

# JUNE 19 IS NEGRO NATION DAY

Juneteenth, Negro Nation Day, is an important, revolutionary holiday for the USNA working class. It signifies the struggle of the Negro people for national liberation and equality. For the Anglo-American proletariat it must be a day on which they rededicate themselves to the struggle for the independence of the Negro Nation and militant solidarity with the Negro people.

## NO MORE BOSTONS - SUPPORT BUSING

While the standard of living of the vast majority of people continues to drop, a particularly ugly spectre is on the rise across the country. In this year of the "Bicentennial," from coast to coast we are witnessing the coordinated actions of numerous fascist gangs - the Ku Klux Klan, the Nazis, the Posse Comitatus and ROAR, to name a few.

In Boston, hundreds of armed members of the paramilitary "South Boston Marshalls" attacked Negro national minority construction workers. In Washington DC, the national parks service has issued a permit allowing the Nazis to hold a "Bicentennial Demonstration" on July 3rd across the street from the White House. In New Orleans, a Negro student leader was killed by Klansmen after leaving a dance in support of Gary Tyler, who is being framed on murder charges.

In the west and southwest the fascists have been doing their dirty work too. In San Diego the Ku Klux Klan recently sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors. They announced plans to hold a "White Rights Rally" and organize "college students, dispossessed white working class elements, small businessmen and others." This letter contained a North Hollywood post office box as an address.

The Klan in San Diego has

## SUPPORT THE NAVAJO PEOPLE

"I don't think the people of Apache County are going to sit back and let a bunch of Indians run the County."

These are the words of Mitchell Platt, attorney for Apache County, Arizona. Platt is responding to a February, 1976 federal court decision that ordered the county to reapportion its supervisor districts "to protect the voting rights of nearly 24,000 Indians residing on the Navajo Reservation".

The federal court held that the 1972 Arizona reapportionment of Apache County violated the Voting

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## SUPPORT RUBBER WORKERS STRIKE

The strike of 70,000 rubber workers has entered its 6th week. The workers' militancy is increasing as the battle goes on.

Teamster drivers crossing United Rubber Workers picket lines prompted Los Angeles Firestone workers to throw

up a mass picket. Fifty uniformed cops were called in by the company to break it up, an arrest was made, and an injunction has been slapped on the workers.

Twenty-seven striking Goodyear workers including the vice president of the

local union were thrown in jail and fired by Goodyear after a four hour clash with police in Marysville, Ohio. These Ohio strikers had been trying to prevent scabbing salary workers from entering the plant. The violent outburst ensued when police were called in against the strikers.

In Salinas, California, Firestone workers were hit with an injunction limiting picketing after they successfully prevented office workers from entering the plant.

Non-union salary workers at the Firestone and Goodyear plants in Los Angeles continue to produce tires and railway supervisors drive trains in and out of the plant twice a day.

The government, and one of the most vicious enemies of workers throughout the world, the Rubber Barons of Akron, Ohio are moving against the workers. The bourgeoisie has raised the spectre of using the Taft-Hartley Act. Despite the limited production of tires that is still proceeding, by June the auto industry will be affected when tire stockpiles run out. The Ford Administration has made it clear that if auto plants are shut down as a result of the strike then the government "is considering" the Taft-Hartley Act.

Under this outright fascist law the government has the power to subject unions to its control by intervening in labor struggles under the pretext of guaranteeing "national welfare and security". The government can force the rubber and auto workers back to work and break the strike.

In this period of thousands of contract disputes across the country, the capitalist class has embarked upon a real anti-labor, union busting campaign. The Taft-Hartley Act is one of the bourgeoisie's most lethal weapons, a threat that hangs over all organized labor today. The demand NO TAFT-HARTLEY must be taken up by all workers if we are to defend our standard of living.

### FIGHT FOR JOBS! FREE THE NEGRO NATION!

The rubber companies have openly threatened the jobs of the striking workers. By now most workers have received or seen the letter Goodyear sent out to all its employees. In the letter Goodyear writes: "The company loses business. But what really hurts - and it really ought to hurt you, too, if

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also pledged to fight against Affirmative Action programs. The KKK endorsed a woman running on the American Independent Party ticket for state assembly in San Diego. She appeared at a news conference wearing a pin in the shape of a noose and gladly accepted

the endorsement!

But nowhere in the Anglo-American nation are the fascists moving quicker than in Los Angeles. There have been more than twenty-five cross burnings in the last month in L.A. County. The

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THUGS ATTACK NEGRO LAWYER IN FRONT OF BOSTON'S CITY HALL

## BROWN:

### SAME OLD POLITICS IN NEW PACKAGE

The month of June begins with several important presidential primaries having just been held in the West and Southwest. Several important primaries are also soon to be held. These primaries are significant political events. The results should be analyzed carefully by all progressive workers.

The Texas primary was held at the beginning of last month. On May 25, Nevada, Oregon and Idaho held their primaries. On June 1st, Montana and South Dakota will hold theirs. The most significant of all promises to be the June 8th primary in California. This primary will greatly influence - and may determine - who wins the Democratic and Republican nominations for president.

As the "campaign trail" has extended to the Negro Nation and the Southwest there has been a noticeable move to the right on the part of all the candidates. It is significant that Reagan's first two victories over Ford were scored in North Carolina (in the Negro Nation) and in Texas. It should come as no surprise that it was in Texas - in the heart of the oppressed Southwest region - that Reagan began his attacks on Panama.

All over the West and Southwest people feel the effects of the economic and political crisis of capitalism. From El Paso to San

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## ENERGY &amp; THE SOUTHWEST

## WHAT'S BEHIND PROPOSITION 15?

Nowadays it seems that everywhere you go in California you can see billboards and bumper stickers saying "No on Proposition 15 - Stop the Nuclear Shutdown - Save Jobs." Millions upon millions of dollars are being spent by the "energy industry" (utilities, oil monopolies, etc.) in a campaign to persuade voters that Proposition 15 is against our interests - particularly around the question of jobs. The fact is that the energy industry is the most capital-intensive (employing more machines than labor) sector of the economy tying up 21% of the capital of the 500 largest corporations, but providing only 4.5% of the jobs.

Utility companies as a rule only employ one worker per \$225,000 invested, while manufacturing in general employs one worker for every \$30,000 invested (1971 US Census Bureau). The energy industry is saying that the passage of Proposition 15 would cause a loss of many jobs in construction of nuclear power plants. But the safety measures necessary for nuclear power plants would create more jobs, because ensuring safety in itself creates jobs. The one billion dollars spent now to build one nuclear power plant for instance could create many more jobs if spent in construction work aimed at making buildings, both residential and commercial, more efficient in their use of heat energy.

In the face of these facts, the position that George Meany, AFL-CIO President, has taken against Proposition 15, can only be explained by saying he has the interests of corporate profits at heart, rather than getting safe, productive jobs for all workers. The Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers Union (OCAW), however, came out in support of Proposition 15, as they know from daily experience the need for safety in the nuclear industry.

Proposition 15 essentially calls for a halt to construction of nuclear power plants until their safety can be guaranteed by (1) full insurance compensation in the event of an accident (today insurance companies refuse to insure nuclear power plants), and (2) a vote of 2/3 of the state legislature expressing confidence in the reactor safety systems and waste storage systems.

## WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR REACTORS?

Nuclear reactors produce electricity by using uranium to create a low level chain reaction explosion. One of the main dangers is that this reaction can get out of hand and become as powerful as an atomic bomb. A 1964 report indicated that such an accident could kill 45,000 people and injure 500,000 not to mention causing high levels of cancer for years to come. The safeguards for atomic reactors

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## BUDGET CRISIS IN OAKLAND

Giant billboards carrying the message of Oakland's politicians: "Vote YES on R and S 'SAVE OAKLAND'" grace the city's working class neighborhoods and bus stops these days as the city prepares to divide up around the question of the two charter amendments on the June 8th ballot.

Backed by a loan of \$20,000 from United California Bank, Oakland Mayor John Reading and powerful Port Commissioner, Harry Lange, head the SAVE OAKLAND COMMITTEE, which has pulled out all stops in an attempt to win these two amendments to the city charter. R and S if passed, would "reform" (this means CUT!) the pay scales of police and firemen by eliminating them from a Bay area scale index and in addition, decrease their pension and retirement benefits.

