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Opens Floodgate for Escalating Attacks

Bakke: A Historic Reversal

In a devastating legal setback against the rights of minorities and women, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Bakke decision, a historic reversal which could roll back across the board many hard-won gains of the last two decades.

On June 28th, the Supreme Court declared "unconstitutional" the affirmative action program of the University of California, Davis, medical school—and ruled Allan Bakke must be admitted.

The Court's decision slams the door of opportunity right in the face of minorities, for hundreds of thousands

of blacks, Latins, Asians and women in education and jobs. By ruling that the program had illegally discriminated against Bakke because he was white, the highest court in the land legitimized the racist codewords of "reverse discrimination" upholding the monstrous lie that minorities had prevented Bakke from getting in.

Allan Bakke is the 38-year old white engineer who in 1973 sued the University of California, Davis medical school claiming he was rejected because "less qualified" minorities had been admitted through the school's affirmative

action program. The Bakke case quickly became a landmark test to challenge the legality of an entire range of genuine affirmative action programs won as a result of the tremendous mass struggle of the '60s.

Despite the fact that the Supreme Court's decision in effect wipes out those gains, the decision is being hailed cynically as a victory for affirmative action. Jimmy "Human Rights" Carter and Attorney General Griffin Bell hailed it as a "great gain for affirmative action". Benjamin Hooks of the

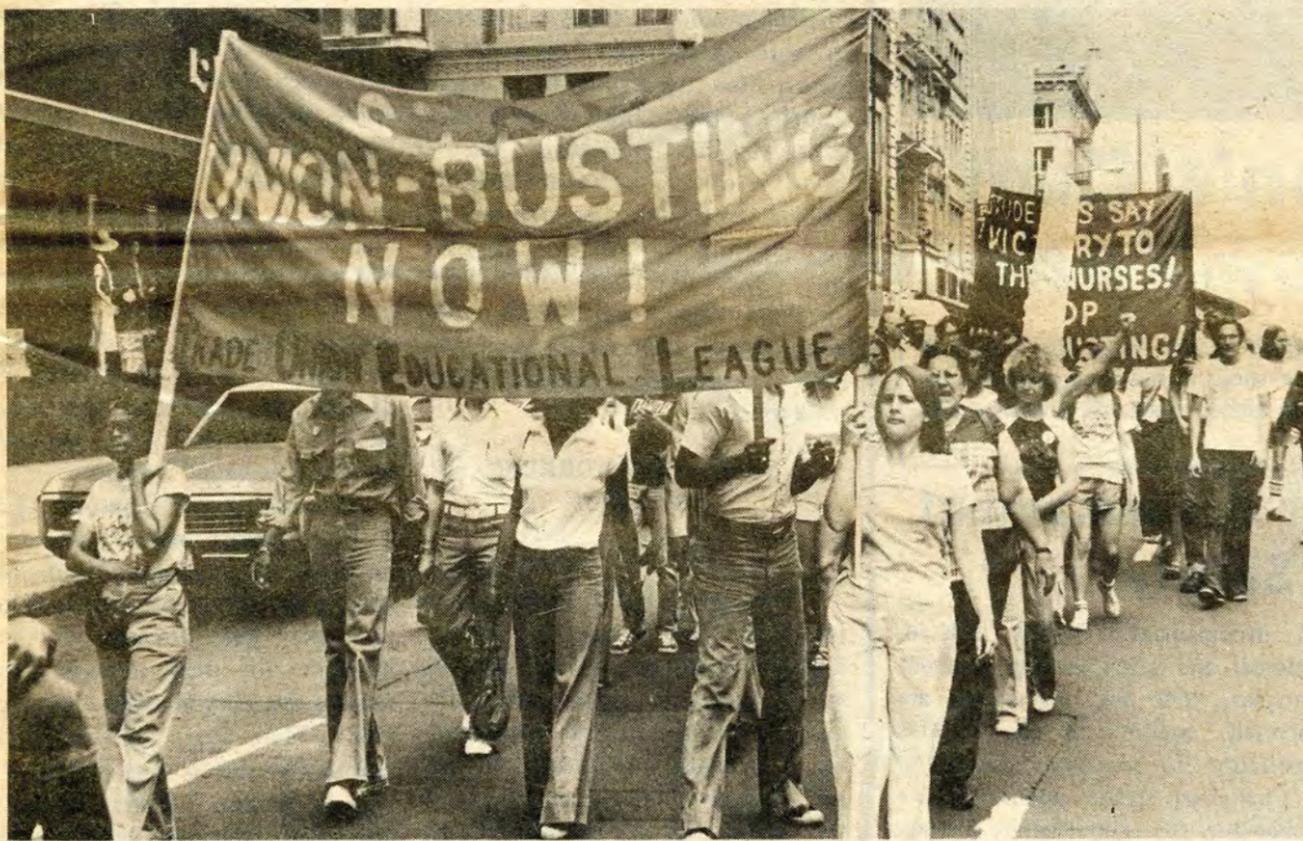
NAACP called it "a clear cut victory." The *Wall Street Journal* headlines read "The Decision Everyone Won."

Supreme Court Covers Attacks with Lies

Citing the 14th Amendment which is supposed to guarantee "equal protection under the law", the Court stated that the Constitution is "color-blind" and cannot "mean one thing when applied to one individual and something else when applied to a person of another color." So, the Court argues, Bakke was discriminated against because of his race.

But the learned arguments of the high justices amount to nothing more than turning reality upside down. The words "everyone equal before the law" sounds great—but they only cover up the reality that minorities never had equal opportunity, before the law or anywhere else. The phrase the "Constitution is color-blind" is only blind to the fact of the systematic, pervasive and persistent discrimination. It is only blind to the fact that being born black, Latin, Asian or other oppressed nationality means chances are you would earn 3/5 of the average person in the U.S., be twice as likely to be unemployed, have the worst jobs, the worst schools, the worst housing and the worst medical care. But it would mean you have the best chance of going to prison and the best chance for an early death.

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Baltimore Trade Union Educational League demonstration spearheads drive against union-busting in nursing homes.

Bourgeoisie Stepping Up Union-Busting Nationwide

Baltimore Workers Beating Back Union-Busting

Sonya Gershowitz, despised slum lord, real estate speculator, and owner of a string of decaying, decrepit nursing homes in Baltimore, has a wretched history of exploitation and union-busting. When she's not wringing every penny from the sick and aged in her nursing homes, she's trying to lay-off workers and bust the union.

On Saturday, June 3, with no prior notice, she laid off 13 more workers, including 11 union members from

the Federal Hill Nursing Center, the latest move in her all-out effort to bust District 1199E out of her homes.

But this time the workers moved rapidly and boldly challenged her. On Monday, with the guidance and help of the Baltimore chapter of the Trade Union Educational League (TUEL), an informational picket line was set up and a successful press conference called. 5 days later, a second picket was organized which again drew local press and

television coverage. Coupling this with the kickoff of a petition campaign in support of its demands, the newly formed and rapidly growing Nursing Home Action Coalition (NHAC) gathered over 250 signatures in the first two hours!

After 2 successful pickets, the NHAC was able to force the head of the state health department to conduct

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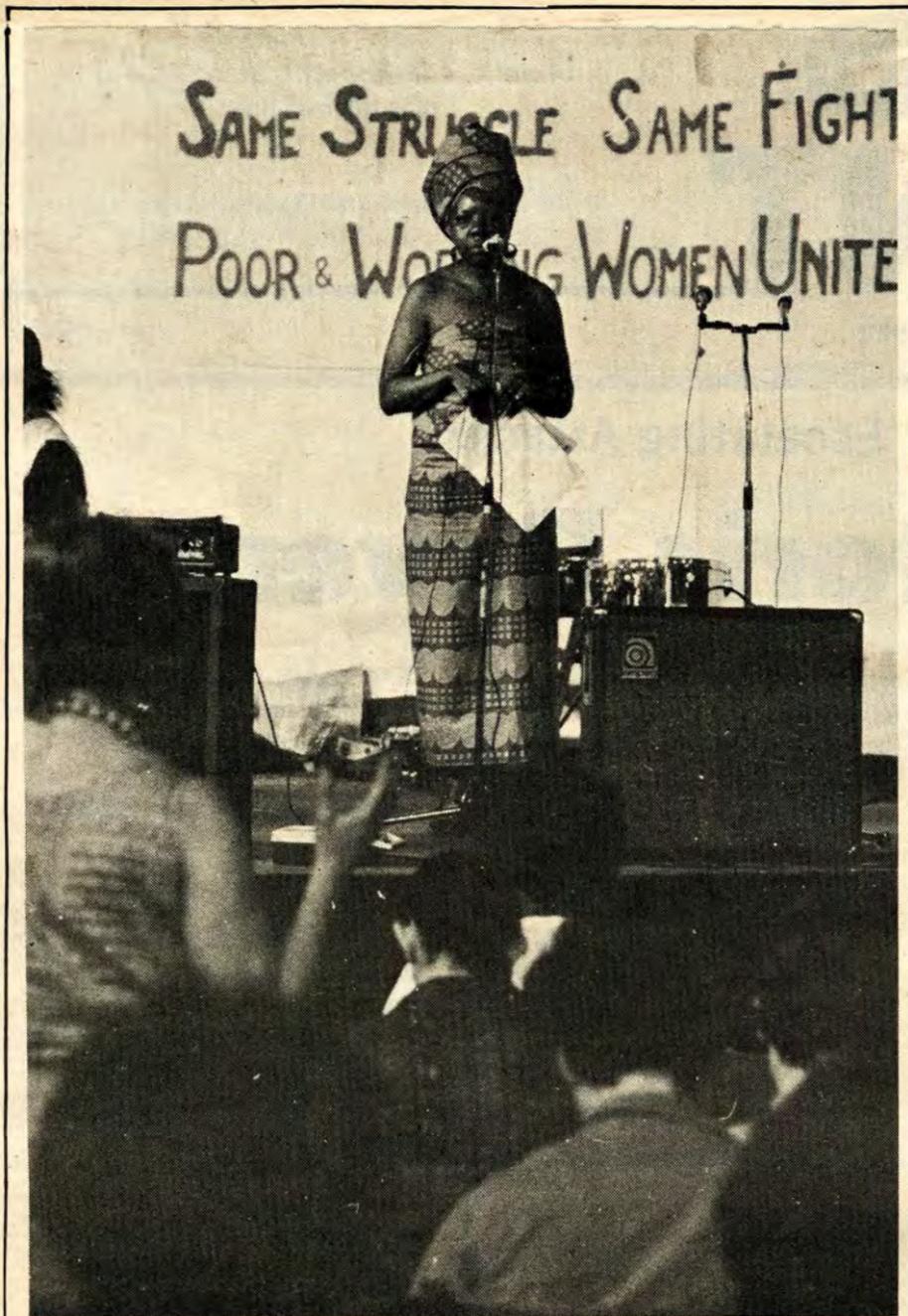
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Poor Women's Conf. Held In New York

A Poor Women's Conference was held June 24-25 in New York City. Over 200 people, mainly working women, attended. Workshops included organize the unorganized, housing, welfare, and secondary and higher education. A sum-up will appear soon in the WVO newspaper

Thousands March for Disarmament and Nuclear Safety

* 1,414 demonstrators were arrested last year, protesting the construction of the \$2.4 billion nuclear reactor at Seabrook, New Hampshire. The massive demonstration of 20,000 who camped out this month at the Seabrook site has helped to spark off demonstrations planned throughout the summer across the country.

* On May 27, during the disarmament hearings at the United Nations, 15,000 demonstrators from over 300 groups across the country and from Japan and Western Europe marched to Dag Hammarskjold Plaza to call for an end to nuclear weapons.

* Two weeks later, on June 12, 381 were arrested at a demonstration at the UN calling for an end to the nuclear arms race.

* In the Rocky Flats plutonium plant in Montana, 2,000 demonstrators rallied and demanded an end to the plutonium used to make nuclear weaponry for the U.S. arsenal.

Throughout the U.S., thousands of students and intellectuals are rallying around the issues of the environment, in particular around nuclear energy,

and disarmament. Though isolated, scattered, and often lacking coherent principles, these two movements are concretely pointing to the ruthless exploitation by monopoly capitalism.

Capitalism creates pollution. Like a rabid dog, the capitalists are in such a frenzy for profits that they poison workers in factories, create dangerous nuclear hazards, and dump lethal chemical wastes into our rivers, food, and air. For example, the capitalists had a crash project to build the sodium-cooled Fermi breeder reactor just outside Detroit. The oil monopolies (who control the nuclear industry in the U.S.) cut so many corners and scrapped so many safety measures that the sodium jammed and the reactor went critical, out of control, within a hair's breadth of creating a low-yield nuclear explosion. The Atomic Energy Commission put a news blackout on the accident and secretly drew up plans to evacuate fully 1/3 of the entire city of Detroit.

And the capitalists have known for several decades that asbestos (used in insulation and for other industrial purposes) causes a deadly, debilitating

Breaking the Chains!



UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS FIGHT DEPORTATION

EL MONTE, CA.

Over 70 shoe workers have recently stood up to the boss and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (la Migra). On May 17, la Migra raided the Sbicca Shoe factory and arrested 120 workers. The workers had been waging a unionization campaign in a factory of over 750 workers, the union election lost by only 9 votes. The workers demanded an investigation of unfair labor practices. The frightened boss called la Migra to raid the factory.

When lawyers for the workers won a temporary injunction, the buses literally had to turn around at the border and return to Los Angeles. About 70 of the 120 arrested workers decided to stay and fight the deportation.

For the first time in the history of deportations, la Migra was forced to return the workers. This itself is a victory for the rights of undocumented workers. Most of them were rehired by the factory under pressure from the workers and union. The upcoming deportation hearings can be used to show how la Migra harasses and violates the rights of undocumented workers. It will rally the movement against deportations and promote organizing undocumented workers.

TAMPA CITY WORKERS WIN UNION

TAMPA, FLA.

The Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) won an election to represent 3,000 city workers on June 20. This victory was a slap in the face of the city administration and its vicious anti-union campaign. The city's officials had harassed organizers, slandered the union and allowed supervisors,

disease, asbestosis, and cancer. And for decades, the capitalists have systematically suppressed medical reports on this cancer and squashed any measure designed to protect workers' safety conditions. Several million workers, the capitalists were forced to admit, have already been exposed to lethal doses of asbestos.

And capitalism causes war. Behind all the talk around "detente," year after year the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. have clearly built up and perfected their nuclear and conventional arsenals, especially for war in Europe. The U.S.'s neutron bomb, for example, is called the "humane" bomb because it is humane to buildings but disintegrates people. Billions are spent on the Mobile-X missile, the MIRV warheads, the cruise missiles, and the satellite killers by the two superpowers to prepare

to vote. The federal government gave them help by not allowing workers under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) to vote. CETA workers get the lowest pay and no benefits. 17 other city administrations had asked Tampa big bosses for tips on blocking unionization drives. The workers in those cities will no doubt win like they did in Tampa. As the ATU's vice president said, "the whole nation had its eye on this election. This is the first time in history that all the departments of the city have been in one bargaining unit."

STEARNS MINERS CELEBRATE TWO-YEAR STRIKE

STEARNS, KY.

July 1976 is an important date for the struggle of 160 coal miners in Kentucky. On July 15, 1978, the Trade Union Educational League is helping the Stearns Women's Club organize a celebration of the second anniversary of the Stearns struggle for a unionized mine. During the strike, the Blue Diamond Coal Company has used the courts to slap an injunction to limit the pickets to only 6, they have used cops to escort scabs and recently they even had the scab miners vote in a scab union, the Justus Employee's Association. Despite these dirty tricks, the miners are solidly behind their demand for safer working conditions and the right to be represented by the United Mine Workers.

In a recent tour sponsored by the TUEL, Stearns miners talked to hundreds of supporters from New York City to Los Angeles. It helped to break the bourgeoisie's news blackout of their struggle. They also set the record straight on the scab union. They spoke of the fighting will to stay out as long as it takes to win recognition for the workers to be represented by the UMWA contract

for war and to intimidate the peoples of the world, even as the superpowers talk of "peace" and "detente." At the Rocky Flats installation, as well as at Livermore, billions are spent perfecting new warheads and missiles. And in Europe, both superpowers are squared off—both the NATO and Warsaw pact countries are bristling with nuclear weapons and the latest in conventional weaponry.

Though these movements are led largely by the petty bourgeoisie, they are progressive in that they expose the furious preparations for a new world war and the mad drive for capitalist profits. Though they lack the rock-like stability of the workers movement, these movements do expose the deep contradictions riddling capitalism. ■

Gov't Uses Fitzsimmons' Corruption To Attack Wage Demands

Corruption in the leadership of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) has hit the news again as a result of a suit filed against 16 trustees of the Central States Pension Fund (CSPF) including President Frank Fitzsimmons and top two runner-ups—Jackie Presser and Roy Williams, both international vice presidents. The wheeling and dealing of Fitzsimmons and Company has led to the loss of \$6.6 million from the CSPF already.

Mob Corruption Used By Bourgeoisie to Shore Up Their Image of "Neutrality"

Corruption within the trade union bureaucracy is common. The higher ranking labor hacks are far removed from the struggles of the rank and file, using their positions for their own interests, and are always on the take. The influence of the Mafia is one form of corruption and is especially serious within the Teamsters and the longshoremen bureaucracies because both are involved with transporting and collecting goods which are most susceptible to hijacking and smuggling operations. The \$1.7 billion assets of the Teamsters pension fund is an added attraction for the mob.

The Mafia acts as goons, scabs, and red-baiters for the bourgeoisie. They prey on the oppression of the masses and help the bourgeoisie to spread the decadence and degeneration of capitalism through dope peddling, prostitution, gambling, and other degenerate rackets. The mob does the dirty work for the bourgeoisie so that they can maintain the clean image.

Why Is the Government Investigating Now?

Corruption in the Teamsters bureaucracy, especially in the top leadership is no news to the rank and file. The nationwide wildcat strike in 1970, the threat of a strike in defiance of Fitzsimmons in the last contract struggle, and the growth of reform movements within the IBT all show that the rank and file are fighting tooth and nail to clean up the union and fight for democracy. The corruption is no news to the bourgeoisie either. In fact, former Attorney General Richard Kleindienst was hired by Fitzsimmons for \$250,000 to help get a \$6.6 million deal in 1975. Also, the bourgeoisie lines their own pockets with the pension funds of New York City municipal workers through the Emergency Financial Control Board. The only difference is that the bourgeoisie uses the government as their tool to "legalize" extortion.

So, why are the Labor Department, the Justice Department, and just about every investigative committee in the House and the Senate jumping on the "clean-up" bandwagon? The immediate reason is to put the heat on Fitzsimmons to keep wage demands down in the upcoming contract. The long term reasons of the bourgeoisie are to use the corruption "clean-up" campaign as a

pretext to step-up union busting, and to divert the growing rank and file movement inside the IBT for trade union democracy.

Teamster Contract is Main Target for Carter's Wage Controls in '79

The National Master Freight Agreement, covering 450,000 truckers, warehouse workers, and platform workers, will expire next March. It will be the first major contract struggle in 1979 and the settlement will set the pace for United Autoworkers, the United Rubberworkers and the United Steel Workers unions. The chief hatchetman for Carter's wage control policy, Barry Bosworth, has already targeted the Teamster contract as "one we absolutely have to win if we are to get anywhere."

Carter's "voluntary" wage controls is nothing but giftwrapping for black-mailing the working class. He used the Labor Law Reform Bill as a bargaining chip to put the lean on Meany to keep wage demands down. Now, he is using the mob to hit the IBT.

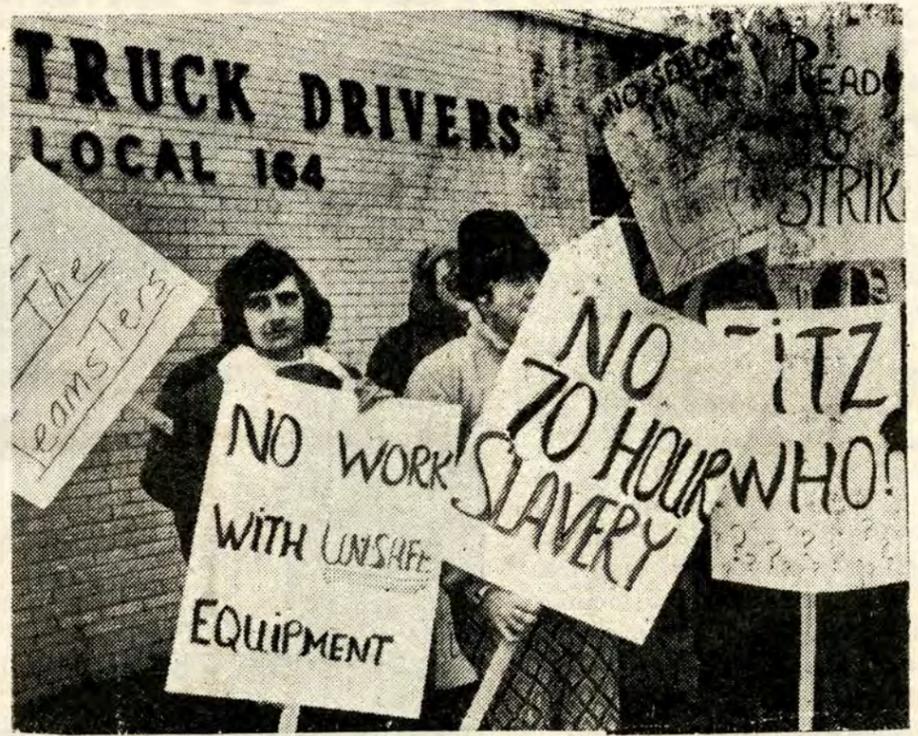
Bourgeoisie Uses "Clean-up" Campaign to Attack the Trade Unions and Divert Struggle for Trade Union Democracy

While the immediate reason for the Teamster investigations is to try to put the lid on wage demands in the '79 contract, the bourgeoisie is also using the corruption issue to serve their larger interest of busting the unions. The 1959 Landrum-Griffin Law, billed

Government's Aim is to Attack Unions, Divert Teamster Rank and File's Fight for Democracy

as "anti-corruption" and a "bill of rights" for workers, came in the wake of the McClellan hearings on organized crime in the unions. It was in fact an anti-labor law which banned "organizational and recognition picketing by a union," banned picketing in front of stores to boycott non-union goods, and strengthened the restrictions against secondary boycotts or sympathy strikes.

The hearings, orchestrated by Senator John McClellan and chief counsel Robert Kennedy promoted the government and the courts as "neutral" bodies cleaning up union corruption. It allowed the bourgeoisie, through Representative Landrum (who represented the textile interests of the Black Belt South) to pass his bill. It capped an all out attack by the bourgeoisie after World War II against the trade union movement aimed at stemming the tide of a post war strike wave, the growing industrial unions, and the spreading prestige of the Soviet Union under Stalin's leadership. Over a period of 15 years, the bourgeoisie passed the Taft-Hartley Law, launched the anti-communist McCarthy hearings, the McClellan, "anti-corruption" hearings, and passed the Landrum-Griffin Law.



Rank and file threatened to wildcat over Fitzsimmons sellout of 1976 contract

The deepening economic crisis today means that the bourgeoisie will increase its attacks through takebacks of benefits and wage controls. Carter, the chief executive of the bourgeoisie in the government has balked on the Labor Law Reform Bill and is pressing the Teamster and ILA investigations. He will not stop there. The bourgeoisie is sure to use the "clean-up" campaign to the maximum. They will use it through public opinion against the unions and to shore up the government's crumbling image as "fair" administrators of justice. The same

by Fitzsimmons to sell out in the last two contracts have spurred the growth of a reform movement inside the IBT. The struggle for more democracy against the corrupt and bureaucratic leadership are necessary to get a decent contract. This growing discontent among the rank and file is another factor for the investigations. Through these investigations, the bourgeoisie is trying to divert the struggle for trade union democracy into the courts and government agencies. That's why the movement for trade union democracy and for genuine rank and file leader-

McClellan, along with Edward Kennedy, has already pushed the Senate Bill 1437 through the Senate which will make demonstrations, pickets, and strikes illegal.

The veneer of bourgeois democracy and Carter's "human rights" is wearing thin as the economic crisis deepens. Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall, the image-builder of liberalism and reformism for the bourgeoisie and "nice-guy" to labor has been increasingly exposed with the stalling of the Labor Law Reform Bill and the watering down of the cotton dust regulations. To top it off, he is now the main hitman in the Labor Department for the bourgeoisie's "clean-up" act, hiring 140 "investigators" as his runners and working hand in glove with the FBI.

Rank and File Movement Needs Communist Leadership

All the double-dealing will expose the government more and more clearly as a tool of the bourgeoisie to workers fighting to organize into trade unions as well as rank and file workers fighting for democracy.

Already, several rank and file groups in the IBT are gearing up for the contract fight in 1979. The bureaucratic leadership and the attempts

ship must be linked to fighting the attacks from the bourgeoisie. Fighting corruption and bureaucracy in themselves can play into the hands of the bourgeoisie. For example, the Professional Drivers Council (PROD) has called for the enforcement of the Landrum-Griffin Law and more government investigations.

It is necessary to engage in struggle on the legal front. But if that becomes one-sided, the rank and file will not be drawn in and the bourgeoisie will turn the tables around and use the law to attack the workers. By upholding the Landrum-Griffin Law, PROD is willingly or unwillingly, helping the government to implement its wage control policy through blackmail.

Another example is the Miners for Democracy Movement in the UMW in the early '70s. While winning some important reforms, its narrow and single-issue orientation could not sustain the movement that it started and it went astray and fizzled out after a few years. That's why communists must carry out the most crucial task of raising the class consciousness and political level of the masses in the thick of these single-issue struggles. Otherwise, they will go astray or can be turned around and used by the bourgeoisie. ■

On The Labor Front

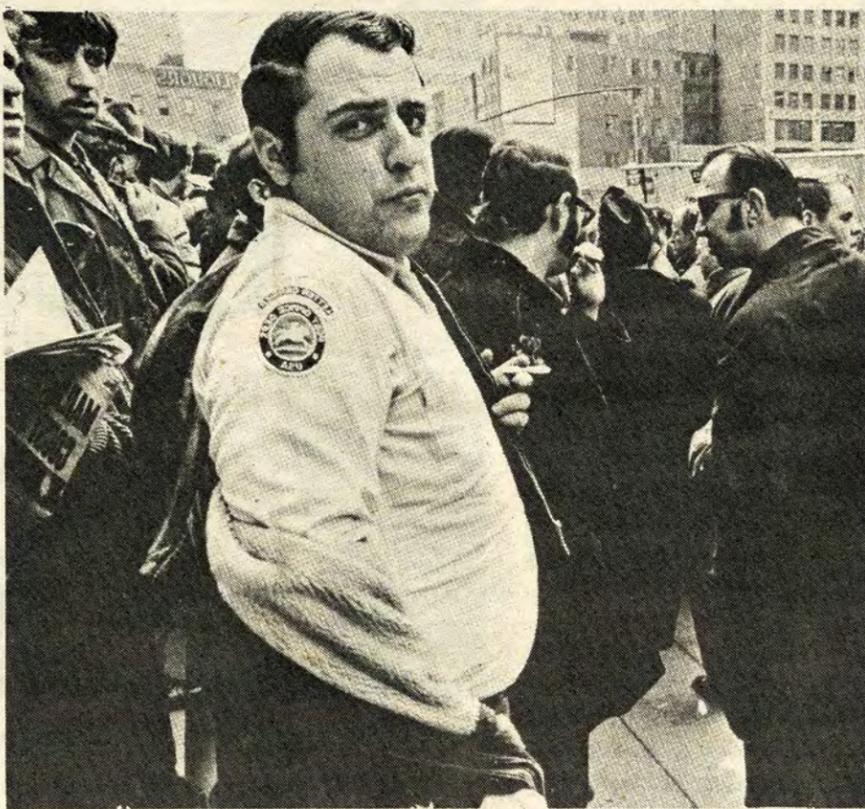
Defeat of Labor Law Reform Bill Aids Wage Controls

The defeat of the Labor Law Reform Bill in the Senate is a clear message that the bourgeoisie will step up its attack on the working class in the midst of the deepening economic crisis. The use of the filibuster, instead of an outright rejection, is a slick tactic to let the right-wing take the rap while trying to preserve and shore up Carter's and the Labor Department's "human rights" image. The demand should be for the Labor Law Reform Bill as it stands without amendments. The watered down version will extend the time limit between the petitioning for union elections and the elections and eliminate the provision for equal time for union representatives to organize in shops. It will also strengthen a provision against "stranger picketing" (workers picketing plants other than where they work).

Demand Must be for Passage of Bill Without Amendments

The pledge by Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd (D., West Virginia) to reintroduce a watered down version is another maneuver to serve the same purpose and to give George Meany and Co. an out to save face.

The policy of the bourgeoisie is to coverup its attacks with sweet words to maintain the "neutral" posture of the government. In the last three months, the bourgeoisie has tried to put the squeeze on Teamster wage



Defeat of the Labor Law Reform Bill is the bourgeoisie's warning to the labor bureaucrats to cooperate with Carter's wage control policy, which is focused on upcoming postal workers' contract.

demands by stepping up "anti-corruption" investigations of the corrupt bureaucrats. OSHA's sellout on safety spotchecks and on the cotton dust regulation bill was pushed through in such a way that Labor Secretary Marshall and OSHA chief Bingham

could register their "outrage" for the record.

Filibuster Is In Line With Wage Control Plan

The defeat of the Labor Law Reform Bill is an attack on the trade

unions. The trade unions, in spite of the sellout misleadership at the top, are the rudimentary organizations of the working class. They are necessary to enable workers to bargain collectively for the sale of their labor. Carter's wage control policy is aimed at the unions because organized workers are in a better position to fight for decent wages. The unorganized workers bear the brunt of an economic crisis because they don't have even the basic organization to fight back. As the crisis worsens, more and more workers will see the importance of trade unions as they are faced with smaller wage increases and more layoffs. So, the defeat of the Labor Law Reform Bill is in line with Carter's "inflation is the number 1 enemy" scheme. It is a warning to the labor bureaucrats to cooperate on his wage control ceiling of 5½% and to make it hard to organize the unorganized workers.

This puts the labor hacks on the spot. If they collaborate with Carter, they will be more exposed as sellouts. Those who are pressured by the rank and file to fight back will face the wrath of the bourgeoisie. These conditions are excellent for the progressive forces and communists in the trade union movement to take the initiative to unite all who can be united to fight the attack from the bourgeoisie. ■

The United Mine Workers' new medical plan has been in effect less than one month and already miners and their families have had to fight to get any coverage at all under the new plan. In several areas miners' insurance cards are not accepted and they are required to pay cash up front for all services. This contract violation has led to grievances being filed, scattered wildcats, and talk that most of the UMW will strike in mid-July after vacation.

Health coverage has been a key issue for coal miners for years especially because of the unsafe conditions in the mines. In 1948 John L. Lewis, president of the UMW, called a nation-

Miners Fight Attacks on Health Care

wide coal miners' strike forcing the coal operators to concede to an all-expenses-paid health plan, the only free coverage for any major union. In the contract settled this March the operators did away with this advanced plan and forced deductibles on the miners for the first time—\$7.50 per doctor visit and \$5 per prescription in cash. While losing free coverage the miners gained a guarantee that the medical fund would not dry up. But miners found the cash deductible opened the door to even more expenses—in some areas they are

refused medical care unless they pay the full fee in cash or are billed the full fee and expected to go individually to the insurance company to get reimbursed. The reason for this goes beyond uncooperative doctors and clinics back to the coal operators who bought the cheapest insurance they could find. This means doctors often have to wait months before reimbursement for charges beyond the deductibles, making them reluctant to service the UMW unless paid in cash. Medical care in West Virginia is already very poor, with clinics few

and far between and everything from the industrial accident to infant mortality rate among the highest in the country.

Miners are calling for an end to this contract violation. Recently in Western Pennsylvania there was a 2-day wildcat strike to get some action on the issue which ended only under threats of a \$50,000 fine to the local. In some areas where layoffs are high, coal companies are trying in many ways to force miners to strike, to save themselves from paying unemployment compensation. Even so the miners continue to fight these attacks with their weapon—the strike. ■

Guild Strikes NY Daily News

For five days in June, 1,340 Newspaper Guild members put a picketline around the *New York Daily News*. Since the old contract expired on March 30, Guild members had voted to accept a contract negotiated by a Federal mediator. But the owners of the *News* rejected this package, pressing for further "give-backs", including breaking down old union strongholds like standard wage raises and bringing back merit raises (i.e., based on the company evaluation of each worker's worth). This pushed the Guild to defend past gains by striking.

Newspaper Industry Out to Bust Unions

The backdrop for this strike was a series of conflicts at other papers across

the country. At the *Washington Post*, Guild members have been working more than two years without a contract. Management is demanding open shop and a no-strike clause. After a 3-day strike last month at the *Baltimore Sun* and *Evening Sun*, the Guild gained a pay raise but lost its power to determine things like job upgrading. The *Chicago Sun-Times* is currently trying to exclude 40 workers from Guild jurisdiction. These "exclusions" like the move now in court to exclude 800 from the New York City Guild are another way of breaking down the union shop, creating sizable groups of nonunion workers who could be used against union workers—to break strikes, etc.

