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CWP Victory in Skirmish With KKK/State **KOKOMO DEFINES CLASS STRUGGLE OF THE 80's**



In the front ranks of the anti-Klan march, CWP fighters stood off the Kokomo police riot squad and protected demonstrators.

KOKOMO, In., April 26—This small Indiana town, long a stronghold of Klan terror, had never seen anything like it. With ranks tight, over 200 people marched the streets of downtown Kokomo, and the demonstrators led by the Communist Workers Party came into view down Sycamore Street near the courthouse. Met by 200 riot police, rooftop snipers on alert and the police helicopters circling overhead, the march ranks surged forward. Just minutes before the ragtag band of over 30 Klan scum had marched once around the courthouse. With 30 policemen as a buffer between them and angry community people, the Klan slogged quietly, carrying small signs, and never stepping out to pass out their poisonous literature or even to respond to the crowd's taunts. These white-sheeted cowards never got a chance to rally. As anti-Klan marchers hit the street, the police gave the signal and the Klan scrambled down a back alley into a waiting police van. *Continued on page 14*

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INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY 1980

A Time To Prepare For The Dictatorship Of The Proletariat

May 1st, May Day, International Workers Day is a glorious holiday of the world proletariat (workers) united in struggle. It originated with the General Strike of 1886 for the 8-hour day, in the center of the industrial heartland of America—Chicago. But why do we never learn of it in history class nor see it marked on the calendar?

1880's—Rise of Imperialism

On May 1, 1886, 350,000 workers from over 11,500 factories all across the country poured onto the streets demanding the 8-hour day. In New York, 25,000 workers staged a torch-light parade down Broadway through the middle of the city. At this head were 3000 bakery workers, signifying the daily awakening of the non-skilled strata.

What significance does it hold for us today? In the second half of the 19th century, U.S. industries shot forward like a rocket, overtaking those in the old capitalist countries like England and France. The end of the Civil War saw the defeat of southern plantation slavery and swept aside the major obstacle blocking the development of capitalism in the U.S. By the 1880's, U.S. had already leaped to first place among industrial countries, this was achieved at the expense of the U.S. proletariat.

From the Civil War to World War II, there were 6 economic crises (1866, 1873, 1882, 1893, 1903, and 1907). The 1873 crisis was the most severe during the period of transition from capitalism to imperialism. 47,000 factories were closed and more than 3,000,000 workers were thrown into the streets. The Panic of 1882 gutted the life savings of thousands of working class families. Bone-weary children worked round-the-clock shifts, under crippling conditions, and were chained to their machines 12-14 hours a day. The bosses cynically boasted that the beds of the children were never cold. One would drag himself out of bed for the long workday ahead, while another would fall in his place, exhausted. And their parents toiling in the sweat shops and factories led wasted lives, often dying in their early 40's due to exhaustion and disease. But the greater the punishing conditions, the greater was the outrage and fury of the resistance.

8-Hour Day Movement Shock Imperialists

The heroic U.S. working class launched a powerful strike movement against the economic exploitation and political oppression by the bourgeoisie. The 1877 strike by railroad workers of the three major rail lines to the west was the first national strike in U.S. history. The nationwide and cross-trade support movement brought chills to the bourgeoisie who cried, "This is not a strike, this is revolution!"

The strike wave in the 1880's not only demanded the 8-hour day and improvement in working conditions but some even raised the call to reorganize society on a socialist basis. The strike movement of the Chicago workers was the most intense and influential.

Chicago's capitalists even in normal times were

This picture represents the downtrodden millions are rising up against their oppressors. May Day, 1980, we will continue in the heroic footsteps of the Haymarket martyrs and also blaze a new path of struggle for socialist revolution in the coming decade.



known for their savagery. Most officers of the police department drew pay from the corporations as well as from the city. But the employers, not satisfied with the militia and Pinkertons (armed guards specializing in strike-breaking), also formed their private goon squads. The Chicago Central Labor Union in 1885 responded by recommending to its locals that "the workers arm in answer to the employment of Pinkertons, police and militia by their employers." Trade unions and Socialist clubs were forming defense companies, particularly in Chicago.

So the tension mounted all through March and April, like a thermometer in the sun, as daily thousands more pledged strike on May 1. Furniture makers, shoe-workers, printers—all united so that by the last week of April, 62,000 Chicago workers had resolved to strike.

May 1 dawned a sunny, warm spring day in Chicago. It was Saturday, ordinarily a day of work. But the city had the appearance of a day of rest: factories were still and empty, warehouses closed, railcars idle, construction halted, stockyards silent, and no columns of smoke ascending from factory chimneys. Crowds of workers in their Sunday best, accompanied by their husbands, wives and children assembled for a march. Michigan Avenue was filled with a holiday spirit. But on side streets and nearby roofs the atmosphere was grim.

Off the main route of the march companies of armed police and special officers were gathering. On strategic rooftops police, Pinkertons, and militia were stationed with rifles and other war equipment. In the state armor-

ies 1,350 members of the National Guard were mobilized and armed with Gatling guns (machine guns) and ready to march in a moment's notice. But the day passed without incident.

Haymarket Square Assault Aimed At Strike Leaders

Monday, May 3, the police shot 6 strikers of the McCormick Harvester Works when the workers were confronting scabs. This brutal act fueled the anger and grief of the workers. A leaflet announcing a protest meeting made the call: "Workingmen Arm Yourselves and Appear in Full Force!"

At 7:30, evening of May 4, 3000 workers gathered at Haymarket Square to commemorate their martyred class brothers. Around 10 o'clock, a storm was gathering and the meeting was near its end. Two-thirds of the protestors had already left. At this point, 180 cops, in military formation, their clubs drawn, came on the scene to forcibly disperse the crowd. Suddenly, an agent provocateur threw a bomb into the square, killing one policeman, wounding about 60 people (five died later). The cops then fired into the crowd, killing several workers and wounding 200 or more.

Every piece of evidence after the incident pointed to the fact that the bomb-thrower was an anarchist hired by the police. The Haymarket affair was pre-mediated. The bourgeoisie wanted to use it as a launching pad to disintegrate the labor movement. The state arrested several hundred workers, including the strike

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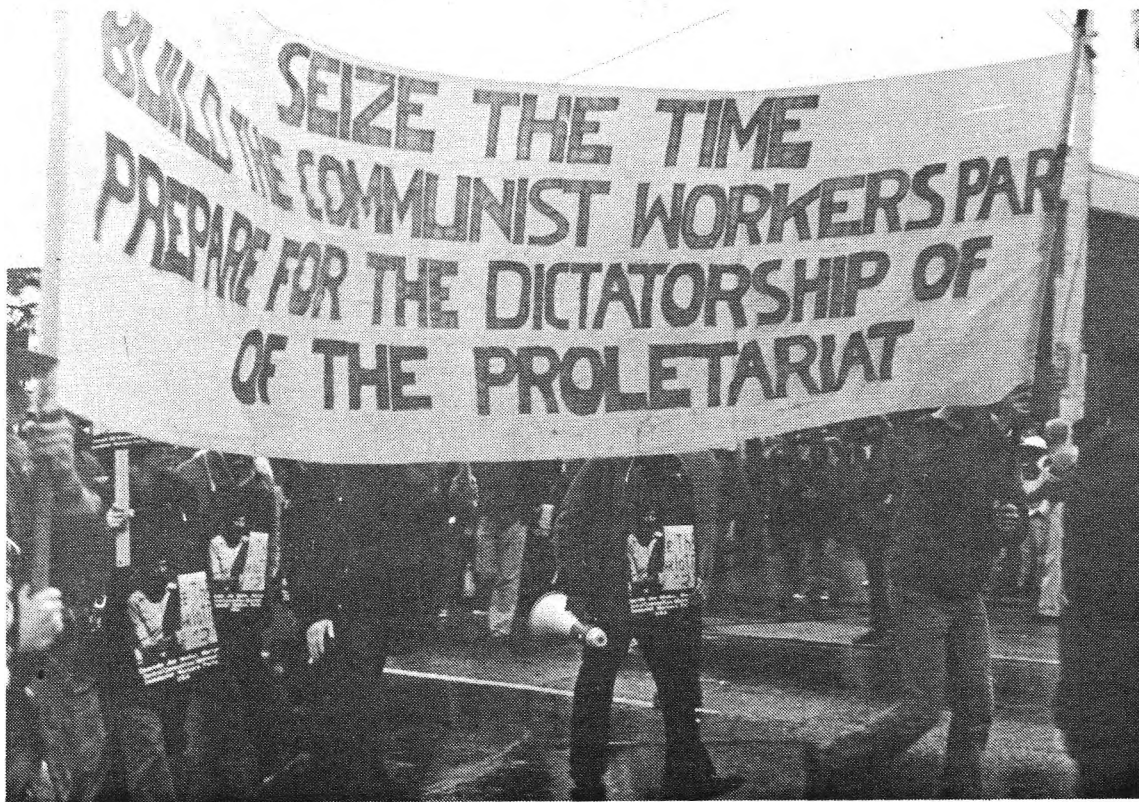
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STUDY MARXISM

Why Socialism Is The Only Solution



The banner of the CWP at the Nov. 11 funeral march to denounce the murders of our five comrades by the FBI and the Klan. The only way to avenge their deaths is to fight for socialism and end this criminal rule of U.S. monopoly capitalists once and for all.

Under capitalism, the majority of working people are doomed to a life of wage-slavery, of back-breaking, monotonous toil because a few monopoly capitalists control the political apparatus (the police, army, courts, government agencies) and own the means of production (raw materials, machines, tools, factories). With this power of control and ownership, they decide what and how much gets produced according to how much money they can make and not what the needs of the people are. These monopoly capitalists also decide how the goods are distributed and who gets to spend most of the money made from selling the goods. That's why under capitalism, the majority of the people who work day in and day out can't even afford a decent place to live. Meanwhile people like Rockefeller have private mansions in different cities and all over the world. That's also why under capitalism, welfare mothers can barely scrape by feeding a whole family with only \$500 a month, while Jackie Onassis pays twice that for a handkerchief. This exploitative distribution system also creates a situation where more money is spent on tanks and missiles when public transportation is cut back and the fares jacked up beyond the means of the broad masses.

To break the chains of wage slavery once and for all, we must first seize control over the government and the means of production through armed struggle, thus taking away from the capitalists the basis of their stranglehold over us. Under socialism, we will have the dictatorship of the proletariat. The proletariat and the oppressed people will become masters of the new society. For the first time after centuries of forced labor for the exploiter, it will become possible to work for ourselves, and to really unleash the initiative and talent of the broad masses and harness all the achievements of modern technology for the benefit of the majority.

This means the working class, under the leadership of our own Party, the Communist Workers Party (who will have led us in the revolution to overthrow our oppressors and exploiters) will administer and run our own government and command our army. With military force and the masses behind us, we will confiscate the property of the monopoly capitalists—nationalize the banks, the auto, oil and energy (oil, coal) industries and the agribusinesses. We will not confiscate the property of the petty bourgeois class. These people such as owners of individual franchises belonging to big chains like McDonald's, doctors, lawyers, small business executives, self-employed carpenters, tailors, mom-and-pop store owners, independent truckers and small farmers, etc. will be allowed to keep their property. But they can't expand at will, nor expand and accumulate.

Every factory which the capitalist has been kicked out of, every government agency which has been unshackled from the bourgeois bureaucracy will be an arena where the worker can "reveal his talents, unbend his back a little,

rise to his full height, and feel that he is a human being." (Lenin, "How To Organise Competition," *Collected Works*, Vol. 26, p. 407)

Once the banks, the factories and the land have become the property of the working people (i.e., socialist public ownership), we must ourselves "take account of and control the production and distribution of products." (*Ibid.*, p. 411) This is the essence of socialist transformation once political rule of the proletariat has been established and secured. This accounting and controlling of production and distribution can only be implemented by the working people, no longer in the pursuit of profit, but for the satisfaction of the growing need of the socialist state and the broad masses. Socialist production will consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat by strengthening the economy, building up national defense, raising the level of culture, education and health. It also serves to support the revolutionary struggles of the people of the world. Only through the revolutionary enthusiasm and conscientious co-operation of the majority of workers and oppressed people can we account and control the rich, the bourgeois intellectuals and incorrigible criminals.

We must show no mercy to the enemies of the working people, enemies of socialism. Only the dictatorship of the proletariat can conquer these dregs of human society, this ulcer which socialism has inherited from capitalism. War against the rich and their hangers-on, the bourgeois intellectuals, war on the hardened criminals will be continued and even stepped up! This is because after they are overthrown, the bourgeoisie will attempt to kick up a counter-revolutionary storm to retrieve their lost paradise. They will maximize their international connections and ties to instigate foreign attack or internal subversion.

Socialism will eliminate the soil for a lot of petty crimes—those "criminals" who are driven to steal, rob and even kill by poverty and a desire to escape their exploitation. The real criminals under capitalism are the bourgeoisie themselves who rob workers blind through inflation and taxation and murder millions by launching imperialist war and using the Klan to assassinate the leaders of the workers. We will execute the most ruthless of them. We will imprison others so they can't carry out subversive activities against socialism. The petty criminals can be transformed through re-education and work and given a new life. Then they will be placed under the special surveillance of the entire people. Anybody found guilty of attempting to sabotage socialist construction will be harshly punished. Any hesitation or mercy shown in this respect will be a tremendous crime against socialism and merciless to the broad masses of people.

