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of the U.S. Monopoly Capitalist Class,  
Fight for Socialism!

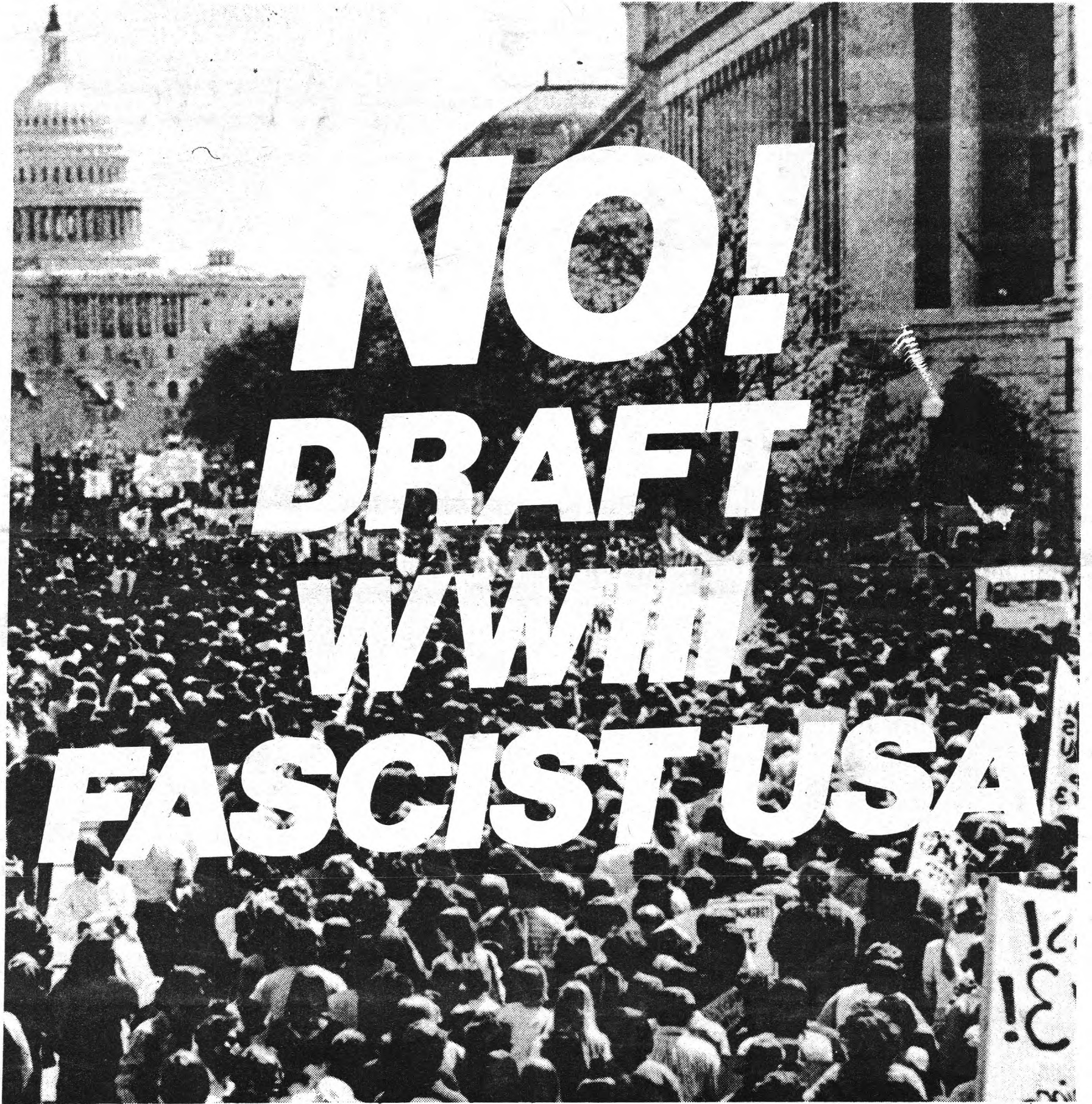
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# The COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY Stands For:



The Communist Workers Party U.S.A. (CWP) is the political party of the U.S. multinational working class. The CWP, formerly the Workers Viewpoint Organization, is a fighting organization, nationwide in scope. Our members come from all backgrounds and nationalities. Our immediate goal is to lead the U.S. proletariat (the working class) and oppressed nationalities to overthrow this rotten capitalist system by violent force and establish a socialist system—the dictatorship of the proletariat. Under socialism, we workers will be our own masters and will rule over the monopoly capitalists in the interests of the vast majority of people. Our ultimate aim is communism, a society where there are no longer any classes or class differences and no longer any exploitation of men by man.

The CWP fights for the emancipation of all humanity. Our main contribution is to make socialist revolution here in the U.S. We support the struggles of all oppressed people and nations and fight together with them against both imperialist superpowers, the U.S. and Soviet Union, and against colonialism, neo-colonialism, Zionism, racism and all reaction. We oppose world war and fascism and work for proletarian revolution throughout the world.

Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought is the theoretical basis guiding our thinking. It is the science of revolution—the historical lessons of thousands of years of class struggle summed up into general principles by the great communist revolutionaries, Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tse Tung.

We oppose the sellout traitors of today's revisionist Communist Party of the Soviet Union and Communist Party of China. They've become bourgeois (capitalist class) parties. They have revised Marxism to serve their own selfish interests. To ensure that our party always serves the interests of the broad masses, and does not betray the working class, the CWP conscientiously studies Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought and criticizes revisionism. We submit ourselves to class supervision by the masses, boldly do criticism and self-criticism of errors, constantly recruit fresh forces, and cleanse our ranks of those who have gone stale.

Today's economic crisis is bringing untold suffering to the American people. Millions of our youth are unemployed, strung out on drugs, and turning to crime. Divorce rates are soaring and families are being torn apart like never before. The root cause of all this is capitalism. Capitalism is a system where a small gang of greedy vultures like the Rockefellers and Morgens own all the factories, mines and land, and make all their profit off our sweat and blood. This class of monopoly capitalists, the bourgeoisie, uses its state (the police, courts, prisons, armed forces, and all levels of government) to maintain their dictatorship over us. That's why we must overthrow the bourgeoisie and seize state power.

The CWP fights for jobs for all; for better wages and work-

ing conditions; for decent housing, education, and childcare; for equal rights for all oppressed nationalities and undocumented workers; for the right of self-determination for oppressed nations in the U.S.; and against police brutality, the KKK/Nazis, and discrimination of women and the elderly. But the only way to end all social evils is for all workers and oppressed to unite, smash every attempt by the bourgeoisie to divert the blame for the crisis onto scapegoats, and to destroy the whole capitalist system. Only then can we continue the revolution under socialism until the classless society, material abundance, and spiritual height of communism are realized.

We do political education daily and in the course of taking up day-to-day struggles to help the masses learn who are our friends and who are our enemies. Today, our first priority is to awaken the proletariat to build up its party, by winning over to communism wave upon wave of advanced elements and training them how to make revolution. We strive to make every factory our fortress, every community and school our base, to kick the hacks out of the trade unions and make them into fighting organizations. Thus we are now building our army in preparation for seizing state power.

We call on all workers and revolutionary-minded people to join with the Communist Workers Party in the struggle against this bloodsucking system and build up the Party as your own to prepare for the dictatorship of the proletariat.

## Breaking the Chains of Wage Slavery



### EXPLOSION HITS SUN OIL

MARCUS HOOK, Pa.—Two blasts, one on four pumps and another in a gasoline pipeline, rocked a Sunoco Refinery Mar. 8. 1,100 Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers walked out there on Mar. 1 to join their fellow OCAW members, out for two months.

### COURT CLOSED BOOK ON FACULTY UNIONS

The Supreme Court ruled Feb. 20 that the faculty at Yeshiva University in New York City stop being recognized as a union because it had "substantial control in such areas as hiring, firing and promotion". This ruling was applied Mar. 8 at the University of New Haven to stop bargaining with the Board of Faculty Welfare, Local 3956, which represents all full-time faculty there. The State Federation of Teachers plans to contest the action.

### ALUMINUM WORKERS WON'T TAKE TIN NICKELS

40,000 United Steel Workers, along with 20,000 members of Aluminum Workers International are demanding substantial wage increases from the aluminum industry. In contract talks (contract expires May 31), the alumi-

num workers are asking that the rise in profits for Aluminum Co. of America, Reynolds Metals Co. and Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. be reflected in their pay. They are also asking for cost of living escalators for pensioners and limits on outside contracting in maintenance-related jobs.

### SUBURBAN TEACHERS STRIKE

DETROIT, MI.—In a fight over wage increases and cost of living raises, 1,100 teachers struck four suburban Detroit schools Mar. 10 after contract talks fizzled. The teachers have worked without a contract since June 1979.

### LONGEST UAW STRIKE EVER

The United Auto Workers strike against International Harvester, which makes farm implements, has surpassed the 117-day record set during the General Motors walkout in 1945-46.

### FLORIDA BLACK FORCED OUT OF STUDENT ELECTION

VIRGINIA—Racist death threats forced a black student out of the student body elec-

tions at the University of Virginia. Karen Rose, a sophomore, dropped out of the running after getting several phone calls threatening her life and calling her a "nigger bitch". David Suskine, her Jewish running mate in the election, was also threatened, 6 times.

### FAMILY OF KKK/FBI MURDER VICTIM IN COURT

DETROIT, MI.—A government motion to drop a \$2 million damage suit filed by the family of murdered civil rights activist, Viola Liuzzo, was denied by a federal judge in Detroit. The family is suing the FBI for its role in Viola's murder in 1965. FBI informer Gary Rowe, along with other Klansmen, was in the car that killed her.

## A Black Belt South Town Just Waiting to Die

TRIANA, AL.—The town of Triana, Alabama, and all its citizens have been condemned to death. Triana is a small town of just about 1,000 people outside Huntsville, in the middle of the state. It is almost all black. The median income in Triana is barely above the official poverty level. There is no industry in town and most people fish in Indian Creek to survive. In fact the fish from Indian Creek are the main source of food there.

In the last 18 months, it has come to light that Indian Creek is contaminated by more than 4 million pounds of industrial strength DDT, a deadly pesticide many times stronger than anything we use to kill ants and roaches. Also there are significant quantities of the killer chemical PCB (polychlorinated biphenyls) that is known to cause cancer of the skin, liver, and reproductive organs. Chemical waste has been dumped in the creek for more than 40 years.

Officials have known that chemical waste was being dumped in Indian Creek ever since the Olin Corporation set up a chemical plant to produce DDT before World War II. During World War II, Olin leased the plant to the Defense Department, which used it to produce nerve and mustard gas. When Olin closed the plant down for good in 1971, under intense pressure from environmental groups, it did a half-assed job of disposing of the unsold DDT. Already, more than 4,000 tons of DDT have leaked into Indian Creek in less than 10 years.

Some six-year-olds now have 10 times the national average of DDT in their bodies. Some of the older citizens of Triana have up to 200 times the national average. When residents of Triana found out this horrible truth, they were angry, bitter, and fearful of the future. They are very aware that this probably wouldn't have happened if the town wasn't black. But there isn't much they can do. Most can't afford to move. Some still fish in Indian Creek, left with the choice of starving to death now or dying later from DDT poisoning—the capitalist "freedom" to choose. When they talk to health officials about treatment, all they get is, "I don't know."

What has happened to Triana will happen to more and more U.S. cities and towns in the 80's. Carter has promised to loosen the already weak environmental regulations, giving the capitalists a free hand to dump their waste and poison any way they want no matter how many lives it costs. And what will happen to towns hit by the effects of chemical waste? They will be condemned to death, just like Triana. □

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## "I would appreciate a subscription..."

February 21, 1980  
To The CWP,

I am seriously interested in becoming a member of the Communist Workers Party and I would appreciate your assistance in this matter. Would it be more convenient for your office in New York to assist me or do you have a cadre in my area that could more easily arrange a membership?

Thank you for your kind concern.

In solidarity,  
J.C.  
Huntingdon, Pa.

P.S. I anxiously await your reply.

March 10, 1980

Dear Brother J:  
Thank you very much for your interest in the Communist

Workers Party. In regards to your question of becoming a member, we have referred it to the people in your area. We think that maybe they can visit you and discuss it more in detail during those meetings.

In the meantime, you can help us by sharing the *Workers Viewpoint* with other brothers there, discussing the contents, studying our other publications, and writing to us about struggles, conditions as well as other comments and criticisms you may have about our paper and political analysis. It is through people like yourself that the *Workers Viewpoint* can truly become an organizer, agitator and propagandist among the masses of people.

We look forward to hearing from you again.

In struggle,  
Communist Workers Party (CWP)

## FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES Our Readers Speak Out!

March 10, 1980

Dear Friends,

I am a prisoner at the Calif. institution for men in Chino, Calif.

I was wondering if it's possible to receive a free subscription to *Workers Viewpoint*? I have no funds but ever since the murder of your comrades in Greensboro I have been trying to find information on the Communist Workers Party, and today I found your address.

I would appreciate a sub. if it's possible, and thank you for your consideration.

Power to you in your struggle for freedom, which is really my freedom too.

L.C.  
Chino, Calif.