At the *News*, strikers chanted on the lines, blocked the streets, sat down

in front of delivery trucks and confronted cops escorting scabs. Some were arrested. At first the leadership of the drivers union did not support the strike, and papers continued to be distributed. Only when over 100 rank and file drivers organized a support rally did they come out to call off all the trucks. By the third day of the strike, when not one trucker crossed the picket lines, the *News* called for help from the *N.Y. Times*. When the *Times* threatened a lock-out of its union workers, the Guild was pressured to settle the strike.

The new contract lost some of the gains won in past contracts. Changes in seniority rights, sick leave and work schedules were made in management's favor. Guild workers at the *News* also will have to accept any work rule changes made in the *N.Y. Times* and *N.Y. Post* contract settlements.

The Guild has 37,500 members and contracts with only 166 of 1883 daily newspapers in the U.S. and Canada. Its members are mainly reporters, advertisement sales people, office workers, telephone operators, and other non-craft workers. The typographers, pressmen, stereotypers, and truckers are in other unions. The Guild, with solidarity from some other workers at the *News*, was able to shut down for 2 days the paper with the largest circulation in the U.S. But the need for greater unity is clear—between individual craft unions and between Guild workers at different papers across the country. Separate negotiations and especially failure to honor each others picket lines can only weaken the unity needed to fight nationwide union-busting attacks by the newspaper companies. ■

CRUSHED BY TAXES, MASSES MUST MAKE THE BOSSES PAY!

PROPOSITION 13 DERAILS CALIF. TAX REVOLT

Like a ten-ton Mack truck thundering down Highway 101, the California tax revolt has sent tremors across the country. The shock wave of the landslide 2-to-1 victory of Proposition 13 on June 6 has shaken up politicians of all stripes. The California taxpayers' impact is nation-wide: it's already being felt in Massachusetts, New York, and a dozen other states. The tax revolt that swept up 4 million Californians is larger than Prop. 13: it represents a stunning rejection of the punishing inflation and taxes that have all but destroyed peoples' living standards.

The strength of the movement behind Prop. 13 (which would cut property taxes to a 1% ceiling and restrict how fast they can rise) reveals the disgust of workers and the petty bourgeoisie with the two parties of bourgeois democracy. At the same time, the growing wave of populism, as shown by the movement behind Prop. 13, could easily be swept up into fascist movements which attack workers and minorities as the cause of the problem.

PROP. 13 MOVEMENT FUELED BY ECONOMIC CRISIS, INFLATION

The movement in California became a tidal wave because property taxes are the biggest single bite taken out of homeowners in that state. And far from being a movement of just petty bourgeoisie, most of the homeowners are workers.

Prop. 13 won this year as a clear reaction to the growing economic crisis (there were two previous attempts in the past ten years). Runaway inflation has driven the paper value of homes sky-high. Property taxes quickly followed suit. Moreover, increases in the tax rate (as much as 5% of assessed value before Prop. 13) were imposed by local governments. While parasites like real estate speculators and corporations made landslide profits off buying and selling, the jump in property taxes drove many homeowners to desperation, forcing many to sell, leaving friends and family. Especially hard hit were senior citizens, living on fixed incomes such as pensions and social security.

For workers, minorities and the petty bourgeoisie as well, the effects of inflation and high taxes have been devastating. It means one less pair of shoes, getting rid of one of two family cars, or meatless days. But corporations like the Bank of America and the rich shift the burden back to the people through increasing interest rates or higher prices — while they escape most taxes through loopholes or deductions. Ronald Reagan, a hypocritical supporter of Prop. 13, in fact did not pay any taxes at all one year, through all these tax schemes.

Some monopolies will benefit from Prop. 13, especially those that have large real estate holdings. But the movement behind Prop. 13 was not just to save money for some of the larger corporations, nor were the forces behind it part of a "phoney tax revolt." This is to miss the whole development of the



1,500 students, mainly Chicanos in front of L.A.'s Garfield High, protesting attacks on summer school caused by Proposition 13. Proposition 13 attacks the services of workers and oppressed nationalities instead of making the capitalist bosses pay

working class and petty bourgeois movement against rising taxes, "big government," and growing inflation that robs the hard-earned savings of families as sure as any robber.

ANTI-TAX MOVEMENT ROLLING ACROSS THE COUNTRY

And California is only the Western branch of a nation-wide movement against high taxes. Fueled by the ravenous appetite of the capitalist state, people around the country moved to force lower taxes on the government. In Ohio recently, voters rejected a full 60% of all bond issues for schools, and government officials are threatening to keep schools closed, as in Cleveland. In New Jersey, liberal Republican Clifford Case, considered a shoo-in before the primary election, was defeated by a young unknown named Bell running against big government spending and for lower taxes. Across the country, not only have tax rollback organizations sprouted by the dozens, but a number of them have put referendums on the ballot to lower taxes in dozens of states.

And the movement to lower taxes will not be restricted to property taxes. With the passage of Prop. 13, its leader Howard Jarvis has talked about starting a campaign to lower the income tax, which drains workers and the poor. Earlier this year, because of the smoldering anger of workers with the huge increase in Social Security taxes, Congress was forced to stall on raising it. The Social Security system now is practically bankrupt, with all the funds drained off by the government. It's also a regressive tax, with workers paying by far the biggest chunk and receiving almost nothing of it when they retire. As such, the Social Security tax is one target for a movement against high taxes aimed at the government.

TAXES: ROBBING THE PEOPLE TO SERVE MONOPOLY CAPITALISM

Why is the government robbing the people blind with a blistering tax rate? Because in the system we live under — monopoly capitalism — they have to. The monopoly capitalists require a gigantic, bloated and far-reaching state apparatus to serve their profits and world domination and their continuing rule over the people.

As recently as 1940, before U.S. imperialism became the unchallenged top dog of the Western powers, the total federal revenue (mainly through taxes) was only a paltry \$6.8 billion. But by 1973, this revenue shot up to an overwhelming \$220.8 billion (a staggering increase of 32 times), not to mention state and local taxes. How do the capitalists get the money to pay for this modern-day, lumbering dinosaur, this massive state apparatus? Mainly through selling government bonds, and printing money. And in the end, it means putting the screws on the people, you and me.

Where do our tax dollars go?

Look at the defense budget, first. In 1939, we paid for \$1.4 billion in defense spending (15.5% of the Federal Budget). By 1972, it skyrocketed to \$80.7 billion (35.5% of the budget). And now Carter is proposing a crushing \$126 billion defense budget! It's no accident, either, that U.S. imperialism requires such mammoth defense spending: to pay for a spiraling arms race with the other superpower, the Soviet Union, to prepare for world war—for a worldwide fleet of aircraft carriers, jets, and troops to keep control over the U.S. imperialist empire — for a string of two-bit fascist dictatorships in Latin America, Asia, and Africa to protect U.S. investments, etc.

Domestically, our tax dollars are used to service a huge bureaucracy de-

signed to service the needs of capitalism. Federal bureaucrats, with their cushy \$60,000 to \$100,000 a year jobs, are paid to make the wheels of capitalism grind more profits out of workers.

The tax dollars earmarked for hospitals, public transportation, etc. are also used to squeeze profits out of workers. The butcher houses that are called hospitals are designed to keep workers just healthy enough to run on the treadmill and produce profits for the corporations. The prison houses called schools produce semi-literate workers chiefly to slave under the complex machinery of capitalism. And even within the HEW (Health, Education and Welfare) budget, a huge chunk of the money never filters down to the poor at all, but is soaked up by fat-bellied bureaucrats who are paid to harass and scheme to bust up the rising militancy of minorities and workers.

Even the welfare system itself was cooked up by the capitalists to make money. Nelson Rockefeller, as governor of New York, financed the welfare system through bond issues. Welfare makes profits out of the people's misery, barely keeping alive the class of permanently unemployed created by the capitalist economic system, another way for the monopoly capitalists to use the government to squeeze profits out of us.

Capitalism gets you coming and going. Capitalism first lays you off and creates a reserve army of labor. Capitalism then squeezes profits out of you a second time because the hospitals, schools, welfare system, etc. are all run to keep up the profits of the corporations.

And if that's not enough, capitalism wrings the last drop of blood out of us by:

* spending hundreds of millions to keep the repressive machinery of

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Gov. Carey Steps In To Rig Sellout 1199 Workers Demand 10% Raise and No Takebacks

A week before the June 30th contract deadline, 40,000 New York city hospital and nursing home workers—members of District 1199, National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees—were set to strike. The rank and file had already voted by a 6 to 1 margin to send a strike notice to man-

agement and the government, required by law for hospitals. On the day before the strike deadline, Leon Davis, president of the union, agreed to a sellout package.

Wage Control And Subcontracting Were Key Issues

The two major issues are wages and



1199 workers at massive rally during 1976 strike.

subcontracting. The League of Voluntary Hospitals had proposed a wage package of only 5% per year over 3 years (extending the contract from 2 to 3 years) in answer to 1199's demand of a 10% or \$25 increase in the first year and a 10% or comparable cost of living increase in the second year. The real effects of inflation on the cost of living, however, was much greater. The union has computed that 1199 workers have lost 7.8% per year in real wages over the past 3 years.

Subcontracting Means Open Shop

Subcontracting was the major take-back issue. The LVH wants the right to openly bring in outside firms to replace 1199 jobs. This would mean that entire departments, such as labs or medical records, would be eliminated with the work given to outside firms at non-union wages and paying no benefits. This was a union-busting attempt that would have resulted in massive loss of membership and also kill the organized strength of 1199 workers at each hospital. It would literally make each hospital an open shop by bringing in large numbers of non-union workers.

Subcontracting is one example of the attacks the bourgeoisie is implementing against hospital workers through massive cuts in funds. Carter's plan to take effect in New York City. Recently, 7 major medical centers including New York University, Columbia Presbyterian and Mt. Sinai announced a merger of services to cut costs. Another merger in the works is between St. Lukes and Roosevelt Hospitals on the Westside. Subcontracting fits into the bourgeoisie's scheme perfectly. They can use subcontracting to introduce outside health management firms to streamline operations and cut jobs. With or without subcontracting, there will be continued cuts through attrition, layoffs, speed-ups, and job combinations. Besides stopping subcontracting, workers were fighting for clear job classifications. This demand was raised by members of the union's Citywide Negotiating Committee

consisting of representatives of every hospital. But Leon Davis refused to raise it in the contract talks as an issue.

Governor Steps In To Dig Sellout

While saying that they would stand on a 10% increase and no takebacks, they always had intended to trade one for the other. For the LVH, a 10% per year raise would mean that the union will have to give in to certain takebacks such as subcontracting. The sellout agreement has no takebacks but includes a wage increase substantially below the 20% over two years that the union demanded. The 14.5% increase offered actually works out to 11% over two years because of a delay in the first raise and other fine print provisions.

This agreement came after Hugh Carey, governor of New York, stepped in to guarantee increases in the state reimbursement rates for Medicaid, Blue Cross, and Medicare which make up 85% of the hospitals' income. This was a calculated move on Carey's part to persuade the hospitals to back off on the takebacks to diffuse the strike sentiment among the rank and file. A citywide hospital strike would hurt his elections campaign this year.

Davis Bows To Wage Controls

The state government's guarantee to pay for the wage increases is a windfall for the hospital management. Leon Davis, who endorsed Carey in the last gubernatorial election, is clearly sticking with his man again this time around. This, along with the 11% increase over 2 years which is at the wage control ceiling means that Davis intends to cooperate with Carter and the Democratic administration in spite of the increased attacks on the workers, and the trade union. Rank and file ratification will take place on July 14th. The membership should vote no and stick to their demands, "10%, not a dime less!" and "No takebacks!" ■

NEW YORK CITY WORKERS SOLD OUT

CAPITALISTS TIGHTEN GRIP OVER NEW YORK CITY'S FINANCES

Rank and file members of the New York City workers' unions are voting on a contract settlement reached between the City government and the Coalition of Municipal Unions. It's a sellout. It doesn't deal with the vital issues of ending the job freeze and attrition policy which will eliminate 20,000 jobs. The wage increase which is supposed to be 8% over two years will actually be a little over 6% because the first raise will not start until October 1978, six months into the new contract.

Threat of New "givebacks" Helps Gotbaum Cover Up Sellout

The president of District Council 37 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Victor Gotbaum used the new "giveback" threats from the City government to cover up his sellout—not fighting what the City along with the Emergency Financial Control Board (EFCB) has already taken back from the 1976 contract. The biggest takebacks were the wage freeze two years ago and the attrition policy that has left the

workers way behind in buying power and has led to understaffing and speed-ups. But instead of fighting to make up for these losses, Gotbaum claimed that this latest contract is a victory because there are no "givebacks" in it.

Pressure from the rank and file, however, did force Mayor Koch to drop his list of more "giveback" demands. While the workers are clear that this contract offers nothing more than chump change, the disorganizing and doubledealing tactics of the union bureaucrats make it very unlikely that the workers will strike for a better offer. A strike of the City workers will have to be organized enough to sustain the penalties and attacks of the Taylor Law which bans the right to strike by City workers. The absence of strong rank and file organization means that there is no guarantee that the union will back such a strike.

If ratified by the rank and file, this contract means the power of the EFCB to impose a wage freeze, the continuation of the attrition policy, and more sales of City bonds to the

union pension funds.

Senate Bill Tightens Supervision Over City Financing

On June 8th the House of Representatives voted to give New York City \$2 billion dollars in loan guarantees over 15 years. The Koch administration then turned to lobbying in the Senate which recently passed its own version. These actions by the Congress, who first refused to give aid unless it approved the municipal contract, is an attempt to sugarcoat the whole rotten deal. Even Proxmire, the main Democrat from Wisconsin, and the loudest opposition to Federal aid has changed his tune. In fact, he helped to pilot the bill through on the Senate floor.

The bill which the Senate finally passed would give New York City \$1.5 billion in long-term guarantees starting with \$500 million in 1979, another \$500 million in 1980, \$250 million in 1981 and the final \$250 million when the City balances its budget. Different from the House version, the Senate plan would make the

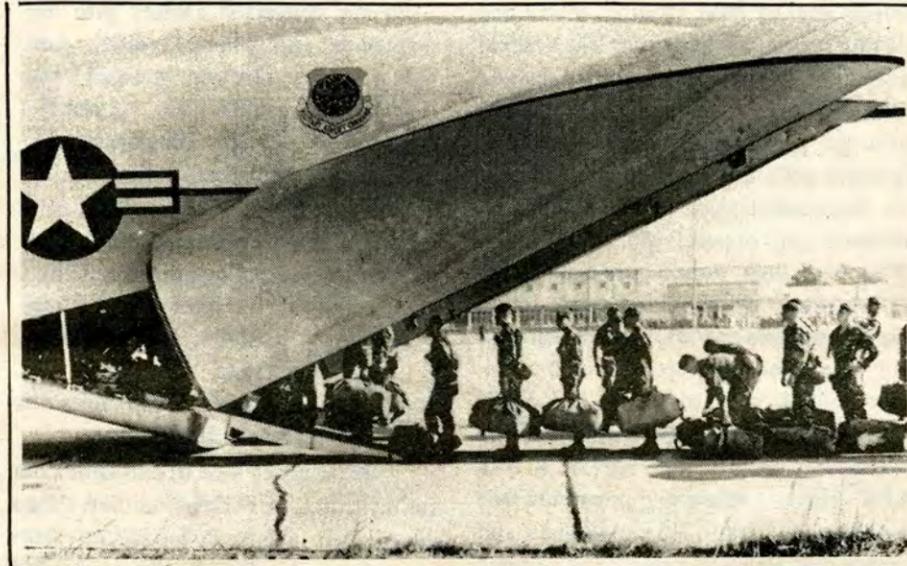
Federal guarantees cover only City bonds sold to the New York pension funds and not bonds sold to banks. More important, the Senate version tightens federal supervision of New York City finances by giving both houses of Congress the right to veto federal aid in 1980 and 1981 if the City doesn't have its financial house in shape. Congress will have two more opportunities to pressure the City administration if the mayor doesn't do enough to make City employees pay for the crisis.

The Federal government backing only the City bonds sold to New York's pension funds is used as a pretext for the union leaders to buy more City bonds. The day after the Senate approved the bill, three of New York's five major pension funds bought over a total of \$560 million in city bonds.

By agreeing to the investment, the sell-out union leadership wrap workers tighter in a no-win situation in which they must jeopardize their pension funds in order to get higher wages. ■

US/IMF Reap Fruit of Soviet/Cuban Instigated Invasion

Zaire: Revisionists Cover Up Both Superpowers' Aggression



Left: Cuban mercenaries in Angola Right: Belgian troops boarding U.S. military transport, preparing to violate Zaire's sovereignty

Castro claimed that he tried to stop the recent invasion of Zaire by Katangan forces based in Angola. What put him in position to even try to do that? Simply because he, along with the Soviet Union, has systematically armed and trained these same Katangan forces to carry out this very kind of violation of Zaire's sovereignty. Carter on the other hand says he has proof that the Cubans and Soviets instigated the latest invasion. No doubt he has. But Carter refused to make this proof public, limiting it to certain members of Congress. If he were to reveal it publicly, it would show that the CIA has violated Zaire's and other African countries' sovereignty, the same as the Soviets. Like thieves stumbling over each other in the same house at midnight, they can't call out "thief!" too loudly without exposing both of them.

U.S., Through the International Monetary Fund, Tightens Grip on Zaire

After French and Belgian troops under the cover of an "international rescue mission" were sent in through the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. transported Moroccan and Senegalese forces under the guise of "protecting Africa for Africans."

To further protect its interests from the Soviets, and tighten its grip over Zaire, the U.S. is taking direct control over the country, short of appointing its president. In exchange for \$250 million in loans, the U.S.-controlled International Monetary Fund forced Zaire's President Mobutu to give up control over Zaire's central bank, finance ministry, and will regulate taxes, customs, the budget and exchange controls. Belgian officials already run the country's rail and river transport systems and the state-owned copper mines. As a further condition, the U.S. and European countries demanded "anti-corruption" and "human rights" reforms aimed at furthering direct control over Zaire through shoring up Mobutu's rule. And in response, Mobutu acknowledged it and protested faintly, "I do not interfere in the cases of prisoners in Sing Sing...Why do you accept they can interfere in my internal affairs?"

By taking more direct control of the state apparatus in Zaire, the U.S. has temporarily assured itself control over that country against the Soviet Union. And C-141's in Zaire was a way to test the waters of U.S. public opinion in invading militarily third world countries to meet the challenge of the Soviet Union and Cubans with direct military force. However, using second and third world troops to fight in the interest of U.S. imperialism is still the scheme at present.

This is finding endorsement in the worst places.

CP(ML)/IWK/ATM Clique 'Oppose' Soviet Aggression by Praising Imperialists as Liberators

Right here at home we have the clique of the Communist Party (ML) (CPML), the I Wor Kuen (IWK), and August Twenty-ninth Movement (ATM) endorsing the violation of Zaire's

sovereignty by exposing *only* Soviet social-imperialism in the concrete, point by point, while covering up and openly praising the crimes of the U.S.

Running a fake 'left' line on the role of the U.S. in Africa, they liquidate the dangerous role of the U.S. altogether. The CP(ML) says: "U.S. kicked out,"—then no more, providing a cover for U.S. attacks and neo-colonialism.

In the June 5th edition of *The Call*, they wrote, "All over the world, people are drawing the appropriate conclusions from the experiences in Zaire. They are seeing through the 'socialist' mask of the Soviet Union and coming to understand that it is in fact nothing but a force for aggression, expansion and domination." But on the role of the U.S., in the same issue, they only echo what our own bourgeoisie, like Vance and Carter, have been saying all along to cover their imperialist interests in Zaire and the rest of Africa—the general call

of "Africa for Africans" and the "Soviet Union out of Africa."

The IWK, waving the flag of U.S. imperialism, viewed the French, Belgium, and Moroccan troops flown in by the U.S. as liberators of Zaire. In their own words:

France and Belgium moved to evacuate their 2500 foreign nationals residing in the Shaba region. Both countries sent military aid and dispatched troops to Zaire. *In accomplishing their evacuation mission, they helped the Zairian army secure the Kolwezi airport and engaged in skirmishes with the mercenaries.* (emphasis ours) (*Getting Together*, June 19, 1978, p. 15)

Not once does the IWK mention the U.S. imperialist role in organizing and carrying out the attack on Zaire.

Besides letting the U.S. superpower off the hook and praising the invading

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ALSC Commemorates Soweto Uprising Nationwide

Commemorations of the second anniversary of the great Soweto uprising have been held by the African Liberation Support Committee and the National Coalition to Support African Liberation across the nation. In Washington there was a demonstration at the White House. In Oakland, the target was the Bank of America, well known as one of the largest investors in apartheid rule in South Africa. During the demonstration, passbooks and BankAmericards were burned. Many people joined the demonstration spontaneously, and people were so interested that the organizers ran out of leaflets and had to go out and make more.

At a program that night in Oakland, Selby Semela, of the Black Consciousness Movement told of the history of the great rebellion in Azania and the current situation. Many of the brothers and sisters of the BCM are in exile in Botswana preparing to return and

continue the struggle. There is, he said, a great need for material support to aid the liberation struggle.

The ALSC speaker summed up the rich history of support work to aid the liberation movements in Africa since 1972, and stressed the need to deepen the campaign to cut diplomatic ties with South Africa, the cutting edge of the movement to support the people's struggle in southern Africa. The upcoming ALSC conference, August 19-20 and the White House demonstration were announced.

The Soweto uprising began as a movement of students against the forced imposition of the Afrikan language, which is the official language of the South African government. There was more than a month of sporadic strikes and boycotts before the students called for a demonstration on June 16. 45,000 participated, with fists clenched in black power salutes, and signs that were primarily

directed against the apartheid system itself.

Without warning and without cause the fascist South African police fired on the students, killing 300. The students retaliated by burning government buildings, the West Rand Bantu Administration Board, and the buses that are used to carry their parents into the mines where they are paid pennies to dig millions in gold every day. The uprising spread throughout the entire country like wild fire. Progressive people world wide held demonstrations to support the uprising.

In 1977 Azanian workers held a general strike, to commemorate the first anniversary of the rebellion which was supported by a strike of the students.

June 16 will live in the hearts and minds of revolutionary minded people all over the world, and for the Vorster clique is a permanent reminder that the days of criminal rule are indeed numbered. ■

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European forces, the CP(ML)/IWK/ATM clique is butchering the three worlds line of Mao Tsetung. Mao's line on the three worlds views the second world (e.g. European and Japanese imperialism) as more complex. For although the second world has contradictions with the superpowers' striving for hegemony, they still have colonial interests and oppress the third world. (Whenever their policy goes against the superpowers, we should support them, like the policies of the Common Market.) But whenever the second world countries collude with either of the superpowers against the third world, we have to oppose them. The CP(ML)/IWK/ATM clique, however, promotes the collusion of the U.S. imperialists and France and Belgium *against* the genuine independence of Zaire, as a third world country (as well as provide the imperialists with a Marxist cover). This is a straight attack on Mao's line of three worlds from the right.

The CP(ML)/IWK/ATM clique should answer the U.S. people: is the U.S., through the IMF, using Zaire's misfortune to tighten its stranglehold over the country and violate its sovereignty *or* is the U.S. genuinely aiding Zaire, to defend its state sovereignty and independence? In running this line, the CP(ML), IWK, and ATM are deceiving the masses as to the nature of their own bourgeoisie against the imperialist rival, the Soviet Union. It is a social imperialist line which objectively aids U.S. Imperialists in Africa by making them look good at home.

Lenin had something to say about these so-called "Marxists" who aid imperialism by refusing to expose the imperialist designs of their own bourgeoisie, when he analyzed the 2nd International line of Kautsky on the plunder of Turkey by Russia and Germany:

In a matter that affects Russia, i.e., the imperialist rival of Germany, Kautsky advanced not abstract, not "general," but a very concrete, precise and definite demand: Constantinople must not be given to Russia. By that he exposes the real imperialist designs of Russia. In a matter that affects Germany, however, i.e., the country in which the majority of the party which regards Kautsky as its member is helping the bourgeoisie and the government to conduct an imperialist war, Kautsky does *not* expose the *concrete*, imperialist designs of *his own* government, but confines himself to a "general" *desideratum* or postulate: Turkey must not be made a vassal state to anyone!!

...This helps *their* respective imperialist governments by concentrating attention principally on the insidiousness of their rival and enemy, while throwing a veil of vague, general phrases and sentimental wishes around the *equally* imperialist conduct of "their own" bourgeoisie. "Turkey must not be made a vassal state to anyone..." If we say no more than that, I create

the impression that I stand for the complete freedom of Turkey. As a matter of fact, I am only repeating a phrase that is usually uttered by German diplomats who are *deliberately* lying and deceiving, who employ this phrase in order to conceal the *fact* that Germany has *already* converted Turkey into her financial and military vassal! And if I am a German socialist, my "general" phrases are extremely *useful* to German diplomacy, for their real significance lies in that they put German imperialism in a good light. (Lenin, "Bourgeois Pacifism and Socialist Pacifism," in *Lenin on War and Peace, Three Articles*, pp. 80-81, Foreign Language Press, Peking).

The CPUSA/Guardian Scabs Cover For Soviet Social Imperialism

On the other side of the same coin, the revisionist CPUSA/Guardian clique, along with assorted Trotskyite sects, jumped to the Soviet new tsars' aid. They ignore the history of Soviet splitting of the liberation movement in Angola, the use of Cuban mercenaries in the invasion of Zaire last year, the massive arming and use of Soviet troops and Cuban mercenaries in Ethiopia against the Ethiopian liberation forces and the Eritrean liberation movement.

While venting their anger at the US military's invader role in Zaire, the CPUSA/Guardian scramble to prop up the new tsars and Castro. Echoing the lies of the Cuban mercenaries and their Soviet rulers, these scabs call it "an undoubted fact that Cuba did its best to discourage exiles who had been driven out of Shaba (Katanga) province by Mobutu's oppressive rule and who had decided to return." (*Daily World*).

Covering up the aggression of the Soviet social-imperialists, like the Guardian did on Angola and Zaire, in fact helps whip up chauvinism against third world countries by blaming other liberation forces or local rulers and not the two largest imperialists as the main enemies. By claiming it's the Cuban

mercenaries, armed, paid and trained by the Soviet social-imperialists, that liberated Angola, their view is that the two superpowers make history and not the masses themselves.

Legal Marxists like the Guardian Lean Toward Whatever Seems Powerful to Them

The ideological, as well as the petty bourgeois class basis of the Guardian's political line kisses the feet of everything that seems powerful. These scabs are devoid of real understanding and confidence in the working class and the oppressed nationalities and the power of the science of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought to guide and develop the struggle for workers' rule—the dictatorship of the proletariat—in this country. Stemming from that they can only lean whichever way seems powerful, and their understanding that socialism equals planned economy—and that's all. For that reason, they cannot understand the class nature of the Soviet Union nor would they dare go against the Soviet new bourgeoisie. (It's no coincidence that they don't see the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union because of their academic understanding of 'socialism'). But it's clear from their anti-China stand that they are not guided by principles but by power politics from their petty bourgeois perspective.

And this explains the Guardian's stand. It's like the capitulationists and the German spies in the World War II period. They told the US people not to oppose the German imperialists' invasion of the colonies and other countries since, according to their logic, to oppose another imperialist country is to help your own bourgeoisie. This warped view stemmed from their belief of the omnipotence of the German Empire. That's how the Guardian and other revisionists view the Soviet Union today.

Revisionists Cover U.S.' Tactic of Diverting Soviet Social Imperialism Towards China

As readily as the Guardian was rejected by the communist movement,

they swung back to the Soviet revisionists, which in turn tainted all their positions on the world. And their view on Zaire is not only chauvinist, liquidating the proletariat's internationalist duty to defend third world countries' sovereignty (regardless of their internal economic and political structure), it is also outright anti-communist. In not exposing the intent of the US appeasement policy—to divert Soviet social-imperialism towards Socialist China—they claim US policy is one to aid China. The US and European capitulationists in the period of World War II tried to divert the German imperialists against the "Bolsheviks in the East" through their appeasement policy. And they claimed that the appeasement policy was for "peace". Today those forces claim 'detente' is for peace, while it actually is aimed at diverting the Soviet peril towards socialist China.

Revisionists Are Agents in the Mass Movement to Cover Up Real Arms Race and Preparation For World War

Moreover, those that uphold 'detente' and the progressive role of Soviet/Cuban mercenaries in Africa are willingly or unwillingly misleading and blindfolding the U.S. people and actually heighten the danger of a new world war.

The actions of both superpowers in Zaire show the stand of the U.S. people must be clear. Whenever and wherever the US ruling class violates the sovereignty of another country, under whatever cover, we must show our support of the genuine liberation struggles against this imperialist power through an avalanche of resistance here, like the African Liberation Day '78, as well as exposing the aggression of the other superpower. At the same time, we must ruthlessly expose opportunists like the CPML/IWK/ATM clique and open revisionist scabs like the CPUSA/Guardian who try to mask the treachery of either the US or the Soviet Union. ■

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SOVIET UNION TAKING MANTLE OF U.S.' BANKRUPT CHINA CONTAINMENT POLICY

150,000 Chinese and Chinese-Vietnamese have fled Vietnam for China. Carrying little more than the clothes on their back, enduring harassment, taunts, and intimidation, over 10% of the entire Chinese population of 1.2 million in Vietnam have crossed the border into China. A small minority of the Chinese are merchants who stood to lose out in the nationalization program. But the vast majority, even the Vietnam government now admits, are workers. Many fought side-by-side with the Vietnamese in the patriotic war against the Japanese, French and the U.S. imperialists over the decades.

Most of the Chinese in Vietnam are Chinese-Vietnamese, who migrated from China in the last 2,000 years, and especially in the last 200 years. Many are overseas Chinese. In 1961, China and Vietnam signed an agreement guaranteeing the rights of overseas Chinese, a fraternal way of dealing with problems. Yet this agreement is being trampled on as animosities and national antagonisms are running wild in Vietnam.

Though China-Vietnam relations have deteriorated in the last month, historically the two countries have been close. Under Chairman Mao and Ho Chi Minh, the two countries forged a bond which napalm, B-52's, chemical warfare, and U.S. atrocities could not break. During the height of U.S. aggression, the Chinese Communist Party, under Mao's

leadership, maintained that, if Vietnam requested it, China would send in regular troops to help kick U.S. imperialism out of Vietnam. China is a poor country. Resources and materials are precious. But the Chinese people sent over a staggering \$18 billion in weapons, food, and supplies to aid the heroic Vietnamese war of national salvation. This was a tremendous sacrifice for the Chinese people, a sacrifice that complements the patriotism and proletarian internationalism of the Vietnamese people in shouldering the responsibility of stopping U.S. imperialist aggression in Asia.

But if the bond between the Chinese and Vietnamese people is an inspiration to the peoples of the world, then what is behind the latest mass migration of Chinese from Vietnam? What helped to break the bond which withstood the wildest military might of its time?

The answer is three words: *Soviet social-imperialism*.

Like the cunning British imperialism who pitted countries and peoples against each other, the Soviet Union has done everything in its power to corrode the Vietnamese revolution from within and turn the Vietnamese people against the Chinese people. Outright aggression, slander, blackmail, etc. — nothing is too low for the Soviet social-imperialists in their attempt to isolate China, militarily and politically, in South-East Asia. The Soviet Union has used everything to

turn the Vietnamese government against the Chinese in Vietnam, calling them "a Chinese 5th column" who want to "export revolution," and helping to set up the current anti-China hysteria. Flooding countries in the entire South-East

Asia with slanderous pamphlet campaigns, whispering in the ears of government officials, offering lucrative industrial agreements, the Soviet Union's mouth waters for long-coveted Vietnam

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Plans Laid For ALSC Conference

The African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC) is planning a national conference to be held in Enfield, North Carolina on the weekend of Aug. 19-20. The theme of the conference will be Preparation for Black Liberation, the Right of Self-Determination in the Black Belt South, and Victory to the People's Struggle in southern Africa.

Its purpose will be to consolidate the significant headway made in supporting the liberation movements in southern Africa in the last year, particularly the victory of African Liberation Day on both coasts. Lively discussion and debate on several burning questions will be held. The discussion will focus on superpower contention in Africa, emphasizing the recent violation of Zaire's sovereignty by both superpowers. There will also be discussion of how to give correct leadership to the Afro-American

national movement. There will be a major panel discussion, featuring presentations by Worker's Viewpoint Organization and ALSC. Invitations have been extended to the All African People's Revolutionary Party (AAPRP) and the African People's Party (APP) to sharpen the question of the direction for the Black Liberation Movement. Concrete plan to continue the struggle to cut the diplomatic tie between the U.S. and South African government will be discussed.

Everyone who is interested in the program and activities of the ALSC are invited to attend. Contact the ALSC chapter in your area or write the ALSC national office for details.

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The bourgeoisie always appeals to fine-sounding phrases, be they "equality" or "democracy" to cover up what's real. And the Supreme Court used that favorite trick of bourgeois apologists—formal equality, equality before and abstract principle.

That is why they would totally and hypocritically twist the meaning of the 14th Amendment which was supposed to protect minorities from discrimination and guarantee the rights of emancipated slaves after the Civil War. They totally distort the meaning of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which was also to protect the rights of minorities, a law passed only in response to the revolutionary struggle and demand for genuine equality.

While the Supreme Court says "everyone is equal" to deny the existence of inequality and national oppression, it attempts to cover itself by stating "race can be one factor" in determining admissions. According to Justice Powell, speaking for the 5-4 Court majority, "rigid racial classifications"—that is, quotas like UC Davis are illegal, but "flexible" admissions programs where "race is one factor" among many are legitimate.

