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Oil Workers Write Shah's Last Will

Long Live the Iranian People's Revolution!

On November 7th, the Shah staked his all on the only thing that can preserve his crumbling rule short of imperialist intervention—the military. The Shah declared a new government headed and dominated by the armed forces. Humbled by the depth of hatred against his rule and with no respect left to lose, the Shah promised to make up for “past mistakes” in a radio and television speech. With crocodile tears in his eyes, the egotistical ruler came down from his peacock throne and begged for mercy and sympathy, “Your revolutionary message has been heard. I am aware of everything you have given your lives for,” this butcher confided to the Iranian people. With this apology, and the arrest of 14 corrupt officials and businessmen, including the head of SAVAK (the notorious Iranian secret police), the Shah is sugar-coating the new, openly fascist government. But nobody is swallowing it.

Gone is the fig leaf of “democracy” and reform. The revolutionary upsurge has torn it to shreds, in the process politically handcuffing two premiers, and driving them and a flood of other government ministers out of office, all in only three months. Military rule is only temporary, claims the Shah, still hoping to cool out the movement by tempting his opposition into sharing power with him in a coalition govern-

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Business Gets Off Scott Free WAGE CONTROLS AIM AT STRONGER UNIONS

In his latest TV speech, Carter threw another punch at inflation—straight at workers. His 7% cap on wage increases and his limp-wristed “price ceiling” means workers pay for the inflation and the monopolies get out of it through holes as big as the Grand Canyon in Carter’s price controls. Caught between a rock and a hard place, the permanent crisis of capitalism, Carter has brought out a whole range of attacks against the standard of living of the U.S. working class and oppressed masses. But the latest set of wage controls is aimed straight at the strongest trade unions.

Wage Controls Aimed at Most Organized Sector of Workers to Keep All Wages Down

Carter’s latest anti-inflation scheme is aimed straight at the most organized part of the labor movement. This coming year, the Teamsters Master Freight agreement comes up covering 400,000 truckers. After that the electrical, chemical, the United Auto Workers, construction and garment, and rubber workers contracts all go on the table for negotiation. Carter’s move is clearly aimed at them.

Why? Because the stronger of these unions, like the Teamsters and the UAW, set the pace for the rest of the working

class. If Carter can get these unions to buckle under to his wage controls, it dampens the ability of the other unions and the unorganized sector of the workers to press for better wages and working conditions.

This makes his “exemption” from the wage ceiling of those making less than \$4 an hour a hoax. For one thing, those making less than \$4 an hour are either mostly in the weakest unions or in unorganized shops, especially among minority, youth or women workers. In the main, these workers will not get anywhere near 7% wage increase; in fact, as many of the latest contract negotiations show, such as in many municipal workers struggles, fighting takebacks are their main concern, much less big wage increases. Carter’s angle is to make the relatively higher paid workers the target because they set the pace and also to create a split between the higher paid workers and the lower

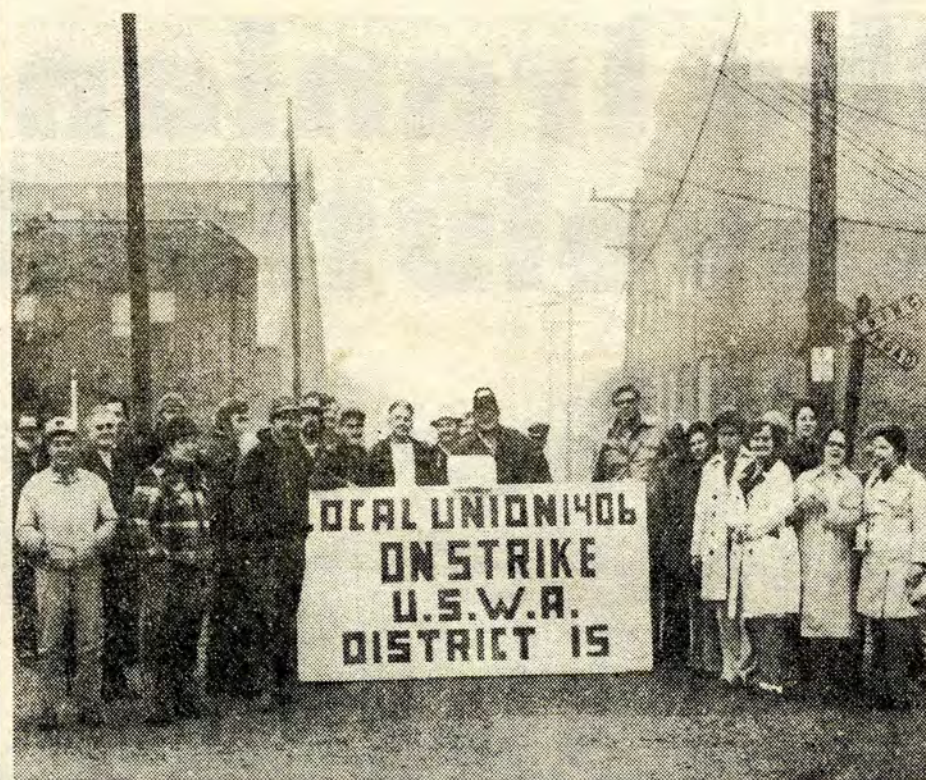
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SECCION EN ESPAÑOL

Breaking The Chains!



Since they walked out March 1st against contracting out and attacks on job seniority and job bidding, the picket lines at the Ft. Pitt Steel plant in McKeesport, Pa., have grown. Wives and friends have joined the striking members of United Steelworkers Local 1406 to fight a court injunction limiting the number of pickets. They have fought against the company's attempts to remove the casings from the plant with every legal and illegal weapon they've got. In one instance, the women stopped the company's attempt to drive a railroad car into the plant by laying across the railroad tracks and refusing to move.

F. SCHERVIER STRIKERS FIGHT SELLOUT MOVE

RIVERDALE, N.Y. — As the Frances Schervier Nursing Home strike enters its 100th day, it looks like a sellout is in the making between 1199 Hospital and Health Employees leadership and Sister Rita of the nursing home. Despite the weak leadership given to the strike and scabs continuing to crawl in, the workers have persisted though winter is fast approaching. Once in a while, a delivery truck is stopped and an "obstruction" stops the scab bus temporarily. But these are few and far between.

To keep business as usual, the Catholic Home has put an injunction on 15 workers for throwing rocks, hired scabs to replace the strikers (in some jobs hiring 2 inexperienced scabs to do the work of one) and kept them overnight when it looked like they might not get out in one piece. Their refusal to budge on open shop and subcontracting and their recent threat of a decertification election has made 1199 buckle in. But there's plenty of grumbling among the rank and file against going back to the same old racist harassment with no job security. Faced with a contract offer that's the same as where they first walked off except for an extra personal day or a few extra minutes for lunch and no guarantee of no reprisals against the strikers, workers are

learning the hard way what a sellout is. One worker said, "We may be naive since this is our first strike but the union has been doing this for 40-50 years and the union's not naive." Another said, "I've never been on strike before and I never understood what a sellout was, but now I'm learning."

ASBESTOS WORKERS SUE FOR \$1 BILLION

A \$1 billion class action lawsuit on behalf of over 5,000 workers at two southern California shipyards has been filed at Los Angeles Superior Court. This action is the largest of over 1000 lawsuits filed so far around asbestos workers poisoning, which is linked to cancer and other lung diseases. It charges the 15 major U.S. manufacturers of asbestos with conspiracy to conceal and distort information they had known for four decades about the health dangers of the product.

For probably the first time, the workers are suing for restitution of the \$1 billion profits the companies made off the workers' backs, while knowingly killing their health. In another action, Local 9 of the Marine and Shipbuilding Workers is asking government officials to begin investigations of these companies for manslaughter and other criminal violations.

MISSOURI: STOP THE OPEN SHOP

The National Right to Work Committee (NRTWC) has targeted Missouri as the 21st state to outlaw union shops. A proposition on the November ballot in this industrial heartland state may be the first warning shot in the NRTWC offensive. The existing 20 "right to work" states are in the South and the Rocky Mountain West, which are heavily rural. But Missouri ranks among the top 10 industrial states. For example, it is second only to Michigan in auto production. It has a big unionized workforce which is being mobilized to vote down this referendum.

ARIZONA MACHINISTS WALK OUT

1600 machinists and aerospace workers struck the Hughes Aircraft Company in Tucson, Arizona. This is the second time in a week that the members of Local 933 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers have rejected a company contract.

"NO MORE LYNCH JUSTICE"

In Decatur, Alabama, Tommy Lee Hines, an Afro-American, was framed for the rape of a white woman. The cops railroaded Tommy Lee, a mentally retarded man with a mentality of a 6 year old, to cover up their own incompetence in the unsolved crime. The court tried to divert the support for Tommy Lee by moving the trial to Cullman, another town. But about 60 people marched the entire 30 miles between the towns to let them know they can't hide their lynch style of justice. The courts sentenced Tommy Lee to 30 years, but the people will remember the crimes of the racist cops and courts for life! The support goes on to free Tommy Lee Hines.

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST WHITEWASH OF ARTHUR MILLER'S MURDER

Four months of grand jury investigation has totally whitewashed Arthur Miller's cold blooded murder into "a tragic and unforeseeable accident." Strangling to death from a cop's nightstick is "reasonable force." "Arthur Miller was not savagely beaten by anyone," said district attorney Gold. Trying to pacify the outraged community, the federal government has called still another investigation. The people don't want more shows. The Black United Front called for a march on Wall Street for November 6, Black Solidarity Day.



TEXAS PRISONERS FEND OFF GUARDS

At the Coffield prison, Texas, over a quarter of the 4,000 prisoners beat back prison guards with boom handles, mops, and boiling water. This is only one of the six prisons in the Texas Department of Corrections that went on a two week strike in early October. A class action suit by 7 prisoners was filed against the Department at the same time that the strike of more than 3,000 prisoners in the 6 prisons started. The demands are for less overcrowded cells, better medical care and working conditions and no more brutality by the cops.

On Black Solidarity Day, 1000 people led by the Black United Front marched through New York City protesting the Arthur Miller murder coverup.

PUERTO RICANS PICKET RACIST MAGAZINE

On November 2 over 1000 Puerto Ricans picketed in front of the Swank Magazine offices in midtown Manhattan in New York City. This magazine published "50 Puerto Rican Jokes" including "Crime is a Puerto Rican national sport, second only to baseball." This blatant racism has been met by the demand of the Proud Puerto Rican Committee to close down the magazine.

FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES

Our Readers Speak Out!

Response on PROD's Role in Corruption Fight

To the Editor:

I note that the October 1978 issue of your newspaper contains an exchange between a PROD member and the editors on the subject of an earlier article dealing with the Teamsters Union.

I would like to receive a copy of that article, if I could, so I can better follow the argument you make in response to the UPS worker's letter.

Without getting into a lengthy discussion of the two points you make in your response, I would simply observe that they seem to be based on certain misconceptions about PROD's view of the government's role in so-called Teamster reform efforts.

Please note in enclosed copies of the PROD newspaper from the last year several references to the anti-labor sections of Landrum-Griffin, the labor law reform bill's pitfalls, (with its anti-wildcat strike language), and the need to rely on rank-and-file action to clean up the union rather than the bumbling and generally ineffective efforts of government agencies.

I don't know anyone in the Teamster reform movement—in PROD or TDU—who calls for "full enforcement of the Landrum-Griffin law," only the "bill of rights section" and Titles 2, 3, 4 and 5 dealing with union financial disclosure, trusteeships, fair elections, and honest handling of rank-and-file dues money.

The sections of Landrum-Griffin which amended the Taft-Hartley Act (National Labor Relations Act) and restricted secondary boycotts and certain types of picketing are correctly described in the October 1977 PROD Dispatch as "anti-labor provisions"

which seriously weakened the original organizing rights won by workers in the 1930's.

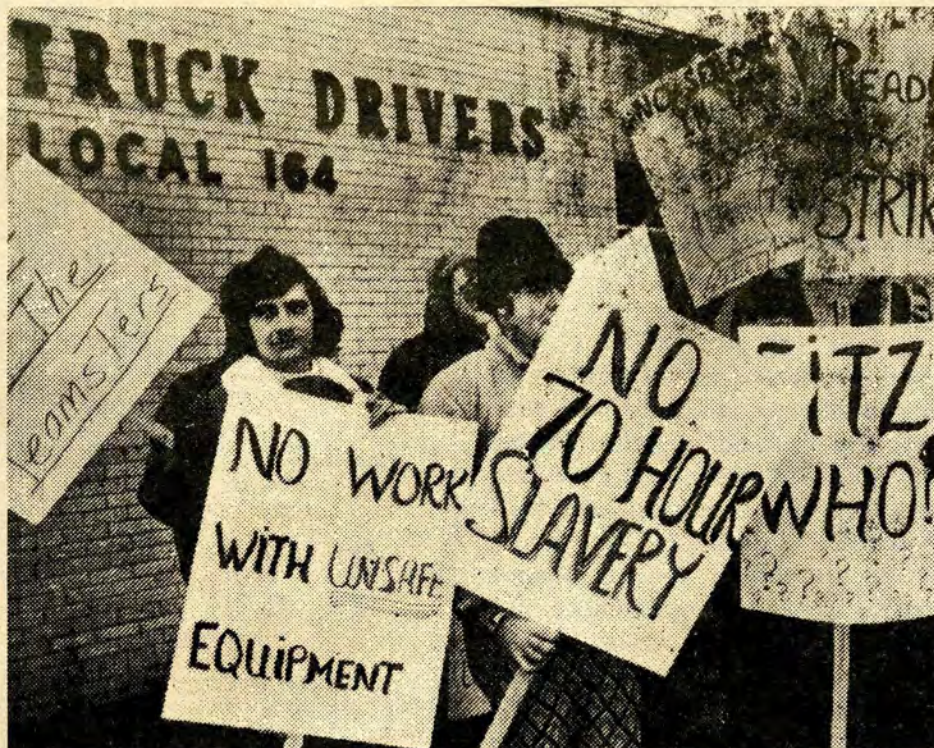
I assume you have no objection to occasional resort to the courts, when necessary, to fight union and employer unfair labor practices directed at rank-and-file organizing efforts and undemocratic internal union practices which interfere with the Landrum-Griffin rights of union members. (You do say "it is necessary to use the courts in our day to day fights.")

As for the position of Teamster reform activists on the upcoming freight contract talks, I think several articles in the latest issue of the PROD national newspaper make it clear that the organization rejects any government intervention in the form of anti-inflation "jawboning," threats to deregulate the trucking industry, and various other Administration schemes to strengthen the employer bargaining position and force a cheap settlement on a very weak and management-oriented International union leadership.

As we have repeatedly pointed out, Fitzsimmons is a likely candidate for some sort of deal with the employers and/or the government precisely because he is so vulnerable to government investigations and prosecution based on his personal corruption.

This would be the case with or without a Teamster reform movement actively campaigning against him within the union, and sometimes calling for certain law enforcement efforts by the government as part of that campaign.

You make "fighting corruption and bureaucracy" out to be some sort of



After Fitzsimmons sold out the 1976 contract, rank and file threatened to wildcat. Union bureaucracy corruption is an important issue especially for Teamster members.

anti-union activity when, in fact, it is the anti-union activities of Fitz and Co. which hinder the union's organizing in freight and leave it totally unprepared (except, for rank-and-file efforts) to deal with the employers' planned offensive at the bargaining table later this year and early next.

Sincerely,
Steve Early

P.S. Please note also in the latest PROD Dispatch an article on the right-to-strike and the consequences for Teamsters of many years of anti-labor laws and court decisions (i.e. the trend

toward binding arbitration of all contract grievances and punitive no-strike clauses). (Steve Early is the Staff Attorney for PROD)

RESPONSE TO PROD LETTER:

Thank you for your letter. From this and other letters we have received, it is clear there is a lot of interest and controversy around the issue of union corruption and how to fight it correctly. In the future we will carry more articles on this. We are sending you a copy of our article, "Government Uses Fitzsimmons' Corruption To Attack Wage Demands" from the July, 1978 issue.

"It never happened at a USW convention before..."



Dear WVO:

Some of us steelworkers are writing this to you because there's been a lot of discussion about our last convention.

Your article in the Oct. 78 issue is correct on how our union was turned into a platform for Carter and the capitalist. But something else happened at the convention that your article only touched on, something that never happened at a USW convention before.

Before the ratification movement began the bureaucrats planned to use the convention to take away our last right—to vote on International officers. But because the support for ratification is deep within the rank and file they had to back off and set aside a whole afternoon for discussion of basic steelworkers right to vote on the contracts we work under.

We called a meeting the night before the conference began to discuss our plan. Over 250 delegates, local officers and members attended. They mainly wanted to talk about ratification and restructuring the dues system so smaller locals can meet the financial crisis. Some of the old timers told us this was far more of a turn out for a rank and file issue than they had ever seen at a convention. In fact CBS covered the whole meeting, they are planning a special documentary on the rank and file trend developing in the USWA.

Our first plan was to call for a rules change so we could amend motions from the floor. It requires a 1/3 vote. We asked for a roll call vote, which was denied, but more, many more delegates, at least 1/3 supported the call

for a rules change than did at the last convention.

On the second day two steelworkers from the rank and file group at Homestead told the bureaucrats not to invite Carter to the meeting. We wanted to talk about ratification. They also pointed out that many steelworkers were dedicated to the fight for a democratic union. We wanted to vote on a constitutional change to allow ratification but McBride tricked people by bringing it up as a resolution along with a shopping list of other resolutions which are then referred to a special committee to decide on them.

Well, the issue of ratification was raised and debated but pigeonholed in a committee rather than implemented. Doing this debate gained many more supporters to the developing rank and file trend. The more we raise these issues the less room for the capitalist and misleaders to maneuver the union for their ends.

There are many rank and file groups growing out of the struggles here in the Pittsburgh area. The group at 1397, Homestead Works was able

to get their slate voted to go to the convention. They have led a three-year campaign to unseat the do-nothing president of the local. Already the membership looks to the rank and file group for major leadership at Homestead and because of them, like a wave other locals in the valley are beginning to enjoy a burst of new activity at the monthly meetings. We plan now to get local officials elected who support ratification.

We want to let you know about this because the misleaders have such a dictatorial hold on the USW that not much news gets out on the progressive forces struggling to return our union to fighting for the membership and not allow it to be a doorstep for the capitalist.

B. F.
Pittsburgh, PA.

More Letters

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'We're not Safeway's robots!'

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.

October 18—"It was beautiful. 400 and some odd guys in a room together for one thing—to vote that son of a bitch down. We're not going to stay out 15 weeks for nothing. And when the final votes from the second meeting were counted, 836 people had turned that contract down, and not one, NOT ONE voted for it. I tell you, it was the most beautiful thing I've seen in 15 weeks."

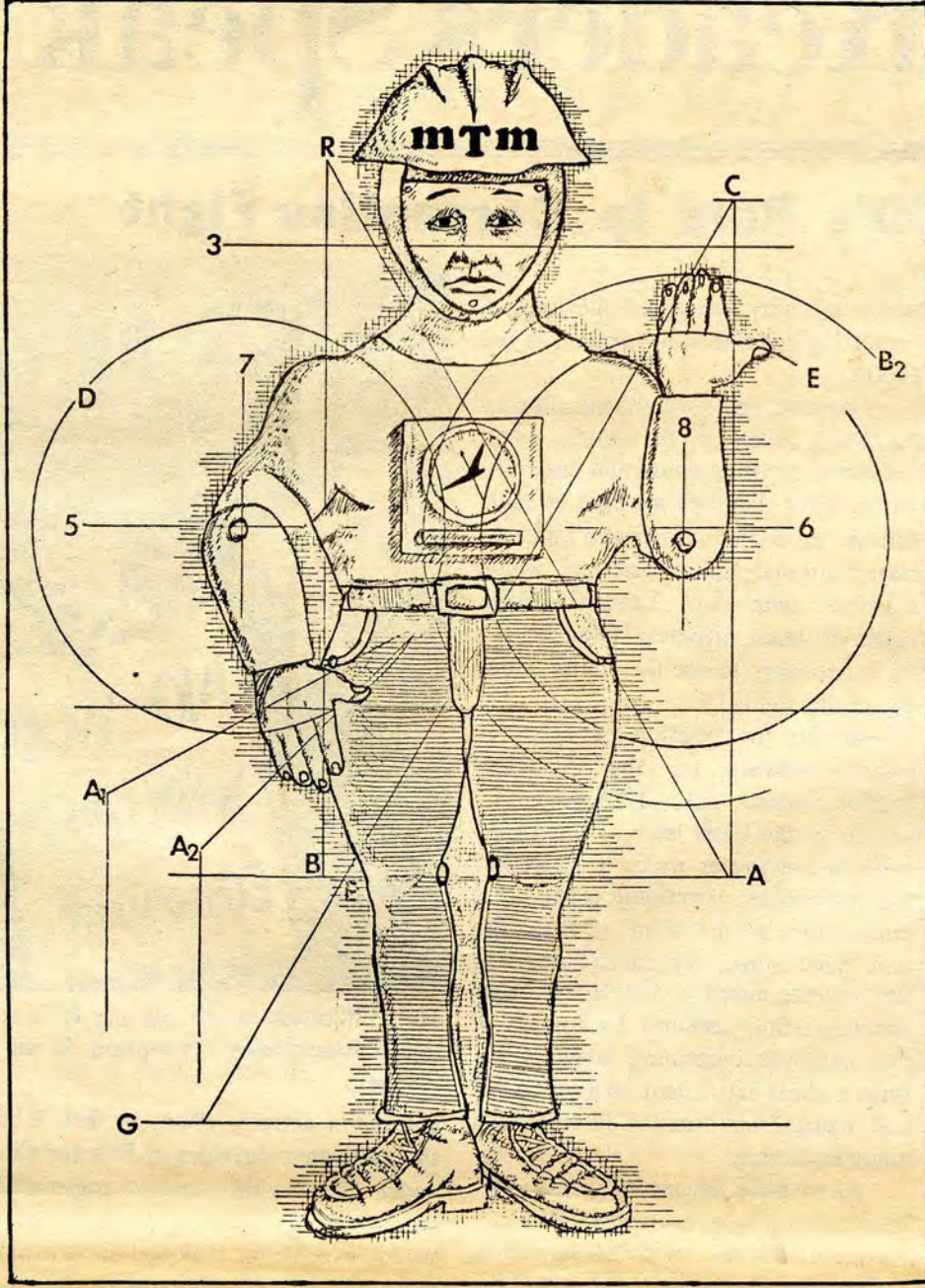
Indeed it was. Not only had Teamsters Local 315 voted it down 836-0, but 3,000 other Teamsters joined them in unanimously rejecting a sellout contract.

Since July 18, workers of nine Teamster locals had been on strike against Safeway Stores Inc. and other supermarket chains in northern California. The settlement reached between the International reps and the Food Employers Association said nothing about the Motion Time in Minutes (MTM) speed-up program—the central issue in the strike. It reneged on the right to seniority in the call-back to work, dropped new-hire wages from \$9.00 to \$7.50. It required workers to work the day before and the day after a holiday just to get paid for it. It refused to protect the jobs of those on strike after the strike and said nothing about vacation and sick leave. One veteran 315 member called this settlement the worst he's seen in 15 years.

Motion Time In Minutes Or Man Turned Machine

Safeway calls its speed-up program Motion Time in Minutes but workers call it what it is, Man Turned Machine. Safeway installed a computer system that "sets" the work load for each warehouse worker who must load the heavy cartons by hand. Every job is rigidly recorded and anybody who does not fulfill the computer's quota three times can be fired. "The system does not take into consideration what sex you are or how old you are," explains one 50-year old Safeway worker.

But filling the computer's quota can be dangerous to your health. "Each job order has a certain time limit stamped on the bottom. You had maybe 27 minutes to stack 110 items on a pallet and get it into a certain truck. You had 30 minutes to eat, 10 minutes for a break and 4.8 minutes to go to the men's room." The program turned out to almost double the work load of each worker. And the fact is, it's humanly impossible to do for the average guy. One guy said, "If I stay out on strike to fight this sucker, I'm out of work. If I go back with the MTM, I'll just get fired and still be out of work, because there is no way I can do it." In the 9 months since the program started, 86 workers went out on disability with back and shoulder injuries, 12 got fired, over 40 more put on probation and many more received disciplinary actions for not keeping up with the production standards. The issue had gone before an arbitrator to see if Safeway was violating the contract with this new system. But as the arbitrator kept sitting on it, Local 315 said,



California Teamsters on 16-Week Strike Against 'Man Turned Machine' Speed-up Program

"No More" and walked out.

15 Weeks of Rich Lessons And Much Sacrifice

Throughout the long 15 weeks, strikers have had to fend off company attacks through the media, along with goons and cops. But the picketing goes on as militant as ever. For example, on October 2, when two International reps went to "evaluate" the strike, they found a "human chain" of hundreds of pickets wrapping the total length of the warehouse. After the picket, a hundred folks moved to the bread gates where they defied Richmond cops and Safeway security. They slowed down scab vehicles. One Teamster brother from United Grocer stopped his truck for over 20 minutes in the middle of the street with "engine trouble" virtually stopping all scab traffic.

And every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday you'll find wives and families at the picket lines with their husbands, beefing up the lines, singing, chanting and talking to customers. They've kept up consistently, undaunted even when Safeway sent goons to a Vacaville store, ripped the blouse off one wife, viciously threw her son to the ground and threatened her family at knife point. Their help has been a great boost to everybody's spirits.

The sacrifices, too, have been many. Rich Shauer was a young butcher at

one of the Safeway stores in San Francisco. His strong stand with the strike—pulling picket duty, and refusing a bribe to scab were a real morale booster to folks on the line. Safeway's harassment was one more thing that added to the pressures around Rich—on October 13 he took his own life. His example of union spirit and solidarity will live on as a real lesson for all who knew him.



While living with no income for 16 weeks, Teamsters wives and families come out to strengthen the strike. In September they organized a wives' demonstration.

Randy Hill, another picketer, was murdered by a scab driver. Other strikers have been raped and beat up by Safeway goons. But through the ups and downs, the strike has continued. Rank and file have stepped up "night rides" hitting distribution centers and markets to hit the Safeway bosses where it hurts, in their wallets. Through every

step, they have pushed their union leadership to take action, putting pressure on the International to take up the strike.

Workers Learn to Use Media To Gain Support

Safeway has pumped \$10 million into a media war against the Teamsters. Daily you hear jingles on all the pop stations and read ads in the papers advertising for scab jobs. But around the workers' real story there is a virtual blackout, except for tales of "Teamster violence," while the violence is daily committed by the bosses against the strikers and their families is "excused."

Breaking into the media is one of the many tactics the Teamsters along with the Trade Union Educational League (TUEL) have to use to inform the public of the real issues and build support. That means squeezing into every crack in this tight blackout and using every possible means to get public attention. The strikers' wives plan to have a big demonstration in front of a store dressed in slave and prisoner costumes for Halloween to dramatize the struggle. Safeway is being sued \$300,000 each for all the picketers who have been attacked, to attract media and build public support.

Local 315 Fight Against Productivity Sets Example

15 weeks of a hard and bitter strike. Despite goons and scabs, despite bill collectors and cops and despite the treachery of the International. But when it came to this proposed settlement, the workers stood fast. What are they defending so hard?, many ask. The issues at stake are bigger than a

slave-paced MTM program at the Richmond Center.

315 has a reputation for being a militant local, well-known for standing up against the company and the International leadership's collaboration with them. Because of their proud history, they are the last local in the West Coast where MTM was implemented. Struggle against the MTM has weakened or des-

troyed the strength of some locals in warehouses in Seattle, Portland, Sacramento, Los Angeles and Denver. If Local 315 wins, it is a good basis to renegotiate MTM at these other Safeway warehouses.

Productivity will also be an important issue for 300,000 Teamsters under

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Trade Union Educational League Founding Convention: BIG LEAP IN FORGING LEADERSHIP IN THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT

**Richmond, California. Under bright lights, heat and clamor fill the room in the Teamsters Local 315 hall. Hundreds of workers concentrate on the debate which decides their livelihood. All voices come together, decided on rejecting Safeway's contract. 15 weeks on strike is not too long to fight a killer speedup. Noise mounts again as questions are raised—what next? From among the strikers, a proposal is raised by the Trade Union Educational League. One by one, workers comment until they stand up to agree—they, their families and the TUEL are united to continue the fight.

**Early dawn. In the shadow of morning darkness, 2 yellow buses carrying scabs with police escorts crept cautiously past the strikers by the gate to Frances Schervier Nursing Home. Since July 27, Schervier workers have been walking the picket line. The Catholic Charities, owner of the homes, have refused to recognize the workers' right to be represented by 1199, Health and Hospital Employees. Shortly after the strike started, TUEL got involved. TUEL and the Schervier workers were there at 6:00 a.m. shouting at the scab buses. They were there chanting at demonstrations in front of Catholic Charities and St. Patrick's Church.

**Detroit. Tens of thousands of auto workers gather in plants to churn out cars for the Big Three. Amidst the heat and the sparks, the speeding line and the rickety overhead equipment, there is only the committeeman to stand between safety on the job and company harassment. But committeemen are rare. There is only one for over 500 workers. A lot of committeemen sit in their offices and drink coffee all day anyway. But in one auto plant, workers noticed a difference in their newly elected committeeman. He walked the line everyday and talked with them. He picked up grievances and stood up to the foremen for the workers. It's no accident that he is a member of TUEL.

On one brisk October weekend, members of the Trade Union Educational League and friends made their way to the Steel Capital, Pittsburgh. They joined 350 other workers in attending the founding convention of the TUEL.

For months beforehand, TUEL members had been preparing for this conference—from the New York/New Jersey chapter who wrote a pamphlet and helped propose the agenda and resolutions to give leadership to the conference, to the many struggles TUEL chapters were leading around the country.

For months beforehand, Pittsburgh TUEL members and friends had been planning and laying the groundwork. From organizing recreation for adults and children, to raising funds through concessions, to setting the menus, they moved ahead, united around this aim. The Junior Revolutionary Youth League, a group of 9-12 year olds led by the Revolutionary Youth League, were a part of this convention. They got together to wash cars to raise money for their registration fee and their red berets. They helped with the daycare, including the planning, and then volunteered to sleep in a cold, unheated building to make more room for the "older people."

Excited conversations are overheard; anticipation of an historical event fills the air. What struggles will we hear about, what lessons will we learn? For some, it is the first time away from their home cities. For others, it is their first time at a TUEL event. And for the members of 6 months at the most, the convention was a testimony to work well done. For it was over a year ago, on Labor Day weekend in '77, another conference was held. It was there, under the leadership of the Workers Viewpoint Organization that the foundation for this day was laid.

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Participants listen attentively to lessons from the Granite strike from strike leader who is a member of TUEL.

EXCERPTS FROM WVO SPEECH AT TUEL FOUNDING CONVENTION

A year ago Jimmy Carter, newest political face of the U.S. bourgeoisie, was at the beginning of the end of his honeymoon period—still making a lot of promises, looking good in words because he hadn't tackled the real problem yet—the U.S. economy in crisis and decay. Carter, elected with the help of the AFL-CIO and the United Auto Workers, came into office vowing to stop inflation and unemployment. He promised:

- 1) non-intervention in labor disputes
- 2) minimum wage legislation to start at \$3.00
- 3) passage of Common Situs Picketing (allowing workers from one union or contractor to shut down the whole site)
- 4) repeal of section 14b of the Taft-Hartley Act—the "right-to-work" law
- 5) union recognition based on getting cards from 55% of the workers, with no election necessary.

Today's Situation: Carter's Record and Effects Felt by Workers

But today we see things have gotten worse for the working people. Today, 7 million people are still unemployed—and this is the figure the capitalists themselves admit. The official inflation rate is still over 10%. And the price of food, utilities, and housing is skyrocketing 15%.

And what is Carter's record?

- 1) By March of this year Carter

had done exactly what he said he would never do—the U.S. government intervened in the coal miners' strike, hitting them with the Taft-Hartley Act, to try to force them back to work under threat of the National Guard. This was followed in quick succession by intervention in the paper and pulp workers' contract on the West Coast to force the wages down. Then came a federal court injunction against the postal workers' right to have a union strike vote. And recently, Carter invoked the National Railway Act against striking railroad workers, forcing them back to work with a "cooling off period." In these acts alone, 700,000 U.S. workers have been directly attacked by U.S. government intervention.

2) The new minimum wage was passed 35 cents short of Carter's measly promise.

3) Common Situs Picketing was defeated.

4) Points 4 and 5 of Carter's promises were first watered down into the Labor Law Reform Bill, which was then filibustered to death in Congress. But Carter's record in nothing new. In fact this record has nothing to do with Carter the personality or individual. Johnson had the same problem, so did Nixon and Ford—that's why Kennedy and Johnson had to start a war to solve this problem. That's why Nixon had to impose mandatory wage-

price controls in '74. Just in the last few years, people can see that a change of face in the White House doesn't mean much. Democratic Party, Republican Party—they all carry on problems of the capitalist class.

Rising inflation along with rising recession; exploiting the masses to benefit the few, while at the same time trying to make the masses believe they have equality—these contradictions cannot be solved by the capitalists. They can only play catch-up. This is the permanent crisis of capitalism.

Capitalist System is the Real Cause of Inflation and Unemployment

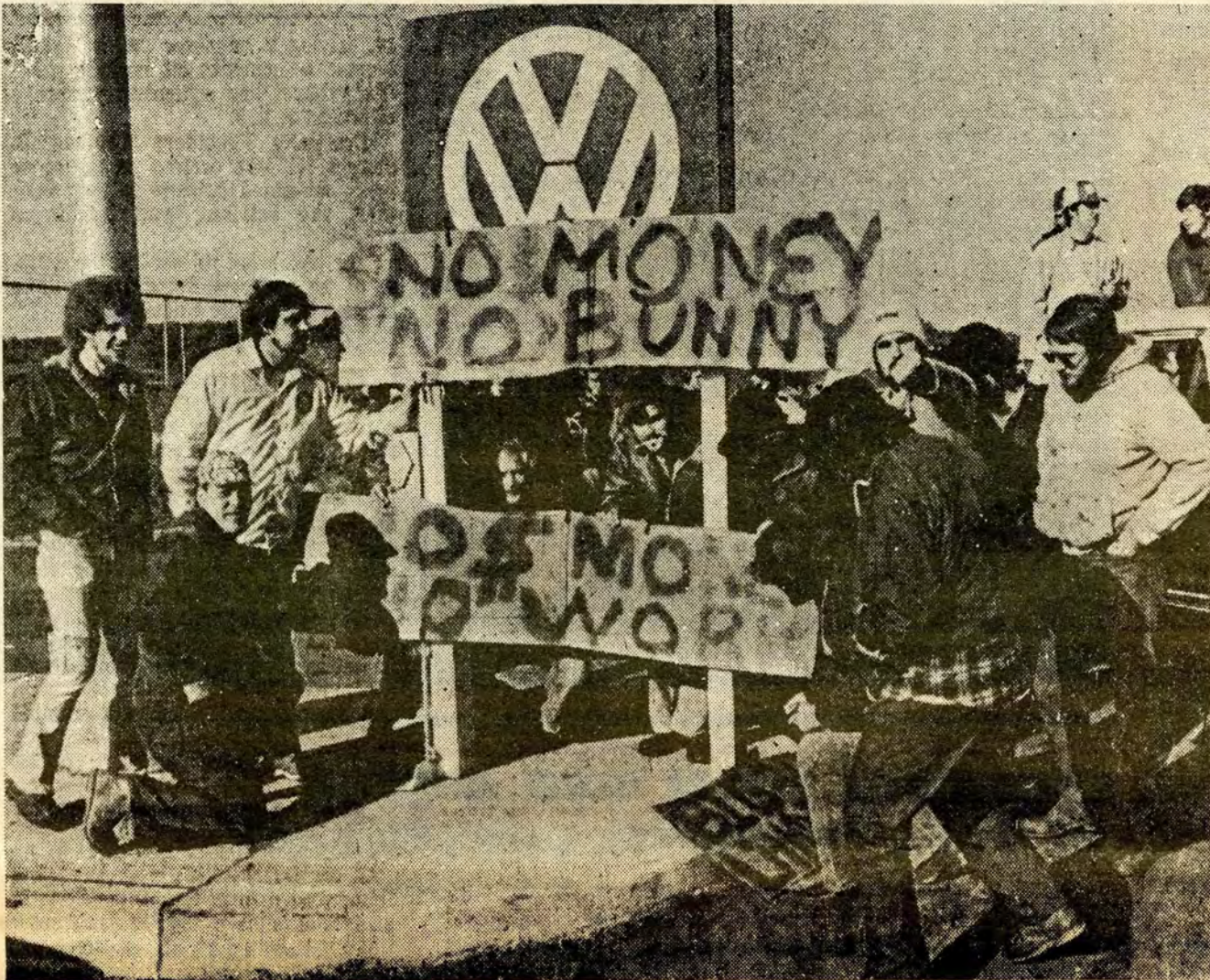
Both inflation and unemployment are permanent features of the crisis of capitalism today. And what the capitalists are especially careful not to point out is the real cause of inflation. They say workers cause inflation. Not only the capitalists, but also the politicians that supposedly represent us say that. Nothing is further from the truth. Calling workers responsible for inflation is like blaming a hold-up victim for the crime.

The real cause lies deep within the system of capitalism itself. Imagine a junkie, emaciated, physically wasted and decaying, frantically shooting himself up with heroin to get a temporary high. Each shot of heroin only increases his addiction, only delays the inevitable crash. This is U.S. capitalism

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NO MONEY NO BUNNY

Pa. VW Workers Demand Equality with Big 3



"No Money, No Bunny," said the Pa. VW workers. They're blocking the plant gates in their fight against substandard contract.

NEW STANTON, Penn.—Joseph, now a windshield installer, left a teaching job "to be near home on a job I thought had a future." Bill left a Buick factory in Flint, Michigan to work at the new Volkswagen plant. He works in the paint booth: "It is harder here at VW. They keep pushing to get more work done." The VW line churns out 400 Rabbits a day. "We're running from one car to another without time to even think about what we're doing." Workers have even been put back on the line with fresh stitches and expected to work.

Two years ago, when Volkswagen announced it would take over the newly built but abandoned Chrysler Corporation building in western Pennsylvania's mining country, workers came from all over the East Coast and even Detroit to get on top of the seniority list. Many drove here and slept in their cars while waiting for a job interview. VW said they were locating in Pennsylvania to help provide jobs. It sounded good.

But in the six months since the VW plant has been in operation, the members of the new United Auto Workers Local 2055 have shut the plant down twice. In September two maintenance men were fired. When a break siren jammed on, piercing everyone's ears, the workers shut down the line. The membership drove their point home by staying out two more days and by

linking up their contract demands with their demand to reinstate the two fired workers.

Three weeks later the company and union committee announced the first contract proposal that had been accepted by the UAW top leadership. The contract offer was overwhelmingly rejected by union membership 1,235 to 94. The membership threw up barricades at the plant gates in another wildcat strike to continue their fight for a decent contract.

"Equality with the Big Three": Fight Substandard Wages

For most autoworkers at the new VW plant the proposal would have raised the current \$5.50 wage to \$9.62 by September 1981. (But what looked good on the surface was in essence a wage cut for the whole UAW.) With VW's offer, 1979 minimum hourly wages would be \$7.48 for unskilled and \$9.48 for skilled die makers. The immediate raise would have been only \$1/hr., raising the starting pay to \$6.50/hr. UAW members in the Big Three (General Motors, Ford & Chrysler) plants get \$8.20/hr., which left VW's wages way behind. And the Big 3 wages would go up even higher than the VW wages after next year's new contract negotiations.

Equality with the Big 3 was the demand raised to defend the union and improve the living standards. "We're

doing the same work as they are and we're trained just as much, so why should we get less?"

Not only were the wages lower but there was no provision to end the grueling 54 hour workweek with the mandatory overtime hated by the VW

workers. Then the company had a new technique to get over—allowing the foremen to call large meetings to hear complaints and following up with personal contact. They come along and say, "How's your wife?" But trying to show concern didn't work. The rank and file still said they wanted more money and less hours.

No Pension Money for 3 Years? "NO WAY!"

The final straw in the contract offer which sent the membership storming out of the meeting was pension funding. The contract had no provisions for pension funding for three years. It meant the workers would lose three years on their pensions, and to get even they would have to put in an extra three years. "No Way," said everyone at the meeting. VW offered one week vacations for up to three years, and 20 hours more for between 4 and 10 years service. "Not enough," said the autoworkers.

VW's Rabbits Can't Reproduce Themselves!

Signs went up everywhere. "No Money—No Bunnies" One autoworker said, "We belong to the same union, so we should get the same pay and benefits."

On Monday morning VW management officials were heard screaming, "There are hundreds of people in front of the gates. They have cars parked all over." Scurrying off in their company-provided white Rabbits, they set up office in a motel. The workers locked management out for two days.

The walkout was a shock to VW and the UAW officials, who refused to authorize the walkout. They were saying the workers were expecting "too much" in their first contract. One man on the picket line angrily said, "We don't have to take a wage cut. When I go to buy eggs or milk, or a new VW, they still cost me the same as anyone else. I don't get no discount because I work at the new VW plant."