What makes these amendments more crucial to the working class of Oakland is the "retribution" guaranteed by city officials if these measures fail. The gang at city hall, led by Mayor Reading, has threatened mammoth budget cuts for the fiscal year '76-'77 if wage and benefits of police and firemen aren't curbed by passage of R and S.

Using highly inflated figures from a "new" actuary firm they contend that 198% of existing salaries (or \$38.5 million) must be transferred from the general city fund to the police and firemen funds if R and S fail. This, say Oakland's politicians, will result in a \$13 million deficit unless \$8 million worth of vital ser-

vices are slashed from the budget.

It won't take more than a second to figure out who these budget cuts will affect -- Oakland's working class!!!

1. Layoffs of municipal and CETA workers (notices will be mailed by end of May. City Hall won't release any figures as to how many workers will be laid off, but a federal law stipulates that CETA workers in the same job classifications as laid-off municipal workers, lose their jobs too!)

2. Closing of 5 branch libraries and curtailing of services of main branch.

3. Elimination of after-school and cultural programs for youth.

4. Reduction of housing inspection and code enforcement services.

5. Closing of police and fire stations in certain working class neighborhoods.

Workers in Oakland are being asked either to vote out benefits for police and firemen or vote in further misery for ourselves and our children -- cuts that attack our already plummeting standard of living. This "choice" in reality, is of course, no choice at all!

Oakland is part of Alameda County and in this county alone it has been estimated that as of 1970, half of all the people who rented homes or apartments and one quarter of all homeowners "endured 'unsatisfactory living conditions' because they either paid too much rent or lacked sufficient living space". (Oakland Tribune, May 17, 1976).

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## STATEMENT ON 25th CONGRESS OF CPSU

The 25th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union was held under conditions of a markedly improved international position of the USSR, a sharp upturn of the Soviet economy, and a turn toward re-establishing the prestige of the CPSU. The report by General Secretary Brezhnev to the Congress should be studied not only by comrades, but by all progressives interested not only in world communism, but in the effects that the Congress is bound to have on left politics within the United States of North America.

The Congress was held under certain conditions nationally and internationally which should be examined in order to really understand the full meaning of the political line of the CPSU.

What, fundamentally, is the international setting for the Congress. First of all, the entire situation is today moulded by the international economic crisis. This crisis should be characterized as an especially acute cyclical crisis occurring during an intensified stage of the general crisis of world capitalism. The economic crisis is one of over-production. However, it is the first major crisis since the liquidation of direct colonialism and the economic protection which that system provided for the various national industrial capitalists. This crisis is especially acute because commodities can no longer be dumped on protected markets. Today there is a world market and despite the operations of cartels, monopolies and international financial combines, this market cannot be manipulated except by working with the laws of value. This inevitably means that the USNA with its vastly superior productive capacity, will continue to consolidate the world market at the expense of especially Britain, France, Japan, Germany and Italy. In these countries the only method of fighting back is the revolutionization of the means of production, which requires USNA financial assistance, and the harsh intensification of the labor process, which cannot be accomplished without fascism. However, industrial, urban Europe, with its growing proletariat, its peoples tempered in the struggles of the 1940's is not likely to fall prey to a fascist offensive. The ruling class rather fears that the mass resistance to fascism will create the environment for social revolution. This is already the experience of the Italian political struggle characterized by the mass strikes and demonstrations against fascist violence.

While the birth of the Soviet Union marked the beginning of the general crisis of world capitalism, its intensified stage was achieved by the results of World War II and the emancipation of China. With one third of the world withdrawn from the capitalist market and with a dramatic revolutionization of the means of production within the capitalist world, this general crisis entered its intensified stage.

This situation will inevitably mean the even more rapid shifting of basic industry into the neocolonies to take advantage of the cheap labor and close proximity of raw materials, not to mention the shifting of environmental destruction to the backward nations. The consequences of such a move however is the resurgence of a national liberation movement. This time with its new proletariat in leadership and its slogan—the Dictatorship of the Proletariat.

It should also be noted that the trade between the neocolonies and the semicolonies and the USNA has fallen off due to the crisis. The USNA protectionist policy calls for the cutting off of imports of most raw materials when there is a glut on the market. This assures the shifting of the burden of the crisis to the backs of workers in the less developed countries. However, this policy has led to the resurgence of the national liberation movement and the leftward motion of the leadership of the semicolonies.

The situation in China is also heavily affected by the economic crisis. In fact, the removal of Teng from the leadership is a direct result of the crisis. The grouping around Teng, following Krushchev's outlook that reliance upon the economic strength of the USNA was the most rapid way of industrializing the country, was left out on the limb by the consequences of the economic crisis in the USNA.

The Teng group necessarily made political concessions in order to assure USNA and Japanese assistance in the development of Chinese industrialization. This reckless policy has thrown China's foreign policy into the arms of the fascists at home and abroad. It is clear that such policy has led to the decisive defeat of China in its international ideological debate with the USSR. The political expression of this defeat has been a dramatic shift in especially Africa and Latin America toward reliance on the USSR instead of China.

The keystone of imperialist policy has been the reencirclement of the USSR by the USNA, Japan, China and the Federal Republic of Germany. The international crisis has made especially Japan and Germany take second looks at a Soviet Union that is the number one producer of oil and steel in the world. At the same time, the prospects of the development of such an alliance has compelled the USSR to go shopping for friends. This could only be accomplished by a left turn in the international policies of the Soviets.

It is clear that the relations between the Soviets and the USNA are undergoing a certain readjustment and erosion. Based on the crisis and the need to further militarize the economy, the cold warriors are again coming to the political forefront. This is 1976 not 1950, the idea of the cold war does not have the same implications as before. Before, the imperialists had considerable maneuvering room as the incessant wars have shown. Today, there is no small country to go to war against and the cold war could and probably would turn into a hot one very soon.

The position of the Soviets is different today. The destruction of WWII has been overcome and the military position of the Soviets is formidable. The new generation of Soviet missiles and bombers prompted then Secretary of Defense Schlesinger to report "The Soviet Union...now deploys a strategic nuclear capability far beyond anything required by the theories of minimum deterrence. Her peripheral attack forces are such as to be able to take under attack every significant target in Western Europe. Her central strategic systems are sufficiently large in number so that she could strike at a substantial number of military targets in the United States and still withhold a very large force whose future use we would have to consider in responding." (*Annual Defense Department Report*, Feb. 5, 1975, Page 11-12)

The imperialist catastrophe in Southeast Asia brought about a general decline in US influence throughout the area. It is small wonder that Brezhnev could report with confidence, the international position of the Soviet Union has never been so solid.

In this international context, let us examine the report by Brezhnev and attempt to fathom out — whether the Soviet Union?

## Soviet Socialism

It might be well to start out with some fundamental considerations of the historic role of the dictatorship of the proletariat. The role of the dictatorship is to do away with the previous conditions and guide society on its revolutionary path to communism. The landmarks along this path are the elimination of the distinction between mental and manual labor, the elimination of the distinction between town and country, and the elimination of the polarity represented by wealth and privileges. The elimination of these privileges is contained in the communist slogan "to each according to his need." The revolutionary creating of communist man, implies the abolishing of the division of labor (which is the basis for classes and privileges) and the subsequent liquidation of ideology. All the rhetoric from either side of the fence will not substitute for a concrete examination of how the social polarity, inherited from centuries of class oppression is being institutionalized or liquidated.

First of all, the distinction between town and country is hardly being done away with. Moscow today boasts of nearly 7 million people with a subsequent concentration of commerce and wealth.

Secondly, is the distinction between hand and mental labor being liquidated? Obviously it is not. As in no other country a worker has the opportunity to elevate himself from worker to technician or even into the privileged elite, but it is clear that the polarity between the intellectual, the technical and cultural intelligencia, on the one hand and the people on the other is growing and becoming an institution in Soviet life.

Communism is not possible without the elimination of the various distinctions that arise on the basis of the division of labor. The only measure we have on the correctness or incorrectness of state policy is how it effects this struggle for communism. It is on this basis that we have and are judging the policies of the CPSU.

Because of the importance of the position of the CPSU, the coming issues of the *Western Worker* will carry articles dealing with the various sections of the Congress report in greater depth and details.