But the court poses as defender of "flexible" affirmative action in order to really undermine it. Because left up to

the administrators and employers of universities, government and corporations—the ones responsible for discrimination past and present—"flexible" affirmative action is a license under which to take back any real gains made by affirmative action.

Without any concrete and definite ways to admit minorities—left up to the individual choice and interpretations of admissions officers—the real quotas will be what they have always been, quotas guaranteeing admissions to the sons and daughters of the bourgeoisie.

Bakke Signals Full-Scale Attack On Affirmative Action

The Bakke decision is a historic reversal, a huge setback for the rights of minorities and women on the legal front. Its impact will be felt directly and indirectly on minorities and women not only in education, but also jobs, and federally funded programs like bilingual education and manpower.

The bourgeoisie has now given the green light to 2,000 similar "reverse discrimination" cases, beginning to take back all the gains fought for in the last decades. Threatened are laws requiring federal government contractors to hire minorities and women based on the percent of minorities living in the site area. Also, ten per cent of construction contracts made under the Public Works Employment Act of 1977 are supposed to

go to minority contractors. With the Bakke decision, blacks, Latins and other minorities who have gotten jobs through years of struggle may be laid off.

In one case, *Weber vs. Kaiser Aluminum*, Kaiser was forced to set up an affirmative action program in 1974, setting a goal of 30% minority employment in craft jobs. This goal was to be achieved by placing one woman or minority member for every white male in a training position as they became available. At that time less than 2% of the craft jobs were held by minority members which make up over 40% of the population. Brian Weber, a white worker, has filed suit charging reverse discrimination because a black worker with less seniority was given a training slot over him. Those minority workers who got in through the affirmative action program could lose their jobs as well as any seniority accumulated during that time. It would be even harder for new minority workers to get in now.

The Bakke decision also makes it harder for minorities to get into college, especially with competition for law and medical school so fierce.

Supreme Court Serves the Bourgeoisie

The Supreme Court is part of the bourgeois state machine. Tailing after the policies of the bourgeoisie, the court gives legal justification for them. Because the Court is removed from the masses, it can also spearhead attacks on

the working class and oppressed minorities and take "unpopular positions."

The bloody history of the Supreme Court is filled with examples of how it carries out its task. In 1857, for example, a slave named Dred Scott filed suit for his liberty. But the court, upholding the murderous slave system, ruled that blacks "have no rights which any white man is bound to respect."

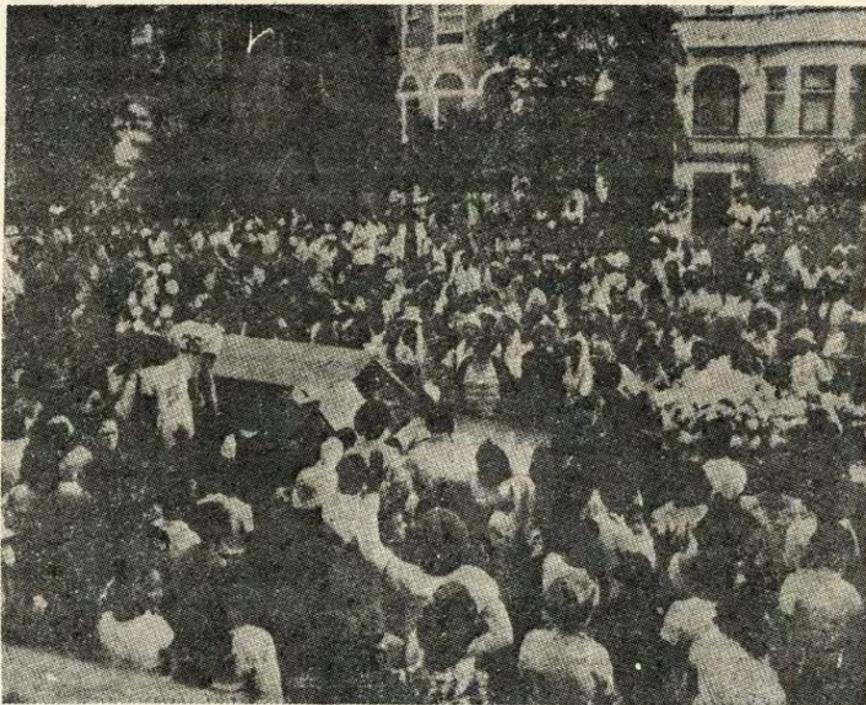
The judges who sit on the Court are some of the most trusted servants of the bourgeoisie. To make them look independent, judges are appointed for life by the President and have to get rid of any investments that could influence their decisions. But actually they have no responsibility to the masses and they are not affected by elections like the Congress or local officials.

And the judges get their jobs only after being tested over a long period of time by the ruling class. The present Chief Justice, Warren Burger, is a good example. Back in 1956 he helped swing Minnesota and the Republican Convention over to Eisenhower who later became President. Eisenhower repaid him by appointing him Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Division of the Justice Department where he was the government's chief prosecutor in all civil suits. Later in 1956 Burger was promoted to the Appellate Court for the District of Columbia Circuit. This is one of the most important circuits be-

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COPS CHOKE ARTHUR MILLER TO DEATH

Murder of Community Leader Sparks Raging Protest



Thousands of black Crown Heights, New York City, residents came to show their anger at the brutal murder of Arthur Miller

BROOKLYN, N.Y.

On June 14th, scores of New York City police swarmed on and choked to death Arthur Miller, a 35 year old black businessman and Crown Heights (Brooklyn) community leader. The beating began when Miller protested as police arrested his brother for allegedly driving with a suspended license. Arthur Miller was well known and worked closely with city officials, and he was on a first name basis with local police. Hundreds of community people screamed for the police to stop beating Miller, but the police trained their guns on the crowd and yelled, "You niggers stay back!"

Two days later, Victor Rhodes, a 16 year old black youth, was walking home in Crown Heights when 50 organized vigilantes of Lubovitcher Jews (a reactionary-led religious sect) beat him nearly to death. Today, he's still in a coma.

On June 22nd, a Crown Heights

traffic cop attacked a black liquor store owner, Charles King, over a parking violation. King suffered a broken knee and a head concussion.

Right after Miller's murder, soap-written slogans like "Organize against the cold-blooded murder of Arthur Miller" dominated the windows on the shops lining Crown Heights. Hundreds of large poster pictures of Arthur Miller stared you in the face up and down busy Nostrand Ave. Public School 289 overflowed as mass meetings were called there in response to Miller's murder. Rev. Daughtry, a community leader, voiced the demands: suspend all 15 cops identified in Miller's murder; 1st degree murder indictments for cops who beat him, stop swarming (flooding cops to the scene of an incident). Many demanded that the entire 77th Precinct be shut down. From there, the community moved to set up community patrols for self-defense against the racist attacks of

the fascist Lubovitcher patrol. Because Arthur Miller was a black businessman with a lot of ties in the community and the media, and because it also showed how national oppression affected not only the poor but also the petty bourgeoisie, the unity of the workers, the poor, and petty bourgeoisie was the reason why the public response was so strong.

The government has stonewalled the issue from the local to the state level. The police have denied any wrongdoing in the Miller case. Following Miller's murder, they told Mrs. Miller that her husband "died of a heart attack while in police custody." Mayor Koch claimed "there will be no whitewash," yet he refused to suspend any of the police involved in the murder. He even asked the semi-fascist Lubovitcher Crown Heights patrol to join the auxiliary police! Governor Carey flatly refused to authorize a state investigation of the Miller issue.

The Miller murder comes during an economic crisis causing intensified hardship for workers and the poor. With long unemployment lines, huge cutbacks in services and political attacks like the Bakke Decision, the Afro-American people are increasingly losing confidence in the Democratic Party. The outright murder of an Afro-American community and business leader at this time has special significance. It has sparked off a broad wave of protest in the black community. Every year since 1974, there have been mass protests against police murders in Brooklyn. But this year, not only workers and youth, but black businessmen and the media have joined in the protest. This year, the direction of the struggle is not only against the police, but increasingly aimed at various levels of government. The Miller murder has further exposed the U.S. government and its sham human rights policy world-wide. The Organization of African Unity issued a

statement condemning Miller's murder, linking it to Jimmy Carter's sham human rights policy in Africa.

Rising on the tide of mass indignation with the Democratic Party, a new generation of Afro-American leaders with diverse political views are organizing a political movement independent of the Democratic Party. Rev. Daughtry has been most visibly active in organizing an independent political movement in Brooklyn. Daughtry has played a progressive role in fighting against police brutality and unemployment. However, he is channeling the mass indignation against the Democrats back onto the empty path of electoral politics. He claims that if there are blacks instead of whites in political office, it would solve police brutality and other problems blacks are facing. This is not a new argument.

The problem facing black people in the U.S. is not simply a black/white question. Los Angeles, Newark, Detroit, Atlanta, and Gary all have black mayors and elected officials, but the conditions of black people have not changed, but in fact is getting worse like in other cities.

Among the whites, it is only the small reactionary ruling circles, the Rockefellers, DuPonts, etc., that exploit black people and are the enemy. These capitalists monopolize the entire economy and direct the government to protect and further their profits. The monopoly capitalists cannot represent the masses of white workers and the poor, who are also oppressed and exploited by the capitalists.

While we do not oppose electoral politics for the purposes of propaganda and exposure, and as a tactic to aid the task of organizing the masses, clearly electing black candidates to office will not solve national oppression under capitalism. Only the violent overthrow of the monopoly capitalist class and the creation of a socialist society governed by the working class and oppressed people can eliminate national oppression.

There will be many more Arthur Millers. While we unite with forces like Rev. Daughtry to fight police brutality, unemployment, etc. we must in the course of organizing around these issues propagate socialism, win over the advanced, build up our Party, which is the only Party capable of leading the masses through thick and thin to a bright socialist society. ■

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cause it not only deals with local affairs of Washington, D.C., but also has jurisdiction over many federal agencies and departments located in the city. Burger became the government's hatchet man, doing the dirty work for thirteen years on this job and gained a stinking "law and order" name. So when Nixon went looking for a new Chief Justice to replace Earl Warren to help deal with the rising mass movements, Burger was chosen for promotion again.

The "Substantial Interest" of the Bourgeois State

Justice Powell in speaking for the Court against the Davis medical school's affirmative action program said: "The state certainly has a legitimate and sub-

stantial interest in ameliorating, or eliminating where feasible, the disabling effects of identified discrimination."

When has the bourgeois state had such a "substantial interest"?

The Supreme Court's *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision calling for desegregation of schools is one such case. After World War II, the U.S. was top-dog imperialist in the world and trying to consolidate its grip on many European colonies in Southeast Asia and the rest of the third world. The U.S. bourgeoisie had to cover up how it deals with non-white minorities back home to fool people abroad as pressure from the national liberation forces grew in the third world. This was the "substantial interest" that *Brown vs. Board of Education* helped serve. Secondly, it was a concession to the rising Black Liberation and Civil Rights movements. As these

mass movements gained momentum through the 1950's and 1960's, the bourgeoisie gave more reforms to cool down the masses. The liberal Warren Court (when Earl Warren was Chief Justice, 1954-1969) shows the bourgeoisie's tactics and policies in that period.

In the present period of deteriorating economic crisis, the bourgeoisie is less and less willing to give reforms. It is cutting back and faced with the spectre of the unity of the multinational working class, has to resort more to tricks. The more recently appointed Supreme Court justices who voted for Bakke shows this new period.

The Bakke decision in which the Supreme Court uses the Civil Rights Act to give legal justification for stepping up attacks on oppressed minorities and women is another dirty trick. Other tricks handed down by the Supreme

Court recently were on forced busing (see our article in the June, 1977 issue, page 6) and on pregnancy benefits (see our article in the January, 1977 issue, page 9). The court has shown its true colors more openly recently when it allowed the Nazis to march in Skokie, Illinois.

Bourgeoisie Tries to Confuse and Diffuse the National Movements

The bourgeoisie is afraid to come out directly and openly against affirmative action at this time because it would help rally and set free the potential power of the movement of oppressed nationalities and the working class and also because it wants to continue to push its fake "human rights" campaign through its chief representative Jimmy Carter. That is why the Supreme Court is saying that "race can be a factor

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NAZI'S PROVOKE ANGER OF U.S. PEOPLE AGAINST FASCISM AIM FIRE AT THE MAIN DANGER OF FASCISM-THE US BOURGEOISIE

On June 20 a Chicago judge ruled that the Nazis could march in Marquette Park, a white workers' community, without posting an insurance bond. The next day Collin, the Nazis' leader called off the Skokie march saying it was now "unnecessary."

The courts, by giving the Nazis Marquette Park in exchange for Skokie gave the Nazis free rein to push fascist ideas. Marquette Park, which borders the black community, is an area in which the bourgeoisie has consistently pushed redlining and the forced busing plan designed to split white and black workers and provide fertile ground for the Nazis to organize.

Earlier, the Supreme Court had confirmed their right to march in Skokie, a predominantly Jewish suburb of Chicago where nearly one out of every three people is a survivor of Nazi death camps. The fascist scum who yelp "Death to Jews!" and "White People's Power!" have stirred the burning anger of the Jewish and other people in the Chicago area. 3,000 rallied to oppose the Nazis who under the protection of 800 Chicago cops, appeared at the

Federal Building in Chicago on June 24.

Bourgeoisie Plays Up the Nazis to Shore Up Bourgeois Democracy

Throughout the last 4 months of court battles, the bourgeoisie has promoted the Nazis with the monopoly capitalist courts consistently ruling that the Nazis must have "freedom of speech." They used the same First Amendment justification for racists Jensen and Shockley to spread their poison of "genetic inferiority" of non-white races.

What sort of "freedom of speech" is it when the bourgeoisie turns a deaf ear to the innocent voices of the Wilmington Ten? What use is this kind of "freedom of speech" where millions of workers are unemployed, youths plead for jobs but are barred and the basic right to live, food and shelter are being denied! This is the capitalists' abstract, empty "freedom of speech" all right. What kind of equality is it when the Supreme Court would say in the Bakke case that equal rights means Afro-Americans, Latins and Asians as well as poor whites have no equal chances?

"Freedom of speech" doesn't mean that the voice of the rich and the voice of the workers and poor are equally heard. There was a virtual total news blackout on the May 20th "Cut the diplomatic ties with South Africa" demonstration where 15,000 workers, the poor and students shouted their voices hoarse on both coasts. There was another virtual total news blackout on April 15 when 15,000 people demanded "Beat Back Bakke" in Washington, D.C.

The Nazis, however, have gotten plenty of play on the mass media. "Human rights" Carter jumped to "deplore" the Nazis. Chicago's Mayor Bilandic scrambled to denounce the Nazis to "reaffirm the justice that America stands for." And even the chauvinist Trotskyites of all descriptions took it up as the news of the Skokie march was splashed all over the newspapers. Why is that? Because first of all the U.S. people have a strong anti-fascist tradition coming out of World War II. And also, the Zionists have used this issue to the maximum to sneak in their fascist line.

FASCISM COMES IN NATIONALLY SPECIFIC FORMS

The world-renowned anti-fascist fighter, G. Dimitrov once pointed out a significant law—that fascism comes in different countries through different forms. Those nationally specific types of fascism are the forms that the people in that country are least aware of. In this country Nazis are anathema, instinctively hated by the U.S. people. In fact, it's the populist types like the Boston ROAR (Return Our Alienated Rights), and the Jarvis-Gann types who appeal to white workers, but also dangerously appeal to racism and national chauvinism who will help to usher in fascism.

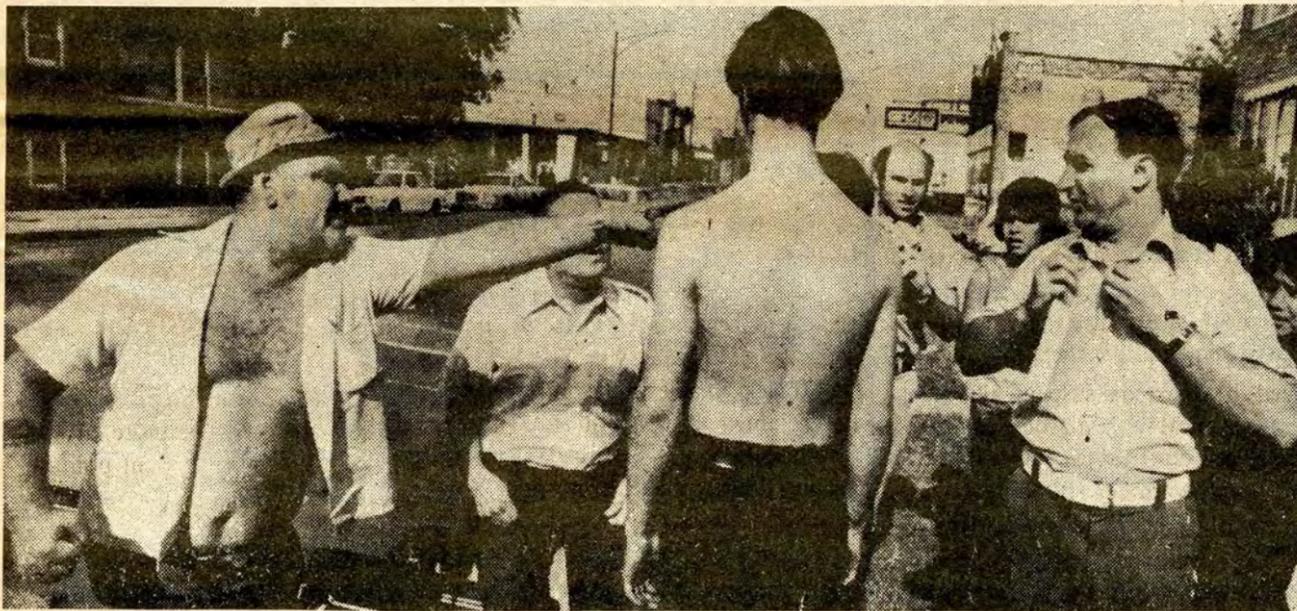
Nazis are the scum of the earth, hated by the people. Today they try to appeal to chauvinism and develop a movement. But its chances of spreading are smaller than ROAR, the Young Americans for Freedom and even the more dangerous Jarvis-Gann Proposition 13 types.

The main enemy in this country is the U.S. monopoly capitalists, whether they wear the Rockefeller or Kennedy type masks. Part of our main enemy are the bourgeoisie's royal servants in the Supreme Court. They are the ones who pass the Bakke Decisions and under the cover of "equal rights" and "freedom of speech," promote the spread of pornography and the Nazis. The Nazis today are caricatures of yesterday's fascists. Most of them are sick exhibitionists, posing not nearly as much a threat of spreading as the American form of fascism such as ROAR.

Next to the building up of the American Nazis, probably the fascist group that got built the most was the "anti-Nazi" Jewish Defense League (JDL). Riding on the gut-level feeling of the people against fascism, the JDL spread and organized for their Zionism in the biggest way they were able to do in quite a few years.

AIM FIRE AT THE MAIN ENEMY: THE U.S. BOURGEOISIE

In fighting and beating the cause of the Nazis we must never lose sight of the main enemy, the system of U.S. bourgeois democracy, which is the form and tactics that the U.S. monopoly capitalists use to rule. We should never forget their tactics in using the Constitution to fool and keep the workers and the poor down. For example, already a bill has been proposed in the Illinois State Assembly to outlaw demonstrations by groups preaching "hate and violence". Recently, Frank Walus, a Nazi war criminal living in Chicago had his citizenship revoked under the cover of anti-fascism. The bourgeoisie is establishing these laws preparing to use them against the communists, militant workers and oppressed nationalities and to deport foreign-born communists and advanced workers. This shows how the rise of fascism in the U.S. comes ■



Nazis provoke anger of the U.S. masses against fascism. Militant sanitation worker attacks Nazi Collin at his headquarters.

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among other factors" used for admissions criteria. By phrasing the decision this way, it allows so-called leaders in the national movements room to cover up for the bourgeoisie and confuse the oppressed minorities.

Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP called the Bakke decision "a clear cut victory for affirmative action" not only in education but also in other areas. Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said that the ruling would permit schools to "continue to be aggressive in their recruitment and admissions of minorities."

But the bourgeoisie knows that these stooges can't fool the people for long with this garbage. By coming out against quotas and for "race as one factor among others", the Court leaves it

up to each individual school to carry out or not carry out genuine affirmative action as it chooses. Not only is this a guarantee that gains will be cut out, this tactic diffuses the focus of the struggle for affirmative action into separate local struggles. It takes away a rallying point for the oppressed minorities and the anti-Bakke forces to unite around and form a powerful political movement.

Bourgeoisie Always Tries to Split the Working Class

With inflation and unemployment gone wild, the multinational working class and oppressed minorities along with the petty bourgeoisie are being squeezed dry. They are getting uptight and pushing out without clear direction like the Proposition 13 movement. So at this time competition for what's left will get fierce. The bourgeoisie is trying to egg on more infighting between minorities and whites, men and women.

The Supreme Court, by legalizing the lie of "reverse discrimination" in the Bakke decision is telling white workers and poor whites they are being squeezed out. They are telling oppressed minorities that whites like Bakke are the main enemy and that the racism of poor whites and not capitalism is the main problem.

But the vast majority of white workers and the poor don't own the industries and control the medical schools. It is the greedy monopoly capitalists who rule. They are the main enemy. It is because of capitalism that there aren't enough jobs and not enough schools. The meager 100 places at the Davis medical school is the capitalists' response to the crying need for doctors in all poor and working class communities. That is why Bakke hurts white workers as well as minorities, because it serves to divide and weakens the entire working class in its struggle for a better future. ■

Letters to WVO

FROM THE MASSES- TO THE MASSES

COLORADO: UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS WALKOUT

On Thursday, May 11, about 350 workers of the 700-worker Longmont Turkey Processors plant in Longmont, Colorado organized a successful 6-day wildcat strike. The workers, almost all of whom are Mexicanos and Chicanos, united and walked out against lousy wages, speed-up and harassment by supervisors.

The Longmont wildcat is extremely significant for the Chicano and workers' movements, not only in northern Colorado but throughout the Southwest. In less than one week, without funds or organization, without any protection against the company, the police or la Migra, the workers forced the company president and vice-president to come out to the strike line and settle with them. By wildcatting, the workers challenged the company and started preparing themselves to fight for their new contract which comes up next February. The wildcat is another instance showing that the struggle of the immigrant workers without papers for their rights and their lives is becoming the most burning issue in the Chicano movement today.

The strike also shows the strength that Al Frente De Lucha is able to lend to the struggles of the Mexicano and Chicano people. Al Frente De Lucha is an organization of the Chicano people that fights for the rights of Chicanos and for the unity of all workers and oppressed people. At present Al Frente is putting its main effort into organizing for the rights of immigrant workers without papers. When almost no one else aided the Longmont workers' cause, Al Frente members were on the strike line (at the workers' request) helping in every way they could.

The following is a true and day-by-day account of the strike written by a worker who helped lead it.

On Thursday, May 11 (a day like any other day at the Longmont Turkey Processors plant) everyone arrived at their jobs as usual. But today, among the people there ran a seed of dissatisfaction for the way that the workers were treated and for the bad conditions that existed in the plant. On this day, the idea spread very quickly to solve these problems through a wildcat strike.

This idea became a reality. The workers began to walk out of the plant at 11:30 in the morning. The first to walk out were the workers in the boning department who were faced with the worst conditions in the plant and the worst treatment by the supervisors. When these workers walked out, there was almost a complete stop in production (as this department is one of the most important in moving production).

On this Thursday, we saw a large amount of support and brotherhood on the part of the majority of the workers.

It was clear that we, who had walked out, were conscious of the need to change the working conditions and to fight for a higher wage.

At about 2:00 P.M., a representative from the union came to try and get us all to go back to work. He was unable to convince us, though, because up to this time we had seen no results come out of the strike or direct negotiations with the workers. Instead, the people decided to continue the struggle more firmly.

And the struggle continued! On Friday, May 12 the struggle continued with more strength but with poor organization on the part of the workers. Some workers began to feel demoralized as they did not see any alternatives that would bring the situation closer to a set settlement.

At noon on Saturday, again a representative from the union came to try and get us all back to work. He promised that the conditions would be better and that the supervisors would treat us better if we went back in. He also promised that the production lines would be slowed down. He did not, however, mention anything about the wage hike until a worker asked him. He said that this was a matter between the union and the company and that the contract stipulated that there could be no wage hike until the contract ended. Since the contract didn't end until February, 1978, the union representative claimed that the strike was illegal and that there could be no wage hike. It is important only to point out here that the contract (which the representative talked about) was not known by any of the workers on strike even though it was signed to represent "the voice of the workers."

On Monday, May 15 the struggle continued with about 50% of the workers staying out of the plant. On this day, we saw the strength of these workers who did not allow themselves to be manipulated by any maneuvers or tricks. By noon, we saw the real brotherhood that existed among the workers. We all were hungry and we all had little money. But, all of us gave the little that we had in order to buy food. We gathered enough funds so that everyone could enjoy a good lunch.

In these moments, we were very well organized. We had been able to organize a strong picket line; we yelled many new slogans of our struggle and we sang many fighting songs; we formed a theater group among the workers that presented the sentiments of the strike; and we made decisions together as one solid body. Our struggle was much more organized now because we had the support of the organization Al Frente de Lucha. A number of us workers went to ask the organization to help us. In this way, we wanted to let the entire community know about our problems in the plant and to get their support.

In the late afternoon, of that same Monday, three police cars arrived to try and arrest one of our brothers. The people responded by loudly chanting, "If you arrest one, you will have to arrest all of us!" The police finally left not wanting to arrest anyone. This was a good example of our strength and unity. After the police left, a representative of the union continued to plead with us to go back to work on Tuesday morning or face the police and a court order forcing us back to work. Again, we all gathered together and voted unanimously to continue the strike on Tuesday and to work to meet with the owners in the morning.

On Tuesday morning, May 16, the representatives of the union arrived at 6:00 A.M. with many leaflets asking the workers to return to work and claiming that the strike was illegal. They also said that all workers who did not return to work by 7:00 A.M. would be immediately fired.

The people continued in high spirits knowing that it was difficult now for the owners to stop our struggle and fire us since we are the only ones who know how to do the work. At five minutes

before the 7 A.M. deadline, the workers all gathered together and voted to go into the plant to talk to the owners. But, by this time, the owners had locked the doors and would not allow any worker to enter. The lock-out did not hinder the spirit of the workers as 12 of them secretly entered the department of "loaders and hangers" and began to bodily pull workers out to join the strike. When this incident happened, all production stopped and the owners reverted to calling the police once again. Very quickly, four cop cars arrived and the cops tried to arrest some people. Once again the workers got together in the street and prevented the police from arresting anyone. Some workers inside the plant, thinking that the cops had arrested some people, began to walk out of the plant to lend support. It was at this point when the owners, seeing that the conditions were turning against them, came out of their offices to directly negotiate with the workers. Finally the owners agreed to meet some of our demands. They agreed to do a review of all the work in order to determine a wage hike for the hardest work; to run the production line slower; to not pun-

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ish anyone for going on strike; and to make sure that the supervisors treat the workers better.

Today, the conditions have changed in the plant. The line is running slower, some of us have received wage hikes, and the company is treating us better. This has taught us a good lesson that the only way to win concessions from the company is through our being organized.

Today, we all understand the significance of our movement. Still, there is much dissatisfaction among many workers. We know that it is difficult, but not impossible, to bring about the unity of ALL the workers. In February, the company is going to negotiate a new contract with our union. We must prepare! We must all attend the meetings of the union. We must have these meetings in both English and Spanish. We must have the contract translated so that it, too, is in Spanish. We must win another great victory in February! A victory that can benefit ALL the workers!

We must not forget that it is our sweat and labor that produces the profits for the owners. We are, because of this, the real owners of the production and we must continue the struggle for our rights. Our struggle is going to be hard but not impossible. Long live our struggle and long live the working class!

In Struggle,
A.R.

RCYB'S OPPORTUNISM EXPOSED AT BERKELEY

Comrades: May 31, 1978
The April 1978 WVO newspaper

article entitled "Correct United Front Effort Speeds Up ALD Momentum" really hit home to those of us who do political work here in Oakland and Berkeley. Its descriptions of the RSB's (here called RCYB—"Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade") opportunist tactics in united front work on the East coast are strikingly similar to the tactics of this same revisionist group here in the Bay Area. . . .

The RCYB has revealed its opportunism on countless occasions throughout this area. One year ago on the UC Berkeley campus, the RCYB played a very active role in a newly-formed anti-apartheid coalition called Campuses United Against Apartheid (CUAA). Although the RCYB had raised the issue of Southern Africa on campus before the CUAA was formed, the RCYB became part of this united front by virtue of the CUAA's better links to the student body. From the moment that it joined the coalition, however, the RCYB was not content to be just part of the united front; rather, it sought to control CUAA. RCYB members would do such things as stalling off votes until meetings could be stacked, inciting discussions at the rear of the meeting rooms to try to win over unaligned coalition members, etc. The ever-increasing pressure caused by these opportunist tactics soon split apart the UC Berkeley chapter of CUAA.

For half a year after the destruction of the CUAA at this campus,

quiet reigned as far as the issue of Southern Africa was concerned. Then, early this year, those core members of CUAA who had not supported RCYB the previous spring reformed themselves into another group (linked to the statewide CUAA) called Students for Economic and Racial Justice (SERJ). RCYB involvement in SERJ was banned; RCYB members were barred from meetings. With time, however, RCYB members have once again been allowed to come to SERJ meetings, and they have begun to participate more and more in SERJ activities. Again their opportunism has begun to surface. RCYB members joined a SERJ picket line on May 25 until it grew large from an influx of interested students, and then—right when the picket was really beginning to attract attention—they split off and began to hand out RCP-ALD leaflets to students coming to see what was going on. With this action it was clear that RCYB was again trying to use other groups' actions to their own benefit.

A second example of RCYB's opportunism, aside from their actions at the UC Berkeley campus, demonstrates a similar attempt to leech off the work of others. RCYB members showed up at the NCSAL's African Liberation Day and attempted to hand out leaflets announcing their ALD, which was to be held one week later at the same park. After refusing to leave when asked, and after being thoroughly exposed by the ALSC comrade who was MC, the opportunists were run out of the park by the masses chanting "RCP-Out of the Park!!"

Actions such as these are not isolated incidents, but rather are manifestations of the opportunism which forms an integral part of the politics of the revisionist RCYB. This opportunism has had, on the practical level, numerous adverse effects on the Southern African support movement. First of all, practices such as these have the effect of confusing a great many people. For example, handing out RCYB leaflets (for an ALD) at a SERJ picket (specifically focusing on divestment) lessened the impact of the picket by splitting the attention of the students drawn to it. In a similar way, RCYB coming to our ALD confused the masses and distracted them from the issues at hand.

Secondly, this opportunism has the concrete effect of destroying organizations and the work that organizations have done. As we saw, the CUAA at UCB was torn asunder by the RCYB's parasitic practices. . . .

Finally, this opportunism has the effect on individuals of creating situations where they come to believe that the work is hopeless and get turned off of it. At Berkeley, for example, students fresh to CUAA were dismayed by the length of the meetings (meetings were often drawn out to 3 or 4 hours, largely as a result of RCYB's attempts to subvert the organization to its own ends) and by the intensity of the polemics at those meetings. In a more recent example, students who dislike

RCYB but can't differentiate between it and SERJ are potentially being lost to the movement.

So we see, in conclusion, that opportunism of the sort practiced by RCYB does not simply keep the work from moving forward—it actually has the negative effect of pushing the work backwards. It is a counterrevolutionary force. . . .

In struggle,
G.T.
Berkeley, CA

IRANIAN ATHLETE DEFIES SHAH OF IRAN

Comrades:

Political and racial oppression has haunted this world of ours for centuries. Blacks, whites, chicanos, asians, Jews, etc., people of all backgrounds have met with some type of oppression one time or another.

In the arena of sport where man is "equal" to one another, racial bigotry has played a big part ever since sports became a major factor in American life.

In the beginning of the twentieth century, one can look at probably the greatest athlete in American history. Jim Thorpe, a true American, a native born American, an American Indian, stripped of his Olympic medals simply because he played baseball one summer so he could make some extra money. He had no knowledge of the rule that states, "you must be an amateur to compete in the Olympic games." Later on in his career, Jim Thorpe became a professional in baseball and football in which he displayed his enormous skills. But because of the bigotry that was bestowed on him he could never fully enjoy his life in "civilization."

In America's glorious pastime, baseball. In the land of the free, blacks were barred from playing in the "white major leagues" until the late forties when Jackie Robinson finally broke the "color barrier". Even then he was scorned, abused, degraded as a human being by his "teammates" and his "fans".

There have been those athletes who stood up and defied the system. In the 1968 Olympic games, Tommie Smith and John Carlos stood up in defiance with the clenched fist salute, the "Black Power" salute that was seen by hundreds of millions of people around the world. Other athletes followed in their footsteps in protest of racial oppression throughout the world which eventually led to the banning of South Africa with their dehumanizing class oriented system from Olympic competition.

Mohammed Ali, known throughout the world as the greatest boxer of all time refused induction into the armed forces, in protest of an unjust war, saying to this effect, "no Viet Cong has ever done anything to me".

If one takes a long look at the world of sports, one can see the power a superstar has on the public. He is adored by young and old alike. He can express opinions on almost any

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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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Union-Busting

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the first unannounced, thorough inspection since Gershowitz took over the home. The inspection completely confirmed the charges of the NHAC.