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Canadian Postal Workers Defy Gov't Strikebreaking Legislation

On September 25 the Letter Carriers Union of Canada walked out, rejecting the Canadian government's proposal that the main contract issue (size of the cost-of-living increase) be put before an arbitrator. They stopped the mail in nine cities for two days. The strike was especially effective in Toronto where 50% of the country's mail is processed. A contract settlement was reached on September 27.

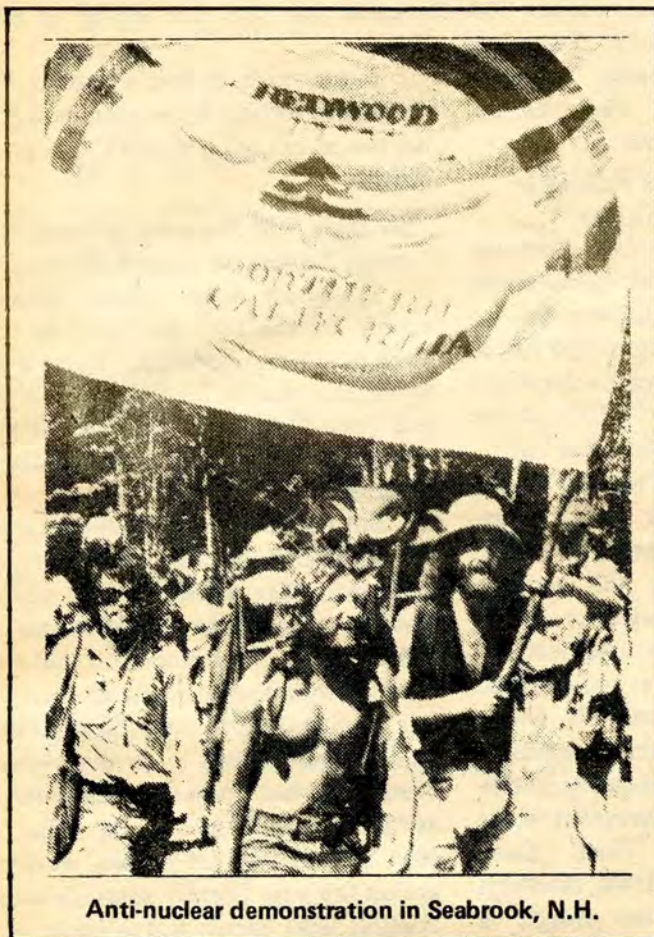
Then on October 17, 23,000 mail sorters of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers went on strike. Working without a contract since June, they demanded higher wages and job security.

The next day, Canadian Parliament rushed through a back-to-work bill in hopes of forcing workers back to the job. But the CUPW has stayed out, and defied the government strikebreaking attempts. Even after the Mounted Police broke into the

union headquarters, the workers continue to strike.

Canadian workers have been suffering for 2½ years under mandatory wage controls. After wages were held at 8%, for so long, inflation is still 8.6%. Ever since the controls were lifted in early spring, the workers have been responding with a rash of strikes. Prime Minister Trudeau is pressuring labor to settle for 6% wage increases even after the controls have been lifted. One clear answer to this is the striking postal workers' firm demand for 15%.

The U.S. government says workers here must sacrifice by giving in to wage controls, and this will solve the problem of inflation. But the struggle of the Canadian workers tell the real story, as workers refuse to pay for the capitalist permanent crisis. ■



Anti-nuclear demonstration in Seabrook, N.H.



OCAW Organizer Blew Open Nuclear Coverup

THE MURDER OF KAREN SILKWOOD

They found her body at the bottom of a shallow, muddy stream. She was crushed among the twisted metal and wreckage of her car.

She was driving alone down Highway 74, when a car suddenly gunned its engines and rammed her Honda from the rear again and again, which swerved out of control, crashed through the guard railing, careened 300 feet down an embankment, smashed into a culvert wall, and finally slammed into a muddy stream.

She was driving secretly to the Holiday Inn in Oklahoma City to meet a reporter. She was carrying enough documents on nuclear accidents, cover-ups, and plutonium spills to blow the nuclear power program wide open. She had assembled enough damning material to break headlines throughout the country. But the wreckage was picked clean, no documents were ever found on her body. Instead, they found that her whole body was intensely radioactive. Someone had been trying to poison her.

A few days later, the Oklahoma police issued a report stating that she must have fallen asleep at the wheel.

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Karen Silkwood Was A Fighter

Karen Silkwood was a fighter. Restless, always active, and just divorced, she wanted to start a new life. She was 26 when she joined the nuclear plant owned by the Kerr-McGee Corporation in Cimmaron, Oklahoma. But it was only a few weeks before she was appalled and disgusted by Kerr-McGee's grisly string of accidents and deaths.

A few years earlier, in 1969, Kerr-McGee swindled Navaho Indians into mining crude uranium outside Shiprock, New Mexico, paying as little as \$1.60/hour for bone-wrenching work beneath the scorching sun. They were never told the dangers of radiation from breathing lethal uranium dust in the mines. Within a few years, 18 out of 100 Native Americans died of cancer, and 21 more were left dying. Kerr-McGee refused to pay one lousy dime for the dead and dying workers.

Kerr-McGee stood to clear millions in profits by rushing to manufacture deadly plutonium fuel rods for hungry nuclear power plants. With millions of dollars at stake, Kerr-McGee didn't give a damn

about the lives of a few hundred plutonium workers and Navaho Indians. As soon as Kerr-McGee's Cimmaron plant opened, a wave of deaths and crippling accidents caused by defective equipment and plutonium fires cut down scores of workers at the plants.

Karen was furious when workers told her about the radiation hazards and accidents, about how 22 workers were poisoned in January 1971 with lethal plutonium oxide that leaked out of defective equipment, or of the 7 workers in October 1970 who were contaminated with radiation from a waste container left idly open for three days.

Then a 10-week strike broke out at the plant, led by OCAW (Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union). In order to bust-up the union, Kerr-McGee hired hordes of scabs without training them for handling plutonium. Without adequate training, many of the scabs doused themselves accidentally with plutonium. But what did Kerr-McGee care if even scabs got cancer from plutonium spills?

Karen Carries on Her Fight Through the Union

Karen made up her mind to carry on her fight through the union, Local 5-283 of OCAW. Right from the start, she won the respect of workers because of her fighting spirit. No supervisor could ever make dangerous shortcuts in safety or squeeze the workers through speed-ups without Karen barging her way right into the boss's office and storming over violations in the union contract. When she spoke, she spoke for the 115 workers at Kerr-McGee.

In July 1974, another plutonium accident sent deadly dust into the air. Karen was caught suddenly without a respirator and she inhaled the potentially lethal dust. Karen was now one of the 73 Kerr-McGee workers who suffered from possible permanent lung damage. But she wasn't afraid. She didn't back down, but became even more determined and fired up to carry the struggle through the union. Within one month, she won so much respect from her fellow workers that she got elected to one of three seats on the union's steering committee.

Within a year, Karen became one of the best trouble-shooters OCAW ever had. Her real strength as a committee-woman was in her closeness to the

workers and her unflinching support of their demands for better wages and safety conditions. And when she was sent to Washington, D.C. in September 26, 1974, with the OCAW International, she agreed to do undercover work for OCAW: to collect a massive file on Kerr-McGee and other nuclear contractors which would rip the whole nuclear industry apart.

Karen Was the Link Between Workers And Environmentalists

Kerr-McGee executives hated Karen. And the FBI despised her. She was a double threat to the nuclear industry and the Atomic Energy Commission because of her ties with both the workers and the growing anti-nuclear movement. The FBI knew that if the working class movement and the no-nuke movement ever united against the nuclear industry, \$100 billion in nuclear investments wouldn't be worth a plug nickel. The link between these two spontaneous movements had to be smashed. And Karen Silkwood was that link. But so far, even harassment by the local police, the FBI and Kerr-McGee stooges couldn't break her.

Then on November 5, 1974, as she routinely walked by some radiation counters, they went crazy and buzzed out of control. Somehow, she had been exposed to huge doses of plutonium. She nervously showered and changed clothes, but again the next day the geiger counter needles went off the scale. And finally, on a third day, the counters still registered a massive radiation count. To Karen, it suddenly became clear. Some stoolie had squealed. They knew she was amassing an explosive file on the nuclear industry. Someone was trying to kill her.

That night, Karen cried for the first time and began to shake badly. She expected harassment, but she never thought they would go this far. But she couldn't stop now. The next day, she again stormed into the boss's office and demanded a full investigation on her contamination. Finally, a team of inspectors converged on her apartment house, covered head-to-toe with special overalls, gloves, respirators, and masks. Within seconds, the geiger counters told the whole story: her apartment house was flooded with plutonium dust. The radiation count was so bad that they had to dump all of her furniture into 55-

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Wage Controls

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paid, to pit the organized against the unorganized.

Carter said the only way out of the wage control ceiling of 7% is for the workers to raise productivity by agreeing to change work rules. All this is bait to force the workers to make a choice between speed-ups and lower wages.

Carter also talked about deregulation. What does this mean? It means that all safety rules that prevent the capitalists from killing and maiming more workers are now going to be "deregulated". It also means under the name of competition, the big monopolies, like United, American and TWA in the airlines business will swallow up the smaller lines like National and Continental. In the long run the industries will be even further monopolized and will be able to charge anything they want. This means higher prices.

Carter's Fake Inflation Insurance

One of the new wrinkles in the Administration's plan is the so-called inflation insurance. According to the plan, those workers who keep to the wage guideline of 7% (including benefits and Cost of Living Allowance) are eligible for his inflation insurance. Say that a Teamster gets the 7% increase and stay within the ceiling. If the inflation rate say, goes to 10%, he will have the difference rebated through taxes, according

Wage Freeze Comes in Shadow of Other Attacks That Will Feed Inflation

Wage controls is only one way Carter is trying to make the workers take the beating in the economic crisis. The U.S. government is now under a hiring freeze, and the goal is to cut 20,000 workers off the payroll. Carter also wants to cut the deficit of the government, which means cutting the budget. This year alone the government has slashed \$4 billion from welfare, unemployment insurance, education and other services. All this comes at a time when the military budget has set another record running into hundreds of billions. On top of that, he vetoed the public works bill, which means that more jobs will be lost.

Only two days after the speech, Carter also signed the tax cut bill coming out of Congress. Only the tax cut is for the bourgeoisie and upper petty bourgeoisie; and in fact 80% of the tax cut goes to those making over \$25,000 per year and to big corporations and overall it is a tax increase for the working class. To make up for the big increases coming up in Social Security taxes, in order for a working class family to really get a tax cut, they would have to be making \$30,000 per year.

Moreover, your gasoline and heating bill will be jumping even farther beyond your budget next year. Carter, in his "fight against inflation," is going to raise your natural gas bill. The natural gas deregulation bill lifts many of the price ceilings on "newly found" natural gas. Given the green light by the

government, energy monopolies like Exxon are going to gouge the people even more. Many people, especially from the elderly and minorities, are doomed to freeze to death.

Trade Union Hacks Falling in Line Behind Carter

Right after Carter laid down the line on wage controls, the union bureaucrats, whose membership were the target of the attack, lay down and played dead. George Meany and the rest of the misleadership in the AFL-CIO, in the name of threats from the "new right," say they have to back President Carter, the main representative of the bourgeoisie all the way. No matter how hard, how far, they attack the workers. Frank Fitzsimmons said he would accept them given a few modifications. There was no way he was going to lead the fight against the controls, having been blackmailed by the government for this very purpose through its investigation into Teamster corruption in the Central States Pension Fund. Doug Fraser, the head of the UAW, for all his fiery rhetoric about "class struggle" a few months before, suddenly became a lamb in the face of the bourgeoisie's wage controls. His attitude to this blatant attack was "wait and see."

None of the misleaders could openly bow down before Carter and expect their membership to swallow it. So they are trying to paint themselves fence-sitters, hoping to confuse the membership. To delay and disorganize their fight, that's the only other way for them. But the more the labor hacks sit on this issue, the more powerful the

volcano that they are sitting on will blow.

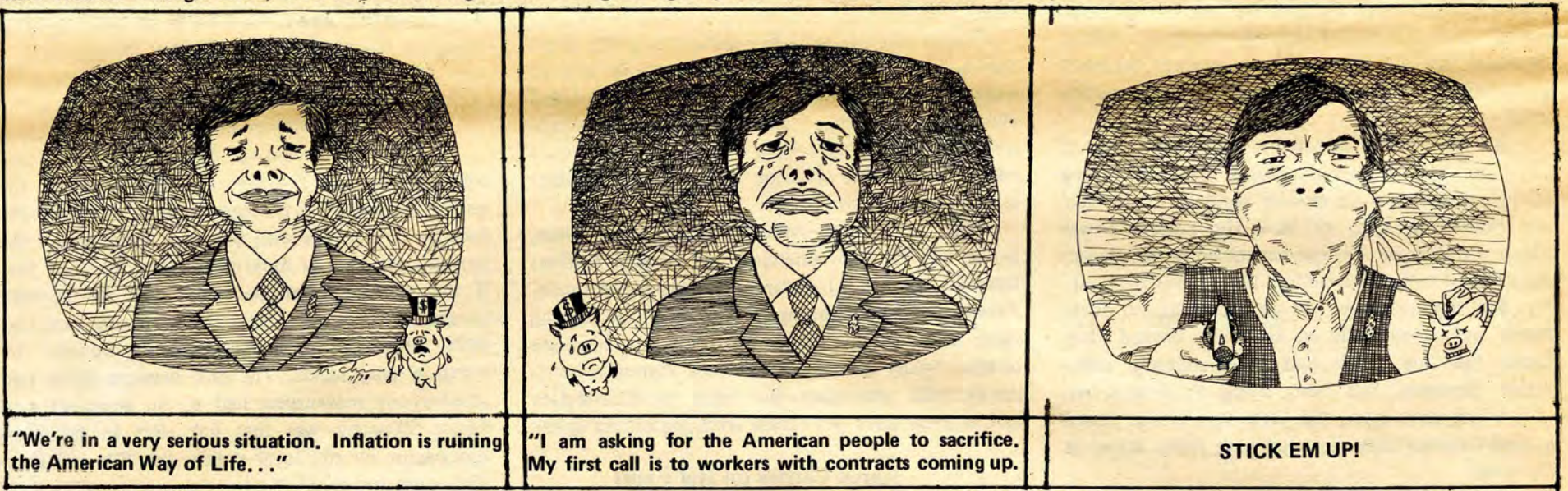
In any case, if you're waiting for these guys to lead the workers in fighting the wage controls—don't hold your breath.

Struggle Will Sharpen as Government Forced to Attack Workers

Mandatory wage controls backed openly by the laws and force of the government are inevitable. Barry Bosworth, the head of the Council on Wage and Price Stability, said that these are going to be the last attempt at voluntary controls.

But the bourgeoisie knows the danger of mandatory wage controls, especially since they will not control prices. They know that from the experience of Nixon's Phase II wage controls that not only did inflation get worse afterwards, but more importantly the struggle of the workers was focused in on the government as it shot down wage agreements as "inflationary" (such as the strike in New York of the 1199 hospital workers against the wage freeze). After the wage controls were lifted, strikes broke out like wildfire around the country as workers fought to make up for wages lost to the ongoing inflation.

For the workers now it means a hard fight to beat back the wage controls and other attacks by the government as well as the bosses. But it does focus the struggle against the government, helping turn some economic struggles into political ones. Strikes, moreover, will broaden as workers come to identify with the same issue. ■



to Carter. The problem is that Carter and the bourgeoisie know that their anti-inflation fight is a shaky proposition at best (as he himself admitted). Inflation is sure to exceed 7%. This would mean that given the number of workers covered by the plan, the U.S. Treasury would have to rebate more than \$30 billion. There is no way in the world this is going to happen.

Carter's price controls are nothing but a joke. Carter, while capping wages at 7%, talked about a price ceiling of a maximum 9.5%. But even the loophole had a loophole. Not only can monopolies pass on any "production costs"—which means anything from the bosses' expense accounts to the cost of oil—but also whether or not the price controls will be enforced would depend on the profit level of the company. Through all the doubletalk the message is loud and clear—prices are going to continue to climb.

Bourgeois Economists Admit the Coming of Recession in 1979

What is the Fundamental Cause of Inflation?

Can Carter cure the sickness of inflation by simply printing less money? No way. The money supply is more of a symptom of the sickness of the capitalist system, but it is not the fundamental cause of the disease. It is only a mirror of real life—the steady downward impoverishment of the masses. The bourgeoisie can control the money supply. What they can't control is what makes them shoot excess money into the economy in the first place.

What then is the engine driving inflation upward? It's the bourgeoisie, like junkies, hooked on frantically pumping money into the economy to postpone the depression which is bound to come. They do it through reckless government spending, credit expansion,

using money they don't have (until they print it or issue bonds)—resulting in an unprecedented deficit financing since World War II.

One of the chief ways they hype up the economy to try to postpone depressions is by militarizing the economy. Having to compete with the Soviets to dominate the world and to protect its super-exploitation of the third world, the U.S. is forced to arm to the teeth and continually upgrade the quality of its weapons. This means hundreds of billions of dollars are spent by the government to pay for pure waste, which no one can use and from which nothing is produced.

But all the money poured into developing the best Cruise missile or Neutron Bomb means less money for social needs. Our kids waste their time sitting

in overcrowded classrooms or getting lousy medical care in hospitals whose staffs have been budget-cut to the bone. and it means the come home to cramped, old apartments with no heat because there is almost no reasonably priced decent housing.

The vicious cycle of the capitalist system pushed the workers and poor farther down. As the government pours more and more money into the hands of the capitalists through government spending, which drives inflation up, the bosses turn around and speculate on inflation, through the money markets in Europe or on Wall St. Because they can get rich quicker through speculation, increasingly they won't sink investments into risky, long-term industries like steel, the railroads, etc. Moreover, they increase the exploitation of workers through speed-ups, lay-offs (leading to more unemployment) and worse safety conditions.

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SUM-UP, STUDY AND SELF-CRITICISM ON THE MASS LINE QUESTION

Chairman Mao has said, "whether he is a true or false Marxist, we need only find out how he stands in relation to the broad masses of workers and peasants and then we shall know him for what he is. This is the only criterion, there is no other." Maintain close ties with the masses and consult them when matters arise is one important aspect of Party character all communists must strive for and practice. In some areas where the Party has relatively longer histories of work and has led many struggles to victory, we have at the same time violated very seriously this aspect of Party character. In some places, we became isolated from the people we have been working with. We must sum up the mistakes to retrieve valuable lessons for future work.

As communists, what should be our attitude towards the masses? Chairman Mao had synthesized it in a very profound way. He said it means relying on the masses, having faith in them, respecting their initiative and creativity. One concrete expression of this correct attitude is to maintain close ties with the masses and consult them whenever matters arise. First we must have a correct attitude. This correct attitude will be expressed in our method in dealing with the masses.

From the beginning of human history to today, we have seen how the masses have, through their creativity and initiative, produced the wealth of civilization. We have also seen how the oppressed, be it the slaves, serfs or proletariat, have risen up among themselves to overthrow their exploiters, and did succeed. These are all parts of our history. However, we have also complained that this or that person is lacking in initiative, or we doubt that if the masses would agree with a certain proposal that the Party made or would carry it out. Why? Because many of us do not really understand what mass initiative is, so we do not respect it. Very often, we see initiative only in relation to *our* plan—which often is a product of our "brain juicing" rather than reflection of the actual state of the masses' demands and their sentiments. Unconsciously, we follow a logic that if we are not ready or if it's not part of *our* plan, the masses shouldn't go ahead either. This kind of thinking stifles the masses' initiative, energy, and creativity.

For example, two or three years ago the comrades in one mass organization we are working in wanted to form a social committee to develop and lead social activities for its members. The reason for the proposal was the tendency of "all politics and no social aspects to the mass organization's life." It hurts the all-rounded character of the organization and therefore the accumulation of forces and influence for that mass organization. At that time, the party lacked a correct and systematic understanding of the relationship between social and political life and then in practice carried out an incorrect line. And the form it comes out in is that we felt we couldn't "spare" any cadre to lead that work. Our line then was if we don't have the leadership available, don't start it. This was to ensure quality and guidance in everything we do. The result? The social committee was killed. Comrades that wanted to start it were almost viewed as anarchists.

The same thing happened to the proposal to do a colorful brochure to introduce the mass organization.

The more serious event in shifting people's initiative was the struggle over the first Chairman Mao memorial. Chairman Mao died during the period when the Party was having its plenary. No directive was given to basic units as to what to do. We felt great sorrow but were unable to make a decision on what to do. All the friends around us were puzzled over our inaction. They felt the grief, and they wanted to do something about it. So they pushed the Party to hold something to commemorate Chair-



man Mao's death. The sentiment was strongest in the Chinatown community. This sentiment can be illustrated by the over 2,000 people who turned out for the memorial uptown organized by the patriotic forces. Many elderly who had rarely walked outside of Chinatown made a long trip to this memorial. As the Party leadership came out of the C.C. Plenary, the decision was to have an internal forum to consolidate the Party and friends around the Plenary decisions. No public memorial was planned, even though the masses were urging strongly for one. As there was none organized by the Party, these comrades took the initiative in helping to organize the other memorials. Some also went to those organized by the opportunist October League and got disgusted over their typical opportunism of pimping off Chairman Mao's prestige, while in practice opposing everything he believed in. Because of all the demands by our friends, we finally decided to have a public memorial. Four days was all we had for planning, preparation and mobilization. But that was not the main obstacle. The masses were so excited by the delayed memorial that they worked around the clock to get the program out. Even though time was short, over 200 people showed up to hear the Party's presentation on Chairman Mao's contribution to Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. Everyone agreed they got more out of this memorial than all other memorials combined, in terms of what Chairman Mao's teachings really mean to us. If we had listened to our friends' opinions a little earlier, we could have had an even bigger memorial to tap many more people's love for Chairman Mao and to consolidate more people to the noble principles he fought so hard for all his life.

Communist leadership *does not create* mass initiative. Communist leadership can only promote, organize, and give full play to this initiative which already exists by making it *conscious*. This conscious character is provided by the study of Marxism and the integration with actual experiences, so that we know deeply why people are doing or not doing certain things, to give direction and scope to the masses' initiative so that it won't become fruitless, in order that it be promoted, consolidated, and accumulated to serve the fight for socialism.

The lines or plans will turn into material forces only if they reflect the actual demands of the masses, where they are at, what they want to do at certain times. They cannot be pure products of our "brain juices." For example, right now in a mass organization, there are many interested in forming a cultural committee. A few people have signed up for it. But it would not get off the ground because no one wanted

to lead it. We did not assign anyone to take it up either. On the other hand, we are trying to start some other work around the attacks on undocumented workers. Work around this area is very important. However, no motion has been created at this point and no one in that mass organization has yet any interest in the project. So as a result, neither program can get started. Some comrades have told us, "When the Party has any idea or proposal, you will consolidate us to do the work. But when we have some idea to propose, you guys will either pretend not to have heard it, or say, 'it's a good idea, why don't you do it.'" This criticism is very true. So there are plans and plans, lines and lines. Some plans and lines are being used as tools to become bureaucratic. Some have helped to unleash people's initiative. What are the "ingredients" for a correct plan? Talk to the masses, and they will tell you. To do that we must have close ties with them.

As the Party's lines are formulated by some of the most advanced and committed elements in the working class and contains the most advanced perspective of class struggle, one would think that once these lines and plans are developed, they will automatically draw out the masses' initiative and commitment. That is straight wrong and an attempt to simplify reality.

First of all, there are correct and incorrect lines within the Party. There are lines and plans that are only partially correct, reflecting only the early stages in the process of understanding things.

Secondly, independently of where objectively things are at, people also look at a given matter differently. To implement a line, a decision, you have to unite people with different views. Different classes have different views, and bourgeois ideology taints things with prejudices that affect everyone. Furthermore, people are divided into strata of advanced, middle, and backward. There is unity as well as differences among them. So it is not only necessary to struggle for where objectively things are at, but we also have to struggle to understand how different strata look at it and how to unite people to move on it, which includes even compromises and having people go through their own experiences. So to develop and to implement the Party's or any mass organization's decisions, it is necessary to know where each strata is at, what are the contradictions and unity between them and how to step by step move towards our objective. Not only is there a question of the will and sentiment of the masses in between the issuing and implementation of the Party's lines, decisions, and directives, there is also the entire area of how the masses' will and sentiments help to develop the Party's lines, decisions, and directives. We must pay attention to both these points, developing the line and implementation of the line, in fighting to forge the Party's mass line traditions.

On page 119 of "A Critique of Soviet Economics" written by Chairman Mao, he said:

Lenin put it well when he said, "Socialism is vigorous, spirited, creative—the creation of the masses of the people themselves." Our mass line is like this...

In 1928 the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union passed a resolution which said, "We will be able to solve the task of overtaking and surpassing the capitalist countries technically and economically only when the party and the worker and peasant masses get mobilized to the limit." (p. 337) This is very well put. And this is exactly what we are now doing. At that time Stalin had nothing else to rely on except the masses, so he demanded all-out mobilization of the party and the masses. Afterwards, when they had realized some gains

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Demonstrations Hound Smith's Visit

From the day the dog Smith got here the U.S. people have given him no rest. Demonstrations have denounced him in every city he has gone to. Smith and his bootlickers are backed into a corner by the Patriotic Front. He has run out of schemes to stay in power. Coming to the U.S. at the invitation of 45 supportive senators this month was Smith's last hope.

On October 7, 350 people rallied at the UN plaza and marched to Times Square. In Washington D.C. 1000 people marched from Lafayette park, across from the White House, to the International House where traffic moved as people chanted "let's scream, let's shout, let's run this racist mutha out!" He came to New York and was met with an even angrier demonstration and 1,200 people at the Biltmore Hotel.

While slick imperialists like Carter and Young pretended they wanted nothing to do with Smith, the whole U.S. government has given Smith every possible comfort, from chauffeured limousines, to every possible form of media exposure from *Face the Nation* to *Good Morning America*.

While this racist finally conceded to go to an all-parties conference, the most barbaric atrocities have been committed against the Zimbabwean masses. Rhodesian planes have attacked Patriotic Front bases in Mozambique three times, a large refugee camp with over 3,000 people. In late October Rhodesian planes flew 70 miles into Zambia striking Patriotic Front base areas, napalming innocent men, women and children. And on October 31, this fascist dog announced his extension of martial law to cover over half the country's population.



These atrocities and lies, however, only fire the hatred of the Zimbabwean masses even more to grind this dog into bonemeal.

South Africa Reneges On U.N. Agreement—U.S. in a Panic

When Vance went to Pretoria this month to persuade Botha to accept the U.N. plan for Namibia he knew the stakes were very high. He knew full well that South African refusal to cooperate on the Namibian situation would mean international condemnation of and sanctions against South Africa. Vance also knew that if the U.S. vetoed any international sanction against South Africa, that veto would further lead to the isolation of U.S. imperialism by the third world and the U.S. would be powerless to oppose it.

Prime Minister Botha's first act as the successor for Voster was to renege on the U.N. independence plan for Namibia agreed upon in March by South Africa, the Front-line States, the OAU and SWAPO. This agreement has recognized SWAPO as the sole representative of the Namibian people. It called for the return of the deep water port at Walvis Bay and reduction of the South African troops in Namibia to 1,000 and pro-



Ian Smith and stooge Sithole see grim future.

vided for a U.N. supervised election by December 31, 1978. Instead Botha is opting for the "internal settlement" road of the Smith type in hopes of using Namibia as a military buffer against SWAPO. Clearly Botha is more afraid of SWAPO than the U.S.'s idle threats of sanctions against South Africa. Botha is currently throwing his weight into the Democratic Turnhall Alliance, a puppet coalition of whites and blacks previously promoted by Vorster to head the new so-called "independent" Namibian government he is pushing. All the opposition parties have denounced this sham scheme and will boycott the election.

SWAPO's stand is clear. They will "renew the armed struggle to defend the safety of our people and the integrity of our fatherland." ■

REVISIONIST "C" PUSA CALLS IN THE COPS TO ATTACK ALSC

WASHINGTON, D.C. At the demonstration against Ian Smith on Oct. 9, everyone was fired up to denounce the visit of the fascist butcher. The African Liberation Support Committee is doing its work well. The *All Africa is Standing Up!*, the political organ of ALSC sold like hotcakes. People were buying up the "Cut Diplomatic Ties" button put out by the National Coalition to Support African Liberation. The 15,000 people who marched at African Liberation Day 1978 are a constant nightmare for the revisionists, who know that the consistently anti-imperialist line of the ALSC is reaching more people every day. The banner exposing both superpowers was just too much for them. Any exposure of Soviet social-imperialism provokes fear in them.

For the fear of political exposure and isolation, and not having the courage to directly engage in struggle, they called in the cops to do their work and hid behind their backs while the struggle with the police went down. During the October 9th demonstration, the "Com-

munist Party" U.S.A. stooges called the cops not once, but twice. After the first confrontation, the ALSC went right at the revisionists and the police, and unfurled the banner again. The "C" P-USA's lies about the banner going outside the principles of unity of the day, opposition to Ian Smith, were exposed by the facts that in sight were banners calling for everything from revolutionary rule of workers and peasants in Zimbabwe to supporting the international world communist revolution.

To be attacked by the enemy is a good thing, for that clearly shows the good work the ALSC has been doing. That the revisionists had to resort to such cheap tactics to block the ALSC political position shows that the steadfastness and consistency in principle of the ALSC is reaping great results. Let the revisionists and the bourgeoisie tremble at the spectre of the genuine anti-imperialist movement that is haunting them! ■

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CHOL SOO LEE BENEFIT CONCERT

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Cho Soo Lee is a young Korean immigrant in prison since 1973 for a Chinatown gang murder he did not commit. And while in prison he was again charged with yet another Korean-American and Asian-American across the country have rallied in support of this brother.

In California, benefit concerts are planned in Los Angeles on December 29 and in San Francisco on December 30. Asian-American cultural artists and activists will be performing to raise money for his defense.



Tupelo, Miss.

**'No more eye for an eye
We want both damn eyes'**

TUPELO, Miss. (ALSC)—Once you cross Main Street, you leave downtown Tupelo, Mississippi. The cross street, Green Street, winds its way through the black community. Walking along the first couple of blocks, you pass one and two story houses with green lawns and trees. Green Street curls its way deeper into the community. Approaching the top of the hill at a large intersection where a black policeman directs traffic to let black school children cross, pockets of black folk are talking in front of the grocery store, the multi-purpose auditorium and the dairy diner. Down the other side of the hill, still on Green Street, larger groups of community people are standing outside on Tolbert and Bolbo's black funeral home and gathered across the street in front of people's homes.

"Hey, What's happening brother? From out of town, from up north? Y'all came all the way down here to support the struggle in Tupelo. Well alright. North or South, we all in this thing together." Some of the older men speak, "Yeah man, we're in the United League. It is a new day in Mississippi for black people. We're fighting for 'justice for all'." One after another, people lay out instances of national oppression and discrimination.

"A little girl went into a store in August or October of 1974, and the white man told this girl to get out of the store and the girl's father got out of his car and went into the store, 'cause his little girl was crying and asked what was wrong, what did you say to my child? The man, (white store owner) said, 'I got something for you,' pulled out a .38 and shot this girl's father. He is able to run a piece, but the man comes out and shoots him again. And before they could get him to the hospital he's dead.

People talk of the cowardly attacks of the Klan. The Ku Klux Klan are sons of dogs, spineless vermin, who ride through the night. One night the Klan rode through the community and shot into the cars of blacks and sped off.

But the black people are not running from the attacks of the police or the Klan. Everybody is packing, from shotguns to B-B guns. People are defending themselves whatever way they can. Recently a white cop stopped a black man and began harrasing him. The man took the pigs gun and pistol whipped that cop. A few weeks ago, an army of state, county and city police surrounded the black owner of the Tolbert and Bolbo Funeral Home. They were afraid to enter the building because the black man kept them at bay with two cases of ammunition and a machine gun.

United League Provides Leadership

The straw that broke the camel's back for the black people in Tupelo was

the case of Eugene Pasto. Pasto was jailed for riding around with a white woman in his car, was beaten and made to sign a statement saying that he had forged some checks. The people of Tupelo called in a United League organizer from nearby Holly Springs. The newborn UL chapter demanded that the two cops be fired. This demand grew into a boycott of all white businesses, when no action was taken towards these two cops. This boycott resulted in the two pigs being transferred to the fire department. The boycott grew. Then the cops were 'fired' with full pay, and the boycott still grew. The issue was no longer two pigs; the demands of the UL now included: Hiring blacks, more black professionals in the hospitals, more black school principals, teachers, counselors, coaches, and cheerleaders; stop discrimination in housing, end police brutality, hire blacks in key positions in the factories, in City Hall, etc.

Since February, the boycott has been 90% effective and has severely hurt Blacks Department Store, Deb's Dollar Store, Sun Seal Food Market, and many other types of stores. While holding regular pickets and demonstrations every Saturday, demonstrators have been sentenced for "interfering with trade", "concealing firearms", blocking doorways and the like. All have been trumped up charges. Each time the people are charged or other instances of national oppression take place, the UL calls for another demand. One of the most important demands is saving black owned land. When black grandparents or parents die, the state or rich white families say they didn't pay their land taxes; then they take the land.

The United League is a powerful grass roots movement. It has welded together the powerful revolutionary sentiment of blacks in Tupelo and has provided tight organization for its chapters

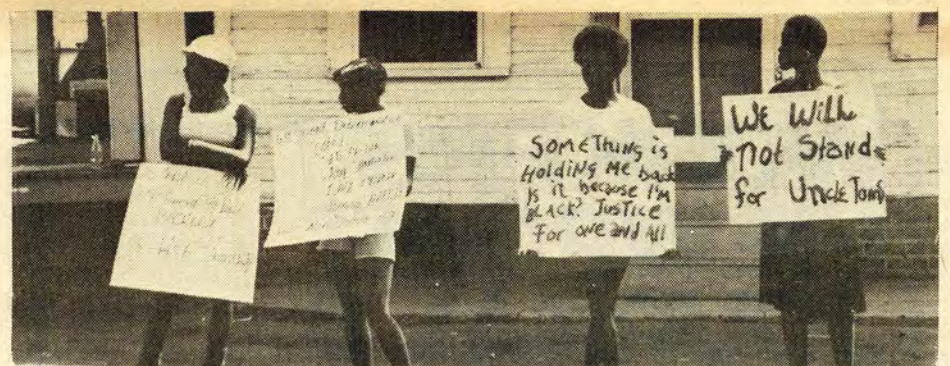
movement today is talking about human rights and justice for all. Yeah, justice and equality, the same thing the white man wants. They can't put justice in jail. We're fighting for a hand in government, like blacks in Africa are doing. Trying to liberate our people. The white people won't give it to us, so we got to take it."

"I got scars on my chest and knees where dogs bit me in Selma, Alabama in the 60's. But today the word is 'No!' We'll die and go to hell before that happens. We won't take an eye

downtown and the national guard and local police cracked up their guns and aimed their guns at us. We had over 1,000 people. The national guard was on the sidewalks on each side of us. So we learned from mistakes in the 60's."

The fierce struggle of the people of Tupelo against the Klan, police, and the government, is the same as the struggle to save black colleges, the struggle to unionize the textile industry and the runaway shops from the north, the struggle in North Carolina, and many other struggles in the Black Belt South. It is a struggle against a common oppression, national oppression, a fight against U.S. imperialism.

ALSC upholds the right of the Black Belt Nation to struggle for self-determination up to and including the right to secede. The fight for liberation in Tupelo is like a burning sword, cutting down the chains of national oppression. The monopoly capitalists



TUPELO, MI.— (Bottom) Picketers convinced residents in this house to join the boycott. (Top) Tupelo resident speaks out forcefully at one of many rallies held.

Black Liberation/The Road Ahead

in 30 counties in Tenn., and one in Alabama, totalling 70,000 members. The League has given the people a fighting chance, ain't nothing gonna turn them around!

Learning from the 60's, Struggle on a Higher Level Today

Brother Clinton is a militant fighter in the League Chapter in Tupelo. Sitting in his living room in the projects, he takes out a cigarette and edges to the front of his chair. "In the 60's, folks wanted integration. Now folks have learned that all that didn't work. The mistake our people made was to go home after the struggle, sit down and say, 'free at last.' They should have kept going. Since then, we've lost all black teachers, 90% of the land, black businesses have gone out of business. We lost all of that. But this

for an eye. We're gonna take both damn eyes! We know that down the line some of us have to lose blood. Some got to die! That's always part of liberation. We wasted the Klan, we kick 'em around a little bit, spit on them. Some of the Klan is the principals in the schools, policemen on the force, merchants downtown, and this woke up a lot of black people in Tupelo."

Forehead wrinkled, but eyes calm, Brother Clinton lays out lessons learned from the national guard in the 60's.

"We learned from the 60's that if the national guard and the state troopers are called in, they are not for our protection. On June 10th this year, the United League armed ourselves and marched. The KKK said they would make citizens arrests of the League. We said that was a lie. The United League meant business. So we marched

and the Klan don't have a snowball's chance in hell to escape the revolutionary movement of the heroic black people of Tupelo. ■



Welfare Mothers Tell It Like It Is At NOW Conf.

NEW YORK, N.Y.—“Picture yourself a welfare mother...” A young welfare mother tried to get the audience from the National Organization of Women (NOW) to put themselves in the shoes of a welfare mother telling her child that she had no money to buy new shoes because she had to buy food to fill their stomachs. Thirty members and friends from New York Working Women (NYWW) and the Downtown Welfare Advocates Center (DWAC) stood behind the speakers, holding up posters, raising issues of welfare and poor working women at the “Urban Women” Conference of the New York chapter of NOW. Amidst the well-dressed audience with a small amount of black and working women, taking over the stage caused a great impact—the best point in the whole conference. It woke everyone up with a fresh breath of militant, active reality.

The welfare mother followed speeches entitled, “Woman in the Middle Ages” and “The Struggle of Women Cops.” Some women who came and couldn’t pay the entrance fee were turned away at the door. To get into the conference N.Y. Working Women and DWAC had to demand to be seated and refused to pay the \$19.50 fee or to apply for “scholarships” for poor “urban women.” After all, they told each other, “We are those statistics that all those other women, the cops and the scholars, are talking about.” In fact, this action impressed NOW so much that the next day of the conference, they welcomed their “sisters” by setting up security guards all around the stage!

Conference Goes Support NYWW and DWAC Resolution

Through this militant action, the NOW leadership was forced to propose the NYWW and DWAC resolutions to the conference. The conference participants really clapped hard when they heard the resolutions. One resolution was to endorse a fundraising dinner organized by NYWW for several home-care workers who were fired for union activities. As NYWW has deepened their work they found that homecare workers were getting more fired up by the stepped up attacks on their working conditions and unions. Other resolutions dealt with support for the struggles of welfare women. In a previous NYWW meeting, there was a discussion with women from Harlem about the brutality and oppression women face in welfare centers. A film was shown about Rita Smith, a Harlem mother of seven who had struggled on welfare to raise her family. Others like Beulah Saunders, former president of the National Welfare Rights Organization and a woman from DWAC described welfare organizing. The last resolution was a proposed joint conference of NYWW, DWAC and NOW for International Women’s Day.

NYWW Continuing to Organize Poor and Working Women

It is only through NYWW’s continued organizing of poor and working women and continued pressure that NOW will be made to live up to its resolutions. One woman declared her long term determination to fight for poor women’s rights and said, “NOW, the most well-known women’s organi-

zation, only says they speak for us but in reality they do nothing for us. We have to go (to the NOW conference) to fight for ourselves and all the other poor and welfare women. Even if there were only two of us, I would still go and speak up.”

NY Working Women went to the conference as part of uniting all the different trends of the women’s move-

ment including NOW, a more reactionary trend, around the struggles of the majority of women, working and poor women, like homecare workers and welfare women. It is only by organizing the struggles of these women and more around decent education, day-care and health care that the millions of women will be mobilized against the oppression of women. ■

DISSIDENT TEAMSTERS PLAN CONTRACT FIGHT

On October 21 and 22, 1978 nearly 500 teamsters and their spouses from Vancouver to Texas arrived in Windsor, Ontario, Canada (near Detroit) to attend the third annual convention of the Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU), a rank and file caucus whose goal is to fight for its members rights on the job and in the union.

The two day convention attracted truckers, car haulers, warehouse workers and municipal employees who came to share their experiences in workshops around topics such as contract fights, grievances, legal rights and building TDU chapters. The single issue that brought these teamsters together is the lack of democracy within their locals and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, (IBT). Those who attended the convention reaffirmed that the best way to reform the Teamster’s union is to rely on the rank and file, not the courts, the Department of Labor, or the FBI.

