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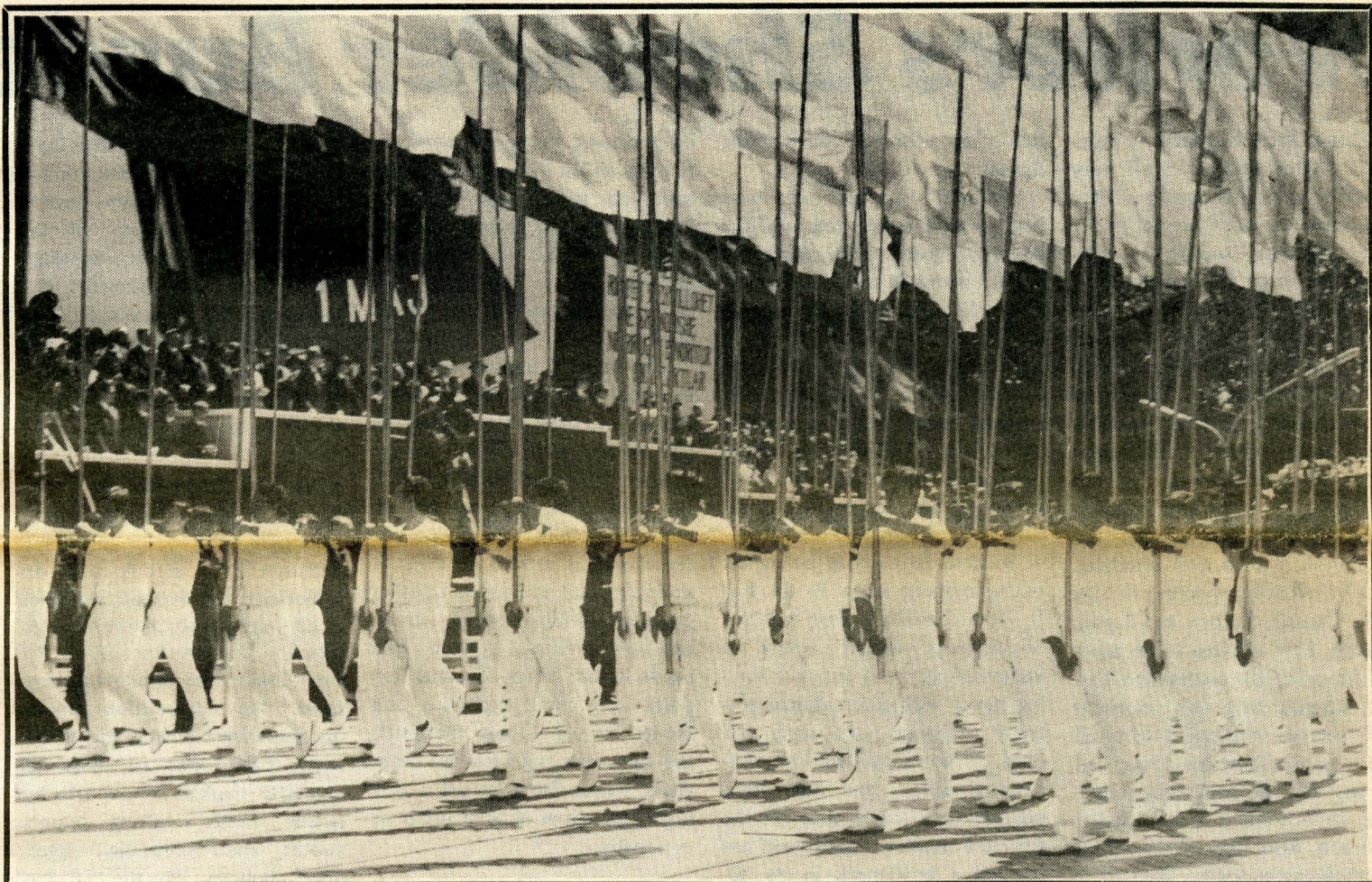
## China Withdraws Aid to Socialist Albania

### Statement from the Central Committee of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee

On July 7, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China announced to the Embassy of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania in Peking that China was unilaterally terminating all payments of aid and military credits to Albania, withdrawing from a number of important projects, and withdrawing all Chinese specialists from Albania.

On July 21, Peking Review made public the pretext for these provocative actions. Albania was accused of conducting a "political anti-China campaign", "sabotaging" the economic and military cooperation between China and Albania in a planned and systematic way, and making "venomous attacks on the Chinese people's great leader Chairman Mao and the Chinese Communist Party."

These actions taken by the present leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the People's Republic of China (PRC) are a blatant attack against socialist Albania. These are ac-



In socialist Albania the working class has much to celebrate. The hostile actions of the current leadership of the People's Republic of China will never undermine the Albanian people's determination to defend and further consolidate the rule of the working class — the dictatorship of the proletariat. Above, workers celebrate the successes of socialist construction in a May Day march in Tirana, the capital city. (Albanian photo)

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tions in concert with the anti-communist designs of imperialism. They follow directly in the footsteps of Nikita Khrushchev who withdrew aid and assistance from both China and Albania in 1960 when the Chinese and Albanian parties criticized the revisionist road the Soviet party was following.

These actions seek to damage the economy and national defense of Albania and undermine the dictatorship of the proletariat in the only socialist country in Europe.

The MLOC condemns these pro-imperialist acts. The people of Albania, China and indeed the entire world are well aware of the great internationalist duty China has carried out under comrade Mao Tsetung to aid and assist socialist Albania. But today the current leadership of the CPC is leading the party of Mao Tsetung down the road of revisionism and class collaboration.

Led by the Party of Labor of Albania and comrade Enver Hoxha, Albania has always stood resolute in defense of the revolution, has built a socialist society

undeniably on the road to communism, and has always taken a just and courageous course based on Marxist-Leninist principles. For this very reason the deeds of the present leaders of the CPC represent an attack on the entire international proletariat. Such hostile acts toward Albania aim to weaken the socialist camp — which has no place in the theory of the "three worlds" — and strengthen the forces of imperialist war and reaction.

The present leaders of China believe their actions can bully

or influence Albania's principled stand against the counter-revolutionary theory of the "three worlds". Far from being disinterested action, these hostile acts were taken just one year to the day after the PLA issued its historic editorial in *Zeri i Popullit* — "The Theory and Practice of the Revolution" — exposing the revisionist theory of the "three worlds."

Cutting off aid to Albania follows a long list of deeds in service to imperialism and neo-colonialism which together represent fundamental betrayal of

Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

At the same time as the current leadership of the CPC chooses to slander and attack socialist Albania, the world's proletariat has watched with dismay and alarm as the PRC has chosen to:

- grant millions in credit to the fascist Pinochet after the reactionary coup in Chile;
- praise the Shah of Iran, a blood-thirsty butcher, as a "fighter against imperialism";
- provide large-scale economic

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"The rise and development of the U.S. as one of the greatest powers in the world was rooted in the most brutal exploitation and oppression of nations and national minorities."

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Heads of state of the six big capitalist countries gathered in Bonn, West Germany in July to discuss maneuvers to bolster sagging economies, restrict inflation and handle the dollar crisis. Included from the left are: Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda, Japan; President Jimmy Carter; Prime Minister James Callaghan, Britain; Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Canada; Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, Italy; President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, France; and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, West Germany.

Economic Summit in Bonn, West Germany on the Crisis of Capitalism

# Capitalists Debate While Workers Shoulder Burden

Bonn, West Germany — President Carter said he was “very pleased” with the results of the economic summit that met in the West German capital in mid-July. The other six participants — the heads of West Germany, Japan, Great Britain, France, Italy and Canada — also expressed their satisfaction. The heads of the leading imperialist powers may well express satisfaction: they all came away without having to give any serious commitments that might hamper the capitalists of their own countries.

The working people of the U.S., Canada, Europe and Japan, though, have nothing to be grateful for from this conference. Earlier summits have only increased the costs the working class of all the capitalist countries have had to pay for the capitalists’ crisis. The 1975 summit led to higher inflation. After the 1976 summit, unemployment soared. The 1977 summit produced more stagnation of production and more growth in inflation and unemployment.

These summits are not even meant to solve the economic problems that the people — and especially the working people — face. They are poker games where the imperialists haggle over markets and spheres of influence, and bluff one another about who will get which advantages in their mutual competition. Their basic aim is to protect and expand the profits of the monopolies in the midst of crisis by shifting the bur-

den of the crisis onto the working masses.

Summits like this one have been staged every year for the last four years to try to find a way to maintain unity among the imperialist powers in the face of ever-sharpening competition among them. The pressure is up as the entire capitalist world staggers under an increasingly heavy burden of inflation, unemployment, stagnating industry, lopsided trade balances and an unstable international currency.

Western Europe has the highest unemployment since World War II. The U.S. has a huge balance-of-payments deficit which is undermining the dollar and playing havoc with international currency exchange rates. Japan has been “too successful” in international trade, and the other imperialists want a slice of the Japanese market. Japan itself has reached a bottleneck in its 30-year growth and has massive unemployment. All are saddled with stagnating industry, especially basic industries like steel, shipbuilding, textiles and chemicals.

The following questions have been at the center of the haggling:

**Oil and the U.S. Dollar:** The European and Japanese capitalists consider the U.S. oil policy to be “irresponsible”. They are upset that the fast and loose importing of oil by the U.S. is artificially pushing up the world price of oil and laying the basis for a future

oil shortage. Europe depends on foreign oil for 92% of its oil consumption and Japan is almost 100% dependent on imported oil, while the U.S. produces domestically over 52% of the oil it uses, and has tremendous unused reserves.

The huge oil imports are pushing the U.S. balance of trade deeper into deficit (in effect, the U.S. buys more than it sells, overall), estimated at \$22 billion this year. This puts vast quantities of U.S. dollars on the international market, making the value of the dollar sink in relation to other currencies, while the other currencies are revalued upward. The result is that other countries’ exports get more expensive and harder to sell — and this hurts the European and Japanese capitalists, whose factories sell a very high proportion of their products externally.

**Stimulating “Growth” :** The U.S. wants its competitors, especially West Germany and Japan, to stimulate a higher rate of growth in their economies. What this really means is that the U.S. imperialists want them to “stimulate domestic demand” for U.S. goods, especially agricultural products. And the U.S. wants them to “reduce the impediments to private investment, both domestically and internationally” which means opening the door to more U.S. investment.

The other countries did agree

to slight moves along these lines, but they will be achieved primarily through inflationary government “fiscal policies” of tax breaks to investors, subsidies and the like. So, “growth” is a code-word for greater U.S. domination of the European and Japanese economies, and a shifting of some of the burden of inflation onto those countries.

**Trade and “Protectionism” :** As the world-wide markets available to exploitation by the major imperialists have shrunk (due to proletarian revolutions, victories of national liberation wars, and increasing competition from the capitalists of the developing countries), the competition among the imperialist powers has sharpened. Each tries to close its domestic market to imports by raising tariffs, setting import quotas, and establishing “trigger-price” policies, like the U.S. has done for steel. At the same time, each demands “free trade” when it comes to getting access to the other countries for its own exports.