## "It's amazing the support you're getting"

Dear friends,

I just got laid off so I don't have much to spare, but I've been meaning to send you something. My serious political differences with you are trivial in the face of these fascist assassinations. Everyone on the left and merely of good will should understand that.

In struggle,  
P.T.

P.S. Since I don't have much money and am already on too many mailing lists, please don't add my name to a list. You needn't waste \$ acknowledging this contribution.

P.T.

February 28, 1980

Comrades,

I came across your ad in the *Guardian*, and I wonder if you would grant me a gratis subscription to the *Workers Viewpoint* which I can share with the other interested brothers in the Control Unit of Marion. I'm also interested in learning more about the Communist Workers Party, and its political position on the issues.

In Struggle,  
P.T.  
Marion Il.

Dear Friends,

Just got your latest issue of *Workers Viewpoint* (from Gilman Street Books). It's amazing the support you're getting. I'm sick of groups like the RCP and PLP. I'm really looking for an alternative. I'm 24 years old, unemployed and trying to survive here in Madison. Would it be possible to send more info. on the CWP? Perhaps a few back issues, etc? Also a sub. would be great! Although I'm very broke right now, I will send a few bucks your way. Whatever you can send—Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,  
T.W.  
Madison, Wis.

# Carter's Inflation Cure: Pretend It Isn't There



This cartoon shows how pessimistic the bourgeoisie and petty-bourgeoisie are about dealing with inflation and getting out of the economic crisis.

Panic swept Wall Street like a tidal wave as soon as the stock market opened on Monday, March 17. The stock market crashed lower than any time in the last 15 months, the sharpest drop in one day since the record set in October, 1979.

This is what Carter and market officials had tried to avoid. Carter chose 4:30 in the afternoon (Friday, March 14) to announce his anti-inflation plan, purposely ducking a slot on prime time television. And the stock market closed early Friday in anticipation. No doubt Carter hoped that few people would be watching at that odd hour, and even if people did hear about the speech it would be too late to react since banks and major financial markets close for the weekend. "The weekend would give people a chance to study the anti-inflation proposals. After a round of golf and a few martinis the shock would wear off, and when businessmen came to work Monday, they might have even gained a little confidence in our government," Carter's advisors must have told him. It didn't work.

Carter laid out five main steps he's taking to hold down galloping inflation (now officially at 18.9%, and more like 20% really):

### A Balanced Budget in 1981

First, Carter proposed a balanced budget in 1981. To do this he wants to cut \$2 billion from the present budget and \$13 billion more from the 1981 budget. Welfare benefits will be slashed, \$74 million in New York State alone. \$1.7 billion in Federal money to states and \$265 million meant to improve public transportation will be cut. Cities like New York have been hanging on the edge of bankruptcy for years. When the bond market collapsed on March 7, things were rough enough. And for the millions of Americans who can't walk to work, the cuts mean even worse public transportation.

### \$1.50 a Gallon for Gas

For people who must drive to work, Carter's gasoline tax on imported oil will mean having to pay at least \$1.10 more per gallon. Gas at a \$1.50 a gallon, will make the days when gas was just \$1.00 a gallon seem as obsolete as the \$.05 candy bar. He hopes to use high gaso-

line prices to force people to consume less! Driving down people's purchasing power even more, this can only deepen the present economic crisis (the crisis of relative overproduction where workers can't afford to buy the things they need while the mountains of goods that they produce rot in warehouses because the capitalists can't sell them).

The gas tax will drive more people who could still afford it into buying smaller, fuel-efficient cars. People are avoiding the big gas-guzzlers popular in the 60's like the plague. But GM, Ford and especially Chrysler are having trouble retooling and converting their parts plants and assembly lines for the smaller cars. For example, they still have to import Volkswagen engines from Germany. If the auto giants can't convert they won't be able to compete with foreign imports in the 80's, and that means more layoffs for autoworkers and the industries which depend on auto, like steel, rubber and glass.

### Credit Cards: Harder to Get, Harder to Keep

Carter's third step is to control credit. He blamed Americans for "living beyond their means" and made it harder for banks and credit card companies to okay new credit. This also lowers people's purchasing power and makes the crisis worse. And even though loans for buying homes and cars aren't restricted by Carter's plans, the housing and auto industries are still in trouble. Tight credit makes the problem tougher. Big construction projects, for example, require \$ millions and takes a long time to bring in profits. With no one willing to risk putting money into long-term investments, building plans won't even reach the architect's drawing boards. Right after Carter's speech, the Federal Reserve (the nation's central bank) added a big fee on top of the already-high rate it charges to banks to borrow money from it. This interest rate (called the discount rate) is now a whopping 16%, and bank experts think that a hike to 20% is just around the corner.

### Federal Job Freeze

Carter will also cut the Federal government's work force by 50,000 jobs.

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Bonds are a kind of loan. Selling bonds is a big way for many city and state governments, as well as corporations, to raise money. A company will usually sell 20, 30, or 40-year bonds which means if you buy it, it will take 20, 30, or 40 years before you get the money you have loaned back. Meanwhile you collect interest, usually a very small percentage of the amount of money you loaned out. When people dump the bonds because of galloping inflation, the bond markets collapse, and it is harder for the government and different industries to raise money for investments. □



## RIFLES, PICKETS AND A WILL TO WIN

# Which Side Are You On, Sam Church?

The 240,000 United Mine Workers (UMW) members are entering the 80's with a new union president, Sam Church. In his first month in office, he cracked open the sacred miners' tradition of "one out, all out" and "no contract, no work." This setback (by amending the union constitution to allow the leadership to call a selective strike) and others occurred at the Dec. UMW convention.

Two months later, the rank and file miners showed what they thought of this setback. On Feb. 21, 6,000 miners from northern West Virginia wildcatted, defending their union's right to strike (see *WV*, March 8, 1980). Following their militant tradition, roving pickets wearing ski masks spread the strike from mine to mine. The capitalists had heartfelt hopes that this union president could bring "labor peace" to the coal fields. But Church's telegrams to the members ordering them back to work only started a wave of grumbling among the miners. They were saying, which side is *this* president on?

How did this change in leadership come about? What



does it mean for the future of union coal miners?

### The 70's: Rise and Fall Of Arnold Miller

The 70's—a decade when rank and file coal miners' anger burst open with wildcats, strikes and more strikes. In 1972, Arnold Miller, United Mine Workers' president, was voted in on a reform slate in a massive effort by the miners to beat the old Boyle machine and have union leaders who will fight for them. The old bureaucrats were out, but a new one was in—Miller, who used the position for his own interests. Around the time of the 1974 contract strike, the miners found they had to fight their own union president to get their demands. In the '75 and '76 strikes to defend the right to strike and the '77 Health Fund wildcats, the number one scab was Arnold Miller. By 1977, miners in Beckley, West Virginia voted to call for the resignation of Miller and other top union officials.

With no one strong enough to overturn him, Miller was narrowly re-elected in 1977. He moved on to seal his doom. While rank and file confronted the coal operators, the courts and the government in the 112-day 1978 contract strike, Miller not only accepted the first lousy contract proposal but endorsed the enforcement of the court's back-to-work order under the Taft-Hartley Law. By then forced into hiding in his Washington, D.C. offices, Miller had to carry a pistol with him whenever he went into the coal fields. In District 17 (W. Va.) he tried to put one local in receivership, (under the direct control of the union's national leadership) and during the strike he pulled a gun on the district president.

By 1979 the battered Miller had suffered his third heart attack since being in office. The capitalists and their labor aristocrat agents among the workers

desperately needed someone to replace him, someone who could keep the miners "under control" and more obedient to the capitalist system. Three times Miller put out a retirement call, and three times no one suitable came forward to replace him. Finally, Nov. 16, his own vice-president Sam Church pushed him into powerless retirement and took charge. (Miller's reward was an \$80,000/year pension for life.)



(left) Arnold Miller (in front of portrait of John L. Lewis, original United Mine Workers president) was forced into retirement and new UMW president, Sam Church (above) got a lukewarm response from the miners.

### Who is Sam Church?

In 1972 when the "Miners for Democracy" rebels kicked out Boyle and brought in Miller, Church was a Boyle man. But by '75, after getting Miller's support in his successful bid for District 28 (southwestern Virginia) president, Church defected and jumped to a position in Miller's headquarters. Today, with former crony Miller the most bitterly hated man in the coal fields, Church is trying to disown Miller. Church's newly appointed vice president is Wilbert Killion, who ran with Boyle in the 1972 election against Miller. Both Killion and Church have been evoking the name of John L. Lewis, UMW

president of a powerful era in the miners' history. All this to create an image of real leadership.

### What Came Out of UMW Convention?

But what kind of leadership did Church demonstrate at the UMW convention last December in Denver? 1,270 delegates gathered, some honestly struggling for union democracy to retain the militancy of the UMW. But most were hacks themselves, looking out for their personal careers. Church, with a quick gavel and "the ayes have it" votes (no call for nays), got four main proposals passed.

One, a more than 100% dues increase, (from \$12/month to \$27) and a 100% initiation fee increase, (from \$100 to \$200). Church claimed it will go towards organizing the unorganized. But the UMW International left the Stearns miners in the cold, pulling out in defeat in 1979, after a three year strike to bring in the union. The trend is clearly towards non-organizing. Church himself has said they will "lay low" in Kentucky for a couple of years.

Two, the \$10 assessment on miners for legal expenses is a first. It is an attempt to make each member personally feel the burden for judgments against the International, which should come out of dues money. It is another pressure against wild-cattling.

Three, in another step against trade union democracy, Church got the OK to skip the union's constitutional requirement to elect the vice president. In the name of "unity", he can choose his own vice president, and continue to appoint other International officials. Also, local officers' terms were changed from 2 to 3 years.

Four, approval of a multi-million dollar selective strike fund to be used in 1981 against the Consolidation Coal Co., marking the first change in UMW strike strategy in 30 years. The money to pay striking miners' benefits would come from a \$25-a-week assessment on working miners. In the name of "teaching Consol a lesson" (who deserted the Bituminous Coal

Operators Association—see box), this most startling decision sets a precedent, putting a crack in the "one out, all out; no contract, no work" miners' tradition (which has always been more effective than the United Auto Workers selective "target" strikes against one company at a time which pressures business less). In the name of "strike fund" they want the workers to scab on each other.

### 80's: Miners Fight for Answer to "Which Side Are You On?"

Is Sam Church a new hope for the coal miners? He answered that himself in 1977. Then in the midst of the Health Fund strike, 1,000 miners demonstrated at the Washington, D.C. headquarters, chanting, "No cards, no coal." They wanted Miller's head. Instead Church, then Miller's top aide, appeared and was blown back into the offices by shouting, swearing and finger-waving miners (see *WV*, Aug. 1977).

Miners forced Miller to retire in disgrace. Church, offering nothing really new, got a lukewarm response of "wait and see." With Miller gone, a focused target for the rank and file's fight against the bureaucrats was temporarily lost. Church used this at the convention. He was able to slip some things by, weakening the hand of the rank and file.

But today 20,000 miners are laid off. The economic crisis has been chipping away at everybody's working and living conditions for too long. This is slapping the miners awake from a two-year lull in rank and file activity.

Militant rank and file actions like the recent wildcat are beginning to end Church's reign. That means the capitalists are quickly losing another agent among the workers. They will have to do their dirty work more directly (like open FBI attacks on communists in the coalfields, heavy fines and penalties for any wildcat). As the 1981 contract fight approaches, the question in the air again is, "Which side are you on?" □

## Coal Monopolies Grab BCOA Reins

While the miners are wildcating, the coal companies are in a tizzy about the upcoming 1981 contract negotiations. Last May, Consolidated Coal Co. shocked other companies in the Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA) by withdrawing from this coalition of coal companies. Especially worried are the small coal operators because the loss of this coal giant will weaken their bargaining power. Consolidated is the second largest coal-producer in the country and the largest employer of UMW members (15,000). Therefore, the BCOA has been trying to lure Consol back on almost any terms. To return, Consol is making tough demands which will expand its powers within the coalition. Reportedly, the BCOA will negotiate under a new structure of a 3-man team with representatives from Consolidated, U.S. Steel and Peabody Coal—the nation's largest operators. A 9-member executive committee consisting of only major coal producers will control them. With this new structure in its favor, Consol is now reported to be returning to the BCOA fold.

The BCOA, formed by union coal companies to compete with nonunion coal, consists of three major groups—coal operators belonging to steel/oil monopolies, large independent operators like Peabody and small operators. Breaking up the BCOA is in the biggest coal monopolies' long term interests, aiding the

process of buying out small operators who cannot survive individually. This latest scramble gives more control to the monopolies. With power more concentrated in their hands, the BCOA negotiations in the next contract will reflect the bigger companies' interests even more.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, 1/15/80, Consol met with the BCOA (to discuss its return) prior to the recent UMW convention. Nonetheless, new UMW president, Sam Church, suggested that a special strike fund to deal with separate contracts may pressure Consolidated's return. His reasoning is that Consolidated will have nothing to gain from a separate contract since the UMW will have the power to deal with them.