A major topic of discussion at the convention was the upcoming National Master Freight Agreement which expires next April. (See article in WV, July, 1978) The NMFA, which covers 500,000 truckers, warehouse workers, and platform workers, will be the first major industry-wide contract to be negotiated under Carter’s Wage and Price Control program. TDU has organized a Major Contract Committee (MCC) to coordinate the fight for a decent contract. During the committee, truckers spoke out against the IBT leadership’s sell-out of the last contract. In order to insure that the rank and file get a decent contract this time it was decided to adopt certain plans of action such as coming out with regular contract bulletins, setting up a tight network to stop scab drivers and taking up a public relations campaign to counter any slander created by the companies and the Federal government. The truckers vowed that if the new contract is not ratified by the rank and file, all of the nation’s highways will be closed to commercial traffic except for essential food and medical supplies. ■

Terence Johnson’s Message Let The Cops Beware!

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY, Md.—“All those who dare to attack are going to learn the hard way that the Afro-American is not a pacifist; that he cannot be counted on not to defend himself.”—Robert F. Williams, 1962.

In Prince George County, Md., two cops learned the hard way when 15 year old Terence Johnson shot them with their own gun in self defense right in the police station. Terence was picked up by the two white cops last June on charges of “attempting to break into a laundromat”. One of the cops, Claggett, was known for beating up blacks and cops in the department shot a black youth in the back for supposedly stealing two hams.

When Terence was charged with murder, this outraged the black community. A broad coalition including churches, civil rights groups, the African Liberation Support Committee, and many other organizations and individuals formed the Terence Johnson Legal Defense Fund. The Coalition has organized rallies, sponsored fund raising concerts and mobilized more than two hundred people for Terence’s hearing.

Femia, the judge in the hearing and a “law and order” reactionary, clearly wants to railroad Terence Johnson to

life imprisonment. But forced to bow to the anger from the community, Femia was forced to reduce the outrageous \$1 million “bail” to \$100,000.

The lesson of Terence Johnson is clear: Let the cops beware! When attacked, the people will fight back “by any means necessary.” ■



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L.A. Minority Parents Fight for Children's Future "Quality Education is Our Demand, Not the Forced Busing Plan"

LOS ANGELES, Ca.—FORCED BUSING IS HERE! Forced busing has been implemented but with great difficulty due to the strong resistance from parents and community people who were concerned that forced busing does not answer their cry for quality education.

town successfully resisted the forced busing plan. Parents from the *Comite de Igualdad* centered in a Mexican community kept their school from being involved in the plan. Parents from the *Community Group for Better Education* in South Central Los Angeles were able to reduce the number of children being bused from one school from 54 to 21.

Parents from Chinatown jammed their neighborhood school some 300 strong last year to protest the forced busing plan. Members of AAFE helped to direct the parents' anger at the Board which was there to answer questions about the plan. The anger made one thing clear—Chinatown parents wanted no part of the busing plan. After that, a series of meetings were held with Board of Education reps, and the school was withdrawn from the 1978-79 plan. The reason given was that the bilingual needs of the students could not be met under forced busing. But the real reason was that parents got together, and working with AAFE, voiced their militant protest.

Comite de Igualdad, Committee for Better Education, Forced Concessions from School Board

In the Summer of 1977 (see WVO, August 1977) parents working with the *Comite de Igualdad* organized a demonstration at the Board of Education and denounced the forced busing plan. The parents' speeches accused the Board of working for the capitalists, with no concern for parents and students. These same Board members shook with fear at the enthusiastic response given the speakers by parents.

The 28th Street School, where most of these parents came from, was then taken out of the 78-79 plan, and again the Board's reason was the same one they gave for the Chinatown parents, bilingual education. But they actually acted out of fear of the rising tide of protest, and fear that the plan would have to be junked if the parents from 28th Street School linked up with other parents throughout the city. So they did this to try to defuse the struggle, under a cover of "concern" for the kids of immigrant and Chicano families. Both of these examples were clear victories for organized parents—they kept their schools out of the 1978-79 plan.

Learning from these examples, Afro-American parents in the *Community Group for Better Education* won an improved cafeteria menu in January, and later when their school was included in the forced busing plan, the parents set up house meetings, canvassed door to door, and held a meeting at the school. One of the top administrators became terrified and called a meeting to urge

the leaders of the CGBE to "cool it" and "go along with the program." The parents stood their ground. They demanded that the administrator attend a meeting and answer any question the parents had about the busing plan and the education of their children. The administrator had to agree, but was thereafter conveniently being "unavailable" when parents called his office. He had tucked his tail and ran!

all three communities banded together in June for a demonstration of over 150, marching from La Placita one mile to the Board, chanting "Quality Education is our Demand, not the Forced Busing Plan," and also "Keep Summer School Open" since the Board had just cut Summer School without any hearings. Speakers in English, Chinese and Spanish were cheered by the demonstrators as they told the Board straight—"we'll

The major one was that students were no longer required to ride buses for more than one hour each way. Mid-sites were established to cut down on travel time for those students being bused the farthest. These mid-sites are mostly junior high schools altered to include a special section for the bused-in students. The Board of Education promised to isolate the junior high students from the elementary school students and to remove the 9th graders from the campus.

Parent reports about the mid-sites have not been good. The 9th graders are still on the campuses, the facilities for recreation are too small, the classrooms are junky with books and dirt, there are not enough doors in the bungalows in the event of fire, and not



Last year these Chicago students and their parents had a one-day school strike to fight the forced busing plan. In the same spirit, Los Angeles students, parents and communities are demanding quality education.

Due to this protest, however, the final busing plan for that school was cut down from 54 to 21 students and the parents summed it up as a partial victory. They realized that this was a test to see what they could get away with, and see if the parents cool off, since the 1979-80 plan is much bigger than this year's.

L.A. Coalition for Quality Education Formed, Uniting Three Groups

After these victories and partial victories against the Board, parents from

fight to the end for our children, for they are the future."

In June, these parent groups and other concerned individuals formed the Los Angeles Coalition for Quality Education, realizing the need to join together to fight for better education for all children, particularly minority children who face the worst conditions in our schools.

Mid-Site Plan No Improvement in Busing Plan

The busing plan itself has undergone many changes and uncertainties.

enough restrooms for the children. The Board of Education tried to bribe the parents into busing their children by promising to reduce the classroom size to 27 students. This is the only promise that they actually kept.

The quality of education for the children has not been improved. Many minority students are Title I (Compensatory Education) students in special reading and math programs. Such special programs do not exist at the

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NEW YORK—In recent months, the U.S. bourgeoisie has stepped up its vicious press campaign on the so-called "atrocities" in Democratic Kampuchea, to whip up anti-communism in the U.S. But contrary to these lies and horror stories in the capitalist press and TV, the lives of the majority of people have been improving in Kampuchea. Upholding the principles of independence and self-reliance, the Kampuchean people have won many new victories on the homefront. Their economy is thriving, and people's standard of living is improving by leaps and bounds. This is why the U.S. bourgeoisie hates Democratic Kampuchea so much and is so intent on painting pictures about the lack of "human rights" in Kampuchea. But with the continuing correct leadership of the Kampuchean Communist Party to the Kampuchean people and revolution, try as they might, the U.S. imperialists will never be able to turn them away from their correct revolutionary path. ■

Who Is Served By a Polish Pope?

Hailed as a spokesman for the downtrodden and the oppressed, the Vatican has elected its first Polish Pope in history. One Brazilian cardinal called Pope John-Paul II, "the closest thing there is to a true Third World pope." But despite the pomp and splendor, the hymns of convocation and feudal trappings, John-Paul II is no spokesman for the working class or the oppressed peoples of the world. His campaign was led by American, German and other European liberal heads of the church who supported him because of his familiarity with Eastern Europe and his rabid anti-communism, having been a priest and Cardinal in Poland under the revisionists. In essence he was elected because he has a practical understanding

of Eastern European revisionists, therefore giving the church more influence in Eastern European politics. This will objectively serve the U.S. penetration of the Soviet backyard, playing on the resentment against their Soviet occupiers by the peoples of Eastern Europe.

John-Paul's first act as new pope was to attend a bishop's seminar in Colombia to allocate more papals throughout Latin America. Not content to sit in Rome and dabble only in Italian politics, where the church's influence is dwindling, this pope will try to resurrect the church's influence worldwide in order to counter the growing revolutionary movements. ■



WORLD IN STRUGGLE

COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE

NATIONS WANT LIBERATION

PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION!



BRITISH AUTOWORKERS HIT FORD AND GOVERNMENT

57,000 autoworkers went on strike before their contract expired on October 25th and shut down all of Ford's 23 plants. Their action shows what they think of management's offer of a lousy 5% wage increase. Ford has a notorious record all over Western Europe for turning workers of different countries against each other and for its slave wages. Ford pays \$158 and \$164 a week for the top two grades and a Grade B assembler gets only \$108. The average weekly wage in Britain is \$170.

Besides Ford, the workers are fighting the Labor Party government since the company's offer follows the government's anti-inflation guidelines. Unions and the Trade Union Congress previously went along with the Prime Minister Callaghan's voluntary policy which set a flexible 10% raise limit. In 1977 workers forced a 12% increase out of the company and Ford still doubled its profits. But this year Callaghan has come down hard with an absolute 5% wage hike limit. "Bring Back Hanging-Big Jim (Callaghan) First" read a banner at a plant strike vote meeting, showing the anger of Ford workers.

The Ford strike is gaining support from other unions. "The men at Ford are not alone. They will be followed by one million local council workers, and 250,000 hospital staff" said an official of the National Union of Public Employees. Liverpool dockworkers may also refuse to handle Ford products.

CANADIAN NICKEL WORKERS STRIKE

12,000 nickel workers walked out of Inco Ltd's Sudbury plant in northern Ontario on September 18th. The strike has stopped 75% of the company's total output. Workers went on strike after 60% voted against a company offer which would have weakened the grievance procedure and offered a peanuts wage increase. Inco has major operations in Guatemala and Indonesia.

Meanwhile at Inco's Port Colborne refinery in southern Ontario, 750 workers accepted the same contract. With the Port Colborne plant continuing to operate and the company claiming to have a six month stockpile, it may be a long strike. But the workers have been through a long fight before. The 1969 strike against Inco lasted four months.

FRENCH WORKERS SEIZE FACTORY TO DEFEND JOBS

200 women workers at the Glotz clothing factory in Nancy, France continue their more than nine months long sit-in to save their jobs. The takeover began when the company went bankrupt in February. "They couldn't find any other jobs, even if there were some," said a strike leader, talking about some of the Glotz strikers who had put in 43 years with the company.

With the front gates chained and locked and a round-the-clock watch the heroic workers have so far kept out the bankers who would scavenge the plant and its assets. To keep themselves going the strikers sold nightgowns and underwear stocked in the factory and raised several thousands in cash in two days.

Factory takeovers like at Glotz are increasing in France as unemployment soars. There have been 50 to 200 takeovers every month.

GUZMAN GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATES RETURN OF DOMINICAN LAND

The newly elected government of President Guzman has chosen a seven-member commission to negotiate the transfer of 20,000 acres of land owned by Gulf and Western Industries to the Dominican government. The G&W negotiating team is headed by Manuel Caceres, former Secretary of Agriculture in charge of agrarian reform in the administration of Joaquin Balaguer, whom Guzman defeated in the elections.

G&W owns 264,000 acres in the Dominican Republic, including 118,000 acres of sugar cane land. The prime cane land is not expected to be part of the land transfer. In their program, Guzman's Dominican Revolutionary Party promised to nationalize all the holdings of foreign corporations in the country.

JAPAN WON'T SWALLOW FLOOD OF U.S. ORANGES

Trade negotiations between the U.S. and Japan stalemated when special U.S. trade representative Strauss demanded that Japan increase its quota of U.S. oranges from 45,000 tons to 250,000 tons a year, a 500% increase, and an end to orange quotas altogether by 1985. Japan refused, pressured by demonstrations of Japanese growers. Such a large invasion of U.S. oranges in the Japanese market would drive more growers, already hard-pressed, out of the industry and add another obstacle to agricultural self-sufficiency.

UN AWARD TO MANLEY FOR ANTI-APARTHEID STAND

On October 11th, the United Nations gave an award to Jamaica's Prime Minister, Michael Manley, for his role in the international struggle to end apartheid in South Africa. In his acceptance speech, Manley called on all countries to end all sea, land and air ties with South Africa.

Manley has consistently fought against apartheid and U.S. imperialism. He has given political and financial support to the freedom fighters in Africa. Jamaica was one of the first countries to end diplomatic relations with South Africa. In Jamaica, Manley has initiated an anti-apartheid campaign, and he has openly criticized the U.S. government for allowing Ian Smith to visit this country.

Night of Solidarity With Nicaraguan People

Workers Viewpoint Organization (WVO) and the Revolutionary Youth League (RYL) held a successful "Night of Solidarity with the Nicaraguan People" on November 3. The Nicaraguan comrades representing the Association for Human Rights in Nicaragua of New York gave a speech concerning the current situation under the fascist, brutal regime of Anastasio Somoza Debayle who backed by U.S. imperialism has launched a campaign of repression against the Nicaraguan people in a hopeless effort to remain in power. A slide show showed the concrete struggle that the Nicaraguan masses are engaged in under the leadership of the Sandinista National Liberation Front.

RYL gave a solidarity message on the role revolutionary youth in Nicaragua are playing in fighting to overthrow Somoza. The comrade from the League also raised how revolutionary youth in the U.S. can support the Nicaraguan people by bringing the issues to the campuses as well as doing fund raisers. A comrade from the National Committee to Support African Liberation (NCSAL) extended their solidarity with the Nicaraguan people and linked the struggle of the Sandinista National Liberation Front with the struggle that Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) and the Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) are waging against Ian Smith's government of Rhodesia. NCSAL invited the Nicaraguan comrades to speak at the November 11 demonstration of "Cut Diplomatic Ties with South Africa" in Washington, D.C. ■



WVO and RYL hold a Night of Solidarity with the Nicaraguan people in building support for the Nicaraguan people's struggle for national liberation.

The Nicaraguan People March Resolutely Towards the Overthrow of the Dictatorship

Speech by Association for Human Rights in Nicaragua of New York

The Somoza military dictatorship can no longer withstand the Nicaraguan people's determined struggle to end oppression, hunger, misery, and the repeated violation of their most fundamental rights.

Workers, peasants and other sectors of the population are engaged in a growing struggle to end the problems caused by the economic, social and political

structure of the dictatorship.

The workers have gone beyond struggling for economic demands. The strikes carried out in recent months in the construction industry and in the textile factories, metalurgical products, synthetic goods and foodstuffs all demand political and union freedom, an end to repression and release of political prisoners and detainees. In making their demands, the workers have also demonstrated their solidarity with landless peasants struggling for their rights, particularly in Matagalpa and Carazo. In addition, in the county of Chinandega, the people of the townships of Touale, Sikama, Ranchena and San Jose del Olijaje have seized land eight times that is rightfully theirs. The National Guard, however, has violently beaten back these courageous struggles. These lands were first taken from the peasants through legal tricks and violence and are now claimed by large landholders. The workers' struggle has been carried forth by the main workers' organizations—the "Committees of Struggle for Union Freedom" and the "Farmworkers' Committees".

University and high school students have also lent their support to the landless peasants. The national strike by secondary schools and universities have showed the enormous strength of the youth movement. The strikers have demanded: 1) the dismissal of sell-out teachers who act as informants; 2) the freedom of their imprisoned classmates; 3) better educational facilities; 4) and release of political prisoners.

Public service, hospital and municipal workers have joined with teachers from throughout the country in vigorous support of the people's march to liberation. The teachers in particular have set up their own organizations, known as "Committees for the Dignity of Academics" (CODIEMA).

Women, through the "Association Concerning the National Problem" (AMPRONAC), participate vigorously in

the struggles of all the people, lending support to the peasant struggles, carrying out campaigns for human rights and denouncing the prison conditions which political prisoners must endure.

There are also neighborhood organizations bringing together old and young people in Nicaragua. These organizations are composed of progressive and aware people seeking ways to effectively work for rights trampled upon by the Somoza regime. Outstanding among these organizations are the "Popular Democratic Committees" (CDPs) and the "Federation of Youth Movements of Nicaragua" (FMJN).

Disenchantment with the dictatorship has even spread to the church. For the first time in the history of the country, the Nicaraguan church has taken a definite position in support of the people's struggle and has openly asked for Somoza's resignation.

In recent months, the Nicaraguan people have rapidly accelerated their struggle. On September 9, a national uprising began that threatened to overthrow the dictatorship. The forces of the Frente Sandinista de Liberacion Nacional (FSLN), with the support of the general population, occupied several cities. The Somoza regime decreed a state of siege and instituted a curfew.

In addition, the government launched an indiscriminate attack against the population in an attempt to squash the national uprising. Several cities were bombed and burned; women, children and young people were buried alive; and concentration camps were established. The Red Cross has been unable to provide exact figures on the number of dead and wounded.

Although the uprisings have temporarily subsided, popular sentiment against the Somoza dictatorship is now greater than it was just two months ago. Meanwhile, an enlarged Nicaraguan rebel army is training and planning for the final overthrow of the military regime. ■

QUE VIVA JAYUYA!

On October 30th, 1950 the revolutionary forces of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico staged an armed uprising against U.S. imperialism and their lackeys. October 30th is a day of great celebration and inspiration to the Puerto Rican people for it was this day that determined men and women raised their arms and declared the town of Jayuya "Free and Autonomous." This day is known as the Jayuya Uprising.

REPUBLIC OF PUERTO RICO PROCLAIMED IN JAYUYA

The uprising was spread to the towns of Peñuelas, Mayaguez, Arecibo, Naranjito, Ponce and Utuado. The Nationalist Party under the leadership of Don Pedro Albizu Campos aimed to hit the imperialist in different towns, fight and resist for a while and then retreat to Utuado. In Utuado the revolutionary forces entrenched themselves in the house of Damian Torres, a nationalist leader. There they were attacked by National Guard planes. The battle left 11 dead and more than 20 wounded. In Arecibo under the leadership of Hipolito Mercado the nationalist forces attacked the police headquarters killing 4 police, but the nationalist leader was also killed in this battle. In Santurce, the colonial police and the national guard attacked a barber shop named "El Boricua" where they suspected nationalists were hiding. For 3 hours they exchanged fire and when the firing stopped, the police and national guard entered the barber shop and to their surprise found one man seriously wounded, the nationalist leader, Vidal Santiago, who for 3 hours had checkmated the attacking forces. However, it was in the town of Jayuya where the Republic of Puerto Rico was proclaimed, where the Nationalists met at Blanca Canale's house and from there they took over the town of Jayuya, burning down the police headquarters and killing one policeman and wounding others, and took over 21 other strategic buildings, under the leadership of Carlos Irizarri, who died in the attack. The purpose was to hold out for at least a month and bring the issue before the U.N.

The following day, November 1, 1950, two nationalists, Griselio Torresola and Oscar Collazo, attacked Blair House, where then President Truman lived. During the attack Torresola and a presidential guard were killed and Collazo was seriously wounded. These patriots were willing to die for an independent and free Puerto Rico. Their powerful desire to struggle for the independence of their country was of more value to them than their own lives. ■

Madman Rizzo on the

Everyone in Philadelphia is talking about the Nov. 7th City Charter change vote, which for months has been building up as a referendum on whether the people of Philly want Frank Rizzo as mayor for another term (or longer) or not. If the Charter is changed, the present two-term limit will be abolished and Frank Rizzo will run again, possibly imposing years more of his murdering rule on Philadelphians. If the Charter is not changed, he's finished as mayor. The people are letting their voices be heard in no uncertain terms!

Voter registration tables set up at busy intersections in North Philly, Germantown, Kensington and other neighborhoods attract throngs of people, many clenching their fists and yelling, "Stop the killer! Right on!" as they passed by. "VOTE NO ON THE CHARTER CHANGE. STOP RIZZO NOW!" blasted from the sound trucks making rounds on Philly's busy streets. Saturdays and Sundays thousands of volunteers canvassed door-to-door, urging people to vote no on the charter change. While parents lined up to register to vote—many for the first time in their lives—thirty children marched through the Richard Allen projects shouting "Stop Rizzo—End Police Brutality!" Many people picked up extra voter registration forms to take to friends and neighbors.

These activities were built up in response to Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo's attempt to change the City Charter. The referendum on the Nov. 7 ballot would abolish the present two-term limit, enabling Rizzo to run for a third term.

Voices compete with the din of factory machines to argue over what Frank Rizzo has done for Philly. Stopping by to sign petitions in front of factory gates that demand trade union officials take a stand against the Charter change, workers denounce Rizzo with hatred in their souls. Several union locals, including one AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) local and United Auto Workers local 813, came out against Rizzo's bid for re-election.

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But it was only this year that the first cop was convicted of murder. Warren's killers have been released on their own recognizance. Frank Rizzo, who once made a campaign pledge that if elected, "...I'll make Attila the Hun look like a faggot," still insists there is no police brutality in Philly!

Cops swarm through the city, in blue cars, vans, and on horse-back. Most working class neighborhoods are like occupied territories.

The most publicized police abuse this year was the early morning attack on members of MOVE, a back-to-nature group, mainly Afro-American. 500 cops equipped with riot gear stormed the MOVE home in Powelton Village, razed the house to the ground after evicting the group of men, women and children and brutally beating MOVE Delbert Africa as he surrendered.

And how did the masses respond to storming of MOVE and the cop murder of Winston X. Hood this past summer? With a fresh wave of protest and massive demonstrations. After the July 10th killing of handcuffed Muslim Winston X. Hood, over 700 people took to the streets in successive demonstrations over 2 weeks. And in August, five thousand demonstrators, mainly Afro-American (with Puerto Rican and white support) hit the streets, converging from three directions towards City Hall. The main slogan, "MAD MAN RIZZO ON THE LOOSE—HE MUST BE STOPPED!" caught on like wild-fire!

This demonstration was the most powerful show of strength against Rizzo in years and kicked off a massive voter registration and turn-out drive. Demonstrators linked police brutality with the city government, the banks (especially Rizzo supporter John Bunting, head of First Penn. Bank) and big business. The relatively high level of political consciousness of the national movement shown clearly, as speakers linked national oppression domestically to U.S. imperialism's role world-wide.

The next week, 1500 people kicked off a boycott of the Gallery (a shopping mall). They demanded funds be given to jobs instead of wasted on commercial

Philly swings into Motion to Stop the Charter

Without a doubt, the Charter change is the major issue in Philadelphia. A multi-class, anti-Rizzo movement is picking up more and more momentum as Nov. 7th, the election day, approaches. No sooner had Rizzo whipped up his die-hard forces, including the Democratic/city government machine, to force the Charter change issue onto the ballot, than a tremendous mass response against it was set into motion. Within a few months, the movement of the people grew from a small wave into a massive tide that promises to sweep Rizzo out of office. Over 160,000 new registrations have been turned out, making it the largest registration drive since the Kennedy-Nixon election. The focus of the drive is now shifting to mobilizing people for Nov. 7th and to have a huge unity demonstration as a show of the

people's strength and determination to drive out the blood-thirsty Mayor.

Killer Cops Run Wild With Rizzo's Blessings

Under Frank Rizzo, the ghost of slavery haunts the black community with the same vengeance that has oppressed the Afro-American people for centuries. What can you call the recent cold-blooded murder of 19-year old Cornell Warren other than a legal lynching? Warren was hauled into police headquarters (the Roundhouse) for a traffic violation. While in police custody, his hands were shackled behind his back with handcuffs. Now any black man in his right mind who is forcibly detained in police headquarters, surrounded by countless uniformed and non-uniformed cops for a traffic violation, would fear

for his life! That's why Cornell Warren tried to run for his life as he was led out of the Roundhouse.

He was shot *point-blank* in the head and died a week later. The cops murdered a youth who should not have been in police custody in the first place! They took the precious life of a young man who had committed no crime. They brutally shot down a handcuffed man who had no chance of escape, surrounded by cops in every direction.

Cornell Warren is no isolated case. Jose Reyes, Winston X. Hood, Andre Carter, William Cradle — all familiar names now, all victims of police terrorism. Four hundred persons have been shot by Philadelphia police during Rizzo's administration. Over 80 of them have been killed; half of these were unarmed!

redevelopment of the downtown area. Both these demonstrations were ignited by the flames of hatred for Rizzo and his henchmen. The people gained momentum and strength as the hours went by. The throngs swelled, the city was deafened by militant chanting, which grew louder and stronger as the people's fighting spirit grew. Thousands of people refused to be intimidated by hundreds of fully equipped riot police backed up by equal numbers of undercover cops. At times the crowd of demonstrators could not be seen from the sidewalk—that's how thick the cops were! But the people's strength and determination was greater! As the demonstrations grew in pitch, the early morning chatter of the cops among themselves grew into expressionless, yet fearful glances at the growing numbers. The

Loose-Must be Stopped!

usual swash-buckling style of the police became the uneasy footwork of rookie soldiers facing a powerful enemy. As the demonstrators chanted, "We're fired up—won't take it no more," beads of sweat worked their way down the weary faces of Rizzo's "finest".

The July and August demonstrations marked the crest in the flow of the national movement. They united all the demands of the Afro-American community: jobs, housing, police brutality, and democratic rights into *one* powerful blow! Then the Charter change issue came up, providing excellent conditions for keeping the national movement in flames, and moving it to a more all-embracing political level. A new tactic against Rizzo was brought on the scene and the many forces set out to master it. Many of the 150,000 record-breaking new registrations have come from people who haven't voted for decades—or ever before in their lives. The anti-Rizzo forces analyzed that the votes against the Charter change would come primarily from those most disgusted with the ruling class' political system. It was these same people who were most active and supportive of mass community resistance and demonstrations against Rizzo's administration. The task: to

clergy-men have formed a group opposing the Charter change under the tutelage of Rev. William Grey, who just defeated a 20-year incumbent for the 2nd Congressional District representative nomination. Old Welfare Rights Organization people, numerous community and housing organizations, and even the NAACP and Urban League have jumped on the bandwagon. Pushed by their rank-and-file, black trade union officials like Henry Nicholas, head of 1199C and Earl Stout, head of AFSCME D.C. No. 33, finally came out against Rizzo and the Charter change after months of silence. Nationalist organizations like the House of Umoba and the African People's Party have been activated and involved in the anti-Rizzo movement. The African Liberation Support Committee and the Revolutionary Youth League have turned their efforts of late towards stopping Rizzo, working to bring unity among various forces.

However, the bourgeois media has given most coverage to the case of Alphonso Deal, head of the North Philly branch of the NAACP. He is a black cop who only recently came out against police brutality after the MOVE blockade.

fight over the next several weeks and into the future.

A similar, less developed front within the Puerto Rican community provided another blow to Rizzo's attempts to keep the people divided and down. His recent attempts to give new initiative to his Puerto Rican henchmen in the city government and Democratic Party by promising them raises and new positions amount to nothing more than frantic

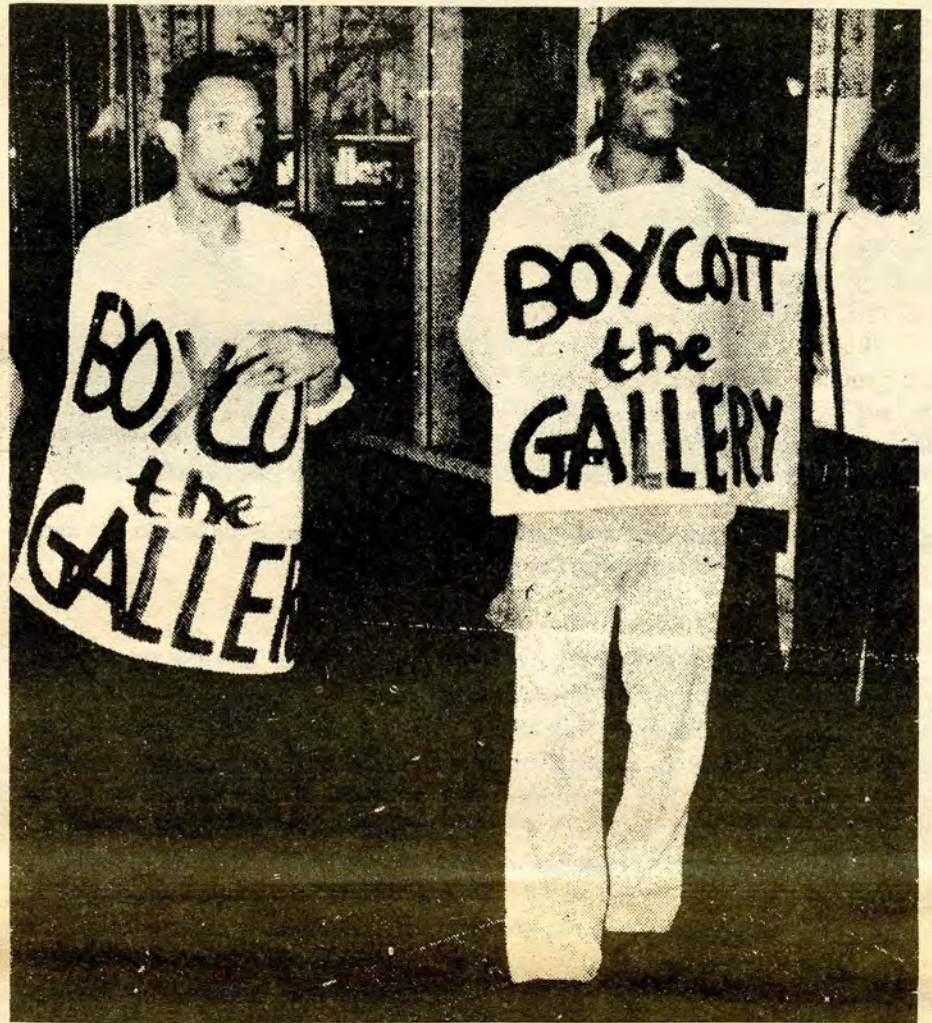
his old buddy Frank Rizzo. He has ordered a large phone bank and staff put into the union hall headquarters to organize for the Nov. 7th election! Clearly, the national movement struggle against Rizzo helped push the contract struggle forward and then propelled the union leadership to put the resources of its organization behind the anti-Rizzo movement. Stout, of course, is just trying to save his own skin, having made



Rizzo's killer-cops pull brutal raid on MOVE group in August, a blatant example of the brutality of the Philadelphia cops. organize this base to use the electoral tactic on this clear "Rizzo or not" referendum issue.

Many poor and working class people spontaneously and justly reject the

The Charter change issue is the focal point unifying all the scattered and organized forces in the black community together into a broad Black United Front.



In August 1500 people protested construction of the new gallery shopping center, demanding the funds be used to provide jobs.

maneuvering. Rizzo's dreams of capturing a sizable number of Puerto Rican votes have gone down the drain.

National Movement Sparks Motion in the Trade Unions

The potential for fusion of the national movement with the labor movement shines on the horizon. Over 20,000 city workers from this summer's municipal workers' strike have not for-

behind the scenes deals with Rizzo any number of times. But his position on the Charter change will aid the rank and files' fight to win an important victory.

Rizzo, like every fascist, uses demagoguery to promote racism and national chauvinism, which aid in dividing the class and serve to "justify" the ruling class attacks against minority people. It drives a wedge into the unity of the workers' movement and the minority

Change, a Shining Example of Legal Struggle

bourgeois electoral system as a sham that offers us not a representative of the people but only a choice of which representative of the capitalists will rule over us for the next four years. But this time we can make use of the vote *tactically* as a way to organize ourselves and get a fighting chance to get rid of the racist-dog mayor. Our success will be judged not as much by the election as by how well we use the Charter change campaign to help build the mass resistance of the working class and national minority people, and by how well we educate our people to continue the fight against capitalist oppression past Nov. 7!

Black elected officials and would-be officials have been directing their efforts towards voter registration, while building up certain mass actions, too. Black

The BUF is an important *objective development* in the national movement in Philly. Leaders and misleaders that have never worked together before and were slow in taking up the drive against Rizzo have been pushed by the upsurge of the Afro-American people in Philly to come together around this crucial issue. More recently, they have taken steps to give this BUF organizational form, developing a broad coalition of 40-50 organizations to push out the next month's work. This unity must be developed past the Nov. elections. While there is much contention for leadership within the BUF and struggle around the crucial issue of multi-national unity in the fight against the Charter change, over-all the formation of the Front will aid the people's important

gotten that Frank Rizzo was responsible for slamming a sell-out contract on them. During that strike, many workers,—both black and white—saw it as a clear attack against minority workers, who make up 80% of AFSCME D.C. No. 33. What Rizzo did not count on was the ability of white workers to see how this attack of national oppression worked against them too! As one white worker put it, "...Rizzo thought he could get away with this because D.C. 33 is mostly black...He didn't count on the 20% whites joining the 80% blacks on this thing. We're all in this together. That's what a union is!!" Even though the strike was lost, the focus of the strike has been kept alive by the rank-and-file. The sell-out misleader Earl Stout was recently forced to take a position against

people's movement for democratic rights, the two most powerful arrows aimed at the heart of imperialism.

Rizzo promotes not only racism and discrimination, but also narrow craft unionism, like some of the building trades, to weaken the working class. Rizzo sets up the leadership of these unions, which have historically excluded minorities and women, and are not sympathetic towards the struggle of the masses of production and service workers.

Recently, the plumbers union announced a \$.05/hr. wage check off to fill up the bank accounts of the pro-Rizzo, Change-the-Charter forces. This comes to a whopping \$1500/month! And two years ago, over 300 construc-

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Arab Unity Forged Against Camp David Sell-Out



Palestinians demonstrate in West Bank for their rights and in opposition to the U.S.-orchestrated sell-out at Camp David.

In a dramatic show of unity and force, the entire Arab world outside Egypt converged on Baghdad, Iraq on Nov. 2 to plot strategy to torpedo the Camp David accords. The Palestinian Liberation Organization and all 22 of the Arab League states except Egypt assembled to blast U.S./Zionist aggression and hammer out new ways to counter Sadat's surrender to the imperialists.

After the U.S. successfully sliced off Egypt temporarily from the Arab camp, the Arab states closed ranks and forged new Arab unity at the summit. Delegates noticed evidence of this renewed spirit everywhere at the summit. Significantly, Jordan and Saudi Arabia (which have some of the closest economic and political ties with the U.S.) participated actively at the summit. Though Jordan and Saudi Arabia have refused outright denunciation of the accords, they have called them "unacceptable" and have repeatedly called for Arab unity. Iraq and Syria have patched up some differences and have now vowed to unite to carry out the fight against Zionism.

Baghdad Summit Calls For Palestinian Liberation and Arab Unity

The summit pledged new support for both Palestinian Liberation and Arab unity. The summit reaffirmed the "right of the Palestinian people to its home and to self-determination" and once again supported the heroic PLO as the only representative of the Palestinian people. Furthermore, there was a resolution for all Arab League states to pledge a massive \$9 billion fund to strengthen the PLO and military borders with Israel and to counter the crumbs offered by the U.S. The desire for Arab unity was so great that

delegates voted to increase the fund to \$11 billion.

A four-man Arab delegation was then dispatched immediately in one last attempt to get Sadat to break off negotiations with Israel and the U.S. and to rejoin the Arab fold. Instead, Sadat, boot licker, now world-wide a symbol of colonial mentality, refused to meet the delegation from the summit and bragged that he won't be "bought off" by the Arab summit. That's because he has already been bought off by the U.S. Secret details of U.S./Egyptian negotiations that have leaked out show that, even as the U.S. called for "Palestinian national rights" and some role for the PLO, Carter was offering Sadat billions of dollars to sell out his own country. The details of the secret deals show the true, barbaric treachery of U.S. imperialism: the U.S. is to raise aid to Egypt until it matches U.S. aid to Israel, future cash payments to Sadat depend on how Sadat continues to sell out, the Egyptian military is to be streamlined and beefed up with the latest U.S. weaponry, and the Egyptian intelligence agency is to work closely with Israeli intelligence.

Sadat and U.S. Isolated From Arab People

Even while the Arab states were pledging to carry the fight against Israel to new levels, the original hype generated by the Camp David accords has begun to sputter and falter. Even while mass denunciations of Sadat's sell-out sweep across the Mideast, even as scores of Palestinians flock to join the PLO and train for armed struggle against Israel, Sadat and the U.S. find themselves virtually isolated from the Arab people. So great is the disgust of the Arab people that no other Arab nation will touch the Camp David accords with a ten-foot

pole. So thorough is his sell-out and isolation that Sadat has dismantled the military borders facing Israel and has fortified the border with neighboring Libya.

The U.S. finds less and less to gloat about as the "spirit of Camp David" deteriorates. For example, last month the reactionaries in Lebanon led by Camille Chamoun thought they could mop up the Palestinians and Lebanese people now that Egypt had bolted the Arab camp. Propped up by Sherman tanks donated by Israel and the U.S., these reactionaries attacked in Beirut, only to have their nose bloodied and their forces completely routed in fierce fighting around the Beirut River, Ashrafiyeh and the heart of Beirut.

Daily, the true, disgusting features of the U.S./Zionist aggression are being exposed. Like thieves scrambling for their share of the loot, Carter, Begin, and Sadat are bickering and haggling over the final treaty. Millions of Arab people were outraged and bitter when Begin boasted that he will use \$20 million to add hundreds of units to strengthen Israeli settlements in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and the Golan Heights. The Arab people burn with the memory of Begin boasting that he led the terrorist Irgun gang that killed hundreds in the King David Hotel bombing and butchered over 200 women and children in Deir Yassin in 1948.

Soviet Union Tries to Sabotage Arab Unity

But while the U.S. is snickering over how it split off Egypt from the Arab world (which makes a two-front military attack against Israel impossible) the Soviet Union has been trying to worm its way into the Arab Steadfastness Front and the Arab League. Some members of the Steadfastness Front are unclear about how the Soviet Union uses "aid," military advisors, bribes, lucrative contracts, etc. to expand its own hegemonism, like in Cuba, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, South Yemen, Angola, Vietnam, etc. In principle, accepting weapons and material aid from the Soviet Union to continue the struggle for liberation does not mean that a third world country has sold out. But the sordid history of the Soviet Union's role since the '50s in the third world means that third world countries must be vigilant against Soviet maneuvering, coup d'etat and subversion and superpower domination. For example, just a few months ago Iraq kicked out the Soviet Union after this superpower tried to seize control of the Iraqi government through a coup d'etat.

Revisionists Back U.S. Against Soviet Union

But while both superpowers continue to grapple over the oil-rich and strategic Middle East and continue to plot against Arab unity, revisionists in this country continue to back one superpower over another. The cornerstone of the strategy of the Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)/August Twenty Ninth Movement/I Wor Kuen is to solidly back U.S. imperialism. These revisionists ask U.S. imperialism to occupy the third world in order to shut out the Soviet social-imperialists. This revisionist two world line (world of the two imperialist superpowers) disdains the role of the oppressed people and says that the superpowers make history. These unscrupulous revisionist dogs trample over Chairman Mao's line of the third world being the main force against the superpowers. In the October 30th issue of the *Call*, these revisionists squirm and try to blame their stinking line on a scapegoat, Martin Nicolaus, who they claimed "called for unity with U.S. imperialism against the Soviet Union." (p. 13) This is a cheap sleight of hand to try to cover their social-imperialist line; they can not cover up their backing of U.S. imperialism in Zaire and in the Middle East where they actually praised the Camp David accord. These revisionist sects have shown themselves to be good imitators of boot-licker Sadat, and henchmen of U.S. imperialism.

PLO Damascus Conference Raises Palestinian Unity

But even as the revisionists scramble to cover themselves, the Palestinian and Arab people are making revolution. On October 27 in Damascus, much like the Iraqi and Syrian government patching up differences, the PLO emerged from an internal conference more united and strengthened than before. The various liberation organizations making up the PLO issued a joint resolution rejecting the Camp David plan for strangulating the West Bank and Gaza Strip and called for new political and military resistance to the Camp David accords. The Damascus conference and the Baghdad summit are just two examples of how the Arab and Palestinian people are stiffening up resistance to U.S./Zionist aggression and working out internal differences to forge unity at a higher level. Temporary set-backs, like Sadat's surrender, cannot alter the historic course of the Arab peoples to liberate Palestine and smash Zionism and imperialism. Long Live the PLO! Palestine Will Win! ■



Kadafi, Hussein and Arafat stand unified against Camp David sell-out.

Midwest Conference Debates Direction of Support Work Tailist Line of Opportunists Bared

EVANSTON, Ill.—Last month the ivy-covered buildings of Northwestern University were buzzing with the news—400 people gathered to make all the Boards of Regents across the Midwest divest their holdings with racist South Africa.

They came from 52 campuses and at least ten labor, community, and national minority organizations to the "Midwest Conference on University and Corporate Involvement in South Africa" held on Oct. 20-22. They came with strong feelings against apartheid and many stories to tell about their own actions for university and corporate divestment. In these few days they exchanged information, discussed lessons and made plans to intensify the campus struggles against the investments.

The conference reflected the growing movement of students eager to fight U.S. imperialism, and their progressive stand when linked with a struggle they can take up on campus. With the participation of the African Liberation Support Committee (Chicago and Detroit chapters) and the WVO, the two lines in the national liberation support movement became much clearer. This helped to develop the students' political consciousness and gave them ammunition against the opportunists. The opportunists (primarily the Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB) along with the Trotskyite Young Socialist Alliance) wanted to limit discussion only to the divestment struggle, which was meant to take away the initiative of the advanced elements who have a broader view and see the necessity to bring together all the campus struggles to build a broad, unified nationwide support movement.