Both the U.S. and the European capitalists want Japan to cut down its exports and increase its imports. Both the U.S. and the Japanese oppose the moves by the Europeans to close their markets to imports. In short, everybody wants a one-way street.

When the summit was over, the joint communique issued by the seven participating governments amounted to an interlocking set of good intentions, backed up

by only the vaguest and most minimal pledges of real action.

And what else could they have done? No national set of capitalists is going to greatly sacrifice their own profits for the sake of any other country’s capitalists. There is no way out of the contradictions among the capitalists. The more the general crisis of capitalism sharpens, the more merciless does the competition among them become.

But they are all agreed on one thing: the burdens of the crisis and the costs of the competition shall be borne by the working class.

Thus, for example, Carter promised the European and Japanese imperialists that he would do what he could to cut oil imports. His plan? Raise the price of gas and oil that the American people must pay. The worker driving to his or her job will pay more. The oil monopolies will reap even more bountiful profits. Schools will cut back on heat. And Carter, at next year’s summit, will blame the “wasteful” American people for his failure to come through on his “promise” to his cohorts/competitors.

We say, the working class will not continue to shoulder the burdens of the capitalists’ crisis. Workers are resisting already the further attempts to put the load on them. In time, and with communist leadership, the working class will throw off the biggest burden of all: the imperialists themselves and their capitalist system. ★



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# Announcement of the Albanian News Agency

— Tirana, July 12, 1978 —

The Albanian Telegraphic Agency is authorized to announce that on the 7th of July, 1978, through a note handed over to the Embassy of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania in Peking, the government of the People's Republic of China announced its decision to immediately sever all aids and payments of civil and military credits to Albania, to leave a number of very important projects incomplete and to withdraw all Chinese specialists, working in Albania.

With this unilateral and arbitrary action, the Chinese government takes a conscious and premeditated step to aggravate relations between the two countries, to damage the economy of Socialist Albania and its defence potential. This hostile action indignifies and profoundly angers all the Albanian people. This action will also be condemned by the fraternal Chinese people.

The people of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania have

nurtured pure feelings of love and respect for the Chinese people. They have courageously defended the People's Republic of China in the most difficult moments, which it was experiencing and they have sincerely fought for a true and internationalist friendship between the two countries. But, by violating with big state arrogance, the agreements concluded officially between the two sides, kicking off every principle of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, the Chinese government and its leaders, consciously act to break and destroy this friendship. The severing of all aids and the withdrawal of the specialists from Albania also reveals the hypocrisy of the Chinese leaders in their former stands towards Socialist Albania, it also reveals the character of the granting of these aids.

To justify its anti-Albanian act and to hide the real reasons which led it to undertake such a perfidious action, which will most certainly be condemned by the entire world public opinion, in

its note, the Chinese government presents invented arguments and accuses the Albanians of ingratitude. The Albanian Telegraphic Agency is informed that the Government of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania will reply at the proper time to the Chinese note and will acquaint world public opinion with documented facts so that the peoples can judge and become convinced that the right lies on the side of Albania.

The breaking off of the economic, civil and military aids by China for Albania and the withdrawal of Chinese specialists from Albania emanate from the adoption by the People's Republic of China of a big power course, in its deviation from the scientific theory of Marxism-Leninism, in its rapprochement and collaboration with imperialist and reactionary forces in the world, in the renunciation of aid and support for the revolutionary and libera-

tion forces on the international arena. The leadership of China conditions its economic collaboration with our country with the acceptance by Albania and its submission to this anti-Marxist policy. The PLA and the Albanian Government have made efforts to solve the disagreements which existed between our two parties in the Marxist-Leninist road, but the CP of China and its leaders have refused such a road.

Actions like this, such as the severance of aid and the withdrawal of specialists and so on, which the Albanian people have experienced before with the Khrushchevite revisionists cannot have any success in Albania. The pressure, blackmail, of no matter what shade, to bring our Party and people to their knees have not had and never will have any success. They have been transformed into defeat for their authors. The pressure and blockades cannot suffocate the voice of Socialist

Albania, will never force the Albanian people to renounce their correct Marxist-Leninist stands, can never lead them away from the struggle against imperialism and the revisionists of all shades.

Under the tested leadership of the Party of Labor of Albania, with comrade Enver Hoxha at the head, the Albanian people, now accustomed to chauvinist and imperialist methods, which innumerable enemies have used against it, will face up to and overcome with success all obstacles, will win new victories constructing the complete socialist society with their own forces.

The Albanian people, under the leadership of their Party of Labor, will continue to fight on this course and they are convinced that they will always enjoy the support of all the freedom loving peoples and of the revolutionaries of the world. ★

## To the Party of Labor of Albania

Enver Hoxha  
Central Committee  
Party of Labor of Albania  
Tirana, Albania

Dear Comrades,

The People's Socialist Republic of Albania and the Party of Labor of Albania led by Comrade Enver Hoxha has fought every day of its life for the defense of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, and against the entire imperialist camp and all forms of opportunism. The recent hostile actions by the government of the People's Republic of China and the current leadership of the Communist Party of China is an affront against the entire international proletariat, the progressive people of the world and the entire people of Albania.

The Central Committee of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee and the U.S. proletariat stand with the international proletariat in resolute defense of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania and the Party of Labor of Albania. No attempt to bully or blackmail socialist Albania will ever succeed. Such attempts have failed in the past and will surely fail in the future. No attempts by U.S. imperialism, Soviet social-imperialism or the recent actions by the Chinese government will detour socialist Albania from its historic defense of the dictatorship of the proletariat, the world revolution and the resolute struggle against the anti-Leninist theory of the "three worlds".

The People's Republic of China has chosen to sever all aid and payment of civil and military credits to Albania, withdraw specialists and leave important projects unfinished in a manner similar to the despicable course of Khrushchev years before. The current leadership of the Chinese Communist Party has taken this course in violation of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, as has been its support for NATO and the Common Market, the renegade Tito, Mobutu of Zaire and Pinochet of Chile. The current road taken by the present leadership of the Chinese Communist Party will never be condoned by the people of China or the progressive people of the world.

The Central Committee of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee pledges to redouble its efforts in defense of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania and to oppose all who seek to undermine and slander its historic defense of Marxism-Leninism and world revolution. To fight today for world revolution is to fight for the defense of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania. We have no doubt that the revolutionary working and oppressed people of the world stand with socialist Albania, and one day will put an end to imperialism and all reaction and march steadfastly toward the socialist and communist society.

Long Live the People's Socialist Republic of Albania!  
Long Live the Party of Labor of Albania!  
Glory to Marxism-Leninism!  
Long Live Proletarian Internationalism!

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## Albania...

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and now military assistance to Mobutu of Zaire, while all the time praising U.S. military intervention in support of his fascist regime;

□ lavish unbounded praise and support on the renegade Tito of Yugoslavia.

All this is done in the name of their so-called "anti-hegemonistic united front."

Comrade Mao Tsetung concluded in 1963 what the present leaders of the CPC have proven in practice: "If communists slide down the path of opportunism, they will degenerate into bourgeois nationalists and become appendages of the imperialist and reactionary bourgeoisie."

Collaboration with imperialism has today reached the point where Carter's National Security Advisor Dr. Brzezinski states with assurance that "a secure and strong China is in America's interest, that a powerful, confident and globally engaged United States is in China's interests."

What Carter's lieutenant stated so brazenly has been clear to many. The present leaders of China are today forging a political, economic and military alli-

ance with U.S. imperialism. Their aim is nothing less than a strong U.S. imperialism, a strong and united Europe and a strong Japan. They bolster neo-colonial and fascist regimes around the world for the sake of a few words of opposition to Soviet social-imperialism.

While the present leaders of the CPC cut off aid and assistance to socialist Albania, they jubilantly announce their pending visit to Yugoslavia and the centers of European capitalism. They seek to bolster their support and assistance to NATO and the Common Market whose dollars and guns are used daily to exploit and oppressed the European working class.

The recent actions of the present leaders of the PRC have served to greatly aid and assist every current of modern revisionism and Trotskyism, including



Brezhnev, Castro and Gus Hall in the United States. These revisionists utilize the present pro-imperialist acts of the Chinese leaders in order to attack the Chinese revolution, comrade Mao Tsetung and the historic struggle against modern revisionism.

In contrast, for the proletariat and progressive people of the U.S., socialist Albania stands as a granite example of our fondest dreams and ambitions. No matter what provocations are taken against Albania, the MLOC will stand shoulder to shoulder with Albania in defense of the dictatorship of the proletariat and world revolution. No matter what maneuvers the social-chauvinist supporters of the revisionist road of China take in the U.S., they will never succeed in convincing the proletariat to rally to the defense of U.S. imperialism.

Far from achieving their pro-imperialist aims, the recent provocations against Albania serve to strengthen the Marxist-Leninist parties and the Party of Labor of Albania, educate the world's people in the defense of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, and further weld together the international proletariat in the historic mission to overthrow the entire imperialist system and usher in the dictatorship of the proletariat, socialism and communism.

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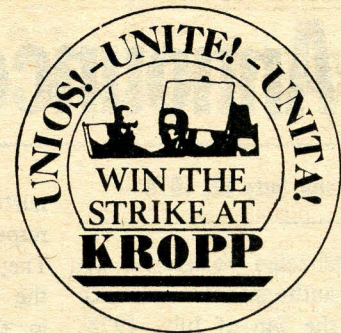
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## UNITE! for Still Greater Victories!

## Kropp Strike in Eleventh Week

# Union Leaders Fight Rank and File, Not Company



## From A Worker Correspondent

**Cicero, Illinois** — No one was very clear on what happened during the last Kropp strike in 1974. Why had 11 weeks of strike resulted in a poor contract four years ago? Had the membership been too weak during the strike? Had the leadership been responsible for this defeat? Now, as the 1978 strike limps into its 11th week, the same question is coming up again.

The question of which is the key link, the membership or the leadership, the question of who is basically responsible for the weak state of our union, is an important one. It is important because it dictates how we go about rebuilding the union, wage the struggle on the shop floor, and prepare for future strikes. But it is also important because it involves the basic questions of "How are changes made?", "Who is the motive force of history?" and "Is the working class able to make revolution?"

The bureaucrats' line on the situation is that the membership is the crucial weakness and the leadership is the basic strength of the union. In the last strike when the bureaucrats' line was dominant, the failure of the strike was universally blamed on the membership. One department blamed it on another, one nationality blamed it on the other.

In this strike, the union officials have set up a constant howl that there are not enough pickets, again laying the blame on the membership. The fact of the matter is that at crucial times there have been plenty of pickets. But the bureaucrats' line is "sit on your hands and wait" and so the picket line has been weak. In fact, throughout the strike, the union officials have shown a complete disregard for the rank and file by refusing to give them information on negotiations or even the simple assurance that the union would back them if anyone "got into trouble." The only fighting the officials do in this strike is against the workers' militancy!

