between opportunists.

At the moment we are writing, neither Avakian's RCP nor Jarvits' RWH have laid out in an open and aboveboard manner what is the difference between the two, what each faction criticizes the other for, etc. Although the RCP has come out criticizing the RWH for stealing the names of their organizations and newspapers, calling those papers "reformist rags," etc., no line has come out in relation to their differences. Worst yet, the RWH pre-

tends that they are the original RCP, using the names of the RCP's mass organizations and papers such as The Worker, the National United Workers Organization, the Revolutionary Student Brigade, its paper and all the others. They do this without even explaining that they are another group putting out another paper, nor do they criticize the line of the other Worker, NUWO, etc.

POSITION ON PEOPLE'S CHINA

It is public knowledge that Avakian's faction is attacking the Communist Party of China, supporting the "Gang of four" and claiming that revisionists are in power in China. The position of the RWH on this question is not clear beyond the fact that they are supposedly upholding the three world thesis and defending the present CPC leadership led by comrade Hua Kuo Feng.

In November, 1976, we alerted the U.S. communist movement that many opportunists were already launching unprincipled attacks against the new leadership of the Communist Party of China. Among these we pointed out were (and still are) the WVO and the RCP. They were launching a campaign within their ranks and close contacts claiming that revisionism was in power in people's China, but would not come out in the open with their attacks. We said then:

In its latest issue of Revolution the so called Revolutionary Party described the historical class struggles within the CPC. However, when they reach the present struggle they say nothing and resolve everything by stating that they have faith and hope. When asked directly in one of the workshops of their recently held Conference on the International Situation their Chairman Avakian could only answer that the question was not relevant. RCP is clearly consolidating forces before coming out in the open attacking China. Engaging in much sophistry and demagoguery the RCP did not answer our question on the present struggle in China and accused LPR of trying to break the conference.

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In this Conference on the International Situation held last year, the RCP's underhanded

attacks against China were clear. They claimed then that after comrade Mao's death there were some serious struggles within the CPC and implied that it was not known yet who was in power in China. The RCP then refused to come out against the "Gang of four" and stated with a clear racist slur (and veiled attack against comrade Hua Kuo Feng) that if the CPC named "Chim-dan-zee" to head the party, those who uphold the CPC would readily accept this blindly. At the Conference we denounced such unprincipled behaviour and challenged the RCP to put out in the open their position on the international situation, the "Gang of four", and people's China. The RCP promised the "party" position in their next theoretical journal--which never materialized. Instead Avakian's faction produced its revisionist position where they attacked the CPC, and circulated it internally. This was more than a year ago. Now the RWH tells us that they uphold the three world thesis. But for more than a year they conciliated with the attacks against the CPC and the defense of the "Gang of four", and they do not make any self-criticism for that. Did the RWH uphold the CPC and the three worlds thesis all that time? If so, why did they wait so long to break with the RCP? Why won't they denounce the RCP now for its attacks on China? Or did they, in the course of the struggle over the last year become convinced of the incorrectness of the RCP line, and the correctness of the three worlds thesis? If so, why then won't they make self-criticism now for upholding that incorrect line before? And again, why won't they denounce the RCP's line and attacks against the CPC? Could it be because the line of the RWH does not differ significantly from that of the RCP on people's China, the CPC and the "Gang of four"? Could it be because RWH opportunist leadership took advantage of the discontent among RCP base around its position on China and used it to orchestrate the split under the guise of a line struggle over the international situation when in reality it's a squabble between opportunists? Could it be because the RWH holds one line among friends and another in public--just like the opportunist RCP does?

The RWH does a very half-hearted defense of people's China--if at all--and it will have to respond to all of these questions. Obviously, they would like us to close our eyes and let these things lie. And supposedly we are to accept the RWH as genuine, simply because they uphold the three worlds thesis. But communists don't work that way.

The fact that they supposedly hold opposite positions on the CPC and people's China, doesn't make one group genuine and another opportunist. Definitely, whoever is an enemy of People's China

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WOMEN HOLD UP HALF THE SKY



International Working Women's Day Celebration

On the night of March 10th, a coalition composed of the National Liberation-Struggles Support Committee (NLSSC), the Anti-Imperialist Cultural Union (AICU), Peoples in Struggle (PIS), the Revolutionary Communist League (RCL-MLM) and the League for Proletarian Revolution (LPR-ML), celebrated International Working Women's Day.

The event opened with the singing of the Internationale, and included a unified statement by the coalition, statements by the ML organizations, and messages of solidarity by the Ethiopian Student Union in North America (ESUNA), Ethiopian Women's Study Group in North America, Turkish Students Association, Turkish Women's Study Group and the May 18th Revolutionary Organization. It also included a number of cultural presentations such as a skit which dramatized the struggle against male chauvinism and female passivity in the "privacy" of the home, as well as songs by the Proletarian Singers, revolutionary poetry by the Yenon Theatre Workshop, and a slide show on the woman question by AICU.

The coalition strove to link the emancipation of women to the emancipation of the whole working class, the need for women to participate in the struggle of the whole class, and the need to also struggle for the democratic rights of women. This demarcated the event from those put out by the bourgeois feminists, reformists, revisionists and opportunists of all hues.

The preparatory work as well as the event itself provided many lessons both positive and negative which we are summing up with other coalition forces. The work of summing up is extremely important in helping us move forward our struggle. We are printing below excerpts of LPR-ML's statement at the activity which we urge comrades to criticize. We also urge you to send us your criticisms of the event, the propaganda for it, the cultural presentations, child care activities, etc. in order to help us in summing up.

Working and oppressed women, comrades and friends

We are here to talk about struggle. About the struggle for women's emancipation. A struggle that is part and parcel of the struggle for the liberation of all oppressed people. We should always have this point clear in our minds. All talk about women's emancipation that does not establish clearly that women cannot be emancipated without the emancipation of the whole U.S. multinational working class, oppressed nationalities and all other oppressed people, is of no value and can only serve the cause of the oppressor by misleading people towards the path of reformism and counterrevolution. Conversely, all talk about proletarian revolution in the U.S. that does not address concretely the question of how women can be integrated into the struggle in order to make it successful is also idle talk.

The cause of the emancipation of women and the cause of the emancipation of the working class and oppressed people are indissolubly tied. We will touch in our speech on this relation, how we cannot fight for one without fighting for the other. In a nutshell, the idea we want to put across to all here present is summed up in the slogan "Without proletarian revolution there is no women's emancipation and without women's full participation in the struggle, there is no proletarian revolution."

It is important to point out in approaching this matter, that IWWD is being celebrated this year in the middle of very important struggles against U.S. imperialism, Soviet social imperialism and all reaction the world over. Internationally, the oppressed peoples and nations of the third world are standing up and taking up arms and fighting for their independence and national liberation.

