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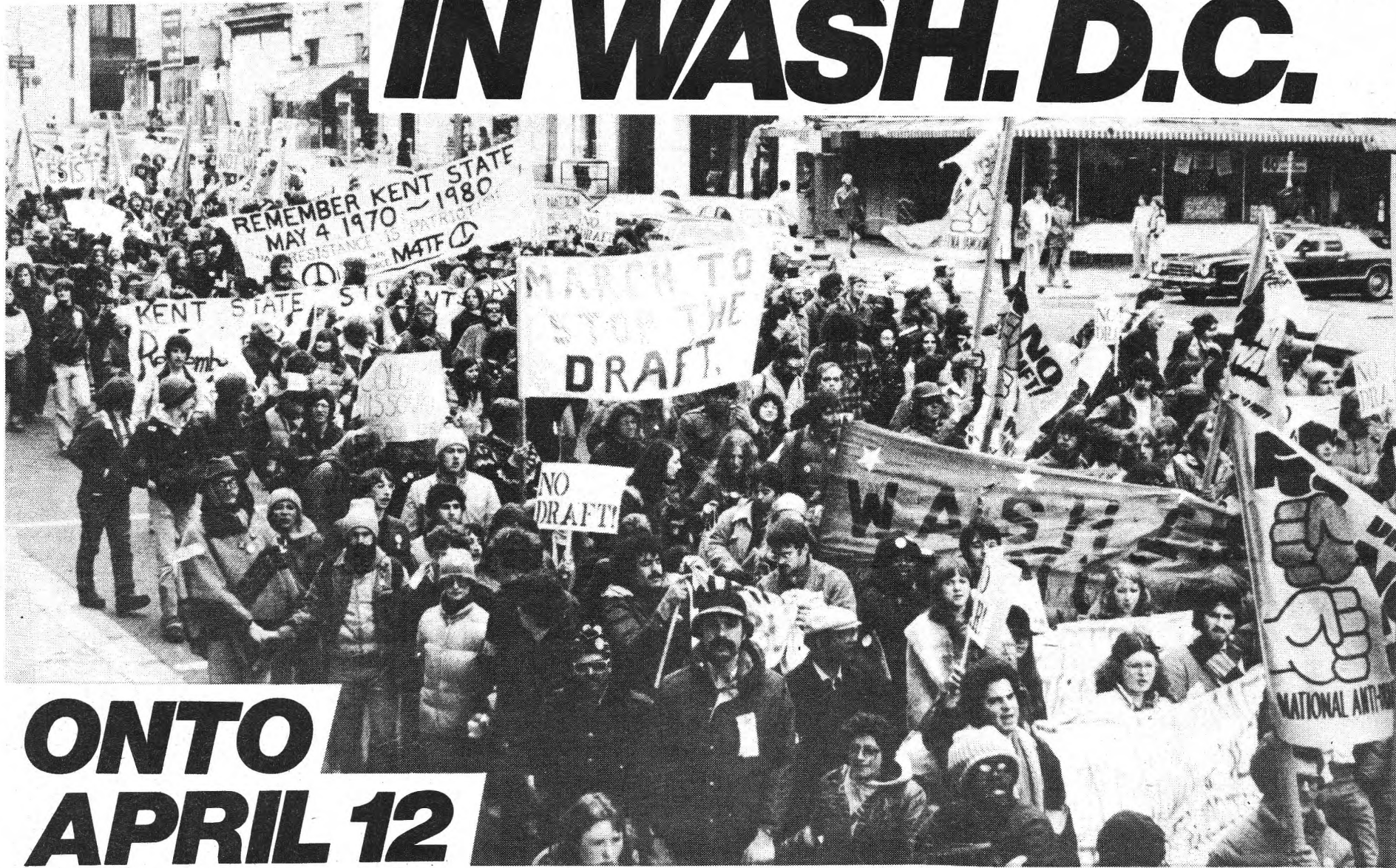
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Carter's Budget Promises Cuts AND More Inflation

Mrs. Wong is an active 70-year old widow living in a tiny apartment in New York City's Chinatown. Her apartment, which is rent-controlled and where she has lived for the past 40 years, leaks everywhere. Pots and pans of every size and variety dot the floor, catching the drips of water, making it a maze to walk through from one end of the apartment to the other. Dinner every night is just a little rice with a little vegetables. "When you get old, you know, you don't have to eat very much," she sighs. Living on her Social Security benefits, Carter's budget cuts have destroyed all hope that Mrs. Wong will ever be able to eat better or ever find a better apartment for the rest of her life. Carter said that the inflation cure would cause "pain" for the people, but he lied when he said that pain now means an end to inflation's bite later,

since the military budget (a major cause of inflation) will fly uncaged.

Budget Cuts Mean Tremendous Human Suffering

The House Budget Committee has already endorsed \$2 billion cuts in the 1980 budget and \$159 billion cuts in the \$612.4 billion budget Carter proposed for 1981. For the elderly, the House would cut Social Security benefits by reducing the automatic cost-of-living increases (COLA) for the retired or taxing some of their benefits, as well as cut their food stamp adjustments. For those living on token welfare grants, welfare reform grants won't happen. Low-income energy assistance will be ended, and food stamps will be further reduced (from last year's cuts) where free lunch programs are available. Unemployment will worsen as

the House wants to end 50,000 Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) jobs, as well as forcing former CETA workers onto welfare by ending unemployment benefits for CETA workers. Congress would cut CETA's child health program and cut COLA for existing CETA workers. It proposes ending energy conservation grants to schools. Meanwhile some schools are already open only four days a week because of ripoff energy costs. Basic Educational Opportunity Grants will be slashed, dashing hopes of workers' children for getting into college and heightening problems for already crisis-ridden colleges.

In the name of cutting bureaucracy, Carter and Congress are hitting government overhead. They mean a freeze on hiring new Federal employees, not cuts in politicians' and top bureaucrats'

salaries. State revenue sharing will be cut as well as anti-recession aid to cities. And with the already collapsing bond market, for cities like New York and Chicago, it will mean being driven closer to bankruptcy and more cuts in services and jobs.

These cuts are sweeping in the pain and suffering they will add to people's lives already hard-hit by joblessness and inflation. In terms of causing human suffering, these \$2 billion and \$15.9 billion cuts are tremendous. But in terms of fighting inflation, they won't even make a dent. For example, investors stampeded to get rid of bonds because of galloping inflation and the bond market collapsed. Since October 1979, bond traders have lost \$400 billion. \$17 billion in budget cuts this year and next is a drop in a bucket compared to this loss.

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Breaking the Chains of Wage Slavery

COALMINERS WILDCAT AGAIN

WEST VIRGINIA—Consolidated Coal, a Conoco Unit, came under fire from Local 4060 of the United Mine Workers, who took 3,500 workers out from 4 mines.

The dispute started when 12 workers were dismissed for setting up "illegal" pickets at Four States Mine during an 11-day wildcat of 6,000, which started Feb. 21. After a brief return to work, Judge Maxwell's fine of \$3,000 on the union plus \$100 for each day missed for union officials, sent the miners out again.

PORT ARTHUR OIL WORKERS REJECT PACT

The Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union approved contract offers from Gulf Oil, Cities Service Co., Shell Oil, and B.F. Goodrich by Mar. 21. Gulf's offer, the first in the 2½ month strike involving 60,000 workers, included \$1 an hour over the \$9.55 average wage during the first year and 10.5% in 1981, and something short of the full medical and dental insurance demanded. So far only 20 workers have ratified it, and the 2,250 Port Arthur, Texas refinery workers rejected it, dissatisfied with back-to-work terms. Disputes are rising as other companies don't follow the Gulf pattern.

JAIL SENTENCES ADD TINDER TO FIREFIGHTERS

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The whole first shift of the Kansas City Fire Dept. was dismissed by City Manager Kipp for refusing to return to work when 42 of their union brothers (fired after a December job action) lost their bid for reinstatement. When they disobeyed a restraining order against the walkout, Judge Smith locked up first 16, then 62 more of the firemen for 20 days with a \$620 fine between Mar. 19 and 21. Three firefighters were also charged with arson for a series of grass fires. Meanwhile 250 military policemen and members of the National Guard scabbed on the strike.

NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDERS GET CONTRACT

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—Two years after the United Steel Workers of America won the election to represent the production and maintenance workers at the huge shipyard, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corp. (a Tenneco Corp. subsidiary) agreed to a contract. In a 3-month strike in January 1979 showing the multi-national unity in this Black Belt South, Right to Work State, the workers failed to get the contract they achieved this month. The contract must be approved by Local 8888 on Mar. 23.

UNION SEGREGATION ENDS

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Two segregated locals of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) were merged by court order. In response to the suit brought by black workers last year, the ILA leaders proposed to merge the locals in 1981.

FARM GOODS BOYCOTT HELPS FLOC

Students of the Univ. of Notre Dame voted to add the Campbell's Soup Company to a list of products banned from campus sale. Voting two to one, the students showed their support for the work of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC). FLOC cited Campbell's along with Libby, McNeil, and Libby, Inc. (a unit of Nestle) for discouraging growers from signing union contracts through the leverage they command as crop buyers.



GUNS, DOGS, AND RIOT SHIELDS March 15—the KKK Was Ready

OCEANSIDE, Ca.—The morning of March 15, more than 150 people came out to John Landes Park to hold an anti-Klan rally. After the rally was over, the demonstrators waited in the park for the KKK to come. They waited for almost four hours, while several squads of police watched from a corner of the park.

When the Klan did show, they didn't have sheets on. About 30 of them came marching in dressed like riot police, with guns, night sticks, riot shields and Doberman pinschers. And the police didn't make a move to stop them.

Unprepared for the Klan's arsenal, the masses heroically defended themselves by letting the racists have it with anything they could—bricks, bottles, rocks, a basketball and even a bicycle.

The KKK charged the demonstrators, injuring several and one seriously. The fighting had gone on for several minutes and people were already hurt before the police made a move.

When the police did move, they found themselves fighting against the KKK, as demonstrators got out of the way. The Klan fought the police all the way back to their cars, more than three blocks away. At one point in the Klan's retreat the cops shot a dog a KKK member sicced on him.

When the Klan got back to their cars, the demonstrators had pulled themselves together and they were on the Klan's heels. The cops then just told the Klan to get out of town without arresting a single one of the racist scum. (See related story on page 7.)



Klan members, fully prepared in riot gear, beat anti-Klan demonstrator before the Oceanside police move in.

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"U.S. workers are wide open, searching for answers to this crisis..."

March 16, 1980

Comrades,

I had a good experience last week selling the *WV* newspaper and wanted to tell others about it. We have been increasing our selling of the *WV*. Last Saturday we went to a local shopping center and sold out (46 papers) in one hour and 45 minutes.