Is this the way to keep the UMW strong? In the past the miners won with an unbreakable "one out, all out" tradition (nobody crosses a single picket and strikes are spread by roving pickets). With the possibility of separate contracts becoming greater, will the miners go for Church's idea or maintain their "one out all out" tradition? In the 1978 strike, Southern Illinois miners rejected one company's offer to settle early with a separate contract. Roving pickets in the recent wildcat got broad support. By these indications, it seems the miners are not willing to give up their tradition yet. □



# Chicago Firemen's Strike: Mayor Byrne's Waterloo



Cops and supervisors sliding in the snow are knocked down by hoses they can't handle while scabbing on Chicago firemen's strike.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The first firemen's strike in Chicago's history ended on March 10 after 23 days of work stoppage. By that time, the union leader was in jail, striking firemen had been stopped by supervisors when they volunteered to fight life-threatening fires, and Mayor Jane Byrne's effigy was swinging from a tree in front of the picketline.

Mayor Byrne is the second ill-fated politician to try to step into former mayor King Richard Daley's mythical shoes since his death in 1978. Since she took office in January 1979, the city was hit with Chicago transit workers' first all-out strike. The city school system—the nation's 3rd largest and the single largest employer in Chicago—almost collapsed as teachers, bus companies and food vendors weren't paid. The school board's credit rating plunged to one step above default, triggering the city's credit rating to fall, and it hasn't stopped yet. Striking school teachers shut down the schools two weeks until they got paid.

Then on Feb. 13, the firemen walked out. Byrne's election promise to the firemen was that she would give them a negotiated contract for the first time, replacing Daley's "sealed with a handshake" wage/benefit agreements. But when Byrne insisted on a no-strike clause, the firemen struck in protest. Byrne's refusal to sit down face-to-face with the union prolonged the strike. A circuit court judge (whose job is acquired through the mayor's patronage machine) signed back-to-work orders, assessed \$40,000 a day fines and jailed Fire Fighters Union President Frank Muscare. By the time the firemen returned to work, most of the major issues were still unresolved, to be decided by a "fact-finding" committee.

Why did the city's handshake agreement no longer work? Chicago local politics is going through transition today. Byrne has been using patronage jobs (pay-off for political favors) as a weapon to strengthen direct loyalty to her and weaken potential challenges to her power. This is still the city that works—deals, that is. But there is a big difference between Daley's "bossism", his one-man show, and the way bourgeois politicians rule in Chicago today. In today's permanent economic crisis, the city government (like all big cities) is less able to afford concessions to cool off mass resistance and payoffs to consolidate their political machine. (see *WV*, March 15, 1979, "Chicago Election: Winter of Masses' Discontent") The one-man show is re-

placed with a more complicated system of consensus and contention, balancing off between various politicians and groups of politicians. This competition sharpened since Byrne came out for Kennedy's presidential candidacy, and Carter snubbed her by cutting federal assistance to the city. There is no more one-man show, and the city is often politically paralyzed. This is a totally different style of leadership that Chicago is unfamiliar with.

Chicago residents are affected by this change too. After Mayor Byrne's first year, a recent poll showed 35% thought Byrne was doing a poor job, 31% fair, 22% good, and only 7% thought she was excellent. The instability Byrne brought to city government instilled doubts and uncertainties among many, especially among city workers. Many city workers who live in neighborhoods of anti-Byrne/Kennedy politicians fear trumped-up excuses to transfer or dismiss them. Amidst this fear and uncertainty people are looking back to the "good old days" under Daley, when everything seemed centralized, direct, predictable and stable.

People's anger spontaneously turns against Byrne the individual, not seeing the more complex issue of contradictions and contention for power within the bourgeois superstructure. But the cause for the end to bossism is larger than one man's death or another individual making a better mayor. Because of the larger capitalist crisis (end of temporary stabilization of capitalism), there can be no return to the Daley style. This new style is likely to stay, constantly tugged by different power interests.

What really tears this style of rule apart is organized resistance by the masses. What came down in Chicago last month was a raw confrontation between angry unions, the rudimentary organizations of the proletariat, and the bourgeoisie's fragile, obsolete system of rule. No longer able to control the masses with a handshake, Byrne tried the hard-line approach. On Feb. 18, she vowed, "I will never again sit down with Mr. Muscare nor his men." Instead of falling into line, the firemen, who had been returning to work, walked back out again. Other Chicago unions were angered too, and came out to support the firemen. In Chicago, workers' unionized strength and tradition, their spontaneous organization, is relatively powerful, and it makes Byrne's decentralized rule even more shaky. (In cities like New York, with less union

tradition, the masses are less able to fight back, and the decentralized form of city government practically rules by default, with nobody organized enough to challenge it.)

In the face of internal dissension and struggles, Byrne has to put up a more liberal/democratic front. But due to the objective state of the capitalist system, no matter how liberal or reformist she tries to portray herself, she still has to come down with job cuts, union-busting, etc. The bottom line still is, the more she tries, the more Byrne gets exposed to the people. □



Mayor Jane Byrne

## Chicago Held Hostage?

CHICAGO, Ill.—Those who attacked the striking Chicago firemen sank to new depths of strikebusting. Under the city motto of "give a little, take a little more", Mayor Jane Byrne wheeled and dealt with the Chicago Federation of Labor (the unionized skilled tradesmen's representative—labor agents of the capitalists). In return, the CFL gave little support to the strike, and came down with the iron fist against the militant dissidents in the firefighters union. Byrne blamed outside forces as the cause of the present chaos. She accused that pickets were manned by out-of-town goon squads. This referred to the International Firefighters Union and other unions which showed solidarity with the strikers. This made people hate the mayor even more.

The *New York Times* (2/20/80) which reflects pacesetting lines among the bourgeoisie said, "When the city asked for a no-strike clause in the agreement, the union's walkout, in effect, answered: Let them burn... The Chicago firemen are holding 3½ million hostages to enforce their demand..."

As the bourgeoisie steps up preparations for World War III and fascism at home, stopping strikes becomes even more necessary to ensure a steady war economy, and even more importantly, to make workers obey their capitalist master. The capitalists will do this through attacking and firing the leaders (like the assassinations of the 5 Communist Workers Party comrades), through courts and contracts that take away the legal right to strike, and through creating anti-strike public opinion.

With the wave of American patriotism being whipped up across the country, strikes today take on a new significance. If you strike for a decent wage, it becomes "unpatriotic". If you support a fellow workers' strike, you are labelled an "outsider goon" (read: commie). Think about it. The "American system" you feel patriotic towards doesn't just curse out Iranians in order to shift its economic problems. When you fight for what is rightfully yours, they will label you and smash you too. Believe in their patriotism and you can only live as slaves. □

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## STUDY MARXISM



# Capitalism is the Root Cause of World War

This is the first article in our new column, *STUDY MARXISM*. In order to know who are our friends, who are our enemies, and how to fight for all working and oppressed people and win, we have to study and learn from the past. Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought is the science of revolution. It is the historical lessons of thousands of years of class struggle summed up into general principles by the great communist revolutionaries Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, and Mao. This science is a powerful weapon that we need to use to overthrow our oppressors.

In the future, we will talk about what is socialism, what is communism, etc. If you have any questions, comments, criticism, or suggestions, write us.

The draft. Inflation. Billions of dollars for new weapons. The Russians invade Afghanistan. It's the U.S. vs. the Soviet Union. Today we face the danger of another world war—of terrible death and destruction.

But why? Is it just some bad individuals in the Russian government or in our government? Is it just some twist of fate or just "the way things are, and the way they'll always be"? Can't we do anything about it?

We can! But we need to understand what's really going on. Both the U.S. and the Soviet Union are controlled by a small group of rich people, monopoly capitalists, whose only goal is to rule over the entire world in order to make the most profits off all poor and working people. The competition between these two capitalist groups for markets, resources, etc. is the real source of World War III.



American G.I. studies message left by liberation fighters during the Viet Nam war. This imperialist war took 50,000 American lives and thousands more Vietnamese. Americans have no interest in fighting another war for the U.S. capitalists!

### Profit is Capitalism's Only Goal

The capitalist system in the U.S. and other countries is hundreds of years old. This is basically how capitalism works: We workers work in a factory owned by the boss. We make a product, say a shirt. The shirt has some value because it can be used by another person. The boss then sells the shirt, but at a price much higher than what he pays us for making it, thus getting a profit for himself.

For example, in a New York City garment shop, a worker named Sue gets paid fifty cents by her boss, Mr. Hunt for sewing one shirt. The shirt is then sold for \$20.00 in Macy's Department Store. Mr. Hunt will make a big profit (even after he pays for the cloth, the sewing machine, etc.) by employing many workers like Sue at the same time. And by making Sue and the others work faster and longer hours, paying them forty five cents rather than fifty cents, bringing in faster sewing machines, and raising the price of the shirt to \$22.00, he'll make even more profit.

Some of this profit goes to Mr. Hunt's food and clothing. The rest he can save. After a while Mr. Hunt will save enough extra profit to buy another factory and employ more workers and make more profit. This extra profit which Mr. Hunt invests to make more profit is called *capital*. Mr. Hunt is a capitalist.

### Capitalists Have to Compete To Survive

But there are plenty of other capitalist besides Mr. Hunt who are also in the garment business. They try to outsell him and take away his customers, perhaps by lowering the price of their shirts. Mr. Hunt has to compete against them. Otherwise, he'll soon lose his business and go bankrupt. His competitors may also try to buy up the cloth supply, invent faster sewing machines, or do more advertising. If they don't, it will be Mr. Hunt who will beat them out and take over their

business.

All capitalists have to compete. They all strive to expand and build up their capital to increase even more their profits. This capitalist competition is the basis for war.

### Capitalism Gave Birth To Nations— Home Base From Which To Expand

Looking on a wider scale, capitalists in one area strive to control their markets (customers) and their workers to keep others out. Through their economic power, they can gain political power over a certain territory and people. This is the beginning of nations. Within this territory, if the people speak a common language and have a common culture, it will be easier to do business. If the capitalists gain political control of this territory and form a nation, they can collect taxes and build an army to ensure their rule and guarantee their profits.

Nations are a byproduct of the development of capitalism. They are also the base from which capitalists can launch wars to gain even more profits.

### Economic Crisis Are Part Of Capitalism

The capitalists face one stubborn problem they can never escape. Because they don't pay workers the real value of what they produce, the workers can't buy all they produce. Sue has to make 40 shirts (at fifty cents each) to make enough to buy just one shirt (\$20.00) for herself. Other capitalists may buy a few, but they can only wear so many shirts. Besides, they would rather

invest their money in factories which can bring them more profits. On a mass scale, millions of workers produce tons of goods they can't buy and this results in warehouses full of stuff that can't be sold. We call this *overproduction*. Overproduction—not because workers don't need these goods but because they can't buy them. Overproduction is the cause of capitalist economic crisis.

Now if the capitalists can't sell all these products, they will eventually begin to lose money. They will try to get out of it by reducing the workers wages to cut costs, and by laying off workers and closing factories altogether. But this won't help much, because workers will then have even less money to spend to buy the stock-piled products.

The capitalist has to get new markets (new customers) to sell his products, and will stop at nothing to do this, not even war.

### Capitalists Have to Grab For Colonies

The history of U.S. capitalist expansion is soaked with blood. Thousands of Native Americans (Indians) were massacred for their land. In 1846 the U.S. provoked war with Mexico in order to seize what is now Texas, New Mexico, and California. The U.S. marines took Hawaii in 1893; Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Phillipines in 1898; the Panama Canal in 1908. The U.S. capitalists spread their tentacles to all corners of the earth, especially Africa, Latin America, and Asia, as did other European capitalists. Besides new markets, they could also get cheap raw materials, and cheap labor. And competition between these capitalists for colonies often resulted in war.

### Capitalist Competition Leads to Monopoly Capitalism-Imperialism

To make more profits, every capitalist tries to con-

trol all the factories that make the products he sells. For example, Mr. Hunt tries to buy up all the shirt factories to get rid of any competition. Then he can raise the price of his shirts, and people will still buy them from him because they need shirts to wear, and they cannot get them from anyone else. This is called having a monopoly on shirts. Monopoly profits are clearly higher than regular capitalist profits.

In the late 1800's monopolies grew in the U.S. until the railroad king Vanderbilt, the oil king Rockefeller, the steel king Morgan, and the automobile king Ford had control of over 80% of the production in these key industries. And when profitable business has been monopolized inside the country, the capitalist has to look outside his country to invest his capital. He looks to developing countries where capital is scarce and land, raw materials, and labor are cheap, and therefore profits high. Last year, for example, Ford Motor Company paid workers in South Africa \$1 a day to make cars.

By 1900 capitalism had reached its highest stage—imperialism. Imperialism has five economic characteristics: 1) monopolies have begun to play a dominant role 2) banking and manufacturing capital have come together, 3) the export of capital has become significant, 4) monopoly organizations of different countries have begun to form alliances, (supermonopolies) and 5) the capitalist powers have carved up and divided the entire world among themselves.

### Competition Intensifies Under Imperialism

As monopoly organizations grows and profits skyrocket, more capital is accumulated. The monopoly capitalist then needs even more markets, more raw materials and cheap labor, and more places to invest his capital. And when the world is all carved up between the different imperialists, competition can only intensify. The capitalists can now only expand by stepping on other capitalists, and this inevitably leads to war.

