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Significance of Soviet Aggression in Afghanistan and Grain Embargo

## U.S. People Must Prepare Against World War III and Fascism



"It's like cutting off your nose to spite your face," shouted an angry Midwest banker. From *Time* magazine (known as Rockefeller's mouthpiece) to Ted Kennedy (reputed to be a political

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representative of Morgan financial interests), the monopoly capitalists are summing up Carter's grain and trade embargo on the Soviet Union as one big bust—it's hurting the U.S. more than the Soviets.

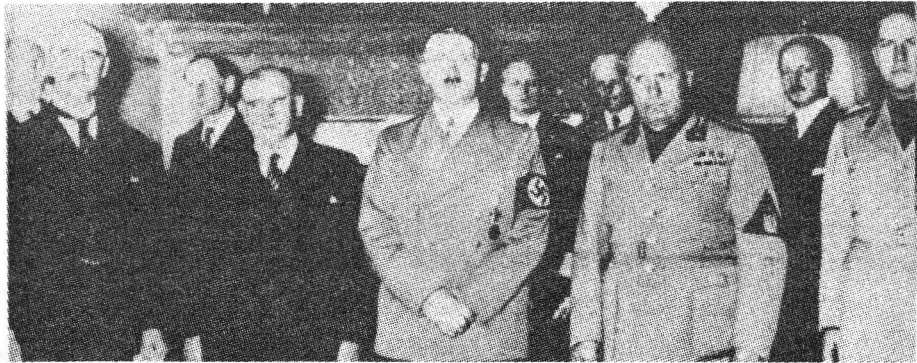
#### Grain Market Closed For Two Days

As soon as Carter announced the

grain embargo, the nation's giant grain industry came to a screeching halt. The grain market would have collapsed like a ruptured balloon if Carter hadn't closed the market for two unprecedented days. But even his last-minute, \$2.6 billion plan to buy up the blocked grain contracts couldn't brake the flood of selling that began 15 seconds before the Chicago Board of Trade reopened. "I've never seen anything like it," said a sweating veteran trader. In less than a minute, wheat, corn and soybean prices sank to the bottom limit the Board allows. Imagine what would've happened if Carter imposed a total embargo (despite the tough talk, the U.S. is still committed to shipping 8 million bushels to the Soviets).

Agriculture in the U.S. is big money,  
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(Right) D-day landing, Sword Beach, June 6, 1944. (Below) Turning imperialist war into civil war, the Russian workers and peasants established the first socialist state. (Below left) Chamberlain, Daladier, Hitler, Mussolini and Ciano, after signing the Munich treaty on the eve of World War 2.



## Drop All Charges on Nelson Johnson & Other Anti-Klan/Nazi Fighters!

You will never read in an American history book that the KKK are a bunch of terrorists. School teachers won't tell you; you won't find it in the papers and Walter Cronkite won't mention it either. The KKK are not called terrorists because to the rulers of this country, they are not.

Yet, in perfect living with capitalist hypocrisy is the labeling of freedom fighters as terrorists. As early as 1832, Nat Turner, who led the slave revolt in Southampton County, Virginia, was considered a terrorist because he threatened the entire slave system. Meanwhile, those who kept him in bondage go unlabeled.

Now almost 150 years later, there is a new form of slavery. Chattel slavery has been replaced by wage slavery. Still we have people who would rather die fighting than to live as slaves. These are the people who get coined terrorists, while the real terrorists of the people go unpunished. But who would expect different? This is bourgeois democracy!