This clearly shows the broad masses of U.S. workers are wide open, searching for answers to this crisis, answers only the Party line can provide. Also we did agitation around the Iranian people's struggle, linking it to the CWP 5 assassinations. Many workers are clear that the Shah should be sent back to face the people's justice despite the bourgeoisie's attempt to create public opinion and chauvinism against Iranians as part of their war preparations.

R.L.
Decatur, Ala.

Dear Comrade:

I'm writing to acknowledge receipt of the first two issues on my free one-year subscription, and to assure you that every issue will be made available to any inmate wanting to read it in the C Unit. I would also most assuredly be interested in any other publications available from the *Workers Viewpoint*.

In Struggle,
S.P.

Comrades,

Instead of giving our son a Christmas present, we are giving this donation in his name to the CWP 5 Memorial Fund. In this way, our whole family expresses its solidarity with the cause of the Communist Workers Party.

In Struggle,
B., A., and P.

FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES

Our Readers Speak Out!

Dear *Workers Viewpoint*,

I was very pleased by the article about the Durham CWP 5 forum, "There Are No Heroes Without the Party." The strength, perseverance and dedication to fight the system and overcome all obstacles comes most of all from political clarity, knowing the road forward and having confidence in the future. There was, however, a small inaccuracy in the article. It said I spoke at an NAACP dinner. This is wrong.

During the struggle to Avenge the CWP 5, the Durham NAACP and on the North Carolina state level, and especially nationally, has not been active except to try to block people's involvement. I never spoke at an NAACP dinner. I don't think they would give any of us a free meal.

Paul Bermanzohn

(Paul Bermanzohn received this letter and sent it on to us.) To a Jewish man with feelings, from a Jewish mother, a survivor from Holocaust:

Finding out what happened to you few months ago and for what cause it happened made me write to you and thank you from the bottom of my heart for your

contribution to crush the Nazis. I am really touched and extremely proud of you as if you had been my son, I am praying for your recovery and all the happiness in the world which you so richly deserve.

Hope that you will be well soon, maybe some day we meet and I will thank you in person.

My best to your dear family,

Much Love,
X.

Dear Friends,

I have been reading lately of the CWP, especially after the tragic and outrageous affair in Greensboro, N.C. recently, and I want to know more of the CWP.

I am a low income, blue collar, independent progressive, and I'd like to get any material and literature you have available. Do you publish a newsletter or paper?

I certainly wish you a most successful 1980, with new friends, supporters, sympathizers. I applaud your bravery and courage in the fight and work against the KKK and Nazis.

Long live the CWP!

Sincerely,
D.O.

Buying Our Own House: The Impossible Dream

This story is not very different from that of other workers. With low wages, spiraling inflation, the government and the banks and other finance capitalists controlling the flow of money by high interest rates, it has made it all but impossible for the majority of the U.S. people to get a decent place to live. Only under socialism when the bankers' money is confiscated, the superprofits of the monopoly capitalists are stripped, and when the working class owns and controls factories and mills, will the American people have all the necessities they need—food, housing, clothing, recreation and a productive job.

For 15 years John has been an auto worker at the General Motors Fisher Body plant in Tarrytown, N.Y. In those 15 years there were both good times and bad times but mostly bad times. Although his \$275 pay was better than most workers', it became harder and harder to support his family of four. Ever since he started work at the plant, his dream was to save enough money to buy himself a house.

John's story is not much different from many of his co-workers at the plant. He came north (folks back home called it the promised land) in search of a better life for himself. In North Carolina, you either worked at the pulp mill or handed tobacco for \$50 a week. There was nothing else. So one day he surprised his family by packing and leaving for the big city.

Living in a \$12.50 a week SRO (Single Room Occupancy), he first worked in the garment district pushing carts for \$75 a week. To him, that beat working on a tobacco farm any time. It wasn't a lot of money but it was enough to keep him in cigarettes. One day one of his buddies told him that he could make twice as much money making cars at the GM plant. He told John they were hiring and he should check it out. So they both took a day off from pushing carts and took the long train ride to Tarrytown. Within a week both were hired for the assembly line.

John thought he was on

easy street. He had a good job and good pay. He soon had a new car, a new wife and a new baby girl. He had been taking out \$50 savings bonds for that day when he would be able to buy that land and that new house that he dreamed so much of.

After the birth of his second daughter, John had to dip into his savings to pay for the complications his wife had during her pregnancy. The union did not pay for any complications. In the same year, his elder daughter spent over three months in the hospital after he found out she couldn't walk straight. Again he had to dip into his savings. Things were getting tough.

John would never forget that Friday he received his pink slip. It was one of those rainy days when the foreman found everything wrong with whatever he did. He wondered later if he knew that John was going to be laid off. The pink slip was handed to him as casually as walking down the street. He stood in disbelief. He thought of his wife, in her seventh month of pregnancy, of the last two car payments, of rent and of just making it. "How are we going to make it off that BULLSHIT unemployment?"

John was laid off for three months. In those three months, he worked "off the books" at any odd job that he could find—gardener, cab driver, anything he could get. His wife had their last child and without John's knowledge, she had a hysterectomy. She knew what he had been going through and she also knew she had to go to work. It was a question of survival. Barely five weeks after the birth, she found a job in a shoe factory.

After three months, John returned to the assembly line—a little relieved, a little frustrated and a lot poorer. It was like starting from scratch. His dreams of the house were fading rapidly.

STRIKE! Little more than six months later the workers at the plant wildcatted. The disgusting working conditions and low pay were too much for the workers. What was good pay in 1968 was bad pay in 1976. The

strike came at a bad time for John and his family but he knew it was necessary. He just wasn't making enough to live on. With his wife working and his handling all the overtime that he could, they were finally catching up with their bills. The strike lasted for seven weeks, with no real victory for the workers. What they got were higher union dues, more forced overtime, speedups on the assembly line and a mere \$10 more in their paychecks. John cursed the union leadership.

From 1976 through 1979, John and his wife worked hard and steady. Between them, they were able to save over \$5,000. Scrimping and cutting corners on the necessities of life, they worked over 100 hours a week. They felt sure that the time for a house was near.

The house wasn't much but it was the cheapest house on the market, a very heavy \$50,000. What mattered was that it would be *their* house. Then it was time to visit the bank.

"For 30 years, \$670 every month? Just for the mortgage?" John was stunned. The "friendly" banker had just broken down the meaning of prime interest rates into cold hard cash. The bank rejected their application for the mortgage, just based on what John and his wife brought home. But even if the bank had given them the money, they couldn't have made it. The \$670 figure didn't take into account property taxes, the \$200 monthly gas bill, or utilities, let alone food and other expenses. Their hearts sank and their dream shattered.

So now, every evening John comes home, opens the newspaper to the real estate section and dreams. Now, there is no house listed under \$70,000 and the prime interest rate is almost 20%. He had calculated that at the end of the 30-year mortgage he would have paid almost a quarter of a million dollars for his house. And that was when the prime interest rate was 15%. He thought of his children and what the future held for them. He wondered how THEY would make it. □

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"I applaud your bravery and courage in the fight against the KKK & Nazis"

Why Cathy Scolieri Is So Determined to Fight

OAKLAND, Ca.—The returns are in on Cathy Scolieri's bid for reelection as president of Local 853 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. By a vote of 71 to 22, the old line bureaucrats were put back in office.

During the campaign, the reactionary old line leadership tried to whip up an anti-communist frenzy inside this old General Electric plant where the majority of the workers are Afro-Americans from a nearby housing project. "Vote right for your race", they screamed, "F---Iran!"

Though the workers knew, and the bureaucrats cannot deny, that Cathy was the best president Local 835 ever had, this redbaiting confused many of them. Under Cathy's leadership, the local went from a few members to a majority of the workers in the plant. She took a fighting stand time after time. As late as mid-February, she and other progressive workers jammed up the plant manager, exposing him for the two-faced liar he is. "If you don't have a fighting union, you don't have nothing!"

When the bourgeoisie unleashed its murderous attack on five Communist Workers Party members in Greensboro, and fighters like Cathy came out all across the country to create revolutionary mass public opinion to avenge the murders, the GE reactionaries whipped up anti-communism in a big way. They worked together with the bourgeoisie to force Iran and the CWP 5 into the election campaign at GE.

Many workers were not clear about Iran or the CWP 5. While they did agree that Cathy was the best union president they had ever had, they were not clear on Cathy's political views. The GE reactionaries used this unclarity to whip up the storm which blew them into office.

Throughout the campaign and since, the reactionaries worked hand in hand with the company. They preyed on workers' questions about communism with cheap accusations that if she were re-elected, Cathy would turn 180 degrees, and run Local 853 like the Soviet revisionists run Eastern Europe. Actually Al Daviau, the most hysterical redbaiter with his flag-waving, pulpit-pounding demagoguery, was the one trying to strong-arm the workers into submission. "I don't believe any of you with pride in yourself, your race and your religion will [submit to a godless ideology]," he shrieked. And this from the head of a shop which until a couple of years ago didn't have one black worker!

The small men who have now seized control of Local 853 can never hold power. They cannot stop the growing economic crisis in the U.S. In this plant

where workers freeze in the winter and the rain comes through the roof, a fighting union will soon become a life and death question. Some workers, even in the midst of the redbaiting hysteria, saw this clearly. On the day before the election, one of Cathy's supporters showed up with a homemade button reading, "Eliminate the middle man—vote Mike Reilly!", (plant superintendent).

But this same frenzied redbaiting which the bureaucrats used to sneak into office, will sweep them out of office. Because now the question of the day is not merely "how are we going to build a fighting union." The workers know that through her actions Cathy has the answer to this and the union hacks don't. The question is also, "what is this communism which caused such a big stink during the election," and "does this have anything to do with Cathy's unquestioned record as a fighting president?"

Communism, which at this point brings a vague uneasy feeling to many workers, is a hot topic of debate. "How could a communist run our local?" "What is a communist view of today's economic crisis?" "Do they have the answer?" "Why is Cathy, our best president, so determined to get her ideas out that she would risk hassles and even firing?"

The same workers who are now debating these questions will also in the immediate future have to take a stand on them. General Electric, squeezed by inflation and its own greed, is speeding up the workers. New machines have appeared which would combine two workers' jobs into one. And to suppress the resistance to this, GE will try to get rid of the leaders of the working class in any way possible. Just before the election, they fired James Ross, fighting shop steward on the third shift. And now rumors are flying that Cathy herself and some other fighters will be fired in a bald attempt to take away the workers' leadership.

Already some workers know that it is not just Cathy but also the fact she is a communist that helped her to fight. Throughout the election campaign, Cathy and other fighters forged a tight core of people in the factory to continue work. During a sharp fight around wages over the past three months, each of Cathy's supporters was redbaited individually, and each came through this trial by fire like granite. As the crisis intensifies, as the shop floor conditions go from bad to worse, the fighting example of workers like Cathy Scolieri will be a beacon of hope. And each time, more workers will turn to communists to lead them. □

SPECTER OF COMMUNISM ...