### Imperialism Leads to World War

During the era of imperialism, capitalism suffers even more acute economic crises. Overproduction occurs more rapidly than ever before. With advanced technology, less people are required to produce the same amount of goods, but there are fewer new markets and colonies to sell the goods to. As the capitalists try to solve the crises by wage cuts, speed-ups, and layoffs, the workers' resistance rises, too. Only this time the workers are more organized, after having been forced to work together in large factories. Revolutionary situations flare up. Economic crises lead to political crises for the capitalists. To survive, the capitalists have to try to expand and redivide the world and to get new markets. Thus, to free themselves from economic and political crisis, to resolve the class contradictions at home, and to save the capitalist system, the monopoly capitalists have to go to war, sooner or later, whether they like it or not. Both World War I and World War II came as a result of imperialist powers trying to redivide the world to get out of their economic and political crises.

### Our Attitude Towards Imperialist War— Proletarian Internationalism

In order to go to war, the capitalists have to convince the workers in their country to fight. They try to put the blame for the crisis on anyone but themselves—on blacks in the U.S. or the Jews in Hitler's Germany; and try to focus the workers' attention on "external enemies" like the Russians or the Iranians today. The capitalists whip up this chauvinism (which is actually loyalty to the U.S. capitalists) against other peoples to divert workers from the path of socialist revolution. Socialist Revolution is the only solution to all capitalist crises and imperialist wars.

We oppose all imperialist wars. All workers and oppressed of other countries are our friends. We won't fight against them for the U.S. capitalists. It is the capitalists in both the Soviet Union and the U.S. who are our enemies. If world war does come, we'll turn it into a civil war and fight our own capitalists here at home. This is the spirit of proletarian internationalism. □

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## NYU TEACH-IN Anti-Draft Movement Seeking Direction

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Over 1,000 people attended a day-long anti-draft teach-in at New York University, sponsored by Coalition Against Registration and the Draft (CARD). A wide range of topics were discussed, including the Middle East, Carter's new "cold war" economy, U.S. foreign policy, and the increased danger of war between the U.S. and the USSR as well as the American political situation for the 80's.

The NYU conference is the second conference in the Northeast since Carter announced his registration proposal.

Attendance by many others besides students at the conference is a good sign that opposition to the draft will rally support among Americans from all walks of life. In attendance were college age youths, activists from the anti-war movement of the 60's, teachers and professors and many middle age parents who have lost sons in Vietnam and who don't want to see another war. A similar process is taking place on the West Coast, where San Francisco ministers and church leaders have begun to organize against the draft.

The prospect of the draft is awakening many Americans, making the anti-draft movement the biggest political movement since the 60's. These new anti-draft forces are struggling for a clear and definite political direction. At present, the movement is not aware enough to see through the lies of some revisionists, such as "C" PUSA, and Trotskyites such as Workers World, who praise the role of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan.

There are many more who don't understand the inevitability of U.S. imperialists going to war to get out of the crisis, and the need to promote chauvinism and impose fascist repression on the U.S. people as part of the war preparation. But many are disgusted with politicians attempt to bring the movement under the control of either the Democratic or the Republican Party. This was clear by the audience's reaction to Michael Harrington's (Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee) speech. Harrington said, "We have to go into the Democratic Party because that's where the workers are, that's where the minorities are, that's where the forces of the anti-draft, anti-war movements are, and that's where we can effect the greatest political change." This was his strategy for "socialism in the 80's." The American people are fed up with both the Democratic and the Republican parties as the low voter turnout shows in every election. Harrington's trying to resurrect the dead. When he told the audience to give "critical support" to Kennedy for president because he's "better than a Republican," Harrington was resoundingly booed.

The teach-in showed that people's minds are wide open. People want to get clear. That's why when CWP supporters denounced the Soviet Union invasion of Afghanistan and condemned both superpowers war preparation, they were greeted with applause.

One of the organizers of the teach-in commented, "If you're going to talk to people about revolutionary change, you might as well get a real communist revolutionary to do it!"

Overall, the NYU teach-in shows that there are many new fighters joining the ranks of the people's movements of the 80's, and are wide open to a revolutionary alternative to the most pressing questions on their minds. □

## YOUNGBLOOD, RISE UP! RYL JOINS ANTI-DRAFT RALLY

NEW YORK, N.Y.—On Thursday, March 13 over 100 City College students turned out to a noon-time rally against the draft called by the CCNY Coalition Against the Registration and the Draft (CARD). The rally was quickly put together and mobilized for in a couple of weeks as part of a series of nation-wide demonstrations protesting Carter's proposal to re-instate registration for the draft. The coalition, made up of over a dozen campus organizations, including the Revolutionary Youth League, Veterans Association, Day Student Senate, Sound Hudson Against Atomic Development (SHAD—an anti-nuke group) and others was started in late February. The rally was called for as a build-up action for the national demonstration on March 22 in Washington, D.C.

The speakers list at the rally included Michio Kaku, professor of nuclear physics at CCNY, Professor Frank Laraque of the Black Studies Department, Mike Clark from Riverside Church, and a member of Veteran's Association who spoke for the coalition. Professor Kaku

shared with the crowd some of his experiences of what imperialist war had done to him and his family, during both World War II (at Hiroshima and Nagasaki) and the Vietnam War. "Hell, no we won't go, we won't fight for Exxon and Mobil oil," said Professor Kaku as the audience broke out several times with thunderous applause. He also spoke of his recent visit to the Soviet Union and how he had seen "that everything in the Soviet Union like in the U.S. was based on profits—anything in the name of the almighty ruble." In closing, Professor Kaku said, "The one thing that both super-powers fear more than the H-bomb, killer satellites, or the M-X missile is the people, the people united!"

The rally represents the beginning of a growing movement among City College students against the draft and all U.S. war preparations. And as the movement grows, wave upon wave of new fighters are coming forward to continue the struggle to put an end to the danger of world war and the source of it, the blood-sucking system of monopoly capitalism! □

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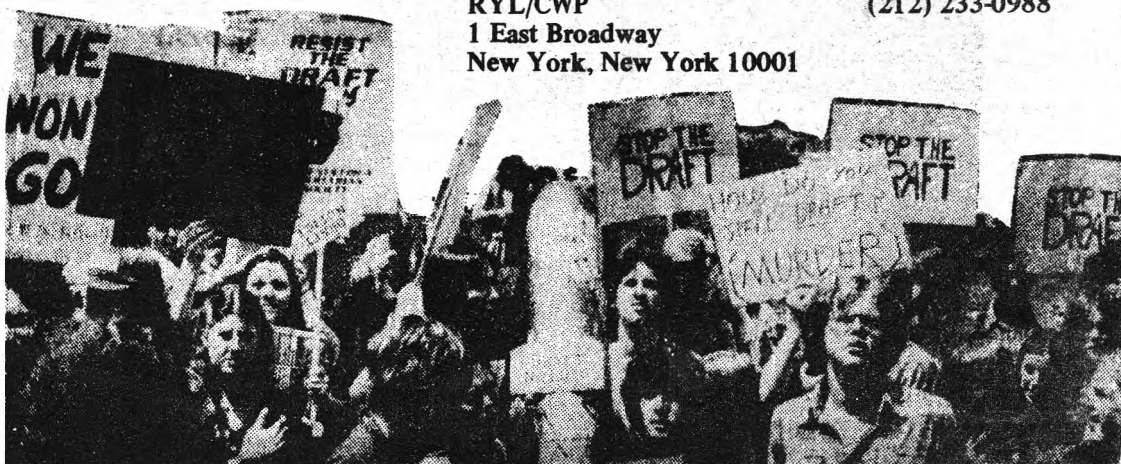
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leadership, the League has grown tremendously and has won over and is training many of the most disciplined and self-sacrificing young revolutionaries in the U.S.

By studying the science of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and applying it in our day-to-day struggles, youth are trained to make changes in this society. The science is our guide to action. It contains the experience of millions of people summed up as general revolutionary principles by the great revolutionary leaders, Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, and Mao.

We urge all progressive youth and anyone interested in struggling with youth to check us out, write us, and most importantly, take a stand to fight in the interest of all oppressed people. □

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Call: THE COMMITTEE TO AVENGE THE CWP 5 in your area (see page 5)  
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# NO DRAFT WORLD WAR III FASCIST USA

After the shooting was over... a young man laid dead on the ground, his life's blood ebbing out of him. His friend knelt over him crying out in grief, anger, pain. Three others laid dead around them, shot dead by the National Guard. It was 1970, Kent State.

These sacrifices and many more of the movement against the Viet Nam war slowed down the U.S. military, raised the consciousness of hundreds of thousands of people in the U.S. and aided the victory of the Vietnamese people against U.S. imperialism.

If the anti-Viet Nam war movement faced down National Guard troops, what is the anti-draft movement today up against in World War III? Why are the stakes in World War III so much higher than ever before?

## U.S. Imperialism's Deepest Crisis Ever

In 1961, the U.S. openly and militarily invaded Viet Nam after years of subversion there. If they lost their economic, military and political hold over Viet Nam and it became an independent country, the U.S. imperialists knew that other countries could follow its example, breaking the stranglehold the U.S. held over the third world. The Vietnamese, Laotian, and Kampuchean people won a victory over the U.S. through guerrilla war against the U.S. might, seizing their arms straight from the U.S. military.

With U.S. imperialism fleeing fallen Saigon, the need for the draft ended. It was the Vietnamese who had ended the war and brought the end to the need for the draft.

World War III is not another Viet Nam, not politically, economically, nor militarily. The U.S. imperialists have lost their grip over the situation both at home and abroad.

Internally, the economy rages with 20% inflation out of control. With these risks, no capitalist dares to make long-term investment to "re-industrialize America," into stagnating, out of date railroads, steel mills, and so on. At one shot, 20% inflation cut people's incomes by one-fifth. Living in the suburbs, once the American Dream, is impossible with the oil prices and mortgages. College education has gone the way of suburbs. The American Dream is dead and gave birth to Levittown where "middle America" took over the streets, burned gas stations down, and to Idabel, Oklahoma, where Afro-Americans marched on City Hall with their guns in hand. Driven by the spectre of revolution and armed workers rising up, the bourgeoisie is like a cornered rat, desperate for a way out of the crisis. In the 50's or the 60's, they would have dumped the crisis by dumping goods and exporting inflation to the countries of the third and second world.

But today, internationally the imperialists face a totally different balance of forces than during the Viet Nam war. The Soviet Union, a leaner and younger thus hungrier superpower, is openly contending with the declining U.S. superpower for new markets, raw materials, and for places to export their capital. The government is aggressively pushing to be top dog imperialist grinding the Russian people under fascist rule to do it. The U.S. wants to regain its one-time superior

position. Already the Soviet Union is waging war in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, and Kampuchea with unmatched military weaponry.

Third world country after country like Iran and Zimbabwe has thrown off its shackles and stood up, independent of any superpower. OPEC countries have banded together to demand equal exchange for oil, and a new economic order. The second world, Europe and Japan, has split many times with U.S. imperialism over its intervention, threats, exploitation and the shifting of the U.S. economic crisis onto their backs. But they also vacillate between both the U.S. and the Soviet Union (France and Germany have many investments in the Soviet Union in loans, plants and credit.)

Because of the struggles of the third and second world against it, the U.S. imperialists cannot get out of the crisis the way they used to. They must go to war for a new division of world for raw materials, markets and places to export capital to stop from becoming a second-rate imperialist.

## World War Means Imperialist Subjugation of the World

In the past, the U.S. was able to gain top dog position through world war. During World War I, when total world exports were reduced to 60% of the pre-war level, U.S. exports multiplied twice. Their imports rose 80%. This superiority was used to subjugate the markets of Central America and the Caribbean and occupy Canada and South America. They strengthened their hold over China and in the near East. They profitted in the weapons market supplying warring countries with military supplies while they sat out the war until 1941. From this deadly trade, for which they demanded payment in gold, the U.S. controlled 40% of the world's gold reserves.

After World War II, the U.S. produced 60% of the total industrial output in the capitalist world. The U.S. imperialists controlled one third of the total export of the world. They held three quarters of the world's gold reserves. In 1945, they exported 16.8 billion dollars to other countries. With this, the U.S. became the world biggest exploiter, controlling Africa, Latin America, Asia, Western Europe and North America.

Who paid so that U.S. monopoly capital could dominate the world markets? Who paid for every world war so that U.S. imperialism could seize top dog position? During World War I, the bourgeoisie froze the workers' wages, lengthened their working day, and abolished their right to strike. In 1914, one person's tax burden was \$3.84. By 1920, after the war, it had risen to \$51. While the imperialists got rich from World War I, the real income of the workers decreased by 25% on the average. And during World War II, when the government used the tax money to build 2,000 military enterprises, two-thirds of which were given rent free to monopolies, the people barely had food on the table. Sugar, meat, butter, milk, canned goods, coal, shoes, and coffee were rationed. The black market flourished while those too poor to buy went without. While the vast majority of the \$3.25 billion military budget went to different monopolies profiting from war preparations, two-thirds of the workers did not even reach

minimum living standards set by the U.S. government.

## Turn World War Into Civil War

The U.S. imperialists could afford to sit out World War I and World War II until the end. But they can't do that in World War III. The U.S. imperialists have virtually no allies this time around, they are so isolated politically and economically by the countries of the world. During both previous world wars, the U.S. was a rising imperialist fighting as an underdog and the prospects of winning were bright. Yet clearly the people of the U.S. paid with their sweat and blood through their sons, fathers and husbands for the imperialist's profit. Can you imagine the suffering that will take place in preparing for war today when the U.S. is no longer in such a bright position but a declining one, and the prospects for winning this war are very dim?