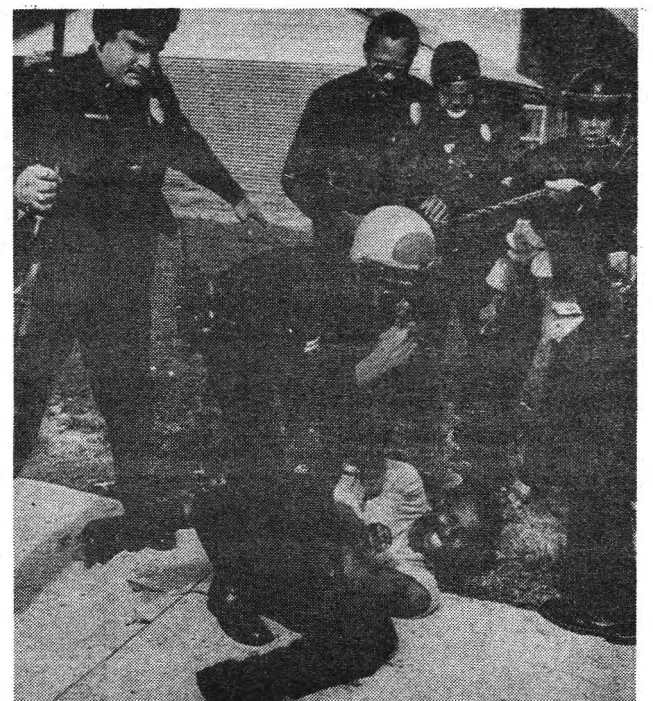
#### Feb. 4th Trials

The Feb. 4 upcoming trials are concrete examples of the bourgeoisie's attempt to blame the Communist

Workers Party for the murders of our own comrades and let the real killers off the hook. Three comrades, Nelson Johnson, Willena Cannon and Rand Manzella will be brought to trial. Nelson will be facing charges of inciting to riot and resisting arrest, Willena for interfering with the cops and Rand for being "armed to the terror of the people."

What did Nelson do? After the shootings of our comrades, the cops came armed to the teeth aiming their guns at the demonstrators while allowing eight of the 9 Klan/Nazi vehicles to get away. Nelson told the cops, "Our people are not the problem." Later as he got up from caring for the wounded and covering the slain comrades he approached a group of community people who wanted to know why the police were standing around aiming their guns at the demonstrators as the Klan/Nazi murderers were being allowed to escape. Nelson said that the police had organized this and that they had told people not to bring guns. They allowed the people to be murdered. He declared that the Mayor and capitalist class were to blame. Is this inciting to riot? Or is this telling the truth?

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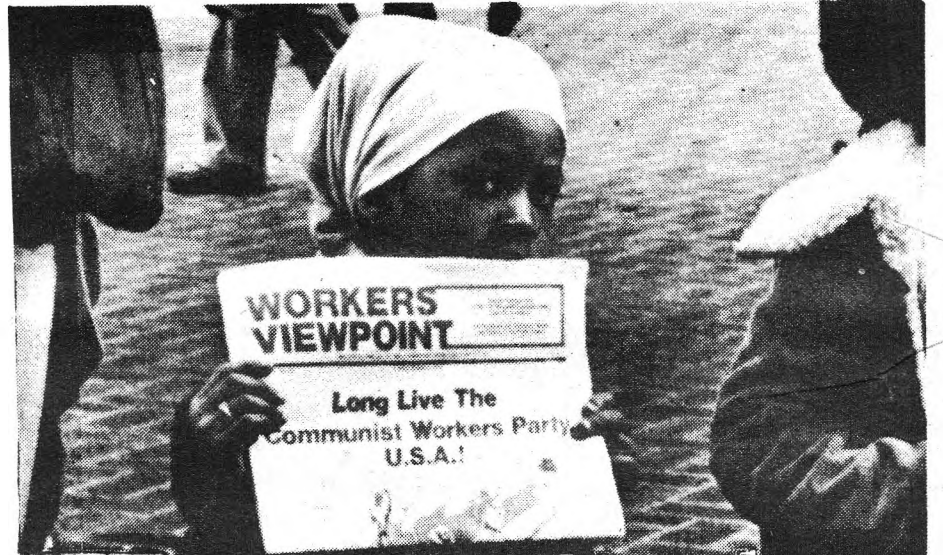
Nelson Johnson, member of the Communist Workers Party, being dragged to jail on Nov 3 after he fought back against KKK/Nazis and FBI agents who had murdered 5 other comrades



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## Breaking the Chains of Wage Slavery



**OCAW ON STRIKE**  
60,000 members of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers union struck the oil companies nationwide on January 8th. The OCAW contract settled in 1979 included a contract reopener at the beginning of the second year. The union demanded a full medical plan and more than 9% wage increase and the strike was on.