Federal Hill Struggle Is the Key to A Successful Campaign Against Union-Busting

After almost 2 years of vicious union-busting, Gershowitz has been successfully beaten back for now and the initiative has passed to the workers. A wave of organized counter-attacks is developing which is exposing to the people of Baltimore Gershowitz's cruel drive to squeeze every possible penny of profit at the expense of her workers and patients.

This particular battle is the key to pushing forward the development of the local trade union movement.

Two years ago she first established her notorious reputation by buying Bolton Hill Nursing Center and immediately requiring all union members to re-apply for their jobs—with the stipulation that they accept a non-union shop. The workers walked off the job and began a 4-month strike which was defeated.

As a result, District 1199E (the Baltimore-Washington DC region of the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees) found fully a third of its nursing home membership under direct attack and in immediate danger of losing union representation. With the 1978 hospital contract coming up in December and most nursing home contracts expiring in July 1979, unless

the present trend of union-busting is halted now, it will be even more brazenly developed by management in the year ahead. Already management has called several conferences to discuss plans to bust the union and prevent any drives to organize the unorganized.

When Federal Hill workers heard that Gershowitz was buying this home, they knew what was coming. 6 days after she secretly bought the home, on January 6, 1978, Gershowitz immediately fired 23 union members, including the strongest delegate. She cut off all payments into the benefit fund and dropped the dues check-off. Not content with eliminating all benefit payments, Gershowitz would not replace workers who retired or quit. Instead, she sped up and harassed union members to encourage quitting. As a result, the quality of patient care rapidly deteriorated but Gershowitz showed no concern.

Rank and File Force 1199 Union Leadership to Take Up Struggle

The workers have organized a slowdown and confronted management on several occasions, but these tactics are insufficient. The 1199E leadership has no plan to lead a successful struggle, and its hands-off approach has fueled demoralization and pessimism among the workers. But many who played leading roles in bringing in the union just 8 years ago, appreciate the need for a strong, fighting union and have consistently turned out to union meetings in hopes of getting guidance and a plan. But the union misleaders only responded with empty, blame-the-workers, do-nothing policy.

While still pushing the union leader-

ship to take up the struggle, the laid off workers, together with friends from the TUEL took the initiative to launch a massive publicity campaign.

Carter's Regionalization: Putting the Squeeze on Small Operators And the Working Class

With inflation soaring over 10%, with hospital rates shooting right through the ceiling, there is a groundswell of pressure to freeze the prices in the health care industry.

But Jimmy Carter and the big bourgeoisie have their own plans. In the midst of the economic crisis, Carter and the big banks are trying to save their own skins by pushing a regional centralization plan which would divert the anger of the masses, and which would put the crunch on the smaller capitalists and the workers.

The Regionalization Plan, which will merge the big hospitals and shut down smaller hospitals, would aid the big bourgeoisie by squeezing out the smaller operators. Small capitalists like Gershowitz would get eaten up. And she in turn is ruthlessly squeezing every nickle out of the masses to maintain her profits.

And that's also why this union-busting drive of Gershowitz is so crucial. The big bourgeoisie is clearly interested in seeing how effective are her strong-arm tactics. If she succeeds in holding off the workers, then the big bourgeoisie would smell blood and begin a large scale union-busting scheme in Baltimore.

TUEL Builds Broad Coalition to Fight Union-Busting

Since this an election year, politi-

cal support will tend to go against Gershowitz as she becomes more exposed because of her crude tactics. And because she has attacked the union in the heart of a stable, tight trade union community—South Baltimore—she will become increasingly isolated.

Additionally, the blatant violations of labor laws and the consistent avoidance of punishment makes Gershowitz a prime target for all local trade unionists interested in labor law reform.

The gathering mass support goes far beyond the trade union movement in Baltimore. The exposure of the rapid deterioration in patient care in her homes as the direct result of her union-busting and profit-squeezing will mobilize support among progressive forces in the community. Also, the overwhelming majority of 1199E members are Afro-Americans (in fact, the existence of 1199 in Baltimore is directly a by-product of the Black Liberation struggle in the late '60s). This will help to gain full support from the black community.

For all these reasons, the TUEL proposed to build a broad coalition of progressive groups including trade unions, churches, senior citizen groups, community and civic organizations, and political forces of various kinds as the best way to defeat Gershowitz. Furthermore, the trade union solidarity which recently emerged in the Baltimore area in support of the heroic miners' strike can be mobilized and further developed through a victorious campaign against Gershowitz and union-busting of 1199E. ■

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aspect of life and a lot of people do listen. On Thursday, May 16th, 1978, a true story of terror and death emerged in the sports pages, of all places, the local San Francisco newspapers.

Competing in the World Cup Soccer matches has been a life-long dream for Parviz Ghlichkani, better known to soccer fans as Parviz. The standout member of the San Jose Earthquakes refused to captain Iran's national soccer team in Argentina in summer in World Cup competition. He refused to play because of what he calls "the nightmare conditions that exist under the present regime in Iran. A prepared signed statement issued by Parviz said:

"The Iranians are under the most savage and dictatorial rule imposed on them by the Shah and his secret police, SAVAK...The Shah of Iran has turned his newly acquired armaments against the Iranian masses, making blood baths out of cities such as Tabriz, Qom and Tehran..."

"Recently, he has manipulated the tremendous love of sports in Iran for his own purposes...having the Iranian national soccer team praise his royal image in the regime's press".

The 30-year-old Parviz has been Iran's captain for 10 of the 14 years he played on the national team. The Iranian press stated that the reason why Parviz would not play was because of the "lure of American money". Parviz, in order to disprove this quit the team and left the country.

N. Ardalan, a counselor of the Iranian embassy in Washington, D.C., accused Parviz of spreading "an uninformed distorted view of our country".

Wherever he has journeyed in this country as a member of the San Jose Earthquakes, Parviz has been well-received by groups of Persian students. Following a game in Seattle, he was greeted with applause from each of the group of 30.

"He is both a sports hero and a political hero to the youth of our country," explained one Persian student.

An opponent of the Shah's policies since he began attending the university in Tehran nine years ago, Parviz has had many run-ins with the government. He had been politically involved for four years when he addressed a mass demonstration in Tehran. "At 1:30 the next morning, agents of SAVAK broke into my home, searched through my papers and took me away", said Parviz.

"I spent 45 days in jail. They kicked me, they slapped me and

they whipped me, but I was spared the torture the other political prisoners went through because they needed me to play soccer."



Parviz Ghlichkani, former captain of the Iran National Soccer Team, who refused to play in the world cup games because of the "nightmare conditions" in Iran.

Parviz said he had been in prison for 35 days when he was taken in shackles to an interrogation room.

"My wife was there and they said they would rape her before my eyes if I didn't tell the press that I was

mistaken in my views", Parviz said. "I agreed to their conditions, but two days after I left prison I was again speaking out against the Shah".

Until he managed to leave Iran last fall, Parviz has been in and out of prison.

"They would bring me in and interrogate me for a few days and then release me," he said. "I was under constant observation. My roommate whenever the team left the country was a doctor who was a known member of SAVAK. For five years I did not carry a passport. I had a duel passport with the manager of the team."

While his wife and son were visiting relatives in Washington, D.C., Parviz asked if he could join them. "They refused, but changed their minds when I said my wife had a statement that would be given to the American press," said Parviz, who came to San Jose in August of last year under a student visa.

"It has always been my dream to represent my country in the World Cup," said Parviz, who captained Iran in the Persians to a gold medal in the 1976 Asian Games. "But telling the truth of what is happening in Iran is far more important to me. Regrets? Only one: That I may never return to my country."

Sent by a worker from California ■

NY Puerto Rican Day Parade Independence Yes! Statehood No!

Under the Frente de Lucha banner of "U.S. Imperialism Out of Vieques Now!" and "Firmly Support a Free Puerto Rico!" we marched in the Puerto Rican Day Parade 1978 behind the New York Branch of the Nationalist Party. The Nationalist Party members were wearing uniforms of the Party, the black shirt and white pants with a black beret and white cross, as tens of thousands of puertorriqueños were waving bright Puerto Rican flags in solidarity with the slogans.

According to the organizers of this years parade, it was supposed to be non-political. But the politics there revealed two clearly opposing directions. One is independence for Puerto Rico and the other for statehood. Besides the forces and flags that represented Puerto Rico's independence there was also some forces that flew the flag for statehood. This flag that represented Puerto Rico as the 51st state is an insult to the Puerto Rican people, who for long years struggled against the Spanish colonial rule and are still waging a fight against U.S. imperialism to have a free Puerto Rico.

Shouting out slogans till most of us had lost our voices we let the estimated 200,000 people waving

Puerto Rican flags know that we firmly support the independence of Puerto Rico. Through the course of the march our ranks swelled five times over! Chanting slogans against the colonial status of Puerto Rico, "¡Puerto Rico Libre Ahora!" and "¡Independencia Si! ¡Estadidad No!" (Free Puerto Rico Now!) "Independence Yes, Statehood No!") the masses of spectators greeted our contingent with clinched fists in solidarity. Chants such as "Lolita Valiente tu Pueblo Esta Presente" and "Don Pedro Maestro Puerto Rico Será Nuestro" ("Valiant Lolita Your People Are Present" "Don Pedro, Teacher, Puerto Rico Will Be Ours") drew out the sentiments of the spectators who joined us. The banner of the Nationalist Party read: "Where Tyranny is the Law—Revolution is the Order" a quote from a great leader of the Puerto Rican people, Don Pedro Albizu Campos.

As we marched people would hear our strong chanting and see our disciplined and militant contingent which drew out cheers and clinched fists. A straw hat vendor showed his solidarity by giving free "sombros" (straw hats) to the women in Frente's contingent. He said "This is the least I can do to support the struggle." ■



ERITREANS DEFEAT FASCIST ETHIOPIAN OFFENSIVE

The Eritrean Peoples' Liberation Army has successfully contained the estimated 40,000 troops in the capital city of Asmara. This represented another defeat of the so-called 'major Ethiopian offensive' against Eritrea.

The Ethiopian fascist forces, with the support of thousands of Cuban mercenaries and sophisticated Soviet weapons, made every attempt to get out of the city and to penetrate the liberated areas, but they failed! In the heavy battles that were fought for three days the EPLA hit the Ethiopian and Cuban troops real hard, forcing them to retreat and confining them to the center of the city. The EPLA continues to maintain its full control of the areas surrounding Asmara and continues to lay seige on the city.

On another front, there is growing unity among the liberation forces. The Eritrean Peoples' Liberation Front and the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF), implementing the unity agreement they signed, joined forces against the Ethiopian fascist army in Barentu in the western part of Eritrea. Barentu has been under ELF seige for over a year. This joint effort of the ELF and the EPLF means the liberation of Barentu will come even sooner.

The Soviet social-imperialists who are going for broke to back the fascist Mengistu regime are clearly drowning more and more in the sea of resistance of the Eritrean people, fighting for national liberation and independence. ■



WORLD IN STRUGGLE

COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE

NATIONS WANT LIBERATION

PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION!



SOVIET UNION'S ROLE INCREASINGLY EXPOSED TO IRAQ

The Soviet Union's role in subverting and blackmailing third world countries is becoming clearer to Iraq.

The Soviet Union's backing of the Ethiopian government's suppression of the Eritrean liberation movement, and the recent coup in Afghanistan has once again exposed its role in meddling with the internal affairs of third world countries. This has raised the vigilance on the part of the Iraqi government. Especially in light of their recent discovery of revisionist party cells in the army.

Iraq has purchased arms for years from the Soviet Union. However, since the Soviet Union blackmailed Egypt in 1972, the Iraqi government started to have reservations. They have been cautiously planning out their arm purchase to include sufficient spare parts for five years; and now they are turning to buy some of the arms from the West in order to avoid the total domination of the Soviet superpower.

THE U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TIGHTEN THE GRIP ON ZAMBIA

The United States and Western European countries began a \$1 billion 'rescue operation' for Zambia. This money from the United States, Britain and West Germany, was given to

Zambia under the condition that Zambia agreed to put its economy under International Monetary Fund surveillance.

The deepening economic crisis of all the Western capitalist countries has brought many third world countries to the brink of bankruptcy. This is the third time in June that the United States and European countries rushed to give out some more 'aid' in order to tighten its control.

For Zambia, one major factor that caused the recent economic crisis is the collapse of the price of copper. This is a clear example of how imperialist countries robbed the third world countries through manipulating prices.

Another major factor is the heavy burden of interest to foreign debts. The Zambian government threatened to default the 1.2 billion it owed to foreign governments and banks because they just could not afford to pay.

These so-called financial rescue operations were set up both for the strategic and the immediate interest of the U.S. and some second world countries. Strategically, it was to tighten the grip over third world countries in the areas where Soviet influence has been growing. Immediately, it is to protect their loans and the interests they receive from plundering these third world countries.

PANAMANIAN PEOPLE MAKE CARTER'S VISIT HOT

Carter went to Panama, as a bourgeois representative of U.S. imperialism to finalize the Panama Canal treaties with the Panamanian government headed by Brigadier General Omar Torrijos Herrera. Carter's trip made the Panamanian people take to the streets in protest against his visit. As a result of clashes that occurred between right wing students and anti-imperialist students, 2 students from the Students Revolutionary Front were murdered and several others wounded. Even the hotel where Carter stayed was turned into a military camp by the Panamanian forces after demonstrators took their anger to the steps of the hotel.

The significance of these treaties is that with the increased contention between the U.S. and the Soviet social-imperialists, the U.S. had to put its relations with Latin America on a firmer footing in order for the U.S. to maintain its foothold in Latin America as well as other parts of the world. They must come out with an image of granting more so-called freedoms in these countries through so-called democratic elections and in the case of Panama, turning over the Canal by the year 2000 to the Panamanian

people. In his speech to the Panamanian people Carter said (in referring to the lack of human rights in the Soviet Union) "Let us advance the cause of human dignity and build a hemisphere in which citizens of every country are free from torture and arbitrary arrest, free to speak and write as they please, free to participate in the determination of their own destiny.

We can see how here in the U.S. Carter's human rights policy takes form in cuts in services, the Bakke decision, unemployment, high cost of living, etc. According to Carter the treaties also "breathed new life into old principles—principles of peace, non-intervention, mutual respect and cooperation." Yet after the year 2000 the U.S. will still continue to intervene in the affairs of Panama in order to keep the Canal open.

The Panamanian people are not fooled by Carter's smile and tricky phrases. They are clear that they will only gain true sovereignty over the Canal by kicking the U.S. imperialists out of Panama, and they are determined to continue their long struggle till the end. ■

CARTER'S ANNAPOLIS SPEECH IS NO SURPRISE

In The Final Analysis, 'Detente' Is A 'New Cold War'

To the graduating class at Annapolis, President Carter gives a sabre-rattling, "get tough" speech directed at the Soviet Union, dropping dark threats of "cooperation or confrontation." Alarmed at the Soviet/Cuban offensives in Angola, Ethiopia, and especially in Shaba province in Zaire, Carter was threatening to take stiff, new measures to blunt the Soviet drive in Africa. And supposedly as part of playing the "China card," Carter sends Brzezinski, National Security Advisor, to China.

That week, *Newsweek* magazine splashes "A New Cold War?" on its cover. A section of the bourgeois liberal press begins to fret about the dangers of a new Cold War between the two superpowers.

Annoyed at the press coverage, Carter comes out a few days later to "clarify" his remarks, stating that a section of the press went overboard in interpreting his Annapolis speech. He did not intend to start a new "Cold War," but was giving a warning to the Soviet Union to halt its expansionist policies in Africa.

WHY SUDDENLY THE FEAR OF THE DANGER OF A NEW COLD WAR?

There is no doubt that Carter's recent moves represent stepping up open armed intervention in the third world. Direct U.S. airlifts and military shipments of the French and Belgian troops to Zaire represented further steps in the post-Vietnam U.S. imperialist policy.

But the contention between the superpowers has been going on for quite a few years. In the Middle East, it's the "no war, no peace" policy. Over the Cyprus and Ethiopia conflicts, they unscrupulously switched sides to play power politics. And Carter's Annapolis speech, reflecting their intervention in Zaire, is nothing but a step in continuing the same policy.

But then why are some forces shocked by this? Why do they view with alarm the words of the Annapolis speech, and not the deeds of the superpowers in the past years?

The liberal bourgeois commentators who cry another "Cold War" do not represent the broad interests of the U.S. ruling class. They are mouthpieces for the relatively smaller finance capitalists who, in order to compete in the big leagues with the Rockefellers, are relying increasingly on sales to the Soviet Union. Profits from massive grain deals, computer technology, bank credits, and big industrial sales to the Soviet Union by these monopoly capitalists keep them competitive in the dog-eat-dog atmosphere of finance capitalism. These monopoly capitalists, within the "pro-detente" forces, are pushing open appeasement to the Soviet Union. Because they are afraid of a return to "Cold War" policies which is bad for business.

President Carter, however, representing the broader interests of the ruling class, and in particular the global interests of the biggest circles of monopoly capitalism, is also pro-detente but views negotiation and trade with the Soviet Union as ways in which to jockey for power and start a new round of confrontation with the other superpower on a higher level.

But are the Cold War policies of the 1950's, a real option for both U.S. monopoly interests?

U.S. IMPERIALISM CANNOT START A COLD WAR IN THE NEAR FUTURE

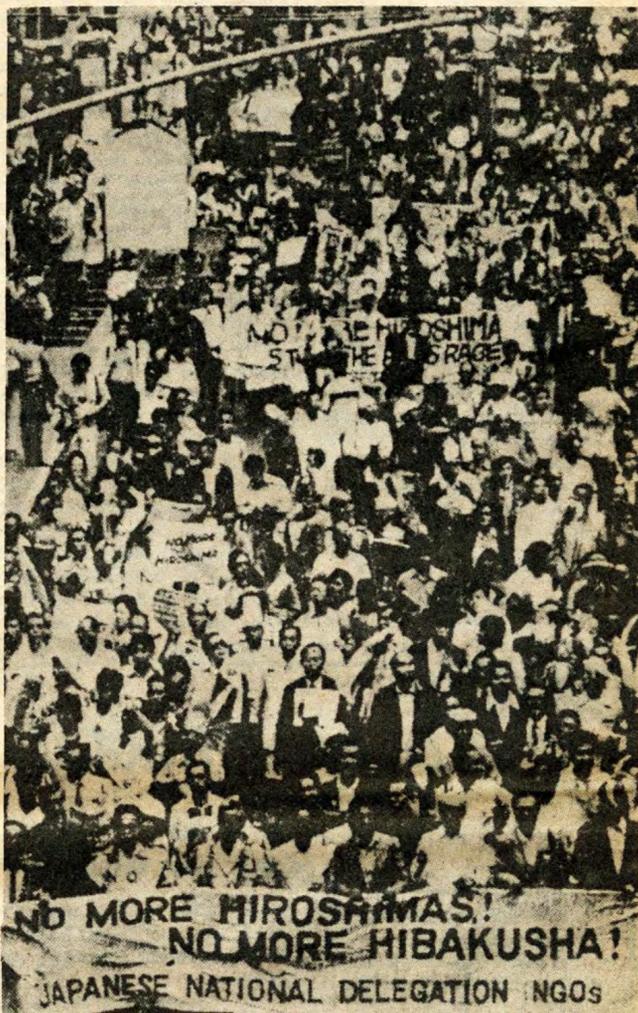
Domestically and internationally, U.S. imperialism, independent of its will, is incapable of beginning a new Cold War in the near future. Domestically, the memory of Vietnam and Watergate is burned into the consciousness of the U.S. people. The stunning impact of hundreds of thousands of Americans marching in hundreds of college campuses and cities to protest U.S. military atrocities, carpet bombing, anti-personnel weapons, defoliation, assassination teams, Cambodian invasions, etc. in Southeast Asia has significantly restricted the use of armed intervention by U.S. imperialism. As a direct consequence of Vietnam, the Clarke Amendment was passed in Congress, which restricts legal, open intervention in Angola.

And after Watergate and the flood of pay-offs, buggings, cover-ups, break-ins, dirty tricks, blackmail etc., millions of Americans will never again believe the wretched lies of the U.S. government.

Internationally, the U.S. cannot start another Cold War without feeling the wrath of the rising third world countries and being totally shut-out. Gone are the days when gunboat diplomacy could carve up China, when the "big stick" of Roosevelt could invade Cuba and the Philippines, when the "sun never set on the British empire." With wars of liberation raging in Asia and Africa, and with OPEC and other third world countries increasingly taking control over their own natural resources, U.S. imperialism is forced to adopt newer, more clever tactics, like sending that slick, smooth-talking Andrew Young to worm his way into the confidence of liberation fighters in order to stab them in the back.

DETENTE, A NEW FORM OF 'COLD WAR,' COVERS WAR PREPARATIONS

In his Annapolis speech, Carter spread the lie that U.S. imperialism was offering the Soviet social-imperialists the "choice" of either the olive branch of peace or the dangers of confrontation. This presentation is totally false. There is no "choice." There has never been "cooperation" for peace. Carter's detente policy means continual contention.



15,000 people marched to the United Nations on May 27 during the UN hearings on disarmament calling for an end to the nuclear arms race.

Cultural and scientific exchanges are demanded by the peace-loving peoples of both countries. Both superpowers are forced by the masses to open up these exchanges. But this certainly does not mean an over-all policy of cooperation between the superpowers over the last two decades. Their deeds in the last decade of detente have shown that detente doesn't mean peace. *Detente means war.* Detente is a smoke-screen, a way to throw sand in people's eyes, a cover-up for the arms build-up, steadily higher arms budgets, the continual, fierce jockeying for power in Africa and Asia, the carving up of the world's resources by the two superpowers. For imperialists, there is no choice between either overall cooperation or confrontation. Detente means flowery rhetoric and appeals to "peace" which masks the superpower scramble for countries and resources and the preparations for a new world war.

For example, even as Kissinger and Brezhnev were exchanging smiles in Moscow in 1972, the Soviet Union took advantage of crushing U.S. de-

feats in Southeast Asia and was beginning to eye expansion in Africa, to beef up its naval fleet in the Indian Ocean, to bust up Arab unity in the Middle East, to shut-out the U.S. in India. Meanwhile, the U.S. was trying to exploit cracks in Russia's domination of Eastern Europe, to shift military forces away from Southeast Asia and to NATO forces in Europe, etc. And behind the fanfare surrounding SALT I and SALT II talks, comprehensive test bans, military levels in the Indian Ocean and Europe, the superpowers have continued to bankroll colossal crash programs on MIRVs, neutron bombs, cruise missiles, SS-20's, Poseidon nuclear submarines, satellite killers, etc., etc. It's clear superpower actions in the last decade show that detente does not mean disarmament. Detente means lulling people to sleep with cheap words or exploiting the masses genuine desire for disarmament and peace, while superpowers stockpile nuclear weapons for NATO and Warsaw Pact forces in Europe and gain time to sharpen their knives.

THE U.S. AND SOVIET PEOPLE WANT GENUINE DISARMAMENT AND PEACE

The U.S. people have a deep, genuine desire for disarmament. The people in this country are sick of the defense budget ballooning from \$1.4 billion before World War II to the present whopping \$126 billion. The U.S. people are outraged that millions go jobless while the defense contractors like Lockheed get cost-overruns, bloated contracts, bail-outs and fat profits. The Russian people, too, sincerely desire peace and disarmament. Virtually every Russian family had one or more members of the family perish heroically fighting to liberate Russia and the world from fascism.

But Brezhnev and Carter exploit this genuine desire for disarmament and turn it around for detente, to cover the fierce preparations for war. The U.S. media, in particular the media controlled by the monopoly capitalists making a buck off trade with the Soviet Union, feeds us a constant, deadening repetition of the Big Lie, that "detente means peace." Like an Anacin commercial, they try to pound into us that "detente means disarmament" and "detente means jobs." The U.S. media, that representing the interests of the "pro-Soviet" section of U.S. monopoly capitalism, by equating detente as peace and disarmament, creates a "mood," or atmosphere for detente, playing on the U.S. peoples' real desire for jobs, peace and disarmament. In this "mood," a section of social-democrats and revisionists can inject their poison.

The Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), for example, spreads the lie that "Detente Means Jobs." The deep desire of the U.S. people for an end to the spiraling arms race and more money for jobs and programs can be turned around by the revisionists, like the CPUSA, into illusions which disarm the working class and leaves them unprepared for world war.

Communist leadership is needed to expose the lies of the CPUSA, that the arms race and war preparations are simply matters of policy that can be reversed, rather than viewing war as an *inherent, fundamental, and inevitable* part of imperialism, as long as imperialism exists.

Communists, as vanguard fighters for the class, must come out and fight forcefully for disarmament. In the absence of genuine communist leadership, the masses' desire for peace and disarmament will be turned into its opposite, into a force for "detente" which disguises the power grab for Africa, the neutron bombs, the arming to the teeth of NATO and Warsaw pact countries, etc. As stated in the *General Line*:

...the proletarian party must under the present circumstances actively lead the working class and the work-

ing people in struggles to oppose monopoly capital, to defend democratic rights, to oppose the menace of fascism, to improve living standards, to oppose imperialist arms expansion and war preparations, to defend world peace and actively to support the revolutionary struggles of the oppressed nations.

(A Proposal Concerning the General Line of the International Communist Movement, section 10, FLP) (emphasis ours)

CONTENTION BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS IS ABSOLUTE

Superpower grappling for colonies and resources and the arms race are not matters of a preferred policy. Contention between the two superpowers is *absolute*, independent of individual wishes. Temporarily, for brief periods of time, the superpowers may collude and negotiate, but only to start another round of confrontation. For example, in the Middle East the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. both stepped in to halt the successful Arab drive against Israel in the October 1973 war when it became apparent that the Israeli forces were being bloodied, mauled and beaten back by the Arabs. Both superpowers enforce a "no war, no peace" policy, with no clear victor or loser in the Middle East. But the drive to split up the Arab countries, to slither into their confidence, to pit them against each other and against the other superpower are all absolute features of the superpower tactics in the Middle East.

population of the Philippines when they heroically fought back against U.S. imperialism.

And then began the division and constant *redivision* of the world, as Dutch, Belgian, French, British, German, U.S. and Japanese imperialism carved up the world. When these empires collided, imperialism unleashed the dogs of war. The lights went out all over Europe and millions perished in the trenches when the rising German empire challenged the older British and French empires. The same imperialist rivalry sparked off World War II, the greatest bloodletting in the history of the world. 20 million Russians died to save socialism and to break the back of the fascists.

THE U.S. DOES NOT WANT A "STRONG AND SECURE CHINA"

And simultaneous with Carter's Annapolis speech, National Security Advisor Brzezinski was in Peking talking loudly and gesturing, indirectly threatening the Soviet Union. Disclosures of details of U.S. secret SALT statistics to China are splashed over the pages of the *New York Times*. Carter comes out for a "strong and secure China." And Brezhnev, general secretary of the Communist Party, Soviet Union, used this opportunity to say grimly, "You see, the U.S. wants to *strengthen* China against the Soviet Union," and "It's architects will bitterly regret it."

But the U.S. emphatically *does not want a strong China*. Not only the history of U.S. imperialism's aggression and hatred for the Chinese revolution, but also the realities of the international

attacking the other. Before the outbreak of World War II, Chamberlain and Roosevelt wanted to take the heat off themselves by nurturing and feeding Hitler, in hopes of luring him away, toward the "Bolsheviks in the east," to attack socialist Russia. Feeding Czechoslovakia to the Nazis was a deliberate appeasement policy to get the fascists to invade the bastion of workers rule, the Soviet Union. Right up to the invasion of Poland and France, the Western imperialists lived in a fool's paradise, thinking they could sit back while Germany and Russia clobbered each other.

For years, an integral part of the detente policy has been to sell grain, computers, industrial hardware, and credits, etc. to the Soviet Union as "bait," at the same time stepping up the arms race to maintain the military balance between the two superpowers.

The "pro-Soviet" section of the U.S. bourgeoisie cries injustice over the sale of computers for geological surveys as "proof" that the U.S. is strengthening China over the Soviet Union. The *New York Times* even falsely reported (and later was forced to retract) the misinformation that the U.S. has banned the sale of the same computers to the Soviet Union. The U.S. imperialists also pretend to be gracious enough to allow second world countries to sell some military-related technology to China, while in fact, they have been doing business with China, independent of the wishes of the U.S., for years. The fact is, behind all the hue and cry of a "tilt" towards

"The US does not want a 'strong and secure China'... Only by keeping China weak will the new Tsars be tempted to attack China."

The economic and political forces driving the superpowers into a collision course, which compel them to grapple for colonies and carve up the world, which could spark off world war as these empires collide, are not matters of policy but are deep within the fabric of imperialism itself.

Like a malignant tumor, all imperialists are forced to grow, to expand and plunder the resources of the world. Capitalism of the 1800's, for example, was riddled with crises. Great depressions laid off millions as the wheels of capitalism ground to a halt every ten years. Paralyzed by these contradictions, British capitalism in the 1880's began the systematic plunder of the world. India, Pakistan, Rhodesia, South Africa, Ceylon, and most of central and southern Africa and south Asia felt the boot of British imperialism on their throats. And the U.S. in the late 1890's attacked the dying Spanish empire, started the Spanish-American War, invaded Mexico, Puerto Rico, and slaughtered fully 10% of the entire

situation point to that conclusion. Having Carter promise the Chinese a "strong and secure China" is like having an undertaker promise you free measurements for a suit. U.S. imperialism wants a *weak* China: the U.S. appeases the Soviet Union in order to lure the peril towards China. Only by keeping China weak will the new Tsars be tempted to attack China.

Otherwise, it will not be possible to divert the Soviet Union away from Europe.

For only a weak China will make the Soviet social imperialists see the feasibility of victory over China in a war of conquest. Only a weak China will lure the Soviet Union towards attacking China and divert the danger away from Europe. Only through war between the Soviet Union and China, and the weakening of both, will U.S. imperialism come out as the number 1 superpower.

This is a classic imperialist tactic. When you have two enemies, you keep one weak, appease the main enemy, and provoke the main enemy into

China, there is not a shred of evidence of the U.S. allowing a material advantage to China.

So far from wanting a "powerful and secure China," the U.S. prefers a weak China infinitely more.

FIGHT THE SUPERPOWERS' ARMS RACE, EXPOSE 'DETENTE'

Communists take as part of their fighting programme the fight against preparation for war by the bourgeoisie. As we've shown, detente is not fighting for peace, but just the opposite, preparation for war. Communists fight to oppose war preparation, not to cover it up by supporting bourgeois lies about "detente."

As part of the opposition to war preparations, Communists support unconditionally the national liberation struggles of the third world, aimed at the imperialists, which is in the forefront of fighting the two superpowers today. We support the struggles of the third world countries against

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the FBI and CIA going

* donating billions of tax dollars to bail out the bankrupt Penn Central, Lockheed Aircraft, etc.

* maintaining regulatory agencies (Federal Communications Commission, Food and Drug Administration, etc.) which do not regulate but instead insure monopoly control over each industry and insure a steady flow of profits.

And to finance this massive spending, the federal, state, and local governments issue bonds, many tax-free at high interest, which the big banks and corporations buy up. (Because most bonds come in denominations of \$10,000 or more, they are definitely out of the reach of the average worker.) The banks and corporations use these bonds as quick, low risk free income, instead of investing in riskier and more long-term, but productive, industries such as the railroads and steel which would create jobs. And the taxpayers foot the bill for the exorbitant interest paid to the banks.

PROP. 13 CUTS HIT WORKERS, AND ESPECIALLY MINORITIES, HARDEST

Property taxes in California will be slashed by over half because of Prop. 13. But it means cuts of over \$7 billion for cities, counties, towns and school districts. Property taxes fund local services such as schools, garbage collection, lighting, fire departments, hospital and health care, and parks and recreation. On the other hand, welfare, unemployment and the biggest chunks of the State budget such as transportation, are financed mainly by sales and income taxes, not property taxes, as Jarvis would have us believe.

Not only will vitally needed services be cut, hitting workers and especially minorities who most need them, but hundreds of thousands of public employees face layoffs. Because of Prop. 13 workers are going to be made to pay for their own tax cuts!

In certain black communities, many workers who owned homes consciously voted against Prop. 13, understanding how it would affect the vitally needed services and jobs of their brothers and sisters. With a spirit of sacrifice, they voted to look out for the interests of the many, even with their high property taxes.

With Prop. 13, the bourgeoisie presented alternatives like this: Taxes or all services. Either workers with homes have to continue to endure rip-off taxes or municipal employees will lose their jobs and services that are desperately needed by workers and minorities. A school teacher in California said "I'm going to lose either way, I'm going to give up my house or my job." The choice that Prop. 13 offers the masses is like the choice between the electric chair and the gas chamber. The bourgeoisie, however, got off the hook because of Prop. 13. Of the \$7 billion cuts, \$3 billion will go to corporation and commercial property owners, 2 billion will go to homeowners; 2 billion to the federal government through increased federal income tax since property tax deduction will be



Above, homeowner with a sign in his front yard to protest outrageous property tax rates. But Proposition 13 is no answer to rising taxes.

less. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph will stand to gain \$130 million from the cut in property tax.

While taxes crushing the people must be fought, Prop. 13 must be opposed. Neither out and out extortion of workers by rip off taxes, nor sweeping cuts in services is in the interests of the working class and oppressed nationalities. The only way out is to make the bosses pay!