Just as in the day-to-day struggle, the officials believe the rank and file should have no part in solving the problems of its own oppression. They flat out state they would rather "struggle" with the company by making deals in the offices than take on the task of organizing the rank and file to make real gains.

The bureaucrats' line of "leadership is the basic strength and membership is the basic weakness" is the line that produces a weak strike and a weak union.

On the other hand, a center for the proletarian line has emerged in the union. The line in opposition to the officials' lies is that the membership is the basic strength and the present leadership is the crucial weakness.

This is the only line that really produces a strong organization. And this is proved by the strike at Kropp. In spite of being blocked and undercut at every turn by the union officials, the rank and file elaborated a plan for negotiations, maintained a 25% turnout on the picket line and managed to turn away many trucks and scabs. Picketers were able to cement cooperation from some teamsters and even non-union people, while the officials were unwilling or unable to even contact the Teamsters Union. Every day saw "on-the-line" unity of Blacks, whites, Latinos, and Italians being built. But in spite of this the strike has been crippled by the officials' refusal to organize and inform the rank and file.

It cannot be denied that the membership has been in some ways weak in this strike. But what is clear is that the strength is there to be used if organized. That is why the correct answer to the question "who is responsible for the weakness of the strike?" is that the weakness of leadership makes it impossible to use the potential strength of the rank and file.

This answer sees the leadership as the key link, and the membership as the basic strength. It is clearly the difference between a disorganized mass and an army.

One is basically a weak thing, easily scattered until it gets some leadership and direction. At that point the same number of individuals becomes a strong thing, an army.

The correct line on the relationship between leadership and membership comes from a revolutionary outlook. The Red Forge pointed out from the beginning that the weak link was the leadership of the union. This was clear, not only because it is the situation nation-wide, but also because at Kropp the union officials have been following their self-serving

line of "comfortable" struggle for some time.

The Red Forge takes the strong position that the working class will advance its leadership and change this country by making revolution. This will be a long process of slowly building the unity and organization of the rank-and-file workers tackling one problem after another.

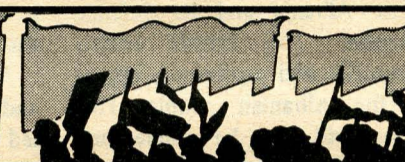
But just as revolutionary leadership is necessary to reorganize and rebuild the trade unions, so too is revolutionary leadership necessary to the nationwide workers movement. This leadership will

be a workers' political party, a communist party, equipped like the Red Forge with a clear-eyed understanding of capitalism's strengths and weaknesses. And just as with the union, the working class will be the basic strength of this movement, while the party will provide the organization and leadership crucial to mobilizing that strength.

**Socialism is built by the masses, the Party makes them conscious!**

**Rebuild the unions, build the Party**

## Make Every Factory a Fortress!



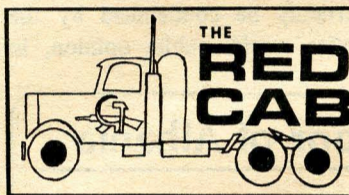
### ● Foundry Workers On Strike For Five Months Over Work Rules

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania** — More than 300 workers at Fort Pitt Steel Castings in McKeesport have been on strike since March 1. Their main demand is for stronger guarantees against job combinations, open-ended shifts, forced overtime, contracting out, and supervisors working union jobs.

Workers have been "hot" for this strike for three years, ever since the union signed a contract, without a strike, granting the company 21 months with no increase in wages in order to help the company fund new investments in the plant. The union (Local 1406 of the United Steelworkers Union) had also agreed to various incentive plans instead of a substantial wage increase, and the company has continually used the incentive schemes to bilk the workers and intensify their work, while layoffs have steadily whittled away at the workforce.

The union officers have bowed to court orders against mass picketing, while the company freely sends out its patterns and work to other plants.

The union officers, who came in on a reform slate two years ago, promising to "turn the union around" and really fight the company, complain that the company is "destroying all the understanding and cooperation in implementing the contract." With leaders like this, who promote illusions about the possibility of "understanding" between mortal class enemies, it's no wonder the workers have had to suffer under bad contracts and a protracted strike.



### ● Peterbilt Strike Ends

**Newark, California** — The four-month strike at Peterbilt Motors ended in late June, basically in defeat. The main demand was wages, and the final settlement, while a dime higher than the company's original offer, was only about one-fourth of what the workers demanded.

The official bargaining proposal voted for by the membership of the four unions was for increases of 40%, 30% and 30% over the three years of the contract. Later, more than 100 workers signed a petition demanding \$2.00, \$1.50 and \$1.50 to bring Peterbilt wages up to the level of other truck manufacturing workers. The new contract grants only \$.80, \$.40 and \$.25.

In addition, the new contract changes the way vacation time is calculated, drastically reducing workers' vacations.

The workers voted for the contract by 54%, after months of inaction by the union leadership who insisted on a tactical non-plan of just put up a few pickets and "wait and see."

On the positive side, the workers are coming out of the strike with some strong lessons in strike tactics and the beginnings of an organized network of militant and revolutionary workers. This will form the core of a movement to replace the bureaucratic, class-collaborationist leadership of the unions with fighting working-class leadership.

This network is being built

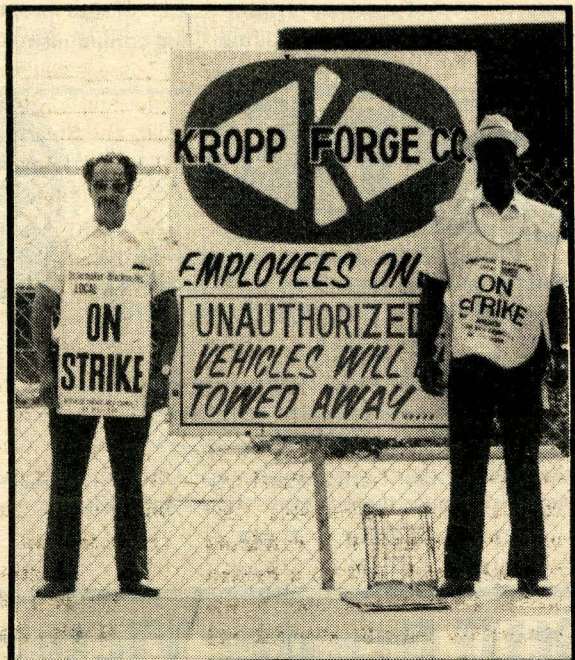
around the Red Cab, the shop paper of the MLOC at Peterbilt, which began publication during the strike. The Red Cab and its supporters are continuing the strike struggle by leading the fight for amnesty for three workers who were fired for strike activity.

### ● Bus Builders Demand Recall of Stewards

**Hayward, California** — Members of the Teamsters Union at Gillig Corporation, a manufacturer of buses, are calling for the recall of their shop stewards for non-representation. For months, the company has been harassing workers with "crisis meetings" where threats are made to close the plant unless the workers work harder. Supervisors have increased their petty harassments, and at least one worker who protested conditions has been fired. Safety conditions have steadily deteriorated.

Some of the 280 workers are members of the Painters Union, and they have begun to show up en masse at union meetings to protest the lack of representation by the union. Most of the workers are members of the Teamsters, and they have presented a petition with a majority of signatures to their local officers calling for the recall of all the shop stewards and new elections.

UNITE! and the MLOC have played an active role in the struggle, and are receiving the sharpest attacks by the company. But despite police harassment and other attempts at suppression, UNITE! is still gaining support among the workers for the assistance and leadership it provides.



The strength of the Kropp strike has been the rank and file, who have begun to organize a real working class leadership. The eleven-week strike has been weakened, though, by the union leadership, which insists on limiting the struggle to back-room talks. (UNITE! photo)

**The struggle against opportunism is the pivot of our tactics in the trade union movement!**

Destruction of Jobs, No Right to Strike

# Postal Workers: Scapegoat for Inflation

President Carter is insisting that the postal workers set the example for other workers and be the first major group to submit to his so-called "anti-inflation program." The government is calling on workers to hold their wage demands to 5.5% or less, or at least to hold them below the raises they got in their last contracts. Carter's program is a program to make the workers pay for the capitalist crisis, and the postal workers are supposed to drop the first pledge in the plate.

Because the postal workers are especially in the public eye, and because it is a felony under capitalist law for federal employees to strike, the government's strategy is to force the postal workers into line, then use the precedent to attack other workers, particularly the auto, meat-packing, rubber, trucking and oil workers, whose contracts expire in the next year.

The bourgeois press is doing its part to help the government in this attack on the workers. Banner headlines declare that the negotiated contract offers the postal workers a supposed "19.5% wage hike", which postal union leaders are quoted as calling a "respectable raise." This is a lie. The contract actually stipulates a 2% raise for the first year, and 3%



Postal wildcatters in Jersey City, N.J. try to turn a truck back. The wildcats in various cities promise to become a full-scale national strike in August.

and 5% for the second and third years, respectively. Cost-of-living allowances adding up to about 9.5% over the course of the whole three years are tacked on. The press rolls all this together and makes it appear the postal workers are getting an almost 20% raise.

The irony is that half the supposed raise is in allowances that are supposed to reimburse the workers for the burden of inflation that will hit them during the next three years. But an annual average of 3% cost-of-living add-

on hardly balances out the present annual inflation rate of 10.8% and rising.

The fact is that wages do not cause inflation. It's the other way around. Wages are always behind prices. And price rises, which mean an increase in what it takes to keep a worker alive, are a major reason for demands to raise wages. It is capitalism that causes inflation.

Inflation is part and parcel of the decay of capitalism, where the economy is bloated artificially with military spending, govern-

ment subsidies to agribusiness and the railroads, reckless expansion of credit, and printing of money that has nothing behind it. All these measures are taken by the capitalist state to keep the capitalists' profits secure and rising despite the crisis in the whole capitalist system. And then the workers are blamed and told to pay for it all.

In the Postal Service in particular, not only does the working class have to support a swollen and still growing bureaucracy (there is one supervisor for every 20 workers!), but it now has to directly hand over profits to private capitalists. The U.S. Post Office was abolished several years ago, and replaced by the privately-operated, government-supervised Postal Service. Now when you mail a letter, you must provide the Postal Service's investors with a profit!

The search for the highest profits in turn leads to the destruction of tens of thousands of postal jobs. The Postal Service intends to get rid of up to 100,000 jobs in the next few years. That's one out of five postal workers. And that's why the postal workers have insisted on retention of the 1973 no-layoff clause. The Postal Service appears to be willing to give in on the layoffs issue for now, since they

expect they can continue to replace workers with machines anyhow, but just a little more slowly.

The only reason the government has any chance of getting away with its plan to saddle the postal workers with a bigger burden of inflation and unemployment is that postal workers have no legal right to strike. The ban on strikes by government employees is an entirely artificial distinction. All workers, public and private, work for the capitalists. All workers must be able to withhold their labor in order to force concessions from the capitalists.