During World War I, they had rationing. But we are not even in war yet and gas will be rationed, destroying the suburban style of living and the hopes of ever living there. Because of the war preparations and the energy crisis, a family was burned alive because they couldn't afford any other kind of heat except a wood stove. During World War II, because of the inflation from the \$3.25 billion military budget, workers suffered a 15% loss in income. Today the military budget is already \$115 billion.



Demonstrators fight pigs at trial of "Chicago 8" on Sept. 24, 1969. The "Chicago 8" were charged with conspiracy to riot during the 1968 Chicago Democratic convention.

And because of the stepped up war preparations since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in December alone, the inflation has shot up to 19.9% in January and war is not even here. In World War II, military spending was 80% of the budget. And today the military is complaining that the military budget doesn't even equal the percentage of the GNP during Viet Nam or during the 1950's. What will happen in the time leading up to World War III, not to mention when war actually starts?

The resistance of the people of the U.S. will be as never seen before. Strikes will turn into armed skirmishes. Levittowns will become armed camps. Supermarkets will be stripped because people are going hungry. This situation is so inflammable that it threatens bourgeois rule. They are already trying to impose fascism to suppress any resistance to their war preparations.

The FBI/KKK/Nazis assassinated the Communist Workers Party 5. It heralds the bourgeoisie's attack on the communist leadership of the struggle of the 80's. And the Communist Workers Party beat back this attack, and exposed it on the funeral march in Greensboro on November 11th, and in the anti-Klan march on February 2nd. But when the prisoners of the New Mexico State Prison rebelled, and the state came in and slaughtered 35 people, nothing happened.

There are only two examples of people beating back concrete steps the bourgeoisie have taken towards fascism and world war. One is the Communist Workers Party beating back the murders of our comrades. The other is the anti-draft movement. That is why the anti-draft movement is vital — to delay world war. And like the anti-draft movement, that is why we must unconditionally support the struggle of people of Afghanistan, Iran, and Zimbabwe, and people of the third world, that beats back the two superpowers, weakens them and stops their war march. We must unite all who can be united against world war. But like the struggles of the third world, the anti-draft movement can only delay the military preparations for world war. The anti-draft movement could stop the draft for 3 years, or 4 years. But it does not change the built-in nature of imperialism that war is inevitable. The danger of world war will exist as long as imperialism exists.

That is why our only alternative is to destroy the source of war, to make revolution and overthrow the system of imperialism in the U.S. We oppose world war and the tremendous suffering it brings to people, but we are not afraid of it. If it comes, people must turn that situation around, fight the imperialists and turn world war into civil war for socialist revolution. Only under socialism (when workers and oppressed people have

state power) can we strip the monopolies of their profit and their power, destroy their government—their tool—and set up a planned economy without crisis, support third world people's struggles against other superpowers like the Soviet Union.

The sons and daughters of the workers are in the U.S. military and will have to be in the future. They will have to go or face 5 years in prison. Under fascism the government would just drag people off the street into the military if they had to. There are no exemptions now, and Canada has changed its immigration laws since 1972. Soldiers are treated like dogs, subjected to racist attacks and abused by officers; they learn quick where their interest lie. The Communist Workers Party will go into the army and make the disintegration of the army, already falling apart, a conscious process to destroy it, winning the soldiers over to the side of revolution. During the Viet Nam war, G.I.'s fragged their own officers, deserted, went over to the Vietnamese National Liberation Front, rifles in hand. In Iran, soldier after soldier deserted the Shah and went over to the people's ranks. They were critical because they barely left the Shah with a single outpost to stand on. With the leadership of the Party, soldiers will use the weapons they were trained to use to help put an end to imperialism and all unjust wars. □





# FREE NELSON JOHNSON!

Time bleeds, shadows shift, knuckles crack —  
 But there is a time of healing coming  
 When shadows will shift to normal,  
 A time of bright birds  
 And children without blood spotting their dreams;  
 Because there are still men whose hearts  
 Bear the large optimistic burden of freedom and peace;  
 Men who rise up early  
 And labor through the day for other men.

Time bleeds, shadows shift  
 But there is a time of healing coming;  
 Because these men of strength are with us.  
 Owen Dodson

"There's a leader in Greensboro, and that leader is none other than Nelson Johnson", said Rev. Ben Chavis at the Feb. 2nd Anti-Klan Rally. Greensboro's local bourgeoisie trembles when they are forced to look at the impact Nelson, a member of the Communist Workers Party, has on the Greensboro community. That is why on Nov. 3rd, when 5 members of the CWP were murdered by the Klan/Nazis, the police arrested Nelson first and allowed the murderers to escape. They threw him to the ground, beat him in the head, neck, arms—causing deep gashes and dragged him to jail for "inciting to riot" and "resisting arrest."

### Nelson The Target

Since Nov. 3rd, Nelson has been singled out as a target by the government and media in an attempt to discredit his leadership in Greensboro. Known, loved and respected in Greensboro, Nelson has spent all his life fighting the bourgeoisie and organizing black and white people. "That brother is an indigenous leader. And people who have lived in Greensboro recognize that," says Ben Chavis at a recent interview (see article on p. 12). That is why it is impossible to slander Nelson even when they carry out an incredible smear campaign with FBI and SBI agents threatening and intimidating the Greensboro community. Why is Nelson so dangerous to the U.S.

He has a track record of dealing heavy blows against the wretched capitalist system: Nelson Johnson is dangerous. —to slumlords at AAA Realty in 1968, when as a student at A&T, he organized student and community support for a huge rent strike against their filthy, inhuman housing. A&T students took community people who had been evicted by AAA into their dorm rooms until they could find shelter during that strike!

—to the bosses at the Industries of the Blind in 1968, when he helped those handicapped vote in a union and a 10% wage increase.

—to the A&T administration in 1969, when, as a student, he organized other students to help cafeteria workers shut down the campus cafeteria and win union recognition, and a wage hike.

—was dangerous to the white state power structure in 1973, and again in 1978-79 when he, his wife Joyce, and Sandy Smith fought like hell for Black curriculum, funding for Black Colleges, and against HEW's "liquidate the Black Colleges" Plan.

—and to Cone Mills in 1975-76, when he worked at Printworks and helped organize the rank and file of the union there,

filing grievances, putting out a union newsletter, and training shop stewards.

—was dangerous to the Greensboro cops in 1978 when he fought along with a police brutality committee to have two cops thrown off the force and jailed for brutally beating a black youth, Gernie Cummings.

—and from 1968 to 1976 to the Greensboro city government and white power structure when he and his wife Joyce helped found the Greensboro Association for Poor People, (GAPP) which fought countless battles for welfare rights, decent housing, and against discrimination.

—was dangerous to Governor Hunt when Nelson, Joyce, Sandy Smith, Claude Barnes, and others working with the Communist Workers Party (then the Workers Viewpoint Organization) organized a huge contingent of A&T students to march in Raleigh in April 1978 to Free the Wilmington 10.

—and to Peanut Man Carter and his crooks and cronies in Washington D.C., every May since 1976 as Nelson and the CWP would bring busloads of people to march in the annual African Liberation Day March against U.S. imperialism, meddling, and support of racist regimes in Africa.

Nelson's history of educating the poor about the need to fight and overthrow the system that oppresses them while aiding them in their day to day struggles is why the bourgeoisie is haunted by Nelson's presence in Greensboro.

### Trial Postponed

Right now, Nelson's trial, previously scheduled for March 6th has been postponed to May 5th. The other two comrades arrested on Nov. 3rd are Willena Cannon (a long-time community activist and organizer in Greensboro), and Rand Manzella (union shop steward at Cone's White Oak Plant). Willena is charged with "interference with an officer," because she was trying to protect Nelson from the cops. Rand is charged with "being armed to the terror of the people" because he had in hand the small revolver Bill Sampson (one of the CWP 5), was using to defend the anti-Klan demonstrators against the automatic weapons of the Klan/Nazi assassins. He was holding it at the side of Cesar's dead body when the police drove up.

The continued delay of the trials has been done at the request of D.A. Schlosser. Schlosser has made clear through his statements and actions that he plans to indict Nelson and other anti-Klan demonstrators, blaming them for the murders of their own comrades.

On Dec. 9, he was quoted in the Greensboro Daily News as saying that although many Greensboro residents were "embarrassed" that the killings happened in Greensboro, "perhaps an even larger part of the community finds the communists got what one recent letter to the editor called 'about what they deserved'." In the same article the D.A. referred to his military service in Viet Nam 10 years ago, "and you know who my adversaries were then."

He publicly lied that CWP members and friends refused to testify. But it is he who has put us in the position of simultaneously being defendants and has already negotiated arranging testimony from us.

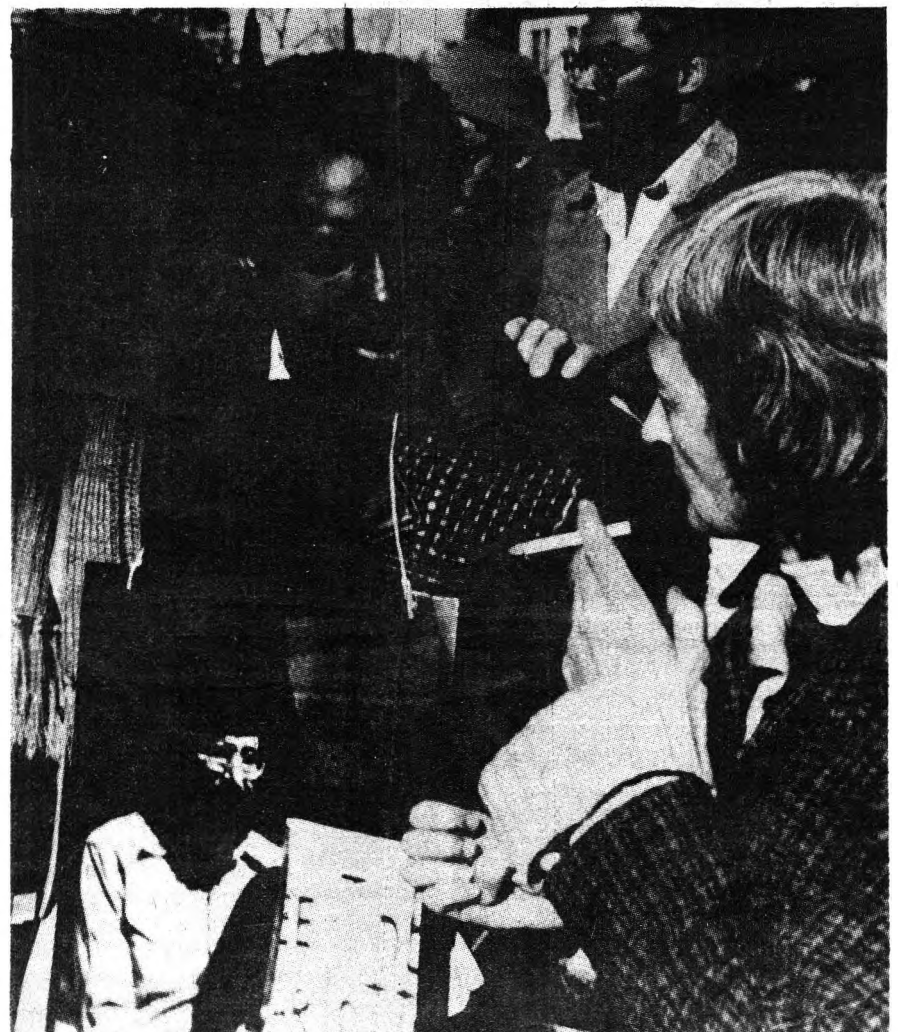
And community members who fear Klan/Nazi retaliation if they testify have no assurance that the D.A. will protect them.

Gripped with an unprecedented economic and political crisis, the rulers

of this country are attempting to jail victims of Klan/Nazi attacks, leaders of the working class to create conditions where outright fascist repression can be imposed. The case of the Greensboro 3 represents this growing trend. As the war preparation heightens they are also attempting to impose the draft on the American youth and force the American people to accept it. This shows their desperate attempt to maintain their rule at our expense. That is why all progressive forces must struggle to make them drop all charges against the three comrades and make the Klan/Nazis pay for their crimes.

Demands that charges against them be dropped should be sent to Mayor Jim Melvin, 210 North Greene, Greensboro, North Carolina 27402.