DEMAGOGUES RIDE ON ANTI-TAX MOVEMENT DIVERTING IT AGAINST MINORITIES, NOT MONOPOLIES

Riding on the demand for lower taxes, Prop. 13 was cooked up by Howard Jarvis and Paul Gann, two fascist demagogues. Jarvis is a small capitalist who directs the Apartment Owner Association of Los Angeles and Nixon's former California campaign manager. Gann is a retired real estate salesman who leads a Sacramento anti-tax lobby.

The two names have become household words after Prop. 13. And the bourgeois media is boosting their image across the country. Portraying himself as a "hellraiser" who doesn't care about anything other than the single issue of taxes, Jarvis is being played up by every politician riding on the anti-tax movement.

An important feature of the campaign was that even with the strong feeling for Prop. 13, there were actually few mass demonstrations held by its supporters. Jarvis, using a professional public relations firm with a million dollar war chest, relied almost solely on the superstructure—a heavy media blitz to carry his message statewide.

Jarvis whipped up the anti-tax

hatred of the workers and petty bourgeoisie ("the present tax system is grand felony theft"), but turned it against municipal employees and minorities. Decrying "waste in government," he used feelings about the real waste like high level political patronage jobs to attack public workers. Hitting "welfare chiselers," he used catchwords to whip up chauvinism against minorities. Isolated cases of welfare fraud insignificant in January were pushed up to the front page for the same reason by the bourgeois press.

At the same time, Prop. 13 proponents, including the State GOP, took positions that there be no cuts in police and fire department services, clearly implying that cuts be made in services to minority and working class communities.

Stirred up by fascist demagogues like Jarvis, the single issue Prop. 13 campaign sidetracked the anger of the workers and petty bourgeoisie away from the monopoly corporations and against the municipal workers and oppressed nationalities. It shows clearly why populist mass movements, based on a single issue and without communist leadership, can be led in dangerous directions which can serve the bourgeoisie.

WHY DID GOV. BROWN AND BANK OF AMERICA BACK PROPOSITION 8?

With the threat of 13, Governor Jerry Brown quickly dished up Proposition 8, calling for cuts in taxes by 30% for homeowners only. But the Prop. 8 campaign was viewed by many workers as another trick of the politicians up for election to head off their movement, and not cut the "fat" from government spending. As a result, the Prop.

8 campaign failed, lacking mass support except for some minorities who took a strong stand against cuts in social services.

The main appeal of Prop. 8 was that it promised no cuts in social services, to be funded from state surplus funds, and no increase in other taxes. To gain the support of big business there was a provision prohibiting shifting the burden of increased taxes for local government onto corporations and commercial property. It was supported by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the San Diego Chamber of Commerce as well as the Bank of America and the *Los Angeles Times*

Throughout the campaign, Governor Jerry Brown, the Bank of America, and the *Los Angeles Times* (newspaper of the Chandler Family, one of the wealthiest and most influential monopoly capitalists in the state) campaigned against 13 and for Prop. 8. Why did they do this?

Some say they opposed 13 solely on the basis of financial interest, such as municipal bonds losing value (Bank of America). It's definitely true that the Bank of America opposed Prop. 13 because of its effect on the finance capitalists' extensive investment in city bonds. For them, these bonds represent a source of risk-free profit. But there were also political reasons.

The present form of government, which taxes the working class and poor to finance not only armies and police, but also necessary social services and schools, is a form serving the rule of the monopoly capitalists. It's better than outright rule through guns and repression or no social services, since this form of repressive rule would help develop consciousness among the majority of workers and oppressed nationalities about the rule of the bourgeoisie.

The main reason the monopolists, especially the liberal spokesmen, the advanced sector serving the long-term interests of the handful of parasites at the top, saw 13 as a threat to their interests was because of the instability and chaos that such a drastic reduction would cause in local governments. They saw the resistance of the masses of people, coming particularly from the minorities who have a long history of struggle to gain the little that was available to begin with.

Mayor Bradley in Los Angeles predicted trouble in the ghetto if social services and schools were cut; union leaders from County Hospital stated that if the cuts were made, it would make the Watts Rebellion in 1965 look like a picnic.

These "doomsday budgets" forced by Prop. 13 called for cuts of 20,000 teachers from the Los Angeles Unified School District; layoffs for thousands of county workers; and massive cut-backs in social services.

MINORITIES AND GOVERNMENT WORKERS FIGHT THE CUTS

With cuts this drastic, the response from the movement of the oppressed nationalities will be fierce. The gains of the Black Liberation Movement of the 1960's and the struggles of the Chicano, Asian, and Native Americans in California for affirmative action, bilingual education, and social services are directly



DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT IN SOUTH KOREA CONTINUES TO GROW

Students in South Korea have demonstrated and held rallies to oppose the fascist rule of President Park. In particular, they have agitated against the 1972 constitution which gives Park vast emergency powers.

On June 25, hundreds of university students, defying an emergency decree, demonstrated in front of the newly built cultural center in downtown Seoul. 27 were arrested, including five Roman Catholic priests. This arrest reflects the fact that the days are numbered for the South Korean dictatorship!

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superpower hegemonism and the struggle of the second world countries of Europe and Japan against domination of the superpowers. All of these specific struggles, whenever and to whatever extent, even the smallest measures against the superpowers helps weaken the superpowers, and makes it harder for them to carry out preparation for a third world war. It aids the working class particularly in the U.S. and U.S.S.R.

Here at home, in the belly of the monster, U.S. communists must strive to lead the masses of people in opposing the U.S. attempts to prepare for war, such as by mobilizing the masses to oppose the U.S. military intervention of Zaire. We must hit the U.S. bourgeoisie hard, wave upon wave, when they dare invade a third world country. We must strike hard at their arms race and fight to force the bourgeoisie to stop using our hard-earned tax dollars to build up militarily while slashing on all sides, programs in education, health,

welfare, unemployment, industrial safety, etc.

In the fight against war preparation, we must expose the lies about "detente" and "relaxation of tension" pushed by the ruling class and the revisionists like the CPUSA.

Through this work, we will accumulate forces and build up the party of the U.S. working class, the Workers Viewpoint Organization, as the most important part of an all around and systematic preparation for the dictatorship of the proletariat.

In the final analysis, only with the overthrow of the imperialist system, will the people of the world be able to live in peace. Communists say that either war will give rise to revolution or revolution will prevent war. If the bourgeoisie dares to unleash war, our tasks as Communists will be to mobilize the masses and strive to turn the imperialist war into a civil war—a civil war against the monopoly capitalist class, a war for the liberation of the people, a war for a bright new future without war, for socialism and the dictatorship of the proletariat. ■

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attacked. Because minorities are last hired and first fired, layoffs according to seniority would effectively wipe out many of the jobs gained by minorities.

Since the passage of Prop. 13, in Los Angeles students have walked out at Lincoln, Garfield, Wilson, Hollywood, and other high schools. The one at Garfield on June 14 totaled almost 1,000 students calling for restoration of summer school and no cuts in the regular school year program, as well as in sports and other services in the schools. Workers and parents from daycare centers jammed the Board of Education on June 12 to demand no cuts, followed by teachers of the UTLA (United Teachers of Los Angeles) and a coalition of community groups and students led by El Comité de Igualdad (a primarily Chicano and Mexicano mass organization), Asian Americans for Equality, and Community Group for Better Education, calling for no cuts in summer school (\$40 million) and no money for the Forced Busing Plan (which would cost \$75-100 million).

County Hospital workers from Locals 434 and 660 demonstrated some 350 strong in front of the Board of Supervisors on June 12, protesting a possible layoff of 15,000 health workers in the Los Angeles County area. The majority of the workers were national minority, and most worked in hospitals and clinics from minority areas, already hard hit by previous cuts and hiring freezes. Using the excuse of not knowing the budget situation since the State government had not yet announced allocation of surplus funds, the Board of Supervisors, running from the large demonstration, suspended the hearings until later in June. Many of the hospital

workers were chanting, "Make the Corporations Pay!," reflecting the growing understanding among some service workers that it's the capitalists and not the average homeowner that should pay the taxes which support public hospitals and clinics.

By July 1, the State must decide how the \$7 billion surplus will be allocated; people must fight for them to go to those areas hardest hit by the cuts — schools, health departments, and fire departments, around which big demonstrations and mass protests have already occurred.

But what about next year, when there will be no surplus? For one thing, the bourgeoisie will use it to cut back even more (even the use of the State surplus will result in a ten per cent cut in school budgets). Secondly, it's clear they will find other ways to reimpose taxes — whether directly through the hiking of income and sales tax, or through "tax transfers" from the federal government. Either way, until the people force the bosses to pay, the people will be back where they started from, having to fight again the gaping jaws of government taxation.

WITHOUT COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP, PROP. 13 MOVEMENT IS SURE TO BE CO-OPTED

As soon as Prop. 13 was passed, Jerry "Lower Expectations" Brown did a 180° flip saying that "the people have spoken, I will carry out their mandate." Thinking ahead to the November election, he uttered not a whisper about his vigorous campaign for Prop. 8. And his Republican opponent, E. Younger, warned the California Supreme Court not to overturn Prop. 13.

And politicians around the country fell into line with the new wave. Carter

smiled and said that this reflected his own philosophy of government. The Republicans, seeing a political opportunity to ride in to power, said they would have to be idiots not to jump on the bandwagon. Suddenly, every politician on Capitol Hill, especially conservative Republicans, wanted their picture to be taken with Jarvis on his recent trip to Washington to tell the politicians "what the people want."

Meanwhile, the California Supreme Court has to deal with the problem of Prop. 13. In the past, most propositions have been overturned by the courts whenever the ruling class didn't agree with the will of the people. One way they could do this is to stall until the issue is not so hot and overturn it as quietly as possible. That's how much the bourgeoisie thinks of "the will of the people."

Under the present demagogic leadership of Jarvis and Gann, and with politicians of all stripes, both Republican and Democrats (including Carter) jumping on the lower-tax bandwagon, the single-issue Prop. 13 movement is sure to be co-opted. This reflects the low level of political consciousness of the masses at this time, especially of the workers. It shows that the working class, without its vanguard party in the lead, lacks real political independence from the bourgeoisie.

The victory of Prop. 13, however, shows how deep the disgust of the masses is with the crisis and the "do-nothing" character of the two major parties. The movement around Prop. 13 shows that the workers and petty bourgeoisie are desperately looking for ways to fight the crisis. Communists must get into these movements and work tirelessly to unite the working class against the handful of corporations and monopoly cap-

italists who are responsible for high property taxes as well as cuts in social services. We must educate the masses to the slogan, "Tax the corporations, not the working class and the poor!"

We must show clearly that the enemy is the bourgeoisie and their corporations, not the welfare recipient and the homeowner. At the same time, we must struggle against racism and racist attacks against national minorities which blame the higher property taxes on them. We must train the advanced and active to see the tactics of the bourgeoisie and to better lead the masses against the attacks from the state.

The only way to cut the masses from the demagogues leading the movement into a fascist or reformist direction is to raise the class consciousness of the masses in the thick of struggle. Only by raising the sights of the mass movement through propaganda beyond the immediate single-issue, to the fight against the monopoly capitalists as a whole, to the fight for socialism and the rule of the working class, can we do this.

But to achieve socialist society through revolution requires that the majority of people have learned from their own experience that the dying capitalist system does not work and only socialism—workers' rule—will address the needs of the majority of people. The major task facing the working class in this period is the building up of its new Communist Party, by winning the advanced to the Party, pointing the road forward in the midst of issues like Prop. 13. The Party must take up the leadership of the fight to cut taxes, as well as fight against all cuts and layoffs brought on by false alternatives like Prop. 13. ■

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ciones como las del Congreso u oficiales locales.

Y los jueces obtienen sus trabajos sólo después de haber sidos probados sobre un período largo de tiempo por la burguesía. El presente Presidente de la Corte Suprema, Warren Berger es un buen ejemplo. En 1952 él ayudó a impulsar a Minnesota y la convención republicana a respaldar a Eisenhower que después fue presidente. Eisenhower lo recompensó por nombrándolo asistente al ministro de justicia encargo de la División Civil del Departamento de Justicia donde él fue el fiscal principal del gobierno en todas demandas civiles. Después en 1956 Burger fue ascendido a la Corte de Apelación para el Circuito del Distrito de Columbia. Esto es uno de los circuitos más importantes porque no sólo trata sobre asuntos locales de Washington, D.C. pero también tiene jurisdicción sobre muchas agencias federales y departamentos localizados en la ciudad. Burger vino a ser el asesino profesional del gobierno, haciendo el trabajo sucio por 13 años en este trabajo y ganó un nombre apuesto de "ley y orden." Así cuando Nixon buscó a un nuevo presidente de la Corte Suprema para reponer a Earl Warren para ayudar a tratar con los crecientes movimientos de masas, Burger fue escogido para ascenso otra vez.

EL INTERES SUBSTANCIAL DEL ESTADO BURGUES

El juez Powell en hablando por la Corte contra el programa de acción afirmativa de la escuela de medicina en Davis dijo: "El estado indudablemente tiene un interés legítimo y substancial en mejorar, o eliminar donde sea conveniente, los afectos incapacitantes de la discriminación identificada."

¿Cuándo ha tenido el estado burgués tal "interés substancial"?

La Corte Suprema en Brown vs. la Junta de Educación con la decisión llamando por la segregación de las escuelas es uno de estos casos. Después de la Segunda Guerra Mundial, los E.U. eran los cabecillas principales imperialistas en el mundo y tratando de consolarizar sus garras en muchos de las colonias europeas en el sureste de Asia y el resto de los países del tercer mundo. La burguesía de E.U. ha tenido que cubrir como hacer trato con las minorías no blancas aquí para engañar a las gente en el extranjero mientras las fuerzas de la liberación nacional creció en el tercer mundo. Este fue el "interés substancial" que Brown vs. la Junta de Educación ayudó a servir. Secundariamente, esto fue una concesión para el levantamiento de los movimientos de liberación Negra y Derechos Civiles. Mientras estos movimientos masivos ganaron impulso através de los 1950's y 1960's, la burguesía dió más reformas para calmar a las masas. La liberal corte Warren (cuando Earl Warren era Jefe de Justicia, 1954-1969) demostró las tácticas burguesas y pólizas en ese período.

En el presente período de deteriorizante crisis económica, la burguesía está menos dispuesta a dar reformas. Esta cortando aun más y está confrontada con el espectro de la unidad de

la clase obrera multinacional y tiene que recurrir a más engaños. Otros trucos que fueron pasados por la Corte Suprema recientemente fueron en transporte forzado (vea nuestro artículo en la edición de junio 1977, pg. 6) y en beneficios de maternidad (vea nuestro artículo en la edición de enero 1977, pg. 9). La Corte ha demostrado sus colores verdaderos recientemente cuando dejó a los Nazis marchar en Skokie, Illinois.

LA BURGUESIA TRATA DE CONFUNDIR Y DIFUNDIR A LOS MOVIMIENTOS NACIONALES

La burguesía tiene miedo de venir afuera y directa y abiertamente contra la acción afirmativa en este tiempo porque esto ayudaría a reunir y dejar libre el poder potencial del movimiento de las nacionalidades oprimidas y la clase obrera y también quiere de continuar en empujar su falsa campaña de "derechos humanos" através de su principal representante Jimmy Carter. Por esto es que la Corte Suprema esta diciendo que "la raza puede ser un factor entre otros factores" usado como una criteria de admisión. Expresando la decisión en esta manera, esto permite a los llamados líderes en los movimientos nacionales espacio para cubrir a la burguesía y confundir a las minorías oprimidas.

Benjamin Hooks, director ejecutivo de la NAACP llamó a la decisión Bakke "una victoria clara para acción afirmativa" no sólo en educación pero también en otras áreas. El Dr. Joseph Lowery, presidente de la Conferencia de Liderato Cristiano del Sur, dijo que la decisión permitirá a las escuelas a "continuar a ser agresiva en su reclutamiento y admisiones de minorías."

Pero la burguesía sabe que estos chiflados no pueden engañar al pueblo por mucho tiempo con esta basura. Por saliendo en contra las cuotas y a favor de "raza como un factor entre otras," la Corte deja que cada escuela individual lleve a cabo o no lleve a cabo acción afirmativa genuina como desee. No sólo es esto una garantía que las ganancias serán cortadas, ésta táctica difunde el foco de la lucha para la acción afirmativa en diferentes luchas locales. Le quita un punto culminante para las minorías oprimidas y a las fuerzas contra Bakke para unirse y formar un movimiento político poderoso.

LA BURGUESIA SIEMPRE TRATA DE DIVIDIR LA CLASE OBRERA

Con la inflación y el desempleo ferozmente creciendo, la clase obrera multinacional y las minorías oprimidas acompañando a la la pequeña burguesía están siendo exprimidas secas. Se están enfureciendo y ampliando sin una dirección clara como el movimiento de la Proposición 13. Así en este tiempo la competencia para lo que queda se pondrá feroz. La burguesía está tratando de incitar más lucha interna entre las minorías y blancos, hombres y mujeres. La Corte Suprema, por legalizar la mentira de "discriminación reversa" en la decisión Bakke está diciéndoles a los obreros blancos y a los blancos pobres que ellos están siendo exprimidos afuera. Le está diciendo a las minorías oprimidas que

blancos como Bakke son el enemigo principal y que el racismo de los blancos pobres y no el capitalismo es el problema principal.

Pero la gran mayoría de los obreros blancos y los pobres no poseen las industrias y controlan las escuelas de medicina. Son los capitalistas monopolistas avaros que gobiernan. Ellos son el enemigo principal. Es a causa del capitalismo que no hay suficientes

trabajos y no suficientes escuelas. Los escasos 100 lugares en la escuela de medicina en Davis es la respuesta de los capitalistas a la necesidad lamentosa para doctores en todas comunidades pobres y de la clase obrera. Por eso es que Bakke hiera a los obreros blancos igual que a las minorías, porque sirve a dividir y a debilitar la clase obrera entera en su lucha por un futuro mejor. ■

It has used this hegemonic imperialist policy repeatedly around the world, playing colonial power-politics like switching sides in Somalia-Ethiopia and in Turkey-Greece conflicts, splitting the Angolan people, executing war against Eritrea and carrying out aggression against Zaire. But the Soviet social-imperialists have done more in Asia. This ranged from the KGB-backed coup d'état in Afghanistan and the shameless backing of the Indian expansionists in partitioning Pakistan (Bangladesh) to attempts to buy off officials in Indonesia and other South East Asian countries to gain a foothold there. They even tried to hook up with the hated fascist Chiang clique in China's Taiwan province and have continually occupied two of Japan's northern islands.

Besides continuing to occupy the Czarist conquered territories in China, the Soviet social-imperialists have also backed and subsidized the Indian expansionist attempts to take over a portion of China's territory. That was the origin on the request of the Chinese government to set up the consulate for months, giving lame excuses for not opening up full state-to-state representation to help solve this contradiction. After months of frustration, the Chinese government finally decided to close down three Vietnamese consulates in China as a response. Only after this measure was taken did Vietnam agree to open up the Chinese consulate in Ho Chi Minh City. China then sent two ships to Vietnam to help in the evacuation of the Chinese and Chinese-Vietnamese who were being persecuted; again, Vietnam stalled, refusing to allow the ships to dock.

On this question, the Vietnamese government has, again, taken a non-cooperative attitude in allowing the situation to continue. They are allowing the banner of supporting national liberation, while already defeated in South-East Asia, U.S. imperialism is making propaganda hay out of this situation to whip up cynicism against communism. To say that the Chinese started the split, as the revisionists and Trotskyites of all brands claim, is a lie. Even from a purely military and tactical consideration, China has nothing to lose by having a tremendous amount to lose by having the Soviet Union's influence grow in Vietnam and by having to deal with two fronts — the Soviet Union to the north and Vietnam to its south.

The Soviet Union is taking over the mantle of the bankrupt U.S. imperialist "containment of China" policy. The conflict is not just China versus Vietnam, the conflict is between China and the Soviet Union, which is behind Vietnam.

After the U.S. got booted out of South-East Asia, which marked the end of the notorious 30-year old "Containment Policy" against China, the Soviet social-imperialists worked overtime to try to take over this hegemonic mantle.

We can be sure, however, just as the Vietnamese people crushed the French, Japanese, and U.S. imperialists, they will also drive out the Soviet Union! The Vietnamese people did not fight for over a hundred years and sacrifice their finest sons and daughters just to see the fruits of victory snatched by the Soviet social-imperialists! ■

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cambiar; hasta cuando las circunstancias son distintas, el estilo de vivir sencillamente y luchar duro no debe cambiar; hasta cuando las condiciones se mejoran, el verdadero color del pueblo trabajador no debe cambiar. Sólo en esta manera podremos tener el mismo lenguaje de las masas del pueblo, tener raíces hondas con ellos, pensar los mismos pensamientos, preocuparnos por las mismas cosas y siempre representar sus intereses.

Para realizar sus conspiraciones malvadas en contra de la revolución y para restorar el capitalismo, el grupo anti-Partido de Lin Piao práctico con todo ardor el estilo de los políticos burgueses adentro de nuestro Partido y con los rangos revolucionarios; jalando y empujando, jactando y adulando, prometieron puestos oficiales y otros favores al tratar en vano de corromper las tradiciones buenas de nuestro Partido mientras empujan su línea revisionista y contra-revolucionaria para así derrotar la dictadura del proletariado. Debemos exponer y criticar completamente el estilo burgués y decadente propagado por estafadores como Lin Piao y eliminar sus efectos venenosos. Debemos ver que por causa de esta corrupción por la ideología burguesa y la influencia de estilos malos propagados por estafadores como Lin Piao, algunos de nuestros camaradas han sido contaminados por malicias como usar sus posiciones para buscar ganancias privadas y practicar "excepcionalismo" y engaños. Se han olvidado de que son sirvientes del pueblo; se han olvidado del principio básico que comunistas deben trabajar por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y del mundo; han usado la autoridad que se les ha dado por el pueblo para trabajar por sus propios intereses egoístas o los de un grupo pequeño en vez de representar al pueblo. Este estilo de trabajar no sólo hace daño a la revolución, sino es también incompatible con la mentalidad que deben tener comunistas de servir al pueblo de todo corazón. Es también muy peligroso si no mantenemos nuestra vigilancia y nos sobreponemos de esto. Tan temprano como la víspera de la fundación de la Nueva China, en la Segunda Sesión Plenaria del Séptimo Comité Central del Partido, el Presidente Mao nos aconsejó repetidamente que al llegar a la victoria deberíamos mantener vigilancia especial de la corrupción de la ideología burguesa y de los ataques por sus estafas y engaños; también nos dijo: **"Se les debe enseñar a los camaradas a seguir siendo modestos, prudentes y libres de la arrogancia y temeridad en el estilo de trabajo. Se les debe enseñar a preservar el estilo de vida sencilla y de luchar duro"** (*Textos Escogidos*). Hoy después de haber ganado grandes victorias en la Gran Revolución Cultural del Proletariado y en la campaña para criticar a Lin Piao y rectificar nuestro estilo de trabajo, debemos mantener con toda firmeza las lecciones de estos dos mandatos: debemos ser modestos y prudentes, vivir sencillamente y luchar duro, oponernos al excepcionalismo con toda resolución y seriamente rectificar nuestros estilos incorrectos de trabajar. Debemos, de todo corazón, trabajar por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y del mundo, y bajo el liderato del Comité Central del Partido Dirigido por el Presidente Mao, unirnos aún más para ganar aún más victorias.

Para Trabajar Por Los Intereses De La Mayoría Inmensa Del Pueblo de China Y Del Mundo, Debemos Establecer El Internacionalismo Proletario

Es un principio importante del marxismo-leninismo de mantener firmemente el internacionalismo proletario. El movimiento revolucionario ha sido internacionalista desde el comienzo. El marxismo mantiene que las luchas justas de los pueblos de varios países del mundo se apoyan el uno al otro. Países que ya han llegado a la victoria de la revolución y están bajo la dictadura del proletariado tienen la obligación de ayudar las luchas revolucionarias de las naciones oprimidas y pueblos oprimidos, mientras que la victoria y la consolidación de la revolución en cualquier país no puede ser separada de la ayuda internacional. Así que para llegar a la victoria de la revolución proletaria y la dictadura del proletariado, debemos realizar el gran llamado: **"Proletarios de todo los países, unáanse!"** y **"Proletarios de todo los países y**

naciones oprimidas, unáanse!"

Manteniendo firmemente el internacionalismo proletario está relacionado a implementar consistentemente la línea básica del Partido y continuar la revolución bajo la dictadura del proletariado. El Presidente Mao nos enseña: **"De acuerdo al punto de vista leninista, la victoria final de un partido socialista no sólo requiere los esfuerzos del proletariado y las grandes masas del pueblo en su país, pero también implica la victoria de la revolución mundial y el fin del sistema de explotación de la humanidad por el hombre sobre todo el mundo, cuando toda la humanidad será emancipada"** (*Revista de Pekín*, No. 27, 2 de julio de 1971). Esto nos dice claramente que con tal de que existan clases, el sistema de explotación y el imperialismo en el mundo, no realizaremos el comunismo. Sólo al unirnos, apoyarnos el uno al otro y luchar juntos podrá el proletariado del mundo construir un mundo nuevo sin imperialismo, sin capitalismo y sin ningún sistema de explotación. Así que el internacionalismo proletario es la ideología del proletariado de una revolución completa, de llevar acabo la revolución proletaria mundial hasta su fin. Nosotros, como comunistas, debemos hacer el mantener firmemente el internacionalismo proletario una parte importante de continuar la revolución bajo la dictadura del proletariado, y de implementar conscientemente la línea revolucionaria del Presidente Mao.

El Presidente Mao siempre ha educado al Partido entero y todo el pueblo en el pensamiento del internacionalismo proletario. En su ensayo "En La Memoria de Norman Bethune", el Presidente Mao nos dijo: **"¿Qué espíritu impulsa a un extranjero a entregarse sin ningún móvil personal a la causa de la liberación del pueblo chino como a la suya propia? El espíritu del internacionalismo, el espíritu del comunismo, que todos los comunistas chinos debemos asimilar"** (*Textos Escogidos*). Después de que todo el país fue liberado, el Presidente Mao de nuevo nos señaló enfáticamente: **"El pueblo que ha triunfado en su propia revolución debe ayudar a aquellos que luchan todavía por liberación. Este es nuestro deber internacional"** (*Citaciones*). Estas enseñanzas del Presidente Mao nos explican que para trabajar por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y del mundo, los comunistas—que tienen la responsabilidad personal de la emancipación de la humanidad entera—deben a todo tiempo acordarse que muchos de las masas trabajadoras del mundo todavía no han sido emancipadas, tantos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas de clase todavía están sufriendo y siendo oprimidos. Debemos establecer el internacionalismo proletario y hacer contribuciones más grandes al apoyo de la revolución mundial.

Para sostener con firmeza el internacionalismo proletario, debemos oponernos con resolución al chauvinismo de las superpotencias. El grupo de renegados revisionistas soviéticos han traicionado el marxismo-leninismo y también al internacionalismo proletario. Por una parte, portándose como "benefactores" de su propio estilo, toman crédito, sin pena, por la ayuda del pueblo soviético a otros países durante la época de Lenín y Stalin; por otra parte vuelan la bandera de "ayuda" mientras que hacen todo lo posible por saquear, explotar, controlar y esclavizar a otros países. Alzan el cartel de "socialismo" y "internacionalismo", pero negocian en chauvinismo de las grandes superpotencias y egotismo nacional. Mientras siguen el camino de los viejos Tsars pero con aún más ambiciones, se ocupan con rivalidades con las otras superpotencias al tratar en vano de establecer hegemonía mundial. Hablan a voz alta de "paz", "seguridad" y "desarmamento" pero en realidad, están intensificando su expansión de armas y preparándose para una guerra y llevando acabo sus pólizas de agresión y guerra. Han invadido y tomado a Checoslovaquia, amasaron sus tropas a lo largo de la frontera china, mandaron sus tropas a Mongolia, apoyaron al grupo de traidores de Lon Nol, suprimieron la rebelión de los trabajadores polacos, intervinieron en Egipto, causando la expulsión de expertos soviéticos, despedasaron a Pakistán, y llevaron acabo actividades subversivas en muchos países de Asia y África. Estas actividades nos han expuesto penetrantemente sus rasgos horribles como

los Tsares nuevos y la esencia reaccionaria de su "socialismo en palabras, imperialismo en hechos". Lenín nos ha enseñado que **"Los rasgos esenciales del imperialismo es la rivalidad entre varios Grandes Poderes en sus esfuerzos por la hegemonía"** (*Textos Escogidos de Lenín*). Hoy la rivalidad por la hegemonía entre las dos superpotencias, los Estados Unidos y la Unión Soviética es la causa del desorden mundial. Aunque compiten, conspiran también y sus conspiraciones sirven al propósito de competición mas intensiva. Dondequiera que el pueblo se alza en revolución, las superpotencias se unen para interferir y suprimirlos. Es por eso que si mantendremos firme el internacionalismo proletario, debemos fortalecer nuestra unidad con el proletariado, los pueblos oprimidos y naciones del mundo entero y con todos los países víctimas de la agresión imperialista, subversión, interferencia, mandos y formar el frente unido amplio en contra del imperialismo, colonialismo y neo-colonialismo, y en particular en contra del hegemonismo de las dos superpotencias—los Estados Unidos y la Unión Soviética. Debemos unirnos con todos los verdaderos partidos políticos marxistas-leninistas y organizaciones por todo el mundo, y llevar acabo la lucha en contra del revisionismo moderno hasta su fin. Ahora mismo la situación internacional es excelente: **"Los países quieren independencia, las naciones quieren liberación, el pueblo quiere revolución"** es la irresistible dirección histórica. En esta situación excelente, debemos implementar, con todos nuestros esfuerzos, las instrucciones del Presidente Mao que nos llama a **"Estar preparados contra la guerra o contra los desastres naturales y hacer todo para el pueblo"** y de **"escabar tuneles hondos, almacenar grano por dondequiera y nunca buscar la hegemonía"**, mantenemos vigilantes de cualquier guerra de agresión que puedan empear los imperialistas, especialmente un ataque de sorpresa de parte de los soviéticos revisionistas y socio-imperialistas y estar siempre preparados a eliminar al enemigo que invade nuestro país.

Para mantener con firmeza el internacionalismo proletario, los comunistas deben estudiar seriamente y implementar la línea revolucionaria del Presidente Mao acerca de los asuntos extranjeros. El Presidente Mao nos dice: **"En nuestras relaciones internacionales, nosotros, el pueblo chino, debemos acabar con el chauvinismo de los grandes poderes con resolución, completamente y enteramente"** (*Revista de Pekín*, No 27, 2 de julio de 1971). Nuestro país tiene una población grande, un territorio inmenso y recursos abundantes. Debemos hacer que nuestro país sea fuerte y prospero, y no hay duda de que somos capaces de esto. Pero, bajo las circunstancias, debemos seguir el principio de **"nunca buscar la hegemonía"** y de nunca ser una superpotencia. Debemos mantenernos firmes a las enseñanzas del Presidente Mao para nunca llegar a ser arrogantes, ni siquiera después del siglo 21. Durante este tiempo nos debemos mantener firmes en nuestros puestos, y de todo corazón trabajar por la revolución y la construcción de nuestro país. Aunque exista la división de labor y tareas distintas en la revolución, los comunistas luchando en varios frentes están todos trabajando por la misma meta, que es de acelerar la revolución y construcción socialista, consolidar la dictadura del proletariado, ayudar a la revolución mundial y abrir el camino para el comunismo. Por esta razón, debemos ligar nuestro trabajo diario con las tormentas revolucionarias por todo el mundo, para que cosas como tejer un pie más de tela o cosechar otro costal de trigo se miren como acciones prácticas para ayudar a la revolución mundial. Debemos seguir las enseñanzas de Mao y siempre pensar en trabajar por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y del mundo, y llevar acabo nuestro deber internacional y nuestra obligación de contribuir a la humanidad. ■

Carácter del Partido

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Para Trabajar Por los Intereses de la Mayoría Inmensa Del Pueblo de China Y Del Mundo, Debemos Establecer de Todo Corazón la Perspectiva de Servir Al Pueblo

La pregunta de quién servir es, en el último análisis, una pregunta de perspectiva mundial. Si uno trabaja por el proletariado y el pueblo trabajador o por la clase explotadora, si uno trabaja por la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y del mundo, o por un número pequeño de personas—esto es una marca importante que distingue la perspectiva mundial del proletariado de la perspectiva mundial de la burguesía. Nosotros, como comunistas, debemos establecer la perspectiva mundial del proletariado y usar la posición, punto de vista y método del materialismo dialéctico y histórico para entender claramente las leyes objetivas del desarrollo de la sociedad y a la vez la misión histórica del proletariado. Sólo en esta manera podemos conscientemente dedicar nuestras vidas limitadas al servicio sin límite al pueblo, luchando toda nuestra vida para realizar el ideal noble del comunismo. Si nuestra perspectiva mundial no ha sido transformada correctamente y llevamos en nuestras cabezas la mugre de la burguesía, lleno de pensamientos egoístas e ideas confusas, no podremos servir al pueblo de todo corazón. Así que para implementar conscientemente la línea revolucionaria del Presidente Mao, llevar a cabo nuestra meta de construir el Partido por el bien de todos, y trabajar de todo corazón por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y del mundo, debemos repudiar completamente la perspectiva mundial de la burguesía y establecer la perspectiva mundial proletariada de servir al pueblo con todo corazón.