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hysteria where many workers went along with the ouster. Many were scared, others temporarily drawn into seeing communism (and therefore her) as the workers' main enemy. The company used this opportunity, when the workers were divided and their anger was aimed away from the capitalists, to lay off hundreds of workers. Later, workers began to re-evaluate the whole redbaiting, questioning if it was really the right thing, because what did the workers gain. (see *WV*, February 9, 1980, "Workers Re-evaluate Martinsville Hysteria").

In other plants where redbaiting has attacked communist fighters, people have

reported the same "re-evaluation" by co-workers afterward. In Todd shipyards, you can be sure Todd will use this opportunity when the workers are divided to come down with new attacks on all the workers, taking back past gains or rights, and hoping it will get through without a fight. We have to lead the organizing against these attacks. At the same time we should step up day-to-day communist agitation-propaganda, to steer the workers' re-evaluations towards the real workers' alternative, the Communist Workers Party and the struggle to lead the socialist revolution and end the bourgeoisie's oppressive rule forever. □



Robert Fisher with his wife Dorothy. Mr. Fisher worked at the Seaman plant for 23 years and tried to kill himself three times after the plant closed unexpectedly and died shortly afterwards of starvation.

Plant Closing Made Him Feel Like A Nobody

PONTIAC, Mi.—"My husband came home and the afternoon shift went to work and there was a big notice on the door - 'This plant closed, pick up your checks at the union hall,'" said Dorothy Fisher. Her 59-year old husband, Robert, worked at the Seaman Manufacturing plant in Pontiac, Michigan for 23 years until last December.

After that, his wife said, he tried to kill himself three times, and finally died three weeks later after he stopped eating.

"All he done was to live for his work," she said, "and when they took it away he felt like a nobody."

The finality of a plant closing makes its impact felt ten times harder than a layoff. With a layoff you can still hope business gets better but a closing leaves less room for illusions.

Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. announced Mar. 19 it was closing down six tire and rubber plants by Oct., ending jobs for over 8,000 workers. In Youngstown, Ohio, steel mill after steel mill is closing. Steelworkers are either moving out of the area, or some are getting involved in a scheme to buy back the mill and outsell Big Steel. As Youngstown happens on a smaller scale all across the country, even the politicians know that behind the workers' depression and uncertainty there is an angry resistance, like a timebomb ticking, getting ready to blow.

In the past year, bills have been introduced in eight state legislatures and in Congress to lessen the impact of plant closings. Michigan State Representative Perry Bullard introduced a typical bill in his state. It would require plants to give two years notice before closing or cutting the work force by half or more. Employees would be paid a week's salary for each year they had worked at the plant, a year's paid medical coverage, and five weeks of paid leave to look for another job. The company would also have to pay the equivalent of 15% of the annual payroll into a community fund.

Meanwhile, massive layoffs in the auto industry in the last year are draining the SUB (supplemental unemployment benefits) fund for General Motors and Ford workers. Chrysler workers with less than 10 years seniority had their SUB funds cut last August.

More and more of the freshly unemployed (those both laid off and whose plants closed) will be forced into the ranks of the permanently unemployed. This is because of the permanent character of the capitalist economic crisis, where there are no more normal cycles of boom and bust. Since the early 70's, the cycles in the U.S. have overlapped. There has not been an economic recovery, it's just bust. Before, many workers unemployed during a bust period would get employed again when the economy got pumped up. Even then there was never full recovery and overall more workers became unemployed and stayed unemployed. But now there is no boom period for workers to flow back into the workforce. For example, compared to the 1975 autoworker layoffs, today many more are indefinite (permanent) rather than temporary layoffs. Because of the nature of capitalism's crises, the ranks of the permanently unemployed are swelling. And for people like Robert Fisher, even with 23 years seniority, there is no job security. □

SPECTER OF COMMUNISM HAUNTS THE BOURGEOISIE THE ISSUE BEHIND ALL ISSUES

SAN PEDRO, Ca.—On Wednesday morning January 30, supporters of the Communist Workers Party were physically attacked while selling the *Workers Viewpoint* newspapers in front of the Todd shipyard in San Pedro, near Los Angeles. This was a planned, deliberate attack backed by the company and union bureaucrats. One of the ringleaders was a steward and known company man, and most of the workers who participated were from his department. The attack followed an incident two weeks earlier when a racist tried to start a fight between a CWP supporter and another worker. When an Afro-American worker tried to stop the fight, the racist called him a "nigger" and ran off. Other racists scribbled graffiti on bathroom walls—"Kill the Jap Commies".

On Monday, February 4, the CWP put out a leaflet denouncing attacks by the company and union goons. The same group of workers pulled together more workers and attacked the CWP supporters again, injuring some.

The cops who came after the fighting had ended, sided with the company and union goons and blamed the CWP supporters for provoking the incident.

The CWP supporter from Todd who was injured was called into the personnel office and threatened to be fired if anything else happened on company property. The union bureaucrats issued a leaflet following the attack supporting the goons and saying, "We don't need any communists," and blaming communists for pitting black against white.

The timing of the attack is clear. The contract is coming up in July and the company and union (Industrial Union of Shipping and Marine-Local 9) bureaucrats want to beat back anyone who wants to stand up and organize against attacks, not just on the CWP, but on all workers. Organizing around the contract continues and the CWP will defend the right of its members and friends to issue communist newspapers at the yard gates.

Biggest Redbaiting Attacks Ever

Many CWP organizers and friends across the country are finding themselves hit by a wave of redbaiting attacks, bigger than we have ever experienced before in our lives. Firings of workers affiliated with the CWP have been sweeping the country. Leading communist fighters are threatened with ouster from the union for their beliefs, like John Spearman, Machinists steward in Wichita, Kansas (see *WV*, March 1, 1980, "He Doesn't Just Study the Contract, He Studies Revolution"). At the General Motors assembly plant in Linden, New Jersey, where CWP supporters are organizing, workers were mobilized by the union bureaucrats in January to beat up "Revolutionary Communist" Party members at the plant gates and join a "counter-rally" against communism.

Alongside this, the bourgeoisie and their media are using the Iranian hostages and the Olympics to incite the American people into calling for war, defending "America the Beautiful". Carter and the capitalist class milk every drop of chauvinism out of these seeming "foreign attacks", to shift U.S. people's attention away from home—the unsolvable inflation, police killings of youth, government attacks on the right to strike. Blinded by this chauvinist hysteria, U.S. people become more tightly chained to their own slave-master, eating whatever oppression is served up to them at home. This is lining people up on the side of U.S. imperialism, which means standing for murderous aggression into other countries, American

soldiers killing other peoples and raping other countries for their own oppressor. This is all part of the bourgeoisie's attempt to make Communism, Iranians, and so on the main enemy of the American people, rather than U.S. imperialism itself.

In the 60's—Vietnam, Today—All Aspects of Life

But the situation today is very fluid, it changes from week to week. For example, students who were against our support for Iran, attacking our agitation/propaganda teams a few months ago, are now organizing with us against the draft. This shows the superficiality of anti-communism of many, often just a pragmatic reaction to things, rather than based on any principles. No matter how desperately the bourgeoisie may want to whip up chauvinism around the state of affairs internationally, the American people aren't getting completely sidetracked. Scapegoat politics cannot blind the broad masses to inflation skyrocketing at 20%, increasing unemployment, and their children facing the draft.

There is tremendous disorientation, and people are changing their minds, taking positions on issues every day. Unlike the anti-war movement of the 60's, where people took positions on one issue, for or against the war, today people are taking positions, on issue after issue, becoming polarized. Not only students like the 60's, but among all workers and oppressed people. From Watergate to Iran, the Olympics, inflation, the Klan, people are forced to take sides. The cumulative effect of these issues, one after another, can either rally people around the bourgeoisie or (if communists reach out to them) rally people to question and oppose the whole capitalist system. More and more, there is no middle ground.

The U.S. today is like the period in Germany leading up to Hitler's fascist reign. There the bourgeoisie couldn't control the economic crisis, and people lost faith in the government. The bourgeois democratic form of government (Weimar Republic) collapsed. This brought on the naked confrontation between "those who have and those who don't have." There were only two sides: the side of the people—the communists, anti-fascists and anti-war; and the side of the bourgeoisie, represented by Hitler and the Nazi movement.

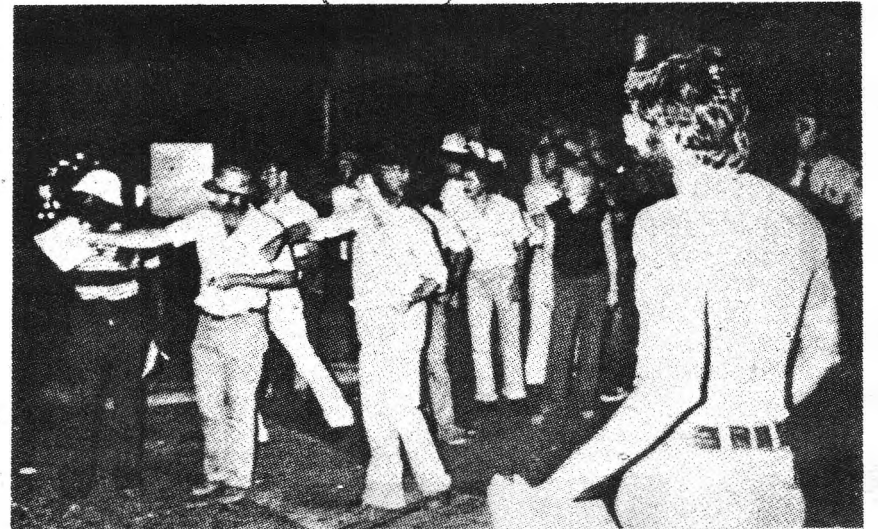
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Communism Haunts the Bourgeoisie

The polarization is taking place on a massive scale over all questions and issues. But the spectre that is really haunting the bourgeoisie is the revolutionary alternative that answers all these questions, the workers' communist cause. That's why we believe that the anti-communist rallies and beatings are not random, but they are orchestrated at the highest levels of the International and the bourgeoisie's ruling circles. For example, in John Spearman's case the single charge against him was filed by a worker who suddenly became a union steward, went to his first union meeting in eight years, then after the trial to kick John out of the union, he suddenly quit the job and moved out-of-state. This scab certainly wasn't acting alone. And to block the union election victory of a CWP supporter in California, Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall personally intervened.



On Feb. 20, at the General Motors plant in Linden, New Jersey, union misleaders and goons mobilized some autoworkers to rally against communism.



Across the country today, the U.S. ruling class is trying to make communism the enemy, to force people to accept fascism. The CWP forcefully organizes, like Jim Waller (above), CWP 5 martyr, leading a strike in 1978 which built the union at Cone Mills Granite plant in North Carolina. Through fighting against the bourgeoisie, people not only graphically saw what communism is, but wanted to know more.