**JERSEY BULK: MASSIVE HAZARD COVER-UP**  
JERSEY CITY, N.J.—The general manager of the Bulk Mail Center abruptly retired amid reports that many more plant officials there will follow him, as a massive cover-up of unsafe work conditions at the facility continues to be revealed. Christine McDermott, whose husband was killed there last month, testified that he was threatened with firing for complaining of the dangers. "Is this what a life is worth—a sack of mail?" she said.

**UPS WORKERS HOLD UP DELIVERIES**  
On January 6th, 3,000 United Parcel Service (UPS) drivers, clerks

and warehousemen in the New York/New Jersey area walked off the job after three union members were fired. The company fired the three workers while they were on leaves of absence to serve as local union business agents. A judge issued an injunction ordering them back to work for violating a no-strike clause.

**CARTER TRIES TO DERAIL RAILROAD WORKERS**  
NEW YORK CITY—Mediation broke down between the Long Island Railroad workers and their bosses on January 6th. In December, when the workers struck, President Carter ordered them back to work for 60 days and appointed a mediator under the Railroad Labor Act. New York City and the Mass Transit Authority hope to make the railroad workers an example for all municipal worker cutbacks.



# Crisis Paralyzes 'City That Works'

CHICAGO, Ill.—“Union town” “the city that works.” Typical descriptions of Chicago seem unfitting in light of the city's total economic chaos today. Mayor Byrne was counting the 37th day of the school crisis, the 4th day of the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) strike and a real threat of fireman's strike. Headlines exploded with news that 50 schools may be closed. All cops were on 24 hour duty, many running from one CTA barn to another trying to put down militant CTA workers who are determined that not a single scab bus rolls. Education president Rohler called for more police back-up when protest erupted at the Board of Education meeting—there wasn't any! The city that works was at a complete standstill.

The nation's 3rd largest school system was the focus of Chicago's money woes. Teachers and other workers were not paid on December 21, the first time since the Depression of the 1930's. For years, the whole Board of Ed rode on deficit financing and credit. Debt piled on debt as the city borrowed to pay off just the interest on old loans and the banks got quick profits. Finally the bubble had burst.

The crisis hit on Nov. 13. The school board's credit rating plunged to one step above default. The effect has been to drive down the whole city's credit rating. Because some bus companies, food vendors, etc. do their major business with the Board, the Board's inability to pay the debts is leading to bankruptcy for a number of these companies. This just shows how vulnerable the economy is due to deficit financing.

## Crisis Penetrates Mainstream

This crisis is significant. Chicago

represents the mainstream of U.S. life with lots of industry, unlike New York where there is literally no heavy industry to speak of. During the New York City crisis, many city employees, social services, and civil service were drastically cut down. Chicago, with few of these types of services, has major problems trimming down during a crisis. For instance, there is no way that Chicago General Hospital, already cut to the bone can be further cut without bringing hospital services to a standstill. New York, on the other hand, could close down some of the 17 city hospitals to bail themselves out.

The Chicago school system, serving over 480,000 students is one of the largest employers in the area. When the school goes in the red, dragging along other sectors, this shakes the foundations of Chicago's economy.

## Workers Pay for Bail-Out

Right now the bail-out of a budget deficit of \$500 million is coming from a package deal of city, state, Board, and teachers' union agreement.

It calls for trimming the budget, an end to special programs like bilingual education and special education. It means layoffs (one out of every eight Board workers), closing schools, renegotiating the teacher and other Board workers contracts. That means cuts in pay, benefits and a tax increase to ensure that the banks (finance capitalists) collect their interest and that their investments are safe.