## COACHELLA

## STRUGGLE FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION CONTINUES

The struggle of the farm-worker community of Coachella, California, for quality, bilingual education and for the dismissal of two teachers, Jean Coffy and Don Cochran for child abuse and molesting, is still going strong. The progressive Community Committee for Alternates in Education (CCAIE) has begun a one day a week school boycott to raise the demand for quality education.

The Coachella Valley Board of Education has very clearly shown that the interests of our children's education is not what they have at heart. Not only have they failed to take full action against the two rotten teachers, but they have recently fired four of the school districts best, most progressive teachers.

These four teachers were fired because they fought for quality bilingual education and supported the demands of the CCAIE to get rid of those teachers who were abusing the children. Three of these teachers were bilingual, and the other taught special educational programs for the retarded.

The School Board said that the four progressive teachers were fired for being a "bad influence" on the children. Earlier these teachers had been reassigned out of their classrooms because, according to Mr. Elrod of the Board of Education, "other teachers threatened to walk off their jobs."

When confronted at a meeting by the CCAIE, Elrod expressed concern for ending the school boycott - not because he wanted to improve the education in Coachella - but because the school district was losing \$620,000 for the one day a week boycott.

As a reaction to the unity of the parents in the boycott, a so-called "Parents Concerned" committee, a mock community organization made up of conservative and reactionary teachers, and backed by the valley's large ranchers and agribusiness interests was formed. One teacher wrote a letter to the press stating that the parents were the cause of bad education.

The local chapter of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) has refused to give fair representation to the four CCAIE teachers and had circulated a petition to have their teaching credentials taken away. Three weeks ago, the state level of the AFT told the local that by law they had to give any dues-paying member fair representation. Now the local is paying lip service to this duty.

Bilingual Education  
in Coachella

Underlying the workers struggle for better education in Coachella has been

the burning question of bilingual education. One of the children beaten by Jean Coffy was hit because he didn't respond to commands given in English. He spoke only Spanish. The CCAIE was formed to improve bilingual education in the schools. The bilingual program had first been brought up to the school district by the CCAIE.

The Board of Education has stalled and has never made an effort to review the bilingual program and have it implemented. When the issue of having Coffy and Cochran dismissed first came up, the Board had the nerve to say on the radio that they were the ones who had brought forth the bilingual program and were going to

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## ALASKA CANNERY WORKERS FIGHT FOR EQUALITY

Since 1973, the Alaskan Cannery Workers Association has been waging a struggle against low paying and degrading work, and segregated housing and dining facilities in the Alaskan salmon industry. Minority workers, predominately Filipino and Native Americans make up over 60% of the work force but have historically been barred from such jobs as machinists, fishermen, tendermen, and beach gang.

Oppression and exploitation existed for minority workers in the Alaskan salmon industry from the building of its first cannery in 1878. Chinese and Japanese workers were first recruited to work in the fish canneries but eventually were excluded by the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1924. The salmon industry was in need of a new source of labor.

The colonial oppression of the Philippines brought many Filipino workers to the west coast in search of jobs. Many of these workers came in search of the "American Dream" but were met with anti-miscegenation laws, anti-minority land owning laws, along with other examples of the white chauvinism and discrimination faced by minority workers. Another reason that made the Filipino worker available for exploitation is that since the Philippines was a "protectorate of the US" it didn't have imposed immigration quotas.

Filipino workers were the major source of labor in the salmon industry by the 1920's. They faced the same discriminatory practices that were previously directed against Chinese and Japanese workers.

Low pay, long hours, and segregated conditions were what these workers had to face. Against these intolerable conditions the cannery

workers organized. In 1933, the Cannery Workers and Farm laborers Union was organized. In 1938, this union became the United Cannery, Agricultural and Packinghouse Workers of America. It was recognized as the most militant union of its time and in this same year the UCAPAWA led the largest contingent in the Seattle May Day parade. The UCAPAWA also had to fight against fascist, vigilante groups that formed to keep the workers divided in Auburn and Yakima, Washington and Watsonville, California.

We can see that the fight of Filipino and other minority cannery workers has been a long and valiant struggle. It is in this spirit that the Alaskan Cannery Workers Association continues to fight. Besides working in the Alaskan canneries during the two month salmon season and working within the union for greater democracy for rank and file workers, the ACWA has been fighting for adequate housing and health facilities in the International District of Seattle. They have been fighting against the growing encroachment into the International District by the Dome Stadium. The ACWA has also been instrumental in getting workers from Asia into construction trades that have traditionally been denied minority workers.

The Communist Labor Party supports the struggle for equality being waged by the Alaskan Cannery Workers Association. The fight for equality of national minority workers is a foremost task of the whole working class. Our history is rich with many examples of workers of all nationalities fighting against discrimination and for a decent life for all workers. Carry this history forward under the banner of JOBS, PEACE AND EQUALITY!

## HELP WANTED

The Texas Farm Workers' Union is planning to strike against the state's melon growers again this year. We expect that there will be arrests and other legal complications just as there were last year.

We are asking for volunteer lawyers and law students to join us this summer and help us obtain social justice for farm workers.

The only requirement is a desire to help those that for far too many years have been exploited and oppressed.

To join us, please contact:

Texas Farm Workers' Union  
P.O. Box 876  
San Juan, Texas 78589  
Tele. 512-787-5984

## SUPPORT TEXAS FARMWORKERS

Recently, the Texas Farm Workers Union (TFWU) announced that it is planning to strike the melon growers of the state of Texas. On April 23rd - shortly after this announcement was made - 2 pick-up trucks drove up to the headquarters of the TFWU in San Juan and fired more than 5 shotgun blasts inside. Luckily no one was injured, but damage was done to some of the buildings' structures.

In May 1975 farmworker organizers in Texas organized a general strike of the melon harvest. After one month this strike was supported by 3,000 farm workers. On May 26, 1975, an incident took place which received national publicity. C.L. Miller, a Hidalgo grower, fired a shotgun at a group of farmworkers, wounding eleven.

The latest cowardly attack on the TFWU headquarters building shows that the upcoming melon strike will also be very bitter. We urgently appeal to all our comrades and friends to energetically support the Texas farmworkers. We urge our readers to publicize their cause. We cannot allow the Texas farmworkers to stand alone against the big growers and the Texas Rangers.

The TFWU is especially in need of money. We appeal to our readers to hold fundraisers for the TFWU and to send the money to the address above.

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majority of these have been directed against Negro national minority families in integrated neighborhoods and at integrated schools with successful busing programs.

The Klan and Nazis haven't limited their terror just towards the Negro national minority. As J. Robert Jones, head of the KKK in North Carolina recently stated: "I don't associate with niggers. But on the other hand I don't associate with common white trash, or Jews, or Catholics if I can help it." In Los Angeles, they have lived up to their words. Their only "association" is in the middle of the night when they make their cowardly attacks. In Los Angeles they have burned crosses, painted swastikas and firebombed the homes of Eastern Europeans, Anglo-Americans, Jews, Japanese and Mexican national minorities as well.

It is no accident that these attacks come at a time when the U.S. Supreme Court is preparing to rule on Pasadena's busing program and the California Supreme Court is to rule on L.A. school integration. The actions of the federal government are encouraging and spurring on Klan violence. While President Ford and every major presidential candidate speaks out against busing, Attorney General Levi is threatening to intervene in the Louisville and Boston school integration cases on the side of the reactionaries. The Attorney General is talking about asking the Supreme Court to overrule busing. This will give the green light to every fascist thug in the USNA to commit terror against the Negro people.

### BUSTOP

In Los Angeles, the Klan and the capitalists behind them are trying to broaden the base which supports their fascist policies. Today they try to play on the democratic sentiments of the people. The recently formed "BUSTOP" group in L.A. and the "Stocktonians United for Neighborhood Schools" in Stockton, California are perfect examples of this.

Public officials are playing a large role in contributing to these white chauvinist groups that are organizing. Two of the leaders of Bustop are California state senator Allen Robbins and L.A. school district member Richard Ferraro. They cover their real intentions by announcing that they support "quality integrated education" and believe in using "the democratic process to implement its positions." They even talk about "the just rights of minorities."

School administrators allow Bustop meetings at public schools. Leaflets are even sent home with children announcing these meetings.