Marcha de 25,000 I, del ejército Rojo chino es una hazaña histórica que ayudo a forjar la tradición del partido del Partido Comunista de China.

La pregunta principal en remodelar nuestra perspectiva mundial es de derrotar el individualismo y establecer la perspectiva de servir al pueblo de todo corazón. El individualismo viene del "ser propio" que busca ganancias personales en todo—esto es fundamentalmente antagonístico a la perspectiva de servir al pueblo de China y el mundo de todo corazón. El departamentalismo y la mentalidad del "grupo pequeño" se concierne sólo con los intereses del grupo pequeño propio, ignorando los intereses de todos. Aunque esto no aparenta ser el perseguir las ganancias individuales, en realidad contiene un individualismo de vista extremadamente estrecho. El individualismo es el núcleo de la perspectiva mundial de la burguesía. Sólo completamente desarraigar el pensamiento individualista podremos establecer la perspectiva mundial de servir al pueblo de todo corazón, buscando verdaderamente ni la fama ni la fortuna y sin miedo de la aflicción o a la muerte,

estando de todo corazón por la revolución y el pueblo, para que podamos completamente y enteramente servir al pueblo de China y del mundo.

El Presidente Mao nos enseña: "En ningún momento y en ninguna circunstancia puede un comunista poner en primer plano sus intereses personales, al contrario, debe subordinarlos a los intereses de la nación y de las masas populares" ("El Papel de Partido Comunista en la Guerra Nacional," *Textos Escogidos*). En la lucha revolucionaria extendida, la razón fundamental por la cual muchos comunistas han podido romper a través de las líneas enemigas en medio de un bosque de rifles y una prudentes en tiempos buenos, aplicados hasta cuando trabajan en posiciones ordinarias—la razón fundamental es porque tienen el espíritu comunista de buscar nada por sí mismos, habiendo establecido la perspectiva mundial de servir al pueblo de todo corazón.

Algunos camaradas que también hablan de servir al pueblo, en realidad dicen una cosa y hacen otra; sólo cuidan sus intereses propios, sólo se preocupan por su reputación y posición personal. Por ejemplo, son muy selectivos en su trabajo: sólo quieren trabajar en este distrito, y no otro; trabajan sólo si cabe con sus aspiraciones personales; prefieren trabajo liviano a trabajo duro, así que empujan a la espalda de otros las cargas pesadas y sólo hacen las tareas livianas. Todos éstos ejemplos son manifestaciones de la perspectiva mundial de la burguesía y son incompatibles con la tarea noble de comunistas de servir al pueblo de China y del mundo de todo corazón. Dentro de nuestros rangos revolucionarios, aunque hay una división entre labor y tareas distintas, sólo hay una meta en común y esa es de consolidar la dictadura del proletariado, construir el socialismo y finalmente realizar el comunismo. Es por eso que cada comunista debe establecer firmemente la perspectiva de servir al pueblo de todo corazón y recordar siempre que somos sirvientes del pueblo; debemos ser capaz de tomar posiciones altas o bajas, trabajar en puestos "oficiales" o civiles, hacer de buena gana lo que el Partido nos dirija y hacer de buena gana lo que el Partido necesita de nosotros. Si el puesto es alto o bajo, si la carga es liviana o pesada, si las condiciones son buenas o malas—siempre que sea



por el bien de las empresas del Partido, con tal de que sea necesitado por la causa revolucionaria y, con un alto sentido revolucionario de responsabilidad, hacer bien nuestro trabajo.

Hay otros camaradas que después de haber hecho algunos trabajos buenos o de haber hecho algún logro en su trabajo, estrechan sus manos al Partido y esperan que "recompensas sean dadas después de examinar sus servicios." Cuando sus aspiraciones personales no se cumplen, sienten que han sido dados un trato malo, y esto hace surgir un modo negativo y quejoso. Esto refleja, también, la perspectiva mundial de la burguesía. Un comunista debe tener un espíritu completamente abnegado, y trabajar siempre por los intereses de las grandes masas y la revolución. Desde este punto fundamental, tenemos ejemplos gloriosos de innumerables mártires y héroes revolucionarios. El camarada Norman Bethún no le importó las miles de millas que tuvo que viajar para

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llegar a China para ayudarnos en nuestra Guerra de Resistencia Contra Japón, y nos da tristeza que muriera como mártir en su puesto de trabajo; el camarada Chiao Yu-lu batalló el viento y la lluvia para construir nuevas aldeas socialistas, dedicando todas sus energías a esta tarea hasta su muerte; Ching Hsun-hua, el modelo para la juventud revolucionaria, murió heroicamente cuando peleaba las inundaciones para salvar la propiedad del estado. ¡Que estado mental tan noble nos enseñan estas figuras heroicas! Comparados a esto, aquellos que piensan que están recibiendo un trato malo deben agarrar fuerza de estos hechos heroicos para seguir adelante y ponerle fin a sus esquemas pequeños y planes pequeños por ganancias personales; en vez de esto deben pensar siempre en trabajar por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y el mundo, y esforzarse para ser "una persona moral, pura y de pensamientos altos, que se ha separado de los intereses filistinos y sirven los intereses del pueblo".

Con respecto a la relación entre una parte y la totalidad, algunos camaradas reconocen en palabras la importancia de la totalidad pero en realidad sólo se preocupan por su propio grupo pequeño y unidad pequeña, hasta ignorando las pólizas del Partido, intereses nacionales y las aflicciones de unidades fraternales para así trabajar por los intereses de su propia unidad o grupo. Buscan ganancias para una parte al costo de la totalidad, sacrificando los intereses del país y de las masas por los intereses de su grupo y todavía dicen cosas como: "Yo trabajo para todos, por el bien común." Esta forma de pensar que trabaja por los intereses del grupo pequeño al costo de los intereses básicos del proletariado es, en realidad, aún una manifestación de la perspectiva de propiedad privada; es incompatible con la perspectiva mundial del proletariado de trabajar por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa, como el agua es con el fuego. Si a un comunista le falta la perspectiva de la situación total pero da énfasis constantemente a los intereses personales y del grupo pequeño, sin ver los intereses básicos del proletariado, esto puede fácilmente llevar errores de autonomismo y descentralización, haciendo menos y quebrándose de el liderato del Partido. Bajo las condiciones del socialismo, una puñada de enemigos de la clase llevarán a cabo siempre el sabotaje y harán problemas usando el individualismo, departamentalismo y mentalidad de grupo pequeño adentro de nuestros rangos revolucionarios. Así como le dijo Chiang Shui-Ying con gran sentimiento a Li Chih-tien en la opera revolucionaria "Oda a Long Kiang: "Wang Kuo-la sigue diciendo que esta "pensando en el interés de todos!" Es nuestra brigada de producción "todos" de qué habla? No! De cuáles intereses está hablando? Está trabajando por su clase! Cada clase tiene sus propios intereses privados y públicos. Chih-tien, el enemigo, ha usado la idea de "privado" para esconderse!" Debemos tomar este aviso como un ejemplo para hacer más fuerte nuestra vigilancia y nunca olvidarnos de la lucha de clases. El Presidente Mao nos enseña: "Comunistas deben comprender el principio de subordinar las necesidades de la parte a las del todo" ("El Papel del Partido Comunista en La Guerra Nacional," *Textos Escogidos*). Sólo al remodelar continuamente nuestra perspectiva mundial y completamente derrotando el departamentalismo y la mentalidad del grupo pequeño, podremos, como comunistas, establecer la perspectiva mundial de considerar la situación entera, y trabajar mejor por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y el mundo.

Para establecer la perspectiva de servir al pueblo de todo corazón, debemos promover el espíritu revolucionario de vivir sencillamente y luchar duro. Este es el verdadero color político que pertenece únicamente al proletariado, nuestra herencia para hacer revolución. Para trabajar por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y del mundo, comunistas deben mantener a todo tiempo y bajo todas condiciones nuestro color político verdadero de vivir sencillamente y luchar duro; debemos respirar el mismo aire y compartir la misma fortuna de las masas y nunca desear la comodidad o facilidad, buscar el placer o no querer continuar el llevar una vida dura. Hasta cuando nuestra posición cambia, nuestra perspectiva de servir al pueblo no debe

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Los Comunistas Deben Ser Los Elementos Avanzados del Proletariado

El siguiente artículo, una traducción por la OPVA de la primera edición del panfleto chino "Los Comunistas Deben Ser Los Elementos Avanzados del Proletariado" fue escrito por un grupo de escritores en Shanghai. Fue publicado por La Casa Publicadora del Pueblo, en Shanghai, en abril de 1974.

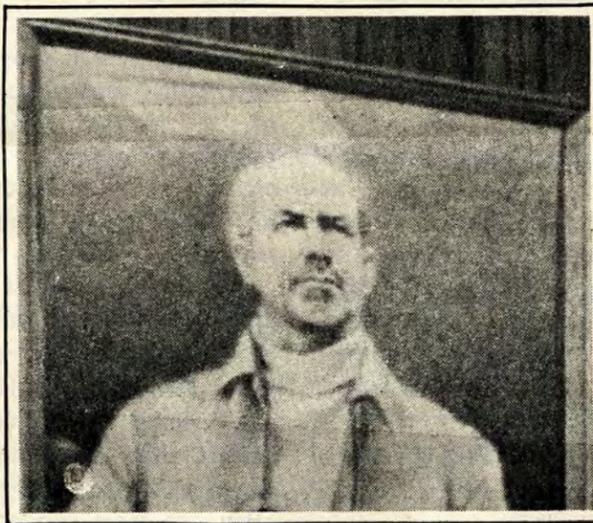
Este panfleto esta compuesto de cinco capítulos. Cada capítulo describe la significancia de una de las cinco criterios que todo comunista debe de procurar y practicar. Estas 5 criterios son una expresión concentrada del carácter del Partido Comunista, o a lo que comunmente se refiere como espíritu de Partido.

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La Constitución del Partido estipula que los miembros del Partido Comunista deben "trabajar por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y del mundo". Ya sea si servir la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y del mundo o servir el número pequeño de personas de la clase explotadora; ya sea si construir el Partido para el bien común o para la ganancia privada—esto es la diferencia entre el partido político del proletariado y el partido político burgués, la diferencia entre comunistas genuinos y falsos. En línea con este requisito de la Constitución del Partido, cada uno de nosotros, como comunistas, debemos de sostener firmemente el fin de construir el Partido para el bien común, al servir de todo corazón el pueblo de China y del mundo, así avanzando con toda resolución la línea revolucionaria del Presidente Mao.

Es El Deber Perpetuo de los Comunistas de Construir el Partido Para el Bien Común Y Trabajar Por los Intereses de la Mayoría Inmensa del Pueblo de China Y del Mundo

Construir el Partido por el bien común y trabajar por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y del mundo es un deber determinado por el carácter del partido político del proletariado y su tarea histórica; también es el propósito del Partido en construir el Partido. Hace más de cien años, Marx y Engels señalaron en el *Manifiesto del Partido Comunista*: "Todos los movimientos históricos anteriores fueron movimientos de minorías o en interés de una minoría. El movimiento proletariado es un movimiento independiente de la mayoría inmensa, en el interés de la mayoría inmensa". El Presidente Mao nos dijo: "El Partido Comunista es un Partido político que trabaja por los intereses de la nación y del pueblo y que sigue absolutamente ningún fin privado". (Discurso a la Asamblea de Representantes de la Región de Frontera de Shensi-Kansu-Ningsia, Textos Escogidos). Nuestro Partido es el partido político del proletariado. El proletariado es la clase más grande en la historia humana, los de vista más ancha, los más abnegados y completamente revolucionarios. Sólo al liberar toda la humanidad podrá el proletariado liberarse a si mismo. Desde el primer día del comienzo de nuestro Partido hemos asumido la gran misión histórica de liberar a la nación entera y toda la humanidad. Armados con el Marxismo-Leninismo-Pensamiento Mao Tsetung, nuestro Partido es la vanguardia del proletariado que toma los intereses de las grandes masas del pueblo como el punto de partida para todas nuestras acciones. El programa básico y meta final de nuestro Partido refleja en forma concentrada los intereses fundamentales y del futuro del proletariado y las grandes masas del pueblo trabajador, completamente incorporando el propósito del Partido de construir el Partido para el bien común. Por más de cincuenta años, la gran mayoría de los miembros de nuestro Partido, bajo el guía de la línea revolucionaria del Presidente Mao y juntos con el



Norman Bethune, un comunista canadiense. El se alistó a la guerra española antifascista y trabajó hasta su muerte en el ejército Rojo chino. Un ejemplo brillante de un internacionalista que trabajó sinceramente para servir el interés de la gran mayoría por todo el mundo. Vivió una vida orgullosa de abnegación para el fin noble del socialismo y el comunismo.

nuestra meta básica como Comunistas y también señala claramente para los grandes números de comunistas el camino de "a quien servimos". Cada comunista debe seguir las enseñanzas del Presidente Mao y hacer nuestro deber de toda la vida el trabajar por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y del mundo.

Construyendo el Partido para ganancia personal y formando una alianza para perseguir intereses egoístas—esta es la característica que tienen en común todos los partidos políticos burgueses y revisionistas. La burguesía es una clase egoísta y explotadora; consideran el hacer ganancias al costo de los demás como un principio natural. El hecho de que los jefes de líneas oportunistas están decididos a construir el Partido por ganancias personales es determinado precisamente por su naturaleza burguesa. Los líderes sucesivos de líneas oportunistas en nuestro Partido estaban opuestos a trabajar por los intereses de la inmensa mayoría del pueblo. Trataron en vano de dirigir al proletariado y a las masas a adaptarse a los intereses egoístas de la pandilla burguesa al

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pueblo de todo el país, han llevado a cabo una lucha para sobreponerse a dificultades enormes con mucho valor, y innumerables miembros sobresalientes del Partido se han sacrificado heroicamente por el interés del pueblo. Al final, hemos ganado una victoria completa en la Nueva Revolución Democrática, y grandes victorias en la revolución socialista, la construcción socialista y la Gran Revolución Cultural del Proletariado. Todo esto comprueba que la historia de nuestro Partido ha sido una de luchar por los intereses del proletariado y las grandes masas del pueblo.

El gran líder Presidente Mao siempre le ha puesto mucha importancia a educar al Partido entero a la idea de construir el Partido por el bien común y en servir a la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y del mundo. Hace más de treinta años, el Presidente Mao llamó a que todos los Comunistas y cuadros revolucionarios aprendieran del ejemplo de Lu Hsun, "ser 'buey' por el proletariado y las masas, doblandose la espalda a la tarea hasta su muerte" (Intervenciones en el Foro de Yenán Sobre Arte y Literatura, Textos Escogidos). En 1944, el Presidente Mao nos señaló de nuevo en su obra brillante "Servir Al Pueblo": "Nuestro Partido Comunista, así como el VIII Ejército y el Nuevo 4 Cuerpo de Ejército dirigidos por el Partido, son destacamentos de la revolución. Estos destacamentos nuestros están dedicados por entero a la liberación del pueblo y trabajan totalmente por los intereses del pueblo" (Textos Escogidos). Después de la liberación del país entero, el Presidente Mao nos enseñó con más claridad al discutir los cinco requisitos para los herederos de la causa revolucionaria del proletariado: "debemos trabajar por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo, por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa de los pueblos del mundo; no debemos trabajar por los números pequeños de personas, por las clases explotadoras, por la burguesía o por los propietarios, campesinos ricos, contra-revolutionarios, elementos malos o derechistas" (*Revista de Pekín* no. 27, 3 de julio de 1970). Esta serie de directivas de importancia extrema del Presidente Mao explica penetrantemente

empujar líneas oportunistas y revisionistas. Manteniendo su ambición individualista de construir el Partido para ganancias personales, Liu Shao-Chi y Lin Piao maniobraron adentro de nuestro Partido por varias décadas; empujaron la línea contra-revolucionarias y representaron los intereses y las aspiraciones de la burguesía adentro del país y de los imperialistas, revisionistas y contra-revolutionarios afuera del país, mientras sonaban en vano de derrotar la dictadura del proletariado y restorar el capitalismo en nuestro país. Construyeron "fortalezas" y practicaron el sectarismo, frenéticamente tratando de dividir nuestro Partido; usando tácticas traicioneras, intrigando y tramando en vano de engañar y sosegar la gran mayoría de miembros del Partido y a las masas. Trabajando por los intereses de un número pequeño de explotadores, se ponen inevitablemente en relaciones antagonistas con el Partido y el pueblo, y así no pueden escapar la destrucción que es su último destino.

Nosotros, como comunistas, somos luchadores de la vanguardia del proletariado que lucharemos toda nuestra vida por el comunismo. Nuestro propósito básico en unírnos al Partido Comunista es el de trabajar de todo corazón por los intereses de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo de China y del mundo; esto es también una expresión concentrada del carácter proletariado del Partido. Cada comunista debe aprender de camaradas como Chang Szu-teh y Lei Feng, que se dedicaron infinitamente al pueblo y trabajaron con esmero por ellos. Debemos completamente exponer y criticar las tonterías revisionistas vendidos por estafadores como Liu Shao-chi y Lin Piao, demarcando claramente las líneas entre construir el Partido por el bien común y construirlo por ganancias personales, y vigilarnos de la corrupción y el veneno de la ideología burguesa; debemos hacer que todas nuestras palabras y acciones están al nivel más alto en estar por los intereses más grandes de la mayoría inmensa del pueblo y ser los elementos avanzados del proletariado, mereciendo el nombre.

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DE LAS MASAS A LAS MASAS

El jueves 11 de mayo, alrededor de 350 obreros de los 750 de la planta Longmont Turkey Processors en Longmont, Colorado, organizó una victoriosa huelga de 6 días. Los obreros, que casi todos son mejicanos y chicanos, se unieron y salieron contra los salarios despreciables, aumentos de producción y hostigamientos por los supervisores.

La huelga no autorizada de Longmont es muy significativa para los movimientos chicanos y obreros, no sólo en el norte de Colorado pero por todo el suroeste. En menos de una semana, sin fondos o organización, sin protección contra la compañía, la policía o la Migra, los obreros forzaron al presidente y al vice-presidente de la compañía a salir a las líneas de piquetes y negociar con ellos. Por saliendo en huelga no autorizada, los obreros desafiaron la compañía y empezaron a prepararse para luchar por su nuevo contrato que se termina el próximo febrero. La huelga no autorizada es otro instante enseñando que la lucha de los obreros inmigrantes indocumentados por sus derechos y sus vidas está siendo el tema más ardiente en el movimiento chicano de hoy.

La huelga también enseña la fuerza que Al Frente de Lucha puede prestar a las luchas del pueblo mexicano y chicano. Al Frente de Lucha es una organización del pueblo chicano que lucha por los derechos de chicanos y por la unidad de todos los obreros y pueblo oprimido. Al presente Al Frente esta poniendo su esfuerzo principal en organizar por los derechos de los obreros inmigrantes indocumentados. Cuando casi nadie ayudó la causa de los obreros de Longmont, los miembros de Al Frente estaban en la línea de piquetes (a la demanda de los obreros) ayudando en cualquiera manera.

Lo siguiente fue una descripción verdadera y día tras día de la huelga escrita por un obrero que ayudó a dirigirla.

Para medio día, vimos la hermandad que existía. Todos teníamos hambre y todos teníamos poco dinero. Pero, todos cooperamos (con lo poquito que teníamos) para traer la comida. Juntamos suficiente dinero para que todos tuvieran un buen almuerzo.

En estos momentos, estábamos más organizados. Habíamos organizado un piquete muy fuerte; gritamos nuevos gritos y cantamos canciones de lucha; formamos un teatro entre los trabajadores; y hicimos decisiones en unidad como un cuerpo bien unido. Nuestro movimiento se hacía más organizado porque teníamos el apoyo de la organización Al Frente de Lucha. Este apoyo lo fuimos a solicitar todo un grupo de trabajadores de la planta. En este modo, queríamos darle a conocer a toda la comunidad de nuestros problemas en la planta y a pedir apoyo.

Por la tarde, de ese mismo lunes,

tres carros de policías vinieron queriendo arrestar a uno de nuestros hermanos. La gente respondió con el grito "Si arrestan a uno, nos tienen que arrestar a todos" La policía, al fin, se fue no queriendo arrestar a nadie. Esto era el buen ejemplo de nuestra unidad y nuestra fuerza. Después de que se fue la policía, un hombre de la unión continuó a llamarnos que volviéramos a trabajar el martes en la mañana o hallar confrontación con la policía o con una orden de la corte en contra de la huelga. Los trabajadores, a este punto, nos juntamos y todos votamos a continuar la huelga el martes y tener una reunión con los dueños por la mañana.

El martes, 16 de mayo, los representantes de la unión llegaron a las seis de la mañana con bolantes pidiendo que los trabajadores regresaran a trabajar y que la huelga era ilegal. También, dijeron que los trabajadores que no regresaran a las siete de la mañana iban a estar despedidos del trabajo.

La gente continuó alisándose más activamente, conociendo que no es tan fácil reemplazar nuestra lucha—ni mucho menos que ejecutar nuestros trabajos—como sólo nosotros lo sabemos hacer. Cinco minutos antes de las siete, los trabajadores se juntaron y votaron a ir adentro de la planta para hablar con los dueños. Pero, para este tiempo, los dueños ya habían cerrado las puertas y no dejaban a ningún trabajador de la huelga entrar. Esto no paró el gran espíritu de los trabajadores así que unos doce se metieron al departamento de "pescadores" y comensaron a sacar a varios trabajadores directamente de sus trabajos. Cuando este incidente pasó, toda producción se paró, y los dueños devuelta hablaron a la policía. Muy pronto llegaron cuatro carros de policía para arrestar algunas personas. Como antes, todos los trabajadores se unieron en la calle y no hubo arrestos. Algunos trabajadores adentro de la planta, creyendo que la policía había hecho algunos arrestos, comensaron a salirse de la planta a dar apoyo. A este punto, los dueños vieron que las condiciones se estaban poniendo más en contra de ellos y para parar la huelga de trabajadores, salieron a negociar directamente con los trabajadores en la calle. Al fin, los dueños estuvieron en acuerdo con varios de los puntos que pedíamos. Tales como una revisión de trabajo para determinar el aumento de salario en los trabajos más pesados; que la línea iba a correr más despacio; que no iba a ver malos tratos por parte de los mayordomos; y que no iba a existir represalias para ninguno de los trabajadores.

Ahora la situación ha cambiado. La línea está corriendo más despacio, algunos hemos recibido un aumento, las condiciones están un poquito mejor, y la compañía nos está tratando mejor. Esto nos ha enseñado que el único modo de ganar estas concesiones es por la

organización.

Todos, muy bien, conocemos lo significativo de este movimiento. Pero, todavía, hay mucho descontento. Sabemos que es muy difícil, pero no imposible, en lograr la unidad completa entre todos los trabajadores. Tenemos que organizarnos todos y hacernos miembros de la unión. En febrero, la compañía, va a negociar un nuevo contrato con nuestra unión. ¡Tenemos que prepararnos! Hay que ir a las juntas de la unión. Hay que tener estas juntas con traducciones en español. Hay que hacer el contrato que se pueda leer, también, en español. ¡Hay que ganar otra gran victoria en febrero! ¡Una victoria que puede beneficiar a todos!

Hay que acordarnos que es nuestra fuerza y sudor que produce las ganancias por los dueños. Nosotros somos los verdaderos dueños de la producción y hay que continuar la lucha por nuestros derechos. Lo que luchamos va a ser difícil, pero no es imposible. ¡Que viva nuestra lucha y que viva la clase trabajadora!

El jueves, 11 de mayo, un día como cualquiera en la planta de Coconos de Longmont todos llegaban a su trabajo como era costumbre. Pero, ahora, entre la gente ya existía una semilla de inconformidad por todos los malos tratos a que eran expuestos todos los trabajadores; y por las malas condiciones que existían en la planta. En este día, muy pronto, se empezó a generar la idea de solucionar todas estos problemas por medio de una huelga.

Esta idea se hizo una realidad. A las 11 30 de la mañana comensaron a salir los trabajadores. Primero salieron los deshuesadores (boning department), los trabajadores que estaban sufriendo las peores condiciones de trabajo y los más malos tratos de los mayordomos. En salir este departamento de la planta (que es uno de los departamentos que mueven la producción) casi hubo un paro total.

Este día jueves vimos un gran apoyo y hermandad por parte de la mayoría de los trabajadores. Era claro que estábamos concientes de la necesidad de hacer cambios en las condiciones de trabajo y en luchar por un aumento de sueldo. Como a las dos de la tarde vino un hombre de la unión tratando de convencernos que debíamos regresar a trabajar. Pero no pudo convencernos porque, a este punto, no había existido ningún arreglo por parte de la empresa con los trabajadores directamente. Mejor, la gente decidió continuar la lucha más firmemente.

Y la lucha continuó! El día viernes 12 de mayo, prosigió el movimiento con mas fuerza pero con menos organización por parte de todos los trabajadores. Algunos trabajadores se comensaron a desmoralizar ya que no se presentaba alternativas de ningún arreglo. A eso de las 12 del sábado, devuelta

vino el representante de la unión tratando de convencernos a regresar al trabajo. El nos prometió que las condiciones ya iban a mejorarse y que los mayordomos nos iban a tratar mejor. También, prometió que las líneas de producción iban a correr más despacio. No mencionó nada del aumento hasta que un trabajador le preguntó de esto. El contestó que este asunto era uno de negociación entre la unión y la empresa. El argumentaba que en el contrato estaba estipulado no dar ningún aumento hasta que se acabará. Por que el contrato no se acaba hasta febrero de 1978, él decía que la huelga era ilegal y no se podía dar aumento. Es importante mencionar aquí que este contrato no lo conocía ninguno de los trabajadores en huelga aunque fue firmado para presentar la voz de los trabajadores por tres años.

El día lunes 15 de mayo, la lucha continuó con 50 por ciento de los trabajadores permaneciendo inactivos. Pero, en este día, se vió la gran fuerza de estos trabajadores que no se dejaron manejar por ninguna clase de maniobras.

En lucha,
A.R.

Moro

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chispa mantenida por el Partido Comunista Revolucionario, que creían que cualquier acción vanguardia tomada por unos pocos puede en si mismo dirigir a las masas en una acción revolucionaria, despreocupado al estado de conocimiento de las masas mismas.

El resultado del incidente de Moro demuestra que esta línea puede ser usada por la burguesía y los revisionistas para aislar a los revolucionarios de las masas de obreros. Más importante, y esto es demostrado por las demostraciones de los obreros contra las Brigadas Rojas, puede ser convertido y usado para ademar la democracia burguesa y crear histeria anticomunista. Mientras marxistas genuinos no rechazan violencia como una táctica para ser usada conjuntamente con el levantamiento de las masas, los revolucionarios tienen que poder usar todo tipo de táctica, armada y pacífica, legal e ilegal, abierta y secreta y combinarlas habilmente para luchar contra la burguesía.

Pero en todas los tiempos el conocimiento de clase de las masas tiene que ser elevado en el curso de la lucha para educarlas a ver porque el socialismo revolucionario es la única solución y porque la dictadura del proletariado tiene que reemplazar la dictadura de la burguesía. Cualquier otro camino no sólo es inaplicable políticamente, pero puede ser positivamente peligroso a la lucha de clases contra la clase capitalista monopolista. ■

La Meta- fisica

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y liderato en práctica. No los vamos a ganar solamente dándoles liderato a ellos sino también al mediano. Como ganamos al mediano através de la lucha diaria es importante, para tomar *ventajas* en nuestra lucha y a la vez, lo más importante, ganar al avanzado. Si efectivamente no podemos dirigir las grandes masas—entre las cuales el avanzado tiene raíces profundas y hacia los cuales el avanzado tiene responsabilidad—entonces como podemos efectivamente convencer al avanzado de que podemos dirigirlos?

Para comprender las leyes de como lograr al avanzado, es necesario de comprender las leyes de como ganar al mediano empujando hacia adelante las luchas de día-a-día; tenemos que ver la *relacion* entre el avanzado y el mediano. De manera que el ganar al mediano debe de verse en "su propósito, uso y conexión" al desarrollo de nuestra relación con el avanzado. Al desarrollar la relación con las grandes masas desarrollamos un aspecto de nuestra relación con el avanzado.

Entendiendo el sentido de ganar al avanzado a que signifique ponerle atención sólo al avanzado es pensamiento metafísico que *rompe* las relaciones entre el avanzado y el mediano conduciendo a la negligencia (descuido) del mediano que seriamente perjudica nuestra habilidad de ganar al avanzado lo mismo que de entrenarlo a ser comunista dentro de la espesura de la lucha de clases.

Al mismo tiempo hay que tomar precaución de la desviación a la derecha que pone en absoluto el mediano y cae ciega a la relación de dirigir al mediano dentro del contexto de dirigir y entrenar al avanzado. En la práctica poner en absoluto el dirigir al mediano conduce a la gente a disolver la distinción entre el avanzado y el mediano. Partiendo de aquí no habrá el esfuerzo de identificar al avanzado, mucho menos ganarlo y entrenarlo para el Partido, esto no puede resultar en acumulación de nuestras fuerzas para la preparación de la dictadura del proletariado.

La propaganda comunista debe de tomar prioridad en el esfuerzo de forjar el Partido del proletariado de los E.U. de la vanguardia durante el primer paso histórico de ganarlos y entrenarlos a aprender a *tomar liderato* tomando de hecho el liderato en todas las esferas de las luchas obreras. La propaganda debe de llevar prioridad en esta etapa histórica de nuestra lucha en el sentido de que el avanzado y los dirigentes independientes de la clase obrera no pueden llegar a ser miembros del Partido sin adquirir la perspectiva comunista del mundo. No llegarían a comprender y desarrollar la estrategia

y tácticas para cambiar el mundo a menos que por medio de propaganda comunista. De manera que la cuestión de lograr al avanzado no se puede separar de lo que Lenin indicó 'su propósito, uso y conexión' de lo que nos proponemos hacer con los obreros avanzados. El propósito, uso, y conexión del primer paso general de ganar la vanguardia es para el segundo paso general—buscar e implementar formas definitivas para la transición al socialismo.

Esta es la presentación correcta de la cuestión. Esto no se debe de confundir con el uso de la propaganda comunista como el único medio de atraer al obrero avanzado, substituyendo sólo la propaganda y agitación escrita con el logro y entrenamiento completo ideológico, político y organizacional del avanzado directamente en la lucha de clases.

Esta es la porción más amplia de la presentación correcta de la cuestión o bien sea, porque y como vamos a ganar al avanzado.

La otra parte de la cuestión es el nivel político del trabajador avanzado. Otra vez el materialismo dialéctico nos indica que esta cuestión debe de presentarse en el contexto de las condiciones (la conexión con el mundo que nos rodea) la ausencia del Partido por más de dos décadas en este país, las consecuencias de la etapa McCarthy en el movimiento obrero, el despertar de los grandes movimientos de liberación negra y contra la guerra que brotaron a fines de los 60's y principios de los 70's. La presentación de la cuestión del obrero avanzado debe de estar ligada a la tarea de lograr y entrenar al avanzado en la instrucción de tomar el liderato de las luchas de la clase obrera y de sus aliados, el logro y entrenamiento *concreto* de la vanguardia para edificar el Partido como una parte esencial de la preparación para la dictadura del proletariado.

De manera que la presentación comprensiva y concreta histórica—materialista de la cuestión de ganar y entrenar y la práctica no puede ser la descripción de un trabajador avanzado aislado del tiempo, lugar y condiciones y la práctica de lograr y entrenarlos no se puede reducir a la cuestión de venderles periódicos. Esto debe de estar en el contexto de la relación de las condiciones históricas concretas que condujeron a su desarrollo.

Para sumar: la cuestión de obreros avanzados *nunca* puede considerarse como una cuestión en si misma—en su propio derecho. Debe de examinarse concretamente—"sus aspectos, conexiones y posiciones intermedias" con la lucha de clases, el Partido y su papel en la preparación para la revolución proletaria.

La ley que obedece al logro del obrero avanzado y la presentación de la cuestión es, como cualquier otra cosa objetiva, en realidad, concreta. Como aseguró Lenin, **la verdad es concreta, nunca abstracta... y tiene que tomarse en su desarrollo, en su transformación, en auto-movimiento... y especialmente cuando se considera su propósito, uso y conexión (con énfasis) con el mundo que la rodea.** ■



EL MUNDO EN LUCHA

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LOS PUEBLOS QUIEREN REVOLUCION!



LOS E.U. Y LOS PAISES DE EUROPA OCCIDENTAL APRIETAN EL PUÑO EN ZAMBIA

Los E.U. y los países de Europa occidental comenzaron una 'operación de rescate' de 1 billón de dólares para Zambia. Este dinero de los Estados Unidos, Inglaterra y Alemania Occidental, fue dado a Zambia bajo la condición que Zambia se ponga de acuerdo de poner sus economía bajo vigilancia en el Fondo Internacional Monetario.

La profunda crisis económica en todos los países capitalistas del occidente han traído a muchos de los países del tercer mundo a punto de bancarrota. Esta es la tercer vez en el mes de junio que los E.U. y los países europeos apresuradamente dan más "ayuda" a fin de apretar el puño más. Los otros dos países son Zaire y Egipto.

Para Zambia, un factor principal que causó la reciente crisis económica es el colapso del precio del cobre. Este es un ejemplo claro de como los países imperialistas roban a los países del tercer mundo através de la manipulación de precios.

Otro factor principal es el peso duro de los intereses de las deudas extranjeras. El gobierno de Zambia amenazó con defalcarse 1.2 billones de dólares que le debe a los gobiernos extranjeros y bancos porque ellos justamente no pueden pagar.