The capitalist crisis is deepening. The burdens on the working class are getting more intolerable. No section of the working class, just as the working class as a whole, can continue for very long under these conditions to sit still and let the capitalists dictate terms.

For the second time this year, a major detachment of the working class has come face to face with the capitalist state just to defend basic rights and minimal living standards. The coal miners defied the state and held the line on their major demands. The postal workers will have to do so, too, if they are to defend themselves, let alone make any headway.

## The Strike at Stearns Two Years of Fierce Class Struggle

Whitley City, Kentucky - Now entering their third year on strike, Stearns miners have shown great courage and determination in fighting for a United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) contract. While Blue Diamond Coal Company has done everything in its power to break the strike, the miners and their wives have actively resisted scabs, gun thugs and mass arrests.

On July 15th, 300 people rallied in Whitley City, Kentucky to reaffirm their commitment to win the strike. But even though there was clear determination expressed, the strike is in a critical situation.

The strike is stalemated and there is no end in sight. At present there are 80 scabs inside the mine who recently formed a company

union as a further attempt to break the strike. The responsibility for this situation rest squarely on the shoulders of the UMWA bureaucrats.

Even though the UMWA is rapidly losing ground to non-union operations, UMWA officials have taken a passive approach to organizing. Mineworker officials and organizers have consistently told the Stearns strikers to just "wait the company out."

Well, the Stearns strikers have waited two years, and meanwhile Blue Diamond is running its other mines - Scotia and Leatherwood - at full blast and now has 80 scabs in Stearns. This passive approach is digging the grave of the Stearns strike.

The UMWA has made no serious attempt to hit Blue Dia-

mond where it would hurt most - its profits - with the union's most potent weapon: the organized mass of workers. Rather than organize rank-and-file miners to stop production at Scotia and Leatherwood, UMWA officials say "our battle is here and not elsewhere". One attempt to close the Scotia mine was sabotaged by these officials last December, and the Stearns miners have been discouraged from putting up pickets again.

The UMWA holds strike benefits paid to the miners over their heads. They say unless the strikers "stay in line" benefits will be cut off.

The result of this "passive" treachery of the UMWA bureaucrats has wreaked havoc with the strike. After two long years of striking and fighting, some of the strikers are becoming demoralized and have withdrawn from active participation.

Why do the bureaucrats do this when time after time it has proven to be a losing tactic? The same approach is taken in union after union because of the partnership between the union bureaucrats and the capitalists.

They do not rely on the strength of the rank and file but on a renegotiation of terms between themselves and the capitalists. The trade union officials have more in common with the capitalists than they do with the workers. We have seen this time and



Stearns supporters at the April rally in Whitley City. Two years of struggle and sacrifice by the miners and their families is endangered by the UMWA's policy of non-struggle, a policy of "wait and see." (UNITE! photo)

time again.

Joseph Brennan is just one example. After he was through with the UMWA he went to work at a higher salary for the Bituminous Coal Operators Association. He obviously was not concerned with the welfare of the miners. Leonard Woodcock of the Autoworkers left the union and took a prestigious government job. These bureaucrats fight for class peace between the workers and the capitalists because it will mean greater benefits for themselves. They are bought off.

The strike at Stearns can only be won if the tactics drastically change. The wait-and-see line must be smashed. If it continues the only result will be a broken strike. Leatherwood and Scotia production must be stopped and support built there and in the

community around Stearns itself.

Other unions, especially the steelworkers, must put pressure on Blue Diamond's steel plants, Heppenstall in Pittsburgh and McClouth Steel in Detroit. So far, the Stearns strikers have been able to prevent Blue Diamond from running coal out of Stearns and this must be continued. These are the kind of steps that will put the Stearns strike back on the winning road. The working class relies on itself to make advances, not the capitalists and their bureaucrats.

Continue support for the Stearns strike! Financial contributions and messages of support can be sent to:

Stearns Strikers  
Old Post Office Building  
Whitley City, Kentucky  
42653

### Brief History of the Stearns Strike

**1930's:** Stearns mine first organized by the UMWA. . . . .  
**1950's:** UMWA driven out of Stearns  
**1975:** Blue Diamond buys the mine.  
**March, 1976:** Blue Diamond's Scotia mine explodes killing 26 men. Later that month Stearns miners vote to join the UMWA.  
**July 17, 1976:** Strike for a UMWA contract begins.  
**January, 1977:** Bargaining breaks off as the company refused to consider a UMWA contract. Soon after this the company imports gun thugs.  
**March-May 1977:** Courts issue restrictive injunctions in an attempt to cripple the strike.  
**March-August 1977:** Gun battles rage 3-4 times a week. Several people are shot.

**May, 1977:** Over 25 miners and supporters indicted on felony charges for defending themselves against gun thug attacks.  
**June 24, 1977:** Women's Club demonstration at Blue Diamond's headquarters in Knoxville, Tenn.  
**July 8, 1977:** Rally of 500 people in support of strike at Stearns.  
**August, 1977:** Numbers of Stearns miners arrested for shutting down non-union mines.  
**October, 1977:** Strikers block scabs from entering the mine. Strikers and Women's Club members confront 200 Kentucky State Police and over 100 are arrested in bitter fighting. 12 are sentenced to jail.  
**July 15, 1978:** Second anniversary rally in Whitley City, Kentucky.

Immediate Demands of the Proletariat

To protect the physical, political and moral well-being of the proletariat and to raise its capacity to struggle against the bourgeoisie, the Party makes the following immediate demands.



1. To improve the economic and social well-being of the working people, to oppose all attempts to worsen the living conditions of the proletariat and its allies, we demand and fight for:

- The right of all people to work, to safe and healthy working conditions with no forced overtime. The right to rest must be guaranteed. ■ A maximum eight hour day in 24 hours, and a five day work week. No more than six hours work in hazardous working conditions. A minimum two weeks paid vacation and ten paid holidays per year for all those employed. ■ Full compensation and coverage for all work related injuries without penalty or loss of seniority. ■ Full compensation for maternity leave one month prior to childbirth, full compensation with leave for either parent for two months after childbirth. Free childcare on a 24 hour basis. ■ Free and safe abortion upon request. Free distribution of safe methods of birth control. An end to forced sterilization. ■ An end to all child labor under the age of 16. Full wage rates for all those employed, regardless of age. ■ Economic, social and cultural support in old age, in the event of illness or loss of ability to work. An end to mandatory retirement. Voluntary retirement at 60 with full material support. ■ An end to exorbitant land rents. Cancellation of debts on small farmers' land and equipment. ■ The right to inexpensive and quality housing, food, transportation and medical care. ■ An end to the ruin and waste of natural resources.

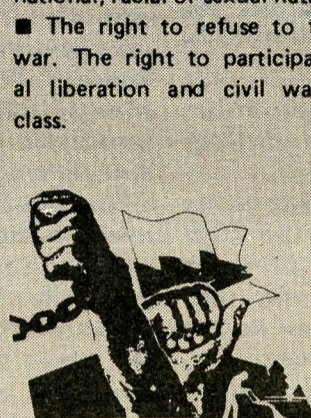


2. To protect the political rights and fighting capacity of the proletariat and its allies, to oppose all bourgeois violence, political intimidation, terror or brutalization of the people, we demand and fight for:

- Freedom of speech, press, assembly, organization, association, expression, demonstration, communication and travel. The material resources

necessary to exercise such freedoms for the proletariat and its allies.

- The right to organize our own political party, trade unions, social, cultural and political organizations. ■ The right to strike. ■ Genuine equality for all working and oppressed people without regard to nationality, race, sex, religious beliefs, age or language. ■ The right to education and information in one's native language. ■ The right of women to equality in work, pay, holidays, education and all social and political activity. The right to be free from rape, violence, pornography or other chauvinist and degenerate assaults on women. ■ The equality of children born out of wedlock. ■ The right to bear arms and the right to self-defense. Repeal and prohibition of all gun control laws. ■ The right to organize in the U.S. military. ■ The right to destroy all fascist, anti-democratic organizations and those that seek to incite national, racial or sexual hatred. ■ The right to refuse to fight in an imperialist war. The right to participate in wars of national liberation and civil wars against the ruling class.



3. To defend the right of oppressed nations to self-determination, for the equality of nations and for national liberation, we demand and fight for:

- The right of self-determination, up to and including secession for the Black Nation and the Chicano Nation. ■ Immediate and full independence for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Micronesia. ■ Just settlement of treaties signed with the Native Indian peoples and the removal of all U.S. government and military police personnel from Indian reservations. ■ An end to all hostile activity toward all socialist countries. The immediate recognition of all socialist countries. ■ An end to all unequal and unfair treaties between the U.S. and other countries. ■ The immediate withdrawal of all U.S. military forces and advisors from all foreign soil. This includes both colonies and neo-colonies outside the U.S. and the oppressed nations within the state borders. The immediate withdrawal from all military blocs and associations. ■ The initiation of reparations to countries, nations and peoples who have suffered damage at the hands of U.S. imperialism. ■ The right of residence and political asylum for any foreign national persecuted for supporting the interests of the proletariat. ■ The abolition of all U.S. restrictions on travel for citizens of foreign countries in the U.S. and citizens of the U.S. outside of the U.S. ■ Full democratic rights for workers in the U.S. who are citizens of foreign countries and an end to all deportations.



Commentary #7 on the Draft Party Program

THE NATIONAL QUESTION IN OUR PROGRAM

The rise and development of the U.S. as one of the greatest powers in the world was rooted in the most brutal exploitation and oppression of nations and national minorities.

The arrival of the first slave in 1619 signalled the beginning of the bitter exploitation and oppression of Blacks in this country for centuries to come.

Because people came from so many different national backgrounds, many objective differences existed within the ranks of the working class — those of language, custom, race and religion.

With others, like Blacks, this process of amalgamation or integration into the mainstream of society has still not occurred.

The separation of nationalities because of special oppression served a two-fold purpose. It meant a greater ability for the imperialists to reap super-profits.

The bourgeoisie used Black labor from the South to scab on white workers organizing unions in the north.

accused of stealing jobs. Time after time, the working class saw class brothers and sisters fighting one another.



Blacks and other nationalities. This disunity has meant the capitalists have been able to misdirect class antagonisms away from themselves into national antagonism within the ranks of the working class.

The Oppression and Division of Nations

What happened in the U.S. is just one aspect of the oppression of nations around the world by imperialism.

U.S. domination of Puerto Rico has meant it has had to literally keep an occupation force on the tiny island.

In Africa, during the colonialization period, tribal groups were torn apart by the artificial state boundaries imposed on them by the conquering imperialists.

The identity of the chief imperialist powers has changed. At one time the British were the largest subjugators of nations.

again in 1975. But as long as imperialism exists as a system, the oppression of nations will continue.

While the imperialists work for the division of nations, the working class works for the genuine equality of nations and eventually for the voluntary amalgamation of nations.

One of the demands of the proletariat is the complete withdrawal of imperialist troops from the territory of these nations, and the withdrawal of imperialist support for the reactionary puppet regimes in these nations.