Both the bourgeoisie and their labor lieutenants, the union bureaucrats, are reacting to the Party's growing strength and influence. The union bureaucrats are losing ground, with workers flocking out of established unions or growing more cynical about the hacks, while CWP is gaining. For example, assassinated CWP comrade Jim Waller built up the union in the textile mills and became local president in the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union. The union hacks panicked, putting the local in trusteeship (direct International control) and have never taken a public position condemning the murders of the CWP 5.

Now union hacks have suddenly become "active," organizing anti-communism rallies. They come out like this, because it's the only thing left they can hope to rally people around, to pump themselves up.

Strengthen Day to Day Work, Put All Questions in Perspective With Marxism-Leninism- Mao Tsetung Thought

For communist organizers today, this is a relatively new situation. Communism is an issue everywhere, independent of our will. The polarization that we are experiencing is the most inflammable in our lifetime, and it reflects the awakening of the American people. But they can be polarized in different directions and that's why the Party's leadership is decisive in crystallizing the polarization to support the Party.

We should use the *communist character of our day-to-day work* to tie all these questions together. We must win the masses over to see the danger of world war and fascism and the prospects for

proletarian revolution right here. This means not just selling the paper at the gate. Inside the plant, with your friends and family, on every question, every issue, everything people talk about and whisper about, we have to speak with a Marxist-Leninist-Mao Tsetung Thought perspective. We have to turn "being on the hot-seat" (on trial for being a communist) into a forum to explain what the communist solution is.

Many people will sympathize with individual communist fighters if they know you, or because they respect your organizing. Leading day-to-day fights is an important part of communist organizing, but beating back the redbaiting by standing on your record *alone* is not enough. Then you can still have workers who say, "I can't fault what you do in the union, but I just don't like your beliefs." They may still go to the other pole. Stand on your record *and* your beliefs. They're trying to put communists and militant resistance on the run, but we should turn this into an opportunity to be an opinion-maker. We have to take the political offensive against the attacks, and also beat back the goons, otherwise the workers will become silent. Over a period of time, through communist organizing and agitation-propaganda, people will know more and be able to make a more conscious decision. We have to step up our study of the basics of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought to be able to strongly and persuasively explain socialism well.

Dori Blitz's fight against redbaiting in Virginia presents some important lessons for others battling such attacks. She was a Teamsters steward, removed from her position in the midst of redbaiting

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"Win Over the Klan" C.T. Vivian

GREENSBORO, N.C.—"Death To The Klan!" shouted the audience at the Feb. 2nd anti-Klan rally in Greensboro's Coliseum. "We don't mean that," countered co-emcee C.T. Vivian, member of the board of directors of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). "If we meant it, we'd do it. You've got to win them. . . ." Amidst a chorus of boos, Vivian's voice trailed off and he went back to his prepared notes, quickly introducing the next speaker. He had made a mistake—he reacted from his gut.

"Win" the Klan? Now Vivian isn't so dumb that he has illusions about the vicious nature of the KKK. Over a hundred years of Klan terror against Afro-Americans, his own experiences in the civil rights movement of the 60's, and especially the brutal assassination of the Communist Workers Party 5 by the KKK and Nazis on Nov. 3 should have taught him something. So what's this about "winning" the Klan over?

Vivian's slip of the tongue flows from a thoroughly rotten, reformist outlook—an outlook he shares with Joseph Lowrey, head of SCLC, Lucius Walker, head of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, and other careerists. It's totally consistent with the reformist slogan, "Ban the Klan."

After Nov. 3, Rely on the Government . . .

The thrust of this slogan is to get the people, who are fighting mad about the renewed KKK attacks, to rely on the government—the legislature, the police and FBI, and the courts—to stop the Klan.

But it is the FBI who has bragged that they've so infiltrated the Klan that they could elect the Imperial Wizard, yet claim to have no knowledge of the Nov. 3 attack. It is the Greensboro police who disarmed the Communist Workers Party on Nov. 3, then gave a copy of the march permit (with the site of the anti-Klan rally on it and the fact that we could not be armed) to a known Klansman. The police knew an armed caravan of KKK/Nazis were coming to the rally site, yet allowed them to carry out their murders and escape. The police returned only to arrest CWP member, Nelson Johnson for "inciting to riot" and "resisting arrest". They also arrested two Party supporters, Willena Cannon, for "interference with an officer" when she tried to defend Nelson, and Rand Manzella, for "being armed to the terror of the people". It is District Attorney Schlosser who has dropped all charges against Rayford Caudle, who owns many of the weapons and one of the cars used by the KKK/Nazi killers on Nov. 3, dropped all conspiracy charges against the Klansmen and Nazis arrested for the Nov. 3 massacre, and has yet to file charges against

other KKK/Nazis arrested for the 3 assassinations. It is the courts which have refused the widow of CWP 5 Jim Waller, Signe Waller, her right to have a special prosecutor for the case against the killers. And it is the government's commission on civil rights who gave top Klan and Nazi leaders a chance to speak at a recent hearing in Greensboro, helping them spread their racist poison. This is the government that Vivian and other would have the people rely on to fight the Klan.

Give Up the Right To Armed Self-Defense?

While pushing reliance on the government, these careerists try to disarm the people in the face of Klan/Nazi attacks. Lowrey broke the Feb. 2 Coalition agreement not to make the question of arms an issue by calling his own press conference and announcing that the demonstration would not be armed. Having given the state a chance to make arms the issue, and not the Klan, Lowrey and other opportunists tried to kick the CWP out of the coalition because we refused to publicly state that we would not be armed and call on the masses not to be armed.

CWP 5 Murdered Because They Fought Capitalist System

"Give up your right to armed self-defense," these opportunists say, "and rely on the government's protection." Like the government "protected" Jim Waller, Cesar Cauce, Bill Sampson, Sandy Smith and Mike Nathan on Nov. 3? It is the masses of people who must be organized to beat back the renewed KKK/Nazi terror, and it can be beaten back. But the only way to once and for all get rid of the Klan and Nazi cancer is overthrow this rotten system with socialist revolution. Why? Because it is the capitalist system which spawns filth like the Klan and Nazis, protects them under the guise of "freedom," and allows them to grow by promoting them through the media. Organizing the people and teaching them that the only solution is socialist revolution was what the CWP 5 was doing and why the bourgeoisie had them killed.

Opportunists like Vivian are afraid of socialist revolution. They've built their whole miserable careers by speculating on one political movement after another and smothering any revolutionary spark with reformism, in exchange for 30 pieces of silver from the bourgeoisie. Socialist revolution would put these political speculators out of business.

They make their living by walking a tightrope, pretending to be on the people's side while at the same time serving their capitalist masters. And when they trip, out come knee-jerk reactions like, "We got to win the Klan." □

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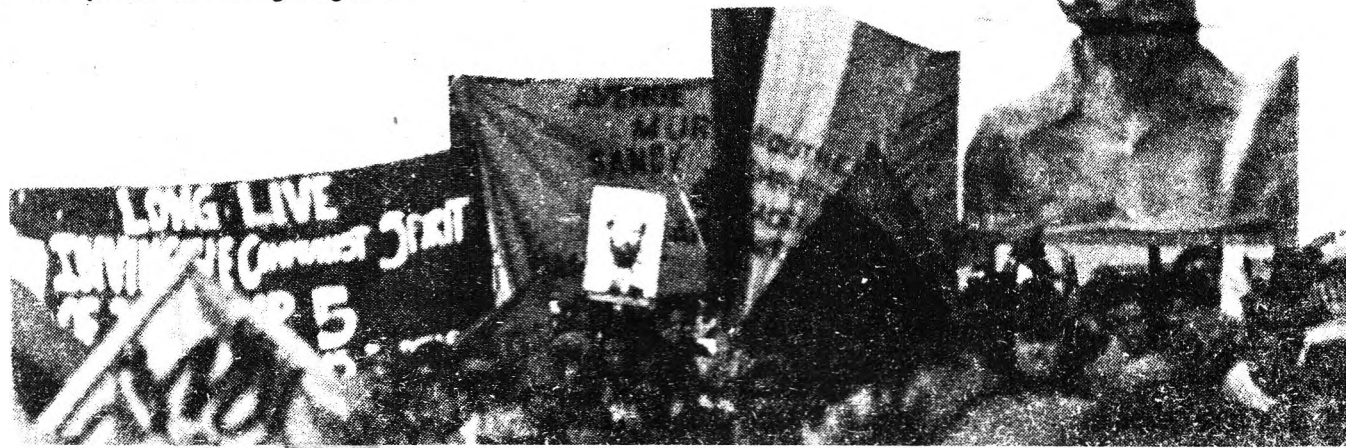
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was forced to act. A special emergency session of the Council was called for March 11. On the grounds that they "couldn't ensure the safety of anyone at the demonstration", the Council unanimously voted to take back the permit for the Klan's March 15 demonstration.

City Government Invited Klan Attack

The revocation of the Klan permit was a definite victory, but the City Council's "hands off" attitude and their refusal to do anything to keep the Klan out of the park was a clear invitation to Klan violence against the people. After the Council meeting, Klan leader Tom Metzger, also a candidate for the 43rd Congressional District, took into account the fact that the Council didn't ban them from the park when he said, "at this time you may assume that we will come," to the press right after the meeting was over.

The City Council's continued support for Klan activity was denounced at a CWP rally at City Hall the next day. A representative of the Committee to Avenge the CWP 5 said, "They (the City Council) are setting up another Greensboro. We will not walk into a deadly trap. The City Council is still responsible for the rise of this fascist group and should stop them." (see related story on p. 2) □

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The Seattle Committee to Avenge the Communist Workers Party 5 sponsored the National Tour on Feb. 16. The Committee was only two weeks old when we put on the successful program. We worked hard leaflet-ting and talking to people in the communities, on the campuses, and at plant gates.

Floris, widow of Cesar Cauce, talked about the life of her husband, why he became a communist, and why he was murdered on Nov. 3. She also talked about the lives and work of the other four slain CWP members. From her descriptions of the organizing done by the five in Greensboro and other parts of North Carolina, it became clear why the government-backed attack happened and why those five comrades were killed. Her speech drove home the point that the bourgeoisie is desperate, and how these killings are just the beginning of what is to come.

Phil Thompson spoke about the increasing moves toward fascism in the U.S. He spoke about Iran and how the U.S. government is trying to whip up a tide of chauvinism toward not only Iran, but also Iranians in the U.S. He spoke about how the released Klan and Nazi members are going around N.C. spreading their racism and anti-communism—saying look what we did, and see how we got away with it. He brought out how the recent invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union and the downfall of U.S.-backed regimes like the Shah's and Somoza's are putting the U.S. bourgeoisie in a bad place internationally. Kicked out of countries by wars of national liberation, and facing a possible military threat from the Soviet Union means they must do everything, or anything, to keep control of the American people. They even resort to an open attack on their opposition, the U.S. working class and oppressed nationalities and their

party, the Communist Workers Party.