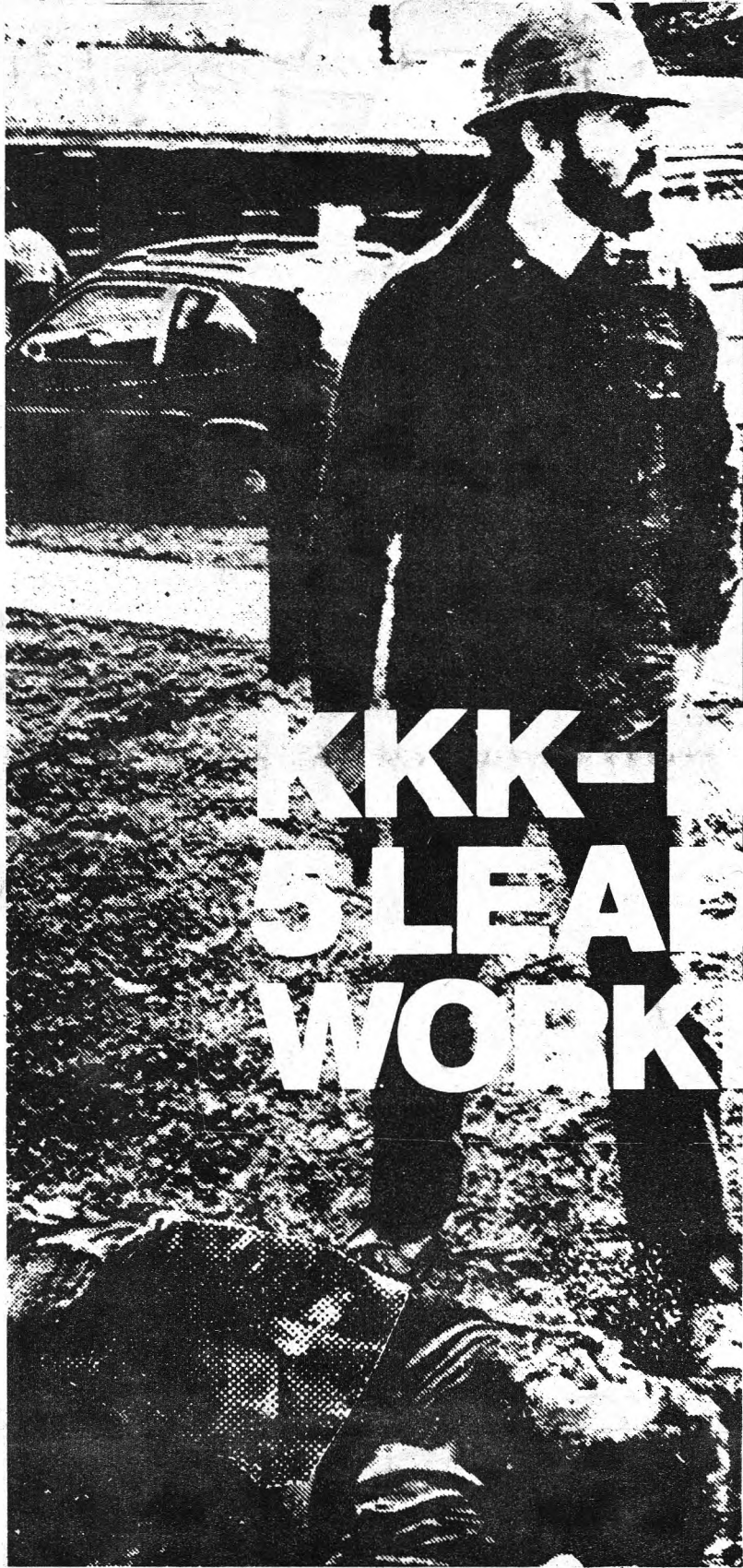
Copies should be sent to: Greensboro Justice Fund, 39 Bowery, Box 404, New York, New York 10002



CWP member Nelson Johnson with Ann Braden (right) and Ben Chavis (left) during the Feb. 2 anti-Klan rally in Greensboro to protest the murder of the CWP 5.



# MORE VICTIMS ARE BLAMED FOR U.S. GOV'T CRIME



**KKK-NAZI AND FBI  
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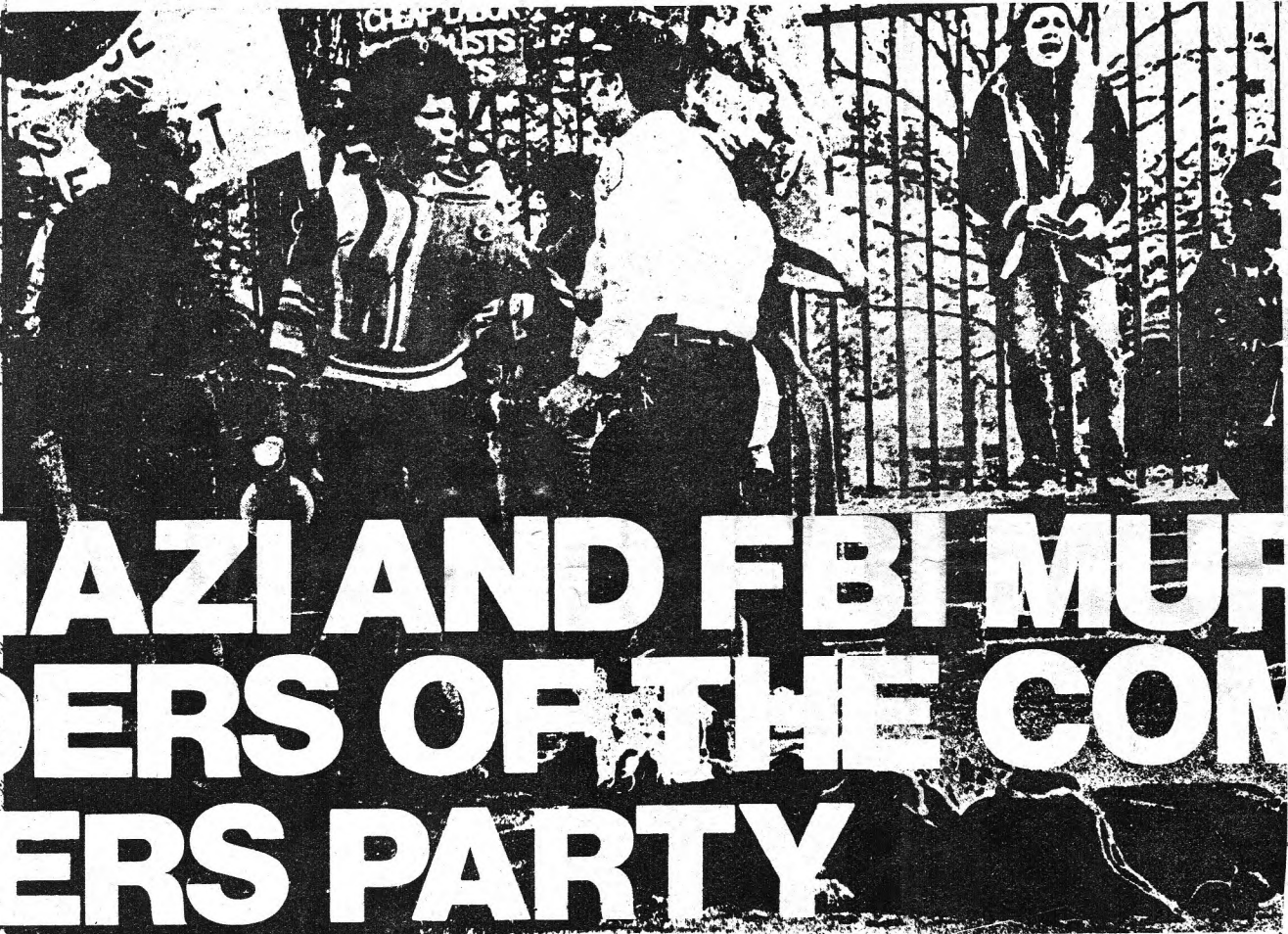
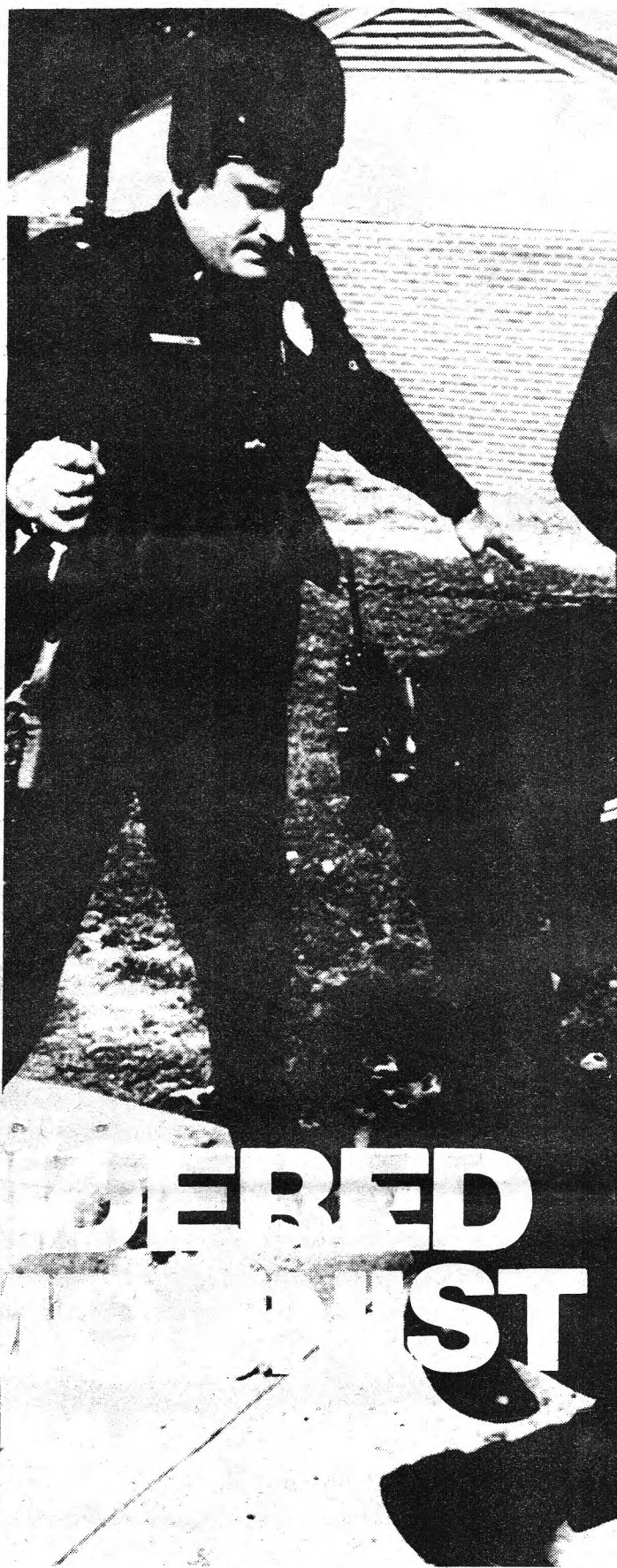
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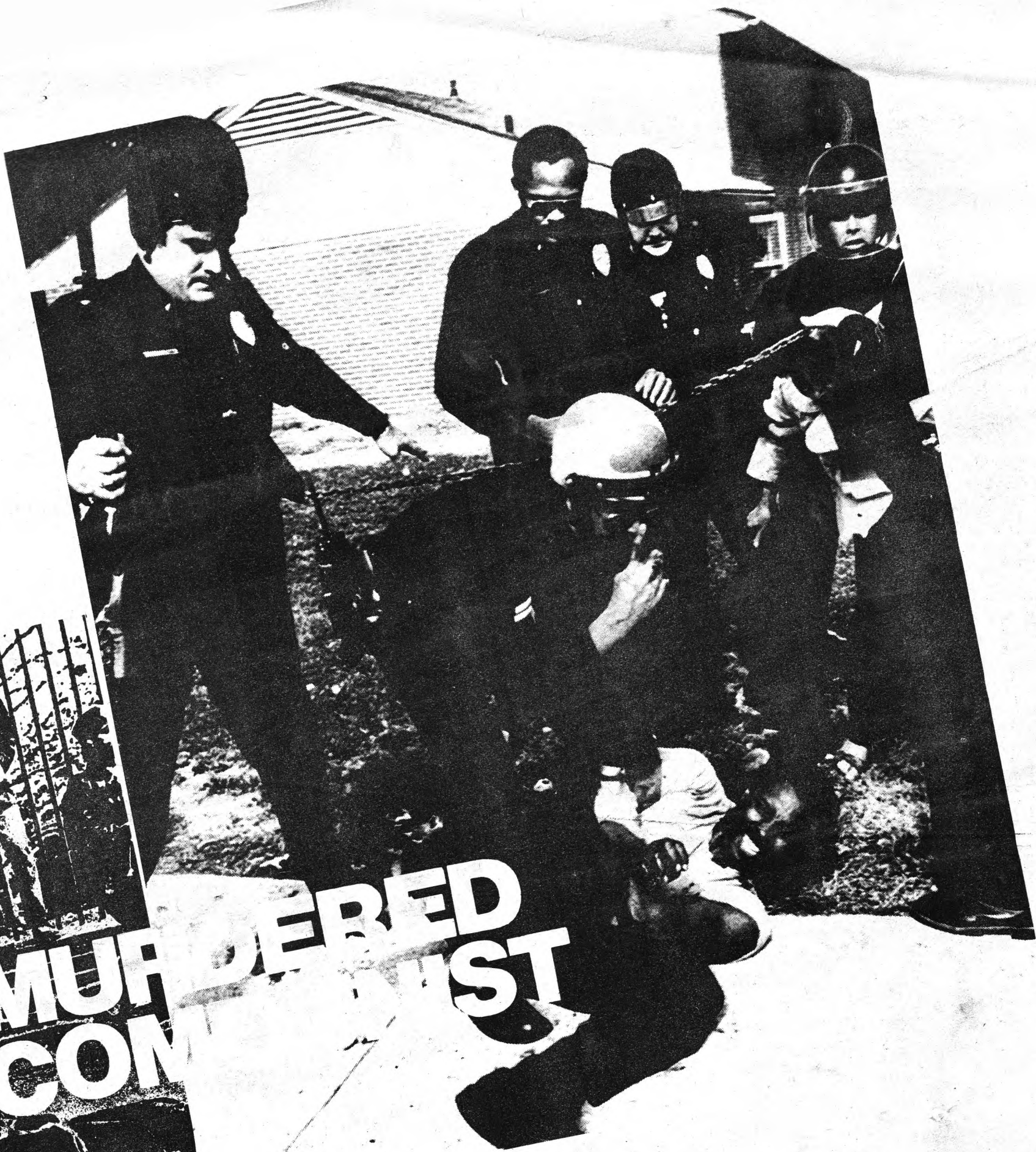
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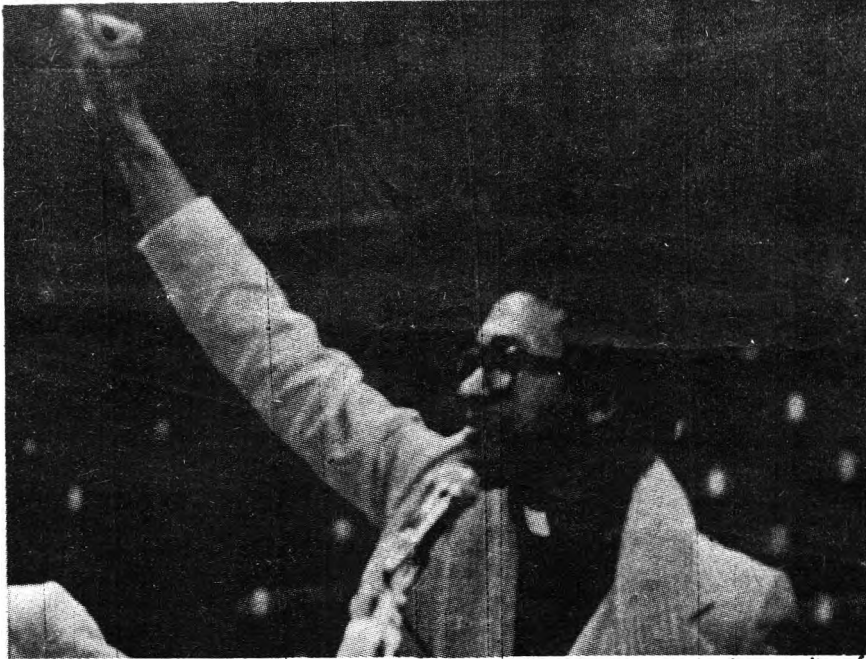
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# WILMINGTON 10 FIGHT KKK VIOLENCE PEOPLE'S WILL MUST PREVAIL