The Struggle for Democratic Rights

Genuine equality of nations means upholding the democratic rights of all nations and national minorities.

The Strategic Alliance

As imperialism is a worldwide system, the struggle against imperialism must also be conducted on a world scale.

Each blow against imperialism weakens its overall grip. For example, when the Russian proletariat seized power in 1917, the imperialist encirclement of the world was broken.

Even outside of the oppressed nation, the national minorities are denied democratic rights.

Genuine equality of nations requires a consistent fight against great nation chauvinism. This is to renounce any special privileges for members of the oppressor nation and any justification for the continued exploitation and oppression of other nations.

For example, in the U.S. the dominant language is English. The bourgeoisie and backward forces say Spanish speaking people should simply learn to speak English.

In this country, the main struggle against chauvinism is directed against white chauvinism. All attitudes and actions by the white working class which oppose the genuine equality of nationalities must be persistently combatted.

It is only in practice, in taking up these struggles for genuine equality that the alliance between the oppressed nations and the multi-national unity of the working class can be forged.



rule in the U.S.

Historically, great attention has been paid to the national question in the U.S. by the international communist movement, because of the importance of this question.



lowed by Lenin who investigated agriculture in the U.S. and concluded that a Black Nation existed in the South.

The Communist Party/ML in its program speaks of both the existence of the Black Nation and its right to self-determination.

The Communist Party USA (CPUSA), even before it completely degenerated into a bourgeois party, was continually racked with opportunism on this question.

Reducing National Oppression To A Question of Racism

In 1930, the CPUSA took up the revolutionary position on the Black Nation and implemented it. This was the first time the CPUSA actually mobilized and led the Black masses in revolutionary struggle.

Today, the revisionist CPUSA states, "Even though Black people do not now constitute a nation, we do not place any limitations on their struggle to satisfy their aspirations up to and including their right to develop self-government and exercise the right of self-determination."

Self-government and self-determination of what? If not a nation with territory, what does the CPUSA propose that Blacks determine? They have reduced the

question to some vague notion of "community control" and more elected officials on school boards and city councils.

But the CPUSA is not alone in undermining the revolutionary essence of the national question in the U.S.

They qualify this by arguing "Self-determination is a legitimate demand for Black people, but it is not the main demand" and then state that they do not support the demand for the Nation to secede "now or in the foreseeable future."

Self-determination is clearly the main demand for an oppressed nation or colony. The RCP would have a difficult time telling the Palestinian people or the Eritrean people that their demand is not self-determination.

The importance of the national question in the United States cannot be overrated.

At the same time, it also recognizes that there are many important questions which remain outstanding that the Party must take up for solution.

The CP/ML continues to hold for the closest association of nations, which will be forged, not through platitudes about equality and fraternity, but in the course of struggles for democratic rights for all nationalities against great-nation chauvinism and white chauvinism.



cial-chauvinist position that the U.S. bourgeoisie is not the main enemy. Both positions stem from the same place — class collaboration.

Still other organizations — the August 29th Movement, I Work Kuen and the Workers Congress — all say they recognize the existence of the Black Nation, yet do nothing about it.

The Black National Question is just one example of the chauvinist stands of these organizations; the same is true of their stands on the Chicano National Question.

The importance of the national question in the United States cannot be overrated. The whole strategy of the revolution rests upon forging the alliance of the oppressed nations and the proletariat.

At the same time, it also recognizes that there are many important questions which remain outstanding that the Party must take up for solution.

The Party upholds and fights for the closest association of nations, which will be forged, not through platitudes about equality and fraternity, but in the course of struggles for democratic rights for all nationalities against great-nation chauvinism and white chauvinism.



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## August 1st Campaign

# US/USSR Disarmament Talk Sheer Deception

With World War II looming on the horizon, the Sixth Congress of the Communist International (Comintern) proclaimed, in 1928, August 1st a day of struggle against imperialist war. The Comintern knew the only way to prevent the outbreak of war was to mobilize the working class to wage revolutionary struggle against the capitalist class.

Last year the MLOC took up the revolutionary tradition of August 1st because once again the danger of world war threatened the peoples of the world. That danger has only increased. This is the second of three articles on the August 1st campaign.

The two superpowers are rushing to turn the world into an armed camp. Soviet and U.S. troops are deployed around the globe while each tries to outdo the other with more and better weaponry. Increased military budgets, the consolidation of aggressive alliances, flareups between the U.S. and the Soviet Union in the Mid-East and the Horn of Africa along with the increasing military maneuvers all point directly to the increasing danger of war.

The peoples of the world detest imperialist war and are looking for a solution to the

arms race and a means of turning aside the outbreak of a new world war. Many meetings have been held and solutions put forward to end the arms race, including the proposals of the two superpowers themselves.

The main way the two superpowers say the problem will be resolved is through the SALT talks and detente, or in other words, through peaceful negotiations. Begun in 1969, these talks are a complete sham used to cover up the aggressive intentions of the superpowers. With each passing year, the military budgets of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. increase to the point where today, the U.S. military spends in one year nearly \$130 billion dollars, an increase of \$10 billion over last year. The U.S. has more than 300 big military bases in 20 countries and one out of every four soldiers stationed outside of the country. In the last year, both the cruise missile and the neutron bomb were developed.

The same story can be told of the U.S.S.R. They have more than 600,000 occupation troops

stationed in Eastern Europe. They have developed their Backfire bomber and the economy of the U.S.S.R. is heavily geared toward the military budget, spending almost as much as the U.S.

And yet, despite the facts that the arms race is only increasing, the two superpowers find unity in their words about the SALT Talks — "They are going on well with great prospects." Each claims they are forced to increase military spending, deploy new weapons systems and strengthen their military blocs because the other is doing the same. They say a balance of power will be a deterrent against war.

There is absolutely nothing in the deeds of the imperialist superpowers that in any way gives credence to their fine words about disarmament and peace. The words of disarmament in the mouths of the two superpowers are nothing more than deceitful and empty slogans aimed at misleading the peoples of the world and covering up their plans of aggression and expansion.

But the two superpowers are

not the only ones who spread illusions about disarmament. At the U.N. session on disarmament in June of this year, the theorists of the "three worlds" promoted a view that the road to disarmament and the deterrent against world war is the unity of small and medium-sized countries against the hegemony of the two superpowers.

These theorists call for strengthening the military forces of these countries, including the buildup of NATO. The theorists of the "three worlds" have completely ignored the class essence of these "small and medium-sized countries." They cover for the imperialist designs of such countries as France. Have they forgotten the fact that at this moment France has troops deployed in Africa serving aggressive purposes?

The theorists of the "three worlds" preach that the working class and revolutionary peoples of the world are not the main force that will disarm imperialism, but instead it is the imperialists and reactionaries of "second and third world" countries. The theorists of

"three worlds" have not aided in clearing away the cloud of deception regarding disarmament, they have thickened it.

At the UN session, however, the Albanian representative presented the proletariat's view toward disarmament. "The people aspire toward a real disarmament. They are enhancing their vigilance and determination in order to halt the hand of the imperialist aggressors. The leader of the Albanian people, comrade Enver Hoxha has stressed, 'When you are determined to live free and stand ready to fight, then the blackmail is knocked back, the strength is revived, the people's courage mounts and it is difficult for the aggressors to attack....The important thing is that the peoples should not fall into fatalism, become passive observers and be caught unawares, they must be prepared for the worst and fight to prevent it from occurring.'"

Events in the world today show that the peoples of the world cannot rely on the two superpowers, the lesser imperialist powers or any reactionaries to solve the problem of the imperialists' arms race and the danger of world war. Genuine security and disarmament will be secured by the people themselves through their struggle leading to the destruction of imperialism, social-imperialism and all reaction. ★

## Superpowers Fuel Reactionary War in Lebanon

Sporadic fighting has rocked Beirut, capital of Lebanon, since July 2. Syrian troops, occupying Lebanon since the civil war in 1975-76, bombarded the posts of their former allies, the Phalangist party. Israeli fighter planes buzz the city. Over two hundred are dead and many hundreds are wounded. What is the cause of this turmoil? What is the attitude of the U.S. working class toward these incidents?

### Divisions Among Fascists

The immediate cause of this fighting is a split which has taken place between two rival fascist parties within the ruling class of Lebanon. Each party, the Phalangists and the Zghartawis (northern Lebanese bourgeoisie), seeks political power in Lebanon. Previously allies, they fought together against the Palestinian people, the Lebanese masses and progressive groups in the civil war which engulfed Lebanon in 1976. Both sects have historically opposed the Palestinians' struggle for their homeland.

But recently, their alliance has fallen apart. Each group has sought backing from the bourgeoisie of other countries in their power struggle. The Phalangists support the Israeli Zionists,

and in return have been given arms, training and economic support. The Zghartawis chose to build economic and political ties with Syria.

On June 13, the Phalangists stormed the home of Tony Franjeh, leader of the Zghartawis group, and murdered him and his family. Immediately, Syrian forces moved against Phalangist positions outside of Beirut, and the fighting began.

### Contention Between Expansionists

Syria has strong reasons for backing the Zghartawis. Elected peacekeeper in Lebanon by the other reactionary Arab regimes, it has long had plans to control and take over Lebanon. Through the occupying Syrian army, trade agreements and political alliances, the reactionary Syrian regime has come closer to its aim.

Israel, however, has similar plans. Using its alliance with the fascist Phalangists, a neo-Nazi organization, Israel has succeeded in continuing its hold on southern Lebanon. When Israeli troops left southern Lebanon, they handed over control to the Phalangist army, rather than the United Nations security forces.

Both Syria and Israel dream of controlling the entire country of Lebanon.

### Puppets For The Superpowers

The expansionist policies pursued by Syria and Israel stem not only from their reactionary nature but also from their relationship to the two superpowers: both Israel and Syria are client states.

Israel has been backed by the U.S. for decades. U.S. imperialism not only ensures the existence of the Israeli settler state, it also seeks to expand its control over the other countries of the Middle East. Through arms, capital, propaganda and political support, U.S. imperialism supports Israeli aggression on Lebanon, and more to the point, against the Palestinian people's claim on their homeland.

The Soviet Union supports the Syrian regime, and has sought

to extend its control in the region through Syrian occupation of Lebanon.

None of the parties involved — the various fascist forces in Lebanon, Syria, Israel, the U.S. or the U.S.S.R. — has any sympathy or support for the struggle of the Palestinian people to reclaim their homeland, or of the Lebanese people for new-democracy and socialism. The occupying armies and contending imperialist forces only use the Palestinian struggle to their advantage whenever possible. For instance, in order to gain Palestinian support for its struggle for hegemony, the Syrian regime has recently relaxed its repressive measures against the Palestine Liberation Organization.

### Stand of the Working Class

The working class of the U.S. recognizes that in this serious and complex situation there is only one correct stand. The interests

of the working class internationally are served best of all by the defeat of all expansionist and aggressive moves against the Lebanese people and the Palestinian struggle.