With the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat and socialist public ownership of the means of production, the groundwork is laid to deal with relations among the people and distribution. In socialist

society where working people are the masters of social production, naturally we are also masters of social products. Therefore their distribution will follow the principle benefiting the majority of working people and not according to the principle that benefits the exploiting class. Only in this way can we gain victory over all exploitation, over all poverty and want. The U.S. is a rich country, abundant in grain, timber, cotton, iron and coal—more than enough to satisfy the needs of everyone if only labor and its products are correctly distributed. The socialist principle of distribution is "from each according to his ability, to each according to his work." This is clear and simple—everyone who works conscientiously will have bread, clothing, good housing and other things to make life comfortable. All who are willing to work will have no problem getting a job. The disabled and elderly will be well taken care of. Those who are able but do not work will not be rewarded with the social benefits enjoyed by others—free education and childcare provided by each factory, workpoints in exchange for decent housing, food, clothing.

The realization of this socialist principle is a profound revolution in history. It fundamentally negates the distribution system of all exploiting classes; "he who works does not get to eat and he who doesn't work gets to eat." For the first time in human history, the broad masses of laborers enjoy a certain degree of equality and justice. However it is still limited and inferior to the communist principle of "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need." This can only come after continuous struggle under socialism to rid society of the old exploiting class and its ideology and to develop communist initiative and consciousness.

For the first time ever in human history, labor changes from a means of livelihood to a means of creativity, an integral part of revolutionary work, respected and treasured by all at all times. Production, political class struggle, and scientific experiments are the three fronts of class struggle under socialism. These are the great and heroic tasks with which socialist revolution will challenge the working people. We will boldly meet this challenge, assume our new position as ruler with vigor, authority and initiative. We have to regard production not with the old point of view of the slave whose sole aim is to lighten the burden of labor or to obtain a little bit from the bourgeoisie. Rather we must tackle the historic task of building a socialist society by unleashing and tapping the vast reservoir of abilities, talents and intelligence of the masses which have been dammed up by the capitalists.

This is just a rough sketch of the bright socialist future we're fighting for. In later issues, we will go more in depth into key aspects to give it substance and color. These will include what is the dictatorship of the proletariat (how will socialist government work in the U.S.); how socialist relations of production will resolve inflation, unemployment, danger of war, pollution, etc.; socialist art and culture and socialist foreign policy.

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Why Gov't/Finance Capitalists Couldn't Let 1st Penn. Fall

On April 28, the First Pennsylvania Bank, 23rd largest in the country, was threatened with bankruptcy after losing \$6.4 million in the first quarter of 1980. Immediately, the government, through the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation), got 26 other banks together to bail out the First Pennsylvania with loans totalling \$1.5 billion.

Threat to 1st Penn. Based On Normal Operation

This exposed the dangerous position banks are in today, the most dangerous of any time in its history.

The reason why First Pennsylvania was threatened with collapse was not caused by a massive loss on speculation, not because a stock market crashed, not because one of its major corporate clients went under. There was no "outside" cause of its threatened collapse. The threat to the bank was based on its normal operation. And this shows how dangerous the situation is for even stable banks in the 80's.

The reason that First Pennsylvania (and a number of other banks, including some of the biggest in the country, are in the same state) almost went under is because they were caught with large amounts of long-term, low interest loans outstanding and portfolios full of low yielding bonds at a time when the inflation rates was skyrocketing and the government was hiking up interest rates

to 16% on the money it lent to Federal Reserve member banks. Thus First Pennsylvania borrowing high interest, short-term loans to finance the securities it bought between 1976 and 1979 saw losses amounting to \$6.4 million in the first three months of 1980 alone.

Under Imperialism Whole Economy Easily Endangered

Before the rise of imperialism, a collapse of a company, even a big company, would wipe out its investors but rarely would it cause a general collapse of the entire economy. But with the domination of finance capital in the era of imperialism — the merger of bank capital with industrial capital — major banks (the center of finance capital) control literally hundreds of corporations. The collapse of a major corporation like Lockheed or Chrysler can lead to collapse of the banks themselves. As the banks collapse, the corporations they hold get drawn down with them and the financial crisis can set off a tidal wave of bankruptcies throughout the economy.

Facing the situation where the collapse of First Pennsylvania could set off a chain reaction down the line, with other corporations and other banks being sucked down with it, the Federal Government stepped in.

Banks in Danger Greater Today Than Ever Before

In the crash of 1929, banks collapsed

as the stock market crashed since large amounts of money was lent out to speculate on the stock market. As stock values dived, many of those loans went into default causing massive losses to the banks, driving them under. This cause of bank failures (because of speculative activity) started to show up again in the crisis of 1974-75.

While most corporations suffered big drops in profits in the recession years of 1975, certain industries showed heavy net losses — \$52 million in airlines and \$240 million in real estate companies. At the same time, the airlines owed banks a total of \$14 million in outstanding loans, and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT's) — special subsidiaries created by major banks to aggressively pursue real estate lending — owed \$11 billion.

The inability of airlines and REIT's and some other types of firms to pay their debts to banks sent shock waves through the rest of the economy. The largest bank failures in U.S. history took place in 1973 and 1974 — the Franklin National Bank in New York and the San Diego National Bank. 300 other banks would fail in that crisis, and even Chase Manhattan and Citibank — the second and third largest banks then — were on the bank regulator's problem list.

And as the Hunt silver fiasco showed, speculative activity has increased and as banks get deeper and deeper into it, the chances of them being brought to col-

lapse and setting off a chain reaction of collapses increased along with it.

Other Banks Out On a Limb Ready To Be Cut Off

Today, the biggest banks are in deep trouble. In the mid-40's, the commercial banks loaned out around 20% of the funds available to them from depositors, with the balance held in liquid assets. Today, over 75% of depositors' funds have been loaned out with some banks loaning out as much as 90%. It is no mere coincidence that this is the same level they reached before the 1929 crash. Moreover, according to *Business Week* (April 21, 1980) today bank equity is supporting a higher level of assets than even five years ago. Indeed, by the end of 1980 that ratio is expected to fall below 4% — each \$1 of equity now supporting \$25 of loans and investments. And for every \$1 of stable core deposits, the banks are carrying more than \$2 of purchased money that can be withdrawn at short notice. In other words, the banks today — including the biggest banks — are sitting on top of a foundation of sand which at any moment could shift right out from under them.

On top of this, corporate borrowing from the banks — even with the massive increases in interest rates — has been skyrocketing as businesses scramble for loans at any price to beat future inflated rates and government controls on borrowing.

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INFLAMMABLE DECADE AHEAD Armed Rebellion Explodes Over Wichita Police Brutality



Five squad cars and a police bus were overturned and burned in the rebellion sparked by police brutality.



The Wichita pigs, representatives of the state, were clearly the target of the masses' rage.

On April 23, the Afro-American community in northeast Wichita exploded in a spontaneous rebellion after the Wichita police savagely beat a black youth.

That evening, the police tried to arrest a black youth on the pretext of investigating a shooting that happened earlier. They chased him into a laundry, where his brother happened to be. When his brother stood up to defend him, the pigs beat him unconscious, and threw him through a plate glass window, possibly knocking out his eye. The police trampled a small child in the process, and when they pinned down the youth that they were chasing, they put a gun to his head.

The masses' response was immediate. Shots rang out throughout the night as the black community took to the streets. Five police cars and the bus that brought the police reinforcements were burned to a crisp. Small groups of black youth waged spontaneous guerilla warfare with the cops, attacking the pigs with rocks, bottles and Molotov cocktails and fading back into the security of the masses.

The police decended on the black community with gestapo tactics. More

than 300 cops started a wholesale search of homes in the northeast Wichita area without warrants, while state troopers and university police were on standby.

There was a brief lull in the fighting, but after the police made a show of force sweeping through the community, the fighting picked up where it had left off. Although there were reports of whites passing through the area getting their cars stoned and overturned, there is no question that the police were the main target of the fury of Wichita's black community.

Wichita is a solidly working class city of about 250,000, that's right in the heart of Kansas' wheat belt. Wichita is 10% Afro-American. In recent years black and white working class youth have had sharp skirmishes with the police. Two years ago, in the Hermans Hill riot, white youth fought a day-long battle with the police after the cops stormed a rock concert. That same summer, the Afro-American community fought the pigs for two days with rocks and sand bottles, after a young black man was beaten by the police.

The Wichita uprising shows how inflammable the 80's are. The pent-up anger and frustration of the U.S. people

is so high that any police attack or any strike could erupt into armed battle with the police. In Washington, Indiana, the scene of a bitter five month strike against the Evans Krailear Company striking workers have fought armed skirmishes to keep scabs out of the plant. Late last week, Washington was put on an indefinite curfew, from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., after the mayor's house was the most recent target in a series of fire-bombings.

The 80's will be a decade of stormy class battles and desperate attempts by the monopoly capitalists to save their rule. The Afro-American masses in Wichita have splendidly proven that the U.S. people will meet the fascist offensive of the 80's with determined armed resistance. Faced with unprecedented attacks by the monopoly capitalists, the resistance of the U.S. people is at a higher level of militancy that demands a higher level of leadership and organization, which the Communist Workers Party can provide. We will take the tremendous new militancy and energy of the American people and direct it toward the larger task of smashing the capitalist state, seizing state power through force of arms and establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat: □

Bourgeoisie Trying To Impose Fascism Now

FBI Raids Harlem Tenants

NEW YORK, N.Y.—The 80's will mean undreamed of suffering for the American people as the bourgeoisie tries to put the burden of the capitalist economic crisis on their backs. Mass resistance will be fierce. Scenes like Washington, Indiana where striking workers are fighting armed battles to keep scabs out of the plant and Wichita, Kansas where Afro-Americans staged an armed rebellion against police brutality in their community will be repeated again and again all over the country, each more militant than the other.

To break the people's resistance and save their rule, the monopoly capitalists will have to impose fascism—terroristic rule of the bourgeoisie stripped of its bourgeois democratic fig leaf. What happened at 92 Morningside Avenue in New York City on April 19 is a sharp example that the bourgeoisie is already trying to bring on fascism.

FBI Rampages Through Harlem Apartment House

Early that morning 50 FBI agents and New York City cops stormed this well-kept apartment house located on the western edge of Harlem. Nine police vans, six squad cars, two undercover cars, a weapons carrier and a S.W.A.T. gang (Special Weapons and Tactics) all swarmed over the building like a pack of rabid dogs.

"All I heard was loud noise and a few seconds later an order to come out with my hands up. When I came from my bed-

room, I found several rifles pointed at me," described Mrs. Eburn Adelona. FBI agent-in-charge McFarlane ordered his fellow goons to search her third-floor apartment. Drawers and closets were ransacked, a mirror, window and a door jamb were broken. Mrs. Adelona herself was subjected to a degrading body search.

Then one of the raiders walked over, looked her up and down and hissed, "No, she's not Joanne Chesimard." There had been a massive FBI dragnet out after Joanne Chesimard (Assata Shakur) ever since she escaped from the New Jersey prison. She was jailed there after being convicted for killing a state trooper. Mrs. Adelona, now studying for a PhD. at nearby Columbia University, had helped raise funds for Shakur's legal defense.

After busting into two other apartments on the same floor, both vacant, FBI agents raced up to the residence of Bibi Angola and her husband on the 7th floor. She had also helped work on the Shakur case. "They said if we didn't open the door they were going to break it down. My husband looked through the peep hole and saw a badge and a shotgun pointed at the door, shadows in the hallway, and someone crouching near the elevator. When we let them in they went through everything—including all our drawers and the stove."

During the whole FBI rampage no one was allowed in or out of the building, and anyone who asked questions or pro-

tested was brutally attacked. "One fellow was hit with the butt of a gun, and another fellow was dragged down the stairs."

This whole FBI action was done without a search warrant of any kind, just three days after the U.S. Supreme Court said it is unconstitutional for government authorities to invade a person's home without a warrant. The Supreme Court ruling is a diversion meant to shore up people's illusion about democracy under capitalism; meanwhile the truth is that the only ethic the state knows is total lawlessness. If these dogs can get away with this, what's to stop them from fur-

on the FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility to look into the incident. Anyone in 1980 who believes that the FBI will actually investigate itself is just asking to be attacked. The only responsibility this FBI office has is to see to it that any FBI crimes are professionally whitewashed.

The fact that Rangel is trying to set up the tenants of 92 Morningside as king-size suckers is no accident. He's a staunch backer for Carter's re-election. Carter is the one who in his State of the Union Address urged "loosening the reins" on agencies that would be vague enough to justi-

"Raid first, find the laws later"

ther attacking the leadership of the Communist Workers Party, or any organization or individual who dares to stand up against the hell of life under capitalism.

Testing Water For More to Come

What is the larger significance of this attack and why is the FBI doing it now? The bourgeoisie is trying to impose fascism now. The FBI raid in Harlem is a test to see how much the American people will let them get away with.

By thumbing its nose at the Supreme Court ruling, the FBI is openly flaunting its contempt for bourgeois legality, which the Court is a symbol of. Bourgeois democracy has never meant democracy for the people. As the prosecutor of the Haymarket Martyrs in the 1880's said, "raid first, find the laws later" (see May Day article on page 2 of this issue). It has always meant dictatorship over the masses and freedom for the bourgeoisie to exploit and oppress the masses. But up till now the bourgeoisie's main form of rule has been through reform. As long as the U.S. was the top-dog imperialist power in the world it could exploit the developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America and bully second world countries like Japan and Germany. From their vast hoard of superprofits, the U.S. imperialists could use a few crumbs to bribe poverty pimps and misleaders who sidetrack the people's struggles into legalistic dead-ends.

But today, the second world and especially third world countries are standing up to U.S. imperialism. The rising liberation and independence struggles in the third world has cut off the flow of blood-stained superprofits into the U.S. and thus weakens the bourgeoisie's ability to buy off misleaders. No longer can the monopoly capitalists export economic crisis to the shores of the third and second world. Like chickens coming home to roost, the economic crisis is awakening the American people, stirring them to question the whole capitalist system. The bourgeoisie's rule is crumbling and they're getting desperate. The smoke-screen of bourgeois democracy and "freedom" is fast becoming a luxury the ruling class can't afford. The eighties will see the bourgeoisie unleash full-blown fascist terror against the American people unless attacks like that in Harlem are beat back now.