The Chicago Teachers Union leadership sold-out and approved the purchase of \$500,000 in city general notes. Coming out of the union's general funds, this is yet another way of forcing workers to



Police play watchdog role for CTA for fear militant workers would not allow scab bus to run.

pay for the crisis. Just like the Chrysler bail-out, union leadership is allowing drastic cuts in pay and benefits. It is part of a whole trend of take-backs that is accompanying the deepening economic crisis.

Another result is more centralization and more direct control by finance capitalists. Key part of the bail-out is a Financial Control Board, Chicago's version of N.Y.'s Big MAC, with power to veto all spending, workers contracts and final say on the budget.

## Beginning Fight Against Cutbacks

The Party's leadership and parent involvement in the education struggle has historically been strong. Because there is only one Board, the struggle is focused and the target clear.

In 1977, when the city tried to push forced busing through, parents refused to allow their children to board

the buses. At that time, the Committee for Quality Education, influenced by the leadership of the Party, led the struggle for a one-day school strike against forced busing.

Recently, in the face of the cuts, the Communist Workers Party organized a meeting with Latino parents on the Southwest Side and Humboldt Park community. Parents started to point to the system, the high prices, crime and poor education. On December 10, the Committee for Quality Education, the CWP 5 Memorial Bookstore, and the CWP organized a picket at the Board of Ed's regularly scheduled, open meeting. But lost for answers, the Board dared not face the angry parents and cancelled the meeting. Parents and supporters picketed the Board and then marched to City Hall knowing this is only the beginning of a long and hard fight against cutbacks. □

## FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES

# Our Readers Speak Out!

## Busting on Union-Busting

An oil worker with over 25 years experience wrote this letter as oil workers prepared for the 1980 contract, which broke out with a strike January 8th.

Dear WV-

I am employed at Shell Chemical Co. Houston, Texas plant. The plant is represented by Local 4-367 OCAW. I am an avid reader of your writings.

Our plant and the Shell Oil plant are under the same contract, Shell Chemical. Back in 1962, we went on strike to try to preserve some working and contract conditions. The strike lasted almost a year. Staff personnel were trying to run the plants at first but were getting behind as time went on. The AFL building trades were to stay in a new construction only but were soon doing most all the plant maintenance. Something even the unorganized wouldn't do because the strike was on. Local 4-367 is the combined AFL-CIO.

AFL men claimed they were forced by a presidential agreement to cross the picket lines and do the work. Some of my ex-friends were among them.

Mr. O.A. Knight was President of OCAW at the time, and George Meany of AFL. After the AFL moved in completely about 300 of us OCAW men

were laid off and paid off. We just lost a federal unfair labor ruling on that and have it under appeal.

This strikebreaking by an affiliate was unheard of and the AFL is still in here on the biggest part of maintenance work.

Before the strike work could not go out to shops that are paid less wages than we received for same work. Now it goes out almost 100% to shops paying low wages and AFL men wait for it to come back for installing.

I was rehired after the strike through re-employment rights but had to go on starting an operating job even though I have ten years in maintenance; because AFL is still here.

I think more should be brought out about a thing like this happening and I have some material to send if you care to look into this place. The AFL broke the strike it seems just to get a foot in the door. They have plenty of work in this area and in the past wouldn't consider this maintenance work.

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Since Shell no longer fears organized labor, they have given most major contracts to non-union contractors. The majority of the maintenance is non-union and the AFL have to work with non-union even build their scaffolds for them while they wait besides the job to use them.

The AFL stays in to work with the non-union when we do go out on strike for our gains.

I would appreciate hearing from you and your views about this situation.

Sincerely,  
C.D.  
Houston

Thank you for your letter. Although the oil industry is known for craft unions, usually unions are broken by non-union workers brought in during a strike or walkout. In your plant, the union-busting by another union, the craft building trades, is particularly treacherous. Such narrow craft unionism which places the interests of one craft above the majority of workers is easily turned around by the boss to bust even the craft union itself.