One look at Los Angeles - one of the most segregated cities in the USNA - shows that integration can only be achieved through school busing. The leadership of Bustop knows this very well. The issue

isn't school transportation - it's equality for Negroes and other national minorities. We ask the leaders of Bustop: where were you when busing was used in LA, FOR SEGREGATION? The strong opposition erupts when busing is used to integrate the schools! Bustop opposes the national minorities' struggle for equality. It cannot help but lay the basis for violence and another "Boston" - everywhere these groups are formed this happens.

The fascist gangs and Klansmen in business suits must be stopped. If another Boston or Louisville develops in Los Angeles-workers' struggle for equal rights, for jobs, for peace, and against the attacks on our living standards will be crippled.

The class nature of our society is being obscured by groups like Bustop. They are quick to talk about "forced busing" or "black against white". But all workers and progressives must demand busing for integration. To oppose busing is to support segregation.

In Louisville earlier this year the capitalists were able to use the issue of busing to deepen the split between workers. They skillfully used white chauvinism on the eve of major contract struggles there - thus severely weakening the position of the workers to bargain collectively.

In Los Angeles rubber workers are currently on strike. In the coming months tens of thousands more workers in auto, garment, electronics and other industries face crucial contract negotiations in LA and across the country.

The tactics of the capitalists are clear for all to see. It must be equally clear to every Anglo-American worker that unless they unite with the demands of the Negro workers for busing, all the workers will be defeated in the upcoming contract negotiations.

### THE STATE

Many people are asking: who are the cross-burners and fascist forces and how are they operating? Are they a bunch of "kooks" or are they backed up by the government? A few brief examples will tell us the answer.

Senate hearings and FBI testimony recently revealed that, during the 60's, the FBI sent hundreds of agents into the ranks of the KKK - supposedly to disrupt and curtail their activities. The result was a very large increase in Klan membership and the outright murders of civil rights activists.

In Birmingham, Alabama during the upsurge of the Negro People's Liberation movement of the 60's, the FBI had an agreement with the Klan not to interfere for 30 minutes while the Klan attacked civil rights demonstrators. The head of the local FBI office at that time was Clarence Kelly, present director of the FBI!

In Los Angeles, the FBI states that the cross-burnings are the work of "juvenile pranksters." LA Police

Chief Davis echoes this lie and blames the increase of these incidents on the progressive forces who are publicizing the cross-burnings and defending the victims!

This is not surprising in a city where scores of Negro national minority youth have been murdered by the police. What kind of credibility can Chief Davis have when he is the guest speaker before the fascist John Birch Society, when he announces that he is preparing his police for food riots and against workers' strikes? The LAPD and the FBI are just as fascist as the cross-burners!


In Los Angeles, workers and progressives are organizing to stop the fascist gangs. Rallies and forums have been held denouncing the cross-burnings and demanding defense of the victims. Many organizations have spoken before the School Board in support of busing.

The time IS ripe - not for the KKK and Nazis - but for the millions upon millions of honest and decent people from all walks of life to unite our just struggles into one common front.

Dozens of organizations - of parents, car clubs, NAACP chapters, Democratic clubs, are seeing the need to do just this. All across the country people are forming Equal Rights councils made up of various organizations. On Labor Day in Chicago, a national Equal Rights Congress will be held.

We urge all those involved in the struggle against the Klan in Los Angeles, San Diego and elsewhere to attend that Congress! For more information write:

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Jose, national minority youth are being gunned down by the police. The Texas Farmworkers Union (TFWU) is organizing both documented and undocumented workers and bitterly fighting the growers. In Los Angeles, the KKK has started a rampage of cross burnings and threats. Are any of the candidates speaking to these issues? No.

Just look at the California campaign. California is a state where one million people are unemployed, where thousands of deportations have taken place, and where major strikes are going on. But instead of a serious political discussion, the primary has become a popularity contest. One candidate says you should vote for him because he has "charisma." Another candidate says you should vote for him because he is a "new face" and is untarnished by Washington bureaucracy.

One of these so-called "new faces" running is California's governor, Jerry Brown. Brown is considered the front runner in the California race. During his 16 months in office he has stirred up quite a bit of controversy and has been called everything from "socialist orientated" to a "closet Reaganite". Who is Jerry Brown and what does he represent?

Jerry Brown is the son of Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, who was governor of California

from 1958-66. Jerry Brown spent 3 years in a Jesuit seminary and then went to the University of California and Yale Law School. Some of his supporters have made much of the fact that he worked (for a short time) in the civil rights movement in Mississippi, helped organize the McCarthy peace slate for the 1968 California primary, and marched with Cesar Chavez in the Coachella Valley in 1969. In 1970, Brown was elected secretary of state in California. He was one of the people most active in supporting Proposition 9, a measure which restricted campaign spending and the activities of lobbyists in Sacramento.

In 1974, shortly after "Impeachment Summer," when the arch-criminal Richard Nixon resigned from the presidency in disgrace, Brown ran for the governorship. He skillfully utilized the great sense of disgust which all democratic-minded people of this country felt over the actions of Nixon and his gang. He tried to portray himself as a "reformer" and a "progressive" who was attempting to clean up California politics. He played up his support of Proposition 9. He was elected governor, narrowly defeating his Republican opponent.

Brown immediately got himself a good deal of statewide and even national attention by certain dramatic actions. He made a big show of

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NATIONAL LAND GRANT CONVENTION

## ALIANZA FEDERAL DE MERCEDES

On the anniversary of the ratification of the solemn treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo of 1848 between the U.S. and Mexico which ended the war between the two nations pursuant to article VI of the U.S. Constitution, the U.S.A. has failed to fulfill her obligations, undertaken under the treaty and the protocol, to respect the legal value of Spanish and Mexican landgrants and protect the descendants of former Mexican citizens in their liberty and property rights. Over 10,000,000 Americans of Mexican descent

and Indians have lost their lands because their heritage over land rights has been abrogated. Welcome to this great convention all our brothers and sisters, members, friends and participants of the Alianza Federal de Mercedes. Join us Saturday and Sunday from 9AM to 5:30 PM.

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## CELEBRATE NEGRO NATION DAY

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3256 E. 14th St.  
(near Fruitvale)  
Speeches &  
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Los Angeles, Calif.  
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Who Are They? How  
Can We Stop Them?"  
Forum - Friday,  
June 4th, 7:30 PM  
Embassy Auditorium  
843 S. Grand Ave.  
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## STOP FOODSTAMP CUTS

The Ford Administration has announced that at least 5 million people will be taken off food stamps on June 1 in order to save \$1.2 billion.

38 million workers in the USNA make so little that they are eligible for this program. Yet the application procedure is so cumbersome and information so hard to get that only half that number (19 million) receive stamps now.

At the same time the Ford Administration has asked for over \$113 billion for direct military expenditure and much more in hidden appropriations to maintain over 1000 military bases abroad and to keep the military industries rolling in big profit at the expense of the working class.

Just recently Ford asked for an extra \$1.2 billion for the Navy for some fancy ship - the same amount he wants to take away from the hungry. Ford says that the cuts in food stamps are to eliminate "cheaters" in the system. Yet even the Department of Agriculture reported in 1974 that fraudulent claims accounted for less than 1 in 1000 food stamp recipients.

## NEW PROVISIONS

The current food stamp program allows for a system of monthly deductions for

such items as taxes, work-related expenses up to \$30, medical and tuition costs, child care, alimony and support costs, and excess shelter costs.

But the new rules call for a standard, monthly deduction of \$100, and \$125 for elderly, no matter what other extraordinary expenses the family may have.

Another key feature of the new rules is a provision called the "90-day retrospective accounting theory". Instead of measuring eligibility based on your current need, as the food stamp program now does, it would measure eligibility on the basis of your need over the last 3 months. This provision will particularly affect the newly unemployed and strikers.

The purchase price of food stamps will also be raised by 25%, from the present average of 24% to 30% of their income in cash to get monthly stamp allotments.

These cuts are part of the bourgeoisie's drive to "cut the government down to size." But this surgery only takes place in the few programs that serve the working class: especially the unemployed and underemployed, the old, the young, the sick and disabled.