All occupying armies of Syria, Israel, the UN and any other country must be removed from Lebanon by the popular struggle of the Lebanese and Palestinian people. All fascist organizations and forces of the reactionary Lebanese bourgeoisie must be smashed.

The working class and oppressed people in the U.S. firmly support the struggle of the Palestinians for their homeland and the Lebanese for new-democracy and socialism against all the attempts of the superpowers, the reactionary Arab regimes and the Israeli Zionists to frustrate these just goals. ★



The civil wars that rage across Lebanon with the active encouragement of the two superpowers have left the cities in a shambles, peoples lives disrupted. Scenes like this one, in the capital city of Beirut, are common. (UNITE! photo)

Interview with Chairman Barry Weisberg and Vice Chairwoman Leoduris Rose on Their International Travel

# European Parties Advance Class Struggle, Battle Modern Revisionism

The following interview was conducted by UNITE! with comrades Barry Weisberg and Leoduris Rose, Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the Central Committee of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee. The comrades recently returned from extensive discussions with various Marxist-Leninist parties and national liberation movements in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

In our first interview, (UNITE!, July 15) we discussed the development of the class struggle in the advanced capitalist countries of Europe. In this interview we will talk about the influence of revisionism in those countries and then present some conclusions about the prospects for revolution there.

**UNITE!** : What is the role of Soviet social-imperialism in the European countries you visited?  
**MLOC** : Since the restoration of capitalism in the U.S.S.R. in the middle 1960's, the Soviet Union has been transformed into a social-imperialist power (socialist in words, imperialist in deeds). Now it and the U.S. represent the main danger to the people of the world. Certainly this is obvious in Europe. Through C.M.E.A. (Council of Mutual Economic Assistance), and the Warsaw Pact, the Soviet Union aggressively dominates the various revisionist-ruled countries of Eastern Europe and directs its aggression against the proletariat and oppressed masses of the entire European continent.

With its increasing export of capital, its strident military build-ups and its constant threats and bullying under the guise of "detente" and "balance of forces" the Soviet Union is everywhere revealing its true capitalist and imperialist colors. The proletariat is less and less fooled by the Soviets' socialist pretensions.

**UNITE!** : What role does Khrushchevite revisionism play in these countries?

**MLOC** : Khrushchevite revisionism is the main form of modern revisionism in the world today, and the greatest danger to the proletariat and revolutionary masses. From this foul nest has sprung all the various varieties



Tito of Yugoslavia (left) and Nikita Khrushchev (right) of the U.S.S.R. set out to restore capitalism in their countries and undermine the international revolutionary movement.

of revisionist theories, such as Eurocommunism and the theory of the "three worlds". Fewer parties in western Europe still remain faithful to the Kremlin today, but more important is the ideological influence of class collaboration fostered by Khrushchevite revisionism within the ranks of the proletariat.

In Portugal, the Khrushchevite revisionists outnumber the Marxist-Leninists of the Portuguese Communist Party (Reconstituted) but their numbers do not translate into mass support from the workers. At a recent meeting of the PCP(R) commemorating the 25th anniversary of the death of Joseph Stalin, many older members of the revisionist party attended. This is an indication of the great love and respect for Stalin that the revisionist chiefs cannot squelch.

**UNITE!** : What is the significance of "Eurocommunism"?

**MLOC** : The Eurocommunists, such as Berlinguer of Italy,

Marchais of France and Cabrillo of Spain, and all the likes of them, serve today more than anything to reconcile communism with capitalism. They represent class collaboration, and have nothing to do with the communism of Marx.

In reality, though they appear to have important differences with Moscow, these differences represent minor feuding among thieves. They pursue a common aim with Brezhnev and Tito: to undermine the revolutionary workers' movement and to preserve the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. They have achieved some important influence among the masses in Europe, which is a reflection of the great aid they receive from the capitalists themselves, such as the Christian Democrats in Italy.

Even though Cabrillo in Spain has some influence among the masses, the fact that the Communist Party of Spain (ML) distributes clandestinely 130,000 copies of *Vanguardia Obrera* is a sure sign of the eventual demise of the Eurocommunists.

**UNITE!** : Is there support for the theory of the "three worlds" in Europe?

**MLOC** : In every country, there are those who seek to reconcile the proletariat with its own bourgeoisie and try to prettify this with some fanciful theories about defending national independence. For example, they support the buildup of NATO, which is aimed first and foremost not at the Soviet Union, but at enabling the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie in Europe to hold back the revolutionary upsurge of the proletariat.

In Scandinavia, because of its long history of rule by social-democracy, the theory of the "three worlds" has achieved some influence. In France, the reactionary Humanite Rouge, who sup-

ports the theory of the "three worlds", has taken to physical attacks against the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile, which along with other actions, has only isolated it from the working masses. But in Europe as a whole this theory which preaches to the proletariat to unite with the European bourgeoisie, is condemned as a caricature of Marxism.

**UNITE!** : What are the prospects for revolution in the capitalist countries of Europe?

**MLOC** : The Marxist-Leninist parties of these countries are taking extremely important steps to prepare the proletariat and its allies for revolution in the struggle against the two superpowers and their own reactionary bourgeoisies. One powerful expression of this is the activity to build the revolutionary trade union movement, working both inside and outside of the reformist unions. Powerful united front organizations, organizations of youth, women and workers, work in the bourgeois military and the development of Albania Friendship

Associations — all testify to the advancement of the class struggle.

Everywhere, we were extremely impressed and encouraged with the Marxist-Leninist parties' Bolshevik steadfastness and concrete application of Marxist-Leninist principles to the concrete conditions of their own countries.

In some countries the class struggle is extremely sharp, such as in Portugal and Spain. In all countries, while the capitalist class is taking desperate measures to try to mislead and divide the proletariat and its allies, profound re-alignments are taking place in favor of the proletariat and its allies.

The unity and fighting strength of the proletariat is steadily being strengthened. And with the Marxist-Leninist parties taking their rightful vanguard role, there is every reason to recognize that revolution is not just an aspiration or a dream, but a practical question to be taken up and solved in the advanced capitalist countries. ★

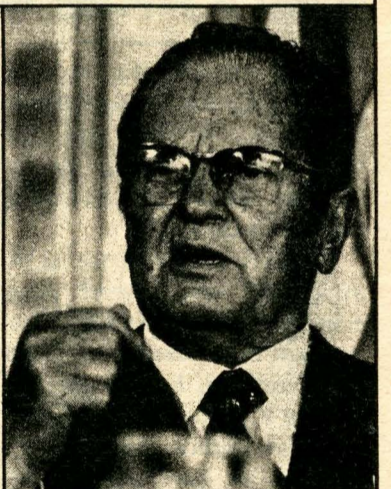
## Communist Party of China Lavishes New Praise on Yugoslavia

The current leadership of the Communist Party of China has now finished revising its once correct stand towards the Yugoslav traitors. For years, the CPC along with other genuine Marxist-Leninist parties fought against any views that promoted Yugoslavia as a socialist country or Yugoslav President Josip Tito as a communist.

But all that has been put aside, and now the CPC lavishes praise and comradely greetings on the League of Communists of Yugoslavia. They have gone so far as to promote the view that socialism is strong and growing in Yugoslavia. "The League of Communists of Yugoslavia has established a socialist self-management system suited to the conditions at home, roused the socialist initiative of the working class and promoted the rapid development of the national economy." (*Peking Review*, No.25, June 23, 1978)

Have things changed so dramatically in Yugoslavia? Have they renounced the capitalist road they were on? No, nothing has changed in Yugoslavia. It is still a capitalist country and the League of Communists is still a revisionist party. The only thing changed is the position taken by the Chinese Communist Party.

The latest elevation of Tito and Yugoslavia by the CPC is a sight the imperialists welcome. It serves the imperialist camp well, because it sows confusion in the ranks of the working class by not differentiating between capitalism and



President Tito of Yugoslavia is a long-time enemy of communism.

socialism. The oppression of nations in Yugoslavia, high unemployment, the huge national debt and inflation are all manifestations of capitalism in Yugoslavia. Yet the current leadership of the CPC chooses to ignore the long-standing evidence and instead gives credence to the revisionists' claim that Yugoslavia is a socialist country.

Unity with the Yugoslav traitors is a betrayal of Marxism-Leninism and the revolutionary people of the world. The correct stand towards Tito and Yugoslavia remains unchanged. There are no new conditions that have changed the basic Marxist-Leninist determination of capitalist countries and socialist countries. Tito remains a traitor to the international working class and Yugoslavia is still a capitalist country.

### "Three Worlds" Theory Exposed as Revisionism

Seven statements from Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations on the reactionary, anti-Leninist theory of "three worlds".

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HAWAII:

# Students Protest Campus Spy Network

Honolulu, Hawaii — Students at the East-West Center (EWC) at the University of Hawaii (UH) are waging a struggle to drive the spies of reactionary foreign governments off their campus. The Koumintang (KMT) government in Taiwan maintains an informer-spy network at EWC as part of a national network to harass, intimidate and report on Chinese students from Taiwan.

Thousands of Taiwanese students do not go home because they know or suspect they have been informed on. They know that to return to their native island means imprisonment, torture and perhaps death. They also fear for the lives of their families still in Taiwan, some of whom have been threatened if the students continue their "anti-Taiwan" activities. Students from other Asian countries — Pakistan, South Korea and the Philippines — also live in fear of possible repercussions from their governments for their student activities.

Investigation shows that some student informers are paid \$200 —

\$300 a month by the Taiwan Consulate, a practice which violates a U.S. law requiring paid agents of foreign governments to register with the U.S.

One student accused by a KMT spy of putting up an anti-KMT poster on the University of Hawaii campus had to clear himself by kowtowing and begging before the KMT consul general in Honolulu and signing an appeal in his own blood.

When *Impulse* — an EWC-funded student publication — printed a poster describing this student's problems with the KMT spies, the magazine's funds were cut off by EWC officials. Other incidents involve threats made to the families of students involved in Chinese Student Association (CSA) politics and replacing an editor of a CSA publication for "anti-Chinese" activities.

The response of the EWC and University of Hawaii officials is to try to evade their responsibilities and condone the spying by refusing to investigate the charges. The EWC Board of Governors seems

more concerned about the "academic freedom" of the spies than the democratic rights of the victims. While the EWC board announced that they would hear complaints of spying and harassment, they refused to investigate charges of spying.

The officials' response is not surprising, despite the EWC rhetoric for "free interchange of ideas" and "human rights". The U.S. government still controls the EWC and prevents it from protecting the rights of the students. In fact, some of the same U.S.-controlled reactionary governments in Indonesia, Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand and the Philippines give funds to the EWC and/or have representatives on the EWC Board of Governors.

Thus, the EWC's "neutrality" in the face of repression and spying against EWC students gives the lie to its so-called concern for the "free interchange of ideas."

The EWC students have pledged to continue this struggle. They are continuing to demonstrate against the administration's stand



Foreign students at the University of Hawaii have been harassed and intimidated by student spies working for reactionary governments in Taiwan, the Philippines, South Korea and Pakistan.

and have put forward five demands:

- All spies and informers be dismissed from campus.
- A clear EWC and University of Hawaii administration statement of "serious intent to act on these charges of spying"
- Protection and support for victims including asylum if necessary and desired.