Two Lines in Building the Support Movement

A fundamental point to build support among the U.S. masses for South African liberation struggles is to take a stand with the liberation movements of the South African masses who are liberating themselves and ending it. This means to stand with the Patriotic Front in Zimbabwe which represents thousands of people who are fighting and sacrificing their lives every day. It is the duty of communists to staunchly build proletarian internationalism. Rather than take this stand to raise the level of the movement, the opportunist RSB smothers the spontaneous indignation of the students. They end up acting as mouth-pieces for the Trotskyite line of the YSA, which reeks of moralism and chauvinism. Because of this opportunism, in one workshop the struggle to invite representatives from the liberation forces to speak took over an hour and a half to consolidate.

Another struggle broke out over who should be united to build support against the apartheid regimes. The RSB clearly wants to limit the movement to students. This is not taking a stand with the majority of working and oppressed people in the U.S. who

also are eager to give support in whatever way they can, such as clothing drives, medical aid, money, etc. By ignoring the historic stand of the Afro-American movement in support of African liberation struggles and the 15,000 people who demonstrated this support on African Liberation Day '78, RSB is trying to pass on its own chauvinism to the students who attended the conference. This position is self-serving and aimed at building their own organization rather than uniting all who can be united over this issue.

The concrete needs of the liberation struggles must be the starting point. ALSC fought to show the necessity of uniting all the streamlets of support into a powerful movement aimed at the U.S. government. RSB opposed this by saying that the consciousness of the students was not at this level, that it was only economic in character, not political. This denies the real political character of the liberation struggles and the real striving of the most conscious and active students to give more leadership and learn more. "Cut the Ties with Apartheid in South Africa" is not hard to understand. RSB belittles the consciousness of the students, to promote their own desire to remain unconscious. Correct leadership must use mass line well and maintain independence and initiative to raise the level of campus struggles and broaden the movement. RSB throws this out the window—making them another attack on the masses' movement.

Berkeley Students Fight Arrests, Demand Regents Divest

BERKELEY, California—Fifty one students at the University of California at Berkeley are presently facing school disciplinary hearings and a court trial, after being arrested at a sit-in for divestment last June 9th. Outraged over massive U.C. investments in South Africa, over 800 students were arrested in the spring semester alone. Not since the great anti-war demonstrations which helped trigger thousands of similar storms of protest on hundreds of U.S. college campuses, has there been so much activity at U.C.

The focus of this hurricane of activity is the Board of Regents' mammoth \$800 million in investments in corporations that help prop up the racist regime in South Africa. The Regents' investments in these corporations read like the Blue Chip of U.S. monopoly capitalism: Bank of America—\$29,505,094; IBM—\$44,419,758; Exxon—\$25,659,490 and so on. Not surprisingly, some of the biggest names in capitalism in the West, like the Hearsts, sit on the Board of Regents.

Just like the liberation struggles in Zimbabwe, Azania and Namibia erupting over southern Africa, the anti-apartheid student movement in the U.S. has taken the offensive, targeting the hundreds of millions in university investments in South Africa made by the Trustees and Board of Regents at Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Berkeley,

Conference Voted To Support Nov. 11 Demonstration and ALD 1979

The majority of students wanted a program of action which links up the local struggles to the nationwide movement. This was shown by the number of resolutions passed in support of a week of solidarity in March in commemoration of Sharpesville, ALD '79, and the Nov. 11th demonstration in D.C. around cutting diplomatic ties with South Africa. RSB continually counterposed this desire for united action against local work. They were unprincipled in presenting the question as one of form rather than dealing with the content. In other words, if linked up with the national movement, it would liquidate local organization. Although there were weaknesses in the final resolution on this question, in the main the RSB position was defeated.

ALSC and the WVO, through good united front tactics, such as seeking out all forces and discussing the issues no matter what group they came from, clearly showed their willingness to unite. Throughout the conference political initiative was seized by setting up literature tables, having prepared resolutions and principled struggle. Although the opportunists trembled and resorted to behind the scenes dealing and parliamentary maneuvering, the ALSC and WVO maintained bearings and helped unite many strong forces. ■



Santa Cruz students shout, "U.C. Divest!" As students spread the anti-apartheid movement throughout the universities, ALSC and WVO's leadership helps expose the opportunists blocking progress.

VICTORY TO THE LIBERATION FRONT OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PEOPLE!

ALL OUT FOR NOV. 11!

U.S. GOVERNMENT CUT DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH APARTHEID!

SERJ Strengthened Through Struggle Against Opportunists And Administration

Brown and scores of other campuses.

SERJ Fights To Broaden And Unify Divestiture Movement

Already, students at a number of colleges have scored success in getting their schools to divest their investments. At present, however, the anti-apartheid student movement is targeting as their immediate enemy seemingly disconnected pieces of the capitalist class: a bank here, a Regent there, or a corporation there. What is yet missing is directing the firepower of the movement squarely at the U.S. government, in the form of cutting diplomatic ties to South Africa!

And at Berkeley, the Students for Economic and Racial Justice (SERJ) has been the backbone of the anti-apartheid movement and is trying to consistently raise the anti-imperialist stand of the movement. However, reformists and opportunists of all stripes would love to keep the anti-apartheid student movement disconnected and at a low level. For example, groups like Tom Hayden's "Campaign for an Economic Democracy" has been trying to derail the movement into the dead end of exclusively pushing as its main point of concentration how public funds should be managed. Instead of raising the political level of the struggle, Hayden's group would straightjacket us into reformism.

SERJ itself is an offshoot of the original Campuses United Against Apartheid (CUAA) chapter at Berkeley, which formed after huge demonstrations busted out on many California campuses. However, the CUAA chapter at Berkeley broke apart under the strain of the arrests and because of the opportunism of the Revolutionary Student Brigade (student arm of the Revolutionary Communist Party before it split into two). The RSB's notorious lack of mass line, its resorting to heavy-handed bureaucratic methods such as packing meetings and pulling votes, all backfired when the RSB got completely isolated. (These incorrect tactics flow from their line of "single spark", which totally belittles the ideological and political tasks of communists. Instead of patiently integrating with the masses, leading and summing up mass struggles every step of the way, and using theory to raise the masses' level of political understanding, the RSB reduces these tasks to hyping up campaigns and running around like Keystone cops. As a direct result of their opportunism, the CUAA split and the best members reorganized themselves—minus RSB—into SERJ.)

SERJ has worked consistently throughout the whole spring to force the Regents to come to campus and hold a public forum on divestments.

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HONOLULU, Hawaii—Soft trade winds, hula dance shows by Kodak, walking down Waikiki Beach in the sunset, the Hawaiian Islands have been advertised as a tropical paradise. This image sells the tourist industry which makes over one billion dollars a year for the U.S. bourgeoisie. At the same time it covers up the naked and brutal ripoff of the land and labor of the Hawaiian people.

What is it like to work in one of Hawaii's hotels?

You can work as a maid. Maids make the beds, clean the floors, wash the toilets at a rate of 20 rooms a day.

Or you can work as a "steward," washing thousands of dishes an hour at assembly line speed. Meanwhile the pay is low and Hawaii's cost of living

Hawaii Workers Dump Old Bureaucrat

is higher than any of the mainland states.

If you're a hotel worker and your hotel is unionized, you probably belong to Local 5 of the Hotel, Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union. Since the union was organized in the early 1940's, it's been under the iron fist of Art Rutledge. Rutledge and company grew fat and powerful as the hotel industry rapidly expanded to become Hawaii's number one industry in the 1960's. He controls Unity House which is made up of Local 5 and the Hawaii Teamsters Local 996. Through Unity House he controls at least 13 million dollars including a non-unionized hotel. And last year when your contract expired, he and his gang ran the management's line that a decent wage

increase would only force the companies to raise prices to the tourists, cause the industry to slow down and workers to lose their jobs. As a result, you got a five year sellout contract called a "labor peace" contract. After the contract was signed management took the opportunity to speed you up and fire some of your fellow workers unjustly. So much for the "paradise of the Pacific." In the following letter one worker tells how the rank and file of Local 5 have taken this. And the fight continues. . .

Dear WV:

As you may have heard, my Local, Local 5 of the Hotel, Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union has been taken over by trustees of the International Union.

These trustees are making excuses for why they had to take over our union. They say that the local members are "confused and uncertain" because of a struggle for leadership in our union between Art Rutledge's machine and Dick Tam's "Team for Democracy."

When the membership votes 3-1 to dump Rutledge after 35 years in power, does it sound like we are confused?

And when Rutledge refuses to step down after his embarrassing defeat, what's so confusing about that?

And then now when the International comes down from the mainland to save Rutledge's ass at the last minute, and leaves Art's son Tony in charge, the picture is crystal clear.

Not confusing at all.

Union members do not like the idea

of someone passing our union from father to son as if we were private property. Nor do we like the arrogance with which we are treated by the Rutledge machine, often having disagreeable shop stewards appointed or our grievances being mishandled.

Everyone knows that all the decisions in the union are made by Rutledge's bunch, and they have told us many times that if we don't like it, we can "leave."

This is why so many people voted for Dick Tam and his running mates. It's not hero-worship or blind trust in Tam, but the members want to see a change in the union, and we know that under the Rutledges, there will never be real change. And Tam's people have been saying the right things about bringing more democracy and better service to the membership.

Fifty rank and file union members have stuck their necks out already to denounce the tricks of Rutledge and the International. Veteran hotel workers, many with 15 or 20 years of experience in the union risked goon harassment to turn out for the picket line we formed at the union hall. For 45 minutes we chanted, calling on the International to "go back home" and for the properly elected officers to be installed.

Of course, this is just a beginning, for the trusteeship is expected to last 18 months. Also, the best fighters have proved to be our long-time working women, who have showed so much guts turning out to fight for a better union. Many of these ladies are grandmothers but they are the backbone of our union!

R. W.
Honolulu Hawaii

P.O. Rank and File Stop Move to Cut Steward Election

Dear WVO,

Postal workers across the country got sold out! Our union officials pretending that they were providing leadership, but all in the same breath they were the ones pushing for the "Slave Bartering" that went down. Through our being sold out, the New York local leadership had the nerve to put forth some amendments to the Constitution. They put forth three articles, but the one that spark the motion among us was: "Stewards shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Executive Board. Before making any such appointment, the President shall consider any recommendation made by the members whom the steward would represent." A lot of us got together and banded together around the chant "No Way." This taking away of the voting of shop stewards was formulated while Moe Biller, president of the New York local, was telling everyone of how Emmett Andrews had to go.

We began to start talking to every circle of our brothers and sisters about the amendments. Through the discussion, everyone was saying "He can't do that." We kept pointing out that he could, if we let him, and that we would have to go to the next general membership meeting and vote it down. Our brothers and sisters were saying that this time, Biller & Co. had gone too far and they needed to be put in their places. It was raised that we should think beyond this proposal, and what would come next if we give up our right to vote for stewards. Points from the USWA was raised of how they don't have the right to vote on their contracts, and if we give in now, that and other rights that we have will go also. Brothers and sisters that are retiring in six to seven months said they were going to the meeting because they felt that to give Biller that right would be putting too much power in his hands, and if this is going to be our last meeting, then we are going out fighting.

October 18th, the general membership meeting was called. Out of 514 there, 224 of us came out to specifically oppose the amendments. It was difficult considering the union officials tried their best not to inform us of the meet-

ing. The seven day posting period wasn't honored. Most of the stewards didn't go around and inform us. At some stations, we were told that the meeting didn't start until 6:30, but it started at 6. This confusion in time had most of us coming to the meeting at 6:30. Those of us that got there at 6 did a few things so that the meeting could drag until all friends got there. The first struggle was around what time the discussions began on the changes. The discussions began around 6:50. We voted the chair out of order, but the chair wouldn't accept the vote.

Everyone of the members on the Executive Board talked about the membership as if we were a faceless mob. They went as far as to say that we couldn't think for ourselves, therefore we couldn't possibly know who to elect to be a shop steward. This meeting was a lesson for a lot of us there. A few of us were shocked at how they ridiculed us. Some Board members even whipped up anti-communist sentiments, and this went as far as to say, anyone disagreeing with the changes was communist. A large number of workers who disagreed with this booed loudly. We stood firm through all of this bombast. Even stewards were getting up pushing these views. Some were raising the usual of "Yo'all don't generally come to meetings." I mean they hit us with everything. We felt that these meetings had to be shared with our brothers and sisters across the country. The changes were voted down because Biller wasn't able to get the two thirds majority he needed. After the vote count, Biller made a public apology and said that he wouldn't support a proposal of this nature for as long as he is president, and that from now on, he would carry out the wishes of the people.

We won that battle, but now we got two more clauses to deal with. One of our battles is to make sure the mandate is carried out. We have to fight for our friends to be placed on the election ballot, because it is still up to the Executive Board to decide whether they are going to place us on the ballot. The other fight is the fight to be certified as stewards. We will win.

In Struggle,
H. G.
A New York Postal Worker

WVO

CALLS FOR LETTERS

Communist organizations and Parties around the world must acquire the great traditions of a genuine Marxist-Leninist party summed up by the Communist Party of China: integrating theory with practice, maintaining close ties with the masses and practicing criticism and self-criticism. We think that one way for WVO to start acquiring these traditions is through our newspaper's correspondence.

We ask comrades and friends around the country to send us letters, criticisms, reports on struggles, etc., on our articles and other issues in the communist and workers' movements, the international and national situations, the national movements, working women's movements, etc. This correspondence will contribute directly to our common struggle to build the U.S. anti-revisionist communist party and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat.

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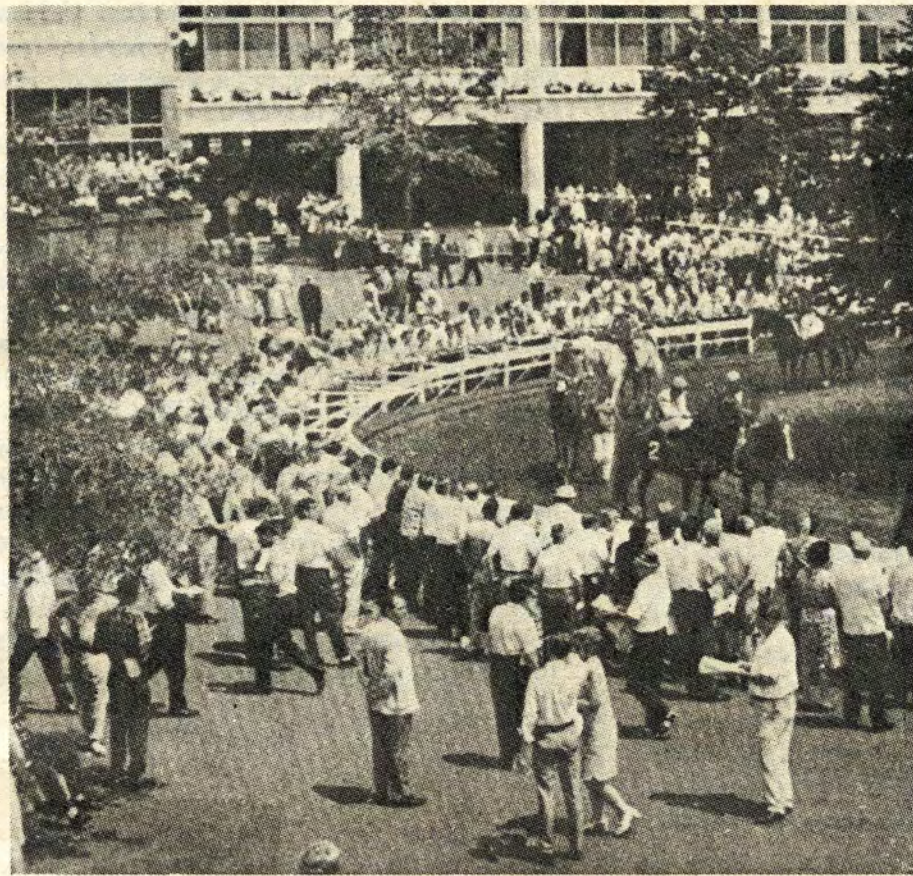
A Killing at the Races

BELMONT PARK, ELMONT, N.Y.— The line at the \$2 window was much too long. With only two minutes to post time, Jack thought he might as well go over to the \$10 window. After all, this was his sure fire winner for the day. Time to get ahead after all those losers. "Let me have Beat Inflation, the 3 horse, five times." Walking over to one of the many closed circuit TV sets, he was already thinking about what to do with the money he was going to win on this "sure thing." In a little over a minute, the race was over. Beat Inflation, a fast horse, was not quite fast enough today. He was beaten by a nose. A photo finish. Just a few inches from paydirt. A thought crossed his mind briefly, "Shit, how am I going to explain it to the old lady?" His hands went for the 30 dollars left in his pocket. "Maybe I can still get even before I go home. Just this one winner and..."

"We're gonna knock 'em dead today Joe! At least four winners and all big prices."

"Yea, Artie I can feel it. I feel real good today. We're big winners for sure!"

A big conversation piece on the job is and for a long time has been horse racing. Horse racing, known as "The Sport of Kings," is thought to be by a lot of workers, a fast way to make a lot of money with little effort. Nice and quick. But those talking of that big killing now are some of the same ones who



Hopeful fans eyeing horse before post parade—looking for a winner

were talking twenty and thirty years ago. Still trying, still hoping for that one big payoff. After putting in so much time and putting out so much money over the years, it is hard to say, "Hey, maybe it's not so quick and easy."

But some people *are* making a big killing at the track *everyday!*

"I feel rotten Artie, not one damn

winner all day. Not even a smell."

"Ah, we'll get 'em next week, Joe."

With so many sad faces walking to their cars after the ninth race is over, who is raking in all the cash? Well, to be clear on this point, we must look at some figures relative to racing. First we'll take the New York thoroughbred racing circuit which, along with California, is the largest in the entire industry. On an average Saturday afternoon at Belmont Park race track the attendance ranges 30,000 to 40,000 horse players. These players wager approximately 4-5 million dollars on a nine race card. Although Saturday is the biggest day, during the week it ranges around 2.5-3 million a day. Where does all this money go to? Well it goes into a mutual pool to pay off the winning bets but not before a few take their "cut." For win, place, and show bets New York takes out 14% (most states take 17%) to be divided among the State and track and horse owners in the form of purse money.

On "exotic wagering", which is daily doubles, exactas and trifectas the cut is an amazing 25%! Exotic wagering represents almost half the money bet because of the potential "big payoff."

On top of this there is what is known as "breakage." Breakage is something that is written little about in the daily newspapers. It goes something like this. Payoffs are computed to the nearest 20 cents i.e.: \$7.20-7.40-7.60 etc. for a 2 dollar winning ticket. If a payoff is computed to be \$7.21 it is brought down to \$7.20 and the track keeps the "breakage." If a payoff comes out to be \$7.39 you would think it to be brought up to \$7.40. No such luck. It is again brought down to \$7.20 leaving 19 cents to the track. This means an average of another ten cents for every two dollar bet cashed! For an average Saturday between cuts and breakage alone, the track rolls in over a million dollars and not too much less during the week.

10 to 15 Dollars Gone And You Haven't Made A Single Bet

That's not the only way the average horse player gets ripped off either. For instance, you go to the track for a day of fun. First you buy gas for the car, pay the tolls to get to the track (most New York tracks are at least one toll away from the city), pay to park (\$1.25-2.50), pay admission (\$2.00-\$4.00), buy a racing form (\$1.25), a program (35 cents) and a hot dog and a beer (about two dollars). You're gone for between ten to fifteen dollars before you make a bet! If you go with say 100 dollars for the day, between cuts, breakage and expenses you're out thirty to forty dollars, bingo!

Off Track Betting Corp. (OTB) goes one step better than the track. They take out the old 17% cut on win-place-and-show bets plus they nail you with another 5% surcharge on all winnings (on some bets the percentage can be as high as 50% of the net winnings). OTB handles all the New York race tracks and almost as much money. With all this going against them its not amazing that only about one out of every 20 people are lucky enough to go home with even a small profit.

"Money To Money And Garbage to Garbage"

The new kings in the sport of kings are the ones making the most off the bettors. These new kings are the modern day capitalists. The big owners.

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eye on sports

Apartheid Regimes Isolated From Sports Competition

"If I went, they would have looked at me as a person who supported the regime and that I didn't want anyone even thinking," said Philip Mathis, 2nd ranking U.S. fencer, after he refused to participate in an international fencing tournament sponsored by the apartheid South African government. "After talking and reading about South Africa, I understood why all of the countries refused to participate with it in the Olympics. I saw that South African teams were refused admittance in almost every international competition, including fencing."

On October 6th, the Central Council of the International Amateur Basketball Federation (FIBA) banned South African and Rhodesian teams from FIBA competition. Representatives from both countries are excluded from the organization's congresses and conferences.

HOW DID THE SOVIET UNION TRANSFORM INTO A SOCIAL-IMPERIALIST COUNTRY?

How Did the Soviet Union Turn Into a Social-Imperialist Country? by Kung Liang-Tsou, published by the Shanghai People's Publishing House in 1976, was translated from the Chinese by the Workers Viewpoint Organization.

CHAPTER II: SOCIALIST RELATION OF PRODUCTION TRANSFORMED INTO CAPITALIST RELATIONS OF PRODUCTION

After they usurped the party and supreme state power, the Khrushchev-Brezhnev clique madly pushed the revisionist line and transformed the dictatorship of the proletariat into the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. The nature of the state has changed as well as the essence of socialist ownership. Since socialist society still practices things like the commodity system, distribution according to work, and an 8-grade wage system, it is not much different from the old society. Therefore, once the Soviet revisionists came to power, it was very easy for them to restore capitalist relations of production in an all-rounded way through the state machinery. Revisionist lines and policies were carried out in policies on the management of enterprise, in the system of distribution and in the mutual relationship among people. They turned socialist public ownership into ownership of the bureaucratic monopoly capitalists; socialist economy into capitalist and state monopoly capitalist economy.

I. Using the Leadership Privileges Usurped from the Proletariat to Comprehensively Change the System of Ownership in the Soviet Union

Transformation of the Socialist Ownership of the Whole People Into Ownership of the Bureaucratic Monopoly Capitalists

The rise of the Khrushchev-Brezhnev renegade clique symbolized that the whole party, state, military, finance and culture in the Soviet Union fell into the hands of the bourgeoisie. Right after they obtained power, they changed the lines and policies of the party and the system of ownership on a large scale. The method of the Khrushchev-Brezhnev clique to restore capitalism in the state-operated enterprises was to still keep the name of socialist ownership. Then they used the socialist signboard as a cover up to change the nature of this ownership into the ownership of the bureaucratic monopoly capitalists. This is reflected in the following ways:

Their Representatives Tighten Their Reins to Strengthen Their Control Over Enterprises

After the Soviet revisionists took over, Khrushchev used the campaign to "overcome the organizational shortcomings of management organs" and "struggle against bureaucratism" as pretexts to carry out repeated purges in the management organs of construction and other enterprises. Within a period of three years since 1954, he replaced over 900,000 management per-



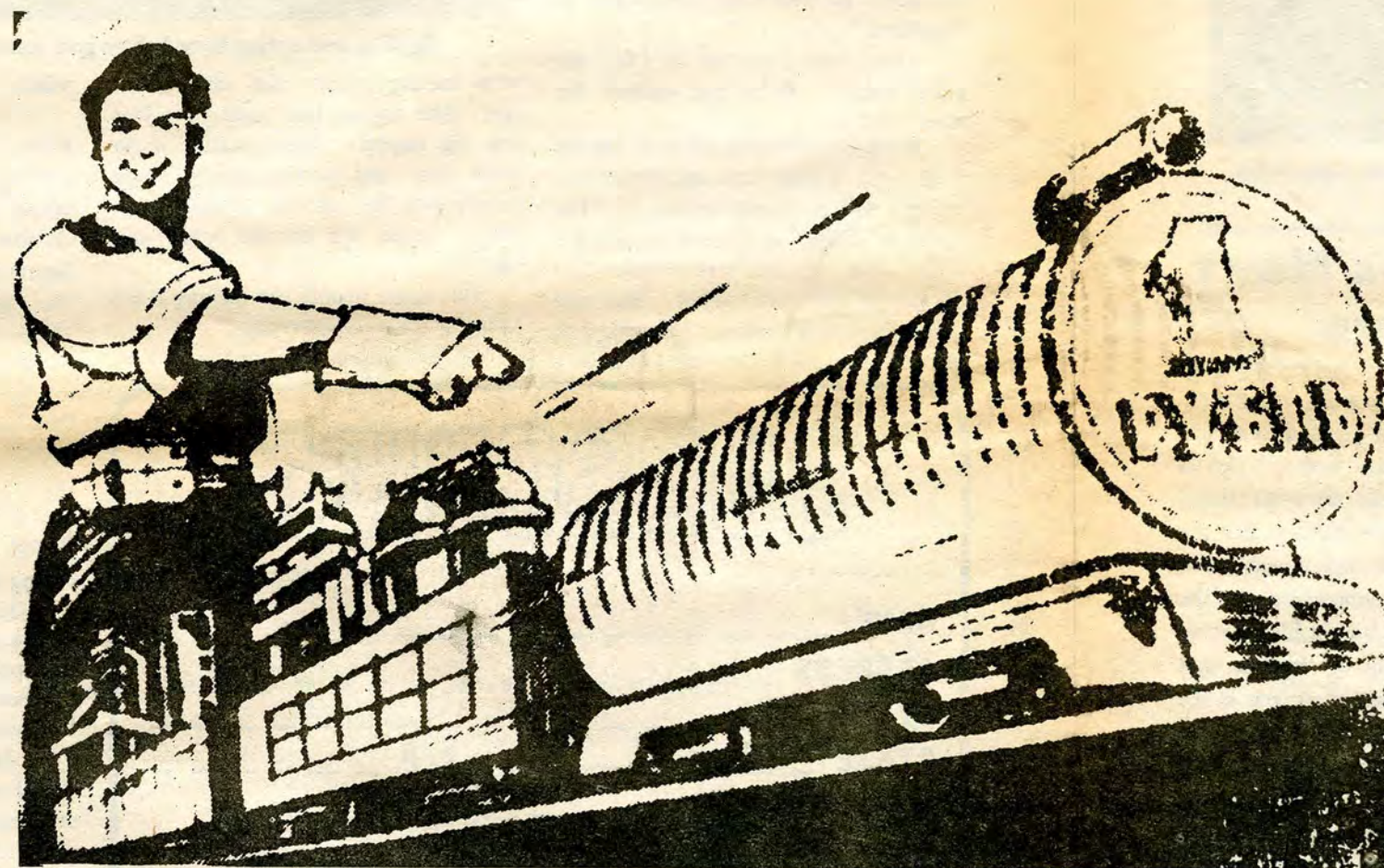
sonnel and dispatched his representatives to all levels from top to bottom to tighten their rein in order to thoroughly implement the whole set of policies of capitalist management. Also they gave the superintendents and managers the power to control and utilize the means of production within their allowed limit. For example, the "Rules of State Operated Enterprises" specifies that "managers (foremen, directors) and other personnel responsible for various jobs of the enterprise will exercise the authority concerning the activities of production operation." Managers have the power to sell, transfer or lease the means of production of the enterprise. They also have the power to fix the number of personnel, to hire and fire workers, as well as control all kinds of "economic incentive funds" given to the enterprise's own use by the Soviet revisionist ruling circle.

These regulations revealed that the Soviet bureaucratic monopoly capitalists have actually appropriated the means of production originally belonging to the whole working people for themselves, and according to their own class interest.

After the Soviet bureaucratic monopoly capitalists established their leadership in enterprise, they inevitably had to strengthen the concentration of the production and the capital. This is because for independent activities, the greater the concentration of the capital, the more it can unleash its exploitative function. It also strengthens the direct control of the production of enterprise and the whole national economy by a handful of bureaucratic monopoly capitalist chieftains. According to the statistics, during the '50s, the Soviet Union had a total of 200,000 industrial enterprises (not including transportation and construction enterprises). In 1970, the number had decreased to 50,000. Since Brezhnev took power, they put full force to develop Production Corporations. Corporations in the Soviet Union were increased from a few in the '60s to over 1,500 in 1974. Today, 72% of these corporations employ over 1,000 workers each and 15.5% have over 5,000 each. In the 1971 24th Soviet Revisionist Congress, Brezhnev screamed that

After Khrushchev took over, he dreamed up garbage like "expansion of commodity relations," "the significance of the need to raise profit margin and profit making," "providing more possibilities to the enterprise to regulate profit," etc. He also put forth the use of "profit-making" as "the main guide" for "planning and auditing" of enterprises. The Revisionist Party Programme also spelled out "the need to fully utilize commodity-money relations" and even elevated profit-making as the Party's "programmatic demand." Under the rule of such a revisionist line, absurdities like "profit is the best criteria for the party members undertaking management work," and "ruble as the measure for the honor of labor," all came out of the bag.

In September 1962, Khrushchev instructed his loyal economist Lippman to publish the article "Plan, Profit, and Reward" which systematically propagated profit in command and material incentive as the nucleus of the management program of state-operated enterprises. He also made the "proposal" to reform the work plans. According to the "proposal," the state will give planning guideposts to only the main item of production. The other guideposts will be determined by the enterprises themselves. The enterprises will receive rewards based on the profit.

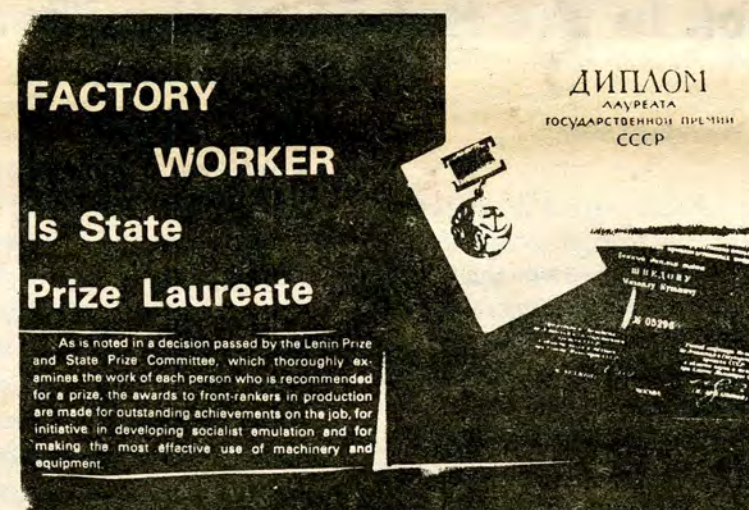


After Khrushchev took over he put forth the use of "profit making" as the "party's programmatic demand" and pushed the "ruble as the measure for the honor of labor."

incentive in industrial production." They started to practice the "New Economic System" in industrial enterprises throughout the country. Right after that, the Soviet government permitted the practice of *The Policy of Socialist-State-Operated Production Enterprise*, using the law to stabilize the capitalist management principle.

The essence of the Soviet Union's "New Economic System" was to use the profit principle to "improve" management, to "perfect" planning work and stimulate production. It also meant practicing profit in command, making profit-seeking as the aim as well as the motive force in production. Its basic content is to strengthen commodity-money relations and to stimulate enterprises to go after the biggest possible profit. Concretely speaking, it meant the following:

1. On the aspect of planning guideposts, it insists on the quantity of sale and rate of profit. These two things are monetary guides. In their own words: "the ultimate guidepost in enterprise activities—quantity of sale, rate of profit are the focus of the new system of economic incentive."
2. On the question of incentive, it specified that once the enterprises fulfilled the sale and profit guideposts, they can take their material incentive reward from the profits. The more money the enterprises make, the more material incentive "foundation." And the leadership of the enterprises also accordingly get more "personal material incentive."
3. On the pricing of commodities, they carried out prize incentive. In order to guarantee that all enterprises have "equal rights" in making profit, they specified basically the same profit rate for different kinds of commodities. When enterprises are producing certain commodities, they even have the right to specify a very high "once and for all price."
4. In leasing loans to enterprises, the banks adopt the principle of different treatment. To those enterprises that "managed" well and made a lot of money they lowered the

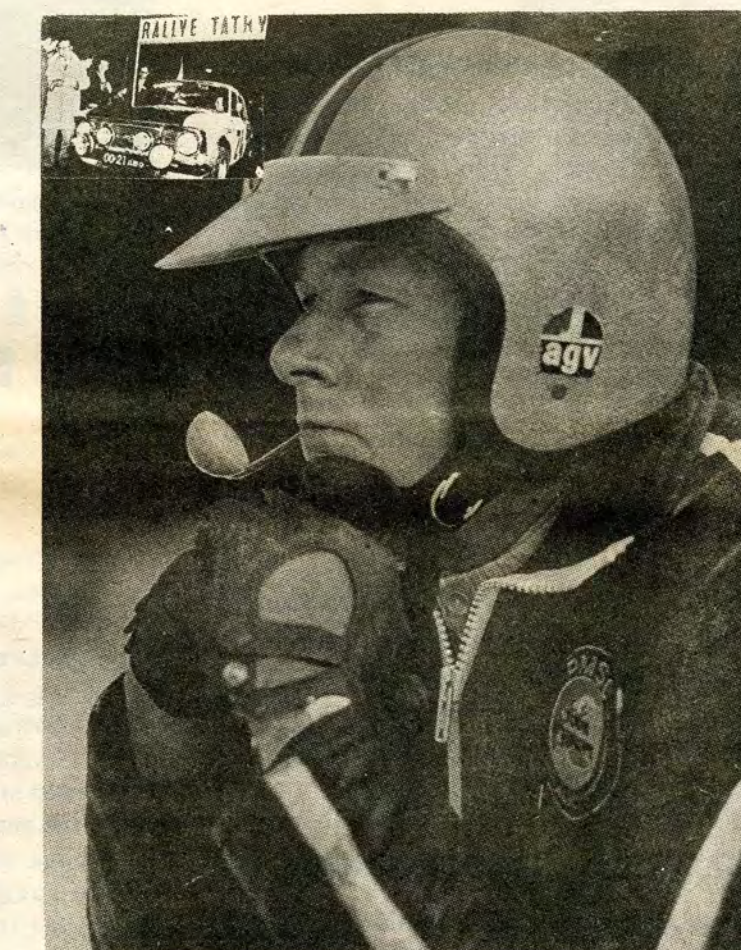


Revisionists promote "personal material incentive" among the workers to divert them from class struggle.

28 departments, and all the transportation and communication have already made the transition to the "New Economic System." Construction, public food enterprise, commerce, agriculture and department of resource supply also began to carry it out comprehensively. It was predicted by 1975 that the whole process would be completed. ■



Free markets like this flourish in the Soviet Union as a result of restoration of capitalism in agriculture.



The new bourgeoisie is into auto racing and dog shows as part of their degenerate life-style.

RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM

"the policy of establishing Corporations and Corporate Enterprise must be thoroughly implemented. In the future, they should become the basic economic unit for calculation of production in society." On March 2, 1973 Soviet revisionists cooked up a "Certain Measures Concerning the Further Improvement of Industrial Management" which demanded the consolidation and speed up of the development of Production Corporations. In March, 1974 he issued another "Ordinances of Production Corporation, Corporate Enterprise". Step by step he used the state power to speed up the development of Corporations and Corporate Enterprise. Through these Corporations, the direct power to appropriate the means of production were centralized into the hands of a few big bourgeoisie. This strengthened the rule of the chieftains of bureaucratic monopoly capitalism.

Strengthened Commodity-Money Relationship by Carrying Out the Capitalist Management Principle of Profit in Command

The higher the profit, the more the reward. In fixing the price of new products, the enterprises have the "flexibility" in determining the price. Soon after this "proposal" was issued, Khrushchev directed all planning organs to study them. Following the spirit of this resolution he carried out "extensive experiments" among the industries in Moscow, Leningrad and the Ukraine.

To meet the needs of management enterprise, since Brezhnev took over, he further cooked up the counter-revolutionary public opinion of "economic reform." It propagated the need to extensively adopt economic incentives, price, loans and other economic measures. Also, based on summing up the "experiments," they pushed to carry out the capitalist management principle of profit in command in enterprise. In September, 1965 Soviet revisionists called the Central Committee plenary to pass the resolution "concerning improvement of industrial management, good planning and strengthening of economic

interest rate, increased temporary loans and other special privileges. To others, they would adopt all kinds of policies to tighten disciplines, raise the interest rate, cut down or even stop the loans altogether.

In order to meet the needs of the "New Economic System," it allowed enterprises with more "independence in managing production." *The Rules of Socialist State-Operated Enterprise* laid out that it granted the superintendents and managers "extensive authority," to stimulate them to seek more profits in obeying the laws, policies, and resolutions cooked up by Brezhnev's revisionist renegade clique. The "New Economic System" began to be implemented in 1966. By 1970, there were more than 40,000 industrial enterprises practicing it. This occupied about 83% of the total industrial enterprises, 91% of the industrial employees, 93% of the total production value and 95% of the total industrial profit. Of the 33 industrial departments across the country, all the enterprises of



TUEL Convention

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Fighting Campaigns Bring New Forces to the TUEL

In the past year, the TUEL has emerged as a hardworking, vigorous, and growing organization rooted in the thick of the working class struggles. 10 solid chapters and organizing committees in many other cities have been taking up the day to day fights in shops and communities across the country. Many new members and friends who joined the ranks through strikes, walkouts, union drives, contract battles and fights for rank and file democracy, and against discrimination and national oppression spoke in solidarity with the National Founding Convention. They included representatives from the Miners' Widow Action Group and retired miners from western Pennsylvania, workers from the Safeway strike in northern California, Mexicano and Chicano workers from the Southwest, rank and file miners from the coal fields, workers from the recent wave of strikes in North Carolina, nursing home workers from New York City and Baltimore, and more. For many brothers and sisters, it was the first time that they spoke publicly to a large audience. In addition, some union officials and members from the African Liberation Support Committee, the Revolutionary Youth League, and Al Frente de Lucha gave their greetings and messages of solidarity.

Struggles Against National Oppression Strengthen the Trade Union Movement

Old members, new members, and friends saw for themselves the budding seed of an organization that can link the scattered struggles, unite the different trades, and build a powerful, sweeping trade union movement nationwide. Participants were eager to share their experiences and to learn from each other's work. Struggles like that of the undocumented workers in the Sbicca shoe factory and the Longmont Turkey plant in the Southwest, and that of the Rocky Mount sanitation workers in the Black Belt South, highlighted the need to fight against national oppression and to appreciate the depth and scope of the working class movement beyond the trade union movement. In particular, the victory of the Sbicca workers (who forced La Migra to turn a busload of 50 Mexicano workers around at the border) was a milestone in the fight against deportations of undocumented workers. One worker who was deported from Longmont came back. At the convention he vowed to continue the fight to organize the plant despite constant harassment from La Migra.

TUEL Builds Trade Unions in the South

Another shining example of the role that the TUEL can play in organizing the unorganized is the breakthrough at the Granite textile mill in Haw River, North Carolina. The significance of that struggle was that even though there is a union there, only 12 of 600 workers were union members because of the "right-to-work" laws. When the workers walked out to fight a wage cut, there was no organization. While the union bureaucrat was vacationing with the bosses, a TUEL member took up the leadership of the strike. In the course of the struggle, 200 new union members were recruited and a fighting rank and file organization was forged. This showed sharply the strength of organization and conscious leadership in a state where only 6% of the workers are organized. It was also a sharp contrast to the do-nothing and conciliatory policy of the chauvinist trade union bureaucracy towards the workers in the Black Belt South.

Inspiring As Well as Sobering Lessons from Battles Fought

While there were many inspiring lessons from the advances that have been made, there were also the sober lessons of hard struggles and setbacks. A TUEL member from Greensboro, N.C. recounted the decertification of an automechanics local after a long strike over a contract. The comrade drew out the necessity to rely on the masses, learn from the mis-

takes and hardships, and persevere to carry on in the spirit of "fight, fail, fight again, . . . until victory."

One thing was crystal clear as the participants surveyed the auditorium on the campgrounds (only an hour away from the site of the historic Homestead Strike of 1892). Gathered in that hall were some of the most active, committed, experienced, and politically conscious class fighters. And the organization that we are building will represent that best fighting chance that the trade union movement in this country will have in the years to come.

them. This was why we summed up that—"With our feet firmly planted on the ground, the sky is the limit."

Mass Line Starts From the Actual Consciousness and Struggles of the Masses

The more solidly our feet are planted, the higher we can reach for the sky in our work. The best way to get more grounded is to grasp deeply the mass line. The struggle around the mass line focused on



The Baltimore Chapter of the TUEL came to picket at N.Y.'s St. Patrick's Cathedral along with other 1199 rank and file to support Schervier Strikers.

Put Leadership of the Working Class Mov't Back in the Hands of the Workers

"All the People in this Room Are Leaders of the Working Class."

The conference last year marked the end of the fourth period, meaning that Marxist-Leninists around the country were in the main united with the Workers Viewpoint Organization, the foundation of the Party. We were moving toward a protracted period of focusing on winning and training advanced workers to the Party. With this orientation of developing a more profound grasp of the practical movement through intensifying the immediate fight against the bourgeoisie, in the last year the Party has stressed that comrades bite into the struggle boldly and bite into the work, including the trade union superstructure. Since then, the Party's trade union work, especially in kicking off the TUEL, has gone a long way. As one comrade correctly sized it up at the end of the first day of this year's convention, "All the people in this room are leaders of the working class."