Outraged, residents went to their Congressman, Charles Rangel. While Rangel pretended to be sympathetic and even promised an investigation, his aim is to cool out the people's anger and bury it in bureaucratic red-tape. Rangel sent a letter complaining about the raid to Attorney General Civiletti. Civiletti in turn called

fy any dirty tricks they may pull. Rangel doesn't give a damn about the people who have been or will be terrorized by the FBI. All he cares about is serving his miserable political career.

"Devils," that's what Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini called the U.S. imperialists. This description stems from the Iranian people's deep understanding of the nature of the imperialists from their own experience. What else do you call an enemy who uses little demons like the CIA that comes into the country in the dead of night and murder hundreds in Zaire, Allende in Chile and so on, and turn class brother against brother? What else do you call an FBI who attacks under the cover of darkness and murdered Fred Hampton, Malcolm X away from the light of public view. Only little devils scheme behind the scenes to use scum like the Klan/Nazis to split the working class and divide the people's resistance. When their tricks are blocked by the people's leaders like the Communist Workers Party 5 who organized and united the people, devilish FBI agents use the Klan/Nazis to assassinate revolutionary leaders, just as they murdered the CWP 5. And what's most sinister of all, the bourgeoisie then has the nerve to cite the law to prosecute other victims of their fascist attacks like CWP member Nelson Johnson and the Greensboro 3, and now other friends of the Party who were present on Nov. 3. This kind of upside-down justice, rotten to the core with hypocrisy, is the fiendish logic of a fascist U.S. A.

The American people must smash this rising fascism. One of the main ways to do this is to join the fight to free the Greensboro 3 and avenge the murder of the CWP 5. Join the Communist Workers Party, our friends and other progressive, anti-fascist organizations and individuals when we demonstrate at the Democratic National Convention in New York City's Madison Square Garden in August. We're going to crash their Garden Party and serve notice to the imperialist politicians that we won't stand for a fascist U.S.A. or a World War III.

Eburn Adelona and her neighbors aren't about to let Rangel make political hay out of their lives. They've already had two mass meetings to talk about what to do. Demonstrations are planned for April 29 and May 10. The National Conference of Black Lawyers and the American Civil Liberties Union have both agreed to take up legal suits. The residents are determined to see justice done. The Communist Workers Party will do whatever we can to help and make sure that the FBI gangsters don't get away with this crime. □



Mrs. Hymen, looking at her wrecked apartment after the FBI raid. She was "lucky" she wasn't home to face the FBI terrorism.

Monfort's Meatpacking Shutdown Knifes Greeley In The Heart

Last month, the Monfort Meatpacking Plant in Greeley, Colorado shut down. Over 1,000 people, including supervisors, saw their entire lives go up in smoke. Among the laid off workers are some who worked at the plant when it started production in 1960.

When Monfort opened the plant 20 years ago, it employed 25 workers and killed 24 heads of beef a day. Now, the plant's capacity is 2,200 heads of beef in a single shift. The shutdown of the largest employer in Greeley sent shockwaves throughout the town. Other business dependent on Monfort will also close. The Chilewich Processing Corp. closed immediately. Its manager said, "If they don't take those hides off the animals we're just out of business."

Monfort's move came as no surprise to the workers. Ken Monfort, King of Meatpacking in Colorado, will do anything and go anywhere no matter what suffering he causes to extract maximum profits. Recently, workers were forced to strike for six weeks because Monfort slapped a three year wage freeze on them (see Meat Packers Challenge Slaughterhouse Unionbusting, WV, Feb. 16, 1980). A wage freeze is hard to swallow when Monfort spent \$1-1/2 million on a new plant, bought three new plants for \$50 million. He even bought a new plant dur-

ing the Greeley strike to maintain his profits.

With the U.S. economy in permanent crisis, the cutthroat competition between different monopoly capitalists intensifies as they fight desperately to survive. This crisis is driving more capitalists to throw workers out in the streets, close down factories and relocate. Such "runaway shops" usually go overseas where capitalists can pay workers even less and extract more profits. In the Southwest,

where a large Mexican and Latino population exists, workers are subject to slavish, sweatshop jobs. The capitalists use this pool of undocumented and nonunionized workers to extract their superprofits.

The state of the meatpacking industry is very precarious so even the largest meatcutters like Monfort may go under. This of course leads to more exploitation of the workers in the form of layoffs or productivity. This impoverishment is sure

to turn the workers' burning hatred for capitalists like Monfort into a raging fire against the whole bourgeoisie and their state. The following is a letter from a meatcutter. He calls on us to step up our communist propaganda. Without this, the workers will not see beyond the individual capitalist to the crisis of monopoly capitalism and the need for socialist revolution.—ed.

Monforts of Colorado Closure Dear WV,

After a six month struggle with its workers, Monforts of Colorado (MOC) shut down its Greeley Packing house, sending an estimated 1,200 people out of work and

the Ruling Class. During the entire strike the union never went on the offensive, instead it was used as a restraint and rechanneled the workers' anger and energy. The union relied on the Rich man's legal system and sent the workers back to work without a contract. There they faced the most blatant harassment and dangerous speed-ups, for example, they were not allowed restroom breaks during the entire four hour afternoon work period and the most outspoken were fired. CWP sympathizers were rebaited, they were seen as trouble makers by a union that wanted to remain passive and ineffective. Even now as the terms for closure are being negotiated, the workers are being left out in the dark. No one knows if

"Truly the Monfort workers are to be praised"

shaking the northern Colorado economy, which had been made dependent on MOC's operations.

There was no alternative, the Beef Industry is in a crisis. Like the rest of the economy, there is a bitter struggle among the larger corporations, and in the end, the smaller producers will be swallowed up and monopolies will reign. Many within the Industry predict that within a very short time all beef slaughtered in the U.S. will be done in 10 packing houses—owned by either Iowa Beef, MBPXL, Inc., Stevens Beef and, if its survives, Monforts of Colorado.

In the scramble for dominance the workers are sacrificed, and capitalists take the offensive. Concessions and wage increases are either reduced or eliminated. MOC wanted its workers to accept a three year wage freeze and a reduction in their health care benefits, disastrous in a job as dangerous as meatcutting. But Greeley's butcher workers stood steadfast and MOC was forced to retreat.

But it spat fire as it retreated. To make sure that these ardent working class fighters could not get other jobs in the area, MOC used its bourgeois news media to blame the plants closure on "low productivity, high labor costs, and sabotage." The same people who for years built MOC were now labelled as criminals and bums.

Local 641 of the United Food and Commercial Workers was also being exposed as a tool, not of the working class, but of

the union is asking for a clause requiring MOC to obligate any new owner to rehire former employees as a condition of sale.

A bitter irony is seen when MOC's lackey "supervisors" appear alongside the workers they harassed on the unemployment line. However, we must strive to win over this element, as suggested by WV of Feb. 23 (Notes on "Speech in Defense of Tactics...") for the lesson that Capitalism has no loyalties but to profits has never been brought closer to home than now.

Again the CWP's line proved correct, and as a result many advanced were won over. Yet we can't help but feel that many more were overlooked, but we will learn from our mistakes, and from observing concrete (local) current struggles.

In his speech to the 7th Congress of the Russian Communist Party (Collected Works, Vol. XXII, pp. 313-330), Lenin correctly stated "...If you say that behind every strike hides the hydra [i.e., the hidden desire or potential] of revolution that is true and whoever does not understand that is no socialist. Yes, behind every strike hides the socialist revolution. But if you say that every given strike is a direct step toward a socialist revolution then you are uttering an empty phrase." Truly the Monfort workers are to be praised.

J.G.
March 28, 1980
Greeley, Colorado

TIME TO TAKE THINGS INTO OUR OWN HANDS



In a small Pa. town, 200 to 300 workers on strike since October erupted in anger, overturning scabs' cars in the plant parking lot.

LATROBE, Pa. —For several hours on the night of Mar. 25, 200 to 300 picketers, many wearing ski masks, hurled stones through the plant office windows, smashed car windows, slashed tires, and overturned a number of cars in the plant parking lot. Inside, 55 management scabs cowered, whining they were being held hostage by the very men whose jobs they stole.

The 410 strikers are members of United Auto Workers Local 1984 who have been on strike at the Latrobe Die Casting Co. plant since Oct. 20. The workers have refused to give in on issues as mandatory overtime, seniority and transfer rights, absenteeism and other work rules. Negotiations have been broken off for a while, and after Westmoreland County sheriff's deputies served a court injunction limiting pickets to four at each of the two gates, the workers' anger erupted.

About 50 pickets returned after daylight the next day. Scabs, who planned to go to work, turned around and went back home. County Judge Keim escalated the attacks with an injunction limiting the picketers to three at each gate, and putting the state police on standby.

But during a two-month wildcat strike at the plant in 1977, it took the intervention of U.S. marshals, backed by riot-equipped state police, to enforce a federal court order allowing trucks to cross picket lines and bring out products, dies and tools. In an area like western Pennsylvania, where steelworkers, coal miners, and other workers are born and bred as union workers, the proud union tradition of fighting violence with violence is not about to be blocked easily. Thousands of workers, not just in large plants, unions, and cities, but in every corner across the country, are becoming aware that the capitalist system is killing them. The spontaneous militant resistance is rising rapidly. And like the Latrobe picketers, workers are saying it is time to take things into their own hands.

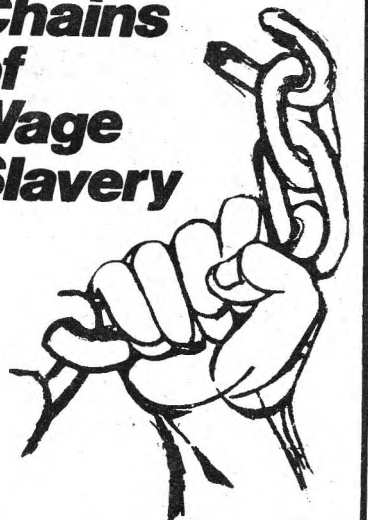
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In 1979 the American Arbitration Association, a private group which arbitrates most labor grievances in the U.S. handled a record 16,669 disputes. This is an increase of 2% over 1978. While the greatest number of cases were around discipline and discharges, the number of cases of insubordination and acts of violence against foremen increased. This is the mass temperament of the 80's as people's patience towards the capitalist system is wearing thinner than ever before. The issues of health and safety also increased.

MILL WORKERS ORGANIZE IN TENNESSEE

LEBANON, Tenn.—A few days after the American Clothing and Textile Workers Union (ACTWU) gave notice to the Lebanon Woolen Mills of the workers' intention to organize, 69 workers were fired at 4 a.m. 57 of them were union supporters. Workers got interested in joining a

Breaking the Chains of Wage Slavery



union when the company laid off the third shift and then forced other workers to work overtime. The workers in this town have come out solidly against the mill, marching and carrying a coffin with a sign: "Justice is Dead."

Party's Leadership Strengthens Local 2 Workers Thousand Times ST. FRANCIS MAIDS MAKE HISTORY!



Like these Local 2 members demonstrating in 1979 to defend Richard Leung, a CWP supporter and union business agent who fought for the workers, St. Francis maids, members of Local 2, are setting examples for workers across the country, recently winning a historic arbitration case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.—“This is great! Oh, Oh, Oh I can't eat! I'm going home to fix myself a drink! Oh, this is so good!” Jubilation was the mood of maids at St. Francis Hotel on April 7. They have a lot to celebrate because they had just won the VICTORY!

After two years of hard struggle, the maids won a historic arbitration case. Critical leadership was provided by the United Hotel and Restaurant Workers (UHRW), a broad, fighting rank and file caucus whose membership includes supporters of the Communist Workers Party. The Party guided the caucus to rely on the strength of the workers and not the bureaucrats' tricks, and to link up the shop struggles with the larger political fight of the masses led by the Party against the rising danger of world war and fascism. This is a leading example of how communists give leadership to the workers' struggles in the plants.

“It started out in October 1978,” said one maid. “The grievance is around taking breaks. According to the contract, there is not supposed to be quotas for a definite number of rooms we have to clean each day. However, the practice is 16 rooms a day. We would be harassed if we can't finish. The majority of workers across the industry don't take any breaks including lunch in order to finish the

quota. This violates the contract. Therefore the ruling from the arbitrator that management practice violates the contract is a big victory. It is not only for the maids but for the whole industry since the union is so weak and violating contracts takes place all over.”

The work load is now cut down to 15 rooms and eight checkouts maximum per day. Workers who were fired for insisting on their contract rights were awarded back pay and the management was ordered to rehire all fired and clear their files of all reference to disciplinary actions. In addition, management was ordered to hire new workers in order to carry out the contract to the letter.

Historic Victory For Whole Hotel Industry

Because of its effect industrywide, this victory rewrites history for the hotel industry. And it is the maids themselves that made this history!

“It's been a long, hard fight. In the beginning, 100% of the maids hung rooms (leave rooms dirty when the shift ends-ed.) in protest. As time went on, some dropped out of the struggle. Six were suspended and one maid was fired.” Nonetheless, the maids stood firm and would not be sidetracked by management's attacks or the tricks of the Local 2 bureaucrats.

Party's Influence Strengthens Workers' Fight Thousand Times

The caucus is a good example of how the masses benefit from the Party's leadership and how the Party draws strength from the workers. The UHRW was able to organize the maids to fight the Hotel around this demand for breaks while making use of all avenues of struggle like arbitration. At the same time, the UHRW worked to link the maids' struggle with the U.S. peoples' larger fight against the bourgeoisie's fascist attacks through its support of the April 19 Coalition to Stop the Nazis.