- Publication and enforcement of a statement on academic freedom which insures free exchange of ideas and prohibit spying and informing as serious violations of this freedom, punishable by expulsion.
  - Press freedom, including continued funding without prior censorship of *Impulse*.
- Support the Democratic Rights of Foreign Students!**

# Do Fascists Have the Right to Free Speech?

## What's Wrong with the ACLU's Stand on the Nazis

While the capitalist class is gathering and mobilizing its fascist forces, the working class worldwide is gearing up for the struggle against the increasing threat of fascism.

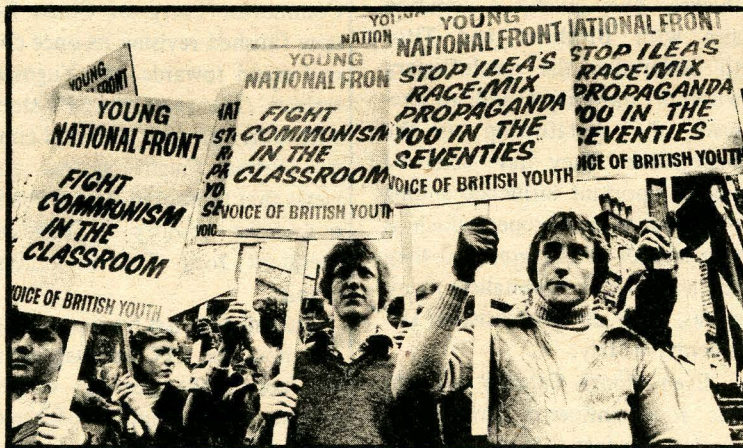
For several months the pages of UNITE! have covered these developments, from Ku Klux Klan marches in Mississippi to large fascist rallies in France; from resistance to fascism in Portugal to the fight against the Nazis in Chicago. We have put forward analysis and slogans to arm the working class in this life and death battle.

### Two Classes, Two World Views

On today's battle ground stand two opposing forces. The bourgeoisie and all reactionaries mobilizing their forces for open terror against the working masses are on the one hand. On the other stands the freedom-loving people, led by the working class, who despise fascism.

Propelling this struggle forward is the deepening general crisis of capitalism and the rising revolutionary working class. Faced with a crisis that will not go away and a revolutionary movement daily gaining strength, the bourgeoisie turns toward fascism as its only solution. Yet we know that fascist repression is a temporary solution, one which will only increase the hatred and resistance of the people.

Coming to the aid of the bourgeoisie in its attempt to further restrict the rights of the working class and its allies has been the



Fascist youth in the Young National Front hold rally in Britain.

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). The ACLU, while proclaiming to hate fascism, has taken up case after case, defending all the way to the Supreme Court, the rights of the fascists to organize and spread their reactionary propaganda.

UNITE! and the MLOC, on the other hand, fight for the fullest democracy for the working class and oppressed peoples and in opposition to fascism, because fascism would restrict the rights of working and oppressed people and hold back the struggle against the bourgeoisie for socialism. We say Nazis like Frank Collin have no right to speak, to organize, to hold meetings and preach hatred and violence against working and national minority peoples. What is at the heart of this difference?

### The Nature of Bourgeois Democracy

At the heart of this difference

is an understanding of the class nature of democracy. Our starting point is the understanding of the division of society into two antagonistic classes, the proletariat and the bourgeoisie. It is an antagonistic contradiction because these two classes are locked in a battle which will only be resolved when the working class seizes political power through armed revolutionary struggle, overthrowing the capitalist system, and suppressing the capitalist class.

To maintain its rule the bourgeoisie weaves a web of deception using phrases about "freedom" and "democracy". Capitalism in the U.S. is portrayed as a "democracy" while socialism is painted a "dictatorship". Supposedly we live in "freedom" while the people in socialist countries like Albania live under "tyranny".

When the bourgeoisie uses these phrases, what are they

trying to hide? What is "full democracy"? It is the right of the majority to political rule. The U.S. is a bourgeois dictatorship of the capitalist class over the working class, with democracy only for the bourgeoisie. Albania is a proletarian dictatorship of the working class over the bourgeoisie, with democracy only for the working class and its allies. One is an exploiting dictatorship of the minority, the other is a democratic dictatorship of the vast majority.

The Soviet Union is also a bourgeois dictatorship of state monopoly capitalism. It is not merely by chance that the U.S. holds up the U.S.S.R. as an example of socialism. This is part of the web of deception, for the bourgeoisie knows full well a socialist from a capitalist country.

Democratic rights of working people, national minorities and oppressed nations here in the U.S. are restricted under the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie because the essence of the state is the suppression of one class by another. The U.S. bourgeoisie has passed a thousand and one laws restricting the rights of communists, workers and national minorities. From "red clauses" in union constitutions, to conspiracy laws, and the "right to work" laws, there are many examples. The rise of fascism will mean even greater restriction and suppression of the working class and its allies by the bourgeoisie.

There is no pure, abstract

From the Draft Party Program

We demand and fight for:

**The right to destroy all fascist, anti-democratic organizations and those that seek to incite national, racial or sexual hatred. (page 51)**

democracy as the ACLU would have us believe. The ACLU argues that a restriction on the rights of fascists will eventually mean a restriction of rights for all people. This is not exactly the case.

Because of the class contradiction, an extension of the rights of the working class inevitably leads to a restriction on the rights of the bourgeoisie to exploit and oppress the working class. Likewise, an extension of fascists' rights is a restriction of the rights of the working class.

### Unite The Genuine Allies Of the Working Class

It is precisely when faced with its gravest world-wide crisis, political instability, moral degeneration and ideological despair that the bourgeoisie turns towards fascism.

It is precisely in this situation that the petty bourgeoisie is forced to make a stand

The petty bourgeoisie, which includes most lawyers, is not the enemy of the working class. Their class position, situated between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, is the source of their vacillation. These class forces can be allies of the working class, support the democratic struggles of the masses of people, support the party, and even join the party. Only if they align themselves with the just struggle of the working and oppressed peoples for socialism are they allies of the revolution

In the struggle against fascism the working class calls upon all freedom-loving progressive people, on all revolutionary intellectuals to oppose the bourgeoisie, reformists and revisionists and their web of deceit. We call on them to oppose fascism and stand on the side of the revolution and socialism. ★

Native Indians March 3,000 Miles to Protest Threatened Loss of Land and Resources

# 'Longest Walk' Reaches Capital

2000 Native Indians and their supporters marched into Washington D.C. July 15 in the culmination of their 3000-mile Longest Walk. Beginning at Alcatraz Island, San Francisco in February with 180 Native Indians, the Longest Walk picked up supporters along the way as they walked through deserts, snow and rain.

The Longest Walk was planned as a spiritual and historical walk by a coalition of Indian tribes and support groups including the American Indian Movement. The Longest Walk was developed to provide an "awakening" and an "opportunity to break down barriers to better understanding among native people as well as among other people in this country."

The Walk also commemorated the many forced marches made by various Indian peoples since the early 1880's, including the Trail of Tears, the marches of eastern tribes into Oklahoma, the Walks of Chief Joseph, and the many other walks that have occurred throughout history as Indians were forced off their land by the U.S. capitalists.

The Longest Walk was also a protest against 11 bills now before Congress which would terminate or alter more than 350 treaties between the Indian tribes and peoples and the United States



Representatives of the marchers preparing for a meeting with representatives of the U.S. government. The Native Indians are demanding that the treaties between them and the U.S. be observed and upheld.

government. The proposed legislation would close all Indian schools, hospitals and housing projects, and end all hunting and fishing rights as well as the Indians' rights to control the water and natural resources on their land. Rich mineral resources including most of the known reserves of uranium are under land presently under Indian control, and the U.S. capitalist class, which is now facing intensified imperialist contention with the Soviet Union for raw materials in

Africa, is anxious to begin the mining and continue the plunder of Indian land.

Other legislation would end Indian land claims in Maine, New York, Massachusetts, Louisiana and the Carolinas, a struggle that is currently being fought in court. The capitalists are seeking legisla-

tion to insure that the courts cannot make concessions to the Indian tribes.

The Indians are also protesting Senate Bill 1437, Senator Kennedy's Criminal Code Reform Act, which threatens all working class, oppressed and progressive people with increased police terror.

The walkers camped in a park outside Washington D.C. and marched into the city to rally at Malcolm X Park, before walking down 16th Street to the White House. Many excellent speeches were made at the rally, denouncing U.S. imperialism and the "rape of the land by the multinational corporations."

A large multinational group of supporters attended the rally expressing solidarity with the Indians as victims of the U.S. capitalist class, and support for the Indians' demand to stop the plunder of their natural resources, water and land. The demands raised in the Longest March also point to the correctness of the demand put forward by the Draft Party Program: "Just settlement of treaties signed with the Native Indian peoples and the removal

of all U.S. government and military police personnel from Indian reservations." (Draft Party Program, page 52)

Demonstrations and meetings between government bureaucrats and the Indians continued throughout the week, with cultural events planned to educate people about Native Indian customs. The government was concerned about the possibility of military confrontations occurring as they have in the past. (In 1972, Indians occupied the Bureau of Indian Affairs building.) Consequently the march was heavily policed. Police in Prince George's County, Maryland, notorious for numerous cases of police brutality, were reportedly under strict orders to avoid any confrontations at the Indian camp.

The Longest Walk was an important demonstration for Indian rights. Strong support from people in Washington once again showed that workers will not stand by and allow Indian rights to be abridged, and that workers will stand in solidarity with all oppressed peoples and nations.

## Police Terror, Mass Arrests in East Los Angeles



Long Beach, California - Intervention by firemen in a domestic quarrel led to a reign of terror, indiscriminate arrests, beatings and raids on the Chicano-Mexicano community of East Long Beach. A passing firetruck stopped when firemen saw a family dispute going on in the street, and soon the firemen were swinging on neighborhood youths.

The fight, which occurred outside the East Long Beach Neighborhood Center-Centro de la Raza, had broken up when police launched an all-out attack on the people remaining. Forty-six youths were rounded up, some over a mile from the scene of the original incident, and 42 of those were arrested, most of them on blanket charges of assault on a fireman and assault on a police officer. Several people were brutally beaten and many others were threatened.

The police terror assault on the East Long Beach community plainly shows the open chauvinism and repression of the Long Beach police. The police labeled their overreaction a justifiable response to "gang activity". In

reality, the "gang activity" was a fundraising cultural event sponsored by the Neighborhood Center to finance materials needed for summer classes. The passage of Proposition 13 had cut off the funds for the classes.