Estas llamadas operaciones de rescate financiero fueron establecidas para ambas, la estrategia y el inmediato interés de los E.U. y algunos países del segundo mundo. Estratégicamente, esto fue para apretar el puño en los países del tercer mundo en las áreas donde la influencia soviética está creciendo. Inmediatamente, esto es para proteger sus préstamos y sus intereses que ellos reciben saqueando a estos países del tercer mundo.

MOVIMIENTO DEMOCRATICO EN COREA DEL SUR CONTINUA CRECIENDO

Estudiantes en Corea del Sur han demostrado y han tenido reuniones políticas para oponerse al gobierno fascista del presidente Park. En particular ellos han agitado contra la constitución del 1972, la cual da grandes poderes de emergencia a Park.

El 25 de junio, cientos de estudiantes universitarios, desafiando un decreto de emergencia, demostraron al frente del recién construido centro cultural en el centro de la ciudad de Seoul. 27 personas fueron arrestados incluyendo cinco sacerdotes Católicos Romanos.

EL PAPEL DE LA UNIÓN SOVIÉTICA ESTÁ CRECIENDO SIENDO EXPUESTO EN IRAQ

El papel de la Unión Soviética de subvertir y chantajear a los países del tercer mundo está siendo más claro a Iraq. El respaldo de la Unión Soviética al gobierno de Etiopia, el cual suprime al movimiento de liberación de Eritrea, y el reciente golpe de estado en Afghanistan, una vez más su papel ha sido expuesto por meterse en los asuntos interno de los países del tercer mundo. Esto ha elevado la vigilancia de parte del gobierno Iraquí. Especialmente en la luz de su reciente descubrimiento de células del partido revisionista en el ejército.

Iraq ha comprado armas de la Unión Soviética por muchos años. Sin embargo, desde que la Unión Soviética chantajó a Egipto en 1972, el gobierno Iraquí comenzó a tener reservaciones. Ellos cuidadosamente han venido planeando su compra de armas para incluir suficientes partes de repuestos por cinco años; y ahora ellos se están volviendo hacia el Oeste para así evitar la dominación total del superpoder soviético.

El Terrorismo de las Brigadas Rojas Excita al Capitalismo, No a las Masas Italianas

El vendedor de flores lo pensó extraño. Alguien le había cortado las ruedas de su carreta, prohibiéndolo de ir a su esquina de costumbre en una de las calles de Roma esa mañana. Fue la primera señal que una prueba principal de la habilidad de la burguesía italiana a gobernar se estaba preparando.

Dentro de varias horas, donde la carreta estaba supuesta estar, una secta terrorista llamada las Brigadas Rojas secuestraron al político italiano más importante, Aldo Moro, matando a cinco de sus guardaespaldas en el golpe rápido.

Por todos los 60s y 70s, Moro no sólo tuvo el puesto de primer ministro varias veces, pero fue el jefe estratega principal de la burguesía italiana. El líder del Partido Cristiano Demócrata de Italia, el partido gobernante principal del país. El fue el arquitecto del plan para incluir al Partido Comunista revisionista de Italia en la coalición de mayoría parlamentaria, efectivamente apropiando a los revisionistas. En 1963, también diseñó el plan para traer el Partido Socialista burgués en la coalición gobernante con los Cristianos Demócratas.

En el fin, la clase gobernante italiana que él sirvió tan bien en su vida lo dejaría morir en las manos de las Brigadas Rojas por el mismo fin que él trabajó—ganar tiempo para su gobierno derrumbado sobre las masas italianas.

Pero como Lenin dijo, la guerra es más fácil lograr que la política. La burguesía italiana tenía dos preguntas que contestar. Primero de todo, si o no declarar la ley marcial, deshacer con las formas democráticas que la clase gobernante usa para encubrir su dictadura, y tumbar cada puerta en Roma y dos, si o no libertar a los presos políticos como intercambio para Moro como sus secuestradores demandaron.

Básicamente quedó reducido a una cuestión: ¿cuánto vale un hombre como Moro a la burguesía como una clase? La respuesta del gobierno: insuficiente para rendir el casco de la democracia burguesa, y completamente exponer su verdadero carácter como una dictadura a las masas (y las masas italianas tienen un profundo odio para el fascismo habiendo aprendido de la experiencia de Mussolini). Y definitivamente insuficiente para libertar a los presos políticos y abrirse a demandas iguales de secuestradores futuros.

Estas decisiones fueron hechas con intereses estratégicos en mente, con las consideraciones de largo plazo de como mantenerse en el poder.

Trayendo el fascismo, el gobierno terrorista abierto de la burguesía, sólo cortarían sus alternativas y su habilidad a maniobrar a despecho de la creciente resistencia del pueblo italiano. Reduciría su respuesta a la pistola y el palo, eliminando la zanahoria, o el método de engaño masivo, por todo.

Cristiano Democrático han estado en el poder por décadas, y distinto a los E.U. el disfraz es menos refinado.

Los Revisionistas Vienen Ayudar a La Burguesía

El secuestro de Moro forzó a cada partido a enseñar sus verdaderos colores. Los representantes de la burguesía grande, los Cristianos Demócratas se mantuvieron firme igual que el Papa. Los Socialistas basado en la pequeña burguesía y la burguesía vacilaron, llamando al gobierno a considerar a negociar y libertar a los presos políticos.

Pero fue el Partido Comunista de Italia que se enterraron más profundo como el perro de mascota de la burguesía. El PCI ha atacado abiertamente al pueblo italiano en alianza con los Cristianos Demócratas. En julio, ellos apoyaron la congelación de empleos del gobierno a pesar del desempleo más alto en Europa, y cortar la medicina gratis en algunos programas de asistencia pública. También apoyaron a conceder poderes más grandes a la policía, incluyendo expandiendo el uso de interceptadores de líneas telefónicas y permitiendo a la policía a detener "sospechosos" sin orden de detención por 48 horas. Giovanni Galloni, el asistente al secretario del Partido Cristiano Democrático lo hizo claro cuando dijo que el apoyo de los revisionistas "nos permitirá a pasar algunas medidas impopulares en el parlamento." En la universidad de

de su estrategia bancarrota de tomar el poder por medio del voto. "Si los Comunistas de pronto cambiaban su curso regresivamente, ellos serían rechazados por ambos partidos y los votantes. Y si continúan a apoyar esta línea dura contra los terroristas, que todo el mundo occidental apoya, y medidas económicas estrictas, sólo pueden fortalecer la democracia (burguesa)."

Crisis Lejos De Terminar

Pero la crisis política incitada por las Brigadas Rojas está lejos de terminar. Mientras temporalmente dándole un estímulo al gobierno burgués italiano, las causas para la crisis todavía existen. Desempleo, inflación y otros efectos del sistema capitalista rugen sin cesar en la Italia.

Y con ella, la lucha del pueblo se amplía. Cada crisis demuestra a los obreros y a los oprimidos la bancarrota política de la burguesía y sus defensores revisionistas.

Pero sin el liderato de un Partido Comunista genuino, la resistencia de las masas, especialmente entre los jóvenes enfurecidos rencorosamente, pueden ser desviados espontáneamente en tales formas como las Brigadas Rojas. A causa de la falta de madurez política y una falta de la ciencia del marxismo, ellos desigualmente responden al odiado vendido del Partido Comunista de Italia con una estrategia del terrorismo político. Ellos piensan que forzar la burguesía a derrumbar el fascismo romperá mitos sobre la democracia burguesa entre las masas. Lo que ellos no comprenden es que las condiciones bajo el facismo lo hace más difícil a llevar a cabo el trabajo de organizar y educar a la clase obrera.

Una ley fundamental del marxismo que violan los terroristas es que las masas tienen que aprender de sus propias experiencias. Por ejemplo, en los E.U., el pueblo está más claro sobre el gobierno después de la exposición de Watergate y ahora viendo la naturaleza del liberal Carter. Pero ver más allá de las



personalidades individuales al sistema de capitalismo y los representantes generales del capitalismo, la agitación y educación comunista es necesaria. Y para esto los comunistas tenemos que estar con las masas a cada paso del camino, para elevar su habilidad a entrever las mentiras y trucos de la clase gobernante paso a paso según ocurren. Pero grupos como las Brigadas Rojas se aíslan de las masas. Ellos quieren despertar a las masas con el "terror excitativo."

La línea mantenida por las Brigadas Rojas es casi como la línea de una

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Secuestro de Moro Revela Como la Flexibilidad de la Democracia Burguesa y el Revisionismo Sirve al Gobierno Capitalista

La Respuesta del Gobierno:

En los Intereses del Gobierno Burgués

La primera respuesta del gobierno fue un reflejo rutinario. Enfrentados en todos los lados con una crisis económica y política más profunda que cualquiera otra en el mundo capitalista, los nervios irritados de los capitalistas y políticos italianos tuvieron que enfrentarse aún a otra crisis. Esto encima de huelga tras huelga, demostraciones tras demostraciones por los obreros afectados por una inflación de 20% al año (la más alta en Europa) y por estudiantes y jóvenes enfrentándose a la perspectiva de ser parte de los 1.6 millones desempleados de Italia, una mitad de ellos bajo la edad de 30 años. (La Universidad de Roma construida para sostener 20,000, tiene 10 veces esa cantidad. La única razón que funciona es porque la mayoría de los estudiantes no se preocupan a asistir a las clases.)

"Estamos en guerra," dijo un fiscal italiano. Y como una guerra, la clase gobernante italiana mandó a las tropas para hacer batalla con las Brigadas Rojas. 50,000 policías y tropas fueron desplegadas para buscar a unos pocos de jóvenes que tenían a Aldo Moro cautiverio. Barricadas fueron establecidas y registros comenzaron de casa a casa.

La póliza de la burguesía italiana demostró la flexibilidad de la democracia burguesa y como sirve el gobierno capitalista. Primero, después de la respuesta inicial, la burguesía no impuso la ley marcial. Segundo, por dejar morir a Moro, los Cristianos Demócratas lo usaron para reforzar su apoyo debilitado entre las masas, usando a Moro como un mártir en las elecciones, aumentando su porcentaje del voto.

Este es el punto de clave en comprender la naturaleza de las sociedades capitalistas, como los E.U. Como la corporación Rand el pensamiento contrarevolucionario de la clase gobernante, analizó en su estudio sobre el terrorismo: "... Nuestro sistema político ha sido flexible. Ha tenido una tremenda capacidad para absorber, para que ambas las quejas y los proponentes más articulados de cambio fueron apropiados en el sistema político. Aunque la Italia tiene una democracia rudamente funcionando, poco cambio ha actualmente tenido lugar y el liderato se ha quedado igual." Lea esto para significar que una vez que un republicano Nixon es expuesto por Watergate que un democrático liberal Carter puede ser instituido para dar la apariencia de cambio fundamental. Por otra parte, en Italia, líderes como Moro y el Partido

Roma, el líder laboral del PCI Luciano Lama fue forzado a escaparse cuando dijo que "los desempleados son parásitos que no quieren trabajar."

Ladrando duro y hasta más rápido que los Cristianos Demócratas para leyes más fuertes antiterroristas y poderes policiales más fuertes, los revisionistas casi reclamaron a Moro como su propio. Berlinguer, el líder del PCI, gritó "Quemen la tierra alrededor de los elementos subversivos, no existe una tarea más urgente que esta."

Actualmente fue como si Moro mismo estaba dirigiendo todo con el partido actuando exactamente como él pensó cuando él los trajo en la mayoría del parlamento al comienzo de este año. En un artículo, del N. Y. Times llamado la "herencia de Moro" por un antiguo subsecretario de asuntos exteriores dijo que los E.U. tuvo que apoyar a la Coalición de Cristianos Demócratas con el Partido Comunista "no para dar a los Comunistas un pasaporte para entrar a la comunidad democrática con poderes enteros, pero con el reconocimiento que la alianza adelante la evolución de los comunistas," (eso es, hacia más colaboración con los capitalistas).

También comprendió que los revisionistas estaban atrapados a causa

Filosofía Marxista

COMPRENDER LA DIALÉCTICA COMBATIR LA METAFÍSICA

Una fábula antigua cuenta que:

Una vez habian seis hombres ciegos que discutian entre ellos como era un elefante. Para averiguar este asunto, el primero va y le toca el lado, o sea el vientre, del elefante, y asegura que el elefante es como una tapia.

El segundo le atoca una pierna y dice, "No lo creo, un elefante es como el tronco de un arbol."

El tercero le agarra la cola y afirma, "Ambos están equivocados, el elefante es como un mecate."

El cuarto le tienta la trompa y declara, "Todos están en error, el elefante es como una víbora!"

El quinto se arrima y le toca las orejas exclamando, "Claramente el elefante es como un abanico!"

El último se lastima con los colmillos y determina, "Indiscutiblemente el elefante es como una lanza."

Y así pasaron toda la noche; cada uno totalmente convencido de que su propio conocimiento era el correcto. ¿En qué consiste el problema aquí? No cabe duda que es empirismo y en que cada uno pone en absoluto un aspecto del elefante oponiendolo a otros aspectos sin ver como se pueden ligar los diferentes aspectos del elemento—la relación entre los hechos. Se conforman con substituir sus propias experiencias y análisis estrechos de lo que es un elefante por un análisis concreto de la relación de los diferentes aspectos para alcanzar un retrato que comprenda la totalidad de lo que en realidad es un elefante.

El Presidente Mao dijo una vez que al hacer análisis, investigación o sumarios era preciso "buscar la verdad en los hechos". Hechos son todas las cosas que objetivamente existen; la verdad significa buscar las relaciones internas o sea las leyes que los gobierna y buscar el modo de estudio. (Reformar Nuestro Estudio)

De lo que dice se puede extraer dos puntos: uno la cuestión de los hechos que siempre es concreta, y segundo la cuestión de relaciones concretas, que viene siendo la ley que gobierna el desarrollo de las cosas. En artículos anteriores sobre filosofía (vea "Revolución Proletaria Tiene Que Errutar la Coscilla Intelectual" Ago 1977) pusimos énfasis en la necesidad de conocer los hechos—la realidad concreta—las condiciones concretas. Este es precisamente el punto de despedida para cualquier análisis y no alguna definición, fórmula o noción en nuestras cabezas o alguna frase revolucionaria intoxicante.

En el artículo pusimos énfasis en la primacia de la materia, la realidad objetiva, para conocer o analizar la cuestión. Este es el principio básico del punto de vista materialista. Mientras que el otro punto de vista que se basa en una definición, fórmula o letra del Marxismo, pretende ajustar al mundo según una

idea. Esta concepción es idealista.

Los idealistas piensan que las ideas dan existencia a la materia y no lo contrario. La concepción correcta, la concepción materialista dice que en el análisis final, es la materia, la realidad objetiva (que existe independientemente de nuestra voluntad subjetiva) la que da existencia a las ideas, nociones y conciencia.

En este artículo queremos discutir la relación correcta entre las cosas y el desarrollo de las cosas.

Históricamente, hay dos pensamientos sobre esta cuestión. Un pensamiento, el pensamiento incorrecto, se

conocimiento de algún objeto, que veamos y examinemos todas sus aspectos, sus conexiones y 'mediacies' o posiciones intermedias. Esto es algo que no podemos alcanzar completamente, pero la regla de comprensión (nuestro énfasis) es para asegurar contra errores y rigidez. Segundo, la lógica dialéctica requiere que un objeto sea considerado en su desarrollo, en su cambio, en automovimiento... y esto especialmente es consecuente al tomar su propósito, uso, y conexión con el mundo que lo rodea. Tercero, una completa definición del objeto incluye la total experiencia humana, que sirve tanto

las polémicas de algunos años pasados. Esto dio resultado a una definición literal del elemento avanzado aislado del tiempo, lugar y condición. Este método metafísico dio lugar a que estos oportunistas argumentaran que un obrero avanzado de los E.U. en 1975 era un comunista, un Marxista-Leninista desarrollado como los que Lenin describió en Rusia en 1899.

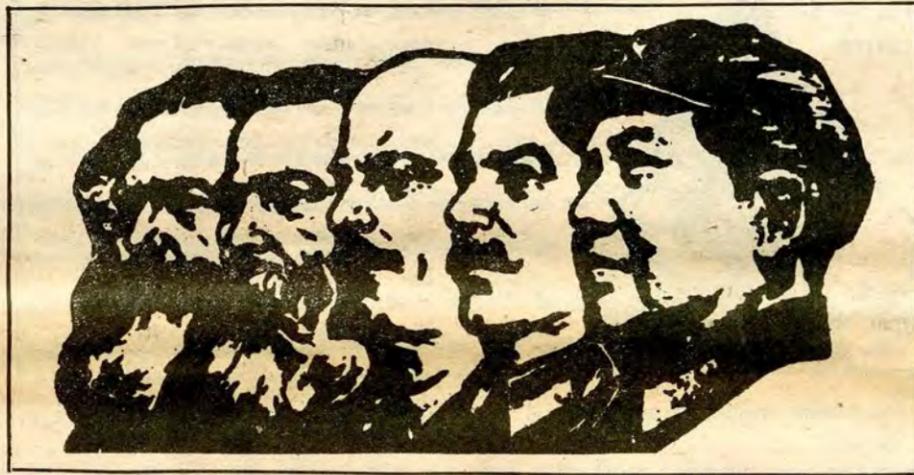
También al principio de 1974 nuestra polémica se oponía a la línea metafísica del PRRWO que contendía que 'primeramente uno tiene que formar los núcleos de fábrica antes de poder participar en las luchas de las masas.' Esto se relaciona a la cuestión de ganar al avanzado para construir las células del Partido en las plantas. Acaso ¿podemos hacer esto sin luchar día-a-día por los intereses de las masas de trabajadores? Este debate al revisarlo hoy, parece ridículo, pero hasta este punto le afectó la metafísica al PRRWO y a sus socios, especialmente a RWL (Liga de Trabajadores Revolucionarios) a un más tarde en su desarrollo.

Al separar el proceso de lograr la lucha diaria, inevitablemente separaron el avanzado de las grandes masas del elemento mediano que viene siendo la fuerza manejadora de todas las luchas. Esto conduce a una línea que no toma nada de interés en los obreros medianos o pone atención especial a sus opiniones, sus necesidades, y aspiraciones. Falta de atención a las opiniones de las grandes masas de trabajadores (PRRWO decía que "las grandes masas de obreros son atrasados") inadvertiblemente liquida la práctica de la línea de masa, que es esencial y absolutamente indispensable para avanzar la lucha inmediata.

De una cosa resulta otra. Esta línea metafísica para ganar al avanzado aislándolo del proceso de la lucha diaria da resultado a la línea de cortar al avanzado de las masas (que derrota el propósito de ganar al avanzado). En lugar del método correcto de lograr y entrenar al avanzado usando propaganda comunista através del curso de las luchas diarias por victorias inmediatas usan el método incorrecto de usar propaganda comunista como el único método de identificar y ganar a los obreros avanzados.

¿En qué consiste el error de este método? Esto es porque el avanzado dirige al mediano. Estos luchadores no se conforman sólo con palabras. Quieren ver la dirección de la línea en lo concreto—en el curso de dirigir las luchas inmediatas contra la opresión y explotación. La línea correcta incluye la confianza en los comunistas por medio de nuestra posición firme al lado de la clase trabajadora en sus luchas diarias. Los trabajadores avanzados quieren ver nuestra posición

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conoce como metafísica. El pensamiento correcto se llama dialéctica. El pensamiento metafísico ve las cosas en el absoluto, aisladas y estáticas (inmovil). El Presidente Mao explicó una vez que aquellos que sólo ven sus debilidades y no sus fuerzas, aquellos que sólo ven sus fuerzas y no sus debilidades o aquellos que sólo quieren escuchar elogios y no críticas están haciendo desviaciones metafísicas. Son metafísicas porque su vista es sólo de una dimensión, así como los hombres ciegos en el cuento, y sólo ven ciertos aspectos de las cosas y no la conexión entre ellos y su totalidad. Esta vista metafísica es inevitablemente una vista estática, porque no hay manera de que pueda comprender correctamente el desarrollo o transformación de las cosas. Esto resulta en ya sea una vista pesimista (fatalista) o una vista falsa optimista. Esto es porque no ven la unidad (existencia, interdependencia) de fuerzas y debilidades en una persona (ya sea en una concepción, línea o punto de vista) como también la lucha entre las fuerzas y debilidades. Esta vista es inmovil siendo que totalmente niega o totalmente afirma de manera que no reconoce diferentes aspectos de una cosa y no comprende la unidad y lucha entre estos aspectos de las cosas. Para repetir, este modo de vista metafísico afecta el modo en que vemos líneas políticas, personas, u organizaciones, entre otras cosas.

Lenin una vez sumó la dialéctica materialista—La lógica dialéctica exige... si es que vamos a tener verdadero

como criterio de la verdad e indicador práctico de su conexión, con las necesidades humanas. Cuarto, la lógica dialéctica mantiene que la verdad es concreta, nunca abstracta... (Lenin, Una Vez Más Sobre los Sindicatos)

Claramente los hombres ciegos del cuento no examinaron todos los aspectos, sus conexiones, y 'mediacies' o posiciones intermedias como dijo Lenin, insistiendo en su vista empírica, de una dimensión del elefante. Esto prueba que para conocer las cosas comprensivamente tenemos que conocer las cosas concretamente. Así es que, 'la regla de comprensión' es un seguro contra errores y rigidez como la de los ciegos en el cuento. Aunque en el cuento de los ciegos, esta comprensión tiene poca consecuencia es de importancia absoluta aplicar esta comprensión a las cuestiones políticas en el mundo real. En cuestiones políticas tenemos que esforzarnos por concreción y comprensión en la presentación correcta de las cuestiones bajo discusión.

Relación Entre el Avanzado Y Mediano:

Presentación de la Cuestión

Por ejemplo, si queremos abarcar las leyes para lograr al avanzado, es suficiente simplemente hacer una descripción de la apariencia del avanzado? Esta fue precisamente la presentación metafísica de la cuestión que los notorios PRRWO/ATM (Organización de Trabajadores Revolucionarios Puertorriqueños/Movimiento Agosto 29) y otros que se apegaban a su línea, sufrieron en

No Hay Solución Para los Desempleos

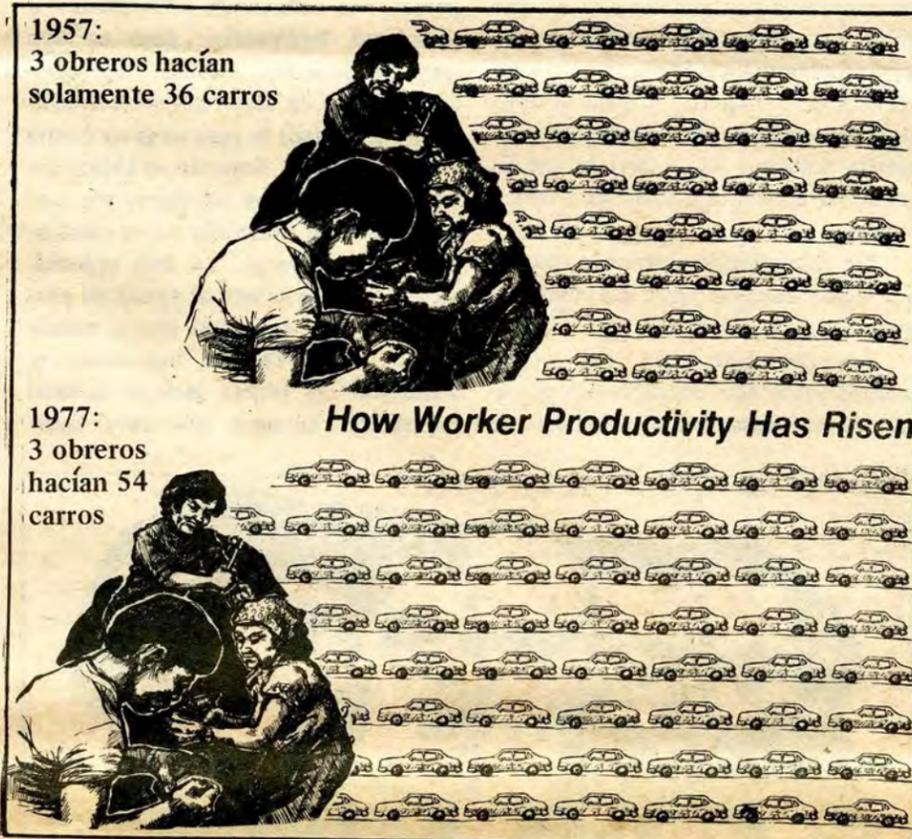
SEMANA MÁS CORTA DE TRABAJO PUEDEN PRESERVAR EMPLEOS Y HACER QUE LOS JEFES PAGUEN

Una coalición enfocándose en la demanda por una semana más corta con ningún cortes en el pago ha sido formada por algunos burócratas de bajo nivel de la unión. Frank Runnels, presidente de la Local 22, la más grande de Los Trabajadores Unidos del Auto (UAW), y William Andrews, presidente de la Local 1010, la más grande de Los Trabajadores Unidos del Acero de América (USWA), quien fundó el Comité de Todas Las Uniones para Acortar la Semana de Trabajo en Octubre de 1977 están organizando apoyo alrededor del tema. Alrededor de 700 oficiales de la unión representando 25 diferente uniones, están envuelto.

También el proyecto de Ley HR-11784, ha sido introducido en el Comité de Educación Laboral en el Congreso como una enmienda a el Acto de Fair Labor Standards de 1938. Patrocinado por el Republicano John Conyers de Michigan, este cortaría la semana de trabajo de 40 horas a 37.5 horas en 2 años y entonces a 35 horas después de 4 años. Este también requerirá doble pago por sobretiempo y hará todo sobretiempo voluntario.

La Resistencia al Sobretiempo Forzado y la Aceleración en Producción Están en Aumento

El movimiento alrededor de una semana más corta de trabajo es en respuesta a la resistencia de las masas trabajadoras hacia la aceleración en la producción, combinaciones de trabajo, y sobretiempo forzado en las plantas. Esto es especialmente intenso en la industria del auto, donde las líneas corren de 60 hasta 100 carros por hora. La ola de calor paró con demandas por "salidas más temprano" el verano pasado, el uso frecuente de médicos para recuperarse del agotamiento de



La gráfica enseña el aumento en la productividad en el auto en los pasados 20 años.

ausencia son formas espontáneas que los obreros del auto han tratado para adaptarse a la intensa explotación.

Desde 1957, la productividad en la industria del auto ha aumentado un 70%. Nuevas plantas como la planta Lordstown GM en Ohio, puede producir rápido y rebajar el costo de la producción. Esto significa meno trabajadores o el mismo número de trabajadores produciendo más mercancías sobre hasta 100 carros en una hora comparado a los 50 or 60 en las viejas plantas en Detroit. Mejoramiento de las maquinarias, aceleración en la productividad, sobretiempo forzado y la combinación en el trabajo conduce a más gran explotación en la líneas. Por ejemplo, el

sobretiempo forzado añadiendo hasta 54 horas a la semana es permitido bajo el corriente contrato del auto y 10 horas al día, seis días a la semana es una rutina en muchas plantas. En la fábrica de acero, las combinaciones de trabajo y la aceleración en la producción son rampante y el sobretiempo forzado durante descendencia o paros son bramante formas de exprimir a los trabajadores en seco.

Semanas Más Cortas de Trabajo Necesitada para Mantener Empleos Existentes

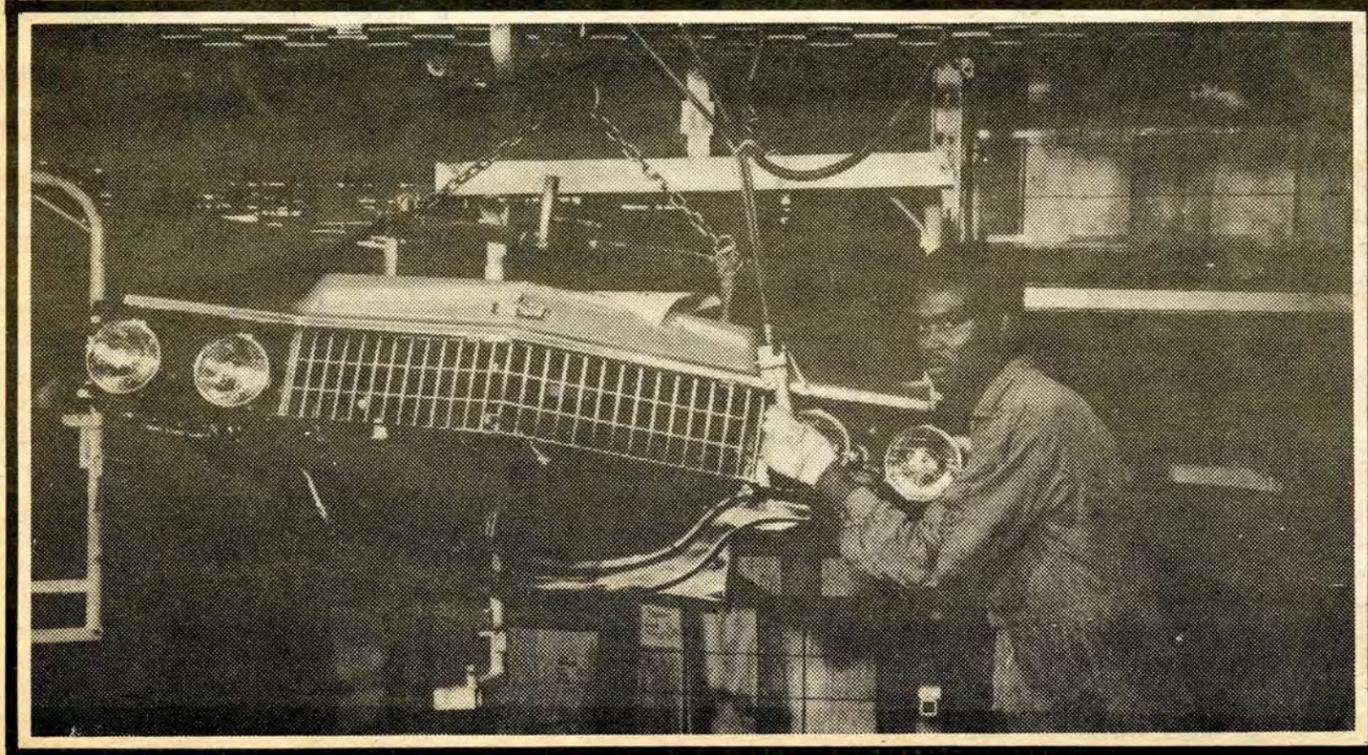
A fin de los capitalistas competir especialmente en estos tiempos de crisis, cada uno debe producir más

el mismo período de tiempo. Conforme a la propia estadísticas de la burguesía, la productividad en el auto aumentará en un 50 por ciento para el 1990 sin un aumento en el número de empleos. Pero como nosotros sabemos, el poder de adquisición de los trabajadores esta disminuyendo todo los años. La semana más corta de trabajo con no cortes en el pago es necesitada en realidad para mantener los empleos existentes que tenemos ahora. Y hasta en eso la demanda debe empujarse junta con la lucha contra el sobretiempo forzado, aceleración en la producción, y las combinaciones de empleos.

Semana Más Corta de Trabajo No es Una Demanda de la Clase en General en Este Tiempo

Una ley acortando la semana de trabajo ayudara a extender el movimiento por una semana más corta de trabajo para incluir a los obreros en la industria más afectada por las aceleraciones en la producción y sobretiempo forzado y más allá de contratos individuales. Pero, el tema inmediato varía para diferentes industrias. Por ejemplo, en la industria de ropa, donde el aumento en la producción por pieza es todavía común, la semana más corta no es un tema inmediato y muchos obreros prodrían hasta oponerse porque este todavía puede ser usado por los jefes para cortar sus pagos.

Hoy, la conciencia política de los obreros en los E.U. es relativamente baja. La mayoría de obreros usualmente lucharían alrededor de temas que los afecten directamente. Es por eso que la semana más corta de trabajo es un tema para los trabajadores de autos y otras industrias similares donde los obreros están ya organizados en las uniones. En las textileras y otras industrias que están envueltas en organizarse ellas misma en las uniones, la derogación de la ley al "derecho-a-trabajar" es la lucha política principal. La lucha por la semana más corta de trabajo con ningún cortes en el pago no sera un movimiento político de la clase en general ahora mismo. Esta no creara más empleos y no es una solución al desempleo como los lideres engañosos como Fraser de la UAW están diciendo. El revisionista CPUSA repitió esta misma mentira: "plagada por persistente alto desempleo e inflación, la lucha por la semana mas corta de trabajo, es una idea cuyo tiempo ha llegado." (*Daily World*). La semana más corta de trabajo con ningún cortes en el pago no es una ganancia inesperada para la clase obrera. Pero es una necesidad a fin de mantener los empleos que tenemos, aunque solamente es una parte de la lucha contra los despedidos. ■



El Fragmentado Partido Democrático y el Peligro del Populismo

Tan repentino como una tormenta de verano, Carter se ha revelado un dragón populista, atacando a abogados y doctores por la falta de justicia y cuidado de salud decente en los E.U. En Los Angeles, él hizo pedazos a la profesión legal, mientras derramando lágrimas de cocodrilo para los oprimidos, diciendo, "Yo he inspeccionado muchas prisiones y se que casi todo los presos son arrastado de los rangos de los que no tienen poder y los pobres. Un niño de privilegio frecuentemente recibe el beneficio de la duda; un niño de pobreza raramente lo recibe." En Spokane, Washington él atacó a los doctores como el "obstáculo mayor para el progreso en este país de tener un sistema de salud mejor en años pasados."