This communist leadership to a rank and file caucus strengthens the workers' fight a thousand times. By linking together all the different streamlets of resistance against the bourgeoisie the workers don't get stuck in their own plant or union struggle alone. Instead the day to day battles on the job contribute to the larger immense and powerful political struggle of the masses led by the Party to seize state power and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat. This gets to the source of all the oppression, small and large on the job, the monopoly capitalist class and system, and enables the masses to not just fight oppression, but to end exploitation and oppression forever.

The organizing among Local 2 workers by friends of the Party is a good example for all members and friends of the Party—those who belong to trade union or rank and file organizations (not just in the hotel industry, but among all workers). They should do all they can to persuade the trade unions (or workers organizations) to draw nearer to the Party in their work, and to voluntarily accept the Party's political leadership. This is part of upholding the communist spirit of the Communist Workers Party 5, comrades who dedicated themselves to the working class and tirelessly worked to win workers to communism and train them to be communist class leaders. This growing strength of the forces for socialist revolution in the very heart of the proletariat, like at Local 2 and the CWP 5 comrades organizing in the textile mills, threaten the bourgeoisie so much they resort to vicious assassinations and red-baiting attacks to remove communists from the plants and unions, another form of assassinations. Communism is truly the spectre haunting the bourgeoisie!

St. Francis Maids Won By Relying on Themselves

When the UHRW led the maids in demanding direct negotiations with St. Francis, Local 2 trustee Vincent Sirabella tried to divert the struggle by taking it to arbitration. Throughout the arbitration, they badmouthed the case as a waste of time and money. This tactic was a flop when 19 maids testified, one after another, for four weeks. On their days off, the maids came to court to show their support. After laying out the truth and refuting management's lies point by point, the maids created an avalanche of evidence which no arbitrator could ignore.

After the victory, none other than the union president, Charles Lamb himself, is trying to claim credit. He is arranging a TV program to bolster the lie that it was he and not the workers who was the decisive factor. Lapping at this dog's feet are some sham “communists” who want people to believe that it was just arbitration that was responsible for the victory. Workers who went through the whole struggle saw how this is garbage.

As two UHRW members stated, “St. Francis maids are sharing their happiness with all other workers! Their core of fighting workers created an organization that will inspire all other hotel workers. This makes us strong in facing the 1980 contract struggle!!” Even on this particular battle, the workers are continuing the struggle, knowing they cannot rely on the management or union bureaucrats to carry out the decision “in good faith.” The UHRW is now demanding, 1) The union should call an industry-wide meeting with ALL maids to inform them of this award and what it means for them. 2) The union should actively enforce the arbitrator's ruling by having a meeting with the Shop Stewards to make a plan. 3) The union should demand immediate back pay for the seven maids who were disciplined for their stand. It is really the workers' stand and persistence with the leadership of the Party and the UHRW that wins the struggle. And the workers must continue to rely mainly on each other to make any victory be realized and to defend against takebacks and unionbusting attacks which workers will be facing in a massive wave in the coming period. □

UAW's Longest Strike Clobbers Forced Overtime

CHICAGO, Ill. — The longest strike in the history of the United Auto Workers (UAW) ended April 20 after 5½ months. The 35,000 workers at International Harvester, a farm and heavy equipment company, were victorious in stopping company demands that workers “give back” their right to refuse overtime. International Harvester arrogantly boasted early in the strike that they were willing to accept the losses of a strike to get the same overtime agreement that its competitors Deere and Caterpillar have on overtime. However, the workers were determined to stand united against mandatory overtime. This strike caused Harvester to lose \$222.2 million in the first quarter. The wage settlement amounted to 3% annually and a cost of living adjustment quarterly which is the same as other UAW heavy equipment workers. Today, with U.S. monopoly capitalism in permanent economic crisis, workers' contract fights are more often defending against giveback attacks and unionbusting, rather than fighting for gains. When the Harvester workers turned the mandatory overtime giveback into garbage, they showed why the capitalist system is shaking today, because U.S. workers are refusing to pay for its collapse! The 1980 strike wave is just beginning.



SERVE NOTICE TO THE BOURGEOISIE FREE THE GREENSBORO

CWP Serves Notice to Chief Spy Civiletti Bourgeoisie Beware! The 80s Will Bring Your Doom

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 1—The Communist Workers Party put the FBI and the Justice Department on notice today for their role in the murders of the Communist Workers Party 5 in Greensboro and the arrest and persecution of the Greensboro 3. Members and supporters of the Communist Workers Party spray-painted "Avenge the Murders of the Communist Workers Party Five" on the walls outside Attorney General Civiletti's office inside the Justice Department. They then hung the same slogan out the fifth-floor window with a bright banner over the main entrance of the Justice Department.

Party's Boldness Puts Bourgeoisie on Notice for the 80's
The team of spraypainters passed through the government security and

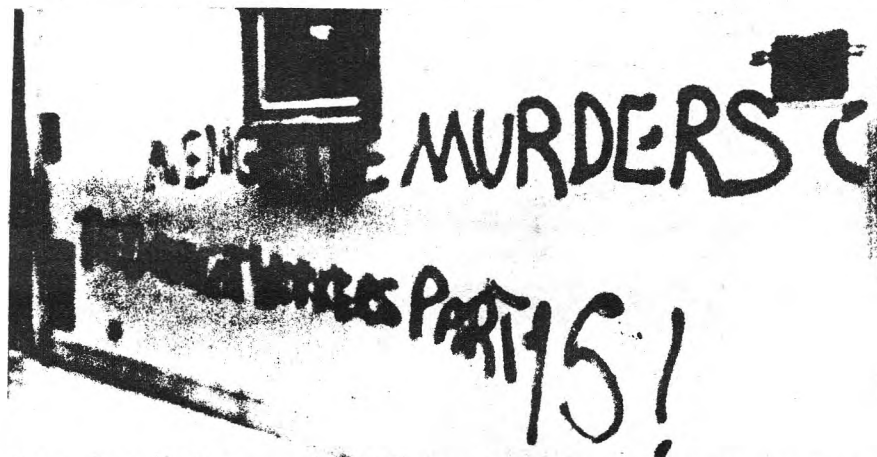
quickly took up the task of putting the bourgeoisie on notice that there will be no more business as usual until the true criminals are in jail. As two supporters "fainted" in the hallway to distract Justice Department employees, the others began painting the walls outside the Attorney General's office. Moments later, they calmly walked through the building as security guards frantically began searching for two fainting women, and anyone who could have written "Avenge the Murders of the CWP 5" outside their boss' door. As they searched every closet in the build-

ing, the supporters of the Greensboro 3 strolled out the front doors of the Justice Department to a rousing welcome and joined the spirited picket line, that pointed the finger at the Justice Department for its role in the murders of the CWP 5.

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PREPARE FOR DICTATORSHIP OF THE Klan/Nazi/FBI Scums No Place To Hide IN THE 80s

The verdict is clear. No fascist murderer like Adolph Hitler and his like will ever have their birthday recognized. Only their doomsday will be remembered! 1,000 people on April 19 in San Francisco came out to settle accounts with these scum. "I had a dream last night. And I knew no matter what, I had to be here today." Hotel workers, from Local 2, dockworkers from San Diego, people coming from all walks of life poured out to take a clear stand against the Klan/Nazis!

San Francisco's Civic Center and UN Plaza were filled with fiery masses. So strong was the spirit in the march and rally, the cowardly fascists dared not show their faces. They knew if they had, the masses would surely have smashed them.

Nelson Johnson, member of the Communist Workers Party and one of the Greensboro 3 being tried on May 5, spurred that anger, showing fact after fact that the target was not just the Nazis/Klan. But it was also the FBI, the state and their collaboration that assassinated the Communist Workers Party 5 on Nov. 3. With fighting conviction and deep warmth, Nelson told of the five comrades who dedicated their whole lives to serving the people and died under a hail of fascist bullets. He showed that the Greensboro murders and rise of Klan/Nazis are linked to the economic crisis and the monopoly capitalists'

preparations of a new World War with the Soviet Union. When he finished, the crowd exploded with applause. Fired up, one worker insisted that she could go on all night.

It was with this same anger and the leadership of the CWP in the San Francisco Coalition to Stop the Klan/Nazis that forced Chief Murphy to revoke the Nazi permit! It was with this same anger a week ago that forced politicians in a Board of Supervisors meeting to either take a stand against the fascists or expose themselves as secret supporters. An hour before that Board meeting on April 14, leaflets were handed out and people were shown the hypocrisy of "freedom" and "justice" under capitalism. When a Nazi woman slipped out of City Hall and stood at the top of the stairs holding up a swastika, reaction from the masses was swift. People rallied together and forced her to run inside for protection. And protection she got from the S.F. police department! A sister from the Coalition snatched the swastika out of her hands and headed for the garbage can. But who did the police go after? He grabbed the sister and began questioning her! Then he tried to harass the speakers. This is the same thing they did to the Greensboro 3—when the CWP 5 were shot down, instead of chasing the murderers, the police arrested our comrades and friends! This is the capitalists' freedom and justice. It's freedom for the Nazis to be given a

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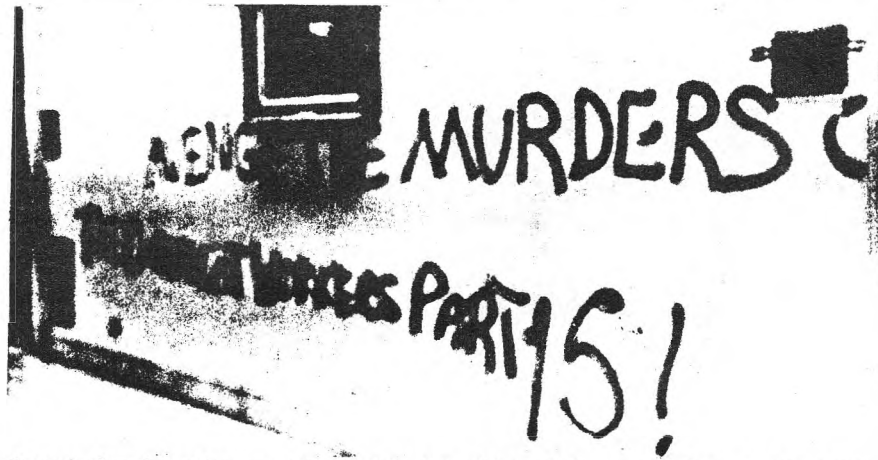
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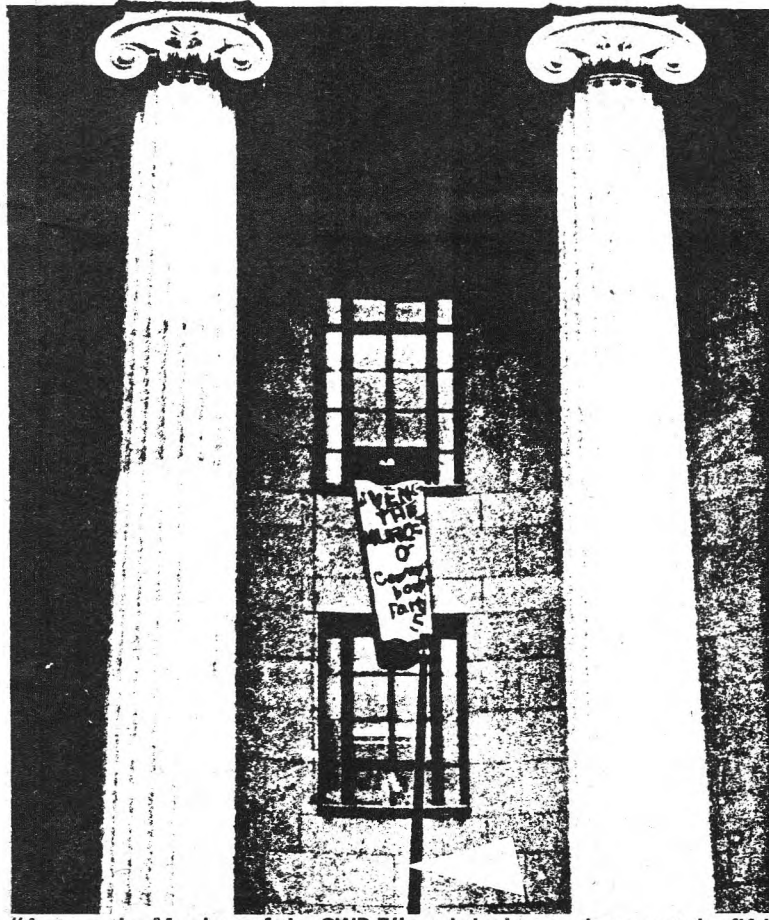
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GOVERNMENT AND MURDER

On April 27, four anti-Klan fighters were in jail in Netcong, New Jersey, slapped with a \$100,000 cash bail each. They were let go with a \$5,000 bond each only after being locked up for three days. Stopped by an unmarked car and illegally searched, the four black men, all supporters of the Communist Workers Party, are charged with possession of unregistered and defaced weapons, possession of tear gas dispensers and speeding. The four were returning to New York after a successful anti-Klan demonstration in Kokomo, Indiana the day before. Under the pretext of searching for the FALN members and Joanne Chesimard, the government went into a frenzy to attack Afro-Americans and other progressive people. The FBI raided the apartments of Harlem residents without any warrant, and stopped and searched any black man they could get a hold of.