In Southern Africa, the struggles of Azania, Namibia and Zimbabwe are marching forward and victory is getting closer and closer. In the Horn of Africa the struggle of the Eritrean peoples for self-determination advances victoriously despite the intervention of Soviet social imperialism and its Cuban lackeys. All over Latin America, the struggles of the peoples move forward. Recent events in Nicaragua and Peru, the struggle of the Panamanian masses against the new sell-out treaty, the 3-months old strike of the workers of the government-owned electrical company in Puerto Rico are just some indications of that growing struggle. In South East Asia the heroic Kampuchean people, led by their communist party are safeguarding the victory achieved against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys. Kampuchea is showing the world that in fact it is possible to expel U.S. imperialism from their territories without allowing Soviet social imperialism to become the new master. In the Middle East, the struggles of the Palestinian people for their rights to their historic homeland and self-determination is moving ahead under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization, despite the treacherous sell-out of

Sadat and the continuous meddling and interference of both superpowers. All of these and many other events show concretely that in fact the third world is the main force opposing both superpowers in the international arena. In all of these struggles women fight alongside men. They are fighting both for the liberation of their oppressed nation and for their own emancipation.

It is not only in the third world that the struggle goes on. Here, in the belly of one of the two superpowers, IWWD finds us in the middle of the most important workers' struggles in many years. The glorious coal miners' strike. The coal miners are showing with their strength how powerful the working class is when it unites to fight for its rights. The coal industry and the government that represents the capitalist oppressors have used every tactic in their book to bring the coal miners to their knees, but they have failed. The miners have resisted both the tactic of deception and the tactic of repression. They have turned down sell-out contract after sell-out contract, despite the fact that the president of their union, the traitor Arnold Miller, and the rest of the top labor bureaucrats of the UMWA have come all-out in defense of those ragedy contracts which deny the miners the right to strike, do not provide adequate medical and pension plans, etc.

The miners have seen that Miller and Co. do not represent their interests and in rejecting those contracts they have also rejected their corrupt leadership. The coal miners have also stood up against the repressive tactics of the coal industry and the government. Scabs have been dealt with in a militant and revolutionary way, company trucks have been stopped and forced to "deliver" their coal on the roads, right where the miners have stopped them. Neither the police, nor the National Guard have been able to keep the mines open with scab labor. And now that president Carter has put into effect the Taft-Hartle Act, the miners will show again their iron unity and strength by disobeying that repressive law and continue to honor their century-old battle cry of "NO CONTRACT, NO WORK!"

In demanding from you the most resolute support to the coal miners' strike, we want to stress the fact that women are also playing a very important role in this struggle. Historically, the wives, mothers, and daughters of the miners have been an active ally of the miners in their struggle. Women have been, and are also now, in the picket lines with miners, they carry out support work like fundraising, agitation, petitioning, etc. And when the moment of truth has come, they have come forward and put their freedom and their lives on the line. The miners' families stick together in the struggle, there's no room for demoralization, but rather "or more unity between men and women who, in the course of the struggle, realize that they are equals. We salute the heroic coal miners and the brave women who in the coalfields struggle alongside men for their rights!"

Comrades and friend, as we celebrate IWWD today, in the middle of this great struggle, we also look to the past, to the origins of this working class event. IWWD was born right here in the United States -- out of the stormy demonstrations and struggles of women workers, especially of the garment industry, who spoke out for the women of the world. They spoke with the thunderous voice of the working class, and with the deep and just anger of the oppressed. They spoke with the determination and certainty of those who know that they are right, and that some day they will win!

We are very proud of the fact that IWWD was initiated right here in the U.S., that it came out of the militant struggles of working and oppressed women in the U.S. We are proud of the militant traditions that grew out of and developed around IWWD, not only in the U.S. but all around the world, as the masses of workers and oppressed people have taken to heart the struggle for the emancipation of women.

But what we are not proud of is the fact that IWWD, an event that was born from the masses, grown out of the masses, has during the last few years in the U.S., less and less roots among the masses. It's a shame that today, in commemorating IWWD, we are not out there in the very streets where IWWD was born.

Due to the fact that women of different class backgrounds and interests converge into the women's movement, and due to the fact that the working class is still not in the leadership of it, the point of view of the working class doesn't have hegemony within that movement. One part of the women's movement -- the bourgeois feminists -- look towards capitalism to solve its problems, while for the other part -- the working class women -- emancipation means an entirely different thing. The bourgeois feminists, who adopt the point of view of the bourgeoisie, put forward such demands as "free love", "sexual choice" and "gay rights", "bourgeois equality", etc., These demands represent a view that is a complete distortion of the woman question, a distortion which has made many workers hostile and cynical to women's emancipation, "women's lib" as it is popularly called. We want to resolutely oppose and demarcate ourselves from this view. Not to do so, we believe, would be to objectively uphold the bourgeois feminist line on the woman question which is currently holding back the struggle for the emancipation of women, and consequently also holding back the struggle for the emancipation of the whole class, the struggle for revolution and socialism!

In the struggle for the complete emancipation of women we must also make a point of warning against the liquidation of the woman question by only pointing to the final goal. Although the struggle for reforms alone will not bring the complete emancipation of women, only socialism can do that, the struggle for the democratic rights of women is part of that struggle. Only through active participation in the everyday struggle for these rights can the unity of men and women, of the multinational U.S. working class, be achieved. Making general declarations in favor of women's emancipation, without active participation in this struggle, has no meaning, and is only paying lip service to the cause of the emancipation of women.

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Women stood up and joined the miners in the struggle
Women and men workers, united will never be defeated!!!

WOMEN ALSO

The participation of women was also exemplary in the strike. They stood with their husbands, fathers, brothers, sons, friends, neighbors, etc., in defense of the strike. Be in the picket line, in the meetings, in the fund raisers, in court, etc., the women stood up and fought alongside their class brothers. In the heat of the struggle the solidarity among men and women grew and grew. One day, not far off, they will join together in a greater struggle, in the struggle for the complete emancipation of the whole multinational working class, oppressed nationalities, women and oppressed people. The unity among the sexes, necessary to move forward, the participation of women in the struggle, a must for any successful revolution, is built and strengthened in struggles like the very successful one carried out by the coal miners.

ALLIANCE OF MINERS AND FARMERS

Of real importance and revolutionary significance was the gesture of the striking farmers who organized caravans of food for the striking coal miners. On March 12, for example, six trailers 16' long left Harlan County, Kentucky to pick up food from the striking farmers. In the course of struggle, the unity of the proletariat with one of its allies, the small peasants, was forged. That revolutionary alliance has to be strengthened in order to win the small peasants to the side of the proletariat in the struggle against the capitalist oppressor. The present alliance represents an embryo of that necessary United Front of all those who can be united to defeat U.S. imperialism. The solidarity of the working class as a whole with the miners was also shown concretely.

WORKING CLASS SOLIDARITY

Also, from Michigan, truck loads of clothing and groceries from UAW workers left Detroit to help the miners. Millions of dollars have been collected from many locals of a number of unions to help miners. Unfortunately, the bulk of this money was not reached the debt-ridden rank and file workers. Of the \$2 million from the United Auto Workers, \$1 million from the United Steel Workers of America, \$1 million from Communication Workers of America, at least half a million from other unions, very little was used as a strike relief fund, but rather, was pocketed by the labor bureaucrats who were definitely not interested in continuing the strike. It was used to pay for TV and radio ads to get miners to vote and accept the contract. The labor bureaucrats, faithfully looking after the interests of their capitalist bosses, held back on the strike relief fund so that, through the economic hardships created by the length of the strike, force the workers to vote favorably for the contract. Many workers became aware of this situation. Striking workers from Union District 6, for example, demonstrated at the union headquarters accusing union chief Miller of withholding the relief money in order to "starve out the rank and file as part of his contract ratification schemes." The tactics of the bureaucrats are very similar to those of the bourgeoisie. Just like the state intended to bring the miners to their knees by starving them (threatening to cut food stamps and other benefits), so their agents within the working class, the labor bureaucrats, tried to force the miners into ratification, also through starvation methods.