The Party speech set the tone for much of the discussion on the first day. It started with a presentation on the economic and political situation in the U.S. today (see excerpt of speech) and why it is both favorable and crucial to develop conscious leadership in the working class movements. It summed up the breakthrough at the Party's 1977 conference around three major resolutions: 1) that economic struggle (wages, working conditions, benefits, etc.) is the main form of struggle in the trade union movement today; 2) that we must work within the trade unions in order to lead the working class in the protracted struggle to take back the leadership; 3) that we build the TUEL.

The most significant point of the first two resolutions is that as communists and TUEL members, we must start from where our fellow workers are at, appreciate the actual struggles against exploitation, and to raise their level of consciousness from there. Part of this is to respect the basic organizations of the working class—the trade unions—and to work within

the example of one chapter's decision to concentrate on the Stearn's support work instead of a local strike that a TUEL member was leading. This is wrong because it does not proceed from the actual consciousness and struggles of the masses. For the striking workers at the plant, their main concern is to win a decent contract. They may sympathize with the Stearns miners, but they already have a big fight on their hands. This is a deepening of the line that economic struggle is the main form of struggle in the trade union movement today and that the proletariat in the U.S. is not yet a class for itself and does not see the need to unite as a class to fight the bourgeoisie. Only by being firmly grounded on this understanding can we in practice, one by one, step by step, together emancipate ourselves as a class.

While it is important to broaden and raise the level of the economic struggles, we must start from the actual struggles of the workers. The best way to draw the striking workers to support the Stearns miners is to unite with them on the fight for a good contract. The point is whether we appreciate the actual struggles of the workers which are, in the main, local and isolated, or do we only proceed from big campaigns and events, separate from the masses' sentiments. We must appreciate the struggles of the masses whether they are small skirmishes or big battles because the masses of people are the actual motive force and participants in the struggle against the bourgeoisie.

Another struggle related to the mass line came up on the second day. It unfolded around a proposed addition to the principles of unity to do political education about the system of capitalism. Although the struggle was not resolved at the conference, the two lines came out sharply. Many comrades supported the resolution in the spirit of fighting for the need to boldly do propaganda. This stand is correct, but the only way to do propaganda effectively is to start from the sentiments of the masses, organize around

the day to day issues, and educate the masses in the midst of the skirmishes. Having principles of unity cannot substitute for the actual work of doing political education.

The main question is whether we unite with the sentiments, experiences, and consciousness of the masses as a starting point or do we erect obstacles in their path based on our own level of consciousness. Do workers who are anxious to fight with us side by side have to be against capitalism as a social system, first, or is being a TUEL member the best condition for them to learn about the necessity to overthrow the bourgeoisie? One member who is a textile worker from the Black Belt South said, "I believe in the overthrow of capitalism. But some of my friends who work with the TUEL will not join if they think it is a communist organization. That's why I don't think being against capitalism should be in the pou's." As long as the working class is engaged mainly in economic struggles, the majority of the most active and experienced fighters will not yet see the need to overthrow capitalism. As long as they are serious about organizing to fight the bosses, they can be members of the TUEL. And they should see the TUEL as their own.

Communist Education is Crucial to the Struggles of the Working Class

The actual work of doing political education is crucial to the struggles of the U.S. working class today. At all times, we must deepen and broaden our influence among the masses. The more we strengthen our capacity to pick up the immediate struggles and win the advanced and active workers over, the further we can broaden our work. The two must go on simultaneously and must serve to raise the class consciousness of the working class.

The working class has an objective interest to fight the bourgeoisie as a class. It is tempered in the actual struggles, trained in its ability to organize, and imbued with the spirit of selflessness and sacrifice, and it is the grave diggers of the bourgeoisie. The working class must and will emancipate itself. This is a fundamental Marxist tenet.

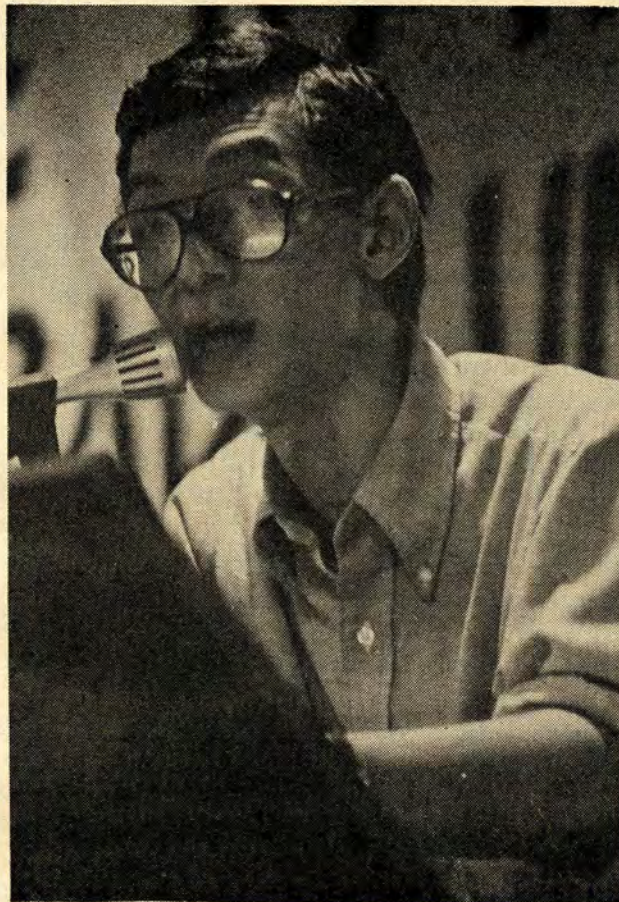
But workers need more than direct and immediate experiences to carry through this historic task. We need the experiences of generations before us and from all over the world. This is the role of the Party and the science of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought which serve as a guide to our struggle. Particularly in the U.S. today, where the level of class consciousness of the proletariat is relatively low, the role of the Party and of conscious communist leadership is very important.

The right line which belittles the need for doing communist propaganda in the course of the day to day skirmishes is deadly. As Lenin said,

It is our duty always to intensify and broaden our work and influence among the masses. A Social-Democrat (read Communist) who does not do this is no Social-Democrat. No branch, group, or circle can be considered a Social-Democratic organization if it does not work to this end steadily and regularly. To a great extent, the purpose of our strict separation as a distinct and independent party of the proletariat consists in the fact that we always and undeviatingly conduct this Marxist work of raising the whole working class, as far as possible, to the level of Social-Democratic consciousness, allowing no political gales, still less political changes of scenery, to turn us away from this most urgent task. Without this work, political activity will inevitably degenerate into a game, because this activity acquires real importance for the proletariat only when and insofar as it arouses the mass of a definite class, wins its interest, and mobilizes it to take on active, foremost part in events. (On Confounding Politics and Pedagogics, Vol. 8, Collected works, p. 453)

Lack of Mass Line Also Leads to a Right Line

The attempt to put the need to understand the capitalist system into the principles of unity was a reaction against the existing right tendency which



The Party speech, given by Tony To, addressed the larger political situation, the past year's work, the tasks ahead in building the TUEL and the long-term struggle for socialism.

shys away from doing communist education. This revisionist right line also stems from the lack of mass line. It does not differentiate the consciousness of one worker from another and belittles the striving of many workers who are eager to learn about socialism as a revolutionary alternative to the rotten system of capitalism. Drawing from the conclusion that the level of the trade union movement today is, in the main, economic and trade unionist, this right tendency generalizes, incorrectly, that there are no workers who are conscious of the need for socialism. In reacting to this revisionist tendency that views the working class as a faceless mob, an ultra-left tendency developed. This was a classical example of what Chairman Mao spoke of as "one tendency covers another".

Advances in Superstructure Bring Out Need for Greater Initiative

One of the major advances that was made last year, with long-term significances for the TUEL, was that many TUEL members have been elected as leaders in their shops, plants, and locals. A session was devoted to discussion on how to use these positions to serve the work in the base among the rank and file. Members at different levels of the trade union superstructure related their experiences with grievances, negotiations, elections, etc. Two points came out which were important lessons. The first is that it is very important to gain positions in the union superstructure, because genuine leadership can really unleash the initiative and energy of the rank and file, show the power of organization and give workers a fighting chance against the bosses. We must fight to take the leadership in the unions to serve as positive examples and expose the stifling and disorganizing effect of bureaucrats and misleaders. One member who is in the leadership of the biggest and most influential local in his city introduced himself as "a member of what will be the most democratic local in the country."

The second lesson is that we must have initiative in doing work in the superstructure. Maintaining the correct ideological and political orientation is fundamental to ensure this initiative. Besides that, we must make sure that the day to day smaller skirmishes on the shop floor are part of and serve a larger struggle like a contract struggle or a campaign around a firing, etc. If we just react to grievances from day to day, without a plan, we will end up losing initiative in the larger battles ahead. We will be sidetracked, or fall into routinism, or get stuck at one point. Over a period of time, we will be swallowed up by the environment and lose sight of the interests of class brothers and sisters who look to us for leadership.

Brothers and Sisters United Also Through Recreation and Culture

"RYL, Fight like hell, Join in the struggle with TUEL," an RYL member led this chant of solidarity. Revolutionary Youth League members from chapters all over the country participated in the conference discussions, and were the first to serve meals and lead daycare, which helped the conference move along in an organized way.

The Baltimore TUEL chapter, through their program of workers' songs, had put the whole body in the right spirit to start off the conference. After concentrating on the lively discussion, brothers and sisters didn't let a moment of the breaks go by, picking teams for a fast game of volleyball or football. At the end of the first day, even after no sleep the night before on the bus and a whole day of hearing about so many new struggles, everybody forgot to even think about being tired, as the TUEL Talent Night got underway. It seemed the founding convention inspired every chapter—the stage was packed with sing-alongs, a skit on undocumented workers fighting in the factories, a comedienne, and a poem "TUEL Train" which brought down the house. The May Day Singers brought the powerful night of workers' culture to a close. People ended up standing on their chairs and cheering. The spirit was clear—we were more tightly united, ready for the next day.

Full Participation in Founding TUEL

The second day of the convention centered around the discussion of the principles of unity and the fighting program for the TUEL. Hands shot up with additions, changes, and new proposals. Each suggestion represented the fruits and the experiences of past and ongoing campaigns. The struggle around the need to strengthen the trade unions by fighting for more democracy affirmed the need to do protracted work within the existing unions. New Proposals, like the one on fighting for the rights of undocumented workers, showed the breakthroughs that have been made as well as the tremendous potential in the new fronts of struggle. Although parts of the discussion could have been more focused, brothers and sisters from all over the country were able to share their valuable experiences with each other. As one older member who recently joined the TUEL said later, "It was so different from bureaucratic union meetings. I felt free to speak and free to disagree. But that was the biggest group of serious and committed people that I have seen under one roof. This group is going to go a long way."

"I'm Going to Be Around You People for the Rest of My Life."

The founding of the TUEL is like the first gust of a mounting storm sending a sharp chill through the spineless backs of bureaucrats, misleaders, and opportunists that stand in its way. With the first chapter of the TUEL (NY/NJ Chapter) barely six months old, the revisionist Communist Party, USA, is already choking. In Pittsburgh, they sent letters around to red-bait one member of the chapter. Two presidents of nationwide unions and many local diehards have ranted and raved about being taken over by the TUEL. As we continue to forge ahead, learning from our mistakes, consolidating our gains, and breaking new paths in the struggles against the capitalists, more and more of their slimy servants will be sent scurrying off to their masters—the bourgeoisie. With every skirmish, big and small, we will deepen the mass line and sharpen our fighting ability, and win new class fighters into the ranks of the TUEL and to the Party. One new member who recently led a strike summed up the spirit, character, and bright future of the TUEL at the end of the convention when he said, "I'm going to be around you people for the rest of my life." ■

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WVO Speech

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in decay, constantly shooting itself up with massive government spending, especially in the military budget, to prevent the down of depression. And who pays for the billions of dollars in reckless deficit spending and waste? You and me. At least one-fourth of the entire federal and local budgets squeezed out of our taxes is earmarked to pay off just the *interest* on these massive debts. Stop-gap measures can barely pay interest on this debt: the government prints more money (making it more worthless), manipulates the dollar in the money markets, and issues more bonds to pay off other bonds, etc., etc., which only furthers the crisis.

And instead of investing in socially useful industries, like steel, railroads, and public transportation, these capitalist parasites frantically speculate on the money market, feverishly trade in city bonds, and so on. But in the end, because it feeds the tidal wave of inflation, it is the workers who pay.

Capitalism develops a seemingly funny situation where on the one hand, cattle are slaughtered to be buried, thousands of tons of milk are dumped into the ocean, our factories are laying idle, at average operating at a 60% capacity, warehouses are overflowing with goods. On the other hand, the beef prices are the highest ever. And we cannot afford to buy the plentiful goods piled up rotting in the warehouses. This is what we call the crisis of overproduction, caused fundamentally by capitalists shifting the crisis onto our backs, by attacking our standard of living through inflation.

Besides that, no money is going into useful industries because now everything's done on credit, whatever useful industries are around, tend to go under real fast, like steel and the railroads. That is because our economy is real vulnerable. It is like a big giant sitting on a hot cushion of air. The slightest changes will lead to the collapse of the whole thing. The bankruptcy of one major industry will lead to the bankruptcy of the bank behind it. And in turn, the bankruptcy of the bank will lead to the bankruptcy of many industries that depend on its credit.

Capitalism was progressive in the past in the sense that it stimulated production. It forcefully pushed forward the modernization of society. But today, as we talked about earlier, capitalism leads into the idling of the plants. It has created a situation where investment in useful industries is discouraged. It destroys goods, because of the crisis of overproduction. It pigeonholes the new inventions in science, because it costs new investments to realize these new inventions. So in short, capitalism today not only does not push the society forward, but in fact is holding it back. It's stifling the potential of all those who work. That's why we call capitalism today imperialism, that is the last and highest stage of capitalism. It is the parasitic, decaying, and moribund capitalism. That is to say, capitalism faces an inevitable collapse. It is doomed.

Originally, man produced for the interests of man. Capitalism has turned this around. Under capitalism, man produces for profit. It is profit, capital, that counts, and not the man. That's why we say capitalism has stood the world on its head. And we must turn this world upside down, to turn it right side up again. And this turning upside down is what we call revolution. And not any revolution, but the revolution that would benefit man. That revolution would be called socialist revolution, dictatorship of the proletariat. We're not interested in destroying for destruction's sake. That's anarchism. We're responsible men and responsible women, interested in destroying the old in order to build a new society, that would truly tap the great potential of the great

In Response to the Growing Crisis & Increasing Attacks, Workers' Resistance Rises

Because of the deepening economic crisis and increasing attacks and political exposures, workers more and more have no choice but to fight back. In recent months, strikes have been more frequent and longer—strikes lasted an average of 21 days the first part of this year as compared to 11 days last year. Workers have stayed out longer—from the supermarket strike in the Bay Area which is going on its 12th week, to the West Coast paper and pulp workers who have been striking all summer and fall, from the Schervier nursing home workers' strike in New York City lasting nine weeks so far, to the 110 day coal miners' strike. Even the craft unions, weakened by their own narrowness, exclusiveness, and lack of big industrial unions are uniting. The bourgeoisie is taking advantage of their weak positions to try to bust them. But instead the New York City pressmen have united with all the other newspaper workers' unions for close to 60 days, and the media czars' alliance broke before the pressmen did. The railroad workers' strike is another example—as 14 craft unions have stuck together, Carter had to intervene because the national economy was literally crippled by the spreading strike.

Old-Line Hacks Becoming Exposed—New Wave of Rank and File Resistance

The growing rank and file movement across the country is in sharp contrast to the do nothing policies of

workers, the sellout of the 1199 contract in New York City. In Baltimore, nursing home owners are trying to bust the union in their homes—the latest casualty was the Federal Hill Nursing Home.

As the crisis deepens, more and more active workers are emerging from the struggles. Meanwhile the misleadership of the old-line union bureaucrats, whose inaction has held back trade union struggles for years, is becoming exposed. Their positions, unchallenged for 20 years, are being shaken by a new wave of dissidents, new rank and file activists. As they feel their pedestals trembling, these old-line hacks are only full of bluster about the "reactionary right wing"—this they call the main enemy. But this is only a way to sound angry without hitting Carter, a more liberal, more advanced representative of the bourgeoisie. It serves to cover up for the Democratic Party, to try to keep the unions under the wing of the capitalist system.

But this does not satisfy the working class. While the bureaucrats are wavering, the rank and file has decided to move. They will not allow their unions to be busted. The union rank and file has played a fresh role leading several recent struggles. This spring, after United Mine Workers president Miller and the bargaining Council gave in to a contract offering more takebacks, rank and file miners tightened their belts and turned it down. Their determination and organization led to a successful milestone strike. Both the railway strike and the postal workers' contract struggle were started off by wildcat strikes, which eventually moved

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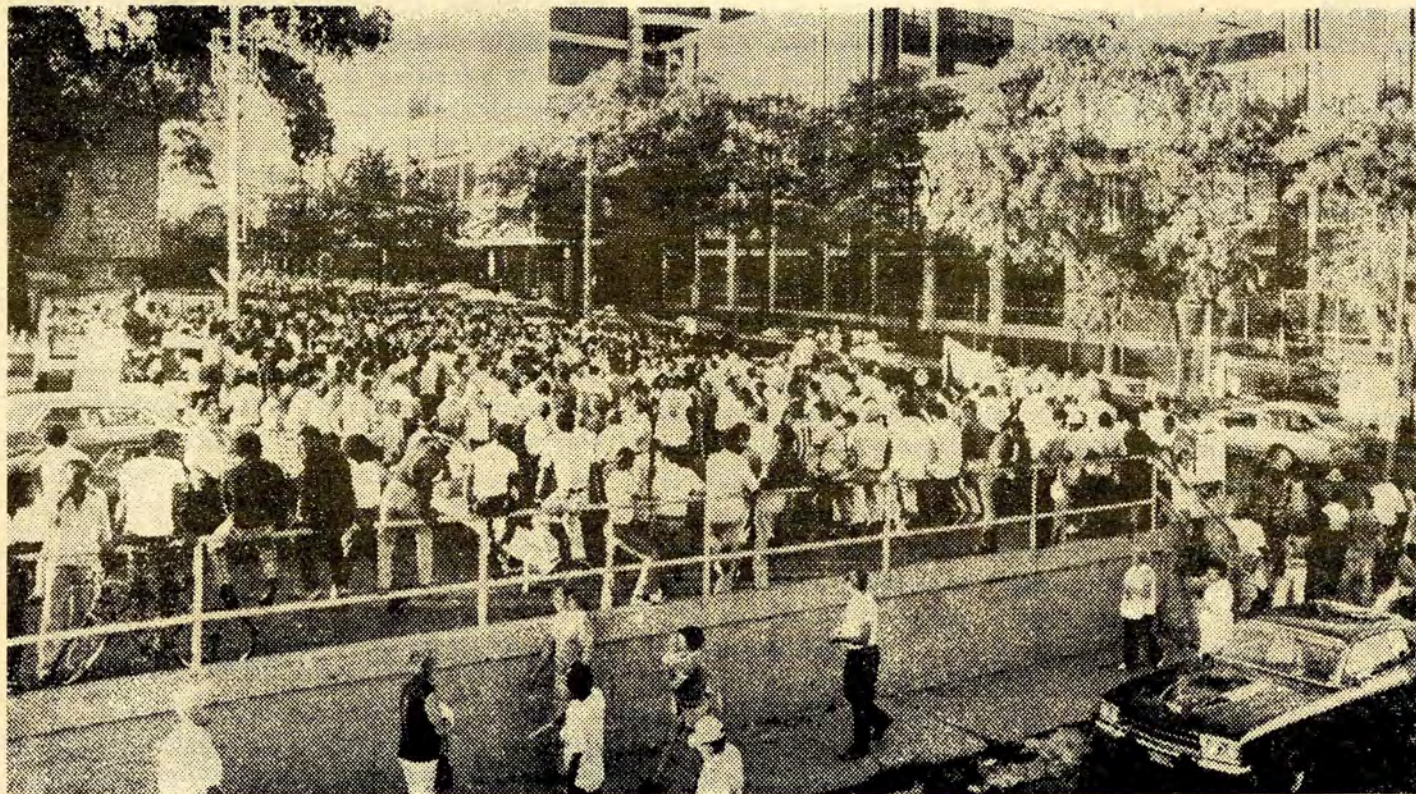
people in this country. And today we consider all our work as part of the preparation for the dictatorship of the proletariat. This preparation goes on in the course of our day to day work, fighting the bosses, fighting the bourgeoisie, fighting against all manifestations of the evils of capitalism. That's how we'll learn to overthrow the capitalist system and to lead the new society we want to build.

the trade union bureaucrats. The clearest example was the sellout of the postal workers. The years of disorganization created by bureaucrats like Meany are showing in the declining membership of AFL-CIO unions and in campaigns like the J.P. Stevens drive which has been going on for almost 15 years now without a major breakthrough. There are many smaller examples like the takebacks against Philadelphia city

the whole union. Among West Coast supermarket workers, a maverick local is carrying through the strike against speedup. And among steelworkers, the rank and file and progressive union officials have been organizing over many months to build the movement for rank and file right to ratify the contract. While President McBride turned their convention last month into a platform for Carter to make a speech, and very few rank and file steelworkers were delegates, the rank and file is serving notice—the *real* movement is for Right to Ratify.

It is in the midst of these struggles that the role of conscious leadership is most necessary in order to build on the successes and to minimize our losses. This is where the TUEL comes in. Though we are a small part of the trade union movement today, by boldly picking up the day to day fights of the workers, providing consistent leadership through the twists and turns, and by raising the political consciousness of the workers, the TUEL represents the future leadership of the trade union movement. ■

Chicago, Ill.—Last July, 300 members of Teamsters Local 738 protested the contract in a wildcat strike, picketing en masse to block the gates of E.J.Brach and Sons.



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the upcoming national master freight agreement—a major trucking contract—when it expires next March.

RCIU—The Struggle to Build Trade Union Unity

Initially, in the spirit of true union solidarity, the Retail Clerks International Union and Butchers union supported the strike and honored the picket line. The RCIU went back to work after six weeks of the strike and some butchers locals after 14 weeks. Part of the reason for this was the lack of organization of the strike which led to a feeling of futility among supporting members, particularly in the RCIU. Then they couldn't see how important their support was.

However, in summing up the relationship between the clerks and the Teamsters, an important question to address is how to promote unity among different unions, particularly at the leadership level. Under capitalism, the bureaucrats in the local and International leadership put their own narrow and selfish interests first. As the strike wore on, these narrow interests led to much bickering between the leadership of the Teamsters and the clerks, which filters down to the rank and file.

Unity between clerks and Teamsters must be forged in the course of fighting the same enemy, and appreciating the efforts of the clerks in the times they did honor the Teamster lines. Many rank and file clerks did not want

strike for the first three weeks, Fitzsimmons and the International were forced to authorize it. Fitzsimmons made an empty promise to shut down Safeway distribution centers across the country, but actually the International hasn't even called a formal boycott of Safeway, and strike benefits and support arrived late. After pulling people from the picket lines in a gesture of "good faith" to Safeway, all they came up with was a sellout contract in return.

The damage of the vacillating International runs all the way down to the locals. Communication with the rank and file about new strike developments has been sloppy and many don't even know what's going on with negotiations, and don't even hear about demonstrations and strike support actions being called. This leads to feelings of isolation and pessimism, and means that many striking workers don't have a sense of the overall motion and potential of the strike.

In spite of this, the determination of active rank and file members has kept the strike strong and militant. Demands to hold demonstrations and keep strong picket lines have come from the rank and file. While Local 315 leadership say they support these actions, they don't back it up, organize it, and get the word out. So a rally that attracts 300 could have mobilized three times that many. And although the picket lines have been going strong, many times there aren't any leaflets to hand out and the picketers don't have the latest strike information.

The strike has shown more clearly

pect of the rank and file. Many of the active 315 folks came to TUEL and asked for opinions, became friends and confided in them. Because of the support work and the friendship won with active workers, TUEL is now in a position to play a leading role in this strike.

Two Line Struggle on Doing Support Work

Does doing support work mean only picketing, leafletting, etc. or does it mean taking more leadership in actual organizing as the support work deepens? While at first TUEL belittled the actual role it could have played, hesitant because of the view of outside work as being solely support work, the opposite has proven true. By taking a stand with the workers and appreciating the actual state of the struggle and its needs, the ties with the most active Teamsters have grown

stronger and relationships are closer than ever before. One member of 315 has already joined TUEL and several more are working closely with TUEL because it has shown it can help strengthen the organization of the rank and file. Through TUEL these workers are being better trained to provide greater leadership in their union.

Next Hurdle

On the weekend of October 21, the company and International once again negotiated a settlement, basically the same nothing as before. Not only was there no settlement on the MTM, but it proposed a vote by mail referendum which (because there's no rank and file meeting to discuss and vote) weakens the rank and file democratic process. As this paper goes to print, workers are struggling over how to proceed. This new turn of events is another hurdle in the continuing fight to win decent working conditions at Safeway. ■

VW Strike

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Hitting Back at U.S. Domination—VW Sets Out To Exploit U.S. Workers

Everyone, the governor, VW officials, other capitalists and unions is watching the struggle of the first foreign auto company to produce cars in the U.S. The U.S. capitalists have been trying to shift the burden of the national economic crisis onto the second and third world countries (as well as the U.S. workers). They do this by floating the dollar, dumping goods overseas, etc. Second world capitalists like VW (one of the more competitive industries) try to shore up their own economy, resisting U.S. hegemonism in ways like opening a plant here to expand their market.

With steel mills in Pennsylvania closing and other industries going bankrupt, Governor Shapp and the legislature grabbed at the chance for more tax revenue and a better public reputation as a "provider of jobs." They floated a \$200 million loan interest-free to VW for ten years to set up the plant. The local governments went along with tax reliefs, while the state built a new railroad and highway to the assembly plant.

Volkswagen is a highly profitable multinational corporation based in Germany and is the fourth largest auto maker in the world. They have plants worldwide like the Big Three. VW hopes to greatly exploit the U.S. worker. They have pleaded moderation in wages until the plant is profitable, in full production, covering up the worldwide profits streaming into the company. With 400 Rabbits a day coming off the New Stanton assembly line the workers figure they should get a liveable wage. The saying is that VW came to the U.S. to rip off some of the "country boys" in Pennsylvania, but they were fooled.

UAW Hacks Chummy with VW Bosses—To Serve U.S. Capitalist Class Interests

The UAW has been accused by the rank and file of being soft on VW.

Douglas Fraser, President of UAW and James McLernon, President and chief executive officer of VW, in a joint release before the contract was made public to Local 2055 said, "We believe the Volkswagen settlement will set an excellent example for other foreign auto manufacturers who may open manufacturing or assembly operations in the United States." Workers say, "If they can get more auto plants it means more members for the union. It amounts to the UAW subsidizing a foreign capitalist company. It means weakening the union by sacrificing the wages of its members."

The UAW misleaders are speaking for the bosses interests, thinking that by keeping the VW workers down, they can turn around the U.S. trade deficit with Germany and fight inflation. They must be reminded that it's the bosses that cause inflation here and there. And workers here or there shouldn't pay for it.

Strike Shows Workers Stand On Contract—And Ready To Fight

With this outlook of helping the VW monopoly capitalists more than the workers at New Stanton, the UAW leadership refused to sanction the strike. They and the company stood together saying negotiations could not resume until the assembly line was running. "No Way," said the pickets at the bonfires.

One man standing by the fire in the late afternoon said, "We're not radicals. We want to work. But Davis (the International representative) and his people are making us like that. We want to get paid a decent wage and that's what we're fighting for. We want equality in pay with the other autoworkers."

After a week, nervous UAW negotiators and VW officials were forced to promise another and better offer October 30th. The rank and file returned to work realizing they had strengthened their position at the negotiating table. They had fought the union-busting tactic of substandard contracts, which attacks all workers' living standards, by militantly sticking to their demands and going out on strike together. ■



An active member of Teamsters Local 315 speaks out at a rally in the Easter Hill projects sponsored by the local, TUEL and ALSC.

to go back to work in the first place. Several locals were not given the right to vote. Rank and file must struggle with their local leadership, put pressure on them to end inter-union rivalry and bickering and direct their united efforts against Safeway.

Building union solidarity within the labor movement is an important aspect in building a winning strike. Support from our union brothers and sisters has a real impact in forcing Safeway and the International to deal with 315. International Longshore Workers Union Local 6 has donated time on the lines. GBBA (Glass Bottle Blowers Association) donated funds, and Teamsters Local 278 "adopted" a store to picket.

Union Bureaucrats' Empty Promises Weaken Strike

After refusing to sanction the

the need for organization to set the mighty power of the rank and file into motion.

TUEL Helps the Workers Have A Fighting Chance

The sellout of the International and poor organization shows the lack of proletarian leadership in the trade unions. The Trade Union Educational League Bay Area chapter, side by side with the active rank and file members of Local 315, has taken up this important task of giving more organization and leadership.

When TUEL first started getting involved, it was mainly support work—picketing, doing skits, rallies, etc. But because it did its work well—listening to workers to see what was needed at every point of the strike, showing concern and sincerely caring for the outcome of the strike—they won the res-

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this way, they became less reliant on the masses.

Lenin said, "Truly democratic centralism requires that the manifold paths, forms and methods by which local creativity and spirit of initiative attain general goals have a sufficiently unhindered development." (p. 454). Well said. The masses can create the paths. The masses created Russia's Soviets. And they created our people's communes."

The key is to understand how mass line is crucial to develop *manifold paths*, forms and methods in order to develop and implement the line of the Party. Without mass line, at best, the line will be 'one-dimensional,' the variety and scope of the activity will be narrowed and limited, and it will seriously compromise the political content of the Party's work and will even turn its originally correct orientation into its opposite in time. For correctness of political line resides in particulars, in practice. 'Manifold paths' can only come from vigorous, spirited and creative socialism, which is living socialism in practice. This can only come from the masses and the mass line.

The main source of the lack of mass line is the Party, but it also can be encouraged by certain tendencies among comrades and friends of the Party. One form is that the attitude of comrades who say, "Tell me what to do and I will implement it." This outlook doesn't differentiate the general line of the Party and its need to have 'manifold paths' to enrich as well as to implement the general line. There is no way that a general political line or any plan can be so specific. That includes details on how it applies in different situations. The saying that, "Reality is richer than any theory" is correct precisely in the sense that it is more original, more complex than (and is the general expression of) the general law. So following this trend of thinking, at best the stated plan or line can lead to a form of one-dimensional, mechanical practice. How to implement it has to be based on particulars. No plan or general line, no matter how detailed they are, will deal with all particulars and take care of all situations. That's why "manifold paths" will have to be developed in through practice. And its development will in turn enrich the overall plan and line. And that's what living socialism is. That's why living socialism is vigorous while dogmatism or even any correct formula in-itself or a general plan in-itself is dry and lifeless. And there is no such thing as dry or dead socialism. When socialism is only general, dry and lifeless, it ceases to be genuine socialism. It is either a deviation from socialism, or already a form of revisionism (either of the 'left' or rightist forms).

In any case, whether the lack of mass line is directly from the Party's leadership or whether it's enforced by incorrect tendencies of the masses resulting from the lack of tradition in the mass line, whenever the Party's work lacks vigor and "manifold paths", it is a sure sign of us not appreciating the masses' strength, wisdom and us not practicing mass line. It is a sure sign that there is an up-side down view on the relation between the masses and the Party, and an up-sidedown view as to who are the real makers of history, on whether the masses will emancipate themselves or the Party will emancipate them. ■

Karen Silkwood

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gallon drums for later burial and had to quarantine her apartment house. Later, they tracked down the source: someone had secretly placed mammoth doses of plutonium into the cheese and bologna sandwich in her refrigerator.

That same week, a news story broke over the country. In banner headlines, the Atomic Energy Commission was exposed as having "repeatedly sought to suppress studies by its own scientists alleging that nuclear reactors were more dangerous than officially acknowledged or that raised questions about reactor safety devices." The AEC had sup-

dear reader,

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pressed reports that a nuclear accident could kill up to 45,000 people, cause \$14 billion in property damage, and pollute an area the size of Michigan and Illinois, and a report on a nuclear accident that took place at the Fermi reactor outside Detroit which almost required the evacuation of 110,000 people.

Karen Had Enough to Blow the Industry Wide Open

The nuclear industry was beginning to panic. They couldn't afford leaks like that. But that news story was just the tip of the iceberg, and Karen had enough material to blow the whole thing open. They also knew that she was preparing to meet secretly with a newspaper reporter in Oklahoma City that week and spill the whole, stinking story of the cover-ups and nuclear accidents. Karen Silkwood could unleash a floodgate of exposures. But worst of all, Karen's ties with the workers and the no-nuke environmental movement could unleash millions to call for an end to the nuclear industry. Karen Silkwood had to be stopped.

But Karen never kept her appointment. On November 13th, 1974, she was found crushed at the bottom of a muddy stream.

Careful examination of the skid marks on the road and the fresh dents on the rear fender clearly showed that her Honda went out of control before skidding off the highway, and she was repeatedly rammed from the rear.

But strangely, crucial evidence began to disappear. Within 24 hours after the investigation of the highway tracks, a tractor carefully destroyed the tracks. Then the road was mysteriously paved over. Key witnesses trembled as they recanted their stories after meeting with Kerr-McGee executives.

Later, Kerr-McGee released a report on her death, claiming that she had poisoned herself with plutonium in order to attract attention for herself.

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Between November 4-13, on the fourth anniversary of Karen Silkwood's death, there will be demonstrations, forums, and teach-ins throughout the country, marking the struggles of the nuclear movement's first martyr. At Columbia University in

New York, for example, there will be speeches on November 12 and a candle-light procession on the 13th. And all over the country, from small Mid-western towns near nuclear power plants, to Seabrook, New Hampshire at the site of the powerful demonstrations of up to 20,000 people, the movement to stop nuclear power and the nuclear arms race is building momentum. Every month, in different states, there are arrests for trespassing and occupations of nuclear power plants.

Folk Heroine Forges Links Between Workers and the No-Nuke Movement

But most of all, she will be remembered for her ties with the unions and workers and for her ties with the no-nuke movement. As a staunch trade unionist, her link with the environmentalists was a threat to the monopoly capitalists controlling nuclear power. This tradition of uniting the two spontaneous movements against the nuclear industry must be upheld.

Of course, the oil monopolies who have a hammerlock over the nuclear industry have used every story on nuclear demonstrations tries to push the myth of the "redneck versus the hippies." This dangerous media campaign is real: just last month the Ku Klux Klan announced that they are going north, to New Hampshire, site of some of the fiercest confrontations between the nuclear power industry and the no-nuke movement, to stir up trouble and kick off a KKK chapter. The KKK leadership sneered and boasted that they could make inroads among workers laid off at the nuclear site.

The finest way to honor the death of this trade unionist who fought for better working conditions and a better environment, free of nuclear hazards and plutonium poisonings, is to continue to forge links between these two movements. Already, the big monopoly capitalists are hysterically writing articles in *Forbes*, *Fortune*, etc. magazines wailing about the billions at stake in nuclear power. They could kill Karen Silkwood but they cannot kill the movement. ■

Rizzo Must Be Stopped!

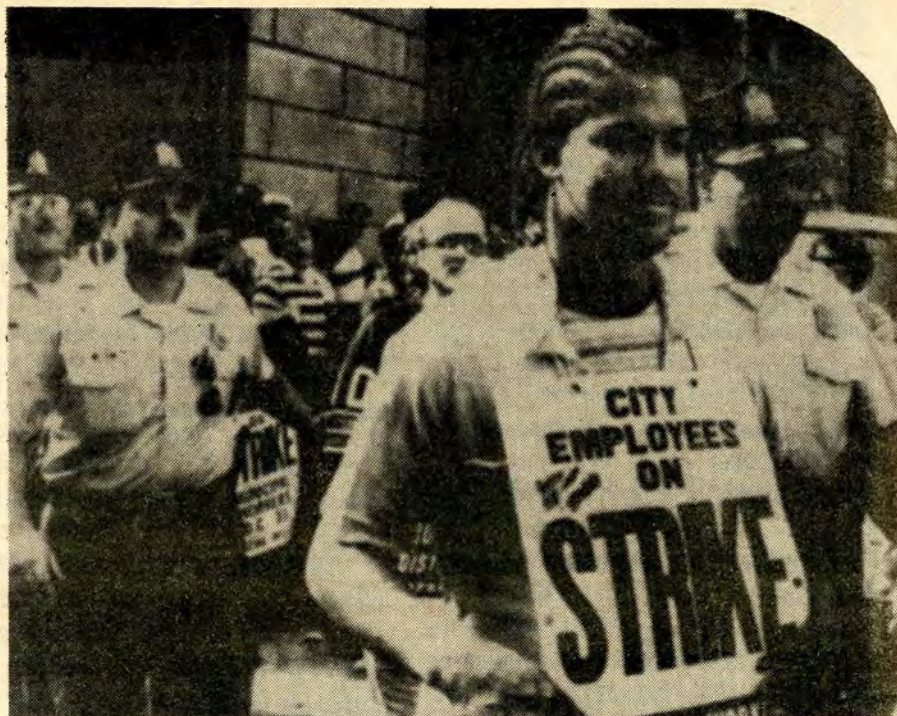
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tion workers marched against the *Philadelphia Inquirer* to protest "biased reporting" about Rizzo, reporting that brought out the facts about his corruption. In any other demonstration, the civil affairs division doesn't hesitate to haul people in for small infractions of "the rules". In fact, black activists registering people to vote have recently been charged with *inciting to riot!* But when these "pro-Rizzo" union thugs began beating up on bystanders, the cops literally turned the other way! So much for police neutrality.

The building trades misleader is arch-reactionary Ton McGrann, a representative of what Lenin called the "labor aristocracy." The labor aristocracy brings into the labor movement the narrow, reactionary viewpoints of the small businessman, caught in a vice. They want to "make it good." Instead of uniting with the majority of production and service workers who feel the boot of the bourgeoisie against the throats daily on the job and in the community in order to work for the progress of all workers, these guys want to protect their own trade at any cost even to the point of betraying the working class movement.

conservative white clergy (a coalition of rabbis, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and Catholics) out to denounce him. And the Central Labor Council, which a couple of months before had tabled a resolution opposing the Charter change, voted to poll its members on support of a new statement denouncing Rizzo's racist and polarizing statements of the last few months.

More importantly, more and more white workers are lining up against the fascist Rizzo. Many who had been taken in by him before or wavered on his true nature have begun to see him for what he is. In doing table work in Kensington, many people expressed disgust with Rizzo's polarizing racial remarks and the fact that he has done almost *nothing* for them and other working class communities, both black and white. They expressed the view that poor and working people must stick together. One South Philly woman, from deep inside Rizzo's stronghold, reports that an increasing number of South Philadelphians are secretly voting against Rizzo because they "...see him heading this city into a race war." They are secretly against Rizzo because they know the measures Rizzo and his war henchmen will go to get the vote out for him and to smash any resistance. Workers have



Organizations, alliances, coalitions among different class forces are working together into a broad united front as

Nov. 7 approaches.

The Party and its friends have been

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Rizzo's History

Raised in a predominantly white neighborhood of South Philly, Rizzo joined the police force in the late 50's where he first got his reputation as a "tough cop". He got this reputation basically by brutalizing minority communities. Older Puerto Rican men from Rizzo's first beat—heartened by the recent anti-Rizzo movement—have come forward to recount how rookie Rizzo used to indiscriminately beat up on Puerto Rican and Black youth in the area and then go back and boast of his "hits" throughout the police force.

In the late 60's, Frank was rewarded for his racist attacks with a new position as police commissioner. He soon became a leader in the "law and order" movement swept in by fascist and reactionary forces to try to smash the uprising in the national and student movements then rocking the country. He joined with racist George Wallace and axe-wielding Lester Maddox, who were spearheading a white fascist attack against black student demands in the South. Rizzo worked the "northern flank" of this attack. In 1967, Commissioner Rizzo led club-swinging cops against hundreds of high school students demonstrating for ethnic studies programs in the public schools. His rallying slogan: "Get them niggers!"

Then, in 1971, Rizzo's "Gestapo force" raided the local chapter of the Black Panther Party. Scores of young black men, women, and children were beaten and the men were forced to strip in public. The memory of this humiliating and vicious attack against the black community still burns deeply in the hearts of the Afro-American masses in Philly.

Since becoming mayor, Rizzo's crimes have grown. Backed up by the city government machinery, Rizzo has overseen the modernization and centralization of the Philadelphia police force, making it known as the most brutal and most efficient in the country. He has ruthlessly purged any city government official who does not agree with him, while adding over 200% more patronage jobs to the city payroll! This insures that his dictates will be carried out. One factor in Rizzo being able to

run his government machine like his own private kingdom is that the Philadelphia mayor is legally given more power than any other single large-city mayor in the country.