These policies of the labor aristocracy, a small bribed strata of the proletariat, divides the workers from within. While not every Building Trades member is a part of the labor aristocracy, the representatives of this trend (like Peter Brennan, secretary of labor under Nixon from the Building Trades Council (AFL-CIO)) must be politically exposed and kicked out of the leadership of the workers movement.

During economic crisis, the capitalists have to bust unions even harder so they can make workers pay more. However, the New York City newspaper pressmen's strike (a craft union) in 1978 was successful, because all the

crafts united and refused to cross the pressmen's line.

Please keep us informed on the situation in your plant and the current strike.

## San Antonio Friend Honors Greensboro Martyrs

Communist Workers Party,

In response to the murder of Party activists in Greensboro, N.C., I drew up this appeal [i.e. petition, ed.] and sent copies out to my friends in Texas, Oklahoma, and Denmark.

I would criticize the wording of the statement now, as it was written on Sunday, Nov. 5, and the full details on police cooperation and the selected assassination of Party leaders had not come out. The "liberal Chicano activist" Roman Catholic Archbishop told me to "pray for the Klan". (I had approached him to authorize a Public Memorial Mass for the victims.)

When the SWP vice-presidential candidate came here, I attended her news conference and asked her to sign the appeal afterwards. She refused.

This effort on behalf of the Greensboro martyrs is grossly inadequate, I know. Still, I felt I had to do something.

In solidarity,  
S.A.  
San Antonio



# Carter Cashes in on "Amber Waves of Grain" 3rd World Demands Soviets Out of Afghanistan

Ban the wheat, ban the technology sales to the Soviet Union, says Carter and company. Faced with their third crop failure in a row, the Soviet Union will be hurt by this action. The Afghan rebels will be helped but this is not the U.S. objective. The U.S., in general, weeps no tears over the fate of a third world country in which it has no direct interests (military or otherwise). As evidence, there was no response, except verbal, by the U.S. to the Soviet Union's invasion of Eritrea or the Soviet backed Vietnamese invasion of Kampuchea.

Nor is the U.S. bourgeoisie's embargo really aimed at crippling the Soviet economy since the U.S. has already committed itself to fill an 8 million bushel Soviet order. The U.S. is trying to cash in on the Afghanistan issue to whip up patriotism at home. For instance, . . .

## "Sacrifice For America" Means Attack On Americans

Mondale called on small farmers to "sacrifice for America" as their livelihood is ruined by the embargo. And when Kennedy screamed on behalf of Morgan Guaranty Bank and IBM, Mondale accused him of being "unpatriotic".

Thomas Gleason, president of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) called for the rank and file to boycott handling Soviet ships and cargo. Gleason's decision will help the guerrilla fighters but that is not his intention. A couple of months before, he initiated an economic boycott against Iranian ships and cargos to strangle the Iranian revolution. And this is the

same stand—stand with the U.S. bourgeoisie against the Soviet Union and the third world—that he's taking on Afghanistan.

The ILA boycott against the Soviets was not initiated by the rank and file—it is a top-down decision with the full support of the White House. While a boycott during the busy season now doesn't threaten the jobs of longshoremen, Gleason came out with rah-rah statements saying, even if some jobs may be lost as a result of the boycott, it only goes to show not just American farmers have to sacrifice.

## China Responds Cautiously While U.S. Tries to Set China Up

While steamlining public opinion in this country for war, the U.S. is also trying to set China up through Secretary of Defense Brown's visit. Although repeating publicly proposals for "parallel actions" between China and the U.S. to counter the Soviet invasion in Afghanistan, the U.S. has no intention of selling arms to China. Silks, a military analyst for the *New York Times*, said that if the Soviet Union engaged China into a nuclear war, NATO countries would have to help. But if it was a ground war, then it's not necessary to arm China. The U.S. needs a weak

viet expansionist policy. The official translation was that China seeks to unite to cautiously deal with the expansionist policy of the Soviet Union. China is a third world country and the revisionist leadership can see that the U.S. being cornered by the Soviet military action. They aren't total suckers and will resist the U.S.' attempt to shift the war on them.