AGAINST THE CAMPAIGN OF THE CAPITALIST MEDIA

The capitalists tried to undermine the developing solidarity of the multinational working class to-

ward the miners. They used the capitalist press to launch a campaign to pit other workers against the miners. Lies were spread by the media that the miners were to blame for the lay-offs and service cut-offs that were being implemented in a number of industries, especially steel and auto. This is an outright lie and the workers were not fooled by it. Proof that they were not fooled by it was the fact that precisely the steel and auto workers were two of the biggest contributors to the miners' strike fund.

The stoppage of coal which paralyzed production in many areas was due solely to the coal owners' greed for profits and oppression of mine workers. The miners are not to be blamed for fighting for their rights. Therefore, the lay-offs and cut-backs are to be blamed on no other than the coal owners, who refused to give the miners a decent contract. Lay-offs occur whether there is a coal strike or not, and the strike was simply an excuse. Despite the fact that miners have the highest accidental and occupational health-death rate of any industry, coal owners refuse to pay the miners adequate health benefits. The right to health care paid by the coal companies which had been won through years of hard struggle was taken away last summer, and since then the miners have been fiercely struggling for regaining that right. The right to a decent contract and health benefits for the miners are recognized by all workers and this attempt to blame the lay-offs and cutbacks on the miners failed.

AGAINST REPRESSIVE TACTICS

All along the strike, the miners were confronted with all types of attacks from the state. Sometimes it was an injunction prohibiting the picketing of this or that facility or restricting the amount of pickets, etc. At other times it was the harassment

"ALL WHEELS STAND STILL, IF YOUR MIGHTY ARM WILLS IT," A GERMAN WORKERS' SONG SAYS OF THE WORKING CLASS. AND SO IT IS IN REALITY THE FACTORIES, THE LANDLORDS' LAND, THE MACHINES, THE RAILWAYS, ETC., ETC., ARE ALL LIKE WHEELS IN A GIANT MACHINE-- THE MACHINE THAT EXTRACTS VARIOUS PRODUCTS, PROCESSES THEM, AND DELIVERS THEM TO THEIR DESTINATION. THE WHOLE OF THIS MACHINE IS SET IN MOTION BY THE WORKER WHO TILLS THE SOIL, EXTRACTS ORES, MAKES COMMODITIES IN FACTORIES, BUILDS HOUSES, WORKSHOPS, AND RAILWAYS. WHEN THE WORKERS REFUSE TO WORK, THE ENTIRE MACHINE THREATENS TO STOP. EVERY STRIKE REMINDS THE CAPITALISTS THAT IT IS THE WORKERS AND NOT THEY WHO ARE THE REAL MASTERS--THE WORKERS WHO ARE MORE AND MORE LOUDLY PROCLAIMING THEIR RIGHTS, EVERY STRIKE REMINDS THE WORKERS THAT THEIR POSITION IS NOT HOPELESS, THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE.

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right. Both against the interests of the working class, they are two of the same kind!

THE ABSENCE OF THE PARTY

There are many lessons, positive and negative, that can be drawn from the miners' strike. The power of the working class exemplified by the miners' endurance in the face of repression, economic hardships and all other obstacles, the class solidarity displayed by the farmers and workers of all trades, the active role of women, were among them. On the negative side we must say there was an absence of genuine communist leadership. This is without doubt the single most important factor that did not allow this spark of resistance to create a real PRAIRIE FIRE. It's precisely at times such as this, of intense struggle, in which the absence of our genuine Marxist-Leninist Communist Party is felt more. We know that in talking of our experience we are reflecting the feeling and sentiments of many comrades around the country who in the middle of the greatest workers' struggle in many years felt their hands tied and the whole body paralyzed, reduced to basically roles of spectators in a struggle that it's our historical role to organize and lead. This we say without belittling in any way the many demonstrations, fundraisers, visits to the mines, leaflets, newspaper articles, solidarity messages, locals' resolutions, and many other support activities in which many comrades, including ourselves engaged in around the country. The words of the great Stalin come to mind in times such as this:

"What is scientific socialism without the working class movement?--A compass which if left unused, will only grow rusty and then will have to be thrown overboard.

"What is the working class movement without socialism?--A ship without a compass which will reach the other shore in any case, but would reach it much sooner and with less danger if it had a compass.

"Combine the two and you will get a splendid vessel, which will speed straight towards the other shore and reach its haven unharmed."
(Stalin, Collected Works, Page 104, Vol 1)

AGAINST DECEPTION OF LABOR BUREAUCRATS

If the tactic of repression did not work, the practice of deception did not work either. Using their favorite weapon of deception against the workers, the fifth columns in our movement, the labor bureaucrats, the coal industry and the state tried to end the strike by negotiating a sell-out contract with Arnold Miller and other sell-out bureaucrats. This didn't work at all. Over the recommendation of Miller and all the hierarchy of the UMWA, the miners rejected two contracts. Before the vote for the second contract, President Carter and UMWA president Arnold Miller teamed in successive national television and radio appeals to get approval. Carter said to the miners accept the contract or I will invoke the Taft-Hartley Act or even seize the mines. Miller told the miners to accept the contract, that it was a good one, that it's better to win a little rather than to lose it all, etc. The miners' response to both their enemies was a vote of more than a 2 to 1 margin against the contract. (We have no doubt that the days of Arnold Miller in the UMWA are counted.)

AGAINST COAL INDUSTRY TRICKS

When this other tactic didn't work, the coal industry tried yet another trick. In an attempt to fool

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Chicle Murderers Go Free!

In November of 1976, an explosion at the Chicle Gum factory in Long Island City killed 6 workers and badly burned 45 others. The fire was due to the company's use of magnesium stearate dust, a highly explosive chemical which ignited as a result of a faulty machine. The Chicle owners had been warned a year and a half before by Richard Murphy, a company inspector then, of the dangerous situation created from the use of that chemical in the unsafe conditions prevailing in the factory. The owners paid no attention to the warning. And why would they? To fix the situation would have meant to cut their profits for the sake of the workers' safety. This would have been inconsistent with the capitalists' logic. The explosion at Chicle brought a lot of popular indignation which forced government authorities to promise some "action". The courts, the Mayor and the Fire Commissioner promised the angry workers all kinds of investigations and that "justice will be done". Chicle executives were brought up on charges of manslaughter and homicide. Lengthy court proceedings designed to cool workers off with the passing of time were then initiated.

Recently, 15 months later, a Queens State Supreme Court declared Chicle owners innocent of a murder which they committed willingly and knowingly. The charges against the company and 4 of its executives of manslaughter and homicide were dismissed by the court on the basis of "insufficient evidence". But the evidence was loud and clear! They were using highly explosive chemicals, the machine needed repair they had been warned a year and a half before the explosion. But they preferred to risk the lives of the workers so they could continue to make maximum profits.

The Supreme Court is also guilty! It is an accomplice of this and many other murders by the capitalists. Under the capitalist system, the courts are an instrument of the ruling class. They are used to defend the interests of the capitalists against those of the workers. In the case of the Chicle plant, this is as clear as daylight. All the workers got was "justice" capitalist style. For the capitalists, murder and oppression for the workers.