While these food stamp cuts were being announced,

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## SUPPORT THE MOLDERS' STRIKE

Below we are reprinting excerpts from a letter we received from two members of the International Molders and Allied Workers (AFL-CIO). The molders strike which began in early April is just one example of the hard fight the organized section of the labor movement is waging against the capitalist class. We would like to thank the molders for their letter and pledge the molders strike our continuing support.

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For the past eight weeks foundry workers in the International Molders and Allied Workers Union have been on strike. Over the past 25 years there has basically been no change in the foundries. Working conditions are extremely dangerous and wages and benefits are close to nothing. The foundries make millions of dollars every year, every three years we expect a change for the better and always we get NOTHING. Our dental plan is so bad that it pays the tax on the bill we pay. Our cost of living plan is about 3¢ raise a year, and this raise is taken from our pension plan. This is why we have been forced to strike. The time is now that the company pay the bills for our health.

Finally in 1976 the brothers and sisters have gotten together to demand a decent contract to protect our lives,

lungs and our babies. We don't want our children to suffer like we've been suffering under this capitalist system.

Foundry workers of all nationalities, Negro, Mexican, Portuguese, Anglo, many can't read in English, in order to have all the workers understand what's going on, we have demanded that the company and union business be translated. We have had union meetings translated and our unity as workers of all nationalities has grown 10 times greater.

Our current strike includes 54 shops from California to Washington. In the eight weeks of our strike, the police have become a daily problem. At the Vulcan foundry in Oakland we have seen up to 50 police trying to break our picket lines with clubs and escorts for the trucks. In Berkeley 15 brothers were arrested, but were back on the picket line in 1 hour. 19 brothers in Oregon and Washington have also been arrested.

After six weeks of no production for the Abex plant in Oakland, the owners were forced to move their work to another Abex plant. A truck was loaded but the engine was mysteriously missing parts. So the Southern Pacific Railroad was called in, but the workers wouldn't cross the picket line. Only with 50 police and 15 railroad police agents, helicopters and paddy wagons were they able to move one freight car in and out of the plant. We didn't stop here: we mobilized at the next union meeting to

go to the Denver Abex Shop and stop the scab work on the freight. With 500 members at the meeting, we unanimously passed a resolution to enforce a section of our constitution prohibiting sister shops from making struck work through executive order, and also got matching funds to finance the trip to Denver. The workers in Denver refused to unload the struck goods and the freight was off to St. Louis or Chicago to try again. This trip showed the strength of the union when the members have a say in it and raised the call for a National Contract. Our international Vice President who agreed with the trip never got the executive order and has not reimbursed us.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has also been attacking the strike. Two brothers in San Leandro were taken off the picket line, and deported. The owners of H.C. Macaulay sent a letter to Immigration to inquire about the status of one of the most active rank and file leaders of the strike, also asking the Immigration to help weed out undocumented workers. The borders are open to the rich; we must fight to open them to workers at all times.

The International representatives Jerry Leggs and George McIntyre joined the attack against the strike. A package deal was made behind the backs of the Bay area negotiators. To scare us

into a vote for an inadequate contract we were threatened to have our Local taken over by the International through trusteeship. They said that any worker who speaks his mind and participates in the union is a communist. We know that Communists are the finest members of the working class who have fought and died to build democratic unions. In the face of these threats, the three states overwhelmingly voted down the latest proposal 1029 to 633.

Fellow workers, we in the Molders Union are strong and intelligent. We love our brothers and sisters dearly. We, like workers everywhere, are sick and tired of being treated like fools. Life itself is calling us to the front lines; we must once and for all unite ourselves and defend our working class who produces all and receives only enough to continue producing.

Since our strike at least 500 members attend every union meeting, and every honest motion is passed unanimously. The capitalists and their agents know that this is just the beginning of what is to come. This threat to take over our union is a serious matter. We must immediately form Equal Rights Committees in our shops to spearhead a defense of our union and stop any attacks on the rank and file.

Brothers and sisters we are moving with the wave of history united for our liberation. Nothing can stop us.

# OAKLAND

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From San Francisco to New York City, the bourgeoisie yells "BUDGET CRISIS!" and the first proposed cut backs are those that directly affect workers. Many cuts are in the areas of public facilities, which, while across the board and thereby affecting every worker who uses them -- are a direct blow to the very survival of the national minorities since these services are already minimal in their neighborhoods. In Oakland, all of the proposed library shut-downs will be in the "flat lands" and the police and fire stations to be closed are in East and West Oakland, predominately national minority areas. Further attacks on national minorities are being proposed by Mayor Reading and his bunch for this year: They plan to take "community development" money designated for expansion and uplifting of services for certain neighborhoods, and use it merely to maintain existing facilities (meanwhile \$1.5 million sits unused in a "parking lot only" fund!).

The attacks on national minorities are not limited to their standard of living but are a matter of life and death. The number of police murders of national minority youth and workers in the Oakland-Bay Area in the past few years is staggering -- Tyrone Guyton and Danny Trevino are but two of the latest additions to this blood-stained list.

Perhaps the strongest weapon the bourgeoisie possesses at this time against the united resistance of our class is the fostering of chauvinist divisions in our class which prevents us from really building a united front of defense against these fascist attacks. The national minorities are feeling the effects of the crisis most heavily at this time -- but the whole working class is being hit. We cannot afford to let the age-old lies of "inferiority" and "just look out for yourself" prevent our united action and fight-back as a class.

We must band together and defend one another on the various fronts of struggle that our class is waging: strike support, for integration and quality education through busing, against deportations of undocumented workers, for equal rights for women, and against hazardous health and safety conditions in our workplaces.

When the politicians cry BUDGET CUTS, we must yell back -- "EUT THE MILITARY BUDGET! GIVE US JOBS WITH PEACE!" When the bourgeoisie and their fascist thugs (like ROAR, KKK, Posse Comitatus, and Nazi Party) threaten national minorities -- we must band together in Equal Rights Councils to defend the national minorities and strengthen the unity of our class.

Through our militant trade union caucuses, and community and neighborhood clubs we must rally the workers and

progressive people of Oakland to defend and protect the national minority workers, and force the bourgeoisie to pay for its own crisis.

From this position of unity and strength, we must move forward -- take the offensive against capitalism and begin the irrevocable fight for socialism -- the only system that guarantees jobs, housing, food, clothes and a decent life for all workers.

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run into the tens of millions of dollars - this is why the nuclear industry plays down these dangers and skimps on the necessary safety measures.

Another grave danger is that once the uranium is used up, it becomes the highly radioactive and poisonous substance called plutonium. The capitalists minimize the dangers of plutonium by saying that all the waste that one large reactor will produce in one year is 2 cubic yards. But they don't say that a quantity of plutonium the size of an aspirin can kill 100 people, and that each year in the USNA, enough of these "aspirins" are produced for one for each man, woman and child.

Worse yet is that plutonium stays radioactive for 200,000 years! So it must be stored in a place where it can't leak out in that time. Most plutonium is kept in "temporary" storage depositories - and today these are almost filled to the brim. With the great expan-

## COACHELLA

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implement it!

It has now become clear that the school board hoped the parents would forget about the bilingual program in the heat of the battle to dismiss Coffy and Cochran. Now the issue stands out even more clearly since three of the four fired teachers are bilingual instructors. It is now the time of year to write up programs for federal funds and not a word has been written by the Board for the bilingual program. Today as a result of the actions by the the Board there is virtually no functioning bilingual program for the children of Coachella.

What the Board wasn't prepared to contend with is that the workers of Coachella are united and prepared to fight for their rights. The Supreme Court decision of *Lau vs. Nichols* stated that where there is a majority of people who speak another language, the Board of Education has to provide an education in that language. (The decision involved Chinese speaking children in San Francisco.)

Children can't learn when a language other than their own is forced down their throats. The objective of a bilingual program should be that when students graduate they will be speaking two languages fluently. For Coachella, children would graduate speaking both Spanish and English since 85% of the children are Mexican

sion planned for the nuclear industry, the USNA is desperately searching for a large scale, permanent storage site. But it still has not found one that will be safe from earthquakes or from poisoning the water.

There have been many instances of radiation leakage and near-accidents which have been hushed up. In India, at a nuclear power plant built by Bechtel Corporation, radiation leaked from the plant into the local fishing waters and caused deaths and radiation sickness in 1972.