Under Rizzo, we've seen our schools deteriorate. Forty thousand houses stand abandoned and decaying. Over 140,000 workers have been added to the unemployment lines. A proposed \$300 million commuter tunnel saps needed housing and recreation money. Rizzo has done nothing but crush the people of Philadelphia. He must be stopped!

Rizzo, the Fascist, Spearheads His Drive Against Minorities; Splits the Working Class

Like Hitler did in Germany, Rizzo aims his attacks against minority peoples. German fascists portrayed the Jews as being responsible for the crisis of Germany before World War 2. To Rizzo and his gang, Black, Puerto Rican, and other national minorities are responsible for the deepening economic and political crisis of U.S. capitalism. Rizzo knows there are strong mass sentiments against unemployment, crime, drugs, degenerate culture, and deteriorating neighborhoods. These problems, most severe in minority communities, are symptoms of the crumbling, rotting system in this country. Rizzo *blames the problems of capitalism on the masses themselves, specifically on minorities*. Using the most extreme and hollow demogogy, Rizzo turns things upside down, making enemies out of friends and friends out of enemies.

"Ethnics Want Rights Too, I'm Against Quotas For Blacks Or Whites"

By instigating the working class to fight among each other, he takes the bourgeoisie off the hook for their crimes. And by splitting the working class down the middle, he weakens our fight against the ruling class, the real enemy of *all* working people. Rizzo uses racism to justify his attacks against minority people. He uses racism as poison infecting the life-blood of working class unity. ■



Rizzo Losing Ground As Working People Organize

But Rizzo's days are numbered. He digs his own grave deeper with every remark he makes. He recently came out more full-blown than ever as the racist swine that he is. A month ago, in a televised press conference, in which he lumped the Black Panthers and the NAACP together as the "radical extremists (!)", he told Philadelphians, "... these black politicians all say 'vote black,' ...and I'm saying 'vote white'." He taunted black reporter Joe Davidson (*Evening Bulletin*). "You keep writing all that black stuff," he accused the whole black press corps of "being biased," he called for more Polish and Italian reporters to write "fairly," and he elbowed a black newsman, pushing him to the side in a press conference. This broad-side attack brought even the

been physically threatened and assaulted for even *speaking out or criticizing Rizzo*. Yet Rizzo talks about "democracy" and "free choice"! And a number of white workers and lower level union officials have gone publicly on record opposed to Rizzo, signing a statement against Rizzo and the Charter change, sponsored by the Trade Unionists Against the Charter Change and the Trade Union Cte. of the Stop Rizzo Coalition.

The more Rizzo increases his attacks against not only minority workers and the petty bourgeoisie, but also against the white petty bourgeoisie and white workers, the more he is unmasking his true nature as an enemy of *all* the people, the more his "get-over" demagoguery loses its grip.

People are sick of his lying and scheming. We're getting organized!

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working in the BUF, the Puerto Ricans United Against Rizzo, and the Stop Rizzo Coalition. The Stop Rizzo Coalition is composed of various newly formed community organizations, mass-based ward committees, rank-and-file caucuses, the TUEL, petty bourgeois radical organizations like the National Lawyers Guild and the National Conference of Black Lawyers, feminist groups, the Consumer Party, and just about every so-called Marxist-Leninist group in the city. It has been the main force in pushing for unity and united organizational efforts between the various forces working in the anti-Rizzo movement. Alone it is responsible for a staggering 50,000 new registrations and has supported many community demonstrations against Rizzo, police brutality, etc. The Stop Rizzo Coalition has been a visible force in the media war with Rizzo and has differentiated itself from the liberal wing of the Democratic Party and other petty bourgeois organizations by taking stands on the issues, not just the question of the Charter change itself and through combining electoral tactics with tactics of mass resistance like demonstrations and rallies.

Other organizations include the Committee to Protect the Charter. Founded by the Americans for Democratic Action and tailed by the bankrupt Communist Party USA, this organization has a clear petty bourgeois orientation. While opposing Rizzo, the main issue they push is "good government." Blind to the fascist menace Rizzo represents, the Committee to Protect the Charter plays the tune "eight years is enough." They make the issue one of "protecting democracy" and constitutional checks and balances. They gut the class nature of Rizzo, the fact that he serves the big capitalists and stomps on the working class. Methods reflect class viewpoint. The Committee to Protect the Charter has spent the majority of its funds purely in work like advertising, unable to really mobilize the community.

Even the bourgeoisie itself has formed its organization, the Charter Defense Committee. Basically, this is a vehicle for the more liberal opposed to Rizzo to make its voice heard and a stepping stone for former Kennedy man Bill Green to launch a 1979 campaign for mayor.

Why Rizzo Now?

So why, if Rizzo is so gung-ho on capitalism, are the capitalists themselves to split on whether to support him? The Charter Defense Committee is composed of big banking and industrial capitalists who oppose Rizzo! Recently, the two Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidates both came out denouncing his racist statements! And even his former right-hand man, Albert Gaudiosi (a fascist himself) deserted him like a rat fleeing a sinking ship!

One thing is for sure: the ruling class as a whole needs to keep the workers and oppressed in bondage. They have vast wealth and power to protect. Where they differ is how to do this. One sector says use the hard-line more, repress more, control. The other says cool the neck out,

pass out more reforms to let them think the system can work for them. But reform and repression are just two tactics the capitalists use interchangeably to keep us off guard and confused. Both "liberals" and "conservatives" use them according to how well they serve their capitalist interests at the time. Remember Mr. Liberal Hubert Humphrey let the Chicago police tear apart war protesters in 1968. And Mr. Peace, George McGovern called for U.S. intervention in Cambodia recently. Likewise racist Governor Hunt the scourge of North Carolina, recently began calling for "black/white unity" while attacking black colleges in the South.

In Philly, the liberals in the Charter Defense Committee oppose Rizzo not because their aims are strategically different than his, but because they differ on tactics at this point. They know the people are not prepared to accept fascism or extreme repression. These liberals still want to use the carrot tactic more to pacify the people into submission and believe Rizzo has gone too far in tearing the mask off bourgeois rule too soon. Their solution is to put somebody like Bill Green or Charlie Bowser (a black lawyer) who will give a more progressive image, but who still won't be able to stop inflation, high taxes, job loss, and police brutality. The "liberals" may hold back the police some, but when the masses fight or the revolutionary movement grows, and the cops will be back slugging and killing. Detroit, LA and Boston still spin under the problems of capitalism with liberal mayors.

LA Busing

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mid-sites. And after the first year, the Title I funds follow the students. What this means is that the sending school will lose these funds to the mid sites which are located in areas where mainly white petty bourgeois families live. Less funds will be available for schools in areas where national minorities and white workers live, so the education of these children will suffer even more. Each of the 11 mid-sites is receiving an additional \$140 per child this school year in addition to the funds received for Average Daily Attendance which has been boosted with the addition of the bused-in students. It is clear that the schools in minority and working class communities will suffer more with the forced busing plan. To make the plan palatable to the white parents in these areas their schools are being beefed up with more funds. On top of this, the students being bused have to bring their own textbooks to the mid-sites. Minority children are not even being allowed to take advantage of the better reading programs in these schools!

White Parents Must Be Won Over From Racists

What has been the reaction of white parents to the forced busing plan? There are two groups active in the San Fernando Valley fighting against the forced busing plan. BUSTOP has successfully gotten one of its leaders, Bobbi Fiedler, on the Board of Education. She has consistently come out against the plan, covering her racist motives with general

platitudes about needing quality education. This group confines its work to the courts and urges no mass action against busing.

The other group, FORCE (Families Organized to Retain Community Education) is a more militant group of white workers and petty bourgeoisie. They have successfully organized a boycott of the plan by urging parents to keep their children at home, enroll them in hastily set up alternative schools operating in several parents' homes and enrolling the children in schools not affected by the plan. (In the first week, the *L.A. Times* estimated only 1/3 of white students actually enrolled in school.) It is under the misleadership of persons like Linc Wyler, former producer for blues artists such as Muddy Waters and Big Mama Thornton. He, like Fiedler, covers his chauvinism by mouthing the need for quality education, but neither group has a positive program for quality education, needless to say, especially for the minorities. FORCE has been trying to court minority parents and community members to join with them to oppose forced busing. However, their lack of a positive program forces them to resort to racist rationale for not sending their kids to inferior inner city schools, without really being concerned about the quality of education in those inner city schools. For example, racist deputy District Attorney Sidney Trapp has slandered the minority communities by continually stirring up fear among white parents that their daughters would be raped and beaten.

Although the main task of the L.A. Coalition has been to work with and organize minority parents, joint work may be done with groups like FORCE.

But while some of the bourgeoisie may not support Rizzo, he does in fact serve their larger interests by testing out public sentiment toward fascism. Through him they can test out how far they can go and at the same time use him to prepare public opinion for more open fascist tactics.

As Communists, our political direction to the anti-Rizzo movement is crucial in order that we can best use it to build the over all class struggle and use it to serve the interests of the working class and the majority of people of the U.S.

We fight Rizzo not because we think the problems we face can be solved just by getting rid of him or getting a new, liberal mayor. No! We fight Rizzo because he represents a particularly fascist danger in this country, a movement that gains power on the backs of minorities, splits the working class, and murders. Defeating Rizzo will aid our struggle against capitalism and help us to be able to better identify and fight the danger of fascism whenever it raises its ugly head.

Likewise, we use the "vote" only as a tactic, rejecting outright any lie of bourgeois "democracy," the lie that says elections can in any way rid us of the many problems capitalism heaps upon us.

As true class fighters, we use this election to help build up the daily struggles of our people in the work place, community, or on campus. We use it to educate our people to the real nature of capitalism and the need for socialism. We use the campaign

to prepare and train active and advanced workers to better take up the task of leading the whole people toward socialism, where the workers will dictate to the capitalists and run their own government in the interests of the poor and oppressed.

As the capitalist crisis and danger of world war grows deeper, the monopoly capitalists will try to and need to impose fascism in a desperate attempt to head off their inevitable doom. Fascism will not be defeated in the ballot box. Only revolution can do that! The revolutionary potential of the masses shines brightly in the anti-Rizzo campaign, as more and more people are awakening and vigorously entering the fight. ■

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This would be on the basis of even more broadly pushing out the Coalition positive program of quality education, including the right of minority students to go to any school, and to win more parents to the Coalition.

Positive Program Needed to Express Masses' Real Demands

The WVO has been lagging in this work. Our guidance to the CQE has been unclear on a very crucial difference between the CQE and the valley groups, that is the positive program, which includes demands which fight segregation and speak to the special needs of minority students. Without a clear positive program and a clear method for fighting for it, CQE could not be clearly distinguished from these other anti-busing groups. This laid the basis for one of the leaders of the Coalition to want to unite with FORCE on just their face value without understanding where the misleaders were coming from, and why they whip up racism among the parents to oppose forced busing.

The Fight Continues

In the coming weeks, in addition to fighting any racist attacks on school children, the Coalition will focus on organizing and using mass line in the schools and communities to better understand and pull together the main issues on people's minds into a fighting positive program for quality education. This includes stopping forced busing, especially for next year. They will also discuss running a grassroots candidate for the School Board next spring. This may be one of the best ways to push the positive program, as the candidate's platform

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Thus, the purchasing power of the working class gets less and less as unemployment rises and conditions of life get worse. Thus, the economy is struck by a permanent crisis, with high unemployment on the one hand and inflation on the other. For the workers, it becomes a slide downwards.

Hyping up the economy with deficit spending, run-away defense budgets, etc. only temporarily delays the inevitable crash, and makes it that much more thorough and devastating.

Printing and Dumping Paper Dollars

Analyzing the amount of dollars in circulation is one indicator of the degree to which the economy has been hyped up with government spending, defense budgets, easy credit, expansion, etc. The dollar supply clearly shows that up to now Carter has allowed inflation to rage largely unchecked.

It has been an open secret for a while that the federal government has been printing and dumping huge amounts of superfluous dollars into the market. These superfluous dollars, once they flow into the market directly cause inflation of the dollar and the hiked prices since they do not represent any increase in goods produced.

(And the so-called tax-cuts, made in

response to the people's tax revolt, do not help at all because printing excessive money is another form of levying a hidden tax without telling workers.)

Even *Fortune* magazine now admits that the money supply for the past year has been just too high. The Federal Reserve has been increasing the M1 supply (the total amount of cash supply and checking accounts in the U.S. market) by 8.2%. The last time the Federal Reserve printed so much paper dollars was during the Nixon administration, right before the big recession of 1974. One clear indication of how much money had been pumped into the market is the amount of Euro-dollars, which are mainly bought and sold in the European money market for speculation. The total amount has doubled from less than \$200 billion in 1974 to more than \$400 billion today.

How does this excess money help the bourgeoisie to rip us off, in addition to the daily exploitation on the job? One clear effect is the dropping of our purchasing power and consequently, the farmers and small producers, it also means they now get less for their goods while having to pay more for their machinery and fertilizer. This point came across during last winter's farmers' struggle. Civil servants and teachers, whose salaries usually go up slowly because their unions are weaker and they are less organized, are now also standing up to the federal government and demanding higher wages. For the elderly on pension and Social Security and for welfare mothers, the monthly check just cannot

Why Are People Wearing Out Their Credit Cards?

While not at the level of panic-buying of wartime Shanghai or South Vietnam days before liberation, the thinking behind it is the same. With paper money becoming worthless, people are dumping it to hold hard goods.

The problem is that in the U.S., people are leaning heavily on credit to pay for what they buy. At the point when the economy slumps, and unemployment sweeps the land, the lifestyles of workers will change drastically as credit dries up. As payments lag, repossession of cars by banks and loan companies and foreclosure of mortgages will hit working class families hard. These will be hard times indeed, with suffering—and with it, resistance—on a scale never seen before in the U.S.

If you've bought a house or a new car in the past year or so, you haven't been alone. Because of the rampant inflation, people in the U.S. have been buying and going into debt at a dizzying rate.

Is it because people have more money to spend or think that things are going to get better? Far from it. With a new house going for upwards of \$80,000 or more, and Chevrolets costing what a Cadillac cost a few years ago, people think they can't afford *not* to buy. Unlike their parents, saving up for the new house or the new car is senseless, since the dollar buys less and less every day. And they know that things are not going to get better, but worse. So they spend like crazy; going into debt way over their heads. ■

cover expenses anymore. These facts have been relatively clear to us.

Inflation, No. 1 Enemy of the Bourgeoisie's Higher Profits

Why is Carter coming down so hard on inflation now? Clearly it's not because he has a soft place in his heart for workers. His inflation cure is as poisonous to workers as is the disease of inflation.

Carter, as the chief political agent of the monopoly capitalists, oversees the general interest of the capitalists as a class. He does what they see as being in their best interests, whether in

foreign policy or managing inflation. Right now the biggest monopoly capitalists like Exxon, IBM and Citibank see bringing down inflation as their immediate target.

Carter was perfectly content to let the fires of inflation rage undiminished in the last period because it is the workers who must pay for the punishing toll taken by higher prices.

Now Carter is reversing himself because the bourgeoisie finds itself caught in a bind: increasingly, they can no longer sell the inflated goods that they produce. Because people cannot afford to buy over-priced goods, warehouses are now stockpiling with unsold goods. And as inventories pile up, the bourgeoisie knows another depression, another crisis of overproduction is coming. Already, bourgeois economists are stating that there will be a recession in 1979.

So it's more than a simple question of capitalists making less profits due to inflation. It is a question of whether they can sell anything at all. There's no choice at all. Prices are sky-high, and unsold inventories are rising rapidly. Inflation will eventually squeeze the capitalist system, contributing to a crisis of over-production, a depression which will plunge the system into a vice-like grip. ■

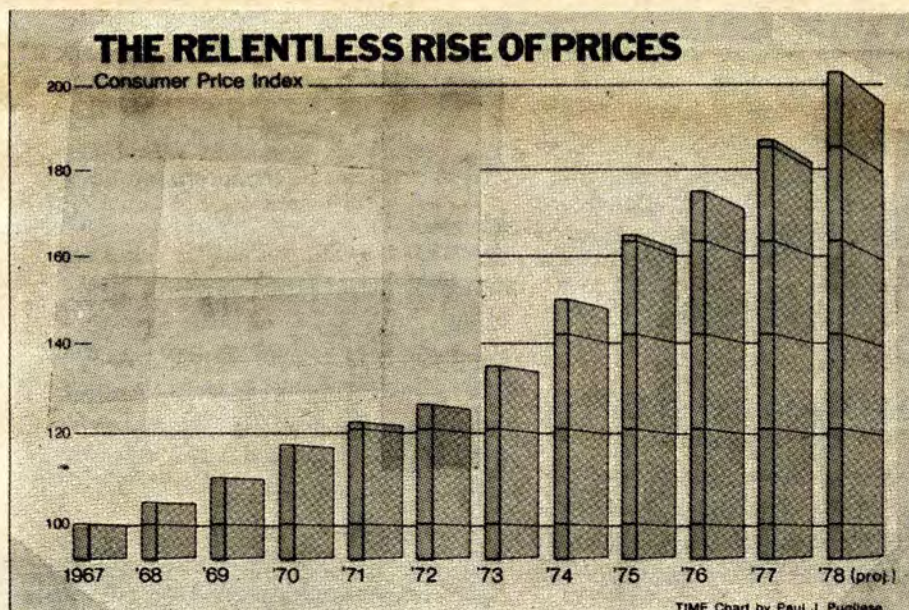
What Inflation Has Done to the Dollar

Dollar's value in terms of what it will buy—

1939	100.0 cents
1946	71.1 cents
1947	62.2 cents
1948	57.7 cents
1949	58.3 cents
1950	57.7 cents
1951	53.5 cents
1952	52.3 cents
1953	51.9 cents
1954	51.7 cents
1955	51.9 cents
1956	51.1 cents
1957	49.4 cents
1958	48.0 cents
1959	47.6 cents
1960	46.9 cents
1961	46.4 cents
1962	45.9 cents
1963	45.4 cents
1964	44.8 cents
1965	44.0 cents
1966	42.8 cents
1967	41.6 cents
1968	39.9 cents
1969	37.9 cents
1970	35.8 cents
1971	34.3 cents
1972	33.2 cents
1973	31.3 cents
1974	28.2 cents
1975	25.8 cents
1976	24.4 cents
1977	22.9 cents
1978 (July)	21.2 cents
1979	?

Today's dollar, therefore, is worth little more than half the value of the dollar you earned just 10 years ago and only one fifth of that of 1939.

Basic data: U.S. Dept. of Labor



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ment. But Moslem leaders and the National Front (representing the national bourgeoisie overthrown by the CIA in 1953) stuck to the demand for a transitional government without the Shah and a national referendum on the monarchy—a vote the Shah is sure to lose.

Now the Shah is down to his last resort, brute force, with the full support of the U.S. government. And if the Iranian army can't do the job, the U.S. marines are waiting in the wings. But the Iranian people are long past the point of being intimidated by imprisonment, torture or death. As soon as the military government was announced, huge demonstrations erupted in Tehran, Tabriz and Isfahan. And it's only the beginning.

The situation is ripe for overthrowing the Shah, especially with the oil workers striking to support the demand to end martial law, free all political prisoners and punish corrupt officials and those responsible for the deaths of anti-Shah demonstrators. Recently, protestors burned the British Embassy in Tehran to the ground, and only tanks saved the U.S. Embassy from the same fate. With the working class spearheading the anti-imperialist and anti-Shah movement, the Shah has one foot in the grave and the other one's slipping fast. While military rule may temporarily save the Shah, it makes his defeat that much more certain.

Workers Take the Lead in Anti-Imperialist, Anti-Shah Struggle

Enforcing martial law is getting harder as the resistance to it and the Shah snowballs. 35,000 demonstrated at Tehran University denouncing martial law and called for freeing political prisoners and other democratic rights. 30,000 rallied in Qum with the same demands. In northwest Iran, officials were forced to back off a plan to extend the curfew two hours after 25,000 people took over the streets of Mashad with a sit-in. Major cities and smaller towns around the country explode daily with demonstrations, clashes with cops and armymen.

Even before the oil shutdown, a powerful strike movement was sweeping the country. At the beginning of October, workers at state-run factories, power plants, railroads, buses, postal, telephone and telegraph services, schools and universities, and hospitals struck for higher wages and benefits. By striking, the workers openly defied the regime since strikes are illegal in Iran. They were soon joined by government workers who staged sit-ins and closed government offices and institutions. The public workers wanted to be paid double what they were getting. When the Shah offered a 25% increase in two stages the workers threw it back at him—they weren't taking peanuts, not with the country's over 50% inflation rate.

Following their class brothers' example, employees of Iran Air grounded the nation's airline on November 1st, also calling for an end to martial law and freedom for political prisoners. The airline workers had been on strike earlier and had returned to



Unable to stop demonstrations at Tehran University and others, the Minister of Education and Minister of Universities resigned.

their jobs after winning a wage hike. Joining the oil strikers, thousands of medical staff serving the oil industry closed hospitals in support.

40,000 Oil Men Out and The Numbers Growing

The strike first broke out in the country's most productive petroleum centers—at the Abadan refinery, the world's largest, at Ahvaz, Aghajari, Gachsaran and Masjid-e Solaiman, all in the south. 40,000 workers are out and the number is growing. Workers at the Tabriz and Shiraz refineries in western Iran joined the movement too, recently.

Five million barrels of oil a day once flowed to the main export terminal on Kharg Island, destined for sale in the world market. Now, there's only a trickle, and the terminal's storage tanks are down to a week's supply. It wouldn't mean much even if the reserves were bigger. The bargemen have refused to handle tanker loadings in unity with their fellow workers. Only four of Kharg Island's 14 loading berths are operating, and 36 supertankers anchor uselessly in the Persian Gulf—empty!

Strike Slashes Imperialists' Oil Arteries

By closing the tap the workers cut the imperialists bad. The U.S. and the smaller imperialists have good reason for being scared sick. 90% of Iran's oil production and most of its oil export is run by Iranian Oil Participants Ltd, under a service contract with the government's National Iranian Oil Co. Who makes up Oil Participants and profits when oil is flowing? British Petroleum Co., Royal Dutch/Shell Group, Francaise des Petroles, Exxon, Gulf Oil, Mobil, Texaco, Standard of California and the Iricon group (six smaller U.S. petroleum companies).

It is not just fat oil profit the U.S. worries about. Iran is the only country that exported its oil freely during the Arab oil embargo against the United States during the October War in 1973. It is also the only oil producing country that would sell oil to fascist regimes in South Africa, Israel and Rhodesia (it supplies 90% of the oil imported by South Africa and 75% of oil imported by Israel).

U.S. Desperately Holding On And Holding Off U.S.S.R.

But where to get oil isn't the U.S.'s only or the main worry. Losing hold over Iran means losing a key military and political anchor in the area. The country's geographical location commands the Persian Gulf sea lanes. In hostile hands like the superpower, Soviet Union, these routes would be vulnerable. Iran is a pivotal spot for military operations in Central Asia, the Middle East, Northern Africa and Europe. U.S. military specialists are already worrying about how to defend Saudi Arabia from a Soviet invasion without the Shah's army on hand.

Politically, Iran is the hub of U.S. policy in the region holding together what is left of the Central Treaty Organization (Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, England and the U.S.).

The U.S.S.R. has its eye on Iran too, especially for its warm-water ports on the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean. This imperialist wolf in sheeps clothing has even flirted with the Shah, trying to get its hands on the country's resources. The oil workers scorched the greedy paws of these imperialists when they struck the big petrochemical complex at Bid Boland, and cut the daily flow of natural gas to the U.S.S.R.

from 30 billion cubic feet to three billion.

Strike "Act of Treason" Says Premier, Threatens Lockout

If the U.S. imperialists are scared, the Shah is panic-stricken. An "act of treason", that's what Premier Jaafar Sharif-Emami called the oil walkout, and threatened a lockout if workers didn't return to work in three days. Troops have already been sent into some refineries to break the strike and protect scabs. The army controls the Tehran refineries even though the workers are for the strike. In Abadan, soldiers fired on strikers and used tear gas to bust up their meeting. The Shah is thinking of using the army to run the whole industry. But the workers know it takes more than rifles to produce oil, and besides, the army has its hands full enforcing the fragile state of martial law.

Rats Abandoning A Sinking Ship

The Shah's rule is hanging by a thread that's unraveling fast. And everybody knows it. So far 64 members of the royal family, Pahlavi brothers, sisters and in-laws, have fled the country. Foreign corporations are beginning to pull out. The Shah himself has privately admitted that he's thought about leaving too.

The danger of the overthrow of the Shah is the biggest crisis in U.S. foreign policy, admitted the *Wall Street Journal*. Carter came out openly making a strong public statement supporting Shah and paid a special visit to Crown Prince Reza studying in the U.S. To protect the interests of the U.S., Carter has to back the Shah. But Carter and the rest of the U.S. bourgeoisie can never stop the Iranian people from drowning the Shah in a sea of resistance.

LONG LIVE THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION!



Iran's strategic location and resources make it a rich prize for both superpowers.

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Cortando los lazos diplomáticos tomaría una base legal para los manejos de obtención de control de la fuente de materias crudas. Los E.U. tendrán que exponerse abiertamente, de la manera que los hicieron cuando pasaron la enmienda Byrd para evadir las sanciones mandatorias de negocio con Rhodesia.

Además para hacer las luchas en que estamos envueltos más consciente y determinada la pregunta principal que lo enfrenta el movimiento de apoyo es: ¿Vamos nosotros a luchar contra el gobierno de Estados Unidos o no? Cortando los lazos diplomáticos hace perfectamente claro cual es el objetivo en la lucha. Es la maquinaria del estado del imperialismo de E.U. que está completamente reenfrendando al sistema de segregación en Sudáfrica, y la raíz de la causa, de la opresión, la explotación la agonía, la miseria y el sufrimiento de los obreros y nacionalidades oprimidas solamente esta consigna nos permite explicar a nivel más alto las palabras del inmortal Malcolm X. "Ud. no puede entender lo que está sucediendo en Misisipi a menos que Ud. entienda lo que está sucediendo en el Congo. Ud. realmente no puede estar interesado en Misisipi a menos que Ud. este interesado en lo que está pasando en el Congo. Ellos son los dos lo mismo. Los mismos intereses están envueltos, las mismas esquemas están en juego." El pueblo de E.U., el cual incluye al gran pueblo afro-americano y el pueblo africano tienen un enemigo común en el imperialismo de E.U.

Esto permitirá unir al poderoso movimiento popular en Tupelo por justicia y tierra, en el corazón de los Estados Negros del Sur, a la lucha de las masas de Azania por su independencia. Esta consigna proveerá las mejores condiciones para los comunistas para más exposiciones comprensivas y esparcidas de los dos superpoderes.

Si el movimiento limitado al nivel de todas las inversiones de E.U. fuera de Sudáfrica, habrán tantos blancos como hay corporaciones en Sudáfrica. En vez de exposiciones comprensivas del imperialismo habrá acusaciones contra las atrocidades de aquella corporación de E.U. en Sudáfrica. La relación de la opresión nacional aquí a la opresión nacional en el extranjero será dejada a nivel de revestir esquemas por varios bancos. El carácter sistemático y penetrante de la opresión nacional y discriminación racial no será logrado. La verdadera potencialidad de la amplia mayoría del pueblo de E.U. no será palpado. La potencialidad revolucionaria del Movimiento de Liberación Negra no será palpado. La consigna de inversiones de E.U. fuera es en el interés de la lucha. Esta lucha ha sido y será continuada por todas las fuerzas progresistas presentemente haciendo esta tipo de trabajo, incluyendo al ALSC. Pero no es suficiente unir y elevar el nivel del movimiento esparcido a unir al pueblo americano a un punto singular—el gobierno de E.U.

La lucha alrededor de esta pregunta se ha comenzado a desenvolver, y nosotros queremos negociar con algunos de los puntos que han salido hasta este momento. Lo común de todas las objeciones es que estas vienen del punto del escepticismo intelectualista y está originado absolutamente en la desconfianza en las masas. Esto ha sido opuesto a base de que cortar enlaces diplomáticos con Sudáfrica será equivalente a negar alguna posibilidad de cambiar la póliza del régimen la segregación. En vez de cortar enlaces diplomáticos un canal debe ser dejado abierto con el gobierno de Sudáfrica. ¿Qué clase usará este "canal" que se dejará abierto para África del Sur? ¿La burguesía o el proletariado y las gentes oprimidas? La realidad ha probado una y otra vez que a la única clase que este canal servirá es a la burguesía. Esta es una táctica a "presión" para la liberalidad del sistema de segregación, pero no para romperlo. Este canal será utilizado para concentrar préstamos a través del banco de exportación-importación, para traer más secuaces de Vorster, como el Ministerio de Finanzas de Sudáfrica el cual obtuvo el trato de alfombra roja cuando habló en Houston con Gerald Ford. El efecto de este canal abierto será para perpetuar y reenfrendar al aislado sistema de segregación en África del sur.

La posibilidad de cortar enlaces de estado es cuestionado. Esta es la perspectiva de un filistino sin esperanzas, el cual tiembla al pensar en grandes batallas de clases, y aún más, se cae en cualquier prueba en el calor de la lucha. Esta perspectiva hubiera condenado al pueblo vietnamés a una eterna esclavitud bajo los pies del imperialismo de E.U., Taiwan la provincia de China a que continúe como colonia de E.U. Si el Frente Patriótico adoptara esta mentalidad, entonces, Ian Smith estuviera sentado lo más bonito ahora. Y alguno quienes cuestionaron la posibilidad de cortar enlaces diplomáticos con Sudáfrica por que el gobierno de E.U. es intocable como el blanco principal, la idea de llevar a cabo la revolución socialista y derrocar a los monopolios capitalistas de E.U. es absolutamente fuera de cuestión.

¿Cortando enlaces de estado garantizará que las inversiones de E.U. salgan de Sudáfrica? Que sobre Angola—los E.U. no tienen enlaces diplomático con Angola, pero Gulf Oil está haciendo un dineral en la provincia de Cabrinda. La única garantía que las inversiones de E.U. saldrán de África del sur es la independencia a través de la lucha armada de las masas de Azania, a través de esto ellos pueden nacionalizar todas las pertenencias de E.U. sin ninguna compensación. La tarea en nuestro trabajo es como crear las mejores condiciones para el pueblo de Azania para que se liberen ellos mismos. Y las mejores condiciones es atrayendo los amplios sectores y grandes números del pueblo de E.U. a esta lucha, y enfocar el ataque con máximo resultados. La demanda: "Corte Enlaces Diplomáticos con África del Sur" hará precisamente esto. ■

Chrysler

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dijeron que estos no eran buenos carros. Ellos nos estaban diciendo que estos no eran carros de calidad, pero realmente ellos estaban haciendo esto para impresionarnos. Lo que están tratando de hacer es convencer a los trabajadores que tenemos que trabajar duro para la compañía. Pero si ellos en verdad quieren hacer un buen carro ellos deben de disminuir la velocidad de la línea y usar mejores y nuevas partes en vez de la misma porquería.

Ellos también han formado comités con un supervisor, un representante de la unión y algunos trabajadores para tratar resolver el problema que tenemos. Ellos formaron un comité para abanicos en la planta y uno para fuentes de agua de beber. Pero esto es una mentira. Todavía no hay abanicos y ya casi es invierno. Estos comités no confrontan los verdaderos problemas porque no hay un comité para la línea rápida o sobretiempos, o cuanto trabajo debería haber en la planta. Estos son para hacer que las gente se sientan envueltas. Ellos

también estuvieron clases durante el cambio donde le dijeron a las gente que hablaran de sus problemas. Ellos solamente estaban haciendo esto para aprender que las gente pensaban para poder manejarlos mejores.

Ellos nos dijeron que si nosotros teníamos un problema deberíamos hablar con el supervisor y el superintendente o llevarlo a uno de los comités, y que la administración iba a oírnos. Pero el otro día tuvimos un problema y uno de los compañeros demandó por el delegado y el supervisor reusó llamarlo. Entonces el supervisor comenzó a escribir a los trabajadores por no ponerse los espejuelos de seguridad. Lo que la compañía está tratando de hacer es socavar la unión. Nuestra unión esta de acuerdo con esto también y nuestro delegado ni estaba en la planta el día que tratamos de conseguirlo.

Estamos escribiendo esto para que los obreros no sean sometidos a estas condiciones. Nosotros vamos a luchar por nuestros derechos y no vamos a permitir que la compañía nos engañe.

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Detroit, Michigan

Races

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"U.S. cut all diplomatic ties with South Africa!"

Very few small-time stable operators ever come up with a "Big Horse." The big horses such as recent champions Affirmed, Alydar and Secretariat for example, are all owned by big-time capitalists with the money to invest in the best bred stock. Around the factories, the workers have a saying about these owners, "Money to money and garbage to garbage."

These big-time owners who can afford the Big Horse can run him in the Big Race for the Big Money and send him to stud to start the cycle all over, expanding their stable constantly.

So the big capitalists keep us under the thumb with boring hum-drum jobs with go-nowhere futures. They create the conditions and then set up the out-let with that chance. Even if that chance is one in a thousand and, for the vast majority of us, only serve to put on a tighter squeeze.

To say that racing is all bad, to say if you go to the track you're doomed for skid row would be incorrect. Many people will tell you it can be lots of fun. But as one bettor who at one time could be found around the hundred dollar window and now stays closer to the two dollar window warns, "Before you dive into the lake, first find out how deep it is." ■

Well, as in most sports in this country, the majority of racing fans are workers. Workers in the factories on assembly lines, bored of the same old tasks, over and over, day in and day out. Immigrant workers from the restaurant kitchens, sweating ten to twelve hours a day, six and seven days in a row under oven-like working conditions. Or the non-skilled worker busting his back from dawn to dark for wages not near enough to support his family, standing at the 50 dollar window with holes in his shoes. All obviously not being able to afford to lose any money.

Then why?

As one worker said, "It's the action. I work all week, sometimes sixty or seventy hours a week and to me it's exciting, a challenge, a chance to turn the political situation around and take the political offensive. These trials can be used as a method of raising the level of the struggle, to expose the true, ugly face of the Board of Regents and be I don't have to work so much OT." This is very typical of many workers who go to the track.

GO TO THE TRACK?
WHY DO SO MANY PEOPLE

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Students Will Use Court Trials
To Raise "Cut the Ties!"

The Regents plan to use kangaroo court trials as a circus to cover up the exposures of investments in South Africa and stifle the growing sentiment in support of the revolutionary struggles in southern Africa. However, SERJ will turn the political situation around and take the political offensive. These trials can be used as a method of raising the level of the struggle, to expose the true, ugly face of the Board of Regents and be I don't have to work so much OT." This is very typical of many workers who go to the track.

SERJ helped mobilize 1500 students to attend the meeting of the Regents on June 8th. The Regents stalled when only six out of 24 even bothered to show up for their own meeting—four votes short of a quorum.

The next day, in response to this flagrant disregard for the masses, 150 students and University employees marched on the Administration building and staged a sit-in. 51 were arrested by the campus police and charged with trespassing and resisting arrest.

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Berkeley

Póliza Reguladora de Salarios Refinada McBride Torna Convención en Una Plataforma para Carter

Todavía repitiendo en el mismo viejo tono acerca de que la inflación es el enemigo no. 1 aunque con un viraje definitivo hacia el juego de la variación llamando por "algún sacrificio de todos," el discurso de Carter en la décima novena (19) convención constitucional de los Trabajadores Unido del Acero (USW) en Atlantic City, New Jersey, fue una forma cleve de admitir el fracaso del salario máximo de 5.5 por ciento sin realmente decirlo en muchas palabras. Abandonando el fracasado del salario máximo de 5.5 por ciento, especialmente en el próximo año por mayores contratos en la industria y pesada, Carter esta cambiando tácticas para darse más espacio para maniobrar. La fase segunda de su plan regulador salarial establecerá el 7 por ciento como norma para el prometio de aumento salarial, más bien que un rígido salario máximo.

Carter Maniobra para Mantener A los Mercenario Laborales en el Rango Democrático para 1980

Carter y su mano derecha laboral, Ray Marshall (Secretario del Trabajo) estará corriendo el "show" ahora. Mirando hacia una oferta de re-elección en 1980, Carter esta caminando en una cuerda apretada tratando de mantener los salarios bajos sin poner a los mercenario laborales como Meany y Fraser profundamente en el hoyo. Winpisinger, dirigente de la influyente Asociación Internacional de Maquinistas (IAM), junto con un huésped de otros grandes mercenarios laborales, ha salido en contra de otro termino para Carter. Así que Carter no puede gastarse ningunas equivocaciones. De hecho, él esta tratando de recobrar la iniciativa para lanzar una ofensiva contra la labor organizada.



Más intervenciones gubernamentales reemplazarán la mandíbula del dinámico duo Bosworth y Strauss, los principales en empujar la mantención de los salarios bajos durante la primera mitad del año. La burguesía ya comenzó esto con el Acto Taft-Hartley en la huelga de los mineros, mandatos de la corte en la lucha del contrato postal este verano y más recientemente en la huelga del ferrocarril. Carter y el gobierno federal estarán más directamente envueltos en las luchas de los contratos, poniendo presión entrometiéndose en los diferentes temas para comerciar. Para los tronquistas, (Teamsters) cuya fecha de su contrato es marzo de 1979, el escenario esta preparado con el gobierno mermando su investigación anti-corruptiva después que Fitzsimons bajó el tono de las demandas por salarios (Vea PVO, "El Gobierno Usa La Corrupción de Fitzsimons para Atacar las Demandas de Salarios," 1978, y la carta en esta edición.)

Para el movimiento obrero en general, Carter tiró la carnada en su discurso—una promesa que es una versión abreviada del Proyecto de Reforma

Laboral "estará en la cima de nuestras prioridades legislativas el próximo año." McBride, presidente de los Obreros Unido del Acero (USW), se tragó este anzuelo, pesa y cuerda. El único falso lider gremial que no tiene que negociar un contrato el próximo año, él se inclinó a la presión de la burguesía. Y esta no es la primera vez. El colaboró con las compañías de acero en eregir una póliza "precio a gatillo" sobre el acero importado, y en retorno algunos empleos fueron salvado temporalmente. Así esta él ahora pagando este "favor" dandoles a ambos Carter y a Marshall una plataforma para disparar la brisa fuera de los medios oficiales de la Casa Blanca en la convención de la USW. McBride podía haber pronunciado el discurso de Carter personalmente cuando él dijo que el presidente "habia dado un gran paso en la dirección correcta por decir las cosas que él dijo."

El tema principal para los obreros del acero sería la seguridad de empleos, salud y seguridad. Así que McBride figura, que él puede comprometerse en las demandas de salarios y conseguir la seguridad de empleos en retorno. Pero ésta solución a las masivas despididas de los obreros del acero era y todavía es el notorio Acto Experimentar de Negociación, el cual se deletrea ¡NO HUELGA! El AEN protegerá los empleos de los obreros del acero, tanto como un árbol en una sabana protegerá a cualquier persona de los rayos. Siendo usted el blanco. Los obreros del acero fueron mantenido aislado de los piquetes mientras el año pasado 32,000 estaban siendo suspendidos. El primer paso para destruir esta cláusula barata es luchar por el derecho a ratificar (vea "Derecho a Ratificar, Movimiento Revuelve a los Obreros del

Acero," PVO, September 1978). Y fue por eso que McBride denunció a las fuerzas del derecho a ratificar los cuales pusieron una fuerte lucha en la convención. El estuvo que admitir que la amenaza principal del movimiento al derecho a ratificar entre los oficiales es la socavación del AEN.

La Burguesía Preparandose Para las Grandes Batallas de Contratos

1979 es el año de los mayores contratos. Ambos lados estan afilando sus armas preparandose para las batallas que estan tramandose. Carter esta amontonando en su arsenal—los diferente temas que él utilizará para presionar un arreglo caso por caso para conformar la norma del 7 por ciento. Esto enfrentará un gremio contra el otro y le dará a Carter más tiempo para maniobrar. Y la burguesía se inclinará fuertemente al lado de los burócratas laborales para ayudarle.

De un modo u otro si estos magnates unionista se inclinan a presionar—uno u otro decidiendose por las migas tiradas por los capitalistas (tales como las promesas para pasar la versión desdentada de la Reforma de Ley Laboral) ó pandear bajo el garrote (la aceptación del control salarial ó la completa arruinación de los sindicatos) será clave en las futuras batallas. La tendencia que se estan desarrollando a través de las luchas de contratos este año, desde la huelga nacional de los mineros hasta el cierre de los supermercados Safeway en la costa oeste, desde los paros postales de costa a costa hasta las varias luchas locales, es el papel de los obreros activos y disidentes locales contra los burocratas entinchados que no hacen nada. Los ataques en aumento, como las reducciones y control salarial, estan exponiendo a los burócratas y a Carter más rápidamente. McBride es el primero en reverlarse él mismo. Pero él pagará — tal como Meany y Fraser, el cual puesto en un aprieto cuando Carter no pudo cumplir con la AFL-CIO y la UAW saltó a apoyarlo en las elecciones como un "amigo de labor." ■

EL MUNDO EN LUCHA

IPAISES QUIEREN INDEPENDENCIA

NACIONES QUIEREN LIBERACION

LOS PUEBLOS QUIEREN REVOLUCION

JAPON NO TRAGARA EL DILUVIO DE NARANJAS NORTEAMERICANAS

Negociaciones de comercio entre Japón y los E.U. se paralizaron cuando el representante especial norteamericano Strauss demandó que Japón aumentara su cuota de naranjas norteamericanas a 250,000 toneladas al año, un aumento de 500 por ciento y el fin de todas cuota de naranjas para el año 1985. Japón rechazo la demanda bajo la presión de manifestaciones de los granjeros de naranjas. El diluvio de naranjas norteamericanas en el mercado japonés resultaria en el arruino de más granjeros, que ya estan acasados, y anadiría otro obstaculo a la agricultura independiente.