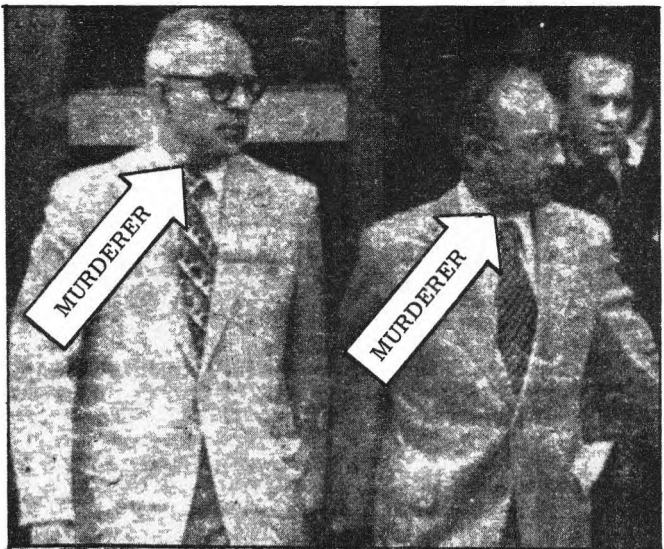
Further evidence of the everyday murders of workers are provided by thousands of plants in this country (and throughout the capitalist world as well). All over the U.S., hazardous chemicals are used and stored in plants by workers, and transported from city to city with minimum safety precautions. Almost daily we hear of explosions that kill or maim many workers for life. Daily we hear of "accidents" (we say murders) on the road where dangerous chemicals and gases are spilled which explode and burn people

or poison the air fatally for many people

Workers' safety is not a profitable investment for the capitalists. The chemicals they use, such as cyanide, utilized in many industries that deal with metals in their plants, are not the safest, but rather the cheapest, fastest way. The storage and transportation of these hazardous chemicals are done in tanks that leak, or in old freight cars that easily derail or need repairs. That is in the cheapest and fastest way, the most profitable for the capitalists. The machinery they use are not the safest either, by any means. In the plants, they have the machines that produce their goods in the cheapest, fastest way regardless of the fact that they may "chop away at the workers' hands and fingers, or expell particles of metal that get incrustated in workers' skin and eyes and thus cause great damage. The capitalists also use chemicals such as sodium hydroxide (better known as lye) and other materials in the plants that produce fumes that destroy the workers' lungs or that are highly corrosive to the skin. Besides, the safety gadgets provided in the plants (metal shields, sheaths, ear plugs, masks, gloves, etc.) are inadequate or non-existent in a great majority of them.

The fact that workers get killed in explosions, that their lives are shortened many years because of their exposure to chemicals, etc. that they get maimed, scarred or incapacitated for life--this is of no concern to the capitalists. In the first place, they are insured against all kinds of "accidents" and against suits so they don't lose anything by such "accidents" that cost the life of so many workers. Further, there are so many unemployed workers able to take the killed workers' place that the capitalists don't have to worry about production being interrupted. This is one of the reasons why they keep a large army of unemployed workers in the first place--to keep down the value of each individual worker, who can be replaced readily at any time.

Although the Supreme Court let the capitalists of the Chicle (as well as all other capitalists) get away with murder, this situation cannot continue for too long. The workers are becoming increasingly aware of the nature of this criminal system. Out of the Chicle explosion, we were able to do intensive propaganda and agitation work around the need for safe working conditions in the plants. In our work we called for the rank and file caucuses to adopt demands such as the formation of a workers' review board to investigate and determine whether conditions are safe in their factory and to make sure that unsafe conditions (such as faulty machines, leaking tanks, dangerous fumes, lack of shields, masks, ear-plugs, etc.) are taken care of



Chicle murderers go free, but, as a worker said "They're gonna pay for it, we'll get even, you wait and see!"

We have struggled to make these demands part of the struggle for new contracts. We linked the Chicle explosion, as well as the small fires and "accidents" that don't make the news like Chicle, but occur everyday in the plant, with the capitalist system and the capitalists' drive for profits at the expense of the workers' health and life. The right to health and safety conditions at the workplace is a democratic right of the working class which we actively struggle for in our everyday work. Today, with the capitalist crisis cutting into the profits of the capitalists, it is even more necessary that we actively defend it, as unsafe conditions will intensify with the capitalists' drive to save their profits by further lowering the living and working conditions of workers and oppressed people.

As we continue to fight against the hazards in our plants, the recent Supreme Court decision clearing the Chicle owners of the murder of workers and permanent injury of 45 others, serves to further expose the capitalists' hypocrisy on these matters. The role of the capitalists state (of which the Supreme Court is a part) as defender of the capitalists with the purpose of repressing the working class clearly comes out here. As one worker in Chicle put it: "These people (referring to the capitalist Chicle owners) don't give a damn about the workers here. They already killed 6 of us and the government does nothing about it, because they are on the same side -- against us! But they're gonna pay for it, we'll get even, you wait and see!"

And this is absolutely true. The crimes of the capitalists and the compliance of the state with those crimes, can only serve to arouse the anger of the masses and make nearer the day in which they will be destroyed. The capitalists are digging their own graves!

gain a foothold in that country. The raids carried out along the Thai-Kampuchean border by the U.S.-backed, CIA-trained Khmer ResaI attests to these plots. The Khmer ResaI has gone as far as dressing like the Kampuchean soldiers to raid and kill in Thai villages so as to sow discord between these two countries. But they will not be successful.

Similarly, the other superpower--Soviet social-imperialism--is stirring up trouble in order to further their own expansionist-hegemonic aims in South East Asia. The Soviet Union, who supported the Lon Nol clique until the very end, using the existing ideological differences between the Kampuchean and the Vietnamese as well as the historical border dispute, has instigated the armed conflict between the two countries. In their wild dreams for world domination, the social-imperialists have attempted to elevate these differences to an antagonic level in order to further penetrate the area. They, too, however, will fail. We are confident in that the people of Vietnam and Kampuchea whose solidarity was steeled in the struggle against U.S. imperialism will be able to solve their differences peacefully on the basis of mutual respect of territorial integrity and sovereignty, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence. We are also confident that the Kampuchean people will safeguard the gains of the revolution, and will keep advancing down the road of the New Democratic Revolution.

We cannot stand idly by while the enemies of the world proletarian revolution attempt to destroy Democratic Kampuchea. Kampuchea needs all the support we can muster.

The League for Proletarian Revolution (M-L), as part of our proletarian internationalist duty, militantly supports the struggle of the heroic Kampuchean people and urges all revolutionary and progressive people to attend this event and show their support for the Kampuchean people, the Kampuchean revolution and the Kampuchean nation.

The event, sponsored by the Group of Kampuchean Residents in North America and cosponsored by a number of forces including LPR-ML will be held on Friday, April 14 at 116 W. 11th St. at 7:00 pm.

LONG LIVE DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA!
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CELEBRATE DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA NATIONAL DAY !!

On April 14 an activity in celebration of Kampuchea National Day will take place in New York City. This event marks the third anniversary of the victory of the Kampuchean people against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys. This celebration takes on special significance in the light of the recent acts of aggression carried out against Kampuchea and the menace posed by the two superpowers' hegemonic plans.