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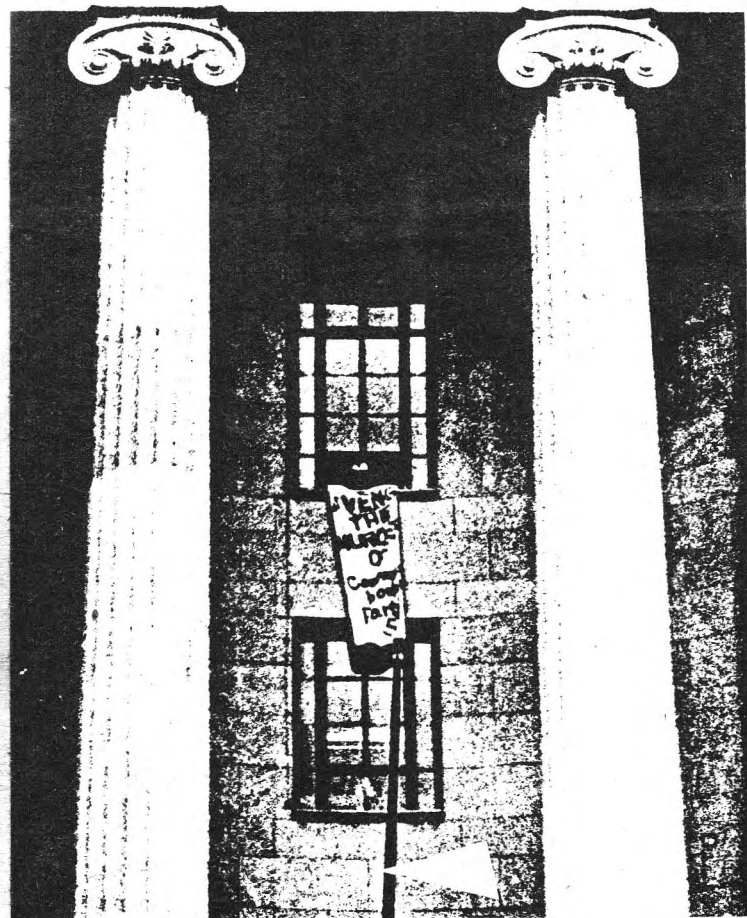
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Smash State's Railroading of Greensboro 6!



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GREENSBORO, N.C., May 2—More victims are being blamed for the government crimes. The Justice Department on May 1 came out with a report finding the Greensboro 3 innocent of any wrong-doing on Nov. 3. But the state is so desperate to attack the Communist Workers Party that their own Justice Department report doesn't mean a thing. For District Attorney Schlosser, this was the green light to go ahead to seek further indictments of the Communist Workers Party.

Today Schlosser went behind closed doors with a grand jury. And when he came out, earlier misdemeanor charges against the Greensboro 3 were dropped. Instead, six felony indictments were placed on six anti-Klan demonstrators present on the morning of Nov. 3 at Morningside Community Center. Named in the indictment and arrested later were Nelson Johnson, Rand Manzella, Lacie Russell, Dori Blitz and Allen Blitz. The sixth person is still unknown. The Klan/ Nazis and FBI can murder in cold blood the Communist Workers Party 5, and the bail for the few KKK/Nazi scum arrested is set at a low \$4,000. But for railroaded CWP members and friends, victims of the Nov. 3 attack, bail is

\$15,000 and the charges are felony riot.

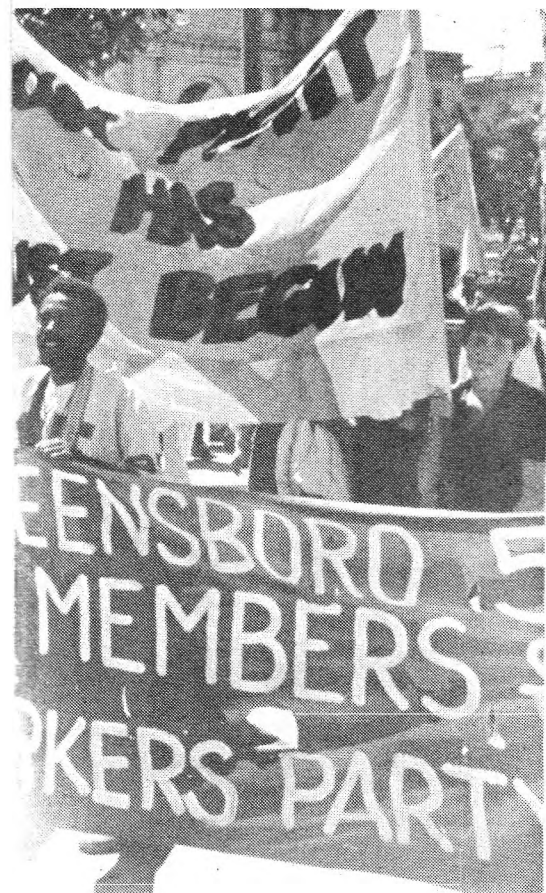
On Nov. 4, the Communist Workers Party publicly charged that the murders were not random shootings, but political assassinations planned and directed by the highest level of State and Federal government including the FBI. When 20 FBI agents came to Greensboro to supposedly investigate the murders, we charged that the FBI came to Greensboro to cover up its own bloody role in the assassination, to put together lies to prepare a tape against the Communist Workers Party. We said they were the criminals trying to blame the victims for their own crimes. We were accused of blocking the FBI investigation. In January at a press conference, we said that District Attorney Schlosser was preparing to bring additional indictments against the CWP members and supporters. The press laughed at our statement. But today shows that it was no joke.

The same day the Greensboro 6 were to be arrested, they went back to the place where five comrades were gunned down. They wanted the same people at Morningside who witnessed the slaughter of the CWP 5 to witness the arrests of the Greensboro 6 by the

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GOVERNMENT PERSECUTES ANTI-KLAN FIGHTERS WHILE KLAN/NAZI MURDERERS GO FREE



On April 27, four anti-Klan fighters were in jail in Netcong, New Jersey, slapped with a \$100,000 cash bail each. They were let go with a \$5,000 bond each only after being locked up for three days. Stopped by an unmarked car and illegally searched, the four black men, all supporters of the Communist Workers Party, are charged with possession of unregistered and defaced weapons, possession of tear gas dispensers and speeding. The four were returning to New York after a successful anti-Klan demonstration in Kokomo, Indiana the day before. Under the pretext of searching for the FALN members and Joanne Chesimard, the government went into a frenzy to attack Afro-Americans and other progressive people. The FBI raided the apartments of Harlem residents without any warrant, and stopped and searched any black man they could get a hold of.

The Communist Workers Party, one of

the organizations in the Mid-West Coalition Against the Klan, which organized the April 26 anti-Klan demonstration in Kokomo, strongly condemns the government's persecution of these anti-Klan fighters. In Kokomo, while the police wielded their sticks at the organized anti-Klan demonstration, the city gave the Klan a march permit and the police stood as a buffer between the hooded Klan and 200 angry Kokomo residents. In the arrest of those four anti-Klan fighters, the government and police have again exposed themselves as supporters and protectors of fascist groups like the Klan.

While the Klan/Nazis that were charged with shooting in the Nov. 3, 1979 killings of five members of the Communist Workers Party, received bond as low as \$4,000 and the highest only at \$50,000, the cash bail for the four anti-Klan fighters was set at \$100,000. This type of bail, reserved for crimes like first degree murder, was set in

consultation with the FBI and indicated clearly, orchestration by the government itself.

Despite the killings of the Communist Workers Party Five, despite the arrests of the Greensboro 3 (anti-Klan fighters Nelson Johnson, Willena Cannon and Rand Mandzella), despite the continuing harassment by the government, the CWP will continue its leadership in the working class. Only if the government succeeds in getting rid of anti-Klan, anti-fascist fighters and impose fascism, can the U.S. ruling class unleash world war. Then it could attempt to extricate itself out of the deepest political and economic crises ever. The Communist Workers Party and the American people will make sure the U.S. ruling class and its government will be met with militant and organized resistance every inch of the way.



CWP member Nelson Johnson exposes government's attempt to blame more victims for its crimes as he is arrested for felony riot in Greensboro's Morningside community.

Smash State's Railroading

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police. The police had the area staked out. At least 20 cops and cop cars watched as the five went door to door talking to people. Every 200 feet stood a cop car equipped with radar units. But where were the cops on Nov. 3? That's what Nelson Johnson asked that morning at a press conference. Pointing his finger at the police, he said, "You're all here now. Where were you on Nov. 3? ... What we are seeing today is what we've been seeing all the time. It's a cover-up. It's an all-out attempt to jail CWP members and friends for the murders planned and carried out by the government itself. The indictments today were deliberately timed to disrupt our rally to free the Greensboro 3 by sweeping us off the streets and setting high bonds. But the rally May 3 will go on. It is now the rally to free the Greensboro 6. Why is the government doing this? The growth and promotion of fascist groups like the Klan/Nazis is necessary to divide and sidetrack the anger and resistance of the American people to soaring inflation, layoffs, school closings and cut-backs in social services. In order to extract themselves from the deepest economic and political crisis ever, the U.S. ruling class and its government must first attack the American people to unleash world war."

Economic Crisis Awakening Masses, Cornering the Bourgeoisie

Why is the bourgeoisie and their state so frantic to attack the CWP? What is the significance of beating back the railroading the Greensboro 6? The American people's faith in bourgeois democracy is paper thin today. Vietnam, Watergate, the phony energy crisis, and so on have eroded the credibility of the U.S. government in the people's eyes. But what has awakened people even more is the giant lever of the permanent economic crisis shaking every aspect of their lives and every belief they held true. In the 50's and 60's people were concerned about whether they'd be able to have more food on the table and a better home. Today, with galloping inflation and massive joblessness people are worried sick about whether they'll have any food or place to live period. The myth of the American Dream is dead and people are questioning whether it ever was real. The years of lying and deceit are catching up to all the bourgeois politicians, union misleaders and poverty pimps. The people are demanding solid answers and no more empty talk. More and more they can't

live in the old way.

The bourgeoisie is freaking out trying to cope with the permanent economic crisis that they've created. With the second world and especially the third world countries standing up to U.S. imperialism, the balance of forces in the world is like an avalanche bearing down on the monopoly capitalists. This is cutting off the imperialists' lifeline of superprofits, leaving them no crumbs left to bribe union bureaucrats and other misleaders to keep the people down.

No longer able to export economic crisis and forced to fight over ever shrinking markets and sources of raw materials, the monopoly capitalists are at each others' throats. This life and death struggle among the bourgeoisie makes it impossible for them to unite, sapping their strength tremendously. The only way for them to survive the next decade is to turn around the balance of forces in the world today, through a world war to redivide the globe and conquer new markets and sources of raw materials.

Bourgeoisie Has to Impose Fascism

But if the American people were cynical about buying a used (President) Ford, they certainly won't buy mass slaughter in a world war from peanut Carter, a two-faced Kennedy, or a senile ex-movie star Reagan. The only way the bourgeoisie can get the people to fight a

world war is to whip them into it at the point of a gun. The bourgeoisie has to impose fascism—the terroristic rule of the bourgeoisie stripped of any "democratic" coloring. They are already trying to impose fascism. That's what Carter's Secret Court and the recent FBI raid in Harlem (see page 5) are all about. Spearheading the ruling class' fascist attack is the Ku Klux Klan. The bourgeoisie is promoting scum like these, using them to spread poison among the people and divide and disorganize the working class and when the people's leaders like the CWP 5 beat back these attacks, the bourgeoisie state uses the klan/Nazis as a screen to assassinate them.

CWP Confronts Bourgeoisie Everywhere They Turn

Today, tremendous new energy is being unleashed among the people to fight. And what is needed now is strong communist leadership to guide that energy. That strong communist leadership is the Communist Workers Party. Everywhere, we pose a threat to the rule of the monopoly capitalists. Whatever direction they turn, the trade unions, the schools, the communities; all sides, they have to face us. From throwing eggs at Kennedy and Carter to confronting their fascist spearhead, the klan at Kokomo, Indiana; San Diego, California; Oceanside, California; and Greensboro, N.C., the Communist Workers Party is a threat to the monopoly capitalists because we are organizing the masses of people and politically educating them as to the deep down rottenness of the capitalist system — bourgeois democracy, about the opportunity of socialist revolution and the danger of fascism and world war. No matter where they turn they have to deal with us.

The CWP will win the hearts and minds of the majority of the American people in the inflammable decade of class struggle ahead and tap their new energy to smash rising fascism and World War III with socialist revolution.

We are against fascism and world war but we aren't afraid of it. Even if the bourgeoisie successfully imposes fascism and launches a world war, we will lead the American people to turn the imperialist war into a civil war and still build a socialist U.S.A.

This is the reason why the monopoly capitalists are desperate to get rid of us and planned out the premediated assassinations of the leaders of the multi-national working class in the U.S.—the CWP 5—Jim Waller, Cesar Cauce, Bill Sampson, Mike Nathan, and Sandy Smith. Framing up the Greensboro 3, now the Greensboro 6 and red-baiting our comrades doing hard work in the trade unions are all part of the monopoly capitalists' conscious attack. They know that without leaders, the working class would not be able to fight back as one united force and would be able to prolong their rule over us. They know that they are racing against time. And in this decade, that time will be shortened for them and it has long been overdue!

Indicting Greensboro 6 Another Nail On Their Coffin

The indictments against the Greensboro 6 will only intensify the struggle and further expose the treachery of the government. It will only strengthen our ranks and win more people over to our cause. Make no mistake about it, the Party and the American people will fight a thousands times harder. Through focusing the fight for the Greensboro 6, we are focusing the fight against the fascist attacks by the U.S. monopoly capitalists class and their tools. All attempts by the government to impose fascism will be met and fought every inch of the way. The CWP and the American people will not let them escape from their crimes that they have committed on the working class for the past hundreds of years. And we will not let their trained assassins escape from their due justice. Their cover up of their planned assassination of the CWP 5 and their frame-up of the Greensboro 3 and now the Greensboro 6 will be avenged and beat back. □

We ask all justice-loving people to support the three demands:

1. Drop all charges against the anti-klan fighters who have been charged!
2. Prosecute all 35 klan/Nazis and other conspirators responsible for the Nov. 3 murders!
3. Release all documents and reports by the Justice Department and FBI related to the Nov. 3 murders to the widows!

CWP supporters, Allan and Dori Blitz (couple in center) two more victims of the Nov. 3 Klan/Nazi and FBI massacre, being arrested.