A lawyer from Seattle spoke of the same kinds of things going on here. A black man was gunned down in cold blood by a cop who is a 13-year veteran of the John Birch Society. At Walla Walla State Prison racial tension is being fanned by the prison administration, and racist and brutal guards. A black youth was beaten on a street corner by two Seattle cops. They said he was a suspect in a shooting, when all he was doing was walking down the street two blocks from his home. He pointed out that the Klan and Nazis may not be very big in Seattle, or the State of Washington, but other reactionary and racist groups like the John Birch Society and the Posse Comitatus. There may be differences between these right wing organizations, but in the end they are tools of the bourgeoisie, used in trying to split our unity by spreading racism and anti-communism.

When the program was over, people came up and wanted to find out more about what the Committee and the CWP's plans were in Seattle and how they could get involved. The National Tour marked a strong beginning for the Committee and the CWP in Seattle. We have many plans and projects in the works to get the real news out about what happened and what is going on right now. We are also raising money for the families and legal cases. If you are interested in finding out more about the Seattle Committee to Avenge the CWP 5 or wish to make a donation to the Greensboro Justice Fund from the Seattle area, write to us:

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A Seattle Committee Member

Local 2's REAL Strike Preparation

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.—Maids, cooks, waitresses and buspersons in the Bay Area are doing more than making beds and serving food. They're taking action every day preparing for the June contract negotiations and strike. Referring to the 7% "Christmas increase" last year, one worker said, "The management can shove it. January alone we're faced with 1.4% inflation. That means a whopping 20% for 1980. Carter's wage control is a farce. They're asking us, the working people, to tighten our belts by accepting 20, 30% inflation and unemployment. Nobody wants to strike, least of all people like us with families and kids. But there's a limit to what we can take. There seems to be no way out but to fight back."

Since the battle last fall to rehire Richard Leung and six other progressive union staff members (Local 2, Hotel, Restaurant Workers and Bartenders Union), the United Hotel and Restaurant Workers (UHRW) Caucus has been showing the

difference between "talking tough" and real strike preparations. When the union officials refused to broaden out the St. Francis Hotel maids' struggle for the right to hang rooms (leave them dirty when your shift is up), UHRW successfully assisted the maids at Holiday Inn Chinatown to fight for the same demands. Led by UHRW members, Hilton Room Service workers forced management to post breaks, and St. Francis maids pushed for a mass meeting with the union and management to settle their grievances.

On Mar. 24 workers will be coming out to vote for the UHRW negotiations committee slate: Kathy Bibby, Hilton dining room; Karen Lin, St. Francis hotel service; and Mashe Smotki, Holiday Inn Chinatown dining room. The UHRW is also supporting a counter-demonstration against a planned Nazi march at the Federal Building, fighting the threat of fascism in this country. □

NYC TRANSIT WORKERS: 4½%? AIN'T NO WAY!

NEW YORK CITY—As the subway train rumbled into NYC's busy 42nd Street Station, its conductor talked with growing indignation. "What are the chances of a strike on April 1? Very, very big. The issue is simple: Ain't no way we will work for 4½%." With inflation at 18%, a wage increase of 4½% is a bad joke. However, Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) Chairman Richard Ravitch declared that it is impossible to give more than 4½%. In addition, he intends to pay for the contract by changing work rules to increase productivity and cutting benefits. Ravitch cites the MTA's \$250 million deficit, with the prospect of federal or state aid very unlikely. Each time Ravitch takes this hard line, the transit workers get madder. This year, their pent-up frustration and anger is ready to burst. Since 1974, austerity contracts of givebacks and minimal wage increases have put a transit worker 29% behind the cost of living. Worker after worker insisted, "We don't care where the money is, they just better come up with something."

Two years ago, transit workers did not strike and got burnt with a contract of only 4½% a year. Transport Workers Union President John Lawe swung a ratification vote of only a small majority, mainly with votes of members who did not work for the Transit Authority. When the contract was announced, 1,500 fed-up workers demonstrated in front of union headquarters. This year it is unlikely Lawe will be able to fool the workers easily. Last year, he was re-elected with only 43% of the vote and he no longer has a rubber stamp executive council. Workers attribute his fear of being kicked out as the reason for his militancy thus far.

The rank and file is bitter. "Each time they ask us to give, but we get nothing in return. When the next contract comes around, they cry that the budget deficit is even worse." The present city budget deficit is a record \$250 million, higher than ever before. And Carter's "anti-inflation" hoax cut the federal government's \$265 million transportation aid bill—intended mainly for capital investments needed to overhaul the transit system.

While New York's Central Labor Council is calling a rally March 27 to support the transit workers, Mayor Koch hired a lawyer for \$600,000 to bust them. Senator Proxmire, head of the Finance Committee, warned that if the city negotiates a contract which doesn't balance the budget, all federal aid, loan guarantees, etc. to the city will be withdrawn. Thus, the stage is set for a bitter showdown. A strike is almost inevitable. The transit workers' contract will set the pace not only locally, for the July contracts of New York City's 215,000 other municipal workers who have also been burning for the last five years, but nationally, for all workers challenging the economic crisis. □



Anti-Communist Rally at Linden GM Plant

Dear CWP,

I'd like to let the readers and especially the readers at the Linden auto plant know what really has been happening there the past months.

In early January that small sect of petty bourgeois nuisances RCP, ("Revolutionary Communist" Party—ed.) were booted out of the plant cafeteria for pushing down the workers throats about their May Day.

The next week, about 20 RCP and RSB (*Revolutionary Student Brigade-Ed.*) "student arm" went out with their banners and ragsheets, calling workers flunkies of GM, stupid and backwards if they refused to stop. They got into a fight with one of the workers.

The next afternoon they were back. Another Trotskyite group, PLP (*Progressive Labor Party-Ed.*) were there also. This time a worker beat up one of the Trots that were selling papers.

Workers getting out of work that night found RCP out again. Cops came, probably called by RCP for protection. But the cops kicked them out. One worker threw a bottle at the departing RCP van. He was brutally beaten by five cops with their clubs. Blood was pouring out. This was seen by 150 angry workers who wanted to rush the cops. They shouted and chanted "Let him go" but the union misleadership "cooled" them down.

The scab union misleaders raised the American flag at the gate the next day at a "counter-demo" waiting for the RCP to come back. (RCP has not been seen again.) Noticeably out in force was a union caucus, LAW, (*Linden Auto Workers-Ed.*) long fearful of being called card-carrying communists for past ancient (!) progressiveness. These slimy bastards have to show how they are more American than anyone else. Faith in the union leadership, especially LAW is at an all-time low. For the first time many workers are asking about communism. Now when distribution of our paper is especially important these betrayers of the rank and file are pressing for a stop to "outside agitators" selling the paper or handing out literature.

There are a few backwards anti-communists, but most of the workers are thoroughly confused, not knowing what really happened. But one worker told me he's sure, "this all fits into Carter's plan." An Afro-American friend told me that when he was watching the worker get beaten by the cops, a white woman co-worker warned him that he'd better leave too because of the heated situation. "First the reds, then the blacks."

This whole incident has given me an opportunity to raise consciousness, on all levels, about what genuine communism is about. I've found out I have a lot of friends too, and I'm tougher for having to deal with the red baiters.

I intend to put out a mass leaflet, an open letter telling the real story. And I intend to sell the papers at the gates next week. But I need more suggestions too.

L.L.
Linden, N.J.

Dear L.L.,

RCP's Trotskyite line does alienate them from the workers. But we think what is happening at your plant is caused by more than RCP. Most workers get involved in the counter-rally or decide what "side" they're on not separating RCP's phoney communism from all communists. The ruling class and union bureaucrats try to make communism the issue in the abstract and people are frustrated, looking for a target to hit.

We have to take seriously attacks in the plants and union halls like Linden, because they (like the assassinations of the five CWP comrades in Greensboro) are not chance, or "shoot-outs on the fringe."

Calling the cops against the labor lieutenant goons in the middle of a red baiting hysteria is not necessarily wrong—the question is which way they will go. In your situation, they united with the fascist trend against the communists and also beat up a worker. No goons were arrested. In some situations it is possible to use contradictions between the state and the goons.

As you say, the incident gave you an opportunity to talk about what communism really is, but the real key to winning over the masses is the communist character of the day-to-day organizing. Once red baiting starts we have to hit it head-on, but we shouldn't wait for a wave of red baiting attacks before our political offensive day-to-day is stepped up.

Thank you for writing. We hope the accompanying article (*See page 5*) helps communist fighters like you in your organizing.

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WHAT'S AT STAKE? TUG OF WAR BETWEEN MILITANTS AND IRANIAN GOVERNMENT

On March 11, the United Nations commission to investigate the U.S. and former-Shah of Iran's crimes left Teheran. They had waited a week and still couldn't meet with all the U.S. embassy hostages.

That week saw a tug of war between the Iranian government and the militants holding the U.S. embassy. The militants insisted that the commission could only meet with those 13 hostages who are tied in with the commission's investigation, and not all the hostages. When pressured by the government, the militants threatened to dump the prisoners in the government's lap. Seizing the chance to undercut the militants' power, the government countered with an ultimatum: let the UN commission meet with all the hostages or turn them over to the Iranian Foreign Ministry. The militants rejected both alternatives and eventually got the support of Ayatollah Khomeini and the Islamic Republic Party (mainly made up of Muslim clergy forces).

What's At Stake

To understand what's at stake, this week-long battle must be seen in light of the international and domestic situation facing independent Iran today. For the past three months the Iranian people have won one victory after another in their fight against military threats, economic sanctions and all kinds of chauvinist lies from the U.S. government. The U.S. was finally forced to agree to Iran's demand that the U.S.'s and the Shah's crimes be investigated. Meanwhile, with the Soviet Union's ruthless invasion of Afghanistan and the build-up of Soviet troops along Iran's border, the danger of a Soviet attack on Iran is especially sharp. The Iranian government correctly saw the need to shift tactics so that the country would not have to take on both superpowers, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., at the same time. In an interview with the French newspaper *Le Monde*, Bani Sadr presented three conditions for the release of the hostages. In addition, there are big changes going on inside Iran as different class forces and their representatives struggle for power.

Militants Made Mistake Rejecting Commission's Request

The militants made a mistake when they refused to let the UN commission see all the hostages. Such a meeting would have been a powerful way to smash the lies pushed by the U.S. government that the hostages are being "abused" and "mistreated". It would have left the U.S. with no grounds to appeal to the World Court, as it is doing now to isolate Iran from international support. The militants weakened the Iranian people's ability to use the commission to create world public opinion against the U.S. government.

In the militants' view the UN commission had no right to ask to see all the hostages since its purpose was to investigate the U.S. and Shah's crimes and not the hostages. Behind their distrust of the commission's motives, the militants question U.S. intentions even more.