In 1975, the Kampuchean people led by the Communist Party of Kampuchea, smashed the Lon-Nol clique which kept the people under conditions of great exploitation and oppression. This clique served the interests of U.S. imperialism, and was carrying out a policy of national betrayal. But the people were successful in driving the reactionaries out and defeating U.S. imperialism showing once again the truth in the words of Chairman Mao that a weak na-

tion can defeat a strong one, that a small nation can defeat a big one, if it will only dare to stand up against its oppressors and carry out struggle.

As history teaches us, however, the bourgeoisie is not content with losing power. Consequently, U.S. imperialism, under the guise of Carter's phoney human rights campaign, has unleashed a campaign aimed at discrediting the gains of the revolution and the democratic republic. Through the capitalist press they have accused the democratic government of killing and suppressing thousands of people. It has lied about the conditions of the Kampuchean people claiming that hundreds are dying of starvation. These accusations made by the U.S. are false and are used to influence world public opinion against Democratic Kampuchea. They are part of the plots being hatched with the reactionaries to once again



Be it in industry, the countryside or the battlefield, women fully participate in the building of a free and democratic Kampuchea.

**LONG LIVE THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF KAMPUCHEA
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**Date: April 14, "Fri." 1978
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COMMUNIST FORUM

Right Opportunism is the Main Danger

We are publishing two letters—one in full, and excerpts from the other—dealing with the question of the main danger in the U.S. communist movement. Both letters, as well as the article of the Colorado Organization for Revolutionary Struggle (CORES)-MLM published in the previous issue of RESISTANCE, are a further clarification and deepening of the line that right opportunism, revisionism is still the main danger. We thank all comrades and friends who through letters or orally have established their unities and disunities with our position. Those letters that do not appear in the Communist Forum will be answered directly.

The following are excerpts from the letter of a comrade from the West Coast. In the first part of the letter, the comrade establishes her unity with the

basic thrust of our position, that is, (1) that right opportunism is the main danger to and within the U.S. anti-revisionist communist movement, (2) that the Communist Party-ML is the main proponent of the right line within our ranks, and (3) that sectarianism, splittism, phrase mongering and dogmatism are not in and of themselves right or "left," but that we have right sectarianism as well as "left" sectarianism, right dogmatism as well as "left" dogmatism, etc., etc.

The second part of this letter, which we are printing below along with our reply to it, establishes her disunities and points to the shortcomings of the article. On the right of this page we are reprinting in full the other letter, sent by a study group in the East Coast Area.

Comrades:

You assert that one of the basis for right opportunism as the main danger is "the petty bourgeois base of our movement." However you fail to provide any analysis to back up such a conclusion. My understanding is that due to its vacillating and unstable nature, the petty bourgeoisie is the source of many opportunist lines, both right and "left" in the movement. The fact that the petty bourgeoisie is the principal social base of the communist movement doesn't mean that they are the source of right opportunism or the main danger. This shows a mechanical approach to this question, an incorrect relation between cause and effect.

What will happen comrades if at some future point the "left" becomes the main danger? Will it follow then that we no longer have a petty bourgeois based movement? Obviously not!

The fact of the matter is that in the U.S. communist movement the petty bourgeoisie is in the leadership of every major organization as well as of many small organizations and collectives. Both right lines as well as "left" lines come out of that leadership. It's the petty bourgeoisie, who in the main compose the CP(ML) that are responsible for the right lines of that organization. But it's also the petty bourgeoisie in the "wing" that are responsible for the "left" lines of those organizations. Coming from the same social base and even from the same political development -

the old Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) - we get right lines like that of the "white skin privileged" of Prairie Fire on the one hand, and "left" individualistic terrorism of the Weather Underground on the other. So as you can see, your approach to the influence of the petty bourgeoisie in our movement is indeed one-sided and very shallow.

I also disagree with your criticism of the Revolutionary Communist League (RCL-M-L-M) which seems to me is incorrect in so far as the question of the main danger goes. You conclude that because RCL has said that "in the party building motion 'left' opportunism is the main danger" they are moving toward the position that the "left" is the main danger overall. One thing doesn't flow from the other. The universal and the particular don't necessarily correspond with one another. It's possible that in the general - the communist movement - the right may be (in fact it is) the main danger, while in the particular - the party building motion - the "left" may be the main danger.

It really surprised me to see you making this error, when it was precisely from you that I learned and precisely in your struggle with the RCL to differentiate between the general and the specific (I'm referring to your struggle around revisionism being the main danger in the communist movement and reformism being the main danger in the working class movement).

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LPR - ML REPLIES TO COMRADE

First of all, we want to commend the comrade for the approach she takes in laying down her criticisms. First, she established her unity with our position and point out the strengths in our exposition. Then she proceeds to establish her disunities and doubts. She sharply criticizes what she considers to be the incorrect aspects of our line on that question. We unite in most of these criticisms. The comrade is neither liberal nor sectarian in her criticisms. This is a good example of what criticisms should be. A method to help rectify errors, which promotes higher unity, which moves the struggle forward.

On the first point, we have fundamental unity with the criticism raised by the comrade. We also unite with the view expressed by the comrade in relation to the fact that the petty bourgeoisie is the main proponent in our ranks of both right and "left" opportunist lines. The view expressed was one-sided and mechanical. One-sided because it liquidated the petty-bourgeoisie as a source for "left" opportunist lines in our movement. Mechanical because it established an incorrect relation of cause (the petty-bourgeoisie, student-base of our movement) and effect (the right as the main danger).

2. We disunite with the thrust of this criticism although we recognize some correct aspects in it. The comrade is correct in saying that the general (the universal) and the particular do not have to necessarily coincide. In this respect, it would have been incorrect to conclude that RCL-MLM was moving towards the position "the 'left' is the main danger" using solely as a base their statement that "the 'left' is (and has been for some time) the main danger in party building motion." But we did not base

our conclusions solely on this. We see that as one of the manifestations. Others pointed out to were RCL-MLM's self-criticism for the way in which they struggled with the O.L. in the past and their so-called rectification campaign around all the "left" evils that according to them respond to the influence of the "gang of four" in our movement. Also, reading the last issue of UNITY AND STRUGGLE (Jan 1978) and their position in the International Situation shows that trend within RCL-MLM.

The main problem with RCL-MLM's position on this question is that there is no explanation as to how a communist movement in which right opportunism, revisionism is the main danger has a party building motion in which the "left" is the main danger. This is not a question that can be merely assessed. The fact that it's theoretically possible does not make it correct. This question has to be concretely proven by analyzing the concrete conditions that we are dealing with, the concrete political lines put forward by the different organizations. It is precisely in doing this that the incorrectness of RCL-MLM's position becomes clearer. If the building of RCP was "left" sectarian, if the building of the CP-ML was "left" sectarian, and if WVO's "The party is a settled question" is also "left" sectarian, then we have to conclude from this view that there exists no relationship between the process of party building and the line that the party upholds. This view does not take into account that the creation of each one of these opportunist parties implies the thorough and irreversible consolidation of these organizations under a program of reformism and neo-revisionist betrayal.