## Interview with Ben Chavis



Rev. Ben Chavis speaking during the Feb. 2 anti-Klan rally to protest the murder of the CWP 5.

Land of the Free? Sweet land of liberty? Let freedom ring? The Wilmington 10 rang the doorbell of the American government shouting words of freedom, but got turned away.

The Wilmington 10 met each other in the heat of struggle against the bowels of racism and class oppression in Wilmington, N.C. in 1970. Where it would have been too obvious for the police and National Guard to come in and directly destroy the movement against school desegregation and overall wretched living and working conditions—the Klan, with its racist, para-military style of terrorism, was called upon to frighten the supporters of the Gregory Congregational Church. It was in the church that planning meetings were held.

But much to the surprise of the hooded beasts, the community had been organized and armed to defend themselves. They shot back at the Klan and scared them into the tobacco fields.

One year later, Rev. Ben Chavis and nine other civil rights organizers were arrested and charged with bombing a small grocery store called Mike's during the Klan/community fight. In all probability, it was the Klan themselves who bombed the store as a diversionary tactic.

For almost a decade from 1971 to 1979, the Wilmington 10 endured imprisonment, harassment, slander, isolation, threats, beatings, and court appeals. Protests and mass demonstrations spread through communities across the nation to defend them. The Wilmington 10 became an open admission of America's conscious plan to politically persecute the leaders of the oppressed.

While the Wilmington 10 never wavered from their political stand to defend the community against Klan violence, they were never "guilty" of the bombing in the first place. In fact all of the witnesses against them, from a young child, to ex-convicts longing for shorter sentences, admitted that they were bribed and recanted their testimonies. This, coupled with the human rights tug-of-war with the U.S. government's main rival, the Soviet Union, created an embarrassing situation.

The State Department of Justice, as well as 55 members of Congress, recently filed an *amicus curia* (friend of the court brief), as a statement of support and a request that all charges against the Ten be dropped.

At this moment, the Wilmington 10 case is presently being appealed to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia. Last year, Rev. Chavis was the last of the Ten to be paroled.

**Q. How did the KKK get involved and rear its ugly head?**

Well, when they saw black students organizing within the community, and black parents and black workers supporting the students, they became paranoid. Actually, all we were talking about was trying to make a better life for the black students at the school. They thought that by saying we wanted black cheerleaders, we were being revolutionary. So, who did they send? They sent the Klan and they sent white racist para-military organizations to shoot up the black community.

**Q. What role did Nixon's law and order campaign play in all of this?**

When the threats came down, we went to the police. We asked for law and order. You might remember it was Nixon who was president and Agnew, vice-president in 1970. And they were running all over the country talking about law and order. But law and order was to keep black people in their place; to keep poor people in their place; to keep working people in their place; to bust up unions; to bust up the civil rights movement; to bust up the peace movement that was against the war in Vietnam.

**Q. How did the community react to KKK terror?**

We were applying our basic human right to struggle in Wilmington, and the police, the mayor, who refused to call a curfew, acted hand in hand with the Ku Klux Klan, because that was a green light for them to come into the community and shoot us up. But it's a strange thing. The Lord works in mysterious ways. What happened was that the brothers and sisters took them seriously and they so organized themselves that they repelled the KKK and the ROWP (Rights of White People, a local racist group) and that's really why we went to jail. Because we didn't allow the Klan to shoot us up. I feel that our most basic human right is the right to struggle. And so we were applying our basic human right to struggle.

**Q. Why were you arrested one year later?**

One year later, the state apparatus moved in to punish somebody and they picked off the student leaders in the high school and they picked off this one white lady, Anne Sheppard, who was one of the few whites besides Rev. Templeton, pastor of this predominantly black church, to support the movement. That's why they got her. Keep in mind that she was really arrested because they figured that she'd turn state's evidence against us. When she refused to turn state's evidence against us, they put her in jail. They arrested the Wilmington 10, not only to punish us for our non-violent civil rights activity, but to punish and really in the main, to put fear in the black community not to organize, not to get involved.

**Q. What have been the effects of public opinion, pressure and resistance to your incarceration?**

What made the organizations that helped us able to flex their own organizational skills and utilize the resources that they had was just people. I mean people across these United States and around the world responded to the cry of the Wilmington 10 for help and that's just what happened. The will of the people prevailed. We won a partial victory. It's still not a total victory. Our convictions have still not been reversed and I'm still on parole. I'm still serving an active sentence at this point. At any time that somebody decides that I have said something or done something which can be interpreted as a violation of parole, I could very easily be put back in prison. In our particular case, more than a lot of other cases, you have a situation where they're not talking about mistaken identity. They're not talking about the police "thought we were guilty." They knew we were innocent and they outright framed us up. It was straight-up political persecution based on racism and based on

trying to wipe out the people's movement. But it backfired on them.

**Q. What has been the role of the Klan in American history and why are they surfacing now with such boldness?**

From the very inception, the Klan has never gone anywhere. It's just that at various points in history it has manifested itself differently. They do seem to be bolder now. That's because they have gotten the green light from the ruling class. First of all the Klan is nothing but a bunch of cowards. Straight out punk cowards. They only surface as they did in Greensboro because they had the green light from the system to surface that way.

**Q. How do you interpret what happened on Nov. 3?**

What happened on Nov. 3 was an assassination. It wasn't some shootout between two extremist groups the way the papers tried to say. That's a gross falsehood. I think that again, if there's anything amazing about the struggle in this country, it's that the ruling class never understands the masses. They always underestimate the people. Because the very reaction of millions of people across this country to the shooting on Nov. 3 only has given the masses of people an opportunity to step forward. And the problem is, I think that people need to make sure that nothing like what happened the other day, ever happens in America again. Everyone in America knows what happened on Nov. 3, what they don't know is the legal situation now.

**Q. What course will the fight against the Klan take in the coming decade?**

The only way to guarantee that no more Klan killings occur is for the people to get organized and begin to pull the sheets off the real Klansmen. From Wall Street all the way to the military-industrial complex of the Pentagon, the same kind of Klan activity is operative. □

## "NELSON IS THE LEADER IN GREENSBORO..." - CHAVIS

*Nelson's a personal friend of mine. We go way back when both of us were in college. We struggled together in the student movement and both of us struggled together in the labor movement and in the Pan-Africanist movement. From the first African Liberation Days, Nelson is my brother. And I mean that, because when a lot of people were out there screaming, FREE THE 10, he was not only screaming, he was organizing the masses of people in Greensboro and tried early to come and support the Wilmington 10. . . . Even back there in 1972, before the Wilmington 10 was a national issue, at the day that we got the sentence, even before the trial, Nelson brought busloads, I ain't lying, busloads of student from A&T [a black college in Greensboro]. And if it wasn't for the students. . . . If I was in the situation that Nelson is in today, I feel he would support me. He would have said what I said for him in Greensboro. . . . I have no apology for what I said on Feb. 2. I will stand behind what I said. And if Nelson needs me, I will go and help. Nelson has worked in that community. He helped found the Greensboro Poor Peoples' Association; he helped build the student movement in Greensboro and it was clear. That's why I don't understand why people tried to call Nelson an outsider to Greensboro, when nothing could be further from the truth. The brother is an indigenous leader. And people who have lived in Greensboro recognize that. The mass media may not recognize that. . . . Because he was victimized by KKK/Nazi violence, they will try to take away his leadership. But that cannot be taken away because Nelson emerged from the people . . . and that's something you cannot take away. I am only confirming what is the truth. He is the leader in Greensboro and will continue to be.* □



# Who the "Friends" of the Zimbabwean People Are and How They Fight Against the Zimbabwe Revolution

## "RC" P: Turn the Guns Against Mugabe and ZANU

The counterrevolutionary sect, the "Revolutionary Communist" Party ("RC" P) has attacked the heroic fight of the Zimbabwean people. Blinded by their chauvinist faith in the strength of the two superpowers, the Trotskyite "RC" P does not believe that a third world country can fight off imperialism. In their March 7 ragsheet, the "Revolutionary" Worker, they call ZANU's election victory a "shameless capitulation and sell-out of the struggle of the Zimbabwean people." This is nothing new. "RC" P is following the Progressive Labor Party's (PLP) beaten path of Trotskyism. Right after the Sandinista National Liberation Front (SNLF) had waged armed struggle, kicked out U.S. imperialism and had formed a national front government in Nicaragua, PLP jumped out and called for "turn the guns against the SNLF." This is exactly what "RC" P is saying. When ZANU needs the most support, "RC" P shouts "turn the guns against Mugabe and ZANU!!" The only difference between PLP and "RC" P is that "RC" P is afraid to openly drop Mao Tsetung Thought and the need to support struggles for democratic and anti-imperialist governments in third world countries.

### "RC" P Can't Take The Guns from ZANU

They consciously lie that the masses in Zimbabwe do not control the guns and that the cease-fire agreement virtually disarmed "the bulk of ZANU guerrillas"; that the bulk of the guerrilla forces went to the assembly points; that they are "surrounded by large numbers of heavily armed 'monitoring forces' made up of Rhodesian and Muzorewa troops"; and that the Patriotic Front forces are "sitting ducks for the imperialists' guns."

What are the facts? After seven years of armed struggle prior to the cease-fire, ZANU already controlled 2/3 of the countryside. As long as South African troops remained and Britain failed to implement their part of the agreement, Mugabe told his soldiers not to hand over their guns. ZANU kept most of its soldiers in the countryside and concentrated its troops only in the assembly centers where the mercenaries and South Africans were weak. In fact, wholeheartedly supported by the masses, tens of thousands of villagers reported to the assembly points in ZANU's place. Ladies and gentlemen of the "RC" P, if ZANU is "sitting duck for the imperialists" and the imperialists "are holding a gun at Mugabe and ZANU's head" ("Revolutionary" Worker, p. 2), why didn't Britain and the

fascists of Smith and South Africa wipe ZANU out during the election? They could not, precisely because the balance of military forces as well as the support of the masses is on ZANU's side! The Trotskyite "RC" P, is true to its habit, is chauvinist to the bone. They cannot bring themselves to believe that ZANU out-manuevered the British and Rhodesian troops on the military front.