Contradictions Erupt Among The Bourgeoisie As Iran Raid Flops

The Delta Team, the cream of U.S. imperialist troops, headed by top CIA assassin Colonel Charles Beckwith. On April 24, Carter sent this elite squad of professional killers on a suicide mission to rescue the American hostages in Iran. Carter gambled that with this move he could boost his chances in the coming election and twist American public opinion away from the deepening economic crisis. 24 hours later, all Carter had succeeded in doing was to kill eight men, further endanger the lives of the hostages and pit the bourgeoisie more fiercely at each other's throats.

Six C-130 Hercules transport planes violated Egyptian and Iranian airspace to land in a desert region of Iran. There they were to meet the eight Sea Stallion helicopters sent from the U.S. carrier *Nimitz* sitting in the Arabian Sea. Three choppers malfunctioned enroute and only five made it to the rendezvous point.

With fear that their sneak raid would be discovered by 35 million armed Iranians constantly eating on their minds, it didn't take much to panic these self-proclaimed James Bonds. An Iranian bus and two trucks happened to pass by. Beckwith quickly consulted with Carter and the mission was nixed. In the scramble to escape one of the choppers collided with a C-130. The remaining Delta Team members dropped everything and rushed aboard the rest of the transports. Four helicopters, CIA documents and the charcoaled bodies of eight Delta Team members were left behind in the frantic getaway.

Contradiction Among Bourgeoisie Busts Open, Vance Resigns

As news of the bungled Iran adventure reached home, the festering contradictions among the bourgeoisie over U.S. foreign policy burst into the open. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance resigned in protest against Carter's get-rich-quick military gamble. The sharpness of the contradiction that caused this highly respected, blue-blood representative of the ruling class to quit in disgust was even more highlighted when Carter tried to find a replacement. Carter was shunned by the inner circles of foreign policy experts, none wanted to be associated with an administration that could take such a hot-headed risk as the adventure in Iran. The only chump Carter could get was a hack politician, Senator Edmund Muskie, a nobody when it comes to foreign policy but worth a few points when it comes to election polls.

At heart the contradiction among the bourgeoisie boils down to whether the Carter administration should bow to immediate political pressure such as the upcoming election and react to immediate crisis like the hostages issue or swallow the mud being thrown at it at home and the pummeling the U.S. is taking around the world, keep cool and painstakingly rebuild the U.S. political, economic and military initiative to prepare for World War III.

Three Options In Iran, Negotiations U.S. Best Bet

In a recent article in the *New York Times*, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. laid out the analysis of the top foreign policy experts that the U.S. has three options in dealing with the hostage issue.

One option is military action, really no option at all. Militarily, the U.S. is not yet prepared for a large-scale action, especially not an action that would quickly escalate into a full-blown war. Morale in

the armed forces has yet to recover from the effects of the U.S. defeat in Viet Nam. There are shortages of manpower, especially a core of experienced, battle-tested officers. The military's industrial base is not yet at full strength. Economically, military action would only trigger more storms whipping the already staggering U.S. economy. Politically, military action now only exposes the vicious nature of U.S. imperialism to the people abroad and at home. It would defeat the U.S. scheme to keep world attention on the Soviet imperialist invasion of Afghanistan.

Another option is economic sanctions against Iran. This move is limited. Instead of hurting Iran, economic sanctions have so far only strengthened the revolutionary will and unity of the Iranian people. The second world countries of Western Europe and Japan have agreed to sanctions not out of confidence in the U.S. but as a way to

representative of the bourgeoisie he is. He was the main force behind dumping Moynihan as U.S. ambassador to the UN and replacing him with Andrew Young. Moynihan's racist and arrogant big-stick tactics had antagonized third world countries and further isolated the U.S. Andrew Young, on the other hand, was more slick and could pimp off his black skin and his history in the Civil Rights movement to pretend to be a friend of the third world. Vance engineered the SALT II talks, where under the cover of "disarmament," the U.S. and the Soviet Union could build up their arsenals and replace obsolete weapons with newer, more destructive ones. Vance was also the main architect for the sham "peace" agreement between Egypt and Israel. Aiming to split Arab unity and weaken the Palestinian cause, Vance was able to get Sadat to sell out the Palestinian people. When this scheme

economic scene at home. Right after the embassy takeover in November, Carter opted for economic sanctions against Iran. Then he changed to negotiations, then back to sanctions, then the bungled military gamble. Now the U.S. government's back to sanctions. At home Carter is being whipped among the electoral strata. A recent poll showed that if there was an election today, Reagan would beat him. Meanwhile Kennedy is picking up convention delegates by blasting Carter on the sorry state of the economy. For six months Carter rode on the wave of chauvinism he kicked up around the Iran crisis. He hoped that this would insure his reelection by taking the American people's minds off the economy and into the opium den of chauvinism and preparation for world war. But galloping inflation, sweeping layoffs, and the explosions of the bond, stock and silver market crashes, have all sobered up



It is the U.S. imperialists who are responsible for the deaths of eight American soldiers in Iran. The destruction above will be magnified a million-fold in World War III, which the imperialists are pushing for. While there are deep, antagonistic contradictions among the ruling class, all agree that world war is the only way out of the economic crisis they've created.

keep the U.S. from military aggression against Iran, which supplies a good chunk of these countries' oil. In addition, the U.S. imperialists are afraid that economic sanctions may force Iran into the Soviet trade orbit.

The third option is continued negotiations. This is the only real option the U.S. has. In other words, the U.S. government must buy time to step up military preparations, drug the American people with chauvinism, and clean up the U.S. image abroad by contrasting how the U.S. "handles the Iranian conflict through discussion while the Soviet Union invades Afghanistan with arms."

Vance knows that only "measured steps" like continuing negotiations will give the U.S. imperialists time to impose fascism on the U.S. people and prepare for World War III.

Vance More Fiendish Representative of the Bourgeoisie

Unlike Muskie, Vance is a blue-blood member of the bourgeoisie, born and reared in its inner circles. He is also an authority on foreign affairs, respected and feared by the bourgeoisie around the world. With his resignation, the governments of the second world, although they pretended to praise Muskie, are bound to lose confidence in the U.S.' ability to lead. They know that Carter, by appointing Muskie, is sacrificing foreign policy for short-term gains in the election polls.

Vance's record shows what a sinister

only brought Arab countries closer together, and when Israel's greedy expansion on the West Bank threatened to blow the whole show, Vance urged that the U.S. support a UN vote to condemn Israeli settlements. He argued that this was the best way for the U.S. to keep a foothold in the Middle East and defuse the growing strength of the Palestine Liberation Organization. On the Panama Canal Treaty, he protested obvious clauses that gave the U.S. blatant control over the waterway. Instead, he urged that the U.S. agree to give ownership back to Panama in 1999, meanwhile the U.S. would continue to control the canal. In early 1979, when the Iranian revolution was in full swing, Vance counseled Carter to dump the Shah and open up communication with Khomeini in France. This way, he schemed, the U.S. would appear to oppose tyranny and come up on the winning side. When National Security Advisor Brzezinski pushed for selling arms to China, Vance disagreed. He said that the best way to lure the Soviet Union away from Europe and toward China was to keep China weak militarily. Schemers like Vance are most sinister because they know the only way for the U.S. to turn around the balance of forces in the world today is to win World War III. And the only way that the U.S. can go to war is to first impose fascism against the American people.

Carter Freaking Out

Right now Carter doesn't know what to do about the whipping the U.S. is taking around the world or about the stormy

the American people to their number one concern—the permanent economic crisis of capitalism.

Carter couldn't take it anymore, the pressure of pain-stakingly working for the long-term interest of the bourgeoisie was too much. He blew his cool and lashed out. He went to the dice table with the military adventure in Iran and lost. His gamble cost the lives of eight men and shattered all the pain-staking work done by schemers like Vance. Carter okayed the military attack, without consulting the deans of U.S. foreign policy, people like George Ball, Nathan Yost, Schlesinger, and so on. This snub to the top foreign affairs advisors for the bourgeoisie won't be forgotten soon, and that's why Carter had no choice but to appoint an obvious amateur like Muskie.

The sharp contradictions among the bourgeoisie that the Vance resignation shows is conditioned by the change in the overall balance of forces in the world today. No longer is the U.S. the top-dog imperialist power, able to freely exploit and bully the countries of the third and second world and export economic crisis to their shores. The third world today is the main force standing up to the U.S. and its superpower rival the Soviet Union. This is driving the bourgeoisie into a corner, frenziedly at each other's throat looking for a way out. Hopelessly entangled, the bourgeoisie is weaker than ever before—they can no longer rule in the old way. By weakening our oppressors, the struggles of the third world, particularly Iran, are aiding the cause of the U.S. people for socialist revolution.

ALL AFRICA IS STANDING UP!

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ZANU Meeting New Challenges of Zimbabwe

This is the first part of an interview by the Communist Workers Party with Comrade T.J. Kangai who has been ZANU's (Zimbabwe African National Union) chief representative to North America, Latin America and the United Nations. After leading 14 years of armed struggle against imperialism and apartheid in Rhodesia and after an overwhelming victory in the recent elections in Rhodesia, ZANU (headed by their comrade President Robert Mugabe) will govern a new Zimbabwe. This interview was done right before the formal independence ceremonies for Zimbabwe on April 18.



Comrade T.J. Kangai, ZANU's (Zimbabwe African National Union) chief representative to North America, Latin America and the United Nations gives an interview to the Communist Workers Party.

CWP: What is ZANU's policy of coexistence with South Africa?

ZANU: It is not really a question of coexisting as such. Geographically, South Africa is our neighbor, from which we cannot run away and whether it likes it or not. But our position is very clear toward apartheid and racism in South Africa. That's what we've been fighting in Zimbabwe. What people don't understand is that South African troops have been in Zimbabwe since the eve of UDI (Unilateral Declaration of Independence issued in Nov. 1965 when the racist Smith government of Rhodesia broke away from England). So what we have been fighting in Zimbabwe has not been Ian Smith's regime alone. It's been South Africa and the Rhodesian forces. But we did defeat them in Zimbabwe. So our position has been very clear and consistent in terms of being anti-racism and apartheid in South Africa. We definitely support the struggles of our brothers and sisters in South Africa/Azania waged by ANC (African National Congress) and PAC (Pan Africanist Congress). Within the U.N., the OAU (Organization of African Unity) and non-aligned forums, we will play our role in opposing what is going on in South Africa. But we are guided here by our principles in Zimbabwe. We are our own liberators. Others can give us guns, weapons, clothing, food and what have you. But the actual fighting has to be done by the people of Zimbabwe. Therefore we will assist our brothers and sisters in other ways but we think they should be their own liberators. I think some fools out there want us to de-

clare war on South Africa. We are just coming out of a long war and we have to consolidate our power in Zimbabwe. Our victory was advantageous to our brothers and sisters in South Africa and in Namibia. Statements have been coming out from Soweto stating that if our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe can liberate themselves, then why can't we? And really our victory has thrown the regime in South Africa into disarray, the internal contradictions within that government. Yes, economically some ties with South Africa will continue. This was established some decades ago. Zimbabwe has been really a fifth province of South Africa. So there is no way we can cut this overnight. We just attended a meeting in Lusaka, Zambia whereby independent countries in southern Africa are trying very hard to work together so that they can help each other, so that they depend less on South Africa. So this is the thing that we wish, as part of the initiators (of the Zambia conference) and we are moving toward that direction.

CWP: What is the thinking behind setting up a national unity government with whites involved?

ZANU: I think when we talk of the inclusion of whites, our struggle is not against whites, per se. It was against the system which was geared toward exploiting the majority. The exploiters happen to be white. We never waged a war against white people per se. Since they have agreed to the transfer of power to the people of Zimbabwe as a whole, as a result of free and fair elections which were conducted in Zimbabwe they are on record to agreeing to give up their privileges. Once they have agreed to give up their privileges, our position is that they are welcome to stay in Zimbabwe. We were not fighting to throw whites into the Indian Ocean or the Atlantic Ocean. We wanted them to give up their privileges... we wanted them to accept majority rule in Zimbabwe. Once they accept that, they will be allowed to stay in Zimbabwe. We look at our country as the Africans where the blacks have the majority. Then you have white people. Then you have Asians. Then you have people of mixed race. You have so many people of nationalities in Zimbabwe.

When you talk about the government of national unity, I really would like to refer to it as a broad-based government. ZANU is fighting so all the ministerial positions are occupied by ZANU alone. We are fighting to liberate the people of Zimbabwe. That was our goal. That was our priority.

CWP: How does this fit into ZANU's program of socialism?

ZANU: Our country has been at war for quite some time. Despite the fact that we have the overwhelming majority, we felt our government has to be broad-based. We are concerned with peace and stability in our country. Therefore we

felt other forces that can be brought into such a government like our allies in the Patriotic Front, ZAPU (Zimbabwe African Peoples Union). We formed the government together, we were in exile together fighting the enemy through different levels and channels. But we feel we should work together with them since they were also under colonialism. Form the government so that we will have peace and stability in our country. The same with the white community. If the white farmers are efficient, they should now produce not only for themselves, but also for the people of Zimbabwe. So what we are doing here is mobilizing all the forces, all the skills, all the talents—ZANU, ZAPU and the white community.