In a facility at Hanford, Washington, radiation waste is stored in above-ground tanks in liquid form. Since 1958 there have been 20 accidents that have leaked 500,000 gallons into the land and waters of the Columbia River area.

### ATOMIC ENERGY & WAR

The USNA government had been stockpiling uranium (the radioactive material used in the atomic bomb) for years, when the technology was developed for the more powerful hydrogen bomb - which uses water instead of uranium as fuel.

Faced with large supplies of uranium on its hands, the government initiated the so-called "Atoms for Peace" Program, which killed two birds with one stone - the government unloaded the uranium which it no longer needed for the outmoded A-Bomb, while Westinghouse and

national and Mexican national minority, many of whom speak no English.

The Communist Labor Party since its inception has supported the workers' struggle for quality, integrated and bilingual education. Around the country bilingual education is under attack. Especially in the Southwest the support of the working class for bilingual education and busing is critical to the unity of the working class. Bilingual programs must be extended. They must be implemented wherever there are non-English speaking children and not simply where they are in the majority. If there is only one child in a school who is non-English speaking, then that child must be guaranteed bilingual education. In this struggle to guarantee and achieve the respect for the rights of workers of all nationalities and languages, the working class can begin to forge the unity necessary for our fight against capitalism.

SUPPORT  
THE COACHELLA WORKERS

The agribusiness interests and the school board that represents them have time and again shown that they don't want our children to be educated. Because our children come to work in the fields the capitalists don't want them to be able to fight for their rights. Those same forces who exploit us in the fields are those who deny education to our children.

Well, the workers of Coachella are fighting back, fighting hard for a real bilingual program. Presently workers are picketing the home of Bobby Duke, the superintendent of the Coachella schools.

All workers must rally to the support of their heroic struggle. Let the school board and the big ranchers know that the workers of Coachella do not stand alone. Support the Coachella workers by demanding a real bilingual program, demand the immediate re-instatement with full rights to the four fired teachers. Write to:

United States Office for  
Civil Rights  
760 Market Street  
San Francisco, CA  
(415) 545-6606

Dr. Reyes Mazo  
Region G -Lau Center  
Institute for Cultural  
Pluralism  
San Diego State University  
5545 1/2 Hardy Avenue  
San Diego, Calif. 92182

Mr. Bobby Duke  
Superintendent of Schools  
Coachella Valley Unified  
School District,  
Coachella, Ca.

Demand that the situation in Coachella be thoroughly investigated and that two investigators be sent from the Lau Center to insure a bilingual program. Please send copies to Mr. Duke and Dr. Reyes Mazon.

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# RUBBER WORKERS

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your're being honest with yourself - is that alot of business the company is losing may never come back. A lot of customers refuse to wait and, unfortunately, it's going to cost some Goodyear people their jobs. Make no mistake about that."

Then Goodyear goes on to say where this business that "may never come back" is headed. In the company's own words: "Windsor, Vermont may be a long way from URW International headquarters and possibly far from your thoughts, but Goodyear has a plant there and there are about 350 URW members working at Windsor. If the strike ended today, 100 would be laid off. Goodyear has already lost more than \$1 million in customers' orders, much of this to non-union plants who today are paying about \$1 an hour less in wages and benefits than we currently pay at Windsor." (Goodyear's emphasis).

These non-union, low-wage plants that the company is talking about are located in the colonial areas of the world, especially in the Negro Nation and in the oppressed Southwest. In the Negro Nation only 13.1% of the workers are in unions compared to 31.8% in the rest of the country. In most southern and southwestern states, including peanut farmer Jimmy Carter's Georgia, there are "right to work" laws allowing non-union shops. While in Akron, Ohio, for instance, Goodyear workers average \$5.50 per hour in Mississippi rubber workers get \$3.90.

A few years ago a whole wing of the Los Angeles Goodyear plant relocated in the Negro Nation. Today, the rubber multinationals are threatening to "runaway" more shops to the Negro Nation and Southwestern states of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. That's the threat contained in the Goodyear letter - if there's a long strike at the end of it many workers won't have jobs to come back to. Goodyear is today building a 34,500 square foot latex plant in Calhoun, Georgia and a \$15 million addition to its Danwell, Virginia truck tire plant.

If the URW is to win this strike and if workers are to defend their right to a job, we must take up the demand for wage parity and unionization of the shops in the Negro Nation and Southwest. As long as the rubber, auto, steel or electronics monopolies can continue to run-away to oppressed low-wage, non-union plants in the Negro Nation and Southwest, then no workers' job or income is safe. This demand, summed up by the call "Free the Negro Nation!" must be taken up by the rubber workers and made into a key part of workers' Negro Nation Day activities this June 19th.

URW

Despite difficult odds the militancy and restlessness of the workers is growing. A long strike now seems likely. The \$35 a week strike funds have already been used up. The union leadership, headed by President Pete Bommarito, has called for a special convention May 27 to set up a strike fund. This is a step, but the union leadership waited until the strike fund was completely depleted before taking any action. Knowing a long strike was in the offing they did little to build a strike fund while workers were still working, even though many workers were willing to set aside money out of their checks.

The union leadership has done little, if anything, to prepare, educate and mobilize its own workers to win the strike, has not responded to the government's or companies' attacks, and done little to rally other workers and progressives to their support.

There is no coordination between striking rubber workers of the different companies and no strategy for the strike. The Goodyear and Firestone plants in LA are scarcely 1 1/2 miles apart but workers at these plants know nothing of each other struggles. If this kind of thing continues during a long strike, it could have a demoralizing effect on the workers.

## WHAT MUST BE DONE AROUND THE STRIKE?

Now is the time for a bolder direction to the rubber strike before it's too late. The bourgeoisie is using its connections, control of the government and hold on the colonies to attack the rubber workers, now is the time for the working class to use our strength - unite our ranks as one class in defense of the rubber workers. All workers must raise the demand: NO TAFT-HARTLEY!

Since the fate of the auto workers is closely tied to this demand, Auto workers must now begin to forge a fighting front with their class brothers in rubber. The auto contract comes up this September and if the rubber workers are beaten the auto workers will suffer too. The resolution of support passed by UAW Local 216 in Los Angeles is a fine start. Now actual mobilizations of auto workers against the threat of the Taft-Hartley, to the rubber lines, financial and moral support are all the more necessary.

Support is also needed from workers' mass organizations like the NAACP, churches, and civic organizations. This can be the beginnings of a real mutual support of workers for one another.

## TO THE RUBBER WORKERS

The rubber workers themselves must begin to bring together their rank and file pressure on the union leadership to make them fight in the interests of the workers. Caucuses and strike commit-

tees formed within the union can begin to give the rubber strike a better direction. Rubber workers must place the demand for wage parity and unionization of the Negro Nation and Southwest on the agenda of their unions and raise the demand NO LAYOFFS AFTER THE STRIKE AND ALL LAID OFF WORKERS BE CALLED BACK TO WORK!

NO TAFT-HARTLEY!

FULL UNIONIZATION OF THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST AND EQUAL WAGES!

NO LAYOFFS AFTER THE STRIKE AND ALL LAID OFF WORKERS BE CALLED BACK TO WORK!

## FREE THE NEGRO NATION

Five hundred dollars read the poster  
A reward for finding Jim  
But he's gone on the freedom railroad  
Master won't see him again.

Chorus

And when we fight, we'll fight till victory,  
The Negro Nation will be free,  
The working class shall be the masters,  
No longer slaves of the bourgeoisie.

They sold mother to Jim Thompson  
They sold daughter off for play  
They gave father forty lashes  
When he tried to slip away

Come the time of reconstruction  
And the Negro people used  
To overthrow their southern masters  
Establish northern capitalist rule

Then the Ku Klux Klan spread terror,  
Burning crosses through the land  
And the Black Codes told the story  
Let democracy be damned.

Homestead Act meant land for farming  
But no Negroes could apply  
Forced to stay, they built a nation,  
But it's freedom's been denied

Say come all you northern workers  
You brave women and brave men  
We've got to Free the Negro Nation  
If our freedom we will win.

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the government let it be known that 78% (almost 8 out of every 10) of the capitalists that make over \$200,000-a-year in clear profits paid no taxes at all in 1974.

In the proposed federal budget, of the \$413 billion, over \$50 billion is budgeted to pay the bank as interest (i.e. clear profit) for past loans.