## Third World Stands Firm Against Soviet Union

The Soviet Union has suffered big political as well as military setbacks in their invasion of Afghanistan. Afghan guerillas have routed the Soviet army and recaptured a town as well as two provinces in the Northeast region of Afghanistan. A huge cry of outrage against the U.S.S.R. has been raised around the world.

By a vote of 104 to 18, the General Assembly of the United Nations condemned the Soviet invasion and called for "the immediate, unconditional and total withdrawal of the foreign troops from Afghanistan." The overwhelming support from the third world countries carried the resolution. The complete vote from the third world was 78 in favor, 9 against, 18 abstaining and 10 absentees. Among the 18 votes against the resolution were mainly the satellite

recent military threat and economic sanction against Iran, is still on the minds of the third world's peoples.

## 2nd World's Appeasement Line Feeds Soviet Union's Appetite

Thousands of people in Norway and Denmark came out to protest against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. But France, W. Germany, and Japan bent over backwards to appease the Soviet Union. French Foreign Minister, Francois-Poncet, stressed the need to "maintain the dialogue" with the Russians. He even dared to argue that Moscow's motives in Afghanistan are still "unknown".

West Germany's Chancellor Schmidt said on the one hand that Soviet intervention in Afghanistan violates the elementary principles of peaceful coexistence among the people of the world, yet on the other hand, he insisted that the West should continue to maintain communication with the Soviet Union.

The Soviets are pressuring West Germany by cancelling a planned high-level meeting on joint economic development. It also called off a concert tour to seven W. German cities that was to have started on Friday, January 11.

Of all the Western capitalist countries, West Germany is the leading economic partner with the Soviet Union. Hundreds of millions of dollars in trade and investment is involved. Under this economic and political pressure (not to mention several divisions of Soviet troops on the W. German border) Schmidt caved in.

Japan took a similar weak-knee stand. Japan condemned the invasion in the beginning, but recently the Foreign Minister publically rejected any military pact with China against the Soviet Union or any cooperative effort with China and the U.S. against the invasion. He said only "reducing the tension" is advantageous to Japanese interests.

These appeasement lines only feed the appetite of the greedy Soviet bear. The main focus of contention between the Soviets and the U.S. is still Europe. Any spinelessness of the second world bourgeoisie increases the danger of war. The responses of the French, Japanese, and German bourgeoisie show that it is the masses of these countries who must be counted on to fight against the danger of a 3rd world war.

Soviet aggression caused waves even in its own backyard, Eastern Europe. Romania reaffirmed her position that nations should not interfere in the internal affairs of others. Hungary and Poland were hesitant to give the Soviets their support. More importantly, the people of Eastern Europe see what the "Brezhnev doctrine" means in real life. "How can we applaud when Soviet troops move into another country? We know these troop trucks can move in any direction", said one Polish writer.

## Danger of War Increasing

The "Communist" Party, U.S.A. and Tom Wicker, mouthpiece for pro-Soviet bourgeoisie and a *New York Times* editorial writer, came out defending the Soviet invasion and crying about a "new cold war." Wicker claims that the reason the Soviet Union moved on Afghanistan was because SALT could not be resolved, not because of the nature of Soviet social-imperialism.

The Soviet Union is a state monopoly capitalist country. They need to dominate and exploit countries in order to export its capital and make super-

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## UN Vote - 5 to 1 Against Soviet Union

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In Jakarta, Indonesians gathered before the Soviet Embassy to denounce the invasion of Afghanistan.

China to lure the Soviet Union into attacking China. The U.S. wants the Soviet bear locked into a land war with China, weakening both and thus paving the way for the U.S. to be top dog again.