Now in terms of implementing our goals, what we have been fighting for, what we have introduced in our liberated areas in view of this broad-based coalition, we don't see any problems. Within the national assembly, within the Cabinet, ZANU is the majority. So just by voting our programs will be implemented. It is not like the Muzorewa set-up whereby whites could block any reforms. There are some comrades in ZAPU who identify with our programs, who will cooperate with us in terms of working. We are now going to give a try to this British constitution. But if we find blocking mechanisms here and there, we have the power numerically to change in the National Assembly. So the concept of free education, compulsory and free education, free medical services, returning the land back to the African peasants will be implemented. What we have done in the liberated areas will now be expanded in a national scope. In one of our departments we have land resettlement and rural development. That's a priority as far as we are concerned. Under-utilized land that's been owned by absentee landlords, land that has been reserved for only Rhodesian Europeans, all that land is to be taken over immediately and be given to the African majority; the Africans who are refugees, who are coming in from the frontline countries, the Africans who are to be resettled, the Africans who had governed in the urban areas, basically as squatters, they have to live on that land. So that there is land that we are going to take over. When we talk of under-utilized land, we are talking about large tracts of lands which are just occupied by, say, one family. That type of land will be taken over immediately. But just like in industry there will not be overnight nationalization, total 100% nationalization. Things will be done gradually, but there is land we are going to take over now, right away to resettle our people. The struggle has been about land, that is the main issue. The African majority has been driven to what are just like bantustans in South Africa, where the land is very poor for agriculture. It is our priority that they acquire that land, that they reclaim that land through their government. So farms that were deserted during the war, land which had been reserved for Europeans whether in Zimbabwe or outside, under-utilized farms will be taken over immediately for the African majority.

diately for the African majority.

When we talk about industry, even during the war of national liberation, we never said there would be overnight socialisation. We know that our country is well urbanized, industrialized. It has quite an infrastructure economically. We are looking forward to a socialist government. Socialism is the by-word of Zimbabwe. So we see land and industry socialized and nationalized in the final analysis. We will get there no matter what happens in Zimbabwe. In terms of industry, some sectors will be nationalized and socialized to begin with. We will be selective. Others will continue to be under the private sector but contracts will have to change. When we talk of contracts, we mean the profits made have to benefit our local people. That is the priority. The condition of the African worker has to improve. Salaries, wages have to be raised. Their standard has been really below subsistence level. That has to change. Our idea is that an African worker should not be someone who just pushes a shovel; his skills should be developed, going to work and attending colleges. This is our view. So multinational companies will have to discuss with the new government and have new contracts which improve working conditions, salaries and geared toward developing the country. When we talk of developing the country, we talk of improving the skills of the African worker, that money is used for the worker of that country. We don't see any changes, but changes will be implemented. We think people should give us a chance. Really we haven't taken over power. Independence Day is the 18th of April. Although we have initiated some changes, we are supposed to wait until after the 18th. There was a strike by some workers, our leader spoke of this, and those strikes ended. But we showed we were really doing the government's job. And people were complaining about the conditions that exist there now (i.e. conditions left over from the old Rhodesian government). But who had not yet had a government (i.e. the new government headed by ZANU). But we were able to talk to them and say we won the elections. Theoretically we are the government but practically we won't be until after the 18th. But this is our program. When we get in power this is what we will do. And people went back to work, and this was good. But it shows that people have been oppressed for quite a long time. And now they have the opportunity to air their views which we welcome. We did establish trade unions, progressive trade unions, during the war, both ZANU and ZAPU. Comrades from the trade unions spoke to the workers, so understanding is going on between our trade unions and the workers of Zimbabwe. We understand that the peasants are the majority. And they are the ones who have suffered the most during the war of national liberation. So we have to make sure the peasants and the workers do benefit. They have to become the masters of Zimbabwe.

END OF PART I

CIA'S DIRTY TRICKS AGAINST POL POT LEAK OUT

Hidden in the back pages of a recent *Wall Street Journal*, a small paragraph revealed the true role of the C.I.A. in discrediting the legitimate Pol Pot government of Kampuchea (formerly Cambodia). The article sums up a speech on "U.S. Foreign Policy Achievements" given by the State Department Counselor Matthew Nimetz. Nimetz concludes that the U.S. ruling class' "Human Rights" campaign was successful in slandering Pol Pot.

After defeating U.S. imperialism militarily in 1975, Pol Pot, as head of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, became the Prime Minister of the newly independent Kampuchean government. Immediately after the U.S. was being kicked out, the C.I.A. launched a worldwide smear campaign to undermine independent Kampuchea. They accused Pol Pot of starving and massacring the Kampuchean people. Imperialism doesn't operate only through military invasions of other peoples' countries. It also uses a complex network of propaganda (like different Voices of Americas) that consciously spreads misinformation on a global scale. For example, during the 60's and 70's, the government lied to the American public denying that the U.S. military was bombing Kampuchea and that the U.S. was intensifying its involvement in Southeast Asia, all the while claiming de-escalation of the war.

With a sinister sneer, the *Wall Street Journal* editorial concludes, "We had thought the C.I.A. was out of business, and are glad to know it did in Pol Pot, all the while managing to have the world think his fall was engineered by the invading North Vietnamese armies." The Vietnamese aggressors and the Soviet imperialists overthrew Kampuchea militarily.

But U.S. imperialism succeeded in discrediting Pol Pot politically.

U.S. Prefers Pro-Soviet Governments

The U.S. would rather deal with a pro-Soviet regime in third world countries than a government that opposes superpowers. For example, referring to Angola, Andrew Young made his notorious statement that Cuban troops were a "stabilizing force." The U.S. allowed Gulf Oil to continue to operate there. Also, it is gambling that the Angolan masses will one day rise up against the 20,000 Cuban occupation forces and the Russian "advisors" and this, the U.S. thinks, will be a better condition for the U.S. to appear the "true friend of the Angolan people."

The C.I.A. politically discredited Pol Pot as a butcher in hopes of installing a "moderate" and "predictable" (pro-U.S.) government. The imperialists always call genuine communists "unreasonable" and "fanatical." Revolutionaries are seen as "unpredictable" precisely because the imperialists can never control them through backroom deals that result in predictable solutions favorable to the imperialists. The starting point for communists and consistently patriotic national bourgeoisies (like Khomeini) in third world countries is how to keep both superpowers out of their countries in order for the majority of the people to run their own internal affairs.

As long as Viet Nam and the Soviet Union are in Kampuchea, the U.S. will continue to "condemn" them in order to gain favorable pro-U.S. opinion in the world and hopefully get its foot back in the door by controlling local anti-Soviet forces.



Pol Pot is hated by both superpowers because under his leadership, Kampuchea stood up to imperialism and was on the road to economic self-sufficiency, producing enough to feed its people and more.



Oil Record Profit Adds Fuel To Masses' Fire

NEW YORK, N.Y.—In the last quarter, the oil monopolies made record profits. Exxon Corp. profits were 101% or \$1.92 billion, the highest quarterly earnings of any U.S. corporation in history. Shell Oil made a 66.5% increase. Occidental Petroleum, a 83.3% increase. This criminal profit was made by forcing the U.S. people to live without, to have more dinners with no meat on the table, and by leaving some people to freeze, and destroying all U.S. people's living standard in an unprecedented way.

Last winter, a little baby died because her apartment had no heat. Just out of the hospital for pneumonia, the little girl died even though her mother put the baby in the bed with her in a desperate attempt to keep the baby warm and alive. In the suburbs, the inflated costs of gas and oil are pushing the American Dream right over the cliff. In rural areas, people are installing wood stoves to cut their fuel bills. But in New York City, where most people live in apartments, the day (April 24) Mayor Koch signed the fuel passalong bill was the day that the system of capitalism drove another nail into its coffin. The bill will pass along 75% of the increases in heating oil prices from the landlords to the tenants of rent-controlled apartments.

75 boiling mad elderly tenants sent catcalls, screams and chants of "We won't pay!" echoing through the chamber of the Board of Estimate. This public hearing merely deflected the people's anger, though, while Koch signed the fuel passalong bill into effect. Because of the high price of heating oil, this winter will be the first time since rent-control began after the

post World War II housing crisis, that tenants of the 300,000 New York City rent-controlled apartments will have to pay directly for their heat at \$3.30 a room, on top of a 7% rent increase. Knowing he had done a good job protecting the profits of oil monopolies plus taking all the blame from the masses for them, Koch arrogantly said at the opening of the hearing, "It will not come as a surprise that I will sign this bill into law as soon as the public statements are concluded."

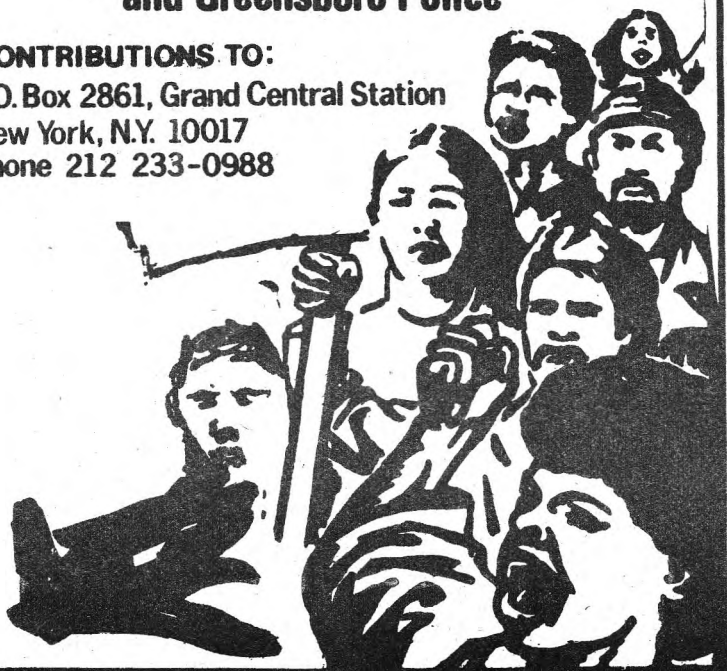
Some tenant groups protested the passalong bill because it hit the rent-controlled tenants harder than the rent stabilized fuel passalong bill which was passed last December. Landlords of rent stabilized apartments are getting a flat \$12 month per apartment for fuel to be collected for six months of the year, while the rent-controlled passalong reaps landlords more than \$13 a month for a four-room apartment to be collected throughout the year.

But the issue is the system of monopoly capitalism that aids the criminal oil monopolies to rip off the people, not how much tenants should pay for it. Nor is the issue that oil monopolies should not make so much profit. Nationalization of oil will not make oil monopolies responsible to the people. The windfall oil profits tax showed that taxation benefits the monopolies not the people. The only way that to stop the oil monopolies' criminal ripoff is to make socialist revolution and take over ownership of the oil. Then people will have enough oil to warm their homes without having to choose between starving or freezing to death.

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... KOKOMO DEFINES



The people of Kokomo learned how the government promotes and protects the Klan, and attacks the people fighting these scum. Only through the perspective of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought can all the people's questions be tied together and linked to the system of their oppression, capitalism. In the final analysis, the only solution is socialist revolution.

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The predominantly white, working class bystanders watched to see if the police would now let the anti-klan marchers move forward. With their own eyes, they saw the line of police lunge with nightsticks, jabbing at the front row of the march. Wearing helmets and using sticks for defense, the anti-klan fighters resisted, hitting the hands of the police who backed off to regroup. The attention of the crowd was now riveted on the demonstrators as Communist Workers Party agitators began to speak.

These are the higher level tactics and organization needed to successfully meet the challenges the struggles in the 1980's will bring. This high level combination of political offense and military defense against the bourgeois state and their goons like the klan was unprecedented in the glorious revolutionary history of the U.S. It foreshadows what it'll take to overthrow the criminal rule of the bourgeoisie and smash klan and other fascist scum once and for all.

Anticipating the offensive of the anti-klan demonstration, the mayor had the area around the Howard County Courthouse in downtown Kokomo sealed off from all traffic. Police snipers and cameramen lined the tops of surrounding buildings. Above them a police helicopter whirled. The courthouse itself was the headquarters for police, riot squadmen and plainclothes officers. While some stores were open, most had closed at the request of Kokomo's Mayor Daily. Button Motors, the city's downtown car dealership, had moved all its new cars off its display lots and into its showrooms. Mail deliveries were limited to First Class only so carriers could get off the streets earlier.

Meanwhile in Reservoir Park on Kokomo's southeast side, 30 klansmen dressed under police protection. They were driven to downtown Kokomo in a Senior Citizens bus and a 36-foot U-Haul truck paid for by the city.

"Here they come," said a patrolman as he observed the cars filled with anti-klan demonstrators from throughout the Midwest with their lights on pass the Kokomo city limits. The half-mile long convoy had driven 50 miles in tight

formation to arrive in Kokomo. As the convoy parked in the black community, it was greeted by friendly waves and clenched fists from residents. As Communist Workers Party members and friends, and other members of the Midwest Coalition Against the Klan got out, the determination to smash the Klan blazed in their faces and rang out in their chants—"Death to the Klan!"

In spite of six weeks of daily threats and intimidation by the city government, 100 people had come out to the same spot the night before to a speakout organized by the Communist Workers Party. They came to denounce the Klan and show their support for the counter demonstration. This was the turning point that moved the black community into action against the klan. CWP member, Clarence Dowdy, had explained to the people, "This isn't a black against white issue. The klan isn't on the side of our white working class brothers and sisters. The klan is fronting for our oppressors, the U.S. ruling class. The klan is being used as assassins to attack and kill our leadership like the CWP 5 who told the truth of the whole rotten nature of this capitalist system and why we need socialism." For most people there, this was the first time they ever had a communist analysis of the oppression they faced their whole lives. Hitting the mayor's charges that the CWP are outsiders and troublemakers, Clarence continued, "Who's making trouble? It's the mayor and the City Council who are supporting the klan by letting them march, by giving them the green light to carry on their campaign to split us up. We've got to fight the klan and U.S. ruling class who is backing them up under the cover of 'constitutional rights.'"

On Saturday, afternoon, these people came to tell Clarence he was right. They came out to the park for the rally that followed and shared in the victory. One resident noted, "Years ago, the klan had us on the run. Well, now we've got them on the run."