The Carter administration has never been serious about the investigation—it could drag out all the dirty laundry of U.S. imperialism in Iran. All the time the UN commission was in Teheran the U.S. government never once admitted any of its crimes against the Iranian people. Carter either evaded questions about U.S. guilt or ridiculed them. When asked about

the CIA coup in 1953 which put the Shah in power against the will of the Iranian people, Carter laughed it off as "ancient history" and refused to judge it right or wrong. He called the Iranian people's hatred toward the U.S., built up through years of imperialist murder and robbery, a "misunderstanding". The arrogance of the U.S. fueled the militants' suspicion that, by agreeing to the UN investigation, the U.S. meant only to trick the Iranian people into releasing the hostages. There was even talk that the commission was part of a U.S. plot.

But gut hatred of U.S. imperialism, stand alone—no matter how precious and justified—is no substitute for clear political strategy and sharp tactics. Of course, the Iranian government compromised by agreeing to the UN commission's request to meet with all the hostages. But the real political question facing the country today is—in what way can Iran continue to defend itself against U.S. imperialism (by shifting gears) and prepare for the danger of Soviet aggression, without getting jammed in a *direct confrontation with both superpowers at the same time*.

We don't know who the militants are. But according to Iranian President Bani Sadr (in an interview with *Le Monde*), he said that the Tudeh Party has influence among the militants. If true, this would help explain the militants' mistake. The revisionist Tudeh Party is a notorious agent of the Soviet imperialists. They ride on people's hatred toward the U.S. in order to draw attention away from the growing danger of Soviet attack. It is in the interest of the Tudeh Party and their imperialist masters to whip up rumors that the UN commission is part of a U.S. plot. Preventing the commission from meeting with the hostages blocks the Iranian government from a momentary tactical disengagement with the U.S. and preparation for the Soviet threat.

Militants Correctly Refuse To Hand Over Hostages And End Occupation

After the week of struggle, the Bani Sadr government denounced the militants and called for an end to the "government within a government". He wanted to end the occupation of the U.S. embassy and take over the hostages. The militants refused. On this question—whether to turn over the hostages and end the occupation—the militants were correct. The Islamic Republic Party supported them, saying it was best that the militants keep the hostages.

Soviet Union: A Real Danger Or A Child's Nightmare?

In the U.S., the Trotskyite "Revolutionary Communist" Party ("RC" P) and centrists like the Guardian and others have been running a metaphysical line claiming that Khomeini is counter-revolutionary, and they are going against the Iranian revolution. This sinister line fronts for the Soviet social-imperialists and apologizes for its imperialist action. Recently the "RC" P called Bani Sadr a U.S. agent and criticized him *but for the wrong reason*. In the recent issue of their newspaper, *Revolution*, the "RC" P claims that Bani Sadr is "invoking the Soviet danger in Afghanistan and the need to get Iran settled down and deal with economic problems." These Trots are saying that the Soviet imperialist threat is a bogey-

man to scare children and not a cold hard fact.

What is so dangerous about this counter-revolutionary line of the "RC" P, Guardian and Trots is that there is a counterpart in Iran, namely the Fedayees. Fedayees have the same two worlds line which, under the pretext of fighting against U.S. imperialism runs interference for Soviet social-imperialism against Iran.

The revisionists, Trots and centrists would have the Iranian people and government ignore the three Soviet divisions now massed on Iran's western border and the fact that the U.S.S.R. is sending arms into Iran backing the leadership of the Kurdish Democratic Party to wage a civil war against the government. If the "RC" P wasn't so scared of the Soviet Bear they would point out how the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was inevitable due to the U.S.S.R.'s imperialist nature. It is forced to grab out for markets, raw materials and spheres of influence all around the world.

Down-playing the viciousness of the Soviet Union at this time is treacherous to the Iranian revolution because the Iranian people are relatively clear about U.S. imperialism but not as clear about the Soviet social-imperialists (socialism in words, imperialism in deeds). And within the Iranian government too there is confusion.

For example, right after the Shah got kicked out, the Iranian ambassador in Moscow praised the U.S.S.R. to the skies and wanted to expand and develop more economic and cultural relations between the two countries. The first group of agricultural trainees were sent to the Soviet Union. These actions in themselves aren't wrong, we uphold the right of third world countries to use any contradiction between the two superpowers to safe-

guard their political and economic independence—as long as the Iranian government is clear about the need to rely mainly on its people and not the Soviets. But in addition, the U.S. has been blamed for instigating all foreign interference along Iran's borders and other tension within the country, while the Soviets have been left off the hook (*Iran in Form*, number 10, September 1979). And, when the Non-Aligned Movement Conference voted last September on whether to support the legitimate Kampuchean government of Pol Pot or support the Vietnamese puppet government back by the Soviet Union—Iran abstained.

Relationship Between Centralized United Front Government and Worker Peasant Rule

But if the Soviet danger is real then why would it have been wrong for the militants to turn the hostages over to the government? Doesn't this tie the government's hands in shifting tactics, a "government within a government?"

Both President Bani Sadr and Foreign Minister Ghotbzadeh represent the Iranian national bourgeoisie, and the militants and the Iranian people cannot rely solely on them not to waver under heavy U.S. pressure. By keeping the hostages the militants can check on the government.

Today in Iran there is a struggle to maintain the correct relationship between strengthening the government's authority so it can effectively fight both superpowers on the one hand, and strengthening the masses' involvement and power in governing the country. It is an indispensable struggle for a national democratic government representing the interest of workers and peasants. It's a struggle between the hegemony of the national bourgeoisie or the United Front govern-

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As the members of the U.N. panel prepared to leave Teheran, Iranian Foreign Minister, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, left, exchanged words with a militant who had pressed a boxful of documents into the hands of Mohammed Bedjaoui, center, one of the U.N. envoys.

SCIENTIFIC MARXIST TERMS



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. Like other sciences, it has its own scientific terms. We need to learn to use this science to fight for the interests of the working class and all oppressed peoples in the world.

PROLETARIAT, WORKING CLASS: the millions of workers all over the world, who own no property to make profit with or exploit others, and who have to sell their own labor power to survive; the only truly revolutionary class able to lead all oppressed peoples to overthrow the capitalist system. For example, coal miners, workers in auto plants, steel mills, garment factories, etc.

BOURGEOISIE, RULING CLASS, MONOPOLY CAPITALISTS, IMPERIALISTS: the super-rich who own all the means of production—the factories, mines, land, and who also own the banks, corporations, railroads, airlines, etc. and control the government (like in the U.S.); the greedy vultures who make their super-profits off the sweat and blood of the masses of people all over the world. For example, the Rockefellers, Morgans, Duponts, etc.

PETTY BOURGEOISIE: those people whose position in society is in between the bourgeoisie and proletariat. They dream of becoming monopoly capitalists, but are constantly being kept down by them, too. Their class nature is to vacillate in between the two classes. We've divided the petty bourgeoisie into three strata.

Upper strata: big capitalists who are dependent

on the banks, and thus also controlled by the monopoly capitalists. They generally side with the bourgeoisie against the working class.

Middle strata: Doctors, lawyers, accountants, local government officials, and managers who do not own any means of production, but have a privileged position in society.

Lower strata: Self-employed craftsmen like carpenters, small proprietors of mom-and-pop stores and restaurants, independent truckers and small farmers. In today's economic crisis, they are forced down and squeezed dry by high rents, insurance rates, taxes and rising costs like for gasoline. They generally hate the big capitalists and the government.

CAPITALISM: the economic and political system in which the bourgeoisie rules. The bourgeoisie can rule either like in the U.S. where we have some 'rights' and 'freedom' (called bourgeois democracy), or like in Hitler's Germany where the bourgeoisie rules mainly by repression (called fascism).

IMPERIALISM: the highest stage of capitalism, in which the bourgeoisie has consolidated control in its own country, and now goes into other countries to exploit the people, steal the resources, and sell its products. The U.S. and Soviet Union are the two most powerful

imperialist countries today.

SOCIALISM, THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT: the economic and political system in which the workers rule and keep the bourgeoisie down. The workers, led by the communist party, run the government, the factories, the schools, etc. in the interests of the majority of the people.

COMMUNISM: the society which follows after socialism in which there are no longer any classes. All people work in cooperation and share in the fruits of their labor. The people work "from each according to his ability," and receive products "to each according to his need."

REVISIONISTS: those who call themselves communists, but who have actually changed (revised) Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought to serve their own selfish interests. Revisionism in power means the bourgeoisie in power. Brezhnev of the Soviet Union and Teng Hsiao Ping [Deng Xiao Peng] and Hua Kuo Feng [Hua Guo Feng] of China are all revisionists. The Communist Party U.S.A. is a revisionist party.

OPPORTUNISTS: those who call themselves communists, socialists, or progressives but who actually work against the fundamental interests of the masses. They aid the bourgeoisie by doing their dirty work within the communist movement and the movements of the workers and all oppressed against the bourgeoisie. Some current examples are: Socialist Workers Party, Revolutionary Communist Party, Joe Lowery of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Doug Fraser of the United Auto Workers (UAW).

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ment of workers, peasants and national bourgeoisie. A United Front government of national democracy is a coalition government representing the interest of workers, peasants and the national bourgeoisie against the imperialists. It is a unity of opposites—a transitional form which could still serve to consolidate or weaken the Iranian revolution. At any time, its action must be unified against imperialism, in that sense centralization of the government against imperialism is necessary. But the danger is that the national bourgeoisie will also use this opportunity to consolidate its class interest which will in the long run weaken the Iranian revolution. It's a life and death struggle to continue the revolution for independence, democracy and socialism.

Khomeini has moved to boost President Bani Sadr's authority by naming him as head of the Revolutionary Council as well as making him Commander in Chief of the armed forces. He order Bani Sadr to reorganize the Iranian Army which had disintegrated during and after the uprising against the Shah. Centralizing power with the government so it can consolidate the gains of the revolution (for example, establishing a self-reliant economy) and fight the superpowers more effectively is a good thing. But if centralization is pushed too far so that it suppresses and restricts the masses' participation and the freedom of genuine communist to organize, then it actually weakens the battle against the imperialists and continuing the Iranian revolution.

On the other hand, the Iranian masses have some power in some local areas through worker, peasant, and student councils. These give the people a say in the direction of their country, unleashes their revolutionary enthusiasm and trains them to lead. It allows them to supervise the government. The Iranian people, genuine communists in particular, should fight for the Revolutionary Council and the government to allow and expand mass and communist participation.

Ayatollah Khomeini recently announced that what to do with the U.S. hostages will be decided by the newly-elected Iranian Parliament. Communists and the masses should use Parliament as another forum to express their views and check on the government.