Like their mother, Leon Trotsky, "RC" P spits at the Marxist-Leninist line of being unyielding in principles but flexible in tactics. They whine that Mugabe has "capitulated" because Lt. General Walls of the Rhodesian forces will head the military of the new national front government. On the contrary, this shows the mature political level of the ZANU central committee. They know that the morale in the Rhodesian army is low. It is disintegrating, and this is a better condition to disintegrate it even faster. Even more, this is the best condition to try to control them and at the same time build up ZANU's independent military forces by furnishing it with newer and better weapons.

Continuing with their conscious nest of lies, "RC" P writes that Mugabe of ZANU is the same as Allende of Chile. First, Allende politically believed in peaceful transition to socialism and that was his strategy. Mugabe led seven years of armed struggle. Through protracted peoples war, he consolidated armed bases in the countryside. Today, the Zimbabwean masses are still armed!

### ZANU Engages

#### Imperialists on All Fronts

It is true that "During the election campaign hundreds of Zimbabwean people were massacred and several ZANU leaders were killed and injured including two attempts on the life of Mugabe himself." ("Revolutionary" Worker, p. 2). Faced with these imperialists' attacks, the conclusion is not to "retreat back to the bush." Just the opposite. ZANU maintained its military position and engaged the British on the political front (i.e., the elections). Guided by their hatred of third world peoples and countries, "RC" P's Great-Nation chauvinism jumps out. Their unstable Chairman Avakian and Co. are crying: "ZANU, go back to the jungle. Don't take up the new tasks ahead because you will inevitably capitulate!" "RC" P fails to see the relation between the military and political fronts. ZANU's years of sacrifice and armed struggle give them the overwhelming mass basis to speak for Zimbabwe on the political front. Seizing the poli-



Members of Robert Mugabe's guerrilla forces crossing river on their way to polling place to vote in last day of three-day election.

tical front has definitely created conditions for them to gain worldwide and domestic legitimacy and support for their military fight. Now for the first time in their struggle, ZANU can recruit and arm tens of thousands and even millions of Zimbabweans into their armed forces, under ZANU's immediate command. It is at the local units—that's where the real political power of the gun barrels is really at.

During the course of the revolutionary struggle, communists engage the enemy on all fronts: the military and the political, protracted peoples' war and elections, independent work and the united front tactic. Chairman Mao himself entered three united fronts during the Chinese national liberation struggle.

Mao continuously emphasized the need for and the relationship between the three magic weapons: the communist party, armed struggle and the united front.

### "RC" P Gives Imperialists the Initiative

Following their line that third world peoples are too stupid to wage class struggle in complicated situations and the imperialists are all powerful, Trots like PL (Progressive Labor Party) and "RC" P see the imperialists cutting ZANU's throat. In reality, the cease-fire allowed the Patriotic Front to do organizing in the cities. ZANU was able to strengthen its bases, particularly in the urban areas. Over 600,000 Zimbabweans have been released from Ian Smith's "protected villages" and now have direct contact with ZANU. Mugabe is lifting Muzorewa's martial law, curfews and emergency regulations. All these directly aid the

freedom of organizing deeper among the masses. The more contact with the people, the better conditions to strengthen ZANU's independent military forces and arm the people. ZANU can now use the national broadcasting stations to put forth its line and to mobilize and consolidate the people. It now has access to more medical supplies, food, and different types of weapons to face the challenge ahead.

Yes, there is co-existence of two armed forces as before. The thing that has changed is that ZANU has access to more masses both in the countryside and in the cities. Through its initiative of armed struggle, ZANU created the new conditions of the cease-fire and the elections. The new conditions have created new tasks for ZANU. The question is: Should ZANU continue to fight given the new conditions and meet the new tasks or should they not? Is there a guarantee for victory in the national front government or New Democracy? No. There is no guarantee even under the dictatorship of the proletariat. ZANU has achieved great success in the armed struggle and in outmaneuvering the imperialists and fascists. Given the new tasks, they must continue to fight. And we have to give them even more support at this key point.

The landslide election victory gives ZANU great political initiative. It thoroughly exposes the Smith/Muzorewa/British clique. It proclaims ZANU the sole leadership and spokesman for Zimbabwe. Even if a right wing coup comes, who speaks for Zimbabwe is settled. Now with even more legitimacy and authority, ZANU has the right to organize the resources of the government and of the country. It can also take an offensive on the diplomatic front internationally.

At the crucial time that ZANU and the Zimbabwean people need the most support, the Trot "RC" P stabs them in the back by speculating on who are the revolutionaries and who are the capitulators. "RC" P is serving both superpowers. By echoing U.S. imperialists' lies of the "new Mugabe," by attacking ZANU's political line and continued revolution under the present situation, "RC" P is in effect saying that either there is no possibility for third world countries such as Zimbabwe to have a national democratic revolution against imperialism or for socialism, or that ZANU is not capable of doing it. They are saying in effect that ZANU might as well give it up and stay in the bushes or they have to become either sell-outs to the U.S. imperialists or to the Soviet social-imperialists. Mugabe has stated the policy of "We are our own liberators", and no reliance on any foreign powers. Zimbabwe has charted a course out of the sphere of contention and war preparations of both superpowers. The chauvinist "RC" P cannot see how a third world country can fight both superpowers and aid the U.S. people.

Screaming, gnashing its teeth on the sideline, the "RC" P continuously prays like a broken record to its guru, Avakian, imitating the outworn Trotskyism and PL's reactionary line: "There can never be a worker-peasant alliance/national front government, there is only the pure, proletarian revolution in one straight path..."

Never having fought or worked a day in their lives, it is the nature of Trotskyites to sit comfortably in an imperialist country, attack the revolutionary fighters, try and split the national liberation and impose Trotskyite demoralization on the masses. □



# Hostage's Family: 120 Days of State Dept. Runaround

The following is based on an article entitled, "Hostage's Family and State Dept.," written by Michael Daly and appearing in the N.Y. Daily News (with the largest circulation in the country—over one million) on March 2. The quotes, are from reporter Daly's interviews.

The State Dept. finally called to see what they could do for 20-year-old Allyssa Keough and her 21-year-old sister Katie. Their father, William, is a hostage in Iran.

"For the first time in 114

days you ask if you can do anything? It's a little late. We've got a little more pride than that." With that, Allyssa hung up the phone and added this latest insult to the 30th page of the letter she's keeping for her dad.

"When he gets back, he's going to hear the State Dept.'s story first when they debrief him. Then when he reads this, he'll hear my story." Her dad had sent her a letter, asking her to save "clippings for me so I'll be able to understand why President Carter has left us

here for three months. I find it hard to believe."

## A Long Vigil . . .

For eight long days after the hostages were first seized, the State Dept. didn't even bother to call Allyssa and Katie to tell them that their father was a hostage. They wound up calling the State Dept. when their dad appeared on the evening TV news. Every time Allyssa asked, "What's going on in Teheran?" she always got the same reply, "We'll get back to you."

A month after the embassy takeover, the State Dept. finally told them to come to Washington for a meeting of the hostages' families. When asked if the whole family could come, the State Dept. told them, "We can only pay expenses for one family member." That night the Keoughs heard State Dept. spokesman Hodding Carter say on TV that the government was "doing whatever we can to aid the families."

## State Dept. Runaround

On Dec. 7, they and 93 other relatives of the hostages were herded onto the eighth floor of the State Dept. building. Allyssa asked if the \$700 phone bill for calls to the Dept. would be taken care of. "Why didn't you call collect?" was the response. When Katie said she couldn't afford her tuition if the State Dept. didn't pick up the tab, an official replied, "Next question." It was only after Allyssa, fuming with anger, threatened to tell it to the press that the official reluctantly agreed to pay.

Then Hodding Carter III came into the room. Allyssa said, "We had been warned what

would happen if we let the Shah in the country. Why did we let him in? He could have paid for somebody to go there. He could have built a whole hospital."

"Humanitarian reasons" was Hodding Carter's lame reply. But Allyssa and Katie later got a letter from their dad with a copy of a secret cable from the U.S. Embassy in Teheran to the State Dept. It said if the State Dept. was "seen to admit him (the Shah) under demonstrably humanitarian considerations, it would presumably make our own position more defensible."

Jimmy Carter came in and Allyssa asked why her dad had received a telegram saying it would be a safe weekend to go to Teheran. "There are different circumstances for every person" was Carter's reply. When the question was pressed, Carter asked, "What's your name?"

At the end of the meeting, the wife of Bruce Laingen, charge d'affaires in Iran, was coached to read a statement thanking the State Dept. for its help. Proposing it as a collective press statement, she asked, "Does anybody disagree with any of it?"

"I disagree with all of it," said Allyssa and half the room burst out in applause.

## Two Different Messages at Christmas

Frustrated by the State Dept. runaround, Allyssa went to the Iranian Embassy in Washington and met Ali Agah, the charge d'affaires. Agah said he would try his best to set up communication between Allyssa and her dad.

Christmas came and Allyssa got two telegrams. From Jimmy Carter, the form message went,

"Rarely in our history have we been so united and rarely have we benefited from such strong support from people of all nations." From Ali Agah, the message was, "I am very aware of your deep concern and love for your father and, as promised, I will do my best to urge that some communication be set up between you and him."

## Blacklisted by the State Dept.

In January, Allyssa went to hear Ted Kennedy speak at Northeastern University and her picture wound up in the newspaper. This picture found its way back to the White House. At the second meeting of the hostages' families, Allyssa and Katie were the only ones not notified. When she called the State Dept., they told her, "I don't know if we can pay for you." She said, "The press will be happy to hear about that." The voice replied, "We will pay for one of you."

In the weeks that followed the Iranian Embassy called time and time again to offer their assistance. The State Dept. made one call a week and said, "How are you girls?"

## Sees Iran as Friend

One hundred and twenty days after the embassy takeover, how does Allyssa sum up her experiences?

"The Iranian Embassy calls and tells you what they know. The Iranian Embassy asks if they can help you. The State Dept. just tries to intimidate you. You can live through it if you learn to play their game, if you learn that when they try to intimidate you, use the word 'media'. They don't tell us anything. They don't help us. It's an experience."



Allyssa Keough (left) and her sister Katie whose father is a hostage in Iran.

# Carter's Speech...

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As older workers retire, others quit, get laid off or fired, no additional workers will be hired. Government workers will face more speedups, forced overtime, job combination and harassment, and greater health and safety dangers. For the public, this means worse government services.

## Carter: Threatens What He Can't Deliver

Finally, Carter said he was against mandatory wage and price caps. Carter really doesn't have any choice. He knows he couldn't enforce mandatory wage and price caps anyway. Mandatory wage limits would bring workers up against the government every time they demand a living wage, a confrontation the government might not win, risking what little authority it still has in the eyes of the American people. At the same time the capitalists don't all agree with price controls. The smaller capitalists are afraid that they'll go bankrupt or get swallowed by bigger capitalists.

**Galloping Inflation Scaring Off Long-Term Investment**  
Carter's package was aimed at re-

building people's faith in the government's ability to deal with inflation. In order to get out of the economic crisis, the hardening arteries of American industry like steel, railroads, and construction need a massive blood transfusion—billions pumped into new technology, factories and machinery. But today investors are scared of making the long-term investments that these industries need. With inflation galloping wild, they don't want to take the risk, and would rather put their money into quick-profit schemes like speculating on gold, currency, and short-term bonds.

For example, when the government announced an official 18% inflation rate, bond sellers were stuck with long-term bonds with interest rates lower than the rate of inflation. Everyone started selling fast, no one wanted to buy and the market shutdown. This chaos and competition are inherent in the capitalist system. Only with a socialist planned economy to centralize resources can the U.S. be industrialized again.

**Inflation: Chickens Coming Home to Roost**  
Carter said his plan would cause

"pain" and "sacrifice." and even admitted that inflation would still skyrocket in the short run. But in the long run, he promised, inflation will be licked. But this is a pipe dream, and Carter knows it.

The main cause of inflation in the U.S. today is the billions of dollars that have been pumped into the military since World War II to finance wars of aggression against third world countries. Weapons can't be used to provide the basic necessities of human or animal life. The tremendous investment of society's wealth—labor, natural resources, energy, technology, etc. into production of waste. As long as the U.S. could export inflation to third and second world countries, inflation here was "reasonable." But today the third and second world countries are fighting back and the U.S. can no longer export inflation—chickens coming home to roost. Before World War II, inflation was always offset by deflation so prices more or less stayed the same as in 1800. Then, since 1940, prices here have skyrocketed 445%. It's no wonder the \$.05 candy bar now costs \$.30.

## Carter's Speech—Treating A Symptom, Not the Disease

Carter knows there's no real end to inflation in sight because he knows the U.S. must militarize in order to fight a war with the Soviet Union for world domination. All his band-aid package really amounts to is tinkering. That's why even bourgeois economists admit that Carter is aiming at curing the "inflation psychology" and not inflation itself.

For months Carter has ridden on the wave of chauvinism against OPEC, Iranians and the Russian workers and peasants, which he himself helped to whip up. Using chauvinism to take the American people's minds off of the economic crisis and galloping inflation, Carter hoped to ride this wave to a second term in the White House. But when the government was finally forced to release the official inflation rate, and when the bond market caved in and the stock market slid in response, Carter had to address the state of the economy.

The recent stock market dive shows just how much confidence Carter's speech inspired. □