This tactic to lure the USSR to the East was jammed before because China was a genuine socialist country under Mao's leadership. But now, restoring capitalism and taken in by the glitter of imperialist weapons, the Chinese revisionists are not relying on people to win a war. China has turned from a strong socialist country into a relatively weak third world country. This definitely increases the appetite of the Soviets.

Brown got a cautious reaction from the Chinese revisionist leaders. They confronted Brown on U.S. arms sales to Taiwan and U.S. troops in South Korea. Hsin Hua News, China's official news agency, corrected a UPI statement that quoted Deng Xiao Ping as saying that China seeks an alliance to counter So-

countries of Eastern Europe and Soviet pawns such as Cuba and Viet Nam. Romania and Finland did not vote with the Soviet Union.

Countries who have sided with the Soviet Union before, such as Jamaica and Mexico, turned against it. Both countries, at September's non-alignment meeting, supported Cuba's move against Kampuchea. Middle Eastern countries, (Iraq, Algeria, Libya) long dependent on Soviet arms and political support, either said nothing or privately condemned the invasion.

Because of the invasion, Cuba (the Soviet's henchman) lost a chance for a Security Council seat and was forced to withdraw.

Although the Soviet Union is getting more exposed to the third world, it in no way means the U.S. can make an easy come back. The Camp David Summit, U.S. support of Zionist Israel and of racist South Africa, as well as the



# Machinist Steward J. Spearman Fights Redbaiting Trial

WICHITA, Ks.—In this heart of the grain belt where the booming aircraft industry is crucial to U.S. war preparations, the witch hunt is on. At Cessna Aircraft where the rank and file movement has grown to inspire the whole city, the IAM (International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers) Local 774's leading fighter—John Spearman—goes on trial Jan. 16. His union membership is being challenged for being a "practicing communist."

After an attempt in November to recall his stewardship was turned into re-election, (a clear show of support by John's co-workers) the company/union bureaucrats stepped up their intimidation and redbaiting of the rank and file. The membership of at least one other union fighter has been threatened on the same grounds. No coincidence, this campaign to put fear into the workers'

hearts comes as the old bureaucrats fight for their careers. Union elections for plant and district chairman come up in April.

The trial to strip John of his membership (which would mean a total loss of livelihood for him and his family as he would be fired shortly thereafter) came about by the charge of one lone worker. Scab Leonard Ledoux called on the dogs because, "Mr. John Spearman avowed his affiliation with the Communist principles and declared himself an 'avowed communist' which is a violation of the grandest degree. . . . It is the responsibility of employees to perform their appointed tasks to the benefit of the Company whose basic interest is the same as the Union's which is the production of a line of goods for a profit . . . . It is the responsibility of the elected

shop steward . . . to promote harmonious relations between all employees and the company."

John has submitted a statement which says: "I believe that the charge against me of 'gross misconduct' for 'admitting' my political views represents an unwarranted act of aggression and which, by its very nature, sets an extremely dangerous precedent threatening genuine rank and file democracy in this union. The charge should be immediately dismissed.

" . . . this section of the IAM Constitution (Article L, sec. 3, lines 16-24 which says advocating communism is improper conduct by a member and warrants punishment) should be stricken, given its anti-democratic character . . .

"In my day-to-day work as shop steward and as a member of the grievance board, I have served the membership, in particular the rank and file, of this union well . . . . No one, including my opponents, has openly criticized my work in the plant or the union . . .

"This charge is not aimed only at myself . . . . The question of communism is merely a convenient cover under which militant workers are to be isolated and expelled, not on the basis of 'incorrect practice' but merely because they have different ideas and effectively challenge existing leadership and influence other workers."