Iranian Communists Must Walk Tightrope of Unity and Struggle

The situation in Iran today is that the national bourgeoisie, represented by people like Bani Sadr, and the petty bourgeoisie, represented by the Muslim clergy in the main, have state power. They have the biggest networks to organize and mobilize the masses, and Marxist-Leninists must unite with them to fight the imperialists, especially since there is yet no Marxist-Leninist Party in Iran that has deep roots among the masses and a wide circle of friends around them. At the same time, Marxist-Leninists must maintain their independence and initiative, supervise the national bourgeoisie and safeguard the long-term interest of the people.

Iranian Marxist-Leninists must walk a tightrope, on the one hand supporting the national bourgeoisie and petty bourgeoisie fighting both superpowers, and on the other hand battling for the freedom to do open communist work and to broaden and deepen their influence among the people. This is totally incomprehensible to the revisionists, Trots, and centrists, such as the Fedayeen, "RC" and the Guardian types because they see the road of socialism as a straight line without the twists and turns of real class struggle in the real world of imperialism.

The tidal wave-like revolutionary conditions in Iran today are the best for a genuine Communist Party to develop and grow. There is more freedom of action than ever before—Marxist-Leninist bookstores and bookstands are springing up everywhere, and communists can now participate in elections and openly campaign as communists. The Iranian people are involved in politics as never before

and are more politically mature, a good condition for communists to win them over. In the final analysis it will be the communists' ability to lead and mobilize the Iranian people to continue the revolution for worker and peasant rule, that will decide whether Iran can remain politically independent and build an independent economy. □

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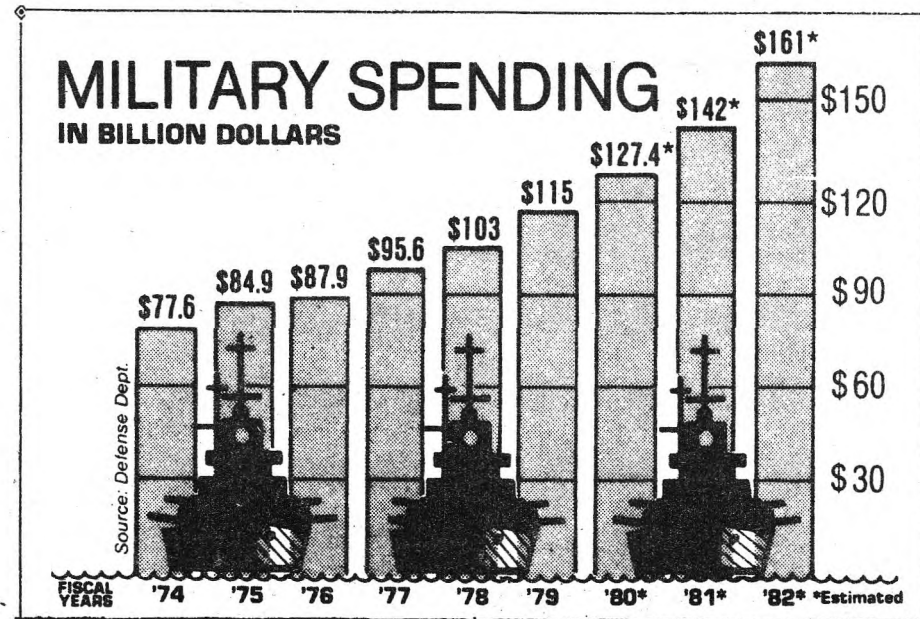
But Won't Even Dent Inflation

But no matter how much Carter and Congress cut the budget, they still won't stop inflation. A major cause of inflation is the billions of dollars pumped into the military. The bourgeoisie has to increase defense spending as part of their war preparations with their superpower rival, the Soviet Union. That's why Carter and Congress have raised the military budget to \$142 billion. That's a \$15 billion raise from this year and for 1981 the military budget is projected at \$161 billion.

Defense industries are already pocketing their profits. Northrop Corporation recently got an \$881.7 million Air Force contract, part of a larger \$2.8 billion contract. Hughes Aircraft Co. was given a \$47.3 million Navy contract for Phoenix guided missiles and a \$3.2 million Air Force contract.

Every cent for the military means more inflation because pumping money into the military means putting labor and resources into making weapons that cannot be used for consumption by the people. At the same time, it provides income to the workers in those industries who use it to buy real goods. So military spending creates a situation where money is pumped into the economy, chasing too few goods, thus causing all prices to go up.

While the monopoly capitalists get rich off of war preparations, the standard of living of people like Mrs. Wong is pushed down, forcing them to eat dog food. Meanwhile the inflation cure that they're supposedly sacrificing is as effective as a quack's snake oil. □



Salvadorean Junta Fakes Land Reform, Unleashes Terror Campaign

On March 7, the Salvadorean junta announced that it will nationalize the country's banks. Just a day before, the junta had announced plans to redistribute land to the peasants. At the same time, the government declared a state of siege, a form of martial law.

The U.S. loaned \$9 million and West Germany loaned \$5 million so that the junta could finance the land redistribution and bank nationalization schemes. These are calculated moves to head off the mounting dissatisfaction of the Salvadorean people who have flocked to join liberation groups. The programs are meant to calm the people's resistance while the junta carries out its real program—fascist attacks on the people.

Who Can Afford to Buy Bank Shares?

Troops moved in to take over banks across the country. The government will keep a 51% share of each bank and promised to sell 20% to bank employees and 29% to the public. But the only ones who can afford to buy these shares are the rich families of landowners who run the banks in the first place. But they have already

taken their money out of the country, borrowed huge amounts from the banks and put the whole El Salvador economy in ruins. The country's debt is about \$50 million.

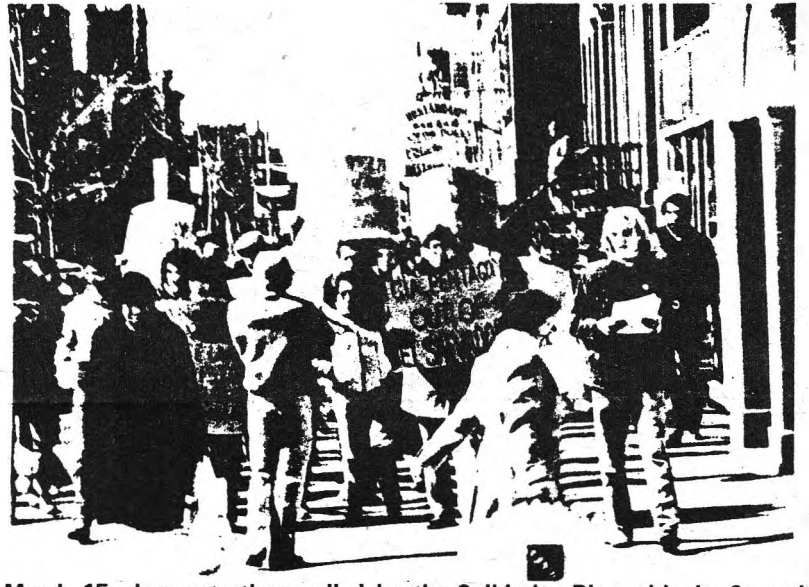
For the Salvadorean workers and peasants who can't even afford beans and rice to feed their family, the "opportunity" to buy bank shares is nothing but a farce, and the nation's debt is bound to be taken out of their hides.

Land Redistribution Doesn't Touch Best Land

The land redistribution program only involves farms larger than 1,235 acres, about one-fourth of the country's cultivable land. It doesn't include the farms owned by El Salvador's top 200 families, 75% of the cultivable land.

The farms seized will be run by the government and army troops fanned out to the farms, making the whole countryside resemble a war zone. Landowners were tipped off about the land plan beforehand and have shipped their tractors and crop dusters off to Guatemala for safekeeping.

Everything on the farms is supposed



On March 15, demonstrations called by the Solidarity Bloc with the Struggles of the Salvadorean People took place in N.Y.C. and San Francisco. Slogans were raised that include "No Imperialist Wars of Intervention/No Draft!" as well as "Stop Repression Against the Organized Left in the U.S.," specifically naming the murder of the CWP 5. Speakers from the Popular Revolutionary Bloc in El Salvador to ZANU linked up the people's struggle world-wide and concluded that "Imperialism Will Be Defeated."

to be turned over to the peasants but when peasants belonging to the Popular Revolutionary Bloc walked into Hacienda Colime (one of the largest coffee plantations nationalized) on March 17, 28 of them were gunned down in cold blood by the national guards who occupied the plantation. The remaining peasants aren't organized enough to run the farms themselves and wonder whether they will be paid now that the government took over the plantation. Yet one official glowingly said, "We've told the peasants that work must continue normally because they're now working for themselves."

The left organizations called a general strike that day throughout El Salvador in response to these fascist attacks, closing down factories, schools and farm production. The government, working with three 10-men military teams from the U.S., unleashed a reign of terror under the state of siege. The Treasury police armed with submachine guns attacked workers occupying the Beckman Instruments Co. After shooting their way into the building, these fascist goons

methodically took three workers into a separate room and shot them in the head. They then proceeded to hack another two workers to death with machetes, dismembering their bodies. Another four workers died in a similar raid on a coffee factory. Over 1,000 soldiers surrounded the National University with armored personnel carriers and machine guns, riddling all the buildings with bullet holes. They were trying to dislodge about 50 students who are members of the newly formed united front to overthrow the regime.

Over a hundred patriotic Salvadoreans have died since these so-called "reforms" were announced. Many of those murdered include students and children. Their bodies bear torture marks with rope burns around their necks showing that they had been strangled and their bodies riddled with bullets. This is in addition to the 600 others who have been massacred since the beginning of this year. The blood debt that will be collected from the U.S. and Salvadorian junta grows daily. □

Carter Bows to Zionist Pressure, Switches UN Vote

The U.S. voted on March 1, along with the other 14 UN Security Council members, to criticize Israel. Israel has been increasing its settlements in Arab territory seized during the 1967 Middle East War. Two days after the vote, Carter reversed the government's position and retracted the U.S. vote, causing a big uproar in the U.N. and discrediting the U.S. government.

At first, Carter claimed there had been a "communication problem" between Washington and the New York office of U.S. ambassador McHenry. When this ridiculous excuse failed to convince anyone, Secretary of State Vance took the blame.

But the fact is there was no mistake. The vote to condemn Israeli settlement in Arab lands was not because of carelessness or confusion. It was a conscious decision based on what's in the long-term interest of the U.S. The imperialists succeeded in getting Egypt's Sadat to sell out the Arab people's cause, especially the Palestinian people's fight to regain their homeland. Egypt signed the Camp David peace agreement with Israel. Breaking Egypt away from other Arab countries was itself a big gain for the U.S., and the imperialists hoped to use Israel and Egypt as a core to protect their interest in the Middle East. But this tactic backfired when most Arab countries condemned the sham peace plan and united tighter together to oppose U.S. imperialism and Zionist Israel. Israel's blatant policy of settling on Arab land further exposes Sadat's sellout and threatens any hope the U.S. has of fooling other Arab countries. That's why the U.S. condemned the Israeli settlements.