HUELGA DE OBREROS DE NIQUEL CANADIENSE

12,000 obreros de niquel dejaron sus trabajos en la fábrica Inco Ltd.'s Sudbury que queda en el norte de Ontario, el 18 de septiembre. La huelga ha parado 75% de la producción de la fábrica. Los obreros se fueron en huelga después que 60% votaron contra la oferta de la compañía que hubiera debilitado el proceso de quejas y migajas en aumento de salario. La compañía Inco tiene operaciones principales en Guatemala e Indonesia.

Mientras tanto, en la refinería de sud Ontario, 750 obreros aceptaron el mismo contrato. Con la continuación de operaciones en la fábrica de Port Colborne y la reclama de la

compañía de que tienen reservas de 6 meses, puede ser una huelga larga. Pero los trabajadores han tenido experiencia en luchas largas. La huelga de 1969 contra Inco duro cuatro meses.

EL GOBIERNO DE GUZMÁN NEGOCIA RETORNO DE TIERRAS DOMINICANAS

El nuevo gobierno elegido del presidente Guzmán ha elegido a una comisión de siete miembros para negociar el traslado de 20,000 acres de tierra poseidas por las Industrias Gulf y Western al gobierno dominicano. El grupo de negociación para G y W es dirigido por Manuel Caceres, anterior Secretario de Agricultura en cargo de reforma agraria en el administración de Joaquin Balaguer, quien Guzmán derrotó en las elecciones.

G y W poseía 264,000 acres en la República Dominicana, incluyendo 118,000 acres de tierra de caña. La prima tierra de caña no se espera a ser parte del traslado de tierra. En su programa, el Partido Revolucionario

Dominicano de Guzmán promete a nacionalizar a todas las posesiones de corporaciones extranjeras en el país.

HONOR DE LA ONU A MANLEY POR SU POSICION CONTRA-APARTHEID

El 11 de octubre, la Organización de las Naciones Unidas le asigno un honor al Primer Ministro de Jamaica, Michael Manley, por su papel en la lucha internacional para terminar el apartheid en Sudáfrica. En su discurso de aceptación, Manley hizo el llamado a todo países que terminen todos lazos de mar, tierra y aereo con Sudáfrica.

Manley consistentemente ha luchado contra apartheid y el imperialismo estadounidense. El ha dado apoyo político y financiero a los luchadores libertadores en África. Jamaica fue uno de los primeros países a terminar relaciones diplomáticas con Sudáfrica. En Jamaica, Manley ha iniciado una campaña contra el apartheid, y el ha criticado abiertamente al gobierno yanqui por dejar que Ian Smith visite este país.

ALSC

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bro pudo sentir la rabia de la comunidad negra en repuesta del asesinato a sangre fría de Arthur Miller y la demanda para alguna acción.

El camarada regresó al capítulo y propuso que el capítulo tomará la decisión. La mayoría de la membresía no estaba de acuerdo. Luego una lucha se desarrolló en el capítulo. El capítulo estuvo de acuerdo en tomar la lucha sobre Arthur Miller pero no se movieron a hacerlo. Básicamente los camaradas comenzaron a perder la iniciativa y confianza en los capítulos locales de la ALSC. ¿Por qué pasó esto? La mayoría del capítulo estaba tratando de buscar como empujar el trabajo de apoyo para la liberación africana. Pero fijándose en el trabajo de apoyo y desaparecer las refriegas inmediatas en la cual las masas están envueltas demostró que el capítulo estaba llevando el trabajo de apoyo de una forma rutinaria. Ningún frente de lucha debe ser puesto en hoyo. Ambos son frente de luchas a través la cual combatientes avanzados y activos vienen al comunismo.

El Papel de la Teoría Une

A las Gente a un Nivel Más Alto

Como el Partido Comunista de China ha enseñado: "Para tratar las masas correctamente, debemos también saber como usar el marxismo-leninismo-pensamiento Mao-Tsetung para dirigirlos. Para miembros del Partido Comunista, mantener enlaces cercas con las masas significa aprender de ellas; esto también significa propagar el marxismo-leninismo-pensamiento Mao Tsetung en su medio con el propósito de armarlos y organizarlos. Hacia el método de tratar con las masas, por una parte debemos combatir la teoría de "omnisciencia del liderato" y el "estado retardado de las masas," derrotar el mal estilo del trabajo burocratismo y comandismo; y por la otra parte, debemos de oponernos a la línea: "sí las masas lo quieren así, así sea" y derrotar la mala tendencia de ir en la parte trasera. Esta es la única manera en que podemos aplicar la línea revolucionaria del presidente Mao correctamente y adecuadamente realizar al trabajo del Partido."

Línea de Masa No Solamente Es Para Reuniones

La reunión enfocó en un capítulo y el papel de su comité directivo. Este comité directivo local tuvieron la tendencia de dejar las reuniones del capítulo arrastrar sin rumbo y no enfocar la reunión políticamente. La clave para resolver esta situación, elevar el nivel de los miembros del capítulo y vigorosamente empujar el trabajo aún más, era la línea de masa. El comité directivo local debe de resumir las diferentes partes del trabajo a dos líneas y puntualizar en los puntos principales. En relación a esto, estaba la necesidad para mejor preparación antes de las reuniones. Miembros del comité directivo necesitan hablar con miembros del capítulo entre reuniones. Esto le dará al comité directivo un sentido por las principales cuestiones



Conferencia de ALSC demuestra como la línea de masas es necesaria para empujar adelante.

en diferentes áreas que el capítulo está trabajando y así afilar propuestas del comité directivo. Pero la línea de masa debe ser practicada de día en día, no solamente durante reuniones.

Dos Líneas en Si Tocar Todo Nivel De Compromiso

Otra parte importante de la línea de masa es entender como usar el compromiso de los amigos de la ALSC quienes están interesados en el trabajo, respetar al la ALSC, pero que también tienen el tiempo limitado para dedicar a la lucha. Esta es la cuestión de movilizar todos los factores positivos (todos nuestros amigos) y tener una perspectiva en como paso a paso desarrollar el nivel político y compromiso de todos los amigos interesados. Desde el éxito abrumador del DLA, las actividades del trabajo de apoyo y las luchas contra las cuestiones domésticas de opresión nacional—oleas de amigos rodean a la ALSC. Algunos amigos comprometen 50 por ciento de su tiempo para el trabajo. Otros dan 1, 2 o 3 por ciento. Palpar a este grupo representa una lucha de dos líneas en si las mismas personas hacen el trabajo o nuevas personas toman la lucha. Aunque en este tiempo su compromiso es más bajo que los organizadores permanentes del ALSC, este último grupo esta deseoso de dar su tiempo limitado para hacer llamadas telefónicas, poner cartones, vender el *All Africa Is Standing Up!*, hacer copias, distribuir hojas, trabajar en diferentes cosas para construir a la NCSAL, etc. Entender esto demuestra el completo desarrollo de la compañía de línea de masa y agarrar la naturaleza prolongada de como el pueblo viene a ser más comprometido políticamente a la ALSC. Si nosotros tocamos a estos camaradas es una cuestión de si nosotros creemos en ganar y entrenar a los activos y avanzados. El CDN resumió que la campaña de línea de masa está ondeando y profundizando sus raíces a través de la ALSC nacionalmente. Aunque el estudio, la lucha de dos líneas y la aplicación ha comenzado, esto es solamente el principio de la campaña y no es una cuestión estable. La demostración y movilización de nov. 11 es una indicación concreta para resumir la campaña.

Lecciones en Independencia e Iniciativa

El CDN discutió el segundo punto presentado en la sexta conferencia anual de la ALSC—independencia e iniciativa. Todos los capítulos ha ganado ricas

experiencias a través del evento del DLA en como empujar el frente unido (NCSAL) y al mismo tiempo mantener independencia política y de organización e iniciativa de la ALSC. Esto ha sido triunfante como pudimos ver en el triunfo por los capítulos locales de la NCSAL a través del país prohibiendo la moneda sangrienta en las casa de monedas, la Krugerrand (a través de piquetes y resoluciones en los concilios municipales), uniendo a los estudiantes, profesionales, sindicatos, grupos comunales, nacionalistas revolucionarios, la prensa y otros a través de proyectos concretos bajo la consigna de "E.U. Corta Enlaces Diplomáticos Con Sudáfrica." Mientras ampliando, la influencia de la ALSC ha crecido a través del empuje de su periódico, manteniendo las regularidades de su organización y atrayendo a nuevos amigos dentro y alrededor de la ALSC.

El CDN también disectó un ejemplo importante de errores en el trabajo del frente unido. En este tiempo, la ALSC ha trabajado con algunos políticos negros y han dejado su plan independiente. Dejando el plan independiente de la ALSC objetivamente significó dar la iniciativa a los políticos negros. Este ejemplo fue bien importante e instructivo para la ALSC por que esto ayudó a entrenar como diferencias líneas políticas e ideológicas mientras haciendo trabajo en el frente unido. Políticamente este error representó liquidar la independencia e iniciativa proletaria y empujar todo a través del frente unido. En vez de mantener un plan independiente de la ALSC y tener a los políticos solamente como una parte del plan, los políticos negros vinieron a ser parte del plan de la ALSC.

En el trabajo de frente unido, negociaciones y concesiones son necesarias. La cuestión es si las concesiones van a ayudar o perjudicar la lucha. El presidente Mao enfáticamente señala que "Todos los partidos y grupos en el frente unido deben de ayudarse uno al otro y mutuamente hacer concesiones por el bien de un largo término de cooperación, pero tal ayuda y concesiones deben ser positivas, no negativa." (*Obras Escogidas*, Vol. II, pg. 213). Concesiones positivas empujarán todo nuestro trabajo hacia adelante, mientras concesiones negativas liquidarán nuestro trabajo entre las masas. El presidente Mao nos enseña, "... el carácter independiente de nuestros partidos y clases y sus independencia e iniciativa dentro del frente unido debe ser preservado,

y sus derechos esenciales no deben ser sacrificado por cooperación y unidad, pero en lo contrario ellos deben firmemente sostener entre ciertos límites. Así solamente puede la cooperación ser promovida, por supuesto solo así puede haber una cooperación en todo. De otro modo co-operación se tomará en amalguras y el frente unido será inevitablemente sacrificado." (*Ibid.*, pg. 215).

Este error fue hecho por diferentes razones: esperando que los políticos traeran otros grupos de la superestructura, esperar en recibir fondos por el trabajo. Dos puntos salieron en quienes son los que hacen la historia y quien guía al frente unido. Poniendo esperanzas en los políticos negros, objetivamente la línea incorrecta señaló que los políticos hacen la historia y no las masas del pueblo. ¿Son los políticos que hacen la historia o son las masas de gente (el hermano en la calle, el obrero en la fábrica) en el "escenario central" y el factor decisivo, los verdaderos heroes? Respecto al dinero para autobuses y viajes, el movimiento revolucionario sólo puede depender en las masas. Cuando estos hayan sido políticamente elevados y tomar la lucha que ellos lucharán por dinero como parte de la lucha. Una vez más, dos diferentes líneas.

Poniendo esperanza en los políticos negros (o otras clases no proletarias) no remueve la mayor importancia de esta verdad—las fuerzas proletarias, las fuerzas revolucionarias, y la ALSC todavía es la espina dorsal de cualquier lucha y todavía tiene que hacer la mayor parte del trabajo. Una lección fundamental fue la necesidad de asegurar la independencia e iniciativa de la ALSC y asegurar que el trabajo en la base continúe simultáneamente mientras también hacemos trabajo en la superestructura.

Ideológicamente este error objetivamente significó no mantener una perspectiva de clase proletaria y siendo influida por la ideología burguesa de la burguesía nacional. Dar liderato al movimiento nacional y al trabajo de apoyo de liberación significa continuamente ampliar muchos grupos de diferentes clases y estratos. Los más que uno se amplie, aún más uno viene en contacto con y está influenciado por las ideas, modos y vacilaciones de otras clases. En el movimiento nacional, si somos influenciados por las ideas y pensamientos de la burguesía nacional, esto inevitablemente llevará al rendimiento de esta clase. ■

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Demo Nov 11 Demandara Corten Lazos Diplomaticos con E.U. Apunte para Ayudar al Punto Decisivo en la Lucha de Liberacion en Sudafrica

La situación en África del sur es excelente. Las masas revolucionarias en Zimbabwe guiadas por el Frente Patriótico tiene al regimen de Smith a punto de un colapso. La última trampa de Smith para dividir el Frente Patriótico, falló miserablemente. Ahora Smith esta atacando ferozmente con locura, atacando salvajemente en Mozambique y Zambia. La "Ley Marcial Limitada" recientemente impuesta no tiene virtualmente significado alguno. Ahora que el Frente Patriótico controla el 85 por ciento de Zimbabwe. La desintegración del ejército de Ian Smith ha comenzado y muchos de sus soldados se están enrolando a las fuerzas del Frente Patriótico. Colonizadores blancos están escapando del lugar a una cantidad de más de 1,000 por mes, a pesar de los 1400 de máximo que ha sido impuesto

y Namibia en una parte y la más consciente y determinada resistencia de las masas Azanias en la otra parte no están perdidos para B.J. Vorster en lo mínimo. El puso 2 y 2 juntos y contrató problemas del corazón. Su renuncia como primer ministro refleja las contradicciones profundas de su régimen.

La dedicación, heroísmo y perseverancia en la lucha armada ha introducido a una nueva alta corriente revolucionaria en África del sur. La lucha está a un nivel sin precedentes. Nosotros estamos testificando de la histórica vuelta dada en las luchas del pueblo de África del sur.

Esta nueva situación traerá muchas tareas y formas de luchas. Para estar igual con estas nuevas tareas, será necesario unir los sectores más amplios

no la compren. Wyonia Lipman, una asambleista de raza negra de Newark, New Jersey está introduciendo una legislación para prohibir al estado de New Jersey de hacer alguna clase de negocio con cualquier compañía con inversiones en África del sur. La Local 1011 de la USW ha puesto a Youngstown Sheet and Tube sobre noticia que ellos no recibirán carga con labores esclavás de la cola que es importada de Sudáfrica y como que viene de Rhodesia. La Local ha hecho de esto una demanda en el contrato local con YS&T (Youngstown Sheet & Tube).

Los ferrenos de las escuelas universitaria son como una tempestad de actividades. Estudiantes revolucionarios y progresivos dirigen tremendas demostraciones a Princeton, Columbia, Harvard, la Universidad de California y Cornell. El Comité de Apoyo para la Liberación de África (ALSC), la Coalición Nacional para Apoyar la Liberación de África (NCSAL) y la Liga de Juventud Revolucionaria (RYL) ha dirigido diversas luchas por todo el país de costa a costa. La Coalición del Noreste para apoyar la liberación de África del sur, que atrajo más de 400 estudiantes de 45 colegios y universidades a su conferencia de fundación en abril, esta llamando para su segunda conferencia regional en noviembre 17-19 en NYU. El movimiento de despojo ha dado en el punto sensible del nervio en la pandilla blanca minoritaria. Ellos están tan espantados por la moción hasta esta fecha que ellos dirigieron a Myron Feldburd, decano de la una Universidad de Capetown, escuela de negocio, a mandar un cuestionario a los colegios y universidades en los Estados Unidos "para determinar la naturaleza y amplitud de la oposición de los estudiantes americanos sobre la inversión de la universidad en corporaciones con conexiones en Sur África." El nuevo semestre está ahora en plena marcha y hay muchos reportes que claramente indican que la lucha de despojo será más extendida y más consciente.

La demanda principal y punto central del 11 de noviembre será que Estados Unidos corte los lazos diplomáticos con Sur África. Como nosotros dijimos en mayo, el estímulo principal en el movimiento de apoyo es la cuestión de cortar enlaces diplomáticos con Sur África. El tema principal del movimiento hasta ahora ha sido todas las inversiones de Estados Unidos, que se mantengan fuera de Sur África. Ha habido mucha actividad particularmente contra la moneda Krugerrand y luchas de despojo en las universidades. La cuestión hasta este punto es si nosotros vamos a elevar el nivel de apoyo actual existente en este país. Las relaciones diplomáticas es la relación central entre los dos países y es principalmente alrededor de esto que circulan todas las relaciones. ¿Qué es lo que permite al monopolio financiero capitalista en obtener que el régimen de Verwoerd sacado de apuro después

de la masacre en Sharpeville? ¿Cómo fue que los Estados Unidos pudieron construir una inversión de \$1.7 billones de dólares en Sur África? ¿Cuál es la base lega para la venta de la moneda Kruggerand en este país? Por que el equipo de tenis de Sur África pudo obtener visas para venir a Nashville a jugar en la copa Davis? ¿Cómo la línea aérea de Sur África puede operar en cinco aeropuertos en este país? ¿Cómo puede Sur África jugar el Papel de intermediario de arreglar la visita ilegal de Ian Smith a este país? La respuesta a todas estas preguntas es la misma: Los enlaces diplomáticos de estado a estado que existen entre Estados Unidos y Sur África.

Cortar los enlaces diplomáticos con Sur África será un golpe devastador para la pandilla de la minoría blanca que gobierna en Sur África. Ahora mismo Sur África esta virtualmente aislada en todo el mundo. Ningunos de los países de la O.A.U. (Organización Unida Africana) tienen relaciones diplomáticas con Sur África. Ningunos de los países socialistas tienen enlaces diplomáticos con ellos. La amplia mayoría del tercer mundo no tiene nada que ver con ellos. Los únicos amigos que viene Sur África son los países capitalistas desarrollados de Europa occidental, Israel y su principal afianzador político—el gobierno de Estados Unidos. No hay duda alguna que el gobierno de Sur África valora los enlaces diplomáticos con Estados Unidos tanto como el oro que viene del sudor y sangre de los mineros de Azania los cuales son forzados de trabajar desde que amanece hasta que anochece por centavos al día.

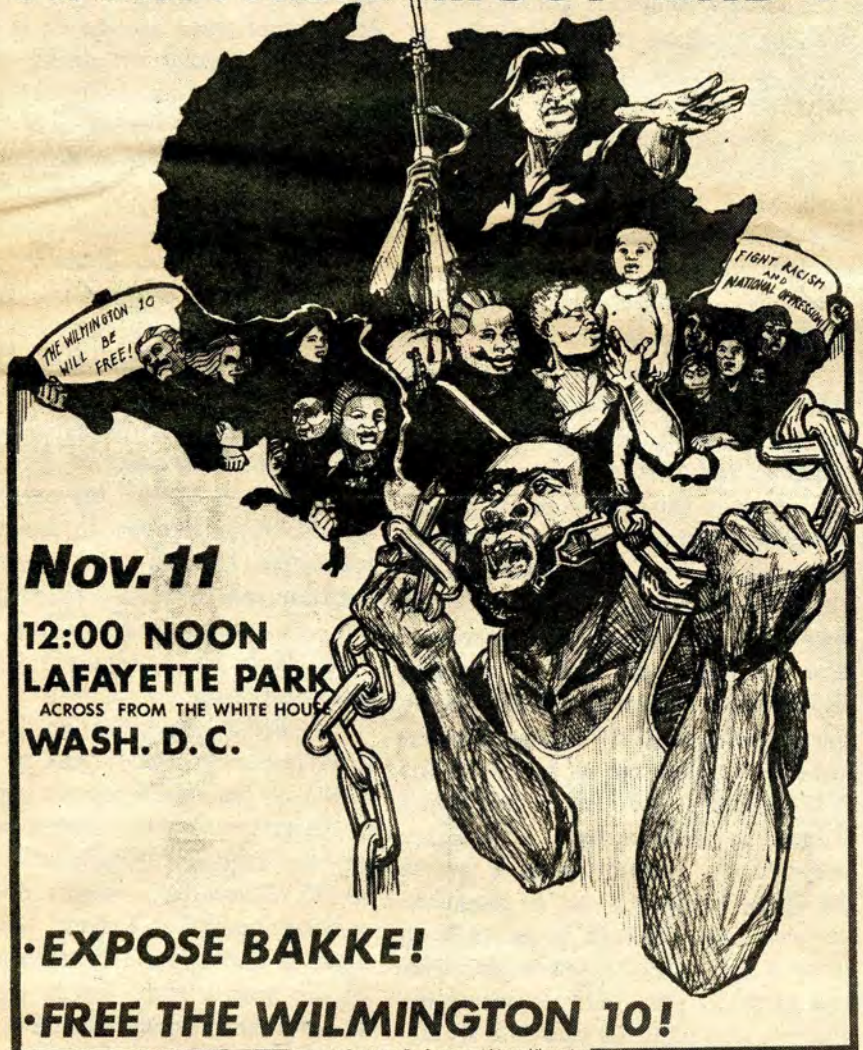
El miedo de Voster de la ira del pueblo americano del sistema criminal de separación racial es demostrado concretamente en su respuesta a los movimientos de sublevación en las universidades, lo cual en este punto representa solamente el principio para una oleada de apoyo para los movimientos de liberación para sudafricana.

La cuestión de cortar relaciones con África del Sur ya ha sido presentada por la burguesía de Estados Unidos, para quienes tienen un camino claro para obtener los minerales y metales raros tales como el cromo, maenasio y vanadio es una cuestión de vida o muerte para el imperialismo de Estados Unidos.

"Aquí la cuestión no es que el gobierno de Africa del Sur cortará la mercancía de tales artículos críticos como el cromo y el platino, pero si los Estados Unidos estaría preparado para ellos mismos cortar relaciones, apoyando la mandataria sanción económica en el Concilio de Seguridad. Un reciente estudio por el Concilio Nacional de Investigación mostró que un embargo prolongado del cromo de Sud África y Rhodesia tendrían un mayor impacto que un embargo de petróleo." (Fortune, 14 Agosto 1978, p. 132).

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sobre los blancos para salir de Rhodesia. La independencia está en manos de Zimbabwe.

En Namibia la lucha armada ha forzado a los respaldadores occidentales de Sudáfrica a pasar un acuerdo de la ONU. Para que SWAPO no maneje el ejército de Vorster al Océano Indico Sur África ha rehusado al acuerdo de la ONU. Intrepidamente, el pueblo de Namibia "tomarán las armas para renovar la lucha armada para defender la seguridad y la integridad de nuestro pueblo y tierra."

El desarrollo revolucionario en Sur Africa ha llevado la lucha aun punto crítico y ha traído un aislamiento del baluarte de reacción como es Sur África. Los desarrollos en Zimbabwe

del pueblo americano en un amplio frente unido apuntando al gobierno, y al mismo tiempo elevar el nivel del movimiento de apoyo para las luchas del pueblo de África del sur.

El movimiento de apoyo por las luchas del pueblo en África del sur está más fuerte y más esparcido que nunca.

El Concilio Mundial de Iglesias ha crédito suyo, ha contribuido con \$85,000 para el Frente Patriótico y \$125,000 para SWAPO en el último mes. La lucha para prohibir la Krugerrand ha sido llevado a los salones de asamblea en el estado de California donde la asambleista Teresa Hughes ha introducido una legislación condenando la medalla odiosa e incitando a los residentes de California para que

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Carter también habló sobre la deregulización. ¿Qué significa esto? Esto significa que todas las reglas de seguridad que impiden a los capitalistas de matar y mutilando a más trabajadores ahora van a ser "deregulizadas." Esto significa bajo el nombre del capitalismo, los grandes monopolios, como United, American y TWA en las líneas aéreas se tragarán las líneas como National y Continental. En la carrera final las industrias serán aún más monopolizadas y podrán cambiar lo que ellos quieran. Esto significa altos precios.

Carter Falsifica la Garantía de la Inflación

Una de las arrugas al nuevo plan de la administración es la llamada garantía de inflación. De acuerdo al plan, esos obreros que se mantienen en el principio del 7% incluyendo beneficios y pension del costo de vida son elegibles para este seguro de inflación. Digamos que un Tronquista obtenga el aumento de 7% y se mantenga en el límite. Si la inflación va, digamos al 10%, el tendrá la diferencia del descuento a través de impuestos, de acuerdo a Carter, El problema es que Carter y la burguesía saben que su lucha contra la inflación es una proposición vacilante a la mas (como el mismo admitió). La inflación seguramente superará el 7%. Esto significará que dado el número de trabajadores cubierto por el plan, el tesoro de E.U. tendrá que rebajar más de \$30 billones de dólares. No hay ninguna manera en el mundo que esto va a pasar.

Los controles de precios de Carter sólo son chistes. Carter, mientras limitando salarios a 7% habló sobre un máximo en precios de 9.5%. Pero hasta la excusa tenía una excusa. No sólo podían monopolios pasar cualquier "costos de producción"—que significa cualquier cosa de cuentas de gastos reembolsables de los patrones hasta el costo de petróleo—pero también sí o no los controles de precios serán enforzados dependería del nivel de ganancia de la compañía. Por todo el lenguaje ambiguo el mensaje es alto y claro—los precios van a continuar a subir.

Congelación de Salarios Llega en la Sombra de Otros Ataques Que Alimentarán la Inflación

Los controles de salarios es sólo una manera que Carter está tratando de hacer que los obreros cojan la póliza en la crisis económica. El gobierno yanqui está ahora bajo una congelación de empleos, y el fin es cortar 20,000 obreros de las planillas de pagos. Carter también quiere cortar el deficit del gobierno que significa cortar el presupuesto. Este año solamente el gobierno ha cortado 4 billones de dólares de asistencia pública, seguro de desempleo, educación y otros servicios. Todo esto viene en un tiempo cuando el presupuesto militar ha hecho otro récord que esta llegando a los cientos de billones de dólares. Además de esto, el puso veto al proyecto de trabajo publico, que significa que mas trabajos seran eliminados.

Solamente dos días después del discurso, Carter firmó también el

proyecto para cortar impuestos que fue propuesto por el congreso. Sólo el corte de impuestos es para la burguesía y la alta pequeña burguesía; y en verdad el 80% del corte de impuesto va a esos que hacen más de 25,000 dólares al año y para las grandes corporaciones y sobretodo es un aumento en impuesto para la clase obrera. Para estructurar a las compañías grandes que vienen alzando el impuesto del seguro social, a fin de que familias de la clase obrera en verdad obtengan un corte en impuesto, ellos tendrán que hacer más de \$30,000 al año.

Además, su gasolina y calefacción serán aún más alta que su presupuesto el próximo año. Carter en su "lucha contra la inflación" va a aumentar su cuenta del gas natural. La deregulación del gas natural eleva mucho de los

precios máximos del gas natural "recientemente descubierto." Dando la luz verde por el gobierno, los monopolios de energía como la Exxon van a estafar a los obreros aun mas. Mucha gente, especialmente de los ancianos y minorias, estan destinados a morir del frio.

La Lucha se Pondrá Aguda Mientras el Gobierno Obliga a Atacar a los Obreros

El control de salario mandatorio respaldado abiertamente por las leyes y fuerzas del gobierno es inevitable. Barry Bosworth, el encabecilla del Concilio de Estabilidad de Precios y Salarios, dijo que es tos seran los ultimos atentos al control voluntario.

Pero la burguesía sabe el peligro de los controles de salarios mandatorio, especialmente ya que ellos no controlarán los precios. Ellos saben por la experiencia de la Fase II de Nixon del control de salarios que no solamente la

inflación se empeoró, pero más importante la lucha de los obreros fue enfocada en el gobierno, cuando esta bajo los acuerdos de salarios como "inflacionistas" (tal como la huelga en Nueva York de los obreros de hospitales de la 1199 contra la congelación de salarios). Después que los controles de salarios fueron revocados, huelgas surgieron como relámpagos a través de todo el país mientras los obreros lucharon para recuperar los salarios perdidos en la continua inflación.

Para los obreros ahora esto significa una lucha dura para derrotar los controles de salarios y otros ataques por el gobierno como asi tambien a los jefes. Pero esto no enfoca la lucha contra el gobierno, ayudando de tornar algunas luchas económicas en luchas políticas. Las huelgas, sin embargo, serán ampliadas cuando los obreros se identifiquen con la misma cuestion. ■



"Nos encontramos en una situación muy difícil. Inflacion causa la ruina de la moda de vivir americana..."



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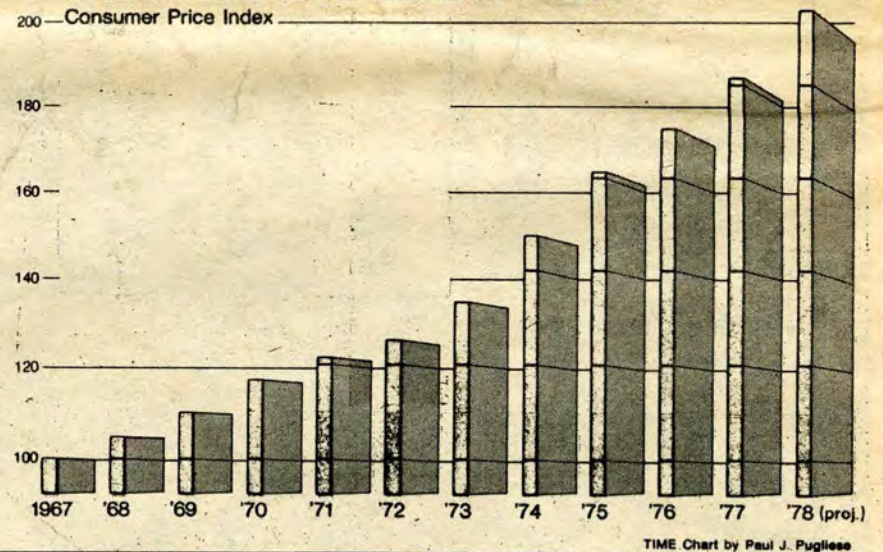
Dollar's value in terms of what it will buy—

1939	100.0 cents
1946	71.1 cents
1947	62.2 cents
1948	57.7 cents
1949	58.3 cents
1950	57.7 cents
1951	53.5 cents
1952	52.3 cents
1953	51.9 cents
1954	51.7 cents
1955	51.9 cents
1956	51.1 cents
1957	49.4 cents
1958	48.0 cents
1959	47.6 cents
1960	46.9 cents
1961	46.4 cents
1962	45.9 cents
1963	45.4 cents
1964	44.8 cents
1965	44.0 cents
1966	42.8 cents
1967	41.6 cents
1968	39.9 cents
1969	37.9 cents
1970	35.8 cents
1971	34.3 cents
1972	33.2 cents
1973	31.3 cents
1974	28.2 cents
1975	25.8 cents
1976	24.4 cents
1977	22.9 cents
1978 (July)	21.2 cents
1979	?

Today's dollar, therefore, is worth little more than half the value of the dollar you earned just 10 years ago and only one fifth of that of 1939.

Base: data U.S. Dept. of Labor

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NOCHE DE SOLIDARIDAD CON EL PUEBLO NICARAGUENSE

La Organización Punto de Vista Obrera (OPVO) y la Liga de Juventud Revolucionaria (LJR) tuvo una exitosa "Noche de Solidaridad con el Pueblo nicaraguense" el 3 de noviembre. Los camaradas nicaraguenses representando la Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos en Nicaragua de Nueva York dió un discurso acerca de la corriente situación bajo el fascista y brutal régimen de Anastasio Somoza Debayle quien respaldado por el imperialismo yanqui ha lanzado una campaña de represión contra el pueblo nicaraguense en un esfuerzo desesperado para mantenerse en el poder. Unos diapositivos demostró la lucha concreta que las masas nicaraguenses están envuelta en bajo el liderato del Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional.

La LJR dió una mensaje de solidaridad sobre el papel que la juventud revo-

lucionaria en Nicaragua está tomando en luchando para derrocar a Somoza. La camarada de la Liga también presentó como la juventud revolucionaria en los E.U. puede apoyar al pueblo nicaraguense por traer los temas a los campos universitarios igual que recaudar fondos. Un camarada del Comité Nacional para Apoyar la Liberación africana (NCSAL) extendió su solidaridad con el pueblo nicaraguense y enlazó la lucha del Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional con la lucha de la Unión Nacional africana de Zimbabwe (ZANU) y la Unión de Pueblo africano de Zimbabwe (ZAPU) que están logrando contra el gobierno de Ian Smith de Sudáfrica. El NCSAL invitó a los camaradas nicaraguenses a hablar en la demostración del 11 de noviembre de "Cortemos los Lazos Diplomáticos con Sudáfrica" en Washington, D.C.■



El Pueblo Nicaraguense Marcha Resueltamente Hacia la Derroca de la Dictadura



OPVO y la LJR tuvieron una Noche de Solidaridad con el Pueblo nicaraguense forjando solidaridad con los E.U. y el pueblo nicaraguense en su lucha por la liberación nacional.

Discurso por Asociación Pro-Derechos Humanos en Nicaragua de Nueva York.

La dictadura militar somocista ya no puede soportar la lucha determinada del pueblo nicaraguense para terminar la opresión, el hambre, la miseria, y la repitida violación de sus más derechos fundamentales.

Obreros, campesinos y otros sectores de la población están trabados en una creciente lucha para poner fin a los problemas causados por la estructura económica, social y política de la dictadura.

Los obreros han ido más allá de luchar por demandas económicas. Las huelgas llevadas a cabo en recientes meses en la industria de construcción y en los textiles, en la metalurgia, en los

productos sintéticos y alimentos están demandando libertad política y sindical, un fin a la represión y libertad de los presos políticos y detención. En hacer sus demandas, los obreros también han demostrado su solidaridad con los campesinos sin tierras luchando por sus derechos, particularmente en Matagalpa y Carazo. Además en el distrito de Chinandega, el pueblo de los municipios de Tonala, Sikana, Ranchera y San José del Oliaje han ocupado tierras ocho veces que legítimamente es de ellos. La Guardia Nacional sin embargo, ha repelido violentamente a estas luchas valientes. Estas tierras primeramente fueron quitadas a los campesinos por trucos legales y violencia y ahora están siendo reclamadas por los terratenientes grandes. La lucha de los obreros ha sido

llevada por la organización principal de los obreros—los Comités de Lucha Por Libertad Sindical y los Comités de los Campesinos.

Estudiantes de la universidades y escuelas superiores también han prestado su apoyo a los campesinos sin tierras. La huelga nacional por las escuelas secundarias y las universidades han demostrado la tremenda fuerza del movimiento juvenil. Los huelguistas han demandado: 1) el despido de los maestros traidores que actúan como espías delatores; 2) la libertad de sus compañeros encarcelados; 3) mejores facilidades educativas; 4) y libertad para los presos políticos.

Obreros del servicio público, hospitales y municipal se han unido con los maestros por todo el país en apoyo

vigoroso de la marcha del pueblo a la liberación. Los maestros en particular han establecido sus propias organizaciones, conocidas como Comités Para la Dignidad Académica (CODIGMA).

Mujeres, por la Asociación Preocupada con el Problema Nacional (AMPRONAC), participan vigorosamente en las luchas del todo el pueblo, prestando apoyo a las luchas de los campesinos, llevando a cabo campañas por los derechos humanos y denunciando las condiciones de las prisiones que los presos políticos tienen que soportar.

También hay organizaciones en la comunidad trayendo juntos a las gente viejas y jóvenes en Nicaragua. Estas organizaciones están compuestas de gente progresistas y conscientes buscando maneras de trabajar efectivamente por derechos pisoteados por el régimen somocista. Sobresaliente entre estas organizaciones son los Comités Democráticos Populares (CDP) y la Federación de Movimiento Juveniles de Nicaragua (FMJN).

El desencanto con la dictadura se ha extendido hasta la iglesia. Por la primera vez en la historia del país, la iglesia nicaraguense ha tomado una posición definida en apoyo de la lucha del pueblo y ha pedido abiertamente la renuncia de Somoza.

En reciente meses, el pueblo nicaraguense ha acelerado rápidamente su lucha. El 9 de septiembre, un levantamiento nacional empezó que amenazó a derrocar la dictadura. Las fuerzas de FSLN con el apoyo de la población general, ocupó varias ciudades. El régimen somocista decretó un estado de guerra e instituyó una queda.

Aunque los levantamientos se han calmado temporalmente, el sentimiento popular contra la dictadura somocista es más grande que lo que fue sólo dos meses atrás. Mientras tanto, un agrandado ejército rebelde nicaraguense se está entrenando y planeando por la derroca final del régimen militar.■

"Angel Dust" Otra Manera que el Capitalismo Mata la Juventud

Al principio, Pat usaba PCP como dos veces al mes. Esto llegó a ser todas las semanas, entonces después de varios meses, fue todos los días. El estaba empezándose a sentir psicológicamente envenenado. El y sus amigos no sabían mucho del polvo excepto que eran suaves de conseguir—gangas en motocicletas de los suburbios de Baltimore han estado viviendo del dinero ganado duramente por la juventud de la clase obrera por varios años vendiendo PCP. Y ellos sabían que los hacía sentir como superhombre, livianos y frívolos como si pudieran volar. Pat empezó a llegar al trabajo, como si estuviera en el espacio, quemado y sin poder tener una conversación.

Continuar en la escuela y trabajando de noche era suficiente duro, pero los efectos de PCP lo estaba poniendo peor. Un día en la escuela, se cayó de la silla medio consciente, y fue llevado a la oficina de la administración por sospecha de abuso de drogas. El pateó y mordió a un oficial de la escuela cuyos dedos estaban dentro de su garganta en busca del polvo. Lo que encontraron fue una pequeña cantidad de PCP. Pat fue arrestado y acusado de asalto y posesión de PCP. Con un abogado, salió con seis meses en probación y lo botaron de la escuela tres meses antes de su graduación. Y él ahora dice que él no está mentalmente atento como era antes.

Lo que le sucedió a él no fue raro. El extenso uso del polvo está infligiendo pérdida entre la juventud de la clase obrera. También los padres están confundidos y asustados por sus niños. Algunos jóvenes han cometido suicidios y otros actos de destrucción mientras estaban usando la droga. Un jovencito precipitó un tiroteo matando a un policía, hiriendo a otro, y después fue violentamente baleado por otro policía. Otro jovencito que encarcelaron solo mientras estaba bajo el efecto de PCP se arranco los ojos de miedo de lo que la droga le estaba haciendo ver y sentir.

PCP, polvo, angel dust ¿qué es? Es un tranquilizante de animales que lo rocean con perejil o la marihuana y se fuma o se sopla en forma de un polvo cristalino blanco. PCP atrasa a uno, hace perder la coordinación, desorienta y causa ilusiones. Sensación de miedo, potencia, y depresión se pueden superdestacar. La próxima cuestión es ¿por qué alguien usa el polvo?

No es una simple cuestión del débil o el fuerte, el malo y el bueno, pero las condiciones concretas bajo del capitalismo que oprimen la juventud en buscar una salida de desaliento, y ira y demoralización. Y también es una cuestión de lo que ha sido disponible para ellos. Cual es la realidad de la juventud de la clase obrera y cual es la esperanza para un futuro bajo el capitalismo, cuando lo que una sabe son horas sin sentido en las escuelas, desempleo, trabajos malos en MacDonaldis, y los colegios que cuestan tanto ya están fuera de la cuestión. Entonces que es lo que está sociedad le ofrece a la

juventud que disfruten de autos ligeros, drogas, sexo conveniente, y música como Punk-Rock. Bajo la democracia burguesa en países capitalistas avanzados las formas de controlar y manejar la población son muchas y una de las que han sido usada especialmente entre las nacionalidades oprimidas y minorías son las drogas. Secciones de la población pueden ser calmadas y atontadas, impidiendo de resistir y luchar contra las condiciones que los oprimen.

Bajo el capitalismo muchos jóvenes están empleados parcial y desempleados. La burguesía quiere mantener a esta reserva laboral ocupadas, espaciados, y ser libres dentro de ellos mismos usando drogas. También, las drogas, crean una ilusión y distracción que ha otro estado y de conciencia además de ser un producto del capitalismo. Las drogas se convierten en un escapatorio dentro de otro mundo "mejor."

En Baltimore la policía usa la excusa de tráfico de la droga PCP para rondar las escuelas y mandar agentes secretos para atalayar los estudiantes. El efecto sobre los estudiantes es para acostumbrarlos a un pequeño estado de fascismo en sus propias escuelas. Con policías rondando los alrededores conducidos por perros atacantes o la nueva estudiante que se trasladó vino a ser un agente secreto, los estudiantes lo piensan dos veces antes de luchar por un cambio. Por otra parte, esta clase de represión muy clara por el estado también sirve a hacer la juventud más rebelde y frustrada con un verdadero y evidente enemigo.

Nuestros altos líderes políticos y la policía local están constantemente diciéndonos que ellos deploran el uso de drogas y hacer un llamado públicamente por una guerra a más no poder sobre el problema de PCP. Pero ¿están ellos verdaderamente dispuestos a negociar en serio, y podrán ellos ponerles fin a PCP o otra clase de tráfico de droga?