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LETTER FROM A STUDY GROUP

Comrades

Your article in RESISTANCE, Vol. 9, #1, "Right Opportunism is the Main Danger" has helped comrades in this area in carrying out struggle around this important question by clarifying and sharpening some of the issues involved. For some time now, we have upheld this position and have been trying to win over and influence some friends who are under the influence of the right opportunist line of the Philadelphia Workers' Organizing Committee (PWOC). Your article was especially helpful in laying out how errors of dogmatism, sectarianism, splittism and phrase-mongering can represent either right or "left" opportunism. Your use of various examples to prove this was very good. Particularly important was the reference to the dogmatism of the revisionists of the Second International (renegade Kautsky) and the splittism of the Kruschov revisionist clique. We went back and studied again Foundations of Leninism, particularly the section On Theory, and were able to understand the correctness of your conclusions that we can in fact talk about right-wing dogmatism.

In our struggle with the PWOC sympathizers we have been able to win over some, or at least get them to be more receptive to our views. The PWOC upholds that the "left" is the main danger and that the main deviation among the "left" is dogmatism. And who do they call "leftists"? EVERYBODY--a goulash that includes right opportunists like the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) and the Communist Party-ML (formerly the O.L.) and includes the neo-Trotskyites of the "wing." They also include LPR-ML, WVO, RCL-MLM, ATM and believe it or not, sometimes even the Guardian!

We have put forth to the PWOC sympathizers that they should explain how the WVO is "left" dogmatic in view of their 'anti-revisionist premises', or how the RCP is "left" dogmatic in light of their 'nations of a new type', or even how the CP-ML is "left" dogmatic when they have a view of the state which allows them to call for the National Guard in the Boston bussing issue to "protect" the Afro-American masses. If these views come from a dogmatic application of theory, it's theories of the Kautsky-Kruschov type. We are still awaiting a concrete explanation of the clear contradiction that exists between these organizations' words and deeds and the label put on them by the PWOC of "left" dogmatists.

It suits the PWOC to have its cadres and sympathizers busy guarding against the "left" danger, while they consolidate more and more around a right opportunist line in all the major questions facing us (this same tactic was used, as you pointed out in your article, by ATM and the CP-ML (formerly O.L.) previously.)

In its Holy Crusade against "left" dogmatism on the national question, the PWOC has ended up by taking a national-chauvinist position which liquidates the Afro-American national question and its right to self-determination. Its Holy Crusade against "left" dogmatism on party building has led it to ask for the creation of a "mass workers party" along the lines of the social-democratic parties and labor parties of Europe. Its Holy Crusade against "left" dogmatism on the woman question has led it to unite with the bourgeois feminists and goes as far as advocating "gay rights" as one of the democratic rights of the working class. PWOC has launched a crusade against the "left" dogmatists that call the Soviet Union social-imperialist and ends up joining the Guardian in the wishy-washy (and outright opportunist) position that the Soviet Union is a socialist country led by a revisionist party that sometimes commits "errors" in some areas (we should point out here that Cuba, Angola, etc., are not among the "errors" mentioned). PWOC's Holy Crusade against "left" dogmatism reminds us of the Italian fascist who, wanting to be more rightist than anyone else, cut off his left leg and arm. The PWOC has demarcated itself from the fundamental lines around which the U.S. anti-revisionist communist movement developed. Here we are not referring to opportunism within the anti-revisionist communist movement, but of right opportunism and revisionism outside of the movement. We say outside of the movement because, in our view, the position of an organization in regards to the Soviet Union is a definite line of demarcation between sham and genuine Marxism in the U.S., between being anti-revisionist or not. This is also true of the position taken in regards to our central task of party building. Putting forth a line of "mass workers party" is to break with Marxism-Leninism.

In response to the LPR-ML's call to close ranks in the struggle against right opportunism and revisionism, we think it's important to deal with the PWOC which is more than just a local collective, but part of a national trend united around right opportunist and revisionist lines, and which has been completely belittled by the U.S. anti-revisionist communist movement. The belittlement of this trend, the lack of an open and vigorous ideological struggle against their line helped it become stronger and win some honest comrades who do have an honest commitment to the cause of revolution. Today, this trend is another obstacle in the struggle to unite our scattered forces in one, powerful Marxist-Leninist trend towards the building of a real genuine Communist Party in the U.S. The struggle against the PWOC trend is opening another trench in the struggle against right opportunism and revisionism. Let us deal with them, now, before they become another "left" of the old type.

(See next page for LPR's reply)

FORCED BUSING -- COMMUNITY CONTROL & BAKKE

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those funds because those programs will benefit poor and working class people, because these programs will benefit the Afro-American children that the school board wants out of "their" district

These racists claim that they refused to give the ethnic breakdown of the faculty in the district because they have to protect the rights of the white teachers who are "the victims of reverse discrimination" What they are referring to his affirmative action programs that have been put into effect, ordering school districts to hire more national minority teachers and "penalizing" districts that refuse to do so by denying funds for certain programs The fact is that the programs for which those funds are assigned mainly serve oppressed nationality and working class children, therefore, the "punishment" of the Federal Government does not affect the School Board, but rather affects the children instead In fact, what the Federal Government has done is to create a big loophole that allows the capitalists to continue denying the democratic rights of oppressed nationalities and women while pretending to be defenders of those democratic rights

FORCED BUSING

What's happening in District 26 also shows concretely how forced busing is a sham reform District 26 Local School Board vehemently opposed busing of Afro-American children into their district and have looked for all kinds of ways to get them out This is the most recent attempt By utilizing their power to reject federal monies that are destined in the main for the children bused into the district, they aim to sabotage any possibility of improving the education of those children Forced busing is intended by the bourgeoisie to throw a smokescreen over the real needs of working class and oppressed nationality youths What is needed is an allround improvement of education and the implementation of bilingual-bicultural education programs Not that few children be bused to a white school district where supposedly they are to receive all the benefits of quality education along with white children This is a sham, and the case of District 26, as well as many other throughout the country, prove it! The education of oppressed nationality children has continued to deteriorate and they have continued to be discriminated against, as in District 26 for example, where the board finds loopholes and refuses to implement special programs for them

We have consistently opposed busing on the basis that it is forced Although we as communists, support and fight for the integration of all nationalities and races, we believe that the unity of the U S multinational working class will be forged through the struggle against capitalist oppression and exploitation--not through the bayonets and bullets of the National Guard

And, in the meantime, while all these attacks are waged against these children, where are the great champions of forced busing--the CPML(OL)? While these Afro-American children are being denied their basic rights, the CPML(OL) keeps silent Why? Because to explain this issue would mean to show the contradictions of forced busing and to come into contradiction with their own line So they prefer to keep silent instead

THE STRUGGLE IN DISTRICT 26

Where there is oppression, there is resistance, and the fascist school board has encountered militant opposition A broad coalition of parents and progressive teachers, of community residents that oppose the racism and bigotry of the board is being developed Demonstrations running in the hundreds have been held opposing the Local School Board stand in those issues and demanding the immediate implementation of both programs Board meetings have been picketed and many people have united with the demand that the racist school board should be ousted permanently