Partido Democrático. Una indicación de esto es la amenaza por Jesse Jackson de que los negros rompan con los Demócratas, para cambiar a los republicanos.

Viajando en el Disolvimiento

Abasteciéndose por las mismas fuerzas que están rompiendo al Partido Democrático, el populismo es una creciente tendencia política en los E.U.. Políticos racistas como Turnipseed de Carolina del Sur (ex-director de campaña de Wallace) ahora están haciendo un llamado para una unidad de blanco y negro para luchar los monopolios y el gobiernos para así poder ganar votos. Y movimientos como el que apoya el referendum Jarvis-Gann contra impuestos de propiedad en California

quier cosa que trabaje en una carrera corta, no sólo hace a esto un reformismo de un tipo alto pero también a ser guiado de cabeza a movimientos fascistas. En los E.U. porque históricamente el pragmatismo ha sido agarrado fuerte, esto es especialmente peligroso ya que la conciencia política y de clase está todavía a un nivel relativamente bajo.

Mientras las luchas de cuestiones singulares son prontamente empuñadas por las masas y pueden ayudarnos a aliarnos a las masas y atraerlas a la lucha contra el monopolio capitalista, el peligro contenido entre éstas luchas es que los populistas también pueden usar éstas luchas para atraer gente de nivel bajo y dirigirlas en una dirección peligrosa. Por eso es que los comunistas deben llevar a cabo la tarea de importancia vital y más crucial que es elevar la conciencia de clase y el nivel político de las masas en medio de estas luchas de cuestiones singulares. Estas luchas nos ayudarán a acumular fuerzas para el partido proletariado o el peligro que estas sean transformadas y usadas contra nosotros puede existir.

Este fué el caso del movimiento

de Townsend en California durante la Gran Depresión. El movimiento comenzó antes que el seguro social viniera a ser ley y fue construido alrededor de las demandas para que el gobierno proveyera pensiones para los de edad avanzada. Bajo el ataque de la burguesía, especialmente la administración de Roosevelt, ellos se tomaron en busca de ayuda de cualquier recurso que ellos pudieron conseguir. Debido a que los comunistas no dieron liderato a éste movimiento, el movimiento fué barrido por el fascista Partido de Unión, encabezado por el reaccionario William Randolph Hearst.

Esta perspectiva de cuestión-singular es típica de los movimientos en los E.U., sea contra la brutalidad policiaca, crimen, o impuestos de propiedad, cuestiones que causan intensa emoción entre la gente. Los comunistas tienen que estar en lo más reñido de estas luchas, para educar a las masas y darle liderato. Sin liderato comunista, ellos lo buscan en otra parte, dándole a los fascistas y demagogos terreno fértil para crecer, como también ser víctimas de los revisionistas y los social-demócratas. ■

Los Comunistas Tenemos Que Aumentar La Propaganda Mientras el Descontento Se Eleva Entre Todos los Sectores

La cuestión es porque Carter ha sido forzado ha nacer de nuevo como un populista, lanzando ardiente retórica contra tales pilares de respetabilidad burguesa como abogados y doctores.

No es un secreto que la gente están aumentando disgustadamente con la opresión del capitalismo en el dolor de la crisis, y la están combatiendo. En su campaña para presidente, Carter usó métodos populares para divertir la ira de la clase obrera y la pequeña burguesía en las elecciones. Reforzando el sistema capitalista de democracia burguesa, él tomó el puesto con sus promesas de "limpiar la basura en Washington" y "romper el gobierno grande".

Pero la crisis del capitalismo ha alcanzado el punto donde cualquier representante de los capitalistas, sea Carter o cualquier otro, es forzado a exponerse a los obreros y gente oprimida. En la reciente huelga de los mineros él fue forzado a imponer la ley Taft-Hartley contra los obreros para proteger los intereses de la clase capitalista. En dilatar la aprobación del Proyecto de Reforma Laboral, él está forzado a demostrar que él no puede llevar a cabo sus promesas a burócratas de labor como Meany. A través de sus inacciones en empleos y cualquier otra reforma real para los afroamericanos, él demuestra que vacias sus palabras de ser un amigo del pueblo Afro-americano son.

Esta exposición esta llegando al punto donde la tradicional coalición del Partido Democrático de los monopolista capitalista, los liberales de la pequeña burguesía, los líderes engañosos en labor y las nacionalidades oprimidas, están casi arruinados. No hay una manera, especialmente en la crisis política y económica que los intereses de la clase obrera, la pequeña burguesía y la burguesía puedan ser reconciliados, aun sólo en apariencia, baja la bandera del

están naciendo afuera del sistema tradicional de dos-partidos, atacando impuestos altos y al gobierno burocrático.

A esto es lo que Carter está respondiendo. El tiene que cubrir sus huellas como un representante de los capitalistas, con apelaciones a la misma retórica popular como esos que se están elevando con el desenlaze de clase en el partido demócrata, los cuales a causa de la crisis, son forzados a pelear el uno con el otro para su supervivencia.

La fuerza de la tendencia populista ha sido mostrada recientemente por la trastornante victoria de John Ingram, corriendo como un "amigo de la clase obrera", contra la campaña bien-financiada de Luther Hodges por la nominación del Partido Democrático para senador de Carolina del Norte. Ingram, un populista, corrió su campaña en una plataforma demagógica de estar contra "los intereses especiales de seguro-grande dinero bancario" y prometiendo que él ahorraría dinero a las gente combatiendo a los "artistas que roban" los cuales tienen poderosos cabilderos en Washington. Además, para demostrar que él esta al lado del obrero, éste ex-comisionado de seguro del estado de Carolina del Norte apoyó la ley del Proyecto de Reforma de Labor para así conseguir el apoyo de los obreros y nacionalidades oprimidas en un estado donde los monopolios del téxtil no unionizado son políticamente poderosos. La repuesta de las masas en la campaña de Ingram marca la significancia de esta tendencia populista.

Como un "ismo," el populismo es una demagogia pragmática refinada la cual llama la atención a la pequeña burguesía y a la ira de los obreros contra los monopolios y el gobierno. Pero mientras recurren a ésta ira, su rechazo pragmático de teoría (particularmente marxismo revolucionario) para hacer cual-

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Organizaciones y partidos comunistas alrededor del mundo tienen que obtener las gran tradiciones de un partido Marxista-Leninista genuino resumidos por el Partido Comunista de China: integrando la teoría con la práctica, manteniendo relaciones con las masas y practicando la critica y auto-critica. Nosotros creemos que una manera en que WVO empiese ha obtener esta tradiciones es através de la correspondencia a nuestro periódico.

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Meany Esta en un Aprieto

Chantaje Capitalista: No Habrá Proyecto de Reforma Laboral a menos que Salarios Sean Mantenidos Bajos

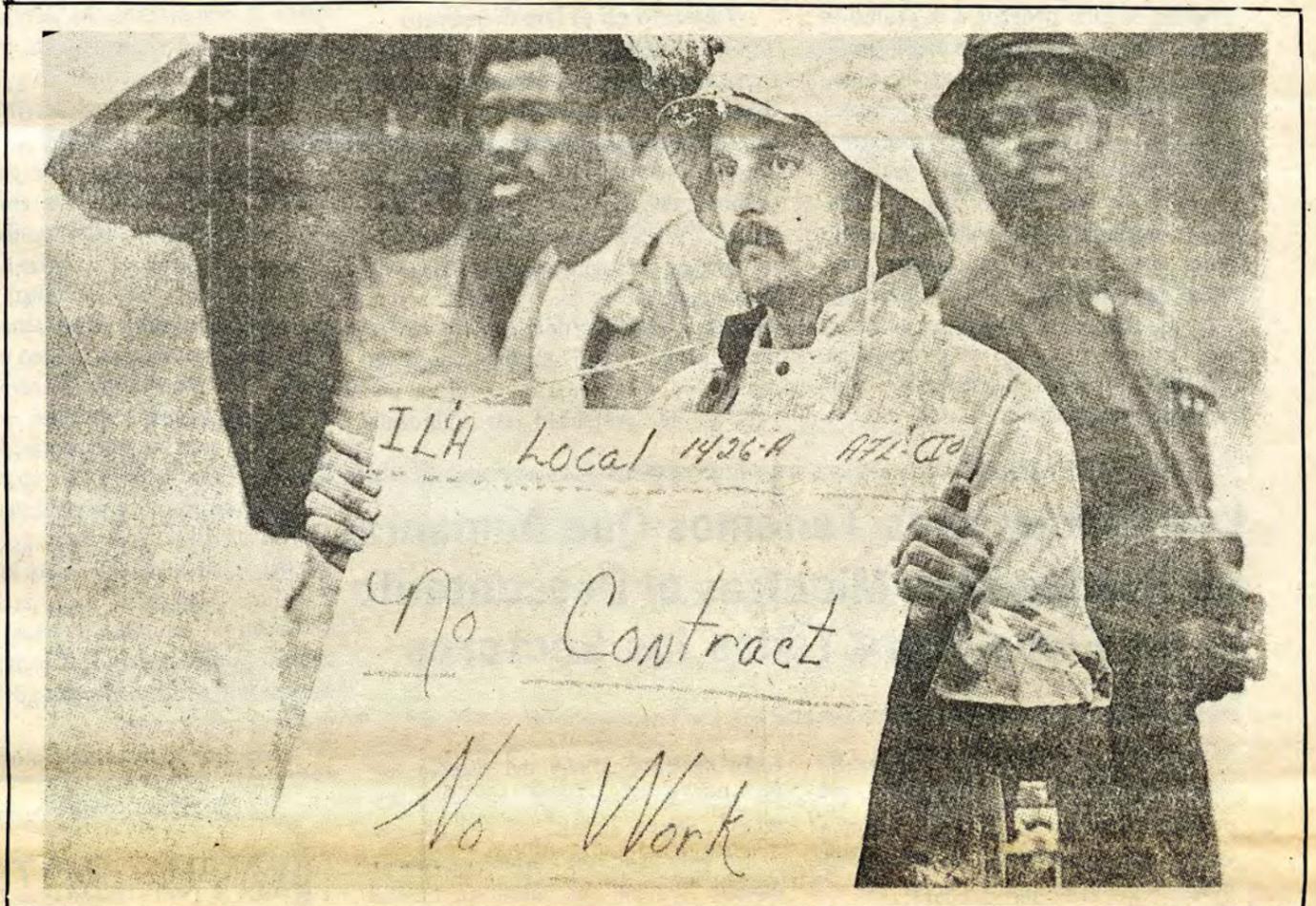
Mientras el proyecto de Reforma Laboral está paralizado en un filibustero en el senado, el movimiento contra el "derecho-a-trabajar" está ganando impulso. El primero de mayo, 183 obreros de muelles de las locales 1426A y 1850 de la Asociación Internacional de Estibadores andaron en piquetes, "¡No Contrato, No Trabajo!" Los asuntos en la mesa son un taller de unión y rebaja de cuotas que sean incluidas en una cláusula en el nuevo contrato, después de que el estado reusó un arreglo para sólo una rebaja de cuotas voluntariamente. Los últimos puertos sin uniones en todo el país, los de Carolina del Norte son los únicos sin cláusula en el contrato para talleres cerrados y algunas formas de rebaja de cuotas.

Un estado fronterizo de la Correa Negra del Sur, Carolina del Norte hoy tiene los salarios más bajo de industria en todo la nación y el porcentaje más bajo de obreros no sindicalizados. Este es el mismo estado donde los 10 de Wilmington permanecen encarcelados y donde el Gobernador Hunt ha demandado el retorno de Joanne Little después que ella fue ultrajada en una prisión de Carolina del Norte las mismas prisiones que tienen más gente en la lista de muerte que cualquier otro estado.

El Gobernador Hunt Defiende Las Leyes del Derecho-A-Trabajar

En el 1974, bajo la resolución de la Corte federal, los estibadores empleados por el estado están cubiertos por el Acto de Labor Nacional de Ferrocarril (el cual exenta a los obreros del estado de la ley al "derecho-a-trabajar"). Reconoce a la Asociación Internacional de Estibadores como su agente de negocio. Pero a pesar de esto, el Gobernador Hunt ha desafiado que los obreros vayan a huelga declarando el taller de la unión inaceptable y la rebaja de las cuotas tan igual que como talleres cerrado y en violación de la ley del estado al "derecho-a-trabajar." Manteniendo su línea dura, él dijo que él no "halaría la alfombra legal y filosófica de por debajo de la ley del estado al "derecho-a-trabajar." El secretario de Comercio del estado, Fiarcloth, proclamado el mismo, "el enemigo mayor de los sindicatos de labor" dijo que un arreglo sería aceptado "por encima de su cuerpo muerto."

Todavía en otra parte del estado-Roanoke Rapids, una lucha de 14 años ha sido llevada para unionizar la hilandería de téxtil en J.P. Stevens. Más profundo en el corazón de la Correa Negra del Sur, obreros de autos en 7 plantas de la General Motors (solamente una de las 8 plantas de GM está organizada) ha estado luchando por varios años para que GM negocie con los Obreros Unidos de Auto. Mientras que através del país las plantas



de autos son fuertes del taller cerrado de unión, mostrando lo que uniones fuertes pueden hacer, estas plantas de GM en el sur son una bofetada en la cara para la labor organizada y la UAW.

En las manos de los obreros, leyes como la Ley de Reforma Laboral y movimientos para revocar la ley del "derecho-a-trabajar" pueden ser usada para "extender su campo de actividad," para llevar más allá al movimiento de organizar a los desorganizados, especialmente en la Correa Negra del Sur, donde hay una historia para bloquear unionización para así continuar en mantener los salarios y condiciones de vida aún más deprimido que el resto del país. Por eso es que la aprobación del Proyecto de Ley de Reforma Laboral es un paso en la lucha contra la opresión nacional como también para elevar el nivel de vida de todos los obreros.

La Burguesía Usa la Inflación Como Una Excusa para Forzar los "retractos"

Recientemente, Carter ha declarado a la inflación el "enemigo número 1." Con los precios al pormayor subiendo a velocidad del 13 por ciento anualmente, su última esquema es el control del salario "voluntario" con una torcedura en enlazar los aumentos de salarios con "retractos." La burguesía no solamente está tratando de mantener arreglos abajo (menos de 5.5 por ciento), pero ellos también están demandando aumento de producción, menos beneficios y más despedidas con cualquier pequeño aumento que sea ofrecido. En el contrato de tránsito en la ciudad de Nueva York el aumento del

costo de vida en el segundo año es directamente enlazado a los "retractos."

La Burguesía Usa la Ley de Reforma de Labor Como Una Ficha de Negocio Para Reforzar el Control de Salarios

La última movida de Carter contra los sindicatos es el uso del Proyecto de Reforma de Labor como una ficha de negocios para mantener los salarios bajo su límite del 5.5 por ciento. La oposición del proyecto también ha recoleccionado la cuestión de inflación como la última adición de su cruzada. De eso fue de lo que se trató la reunión entre Meany y Carter el mes pasado. La vacilación de Carter en la aprobación del Proyecto de Ley de Reforma de Labor es una táctica de obstruir para tratar de poder forzar a los altos burócratas laborales en la AFL-CIO para mantener las demandas de salarios en línea. Así mientras él hace un llamado para control "voluntario" Carter en verdad está tratando de forzarlo por otros medios.

Esta táctica amenazadora pone a Meany en peligro. Meany, quien proclamó el Proyecto de Ley de Reforma de Labor como la principal campaña para labor en 1978 ha levantado grandes esperanzas. El no puede dar un revés a la moción para el Proyecto de Ley de Reforma de Labor ahora. Así que él ahora tiene que estar de acuerdo con la burguesía para mantener el futuro acuerdo de salarios abajo del 5.5 por ciento a fin de poder pasar el Proyecto o riesgar ser tirado afuera de su alto puesto por no pasar el proyecto de Ley de Reforma de Labor. Este prospecto

es más posible ahora, especialmente como farsantes y aspirantes burócratas como Winpisinger de la Asociación Internacional de Maquinistas (AIM) y Fraser de la UAW están esperando en las olas para apoderarse.

Mientras Carter hizo promesas para empujar el Proyecto de Ley de Reforma de Labor a través del intercambio del apoyo de Meany en las últimas elecciones, Carter como representante de la burguesía no puede rendir nada por la profunda crisis económica. Esto significa que Meany está perdiendo credibilidad entre los rangos y filas y otros burócratas laborales. Un filibustero exitoso pondrá la alcorza al pastel. Como resultado, la vieja alianza entre los Demócratas y la AFL-CIO se está tambaleando. Bajo estas condiciones los políticos farsantes desde liberales como Kennedy hasta social-demócratas como Harrington tendrán que romper con Meany y tratar de correr con nuevas promesas.

Estas también son las mejores condiciones para desatar la iniciativa de las masas así intensificando el apoyo por el Proyecto de Reforma de Labor y apresurando la lucha para revocar la ley del "derecho-a-trabajar." Las vacilaciones inevitable y la inconsistencia de los líderes engañosos serán expuesta en el proceso. ■



Desfile Puertorriqueño en NY ¡Independencia Sí! ¡Estadidad No!

Bajo la bandera de Frente de Lucha de "¡Imperialismo Yanqui Fuera de Vieques Ahora!" y "Firmemente Apoyemos a un Puerto Rico Libre!" nosotros marchamos en la parada Puertorriqueña 1978 detrás de la rama del Partido Nacionalista en Nueva York. Los miembros del Partido Nacionalista estaban vestidos en el uniforme del Partido, la camisa negra y pantalones blanco con boina negra y una cruz blanca mientras miles de puertorriqueños flotaban la pintoresca bandera puertorriqueña en solidaridad con los lemas.

De acuerdo con los organizadores de la parada este año, ésta estaba sujeta a ser una parada no política. Pero la política este día reveló claramente dos direcciones opuestas. Una es la independencia para Puerto Rico y la otra para la estadidad. Además de las fuerzas y banderas que representaron la independencia para Puerto Rico también habían algunas fuerzas que flotaron la bandera para la estadidad. Esta bandera que representó a Puerto Rico como el estado 51 es un insulto para el pueblo puertorriqueño, el cual por largos años lucharon contra el gobierno colonial de España y que todavía están llevando a cabo una lucha contra el imperialismo de E.U. para obtener la libertad de Puerto Rico.

Gritando lemas hasta que la mayor-

ía de nosotros habíamos perdido la voz (estabamos roncós) le dejamos saber a las 200,000 personas que flotaban banderas puertorriqueñas que nosotros firmemente apoyamos la independencia de Puerto Rico. Através de la marcha nuestros rangos aumentaron cinco veces más del comienzo. Gritando lemas contra el estado colonial de Puerto Rico "¡Puerto Rico Libre Ahora!" y "¡Independencia Sí! Estadidad No!" las masas de espectadores saludaron nuestro contingente con puños cerrados en alto demostrando su solidaridad. Cantos tales como "Lolita valiente tu Pueblo esta presente" y "Don Pedro Maestro Puerto Rico será Nuestro" atrajó el sentimiento de los espectadores que se unieron a nosotros. La bandera del Partido Nacionalista decía: "Donde La Tirania Es Ley—Revolución es Orden" una cita del gran líder del pueblo puertorriqueño, Don Pedro Albizu Campos.

Mientras marchabamos la gente podían oír nuestros fuertes cantos y ver la disciplina y militancia de nuestro contingente el cual atrajo aplausos y puños cerrados en alto. Un vendedor de sombreros demostró su solidaridad regalando sombreros a algunas de las mujeres en el contingente de Frente de Lucha. El dijo: "Esto es lo menos que yo puedo hacer para apoyar la lucha." ■

EL PUEBLO PANAMENO HACE LA VISITA DE CARTER CALIENTE

Carter fue a Panamá, como un representante de la burguesía del imperialismo yanqui a finalizar los tratados del canal de Panamá con el gobierno panameño dirigido por el general de brigada Omar Torrijos Herrera. El viaje de Carter a Panamá hizo al pueblo panameño a apoderarse de las calles en protesta contra su visita. Como resultado de los choques que ocurrieron entre estudiantes derechistas y anti-imperialistas, dos estudiantes del Frente Revolucionario Estudiantil fueron asesinados y varios otros heridos.

Hasta el hotel donde se quedó Carter fue convertido en un campo militar por las fuerzas panameñas después que los demostradores llevaron su ira a los escalones del hotel.

El significado de estos tratados es que con la creciente contención entre los E.U. y los social imperialistas soviéticos, los E.U. tuvo que poner sus relaciones con la América Latina en una base más firme para que los E.U. mantengan su base en la América Latina, igual que en otras partes del mundo. Ellos tienen que salir con un

¡Rompiendo Las Cadenas!



OBREROS DE LA CIUDAD DE TAMPA GANA UNION

TAMPA, FLA.

La unión de Tránsito ganó una elección para representar 3,000 obreros de la ciudad el 20 de junio. Esta victoria fue una bofetada en la cara para la administración de la ciudad y sus viciosas campañas anti-unionistas. Los oficiales de la ciudad hostigaron a los organizadores, calumniaron a las uniones y permitieron a los supervisores a votar. El gobierno federal le dió ayuda a éstos en no permitir a los trabajadores bajo el Acto Comprensivo de Trabajo y Entrenamiento (CETA) en votar. Los obreros de CETA reciben los pagos más bajos y no tienen beneficios. Diez y siete administraciones de otras ciudades le pidieron a los grandes jefes de Tampa por informe de como bloquear el intento de los obreros unionizarse. Los obreros en esas ciudades sin duda alguna ganarán como ganaron en Tampa. Como el vice-presidente de la unión de Tránsito dijo: "Toda la nación está mirando el resultado de estas elecciones. Esta es la primer vez en la historia que todos los departamentos de la ciudad han estado en una unidad de negociación."

MINEROS DE STEARNS CELEBRAN HUELGA DE DOS AÑOS

STEARNS, KY.

El 17 de julio, 1976 es una fecha importante para la lucha de los 160 mineros de carbón en Kentucky. El 15 de julio de 1978, la Liga Educacional de Sindicatos está ayudando a la asociación de mujeres de Stearns a organizar una celebración del segundo aniversario de la lucha de Stearns para una mina unionizada. Durante la huelga, la compañía de carbón Blue Diamond ha usado las cortes para darle una amonestación a limitar los piquetes a sólo seis, ha usado policías para acompañar a los rompeshuelgas y recientemente hicieron a los rompeshuelgas votar por una unión de rompeshuelgas, la Asociación de Empleados de Justicia. A pesar de estos trucos sucios, los mineros están firmes detrás de sus demandas para condiciones de trabajo más seguras y el derecho a ser representados

por los Obreros de Minas Unidos (United Mine Workers).

En una jornada reciente auspiciada por la Liga Educacional de Sindicatos (TUEL), los mineros de Stearns hablaron a miles de apoyantes desde de la ciudad de N.Y. a Los Angeles. Ayudó a romper la supresión de noticias por la burguesía de su lucha. También aclararon las cosas sobre la unión de rompeshuelgas. Hablaron de la voluntad luchadora a quedarse afuera el tiempo que sea para ganar reconocimiento de la compañía a ser representado por un contrato de los Obreros de Minas Unidos.

OBREROS INDOCUMENTADOS LUCHAN CONTRA DEPORTACION

EL MONTE, CA.

Más de 70 zapateros recientemente hicieron frente al patrón y a la Migra. El 17 de mayo, la Migra invadió la fábrica de zapatos Sbicca y arrestó a 120 obreros. Los obreros estaban logrando una campaña a unionizar en una fábrica de más de 750 obreros. La elección por la unión perdió por sólo 9 votos. Los obreros demandaron una investigación de prácticas injustas laborales. El patrón miedoso llamó a la Migra para invadir la fábrica.

Cuando los abogados ganaron una amonestación temporal, las guaguas precisamente tuvieron que dar vuelta en la frontera y regresar a Los Angeles. Casi 70 de los 120 obreros arrestados decidieron a quedarse y luchar contra la deportación.

Por primera vez en la historia de las deportaciones, la Migra fue forzada a devolver los obreros. Esto en si fue una victoria para los derechos de los obreros no documentados. Muchos de ellos fueron reemplazados por la fábrica bajo la presión de los obreros y la unión. Los próximos juicios sobre las deportaciones pueden ser usados para enseñar como la Migra hostiga y viola los derechos de los obreros no documentados. Reunirá el movimiento contra las deportaciones y promueve organizar a los obreros no documentados. ■

imagen de conceder más llamadas libertades en estos países por las llamadas elecciones democráticas y en el caso de Panamá retornar el canal al año 2,000 al pueblo panameño. En su discurso al pueblo panameño Carter dijo (al referirse a la falta de derechos humanos en la Unión Soviética) "Avanzemos la causa de la dignidad humana y construir un hemisferio en que ciudadanos de cada país son libres de tortura y arresto arbitrario, libre a hablar y escribir como deseen, libre a participar en la determinación de su propio destino."

Podemos ver como aquí en los E.U. la póliza de derechos humanos de Carter toma forma en cortes en ser-

vicios, la decisión Bakke, el desempleo, el costo de vida alto, etc. Según Carter los tratados también "respiran nueva vida en principios viejos—principios de paz, no intervención, respeto mutuo y la cooperación." Aún después del año 2,000 los E.U. todavía continuarán a intervenir en los asuntos de Panamá para mantener el canal abierto.

El pueblo panameño no es engañados por la sonrisa y las frases tramposas de Carter.

Ellos están claro que sólo ganarán su verdadera soberanía sobre el canal sacando a los imperialistas de los E.U. afuera de Panamá y ellos están determinados a continuar su lucha larga hasta el fin. ■

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Abre las Compuertas Para Ataques Crecientes

Bakke: Un Reverso Historico

En un retraso devastador legal contra los derechos de las minorías y mujeres, la Corte Suprema de los E.U. defendió la decisión Bakke, una inversión histórica que puede hacer retroceder a todo nivel muchas de las ganancias logradas con mucho esfuerzo de las últimas dos décadas.

El 28 de junio, la Corte Suprema declaró "inconstitucional" el programa de acción afirmativa de la escuela de medicina de la Universidad de California en Davis—y decidió que Allan Bakke tiene que ser admitido.

La decisión de la corte cierra la puerta de oportunidad en las caras de las minorías, para cientos de miles de negros, latinos, asiáticos y mujeres en educación y trabajos. Por decidir que el programa había discriminado ilegalmente contra Bakke porque él era blanco, la corte más alta en el país legitimó las cifras racistas de "discriminación reversa" defendiendo la mentira monstruosa que las minorías habían prevenido a Bakke de entrar.

Allan Bakke es el ingeniero blanco de 38 años de edad que en 1973 inició juicio contra la escuela de medicina de la Universidad de California en Davis reclamando que fue rechazado porque minorías menos calificadas habían sido admitidas por el programa de acción afirmativa de la escuela. El caso Bakke rápidamente vino a ser una prueba de acontecimiento importante para desafiar la legalidad de un rango entero de programas de acción afirmativa genuinos ganados como resultado de la tremenda lucha de masas de los 60's.

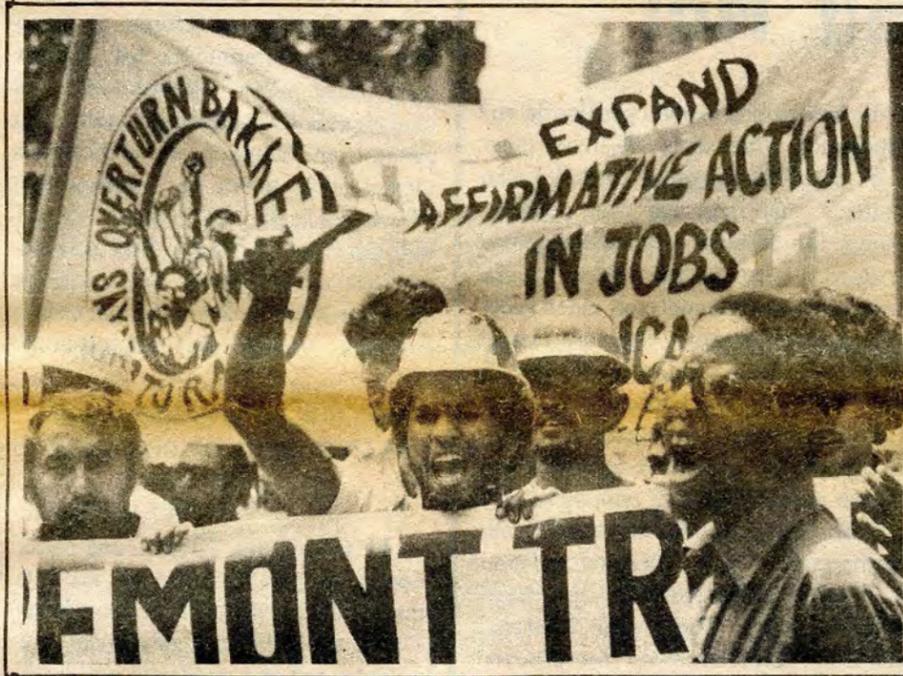
A pesar del hecho que la decisión de la Corte Suprema en efecto elimina esas ganancias, la decisión está siendo aclamada cínicamente como una victoria para la acción afirmativa. Jimmy "Derechos Humanos" Carter y el ministro de justicia Griffin Bell lo aclamaron como una gran ganancia para la acción afirmativa. Benjamin Hooks del NAACP lo llamó "una victoria bien delineada." Los titulares del *Wall Street Journal* leen "La Decisión Todo el Mundo Ganó."

LA CORTE SUPREMA CUBRE ATAQUES CON MENTIRAS

Citando la 14 enmienda que está supuesta a garantizar "protección igual bajo la ley," la Corte declaró que la Constitución está "acromatópsica" y que no puede "significar una cosa cuando aplicada a un individuo y otra cosa cuando aplicada a otra persona de otro color." Así, la Corte argumenta que Bakke fue discriminado a causa de su raza.

Pero los argumentos aprendidos de las justicias altas aumentan a nada más

que convirtiendo la realidad al revés. Las palabras "todos iguales bajo la ley" suena bueno—pero sólo encubren la realidad que las minorías nunca tuvieron igualdad de oportunidad, antes de la ley o adondequiera. La frase la "Constitución está acromatópsica" sólo está ciega al hecho de la discriminación sistemática, penetrante y persistente.



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Sólo es ciega al hecho que haber nacido negro, latino, asiático o de otra nacionalidad oprimida significa las posibilidades que puedes ganar 3/5 de la persona average en los E.U., ser doble la posibilidad de estar desempleado, tener los peores trabajos, las peores escuelas, las peores viviendas y los peores cuidados de medicinas. Pero quiere decir que tiene la mayor posibilidad de ir a la cárcel y de una muerte temprana.

La burguesía siempre atrae frases que suenan buenas, sean igualdad y democracia para encubrir lo que es verdad. Y la Corte Suprema usó ese truco favorito de los apologistas burgueses—igualdad formal, igualdad antes de un principio abstracto.

Por eso es que totalmente y hipócritamente torcen el significado de la 14 enmienda que estaba supuesta a proteger las minorías de discriminación y garantizar los derechos de los esclavos liberados después de la guerra civil. Ellos totalmente torcen el significado del Acto de los Derechos Civiles de 1964 que también estaba para proteger los derechos de las minorías, una ley pasada sólo en respuesta a la lucha revolucionaria y la demanda por igualdad genuina.

BAKKE INDICA ATAQUE TOTAL A LA ACCIÓN AFIRMATIVA

La decisión Bakke es un reverso

histórico. Una gran retrasa para los derechos de las minorías y las mujeres en el frente legal. Su impacto será sentido directamente e indirectamente sobre las minorías y mujeres no sólo en educación, pero también en trabajos, viviendas y programas consolidados por el gobierno federal como la educación bilingual y manpower.

de entrenamiento sobre él. Esos obreros de las minorías que entraron por medio del programa de acción afirmativa pueden perder sus trabajos igual que cualquiera prioridad acumulada durante ese tiempo. Será hasta más difícil ahora para que nuevos obreros de las minorías puedan entrar.

La decisión Bakke la hace más difícil para que las minorías entren en las universidades, especialmente con la competencia para las escuelas de medicina y leyes tan feróz y trabajos en áreas como enseñanza, etc. siendo disminuidos.

LA CORTE SUPREMA SIRVE A LA BURGUESÍA

La Corte Suprema es parte de la maquinaria estatal burguesa. Siguiendo los talones de las pólizas de la burguesía, la corte le da justificación legal para ellas. A causa de que la Corte está aislada de las masas, también puede encabezar ataques sobre la clase obrera y las minorías oprimidas y tomar "posiciones impopulares."

La historia sangrienta de la Corte Suprema está llena de ejemplos de como lleva a cabo sus tarea. En 1887, por ejemplos de como lleva a cabo su tarea. En 1887, por ejemplo un esclavo llamado Dred Scott entabló juicio para su libertad. Pero la corte, defendiendo el asesino sistema de esclavitud, decidió que negros "no tienen derechos que cualquier hombre blanco debe de respetar."

Los jueces que se sientan en la Corte son algunos de los sirvientes más confiados de la burguesía. Para hacerlos parecer independientes, los jueces son nombrados por vida por el presidente y tienen que deshacerse de cualquier inversiones que pueda influir sus decisiones. Pero actualmente no tienen ninguna responsabilidad a las masas y no son afectados por las elec-

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