The capitalists use the state to oppress the vast majority of the population - the working class. Social programs are cut, while the military and oppressive apparatus are beefed up. Tax dollars are channelled to keep profits high and to prepare for war against the socialist camp in order to gain new markets for the capitalists to exploit. That is why the Food Stamp program is being cut at the same time that war threats are made against Panama and there is an intensification of anti-Soviet propaganda.

How come none of the bourgeois politicians like Ford, Reagan, Brown, Carter, etc. - are talking about eliminating the real waste in the federal budget: the military budget? With the

\$113 billion from the military budget, the USNA could assure full employment, integrated, quality schools with full bilingual programs, free universal health care, etc.

But capitalism is only concerned with profits. It is not concerned with meeting the needs of the people. Instead it seeks to invest in profitable military hardware which can be destroyed or declared obsolete. Bourgeois politicians constantly try to outdo each other by giving more and more of our hard-earned tax dollars to the military and to subsidize the capitalist class.

Let's force all these holier-than-thou politicians to face the real issues facing the working class and to talk to our real needs: jobs, peace and equality.

The working class must oppose these attacks. The struggle to prevent these new reactionary regulations from being instituted must be waged on several fronts:

Firstly, the people of the USNA must demand that Congress, and not the President, determine federal policy on Food Stamps. A campaign can and must be waged by progressive organizations and unemployed committees, for nationalization of welfare programs and suitable, adequate and uniform programs to meet the needs of the people of the USNA.

Secondly, a concrete struggle must be waged to prevent raising of the prices of food stamps. Also workers must demand that the proposed \$100 standard deduction be increased and updated semi-annually to offset inflation. The demand must be raised to insure that the recently unemployed, strikers, migrant workers and seasonally employed are not cut off from food stamps. The new regulations would cut all of these sections of the working class from receiving food stamps, driving them further into starvation and destitution.

Clearly the "reforms" pronounced by Ford and issued by the USDA are a further escalation in the mounting attacks on the working people. The poorest, oldest and most vulnerable sections feel these blows the hardest. Strikers will be possibly prevented from striking by the threat of starvation. Many working families deprived of food stamp benefits will be driven to desperation. To prevent the further advance of this offensive, united action of the working class is necessary. Workers and progressives, individually and through their community and other organizations, must write to Congress and demand that the USDA regulations be halted, that social welfare legislation be placed back in the hands of Congress and that the elected officials of the people listen to their demands for decent food, clothing and housing.

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General Electric, by buying it up at bargain basement rates, got a monopoly in the growing nuclear reactor business.

Just in the last few weeks, General Electric has concluded a deal to sell 2 nuclear reactors to South Africa. It is no accident that with the present drive toward war, we find the USNA supplying both nuclear weapons and nuclear energy sources to South Africa, Brazil in Latin American and Israel in the middle east, countries which are the foothold of USNA imperialist interests in three of the areas in the world where the struggle against imperialism is most intense.

Let us not lose sight of the fact that one of the main reasons so much energy is and will be required is for production for war. In order to maintain a "stable investment climate" worldwide and to find new markets for its products, imperialist interests dictate that there be war. The military budget was \$113 billion this year, and it constantly is increased, while public services get cut back. Today the majority of scientific research is directly or indirectly in the service of the Pentagon, rather than developing technology to solve the needs of society, safely and efficiently without pollution.

### ENERGY IN THE SOUTHWEST

One of the major sources of uranium is in the state of New Mexico, where there are also rich reserves of coal, oil and gas. Since World War II, there has been a virtual raping of the Southwest for energy resources, and this has been accompanied by the attempted crushing of miners' unions, low wages, strip mining, the oppression of the Indian peoples and the encroachment on their land, where many of the resources lie. A worker in the uranium mines is almost guaranteed to get lung cancer after breathing in uranium particles for 5 to 7 years.

The defense of the Indian peoples, the Mexican National Minority and the struggle of the miners in the Southwest is an important component of the struggle of workers to control the development of energy resources for our own benefit, and not to our detriment.

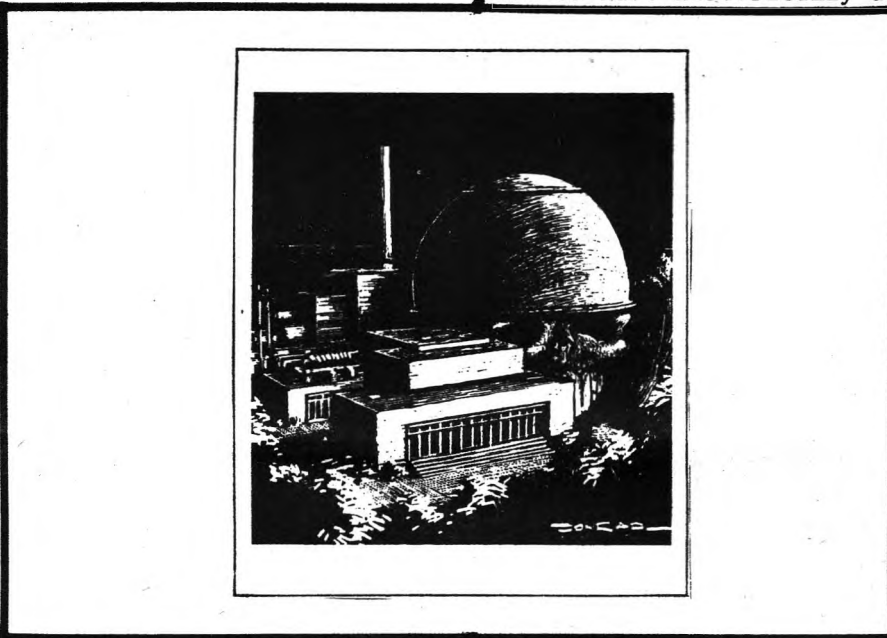
While the CLP supports Proposition 15, we want to make it clear that we are not opposed to nuclear power in and of itself. The proletariat sees technological advance as one of the means to liberate humanity from the monotonous and strenuous toil we are forced to endure while mechanization remains "unprofitable" for the capitalists. Under capitalism everything is produced for profit and the health and safety of the people is disregarded.

Only under socialism, where the workers control production, will automation result in a shorter work day and higher standard

of living for all workers, rather than a threat to jobs which it causes under capitalism.

However, we are against the wide-spread use of such potentially dangerous things as nuclear reactors before the technology to ensure their safety has even been developed.

We take our stand in support of Proposition 15 not only in defense of the working class, but also to expose the capitalists, the state and labor traitors, who will



trick and lie to the workers and put our lives in danger for their sacred purpose of making a profit.

### NATIONALIZE ENERGY

We also want to make it clear that we do not see Proposition 15 as the "solution" to the problem of safe and low cost energy. Our Party calls for the nationalization of the energy industry, as a step that will curtail the gigantic profits of the oil monopolies and increase the benefits that the working people so sorely need. The working class must join together to force the government to take over the energy industries, regulate the prices and run these industries in the interests of society.

The government is now considering various give-away plans of enormous proportions to the energy monopolies -- for example, governmental subsidy for research and development, guarantees of stable prices and satisfactory earnings, a "federal guarantee of \$8 billion to cover private industry losses if they occur," for starters.

The Rockefeller Energy Proposal of October, 1975 recommends that the government allocate \$100 billion of government funds as capital to, and guarantee prices for, chosen energy firms in the private sector.

The working class must demand the nationalization of energy in the interests of the working class, not in the interests of the capitalists!



## ARIZONA

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placed in one district, a small non-Indian minority of the County's voters effectively control all the decision making in the County.

As a result, the needs of the Navajo people are constantly neglected. School districts on the Navajo Reservation have not been adequately funded, and one school district will be forced to close if funds from the county are not forthcoming.

In Arizona, the US imperialists have historically used

peoples for their rights have always been met with terror, deceit and sabotage by the bourgeoisie. Indians have never really had any voice in controlling their lives. The denial of the vote, the discriminatory drawing of electoral districts like in Apache County have been some of the tactics to prevent any protest. Similar tactics have been used historically against the Negro people in the Negro Nation - the terroristic denial of the vote and grossly discriminatory electoral districting schemes (call gerrymandering).