The U.S. original position in the UN vote was part of larger politics—to serve the imperialists' long-term interest. That McHenry was just doing as he was told

was proven when, a week after Carter switched the U.S. vote, the State Department made a statement publicly criticizing Israeli expropriation of 1,000 acres of Arab-owned land.

Then why did Carter overturn the U.S. vote in the UN? Because, besides big politics, there's small politics at work. Carter has to consider Zionist support in this country, especially since this is an election year. Immediately after the UN vote, the Zionist-controlled media such as the New York Times made it an issue, saying that McHenry was "pro-PLO" and so on. The Jewish Defense League took over Carter's campaign office and got a lot of media coverage. The reactionary public opinion generated pressured Carter into cancelling the U.S. vote.

Now McHenry is as sympathetic to the Palestinian people as Israel's Prime Minister Begin is. McHenry has been with the U.S. State Department for years. The fact that he's black means that he's proven his loyalty to the U.S. imperialists a hundred times over to be in a position as important as the U.S. ambassador to the UN. And he's more valuable to the imperialists too because he can pimp off his black skin to try to fool third world countries that he and the U.S. government are their friend. Where McHenry stands is clear from a statement he made right after this fuss began, "I don't want to identify myself or my predecessor as the black ambassador of the United States... I represent the United States government and speak for it."

What the whole incident shows is the relative independence of bourgeois politics in the U.S. The UN vote to condemn Israeli settlements is in the long-term interest of the U.S.—to preserve U.S. interests in the Middle East—but the government couldn't pull it off because of the big role the Zionists play in U.S. politics. This is just one example of the jam the U.S. imperialists are in today. □

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- * CONSPIRACY TO MURDER CHARGES AGAINST ALL 14 KLANSMEN AND NAZIS WHO WERE CHARGED WITH THE MURDERS HAVE NOW BEEN DROPPED.
- * RAEFORD CAUDLE, AN AVOWED KLANSMAN WHO HIMSELF BROUGHT MANY OF THE WEAPONS TO THE RALLY, HAS BEEN CLEARED OF ALL CHARGES AGAINST HIM. CAUDLE WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING WHERE THE CARAVAN WAS PLANNED.
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WASHINGTON, D.C.—“1-2-3-4, We Won't Fight Exxon's War!” “No Registration! No Draft! No War!” The chants rang out from Pennsylvania Ave., as the march made its way from the White House to Capitol Hill. All morning long, buses from all over had been converging on Washington, D.C. The sidewalks were lined with people unfurling their banners and readying their placards, undaunted by the chilling, 50 m.p.h. winds. And when the march began, everyone took to the street in what was the biggest, most powerful anti-draft demonstration since the anti-war movement of the 60's. Fifteen-thousand strong, they came from up and down the East Coast, the South and Midwest, raising voices as one to send Jimmy Carter their message. The American people don't want the draft or war; they want peace. They don't want their sons and daughters sent overseas to fight, to kill, and to die for the sake of Big Oil and politicians.

It's been just barely three months since Carter announced his registration plans and already the country is fired up angry. People are ready to fight the draft, but they also want to know how. Like a rude slap in the face, the draft is waking people up to one of the major political challenges of the 80's. They are asking why the draft is being revived particularly now and why the threat of war is so much greater today. They came to Washington with urgent questions on their minds and are wide open to revolutionary answers and genuine communist leadership. Now is the time to break wide open the struggle over which way forward for the anti-draft movement!

Masses Want Answers for the 80's, Speakers Want to Recall 60's

Who was there on March 22? You and I were there; the entire country was there. College students and high school students, mothers and fathers, union members and churchgoers. Some were veterans of the 60's movements. For others, this was their first demonstration, ever. Hundreds of young, previously uninvolved people came on a moments notice because they were handed a leaflet on a street corner, saw a poster in the subway, or heard about it over the radio. The draft, the thought of nuclear war, and the arms race threatens everyone's future with hardship and suffering. Broader and broader sectors of the population are being stirred to action. The memory of Viet Nam is not so distant that many can't recall the thousands of American youth, dead, shipped back to the states in U.S. Army body bags.

As people from all walks of life sat in the cold, wet grass and listened for hours to speeches, in a sense, the entire American public was sitting there and listening too.

But what did they hear?

Speaker after speaker talked of how the government's stepped up militarization is for “new wars of aggression, like in Viet Nam.” Pacifist folk songs and catchphrases like “here we go again . . .” made the rally out to be a nostalgic revival of the anti-war movement of the 60's. But this attitude, prevalent among the official to get out of the movement, misses the single one of the story on page 7.)

boat altogether. The U.S. isn't getting ready for a small war against a third world country like Viet Nam. They're squaring off for world war with the other imperialist superpower, the Soviet Union. This means that the stakes are a lot higher and today's anti-draft movement must know what it's up against.

For the capitalists, world war is their only way out of the economic crisis. It's their only hope, even if chances are slim, of regaining their lost position of top dog, imperialist over the leaner, hungrier and more aggressive Soviets.

For us, the capitalist economic crisis is already bringing 20% inflation, massive layoffs in stagnating industries like steel and auto, and severe cutbacks in education and social services. As our resistance grows in scale from widespread dissatisfaction to increasingly militant strikes and protest, to open rebellion, they will try to impose fascism—capitalist rule by naked force and terror.

As the economic crisis worsens and peoples' resistance grows, the bourgeoisie uses chauvinism to make Iranians, Communists, blacks, Jews and so on, the scapegoats for the crisis. This gets the capitalists system off the hook and weakens rising mass resistance.

The bourgeoisie is already trying to impose fascism. That's what Carter's secret court and the Nov. 3 massacre of the CWP 5 are all about.

On Nov. 3, when KKK/Nazi and FBI assassins murdered the CWP 5, these scum were aiming at the best fighters to come out of the mass movements of the 60's and the revolutionary leaders for the 80's. To bring on fascism the bourgeoisie must get rid of the leaders of the peoples' resistance. That's why the CWP 5 were killed and why the state arrested CWP member Nelson Johnson and two friends of the Party on Nov. 3 instead of the killer KKK/Nazis and FBI. Nelson has been charged with “inciting to riot” because this folk hero in Greensboro dared to expose the capitalist system as responsible for the murder of his comrades. One big way to fight the danger of fascism and world war is to join the fight to defend Nelson Johnson and the Greensboro 3 — demonstrate on May 4 in Washington, D.C. to free the Greensboro 3.

If the masses aren't clear on this, we won't be ready to fight and take advantage of the gathering revolutionary storm.

Beat Back Chauvinist Tide To Unleash Movement's Full Might

Even though the majority of Americans oppose the draft, that opposition doesn't flow from an integral understanding of imperialism and the spirit of proletarian internationalism. People don't yet see how liberation struggles, like the Islamic revolutionary movement in Iran and Afghanistan, although clothed in a religious form, weaken both superpowers, aid our struggle here, and delay the threat of world war.

That's why the statements by Ben Chavis of the Wilmington 10 and the anti-war activist, Tom Soto, in support of liberation movements in Iran, Zim-



babwe and Puerto Rico were not as warmly received at the rally. But it needed to be done. Going against the chauvinist tide, even within the anti-draft movement, is a crucial task and responsibility of communists and revolutionary-minded people, if the potential of the movement is to be fully unleashed.

But for certain forces in the movement, mobilizing the broad masses for revolution against world war and fascism is the farthest thing from their minds. Cheap political schemers like Michael Harrington of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee are content to keep today's movement in captive worship of the 60's.

He and other careerists will never come out and consistently support the Iranian Revolution because he's afraid of bucking the anti-Iran chauvinism whipped up by Carter in recent months. In fact, he's been mouthing chauvinist poison by condemning the taking as hostages U.S. spies parading as diplomats. Chauvinist hatred and suspicion of other nationalities is an especially sinister front of U.S. war preparation. The bourgeoisie uses it to channel the masses' anger and frustration into support for increased militarization and the draft. It wasn't until after Carter had whipped up the anti-Iran hysteria along with chauvinism against the Russian people (blaming them along with the Soviet government and ruling class for the Afghan invasion). The Russian workers are no more responsible for that imperialist invasion than the American people are for the CIA coup that brought the fascist Shah to power in Iran in 1953. Like us, the Russian masses suffer under the yoke of their capitalist slave masters. In fact, they suffer more because they live under the direct fascist rule of state monopoly capitalism.

Break Illusions in Reformist Politics

Harrington and others like him serve to diffuse the masses' resistance and are incapable of raising it to a higher level. For example, shortly after Bella Abzug (who supports the registration of women for the imperialist army, if only the ERA is passed) was booed at the rally for endorsing Kennedy. Harrington punked out and never mentioned Kennedy in his speech, even though this is his frequently stated, public position.

By pushing for one bourgeois politician over another, these misleaders are trying to smother the revolutionary potential of the movement into the two-party system, where it can be diffused and absorbed. Both parties are capitalist parties, with millions of dollars pumped

into them every election year by all the different capitalist groups. Politicians will say anything to get a vote, even contradict themselves, but they all fall into line when it comes down to pushing the strategic interests of U.S. imperialism — like war preparations.

The CWP and our friends will be at the 1980 Democratic Convention in New York City this summer. There we will expose this hypocrisy of bourgeois democracy and put forth the only solution to capitalist oppression, socialist revolution.

The only party that can really consistently fight the draft and all U.S. war preparations is the party that is fighting to overthrow the entire U.S. imperialist system, the Communist Workers Party, USA. Only through socialist revolution, the violent, armed insurrection by the workers and all oppressed peoples, led by the Party, against the ruling capitalist class can the source of imperialist war and the need for a draft be ended.

Push Out & Take The Struggle To The Masses

Polarization within the anti-draft movement will spontaneously occur just as it is already occurring within American society at large. Many of the young people who were swept up into the anti-Iran scapegoating just a few short months ago are now marching and leafletting against the draft. But we can and must speed up this polarization to the Party's view and organization. We must push out and take the struggle over which way forward for the anti-draft movement directly to the masses.

What really made the Mar. 22 mobilization a great success was the limitless enthusiasm of the masses in their thousands to fight. People, especially the youth, are already posing sharp questions and gaining important lessons in the fight against the draft and imperialist war preparations that leave the so-called “leaders” of the movement far behind. With the leadership and support of the Communist Workers Party, this movement will flourish, producing new communist fighters and leaders helping to put U.S. imperialism in its grave.

Demonstrating on May 4 to free Nelson Johnson and the Greensboro 3, exposing the hypocrisy of capitalist democracy at the 1980 Democratic Convention as well as preparing for the April 12-13 Northeast Conference Against the Draft at City College in New York City, are all part of the fight to beat back fascism and world war 3. □

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