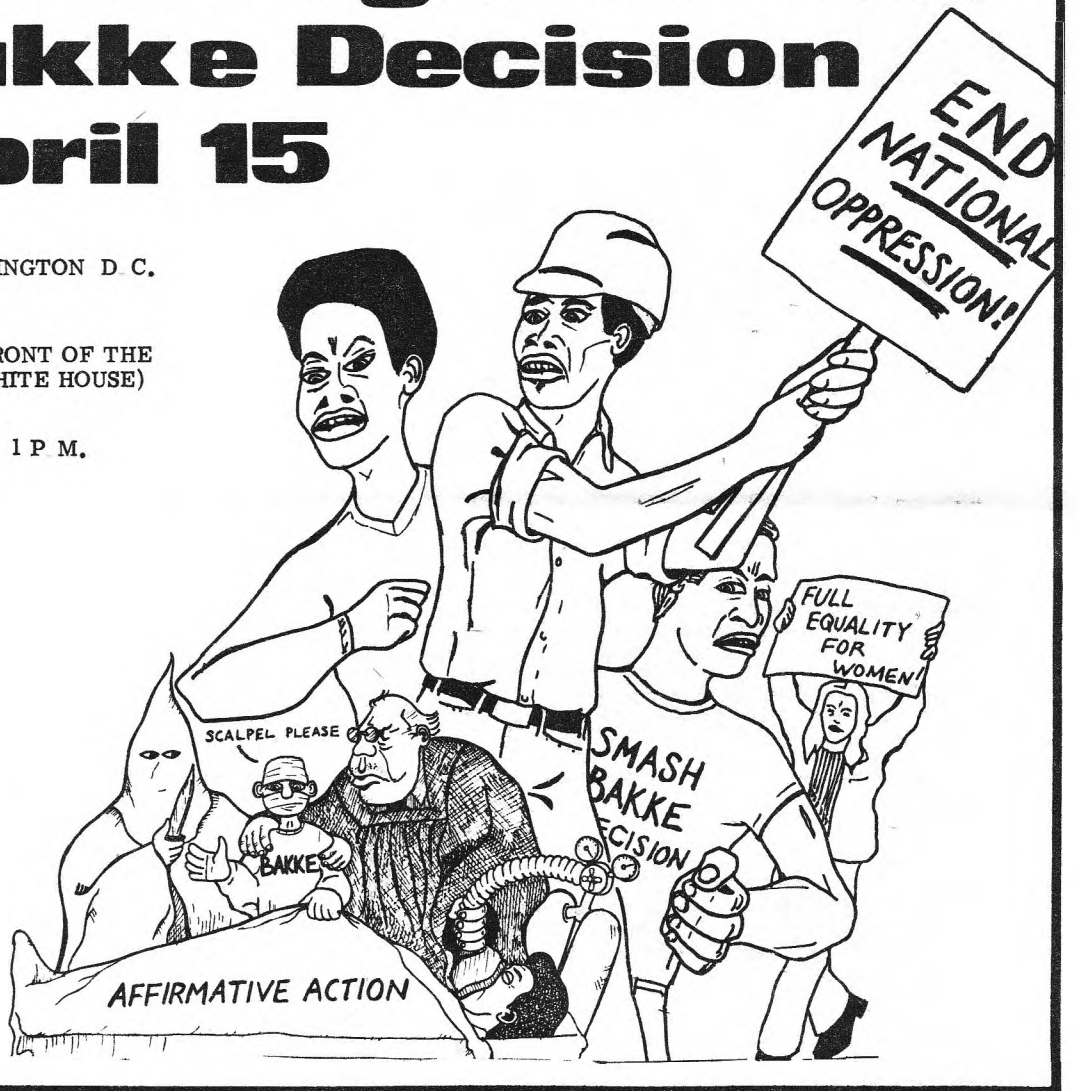
Another positive thing that has happened is that

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many people have been able to make the connection between what is happening in District 26 and what is happening all around the United States in relation to affirmative action programs, the democratic rights of oppressed nationalities and women and the overall attack on the rights and standards of living of the multinational working class People have understood, for example, the clear connection between the problems in their district and the Bakke case

Still, there is a long and arduous struggle ahead The influence of the revisionists and the reformists in the struggle is very strong For example, the CPUSA using its front (TAC) in the United Federation of Teachers, are putting forward a line of complete reliance on the courts and the government as the way to defeat the racist board They portray the Board of Education as the great defender of the oppressed peoples rights and call for a united front with the Board to bring to "court a class action suit that will make possible the winning of the program we so badly need "

In opposing the outright racism of the board we have to at the same time denounce these opportunists and show that the correct path is the one of mobilization of the oppressed masses to fight against the attacks of our class enemy

In fact, the principal obstacle in the struggle at this moment is the lack of clarity as to who are the friends and who are the enemies The identification of solely the school board as the enemy and the Federal Government and the Central School Board as the allies can lead only to defeat Although it's a fact that at this moment there are contradictions between the local and central boards that accounts for the ouster of the former by the

latter, those contradictions are to make use of, but not to depend and rely on them It is in our benefit that our enemies fight among themselves, but that doesn't make any of them our friends

SUM-UP

At the same time that we oppose forced busing and community control, we uphold the democratic rights of workers and oppressed nationalities, Thus, although we oppose community control we have actively participated in struggles with parents and community residents who believe in community control We have exposed community control for what it is, and at the same time fought for quality education, bilingual and bicultural programs, more and better reading and math programs, against the harassment of undocumented workers' children in the schools, for after school programs, day care services, etc

Similarly, today, although we oppose forced busing, we strongly condemn the racist attacks of District 26 Local School Board against the children that are being bused into that district, and we support the struggle of the parents and residents in defense of their children's rights for special programs These rights to affirmative action programs which were won through hard struggles that forced the capitalists to grant them, are now being taken back under the legal signboard of the Bakke Decision The struggle in District 26 is part of the overall struggle to smash the Bakke Decision and for the democratic rights of the working class and oppressed nationality children

STOP NATIONAL OPPRESSION,
FIGHT FOR QUALITY EDUCATION!
SMASH THE BAKKE DECISION!!!

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COMMUNIST FORUM



LPR - ML REPLIES TO STUDY GROUP

The comrades from the study group are correct in pointing out that the anti-revisionist communist movement has belittled the right opportunist, revisionist trend of PWOC, the Guardian, etc We will definitely move to rectify this failure by taking up the tasks of making a more systematic study of those organizations' line and practice, as well as the Tucson M-L Collective, the Comite-MINP, etc, and put forward a communist analysis of their trend

Although we have never printed any article polemicizing with the PWOC, we have studied most of their publications Specifically, we have studied (and have almost complete disunity with) their position on the Afro-American National Question which they

liquidate and their position on the Trade Unions in which they come out with the revisionist trash of "class struggle tradeunionism" and a "mass workers party" led by the trade unions We are also aware of their practice of covering up for Soviet social-imperialism All evidence we have, their materials and consistent discussions with comrades in their area, allows us to unite with the view expressed by the study circle in respect to seeing PWOC as a force outside the U S anti-revisionist communist movement In no way do we see this very brief comment as a substitution for the needed analysis of this trend We unite with the call of these comrades for "an open and vigorous ideological struggle against their line"

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and the CPC is our enemy. But that logic doesn't work in the reverse - as far as becoming our friends by claiming to be friends of China. It's a fact that there are some opportunists and class collaborators, like the Communist Party-ML (ex-October League) who echo every resolution of the CPC and who are still right opportunist organizations. That they uphold the three worlds thesis doesn't deny the fact that they are the main representatives of the worst right opportunist line anyone can uphold--class collaboration, alliance with the own bourgeoisie--in order, or so they say, to deliver the main blow at Soviet social-imperialism. Similarly for RWH, irrespective of the fact that they claim to uphold the CPC, etc., etc., their position on the international situation, their political line and program, is a reformist, revisionist one. RCP, comrades, was opportunist before they took that counterrevolutionary position in relation to people's China and the CPC. And the RWH upholds the political line and program of the RCP. Thus we consider the RWH to be opportunist as well. To do otherwise would be to take a narrow, one-sided view on the character of this organization.