La gente que manejan la corriente de droga son criminales organizados. Ellos aseguran gordas ganancias de sueldo de droga ilegales. El crimen organizado no se opone al capitalismo en realidad es parte integral del sistema capitalista. La burguesía ilegal (criminales organizados) hacen el trabajo más evidente e ilegal de oprimir al pueblo; cosa que la burguesía legal no debe dejar que la cojan haciendo. Pero los capitalistas ilegales y legales se respaldan el uno al otro. Y hacen negocios con uno al otro. Si el gobierno y la policía fueran a castigar violentamente al crimen organizado se perjudicarían sus propios intereses. Aún cuando una droga siniestra y peligrosa como PCP prospera bajo el sistema, no importa cuanto las cortes y los oficiales del gobierno nos digan que ellos quieren ponerle fin al abuso de drogas.

La juventud que usan drogas quieren una alternativa, una manera de salida de este sistema, para un futuro brillante, pero lo que esta sociedad predica es estar conforme con lo que

tienen un fatalismo de "no hay nada que uno pueda hacer." ¿Cuál es la salida, el futuro brillante? A medida que la juventud tienen una vista más clara de esa alternativa, y ellos saben que no lo van a encontrar bajo el presente sistema de capitalismo, hay menos necesidad para una salida como las drogas. La juventud extrae energía, entusiasmo, curiosidad, dispuestos a ser provechosos que es sofocado por el capitalismo, y es convertido a su opuesto y así hay jóvenes que son agotados a los trece años de edad. Solamente en lograr adquirir luchar contra la opresión del capitalismo y ayudar a construir una vida mejor aplastará al fatalismo que ha estado siendo empujado por la burguesía. La solución esta en el involucramiento de la juventud en resistir la opresión que ellos se enfrentan y en construir una sociedad no bajo el sistema presente pero una que sea bajo del interés de la mayoría donde la juventud tenga una parte provechosa, una sociedad socialista con la dictadura de la clase obrera.

Para seguir luchando contra la burguesía nosotros necesitamos estar claro de mente y sobrios. Mientras las drogas han sido empujadas a nosotros por la burguesía son también usadas como un modo de hostigarnos por la ilegalidad de ellas, y una disculpa para arrestarnos una vez que nosotros nos comprometamos luchar.

Sólo según la juventud se levante contra este sistema, y logren una dictadura de la clase obrera el problema de la droga será resuelto y terminado. Un sistema socialista no tendrá que conce-

der interés de ganancias provechosas del crimen organizado se opondrá a estos tipos de acaparamiento y estas clase de provechosos parasitismo de la sangre del pueblo.

Mientras las drogas y la bebida alcohólica son parte de la cultura de la juventud y están inundando las escuelas superiores y sitios donde la juventud pasa su tiempo la nueva tendencia es para que la juventud se organice y resistan la clase de represión que ellos sienten. La juventud está luchando contra el transporte forzado, las condiciones malas de las escuelas, exámenes de competencia, brutalidad policiaca, la opresión en Sur Africa. Esta tendencia esta creciendo en Baltimore y otras ciudades a través de los Estados Unidos y esta tendencia será invencible porque está adquiriendo liderato comunista correcto por medio de la Liga de Juventud Revolucionaria y la Organización Punto de Vista Obrera. ¡La misma energía y vitalidad que ha sido disipada por drogas está siendo liberada mientras la juventud echar palante al Marxismo-Leninismo-Pensamiento Mao Tse-tung y la revolución! Toda la PCP en el mundo que sea descargada sobre ellos no puede parar eso. ■

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Se Reune la ALSC-NSC: Línea Aguda, Fuerte Liderato LOS CORAZONES Y MENTES DE LAS GENTES LÍNEA DE MASA Y LA AUTOCRÍTICA GANA

Después de la sexta exitosa conferencia anual nacional del Comité de Apoyo para la Liberación Africana (ALSC) en la Correa Negra del Sur, el 19-20 de agosto (vea *PVO*, Sept. 1978), el recién electo comité directivo (NSC) de la ALSC estuvo su primera importante reunión recientemente. La enérgica y vivaz discusión en la reunión representó el crecimiento de la ALSC (miembros viejos y nuevos fueron representados) y la seria disposición del liderato nacional en su enfoco en las cuestiones claves que se le presentan al trabajo de apoyo para la liberación africana y al movimiento contra la opresión nacional en los E.U.

Escena Política: Desarrollos Rápidos y Favorables

La reunión de fin de semana abrió con una presentación de la situación política internacionalmente (enfocando en Sudáfrica) y el reciente desarrollo de la lucha en Tupelo, Misipi. La lucha de Tupelo representa una nueva era en la espontánea y poderosa resistencia del pueblo afro-americano en la Correa Negra del Sur. El golpeo brutal por dos policías chauvinistas blancos a un afro-americano en la cárcel por haber estado guiando en un carro con una mujer de la raza blanca, capturó el intenso fascista de la opresión nacional de la gente negra en la nación afro-americana. Este acto, empapado en el olor de linchamiento desde los tiempos de la esclavitud, fue la paja que rompió la espalda del camello. Esto causó una oleada de resistencia por los afro-americanos contra los ataques diarios del Ku Klux Klan (éstos regularmente disparan a los carros y hogares de gente de la raza negra), los salarios mínimos y el trabajo rompe-espalda de los obreros negros en las fábricas de Tupelo, la careza de profesionales negros en los hospitales, la careza de maestros negros en las escuelas, la discriminación en las cortes y el robo sistemático de la tierra del pueblo afro-americano. Para las gente de mente revolucionaria nacionalmente, la defensa armada de Tupelo contra el Klan, el desafío militante contra las cortes y policía de la burguesía, la persistencia y solidaridad del boicot de tiendas en el centro comercial (90 por ciento efectivo), la Liga Unida creciendo como un fuego en las llanuras (la cual dirige esta lucha) y el compromiso del pueblo de morir por la justicia, todos señalan el despertamiento del movimiento del pueblo afro-americano como una fuerza arrolladora contra la opresión imperialista de E.U.

La segunda parte del reporte político puso al día la situación en Sudáfrica. La situación en África del Sur está definitivamente más crítica ahora que en ningún momento anterior. En Zimbabwe, el Frente Patriótico ha liberado 85 por ciento del país y el 1978 ha sido declarado el año del pueblo. En Namibia, SWAPO ha forzado a los fascistas de Sudáfrica a negocia-

ciones (aunque los racistas recientemente rehuzaron hablar). En Azania, los grupos de liberación están consolidando planes para la ofensiva contra África del Sur. Esta parte del reporte político resumió la excelente situación en el trabajo de apoyo para Africa en los E.U.—en el cual el Día de Liberación Africana, el 20 de mayo, 1978 fue un testimonio viviente. Políticamente el movimiento de apoyo espontáneo está enfocando en un nivel más alto con "E.U. Corte Enlaces Diplomáticos con África del Sur," como tema clave. Bajo el liderato de la organización Punto de Vista Obrera y la ALSC, muchos revolucionarios están ganando un entendimiento más firme del imperialismo y la necesidad del socialismo. Nuevas olas de organizadores luchantes han sido y están siendo entrenados completamente en la lucha contra el imperialismo. Una cadena amplia de diferentes clases y fuerzas han sido integrada juntamente en apoyo del movimiento nacional de liberación en Sudáfrica. El DLA 1978 señaló un salto cualitativo desde el DLA '76 y '77 cuando 15,000 personas estremecieron la capital de la burguesía, en Washington, D.C. y Oakland, California. Un fuerte núcleo de organizadores militantes políticos salieron del DLA y están ahora como semillas en tierra fértil listos para la demostración del 11 de noviembre. La victoria es segura para las fuerzas de liberación en Sudáfrica. El régimen de Smith está en total desarreglo y los superpoderes no conocerán ninguna paz.

La Campaña de Línea de Masa Murmura a través de los Capítulos Y Profundiza sus Raíces

La reunión del comité directivo nacional procedió hacia una campaña mayor tomando lugar dentro y alrededor de la ALSC—la de línea de masa. La cosa más impresionante sobre esta parte de la reunión fue la verdad de que una lucha de dos líneas sana y

consciente ha sido desarrollada a través de los capítulos de la ALSC nacionalmente. Saliendo de la conferencia nacional de la ALSC, con sinceridad hacia la campaña de línea de masa está llegando hacer una fuerza viviente para los capítulos y amigos de la ALSC. Los miembros del CDN discutieron la línea de masa como clave en juntar el movimiento en una campaña que hay que darle duro para el 11 de noviembre y reclutar y entrenar luchadores para la ALSC

En relación para construir el movimiento de masa en este país contra un grupito de imperialistas, la línea de masa es fundamentalmente una cuestión de posición, método y punto de vista. Las masas de gente deben ser la motiva fuerza activa y participante en la lucha desde el comité directivo nacional (CDN) hasta los capítulos, desde los comités directivos locales hasta los miembros ordinarios, desde la ALSC a amigos y nuevos contactos. No podemos hacerlo solos. Son las masas que tienen que estar "en el centro del escenario," actuando el papel decisivo en vez de solamente estar "envueltos" artificialmente. Las masas son los verdaderos héroes, y el pueblo y solamente el pueblo, es la fuerza motiva de la historia mundial. El CDN reafirmó la necesidad de estudiar, de aplicar y resumir la campaña de línea de masa en relación a un frente particular de lucha de clase—la movilización para el 11 de noviembre.

Hay dos aspectos en la línea de masa, ambos vitales para el triunfo de nuestra causa. Una parte de la línea de masa es aprender de y escuchar a las masas, siendo discípulos dispuestos. Las masas de gente son las que vivieron y lucharon el infierno diario de la opresión imperialista, las que están interesadas con el bienestar de sus hermanos y hermanas, las que tienen años de experiencias actual luchando y organizando y las cuales su lucha histórica

y abnegación traerá a toda reacción a su tumba. Esta rica historia y el actual, directo conocimiento de la lucha es la base de nuestra línea, la cual aprendimos de la teoría del marxismo y las masas. Esto son los únicos dos principios de nuestra línea—ambos derivados, directamente e indirectamente, de las masas. Debemos de unirlos y llegarlo de nuevo a ellas a un nivel más alto, volviendo a ellas por nuestra práctica social. ¿Creemos nosotros que las masas hacen historia? ¿Vemos nosotros que ellas tienen algo que decir, que ellas saben la realidad de la opresión imperialista y que nosotros tenemos que aprender de ellas? Estas fueron las cuestiones profundas y cruciales que tienen implicaciones discutidas por el CDN.

Cuando los planes son hechas por pocas personas solamente, con poco o ninguna energida de otros, ¿qué pasa? Algunos miembros no saben lo que está pasando, no están entusiasmados por el trabajo, porque ellos no han activamente participado en decisiones hechas e implimentación actual de estas decisiones. Ellos no toman el trabajo de una manera vigorosa y algunas veces se retiran del trabajo. Así el comité directivo pasa a hacer todo el trabajo, llega a ser sobrecargado y llegan a reemplazar a la miembresía del capítulo el cual debiera ser entrenado cuando ellos colectivamente empujan el trabajo. Debemos de escuchar y depender en las masas por su energía creativa, acción, determinación y habilidad para que el trabajo sea implementado. Debemos de promover el estilo democrático donde oigamos sus opiniones, aún si éstas son en la minoría o dicen algo que nosotros estamos opuesto, para así tomar los puntos y concentrarlos en un curso político unificado de acción.

Por ejemplo, en el capítulo de N.Y. de la ALSC, un miembro estaba en la comunidad en una base regular cuando la muerte de Arthur Miller. Este miembro

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¡"Desencadene a las Masas, Bombardee al Cuartel General!" proclama este retrato de China, que enseña el poder de las masas descendeneda durante la Revolución Cultural por línea de masas.

IRANIO

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Líderes musulmanes y el Frente Nacional (representando al burguesía nacional derrocada por la CIA en el 1953) se han mantenido en su demanda por un gobierno de transición sin el Shah y un referendum nacional en la monarquía—un voto para el Shah es una verdad perdida.

Ahora el Shah esta en su ultimo recurso, fuerza bruta, con todo el apoyo del gobierno de E.U. Y el ejército irani no puede hacer el trabajo, los marinos de E.U. están esperando en las alas. Pero el pueblo irani ya han pasado el punto de ser amedrentado por empriacionamientos, torturas y muerte. Tan pronto que el gobierno militar fue anunciado, enormes demostraciones eruparon en Tehran, Tabriz y Isfahan. Y esto es sólo el principio.

La situación está buena para derrocar al Shah, especialmente con los obreros del petroleo en huelga apoyando la demanda para poner fin a la ley marcial, libertar a todos los prisioneros políticos y castigar a oficiales corruptos y a esos responsables por la muertes de los demostradores contra el Shah. Recientemente, los manifestantes quemaron la embajada Británica en Tehran y sólo los tanques salvaron la embajada de los E.U. de la misma suerte. Con la clase obrera dirigiendo el movimiento anti-imperialista y anti-Shah, el Shah tiene un pies en la tumba y el otro resbalando rápido. Mientras el gobierno militar puede temporalmente salvar al Shah, esto hace su derrota aun mas verdadera.

Los Obreros Toman el Liderato en la Lucha Anti-Imperialista-Anti-Shah

Reforzar la ley marcial se esta poniendo mas dura, mientras la resistencia a ésta y la acumulación rápidamente del Shah crece. 35,000 demostraron en la universidad de Tehran denunciando la ley marcial y haciendo un llamado por la libertad de los presos políticos y otros derechos democráticos. 30,000 se reunieron en Qum con la misma demanda. En el noroeste de Irán, los oficiales fueron forzados a suspender el plan para extender la queda dos horas después que 25,000 se apoderaron de las calles en Mashad con una manifestación de protesta. Ciudades principales y pueblos pequeños a través del país explotan diariamente con demostraciones, confrontamientos con la policía y los soldados.

Aún antes del cierre de la refinería de aceite un poderoso movimiento de huelga estaba barriendo al país. A principios de octubre, obreros en fábricas del gobierno, centrales eléctricas, ferrocarriles, autobuses, servicios de teléfono, postales, escuelas y universidades y hospitales se fueron en huelga por mejores salarios y beneficios. Con estas huelgas los obreros abiertamente desafiaron el régimen ya que las huelgas son ilegales en Irán. Ellos rápido fueron unidos por obreros del gobierno que manifestaron en protesta y cerraron las oficinas e instituciones del gobierno. Los obreros públicos querían ser pagado el doble de lo que ellos están recibiendo. Cuando el shah ofreció un aumento de 25% en dos etapas los obreros lo reusaron—ellos no aceptarían nueces, no con la inflación del país de más de 50%.



Continuando el ejemplo de sus hermanos de clase, los empleados de la Iran Air mantuvieron a la línea aerea de la nación en tierra el 1 de noviembre, también haciendo un llamado por el fin de la ley marcial y libertad para los presos políticos. Los obreros de las líneas aéreas han estado en huelga y han regresado a sus trabajos después de ganar un aumento salarial. Juntándose a los huelguistas del aceite, miles de empleados médicos que sirven la industria de petroleo cerraron hospitales en apoyo.

40,000 Obreros del Petroleo Fuera y el Número Creciendo

La huelga brotó en el centro más productivo del país—en la refinería de Abadan, la más grande en el mundo, en Ahvaz, Aghajari, Gachsaran y Masjid-e-Solaiman, todas en el sur. 40,000 obreros del petroleo están fuera y el número esta creciendo. Los obreros en las refinerías de Tabriz y Shiraz en el oeste de Iran se juntaron al movimiento también, recientemente.

Cinco millones de petroleo al día corría por los terminales principales de exportación en Kharg Island, destinado a la venta en el comercio mundial. Ahora hay solamente una gota, y los tanques de depositos en el terminal estan bajando a una cantidad minima. Esto no significaría mucho aún si las reservas fueran mayor. Los barqueros han reusado en llenar los tanques en unidad con sus compañeros de trabajo. Solamente 4 de los 14 puestos de carga están operando, y 36 super tanques anchados inútiles en el Golfo de Persia—Vacíos!

Huelga Corta las Arterias Petroleras de los Imperialistas

Poniendo el tapón los obreros cortan a los imperialistas severamente. Los E.U. y los imperialistas pequeños tienen una buena razón de estar enfermos del miedo. 90% de la producción de petroleo de Iran y la mayor parte de su exportación es controlada por la Iranian Oil Participants Ltd, bajo un contrato de servicio con la National Iranian Co. del gobierno. Quienes son los que componen la Oil Participants y se ventajan cuando el petroleo esta corriendo? La British Petroleum Co., Francaise des Petroles, Royal Dutch/Shell Group, Exxon, Gulf Oil, Mobil, Texaco, Standard Oil of California y el grupo Iricon

(seis pequeñas compañías de petroleo en los E.U.).

No es solamente lucros gordos de petroleo que los E.U. están preocupado. Iran es el unico país que exporto su petroleo libremente durante el embargo Arabe contra los E.U. durante la Guerra de octubre en el 1973.

Es también el único país productor de petroleo que le vende petroleo a regimenes fascistas como Sudáfrica, Israel y Rhodesia (suple 90% del petroleo importado por Sudáfrica y el 75% de petroleo importado por Israel).

E.U. Desesperadamente Agarrándose y Manteniendo Alejados a U.S.S.R.

Pero de donde obtener petroleo no es la única o principal preocupación de los E.U. Perder el control sobre Iran significa perder una clave ancla militar y política en el área. La localidad geografica del país comanda las líneas maritimas del Golfo de Persia. En manos hostiles como el superpoder, la Unión Soviética, estas rutas serán vulnerables. Irán es un lugar de giro para operaciones militares en el centro de Asia, el Mediano Oriente, el Norte de África y Europa. Los especialistas militares de E.U. están ya preocupados sobre como defender a arabia saudita de una invasión soviética sin el ejército del Shah en las manos.

Políticamente, Irán es el centro de la póliza de E.U. en la región aguantando fuerte lo que queda de la organización del Tratado-Central (Iran, Pakistan, Turquía, Inglaterra y los E.U.).

La U.S.S.R. tiene sus ojos en Iran

también, especialmente por sus puertos de aguas tibias en el Golfo de Persia, el Mar Árabe y el Oceano Indico. Este lobo imperialista en ropas de ovejas ha bromeado con el Shah, tratando de poner sus manos en los recursos de país. Los obreros del petroleo chamuscaron las garras codiciosas de estos imperialistas cuando ellos golpearon el complejo de petro-químico en Bid Boland, y cortaron el flujo diario del gas natural para la U.S.S.R. desde 30 billones pies cubicos a billones.

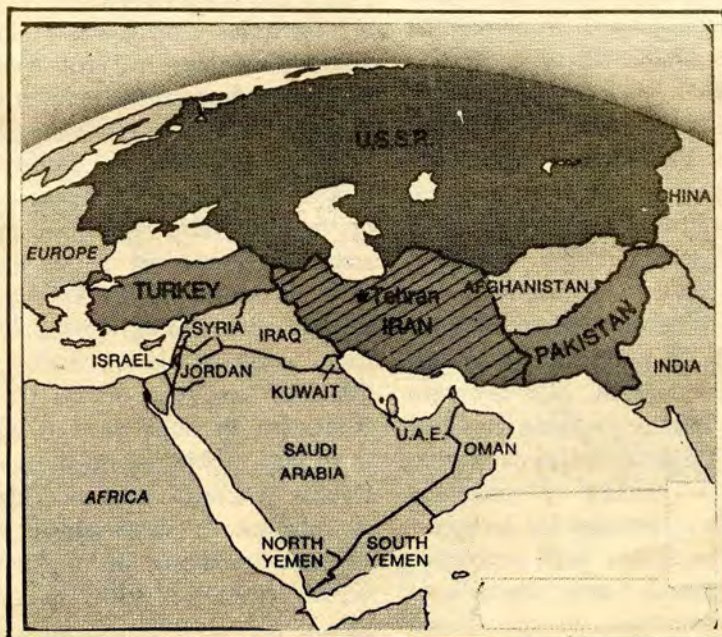
Huelga "Acto de Traición" Dice el Primer Ministro, Amenaza Cierre Forzoso

Si los imperialistas de E.U. tienen miedo, el Shah esta panico. Un "acto de traicion" eso fue lo que el primer ministro Jaafar Sharif-Emani llamó al para de petroleo y amenazó un cierre forzoso si los obreros no regresaban al trabajo en tres días. Tropas ya han sido mandadas a algunas refinerías para romper la huelga y proteger a los rompeshuelgas. El ejército controla las refinerías a pesar que los obreros están en favor de la huelga. En Abadon, soldados dispararon a los huelguistas y usaron gas lacrimógeno para romper sus reuniones. El Shah está pensando usar al ejército para correr todas las industrias. Pero los obreros saben que se toma más que rifles para producir petroleo y ademas, el ejército tiene sus manos llenas reforzando el fragil estado de la ley marcial.

Ratones Abandonando un Barco Que Se Está Hundiendo

El gobierno del Shah está colgando de una soga que se está desenredando rápida. Y todo el mundo lo sabe. Hasta ahora 64 miembros de la familia real, hermanos, hermanas y cunados de Pahlavi, han huido del país. Corporaciones extranjeras han comenzado a sacar sus intereses. El mismo Shah privadamente ha admitido que el ha pensado en irse también.

El peligro de la derrota del Shah es la crisis más grande en las pólizas extranjeras de los E.U., admitió el *Wall Street Journal*. Carter ha venido abiertamente haciendo una fuerte opinión pública apoyando al Shah y prestó una visita especial al coronado principe Reza que esta estudiando en los E.U. Carter tiene que respaldar al Shah. Pero Carter y el resto de la burguesía de E.U. nunca pueden parar al pueblo de Irán de ahogar al Shah en el mar de la resistencia.



De Las Masas, A Las Masas

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Miembro de Comité Dice Algo Más de la Lucha en Sbicca



Carta al periódico PVO

Quiero darles las gracias a Punto de Vista Obrera por su reportaje de la lucha en Sbicca. Es muy importante para ambos la unión y los movimientos nacionales que las victorias en Sbicca se extiendan por todo el país. Desde el artículo en su edición de octubre 1978, hemos ayudado a iniciar un grupo de apoyo en la comunidad compuesto de iglesias, agencias y estudiantes para diseminar la palabra y a ayudar hacer las audiencias de deportación públicas. También nosotros en el Comité hemos visto que tenemos que ayudar a los obreros en Sbicca en su campaña continua de sindicalización ya que los obreros necesitan y quieren una unión igual que luchar contra la represión del INS (Servicio de Inmigración y Naturalización).

También estamos planeando presentaciones sobre Sbicca a diferentes partes del país. Póngase en contacto con nosotros si su grupo está interesado en tener tales presentaciones. Nos gustaría tomar esta oportunidad a hacer unas pocas rectificaciones sobre el artículo de Sbicca apareciendo en la edición de octubre, aunque en total fue uno de los mejores reportajes de noticias que la lucha ha tenido hasta ahora.

Primero, los esfuerzos legales que resultaron en una orden restringente temporal parando las deportaciones de los obreros de Sbicca representó un amplio frente unido de abogados, estudiantes de leyes y obreros legales. Abogados de la Fundación de Ayuda Legal de Los Angeles, ACLU, Centro para Ley y Justicia y Clínica Legal del Pueblo del Colegio de Leyes del Pueblo trabajaron fuertemente y perdieron mucho sueño en preparar los documentos legales necesarios para someterlos a la corte federal. Como resultado de nuestras experiencias de esta lucha, aprendimos que si vamos a efectiva-

mente parar las deportaciones, tenemos que actuar *rápidamente*—muchas veces, obreros son deportados el mismo día que son arrestados.

Una razón porque fuimos exitosos fue el gran número de abogados, estudiantes de leyes y obreros legales que se reunieron para formar los grupos de defensa. Entre 15 o 20 abogados contribuyeron consejo y trabajar en algún aspecto del caso. Un número equivalente de estudiantes emprendieron tareas vitales a la defensa de los obreros. Fue aparente inmediatamente que los recursos necesitados para parar los abusos de la Migra tenía que ser extensos y reveló más que nunca la importancia de establecer una cadena de enlaces de la superestructura legal. Esos que han sido envueltos en inmigración por varios años nunca han visto tanta gente unirse en la lucha para defender obreros indocumentados. Para otros, fue suya y nuestra primera experiencia en aprendiendo la ley de inmigración y desarrollando nuevas y no probadas tácticas para combatir los esfuerzos de la Migra para deportar a los obreros.

Sabíamos que estábamos forjando nuevos horizontes en el área de derechos de obreros inmigrantes, pero en algunas maneras no fuimos los primeros. Específicamente, el pleito entablado por la Unión Internacional de Mujeres Obreras de Vestidura (ILGWU) ocurrió *antes* del asalto en Sbicca del 17 de mayo de 1978. El acción por ILGWU fue originalmente entablada en febrero de 1978, como resultado de un asalto por el INS más temprano en una planta en el distrito de ropa en Los Angeles, en la cual el INS interrogó a casi 500 obreros y arrestó a aproximadamente 70 (algunos de cuales tenían papeles y fueron miembros de la unión). La teoría detrás del pleito es que los asaltos por el INS discrimina contra obreros inmigrantes de apariencia latina,

a causa de que el INS frecuentemente no tiene evidencia concreta para probar cuales obreros son indocumentados, menos de lo que agentes pueden obtener de los obreros mismos por la coerción y la intimidación. Así el pleito pidió que el INS sea parado de atacar inesperadamente las fábricas al menos que tenga prueba substancial de violaciones de la ley. Este pleito ha exitosamente forzado al INS a imponer una *moratoria* en todos ataques inesperados en las fábricas pendiente el resultado del caso en la corte.

Sin embargo, el artículo sobre Sbicca está correcto en su análisis general de las condiciones que dirigió a la ILGWU ha entablar el acción legal. Junto a la ciudad de Nueva York, Los Angeles tiene la industria más grande de ropa y moda en el país. No es ningún secreto que obreros indocumentados que se esclavizan en los cuartos de atrás, y en las partes frontales de los almacenes forman la espina dorsal de esta industria y que sin ellos, los gigantes de la moda no serían nada. Para la ILGWU aquí, tenía que confrontar la cuestión de inmigración. Desde que la local primero trato de organizar—sin éxito en la Ropa de Baño High Tide en 1974, realizó que si iba a organizar obreros de ropa sin interferencia de la Migra, entonces tuvo que asumir la lucha de defender y luchar por los derechos de obreros indocumentados. Así la local rompió con la oficina nacional y tomó la posición de organizar a obreros de ropa, a pesar de sus estado en este país.

Otra rectificación que deseamos a hacer en el artículo es que las tres demostraciones de apoyo de Sbicca fueron organizada por un frente unido de diferentes organizaciones e individuos. Mientras el Comité jugó un papel principal en planear las demostraciones, queremos clarificar que otros grupos participaron igual. Ellos incluyeron,

entre otros individuos del Asociación Nacional de Abogados/el Colegio de Leyes del Pueblo, CASA, ACLU, el comité laboral de la Coalición Contra el Abuso Policial, los Tronquistas por una Unión Democrática, etc.

Un punto final de clarificación es que nosotros no fuimos completamente exitosos en proteger los obreros de las tácticas intimidantes de la Migra. En algunos casos, los agentes manejan a obtener acceso a documentos o información haciéndolo más fácil para el INS a deportar los obreros. Aquí, el problema fue uno de respuesta rápida, preparación completa y entrenando los obreros de como resistir la coerción del INS. A causa de que la lucha total nos presentó con tantas preguntas fronterizas, a veces *reaccionamos* a los problemas. Por lo tanto, estábamos en la defensiva en numerosas ocasiones. Sin embargo, aprendimos rápidamente. Fue evidente que los medios principales por cual la Migra podía deportar a los obreros fue por información que los obreros mismos proveyeron. Muchos nunca habían oído de la Quinta Enmienda o el derecho a permanecer callados; así que ellos no sabían que ellos NO tenían que decir nada o responder a las cuestiones preguntadas por el INS. Pero la lucha de Sbicca lo hizo bien claro que obreros indocumentados SI tienen este derecho. Además si usan este derecho en permanecer callados, ellos podían—más que no—derrotar al INS a su propio juego.

La lucha todavía continua en este momento. Esperamos a compartir nuestras experiencias y lecciones con compañeros y compañeras en otras partes del país que también están envueltos en la lucha por los derechos de los obreros inmigrantes.

En lucha,
Un miembro del Comité de Igualdad

Obreros de la Chrysler No Permitirán los Trucos de la Compañía

Estimados PVO:

Estamos teniendo un poco de problema en la planta con la corporación que está tratando de ganar la confianza de los obreros con mentiras.

Poco antes de la planta cambiar de dueños, la administración estuvo reuniones con todo los obreros. Nos sacaron del trabajo por una hora, nos enseñaron retratos de carros nuevos, nos dieron biscocho, café y refrescos, lo que nunca ante había sucedido. Ellos nos hablaron de los cambios en la planta que estaban supuesto a realizarse como mejores trabajos, overoles para todos, baños limpios con duchas y como los superintendentes estaban supuesto a dejar de maldecir y dejar que los empleados expresaran sus sentimientos y problemas. Nada de esto ha ocurrido desde que

regresamos a trabajar.

Lo que ellos han venido haciendo es lavarle el cerebro a las gente. Ellos llama al nuevo carro "nuestro carro." Ellos tienen botones, letreros, cartelones y ahora ellos han regalado camisetitas a algunas personas para tratar y llevar su mensaje a ellos. El supervisor general paró la línea un día y llamó una reunión con los trabajadores. El dijo como va nuestro trabajo y como debemos mantener nuestros trabajos para poder sostener cualquier hábito que tengamos, y si nosotros no hacemos un carro de calidad este no podrá ser vendido y nosotros estaremos en la calle. Mientras esto estaba sucediendo ellos sacaron algunos carros de la línea, los destruyeron como papel porque ellos

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¡Rompiendo Las Cadenas!



Desde que se fueron en huelga el primero de marzo contra contratar afuera y ataques en prioridad de trabajo y licitando trabajos, las líneas de piquetes en la planta de acero Ft. Pitt en McKeesport, Pennsylvania han crecido. Esposas y amigos se han unido a los huelguistas de los United Steelworkers la Local 1406 para luchar un mandato judicial limitando el número de piquetes. Ellos han luchado contra los ataques de la compañía a quitar las cubiertas de la planta con toda arma legal e ilegal que tienen. En un instante, las mujeres pararon los ataques de la compañía a conducir un coche ferroviario dentro la planta por acostándose a través de las vías y rehusando a moverse.

PUERTORRIQUENOS HACEN PIQUETE CONTRA REVISTA RACISTA

El 2 de noviembre sobre 1,000 puertorriqueños hicieron piquete al frente de las oficinas de la revista SWANK en el centro de Manhattan en la ciudad de Nueva York. Esta revista publicó "50 chistes puertorriqueños" incluyendo el "Crimen es un deporte nacional puertorriqueño, segundo sólo al beisbol." Este racismo flagrante ha sido enfrentado por la demanda del Comité de Puertorriqueños Con Orgullo a cerrar la revista.

MISSOURI: PARE EL TALLER NO UNIONADO

El Comité Nacional del Derecho a Trabajar (NRTWC) ha hecho a Missouri el objeto como el 21 estado a declarar fuera de ley los talleres unionados. Una proposición en el boleto de noviembre en la zona de importancia de este estado industrial puede ser el primer tiro de advertencia en la ofensiva de NRTWC. Los existentes 20 estados de derecho a trabajar están en el Sur y en el oeste de las Montañas Rocosas, que son pesadamente agrícolas. Pero Missouri clasifica entre los 10 estados de industria principal. Por ejemplo, es segundo sólo a Michigan en producción de autos. Tiene una gran fuerza laboral apremiada que...

PRISIONEROS TEJANOS PARAN GUARDIAS

En la prisión Coffield en Tejas, más de un cuarto de los 4,000 prisioneros habían detenido a los guardias de la prisión con palos de escoba, estropajos y agua hirviendo. Esta es sólo una de seis prisiones en el Departamento de Prisiones en Tejas que salio en una huelga de dos semanas al principio de octubre. Un pleito por 7 prisioneros fue entablado contra el Departamento a la misma vez que 3,000 prisioneros se fueron en huelga en 6 prisiones. Las demandas son para menos celdas apiñadas, mejor cuidado medico y condiciones de trabajo y no más brutalidad por la policía.

"NO MAS JUSTICIA LINCHADORA"

En Decatur, Alabama, Tommy Lee Hines, un afroamericano, fue condenado fraudulentamente por el ultraje de una mujer blanca. Los policías encarcelaron bajo cargos falsos a Tommy Lee, un hombre atrasado mentalmente con una capacidad de un niño de seis años de edad, para cubrir su propia incompetencia en el crimen no resuelto. La corte trato a desviar el apoyo por Tommy Lee por mover el juicio a Cullman, otro pueblo. Pero casi 60 personas marcharon entero las 30 millas entre ambos pueblos para dejarles saber que ellos no pueden esconder su estilo linchador de justicia.

Las cortes sentenciaron a Tommy Lee a 30 años. Pero el pueblo se recordara de los crímenes de los policías y cortes racistas para siempre! El apoyo continua para liberar a Tommy Lee Hines.

HUELGUISTAS DE F. SCHERVIER CONTRA MOCIÓN A TRAICIÓN

RIVERDALE, New York—Según entra la huelga del hospital de ancianos de F. Schervier en su 100 días, parece que una traición está fabricándose entre el liderato de 1199 de los Empleados de Hospital y Salud y la monja Rita del hospital de ancianos. A pesar del liderato flojo dado a la huelga y rompeshuelgas continúan a pasar, los obreros han persistido aunque el invierno está llegando rápidamente. De vez en cuando, un camión de reparto es parado y una "obstrucción" temporalmente para el autobús de rompeshuelgas. Pero estas son pocas y esparcidas.

Para mantener el negocio como siempre, el hospital católico ha impuesto un mandato en 15 obreros por tirar piedras, emplearon a rompeshuelgas para reemplazar a los huelguistas (en algunos trabajos empleando a dos rompeshuelgas inexpertos a hacer el trabajo de uno) y los dejaron que pasaran la noche cuando parecía que no saldrían en un pedazo. Su rehuso a moverse en el tema do taller no unionado y subcontratar y su reciente amenaza de una elección de descertificación ha hecho a 1199 a que se encorven. Pero hay mucho refunfuño entre los miembros contra regresar al mismo hostigamiento racista viejo con ninguna seguridad de trabajo. Enfrentados con una oferta de contrato que es la misma igual con la que le ofrecieron cuando se fueron en huelga excepto por un día personal más adicional o unos pocos de minutos adicionales para la hora del almuerzo y una garantía de no represalias contra los huelguistas, los obreros están aprendiendo en forma complicada lo que es una traición. Un obrero dijo, "Podemos ser ingenuos desde que esta es nuestra primera huelga pero la unión ha estado haciendo esto por 40 a 50 años y la unión no es ingenua." Otro dijo, "Nunca he estado en huelga anterior y nunca entendí lo que era una traición, pero ahora estoy aprendiendo."

OSHA SIENDO RESTRINGIDO

Recientemente limitaciones han sido puesta a la Organización de Seguridad y Salud Ocupacional (OSHA), la agencia del Departamento de Trabajo la cual está supuesta a regular los procedimientos de salud y seguridad

en el trabajo. Ahora OSHA tiene que obtener un permiso para hacer inspeccionar en el trabajo. La enmienda Bartlett la cual fue pasada por la casa de representantes, hizo una llamada para exenlar a todas las compañías con diez menos trabajadores de las regulaciones de OSHA'

Exprimida por la crisis económica mientras más y más con pañías, estar reusando poner dinero para mejorar las condiciones de salud, y seguridad, la fuerza de tarea de Carter ha venido moviéndose para restringir el papel de OSHA. Este proceso centralizado más bajo el ramo ejecutivo y disminuyendo el alcance al cual los obreros puedan usar al OSHA para luchar por mejores condiciones de trabajo mientras Eula Bingham, jefe de OSHA, comentó que ella estaba segura que las compañías cumplirían.

Este mes OSHA formuló una regulación más estricta para los obreros expuestos al arcílico. Los obreros que han trabajado con esta química han obtenido cáncer y sufrido esterilización o han sido paralizado. Hasta el gobierno de E.U. recientemente admitió que por lo meno el 20 por ciento de todo cáncer en los E.U. es producido por la exposición en el trabajo. Cinco grande compañías de química y petróleo han sumetido demandas contra esta medida, que OSHA le ha permitido dos años para topar con este problema.

DEMOSTRACION CONTRA ENCUBRIMIENTO DEL ASESINATO DE ARTHUR MILLER

Cuatro meses de investigación por un gran jurado totalmente ha encubierto el asesinato a sangre fría de Arthur Miller en "una tragica e imprevisible accidente." Estrangulando a muerte por la macana de un policía es "fuerza razonable." "Arthur Miller no fue salvajemente golpeando por nadie," dijo el fiscal Gold. Tratando de apaciguar a la comunidad enfurecida, el gobierno federal ha llamado a todavía otra investigación. El pueblo no quieren más exhibiciones. El Frente Unido negro auspició una marcha en la calle Wall para el 6 de noviembre, el Dia de Solidaridad negra.



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Obreros del Petroleo Escriben el Ultimo Testamento del Shah

¡Viva la Revolucion del Pueblo Iranio!

El 7 de noviembre, apostó todo lo suyo en la única cosa que puede preservar a sus decaído gobierno de intervención imperialista—lo militar. El Shah declaró un nuevo gobierno encabezado y dominado por las fuerzas armadas. Sumiso por el profundo odio contra su gobierno y sin quedarle respeto que perder, él prometió reconciliar “todos los errores pasados” en un discurso por la radio y televisión. Con lágrimas de cocodrillo en sus ojos, el tirano egoista bajo de su trono y rogó por piedad y simpatía, “su mensaje revolucionario ha sido oído. Estoy consciente de todo por lo que Uds. dieron sus vidas,” este criminal confió al pueblo iraní. Con su disculpa, y el arresto de 14 oficiales corruptos y negociantes, incluyendo la cabecilla del SAVAK (la notaria policía secreta) el Shah esta poniendole azucar al nuevo, abiertamente gobierno fascista. Pero nadie se esta tragando esto.

Ida está la hoja de la higuera de la “democracia” y reforma. El ascenso rápido revolucionario ha derrotado esta mentira, en el proceso político esponando a dos primer ministros y sacandolos a ellos y a otros ministros del gobierno fuera de oficios, en solo 3 meses. El gobierno militar es solamente temporario, dice el Shah, tratando todavía de calmar el movimiento lentando a su oposición en compartir el poder con el en un gobierno de coalicion. Pero los
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Negocios Salen Ilesos

CONTROL SALARIAL ES DIRIGIDO A UNIONES MÁS FUERTES

En su ultimo discurso televisado, Carter le tiro otro puno a la inflacion—directamente a los obreros. Su límite de 7% en aumentos de salarios y su mano relajada de “precios fijados” significa que los trabajadores pagan por la inflacion y los monopolios salen de ésta a través de hoyos tan grande como el Gran Canon por el control salarial de Carter. Atrapado entre dos paredes de la permanente crisis del capitalismo, Carter ha traído una completa recorrida de ataques contra el nivel de vida de la clase obrera y masas oprimidas en los E.U. Pero este último lista del control salarial es directamente apuntado a los sindicatos mas fuertes.

Control Salarial Dirigido al Sector Más Organizado de los Obreros para Mantener Todos los Salarios Bajos

La última esquema anti-inflacionaria de Carter está dirigida a la parte más organizada del movimiento laboral. Este próximo año, el acuerdo del Teamsters Master Freight se presenta cubriendo 400,000 camioneros. Después de este los obreros de la electricidad, quimica, los obreros unidos de autos, construccion y ropa, y los obreros de la goma van a contratos en la mesa de negociacion. La movida de Carter está claramente dirigida a ellos.

Por que? Porque la mas fuerte de estas uniones, como la de Tronquistas y la UAW, han imprimido el ritmo para todo el resto de la clase obrera. Carter obtiene que estas uniones se apliquen a su control salarial, esto desanima la habilidad de las otras uniones y el sector no organizado de los obreros para demandar mejores salarios y condiciones

de trabajo.

Esto hace que su “exención” del salario máximo a esos que hacen menos de \$4 la hora un fraude. Por una parte, esos que hacen menos de \$4 la hora están en uniones que son las más debiles o son trabajadores que no estan organizados en talleres, especialmente las minorías, la juventud o mujeres trabajadoras. En lo general, estos obreros no llegarán cerca del 7% del aumento salarial, en verdad, muchos de los últimos contratos en las negociaciones demuestran, tales como muchas de las luchas de los obreros municipales que están luchando contra los cortes, que es su mayor importancia, mucho menos grandes aumentos salariales. El ángulo de Carter es hacer que los obreros relativamente más organizados paguen el blanco porque ellos imprimen el paso y

tambien para crear una division entre los obreros, para poner a los obreros organizados contra los no organizados.

La única manera de salir del control salarial de 7% es aumentar la productividad de los obreros con un acuerdo de cambiar las reglas de trabajo. Todo esto es para carnada y forzar a los obreros a hacer una decisión entre ir más rápidos y salarios bajos.

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