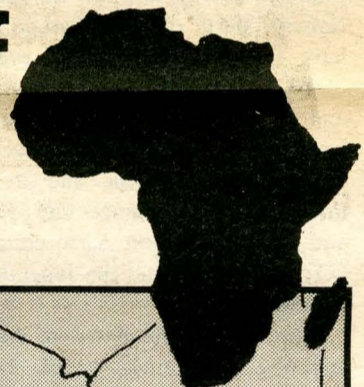
A committee of Neighborhood Center staff members, parents and other citizens has formed and is demanding:

- That all charges against the 42 youths be dropped.
- An end to police harassment and brutality in East Long Beach.
- Release of cars impounded during the mass arrest, and no fees be charged for the impoundment.
- An investigation of the officers responsible.

The Neighborhood Center has called for support, both material and moral. For information contact:

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2338 East Anaheim St.,  
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# Communist Party of Dahomey Founded

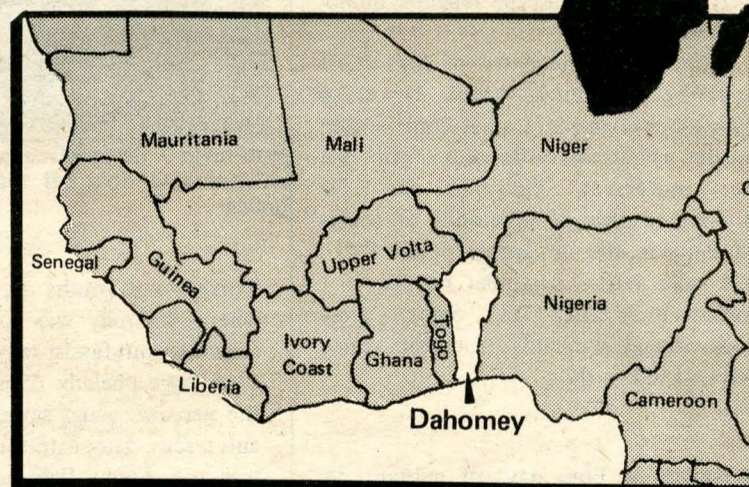


The Albanian Telegraphic Agency recently reported on the founding of the Communist Party of Dahomey. Dahomey, a small country located on the West Coast of Africa, is a neo-colony of French imperialism and a country much sought after by the two superpowers. The following are excerpts from the article in ATA.

"It (Communist Party of Dahomey) was founded in the anvil of the protracted class struggles at home, courageously and resolutely overcoming all difficulties, overcoming the various obstacles set up by the reaction linked with international imperialism."

"The Communist Party of Dahomey combatting the French imperialism, fights and will fight at the same time against the two hegemonic superpowers, U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism. The Party does not detach the resolute struggle against these external enemy forces from the struggle against local reaction, bureaucratic and comprador bourgeoisie and hangers of feudalism which back up imperialism."

"At the present stage, the Party lays down as its major task the fulfillment of these fundamental tasks: the political unification of the people around it, the arming of the masses and the setting up of a liberation army, the destruction of the apparatus of the existing neo-colonial state and its replacement with a new apparatus of the people's dictatorship directed



against the pro-imperialist classes and strata."

"The program of the Communist Party of Dahomey says that the so-called theory of the three worlds is a new formula of 'peaceful coexistence' of Khrushchev. It preaches conciliation between the working class and the bourgeoisie. The Communist Party of Dahomey resolutely fights against

this new danger and fights with the same vigor against U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism."

The ATA article also goes on to speak of the support of the Communist Party of Dahomey for the Party of Labor of Albania in its defense of Marxism-Leninism and against imperialism and all reaction. ★

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# Imperialism is the eve of proletarian revolution!

"The social revolution cannot come about except as an epoch of civil war of the proletariat against the bourgeoisie in the advanced countries, combined with a whole series of democratic and revolutionary movements, including movements for national liberation, in the undeveloped, backward and oppressed nations." LENIN

## Workers' Movement

■ **JAPAN** — More than ten thousand workers and students from every part of Kyushu and other districts such as Yamaguchi and Hiroshima attended a Kyushu-district rally of youth and women workers in Oita on June 1.

Ten years have passed since the first "June 1" or "6.1 Rally" was held. In 1968, young workers rallied in Sasebo in an attempt to prevent the entry of a U.S. atomic submarine. The young workers issued the "Sasebo Appeal" which stressed, in the struggle against the "Japan-U.S. Security Treaty", the necessity to gather forces to overthrow capitalism by organizing in the workplaces, and that only in the center of production can a telling blow be given to the class enemy. Since that time, young workers, inspired by the revolutionary spirit of the "Sasebo Appeal" have rallied on June 1 of every year.

This year, young workers exposed and denounced the labor aristocrats who kneel before every sort of attack of the monopoly bourgeoisie and its government. They condemned the penetration and aggression upon Asian countries by U.S. imperialism and the Japanese monopoly bourgeoisie.

The Communist Party of Japan/Left and the Communist Youth Union of Japan (CYU) made a great contribution to the revolutionary development of the "6.1 movement." This year, the CYU distributed tens of thousands of copies of *Pioneer*, the newspaper of the CYU, and gave out a pamphlet on the "6.1 movement." The CYU enjoys wide support and sympathy from the young workers in Kyushu.

■ **SPAIN** — Four days of militant demonstrations and vicious police repression recently shook the Basque region of Spain. The violence began in Pamplona when police attacked a Basque pro-secession demonstration at the bullfights. Fighting continued for ten hours, with bank windows being smashed and cars set afire. One youth was slain. The next day several thousand mourners marched to protest the youth's death and were again attacked by police. Protest demonstrations also broke out in San Sebastian, a major Basque city.

Demonstrators built barricades in many of San Sebastian's streets. Train traffic to France was shut down because of barricades and explosions on rail lines. Rail lines had been cut by explo-



sions in six places. The protests also included strikes by customs workers in the border town of Irun and a strike of 500,000 workers in Bilbao.

■ **WEST GERMANY** — Workers and youth in West Germany recently carried out a fierce struggle to oppose a rally by neo-nazis in Frankfurt. Nazi gangs planned a demonstration in the Frankfurt city square, in collaboration with the police and the Bonn government, in order to push their anti-communist, anti-worker reactionary line. Led by the Communist Party of Germany /ML and its youth organization, anti-fascist



Anti-fascist demonstrators made their own barricades to hold off the neo-Nazis and the police. (KPD/ML photo)

workers and youths occupied the square where the rally was to take place and staged an anti-fascist rally.

A large phalanx of police along with the neo-nazi gangs savagely attacked the anti-fascist demonstrators with clubs and tear gas. Fierce fighting raged throughout the square as the anti-fascists resisted fascist attacks. More than fifty workers and youths were injured, but the nazis and their police patrons also sustained heavy casualties.

■ **CANADA** — Strikes are multiplying throughout Canada. Two thousand slaughterhouse workers at Swift in Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia went out on strike in mid-June. These workers, among the first to open negotiations since wage controls were lifted, rejected the 6% increase offered by Swift.

In construction, there are now 8,000 workers on strike in Ontario and the prairie provinces. The bosses are following a hard line in negotiations affecting 150,000 construction workers throughout the country. Taking advantage of the 50% unemployment rate in the industry, they are refusing to grant any wage increases and are attacking workers' rights won in previous years.

■ **ENGLAND** — In a blow to the reactionary Callaghan government's plan to impose even tighter wage increase limits on the British working class, 300,000 postal workers have gone out on strike. In a recent meeting with the reactionary leaders of the Trades Union Congress, Callaghan boasted that the government was going to impose a five percent wage increase limit on workers during the current round of wage negotiations "whether they like it or not."

Like the Carter government, Callaghan was planning to make an example of the workers in the public sector. This strike, which represents a rebellion against the class collaboration of the Trades Union Congress leaders with the bourgeoisie, shows British workers are determined to resist efforts to make the working class pay for the capitalist crisis.

## National Liberation

■ **ERITREA** — On June 13, the Eritrean People's Liberation Army (EPLA) crossed into the Ethiopian province of Tigray and routed enemy troops in the Enticho garrison. In a surprise attack, the EPLA killed 500 troops and captured Russian-made tanks and armored cars. The EPLA made another attack two days later on the town and destroyed the enemy garrison of nine brigades, capturing large quantities of heavy weapons.

Enticho, 25 miles from the Eritrean border, is one of the largest garrisons of the Ethiopian army stationed in Tigray and positioned for a large-scale drive into Eritrea. The EPLA's victory is significant because, in addition to destroying a strategic enemy stronghold, it has stricken terror into the hearts of enemy troops before they even set foot on Eritrean soil.

■ **PALESTINE** — Recently, the Palestine liberation forces have carried out three important attacks against the Israeli Zionist forces. The first of these attacks was against one of the main enemy garrisons on the outskirts of Haifa. A guerrilla unit exploded a powerful bomb which killed many enemy soldiers and seriously wounded a number of others.

The second attack also occurred near Haifa where a unit of patriots destroyed and did extensive damage to the Zionists' military installations. Important radio centers and communications networks were among installations destroyed. In another part of the country, the guerrillas threw a bomb into a military post which killed or wounded all of the Zionist forces manning the post. These attacks of the Palestinian fighters once more show that despite the arms supplied to the Zionists by U.S. imperialism, the people of Palestine are more determined than ever to regain their homeland.

■ **PUERTO RICO** — The people of Vieques continue to protest U.S. Navy control of their small island six miles east of Puerto Rico. In early July, approximately 100 people entered and occupied restricted Navy lands. They set up an agricultural camp and planted a variety of local fruits and vegetables. The demonstrators challenged the Navy's occupation of 75% of the island and dramatized the productive potential of the land.

The action broadened the protest activities at Vieques, which have previously centered on fishermen's challenges to naval control and the destruction of their fishing areas.

People have been killed at Vieques and wounded by explosions of mines, and the noise of the bombing disrupts life day and night. While productive land is destroyed, unemployment is about 70%, forcing young people to leave and look elsewhere for work.

The protests have forced the governor of Puerto Rico to file a suit to prevent the Navy and Marine Corps from conducting military operations on or around Vieques. The fishermen also filed suit, demanding not only an end to the bombing but a return of their land and \$10,000 in damages for each resident.

## Socialist Construction

■ **ALBANIA** — In its program for the development and strengthening of the socialist economy, the Party of Labor of Albania (PLA) has always pursued a correct Marxist-Leninist line, giving the main place to setting up, extending, strengthening and modernizing industry. In each five-year plan, the overwhelming part of state investments has gone to industry. For the sixth five-year plan (1976-1980), investments for the further development of industry were increased by 51% over the preceding plan. In Albania, the industrial production of 1938 is now accomplished in less than four days. Between 1960 and 1975, industrial production increased almost 400%.

At a time when many countries in the world continue to experience a grave energy crisis, Albania has managed to meet fully the growing demands of the country for combustibles, fuels, lubricants and electricity.

Though giving priority to heavy industry, the PLA has never neglected the development of industry for the production of consumer goods. By 1980, the local production of consumer goods will meet over 90% of the needs of the people. The development of industry has created the material and financial resources for the capital investment necessary for the realization of the program of the PLA for vigorous and all-round socialist progress according to the principle of self-reliance.