Kokomo Shows the Bourgeoisie What We'll Do To Free The Greensboro 3

The Kokomo demonstration against

the klan is a major political victory against the bourgeoisie's fascist attack and their tools—the KKK/Nazis. It gives the Party and the masses the initiative in showing the bourgeoisie what we're willing to do to free the Greensboro 3. Our offensive focused the attention of the masses on the crisis of the U.S. ruling class and polarized the sentiments of the people to support the Communist Workers Party leadership.

All workers, no matter where they live, feel the impact of the historic lever of economic crisis on their lives. The basis for the multi-national unity that developed in the campaign against the klan is the result of this polarization between the bourgeoisie and the working class and oppressed peoples. But in the absence of communist leadership to expose the real source of the crisis, the bourgeoisie will use and is using the KKK/Nazis to divert the anger of white workers against Afro-Americans and other minorities.

Communist Propaganda Ties All Issues Together

Kokomo, a predominantly white community is an advanced example of the mass awakening of the U.S. working class in the face of the economic crisis. Hit with the second highest unemployment in the country, unemployment benefits running out, food stamps due to end in May, the people are looking hard for a target to hit. Through bold communist propaganda the Party focused the anger (which the klan tries to use to pit white against black) against the common enemy, the monopoly capitalist class. To only focus on the klan and their brutal attacks on Afro-Americans and other minorities is not enough, and plays into the bourgeoisie's divide-and-rule scheme. The Party's work in Kokomo shows we must take a stand against the klan and go on to expose why the klan is being promoted now to split and weaken the whole working class. It is communism and socialist revolution that ties it all together, be it the klan, the economic crisis, world war, and fascism. This communist propaganda is decisive in building multinational unity. All along the motorcade route and out of the city, white workers stood in their yards waving

and with fists raised. Some marched along and youth, both black and white, rode their bicycles along the march. The majority of the crowd downtown during the rally and confrontation with the police was white. And they stood their ground with the marchers against the klan.

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CLASS STRUGGLE OF THE 80s!

Every step of the way, the Party exposed the state as the secret supporters of the klan, from publicly exposing FBI police harassment of members of the Midwest Coalition at the April 12 meeting and threatening to file a civil suit against the city. Then in the April 21 City Council meeting, before TV cameras, the Party ripped the hood off the mayor and City Council for upholding the klan's "constitutional rights" to murder like they did in Greensboro on Nov. 3 and in Chattahoochee, Tenn. one week ago. Again in the Traffic Commission meeting two days before the march, the Party forced the city government into the open as supporting the klan march, while denying a permit to the anti-klan demonstration. In the weeks building up to April 26, the Communist Workers Party became a household word. Comrades appeared daily on TV and in the front pages of the *Kokomo Tribune*, and on media throughout the Midwest, explaining the real nature of the economic crisis and putting forward the real solution, socialist revolution. More and more the question of the people became—What is the view of the city government and what is the view of the CWP? For most, this was their first exposure to communism. Although many were hesitant, they had to admit, "I don't know if I could go along with communism, but everything you say is true. It's all true."

Party's Military Defensive Serves the Political Offensive

An equally important aspect of the march and demonstration was the use of revolutionary tactics. Plans were made that would maximize our political impact, while minimizing the risk of injury to ourselves and the masses. By travelling in a car and a bus caravan stretching a half mile long, we put the police on notice that it wasn't going to be easy to stop us. By using sticks and helmets to hold up the police attack, we gained 20 minutes of valuable time to do agita-

tion/propaganda to the people on the street. Chanting the slogan "Only solution is socialist revolution" concludes the lesson of the confrontation with the police (before their own eyes and ears). With the masses on the sidewalk surrounding the marchers, combined with our revolutionary discipline, the police were unable to make any arrests or inflict any injuries. While the police overall had military superiority, we gained the political offensive by our use of these tactics, and exposure of their presence.

Main Weakness—Not Broadening the Fight Against the Klan

By pushing out and engaging the bourgeoisie with boldness and political propaganda and action, the CWP's leadership became concrete to the people of Kokomo. However, to beat back the bourgeoisie's preparation for World War III and defeat their rule, the struggle must be broad, to include all those who can be united against their fascist war. This aspect was the main weakness in the campaign. Political education must be done with all groups and strata, that are being forced to bear the brunt of the monopoly capitalists' crisis. Organizing this sentiment provides the best conditions for the working class and oppressed peoples to take the lead. Speakouts against the klan should have been organized earlier in the campaign not only in the black community but also among the white working class. Appeals to progressive and anti-klan individuals and organizations should have been pushed out harder in Kokomo and throughout the Midwest. Our ability to win over the majority of American people to the CWP's leadership will enable the Party to recruit working class fighters to the Party and to release our full might against the U.S. bourgeoisie.

**Death to the Klan!
Free the Greensboro 3!
The Only Solution is
Socialist Revolution!**



(top) masses snatched up *Workers Viewpoint* newspapers, hungry for the answers to questions that affect all aspects of their lives. The issue behind all issues today is communism. (bottom) Defying state intimidation, the masses came out to pay their respect.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY

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leaders, Albert Parsons, August Spies, Sam Fielden, George Engel, Adolph Fischer, Louis Lingg, Oscar Neebe and Michael Schwab. The press lost every cover of objective accuracy. All the bourgeois papers were one in creating counter-revolutionary public opinion, slandering all workers who advocated the 8-hour day as bomb-throwers.

Ruling Class Frame-up Exposed

With the leaders of the working class behind bars, the bourgeoisie widened its fascist attacks. The police went wild, packing Chicago's jails with hosts of foreign-born, smashing into private homes, raiding the headquarters and offices of trade unions and other working class organizations. Under this reign of white terror, Illinois District Court indicted Parsons and other strike leaders. They were clear victims of a frame-up. The jury was stacked with foremen and supervisors from the surrounding plants. Perjured testimony was given by witnesses who were themselves cops., or paid agents of the police department or terrorized men threatened with torture by the "law enforcers". On Aug. 20, Neebe was sentenced to 15 years, while the others were to be hanged.

Before the verdict was formally announced, the condemned men stood up in the kangaroo court to accuse the accuser. They denounced the reactionary authorities for staging the whole Haymarket massacre and forcefully pointed out that this conspiracy would backfire. Neebe exposed: "They (the monopolists) have thrown bombs and the bomb of the 4th of May at Haymarket was thrown by the hands of a monopolist conspirator sent from the city of New York for the specific purpose of breaking up the 8-hour movement. . . Your Honor, we are the victims of the foulest and blackest conspiracy that ever disgraced the annals of time." But Spies really sent shivers down the spines of his executioners: "If you think by hanging us you can stamp out the labor

movement. . . the movement from which the downtrodden millions, the millions who toil in want and misery, expect liberation—if this is your opinion, then hang us! Here you will tread upon a spark, but there and there, behind you and in front of you, everywhere, flames blaze up. It is a subterranean fire. You cannot put it out. . ." The defendants in defying death and in defending the working class were both dignified and impressive. They put the capitalist system on trial that day in front of the whole country.

Workers of the World Unite!

This upside down justice stirred a national and international outcry. Thousands of people across the continent held demonstrations declaring the men were convicted for their political opinions. The British working class responded to the call by Eleanor Marx (daughter of Karl Marx) and rallied behind their American brothers. Petitions and letters of protest from France, Holland, Russia, Italy and Spain snowed down on Chicago. But the Illinois government would not yield. And after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to examine the case, Parsons, Spies, Engel and Fischer were hanged. Lingg was murdered in his cell the day before. Fielden, Schwab and Neebe were given life imprisonment.

In 1893, under pressure from the persevered resistance by the working class here and abroad, the new Illinois Governor Altgeld had to admit the innocence of the eight and released the three still alive. In June, the U.S. working class erected a memorial with the words "Haymarket Square Martyrs" written on it.

In 1889, the Paris Congress of the Second International, (the International Association of Communist Organizations) led by Engels, passed a resolution officially adopting May Day as International Workers Day. This declaration strengthened the bond between the working class movement and Marxists, who have historically marched in the front ranks of May Day celebrations.

Significance of May Day 1980

The U.S. working class of the 1880's was full of

militancy and fighting spirit. What they lacked was a firm grasp of Marxism. Most of the Haymarket leaders were either utopian socialists or anarchists who did not see the need for the independent political party of the proletariat. As a result, the great victory of the battle for the 8-hour day, a great political victory, could not sustain itself towards the fight for emancipation.

Today, almost 100 years later, the proletariat has matured through a century of struggles. And internationally there are rich experiences from the Russian and Chinese Revolutions, whose valuable lessons are summed up in the science of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought. The Communist Workers Party, U.S.A. has studied this revolutionary theory and applied it to the concrete conditions of the U.S. in the thick of class struggle. Integrating theory with practice, the Communist Workers Party has developed the correct line for making revolution in this country. This correct line, together with the fighting tradition and staunch character of the U.S. proletariat represent the finest qualities of our class. For the first time in fifty years, the U.S. proletariat once again has a vanguard Party to lead and organize our spontaneous resistance for the coming decade. Because of this conscious leadership, we are able to systematically beat back the assault launched by the bourgeoisie against the working class leaders. The murders of five CWP members in Greensboro on November 3, 1979 and the frame-up of the Greensboro 3 have become a rallying point for the U.S. people's opposition to the danger of world war and fascism. We will defeat the U.S. imperialists' attempt to use this offense on the Party to unleash a wholesale fascist attack on the broad masses as preparation for their imperialist war.

As Engels pointed out, May Day is a time for the proletariat to "review its forces. . . mobilized for the first time as one army, under one flag, and fighting for one aim." May Day 1980 is an occasion for joyous celebration over the founding of the Communist Workers Party. At the same time it is a solemn occasion to review our forces, to meet the challenge of the 80s—declaration of war on the bourgeoisie and intense preparation for the dictatorship of the proletariat. □

The COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY Stands For:



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES

Our Readers Speak Out!

“... the U.S. ruling class oppresses the Iranian and U.S. people alike.”

April 7, 1980

Dear CWP,

I tried to catch up with a co-worker here at the hospital who told me this story, but I couldn't find her. Instead I'm sending this letter to the paper to tell the story for her.

Michael DeBakey, the surgeon who worked on the Shah, is the big shot at this hospital. The word is when he flew to Egypt to work on the Shah, he took a whole case marked human blood just for this “spleen surgery.” Well, here at Methodist Hospital for that entire week many surgeries were postponed and its thought that that was done due to the shortage of blood transfusions for post-op patients that went to the Shah!

The co-worker who told me this story works sometimes for DeBakey's service and when she figured it out she refused to do translating for his residents. She knew that he was taking blood to a criminal when really sick people who deserved to live were put on the backburner. More and more as the U.S. government through DeBakey (or whoever) put the interests of the Shahs of the world above the U.S. people and the people of the world, the U.S. people are going to see that the U.S. ruling class oppresses the Iranian and U.S. people alike.

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Since last year, unused commitments at large banks rose from \$200 billion to \$248 billion, a massive 25% increase. As *Business Week* says, “If such commitments are utilized, the \$160 billion in business loans outstanding will more than double, raising fears about the health of an already strained banking system. Such fears were underscored as long ago as last October, when Comptroller Heimann warned the financial markets by warning at an undisclosed number of institutions could fail and destroy confidence in the entire system. The Comptroller's office indicated that problem banks numbered about 250. The grim truth is that the banking system is far less able to withstand a recession than it was in 1974...” In 1974, the largest bank bust in U.S. history took place — the Franklin National Bank of New York.

The grim truth today is that the financial structure's relative independence from the process of production has taken off to the point where credit expansion is no

longer based on real production but on securities and “prospects”. Thus the material basis for finance has no or little bearing on the growth of cheap credit. Debt is built on debt, pyramidding higher and higher and is now clearly making the amount of loans outstanding before the crash of 1929 look insignificant. And the potential for crashing, like the amount of debt, has in its turn outstripped the vulnerability to collapse before the Great Depression.

Besides the shaky position banks are in, today speculation has reached unseen levels and not just in the stock market which triggered the 1929 Depression. The threat of collapse through speculation comes from many sources today as the Hunt silver fiasco showed. At the same time both corporate and consumer debt have reached massive proportions. These three are the main factors why the vulnerability of the U.S. economy is more extensive and deeper than the 30's. □

Why WV Did Not Go To Press Last Week

Last week, the *Workers Viewpoint* did not go to press because we were doing evaluation of the form and content of the newspaper and how it serves the class struggle of the 80's. In summing up, we felt the past few issues of the *Workers Viewpoint* have a lot of weaknesses. In the main, they did not reflect the Party's analysis of what it is like living in the 80's. Consequently, they failed in its task of being a propagandist, agitator and organizer of the masses in resistance against the oppression of the U.S. monopoly capitalist system now and in the coming period.

The 1980's is going to be a decade of stormy class struggle with the American people unable to live in the old way and the bourgeoisie unable to rule in the old way. Living in the 80's is like living in a whole different world from life in the 50's, 60's or 70's. The capitalist permanent economic crisis is crushing the people's standard of living to unprecedented depths and awakening them to resistance so fierce that it will make the mass uprising of the 60's look like a picnic. Bankrupt of any more tricks to cool out people's anger, the bourgeoisie is driven to total desperation to save their rule. They are trying to unleash naked terror—

fascism—against the American people and whip them into a world war.

Unlike the 60's, the American people today has its Party, the Communist Workers Party, to tap them to beat back fascism and World War III, and educate them about the bright prospects of socialist revolution—the dictatorship of the proletariat—in the 80's.

The deep significance of the present decade, great danger of fascism and world war, and the great opportunity of socialist revolution, has not been reflected in the pages of the *WV* in the last few issues. This error has the devastating class effect of lulling our readers to sleep thinking that the 80's will be just like the 50's, 60's and 70's. It will numb them to downplay the danger and opportunity of the coming decade. With this issue, we are trying to correct our error and we will continue to struggle for a communist paper that will reach the majority of America, touch their hearts and minds and tell them the truth about the 80's.

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