The lands of the Indians have been conquered and exploited by the bourgeoisies historical westward expansion. Today, the lands of the Indians have been found to be rich in energy and other resources. To exploit these resources the huge energy monopolies have been working hand in glove with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), FBI, state and federal agencies. Recently the Western Arizona lands of the Yavapai Indians have been condemned by the US Bureau of Reclamation so a profitable water system could be routed to serve Agribusiness interests in Tucson and Phoenix.

Outright terror is now a daily occurrence against those who protest the rape of their lands and peoples. Russell Means, American Indian Movement Activist, has just been critically wounded, Yvonne Waprow in Washington faces a long jail term for defending her child from being molested, Dennis Banks in California and Leonard Peltier in Canada face extradition to South Dakota where they face almost certain death.

The bourgeoisie has succeeded in wiping out many Indian tribes, in isolating and attacking the Indians. Throughout history many Anglo-American peoples have supported or closed their eyes to the oppression of the Indians. Today, the task of the working class is not to pity the Indian but to militantly mobilize defense and protection of the rights of the Indians. Only by defending all those under attack can the working class unite to beat back the danger of fascism in this country. The development of a national Equal Rights Congress which will mobilize to defend the Indian peoples is central to this task.

We must turn our attention to Apache County, Arizona. Support the right of the Navajos for better representation. Raise the demand across the land for the control by the Indians themselves of their historic lands, resources, and local institutions - for Regional Autonomy!

every tool at their command to deprive the Indians within the state of the ability to participate in the voting process. Even after Indians were "given" citizenship and the right to vote by Congress in 1924, Arizona and New Mexico refused to recognize Indian citizenship. Not until 1948, approximately 80 years following the passage of the 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution did Arizona confer citizenship on the Indian residents. And this was only when forced to do so by a ruling of the Supreme Court!

The February 1976 federal court decision ordered Apache County to reapportion by April 23, 1976, but the county has vowed to use every delaying tactic to stop re-districting. The county has also refused to use the latest census figures in reapportioning the county and will base its redistricting on the 1970 census figures - figures which the Navajo Tribe have shown to underestimate the number of Indian people in Apache County.

Not only is the county planning to stall by taking the case to the Supreme Court, but Platt, the county attorney, warned a meeting of the Apache County Board of Supervisors that the situation will literally "come to a shooting war" because the non-Indian property owners will not pay taxes imposed by a Board with an Indian majority represented. Platt has been joined by groups of non-Indian residents who have organized to undermine the efforts of the Navajo people.

Such actions are nothing new to the Indians of Arizona, New Mexico or anywhere in this country. The strivings of the Indian



**SAME OLD POLITICS IN A NEW PACKAGE**

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refusing to live in the huge California governor's mansion. He declined to be driven about in a limousine, driving a Plymouth instead. He made the members of his staff take a 7% cut in pay.

When Brown was elected many people breathed a sigh of relief, glad that the Reagan years were finally over. But, as one major business weekly gleefully reported, Brown has since "out-Reaganned Reagan". In his inaugural address - the shortest ever given by a California governor - Brown promised action around four issues: a farmworkers' bill, a collective bargaining bill for public employees, tax loopholes and the question of jobs.

But Brown quickly disappointed those who thought he would deal with California's pressing problems. He preached the doctrine of "lower economic expectations". At one point he declared: "I'm not a fiscal conservative. I'm just cheap." He said that prisons should be for punishing people and not for rehabilitation. He opposed school hot lunch programs, saying that they contributed to big government and that his mother's cold lunches were good enough for him when he went to school.

As a result of the years of long struggle of thousands of farmworkers, Brown set up the Agricultural Labor Relations Board in late May 1975, to supervise elections in the fields. However, this board existed for only five months and of the 350 elections it supervised many were tampered with by California growers and Teamster goons. Brown's tremendous "support" for the farmworkers was shown when he did nothing after armed members of the Posse Comitatus, acting on behalf of the growers, stopped farmworkers organizers from entering the fields. Brown and the bourgeoisie would very much like to bring the militant farmworkers' movement under their control.

Brown has refused to appropriate needed funds for education while California's schools deteriorate. He has refused to implement the California Supreme Court's Serrano vs. Priest decision which ordered the state government to change the way California schools are funded. Presently schools are funded on the basis of property taxes, which guarantees that the children of the workers go to the worst schools. Brown has refused to introduce legislation to equalize funding and has blocked the attempts by members of the legislature to do so. This is what he means by attacking "big government" - attack all programs which benefit the people while keeping the military budget and capitalist profit intact.

Brown's inactivity on the question of unemployment has been a disgrace. When James Lorenz, director of the

Employment Development Department proposed a program to create jobs, the plan was attacked by the reactionary Oakland Tribune as a "communist plot". Brown fired Lorenz as a result of this. Then he formed a special advisory council to deal with unemployment. The composition of this council is revealing, because it shows the people Brown really represents. The council was made up of the presidents of the Bank of America, Standard Oil of California, the Oakland Tribune, and defense contractor David Packard. It's clear from this that Brown is a servant not of the "peo-

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ple", but of the capitalist class.

Derek Shearer, an assistant to Lorenz, described one meeting with Brown concerning employment:

"At a meeting on jobs policy - one of the few he attended - Brown completely dominated the meeting, telling us to study a Zen commune in northern California that he admired. At one point he said, 'There is no unemployment crisis. When there are people rioting in the streets, then we will know that a problem exists.'" (New Republic, 9/13/75)

It is time for all of us to take a long, hard look at Jerry Brown and call him what he is - a demagogue and a populist. Jerry Brown sounds good. He rails against "big government" and "political corruption". Like all populists he talks about the "people" and the "poor" in their struggle against the "rich" and the "government". But populists like Brown never tell us the most important thing - that the fight going on every day in the USNA is not just a struggle between rich and poor, but a struggle between the class of workers and the class of capitalists. Brown doesn't dare say that. If he is so concerned about the "little man" why didn't he support the San Francisco city workers' strike or the other strikes now going on in California? Why doesn't he take action against the cross-burning fascist groups? Brown cannot do these things because he is controlled by the capitalist class - the same capitalists that he appointed to his special council on unemployment.

The capitalists need a fascist dictatorship in this country - a system where the workers have no rights. They utilize men like Brown

to prepare the way for fascism. On every issue Brown tries to sound "liberal" and "maverick", but ends up taking the position of the most reactionary, most chauvinist capitalists. He is opposed to equal quality education through busing. He's against cutting the military budget and is for a "strong defense posture". He says the USNA is being "pushed around a lot" by smaller countries. He says the workers must accept an "austere, leaner life".

Brown talks a lot about "political reform" but he relied on the corrupt machine politicians of Baltimore to win the Maryland primary.

campaign workers booed him off the stage! One of the men who campaigned for Brown gave a speech in which he said, "Vote for Brown and this country will be lily white!"

While Brown's supporters make fascist statements like this one, Carter talks about "ethnic purity" and Reagan rattles his sabre against Panama. All of the candidates support the drive toward war and fascism. They may have different styles or approaches, but their politics are fundamentally the same.

Fellow workers, the task before us is not to choose one of these demagogues. Our task is to organize the fight for jobs, peace and equality. To do that we need our own party, a political party independent of the capitalist class. The Communist Labor Party is such a party. The CLP is now on the ballot in the state of Michigan. We need to be on the ballot in many more states. While socialism cannot be legislated into being, the electoral arena is a place where the voices of the communists and other progressive workers must be heard.

Fellow workers! Help us build the Communist Labor Party. Join the CLP. Our salvation does not lie with the Democratic and Republican Parties. We must free ourselves!

Governor Marvin Mandel is under indictment on several counts for his corruption. When Brown introduced him a his victory rally as the man responsible for his primary win, Brown's own cam-

**COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY ON MICHIGAN BALLOT**

The Communist Labor Party received 32,700 signatures! This amount qualifies the CLP to enter the August primary in Michigan. However to remain on the ballot and run a candidate in November, we will need more than 5,000 votes. We urge all the people who signed our petition to stand with the Commun-

ist Labor Party and vote for us in August. We also want to take this opportunity to thank all the people who helped us in the campaign and pledge to them and the working class that the Communist Labor Party will continue to fight for the workers and spread the lofty ideals of socialism.



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