OTHER DIFFERENCES

There are other differences between the factions on a number of issues, such as the role of the youth organization of the "party", the character, slogans, etc. around the "party's" campaign against unemployment, the role of the workers' organization (the NUWO), etc. But in the absence of a clear statement on what is their position on each of the issues, it is impossible to establish what demarcates the RWH from the RCP. Coming from our understanding that the RCP has been a consolidated right opportunist organization since its days as the Revolutionary Union (RU), we have no doubts on what the Avakian faction represents. As to the Jarvits faction, we have to judge more from what they have not said than from what they have said. It should be noted here that Jarvits is the same "comrade in opportunism" of Avakian, who had been one of the main ideologists of the RCP for years, having founded the RCP with Avakian. He is not innocent of the intrigues the communist movement is so familiar with by now. As a matter of fact, he was the representative of the RCP in the old "National Liaison Committee" in an unholy alliance with the representatives of the Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization (PRRWO) and the Black Workers Congress (BWC), who made plans and decisions for their respective organizations and charted out the path of the future party in a very unprincipled

pled way in the early 70's. In 1975 he founded the party with Avakian and helped draft the "party" program and led the party in direction in which it is now. So in a sense, the RCP's line is the responsibility of Jarvits to a very great extent. But the RWH has made no self-criticism of that line whatsoever, but on the contrary, it has gone out of its way to reaffirm it. Let us see

As we stated above, the RWH has started to publish a series of newspapers with the same names used by the RCP before in a series of areas of work such as the workers and youth movements. The RWH speaks of these organizations as if they were their own, making no disclaimer, nor making any self-criticism of the line they represent. They just pretend that nothing has happened, that they are the ones that have always controlled these organizations. Why does the RWH do this without establishing any fundamental line differences with those organizations? Obviously because there are no such fundamental differences in line. The RCP and RWH hold the same line on these questions--the historically opportunist line of the RCP. And the fact that in their internal position RWH accuses Avakian of all kinds of crimes against the line of the RCP further proves that the RWH does not oppose the line of RCP. It proves that the RWH did not split from the RCP because of line differences with the RCP. It proves that the split does not represent a break with the opportunism of the RCP. So we are confronting a case in which the faction that leaves the RCP claims to be the genuine upholders of the RCP line, and that Avakian has degenerated, etc. In other words, the RWH portrays itself as the original and genuine RCP and defends the program of the RCP as established in its founding Congress. By its own admission the RWH turns out to be a better defender of the opportunist and revisionist line of the RCP than the RCP itself!

CONCLUSION

Having concluded that the split within the RCP is not the result of a line struggle or a break with RCP's opportunism, but rather a major squabble between opportunists in the leadership, what then can we conclude in terms of its effects on party building in this country, and what should be our attitude towards the "new" RWH?

We have already learned the lesson that a split within an opportunist organization does not necessarily mean that those splitting are breaking with opportunism. This was shown by our experiences with a number of splits in opportunist PSP (Puerto Rican Socialist Party), in the BWC (Black Workers Congress), PRRWO (Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization), RWL (Revolutionary Workers League) and others in the past. There have been plenty of occasions in our movement in which opportunist organizations split in many different directions and neither of them hold a correct line

Many times those splitting organizationally continue to be tied ideologically and in practice to the line. Such is the case with many who have broken with the "wing" but continue to uphold the "left" opportunist line. And also there is the example of those who split from an opportunist organization, and, without making any kind of self-criticism for the lines which they upheld in the past, nor for their opportunist practice, they instead try to blame all their errors on this or that leader of their organization -- on the chairperson as in the case of the PRRWO.

Typically, in its all unity no struggle "unity trend", the CPML (October League) has begun to make overtures to the RWH. Their proposal for a "unity committee" to incorporate "honest" Marxist Leninists that are still out of their party is a timely tool to deal with the former RCPers. On this we said in our last issue

Whether or not the dissidents within RCP will go from bad to worst is something that we will soon see. For the opportunists among them, it's just a matter of changing "party" cards. For honest comrades it is a question of making thorough self-criticism and repudiation of the incorrect lines they upheld and integrating themselves in the struggle for party building and proletarian revolution in this country.

Many of RCP's cadres have come in contradiction with Avakian's attacks on the CPC. And it is at this juncture that the OLCP made its move. The OLCP presents itself as the alternative to the RCP which it is not.

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It is enough that the RWH has split from the RCP and that they hold the three worlds thesis for the CPML (OL) to go after those potential new members. In their courtship, the CPML (OL) makes no public mention of the RCP line which the RWH holds and which they have said to oppose in the past. Have they forgotten about those differences? Of course not. The point is that, political line, for an organization that wanted to make a party without a program, is irrelevant!

Our approach to the so called RWH has to be different. We cannot, just because they hold the three worlds thesis, unite and forget about all the other opportunist lines and practice. At the same time, just because of this opportunist line, we cannot simply write them off and not seek to defeat the opportunist line and win the honest elements to the correct line, while making a distinction between them and the opportunists in the leadership who led the split and the RWH -- not through opportunist overtures, but through openly exposing it for what it is. And the RWH is RCP with a different name tag -- the same dog with a different collar.

In terms of party building the split represents on the one hand a new organization in the already splintered communist movement, while on the other it represents a weakening of one of the major obstacles to party building. The main danger for the anti-revisionist communist movement is right opportunism, revisionism. The RCP has been one of the major proponents of the right opportunist line. Its economism in the workers movement, its revisionism on matters such as the Afroamerican National question in the U.S. have been consistent with its right opportunist practice and line on just about every single burning question that faces the U.S. communist movement.

The RCP has been an obstacle to party building in many ways. Their disdain for theory, their economism, is reflected in their defining an advanced worker as someone who is militant but who can be even an anti-communist, thus liquidating the task of winning over the advanced to communism. On the unity of Marxist-Leninists their sectarian answer was to go ahead on their own and proclaim themselves the party. Further, they have historically liquidated the national question, negating the existence, and opposing the right to self-determination of, the Afroamerican nation. Instead they have revised Marxism and put forward their "nation of new type" on this question. Similarly on the international situation, they liquidate the importance of the struggle of the third world countries for national liberation, negating the role of colonies in the extraction of superprofits for U.S. imperialism. Two logical offshoots of this are (1) their class collaborationist, right opportunist practice in the trade unions where they work hand in glove with the labor bureaucrats, negate the bribery of the labor bureaucracy, and ally with them without pointing out to the working class their role as social props, etc., and (2) their present attacks against people's China and the three worlds thesis.

The fact that the forces of the opportunist RCP have been split nearly in half weakens considerably the amount of influence they may have over the workers movement and among honest comrades within the communist movement. This is a good thing. And the fact that the opportunism of RCP is further being exposed is also a good thing. We call on all honest cadres of RCP, or former cadres of RCP, to break definitely with their line, not by joining the RWH, which essentially holds the same line, nor by starting a honeymoon with the CPML (OL), but by definitely breaking with opportunism and revisionism, by criticising the incorrect line they were upholding while in the RCP and beginning to move forward toward the building of a genuine Marxist-Leninist party and proletarian revolution in the U.S.

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