John Spearman, a supporter of the Communist Workers Party and who is Afro-American, has for the past two years given leadership to *Hammer House*, a rank and file shop newsletter with a circulation of 5,000. This paper, funded by workers' donations formed a caucus and organized fights ranging

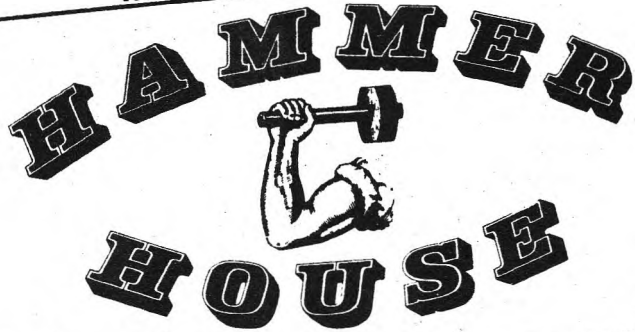
from working conditions, sexual harassment, contract negotiations, to police brutality involving Cessna workers. One worker, under tremendous pressure from the redbaiting, said, "John has done nothing but good in the 18 months I've known him and I would do nothing to hurt him."

The jobs and union positions of John and other rank and file organizers across the country who support the Communist Workers Party are being threatened by the new wave of redbaiting, the magnitude which has not been seen since the McCarthyism of the late 40's-50's.

This new wave of fighters is organizing in the trade unions not for their own careers, but because they are committed to a new and healthy socialist future for the U.S. people. If communists are excluded from the trade unions—who's next? John and other union activists are organizing the rank and file to oppose the redbaiting and stand up for the daily demands of workers, defend the leaders, fighting to cut through the curtain of redbaiting hysteria by organizing publicly about the attacks. They are getting legal support and calling for the support of all progressive people.

*UPDATE: John's trial put the redbaitors on the defensive. 13 witnesses came to support him and more had to be turned away. Only 3 were allowed to speak at the closed hearing, but the union hacks only had two witnesses, one who retracted his testimony against John during the hearing. The struggle continues as the trial decision (to be announced) must be passed by 2/3 vote at the February union meeting.* □

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The Employers And The Economic Crisis

WORKERS REFUSE TO CARRY THE BURDEN

John Spearman—CWP supporter, organizer and editor of *Hammer House*, a powerful shop paper—for threatening the union hack's stranglehold, he is under attack by the new wave of redbaiting.

## George Meany: Capitalists Mourn A Loyal Servant's Death

On January 10, 1979, George Meany, head of the AFL-CIO, at age 85 finally dropped dead. So to George Meany, for 25 years of meritorious service to the bourgeoisie we bequeath this obituary to him as one of the best representatives of capitalism's agents in the working class.

Meany's record as loyal servant of the bourgeoisie:

\*\*In 1940, Meany refused to recognize the 53,000 coal miners whose strike threatened to halt steel production during the imperialist war, while complaining that labor had too little input into defense. Then conceding to the National War Labor Board (1) no strikes or lockouts in defense industry, (2) to allow that war labor board to settle disputes, (3) to submit all grievances to the board in response to Roosevelt's statement that wage increases would hurt workers more than any labor group in society.

\*\*In 1945, Meany kept the AFL out of the World Federation of Trade Unions on

the grounds that the body admitted Soviet trade unions.

\*\*In 1954, Meany was named honorary chairperson for service to the Zionist settler states trade union Histadrut.

\*\*During the McCarthy era, Meany agreed to sign non-communist affidavits and refused to accept the Fur and Leather Workers Union because of communist leadership.

\*\*During the late 1950s recession, Meany denounced illegal aliens as the source of depressed wages and called for border patrols to keep out Mexicanos. He also refused to support organizing efforts of farm workers while bragging that 23% of AFL-CIO budget went for overseas activities.

\*\*In 1960 for the first time in the history of either the AFL or CIO a presidential candidate was endorsed. Meany endorsed John F. Kennedy—promoting this imperialist bloodhound as "the best friend of labor."

\*\*During the early sixties Meany publicly opposed segre-

gation clauses in union constitutions, but never lifted a finger to remove them or support the struggle of Afro-American people.

\*\*In 1966, Meany approved President Johnson's ban on strikes in transport, communications and municipal services, after New York City transport workers had won a victory during a one month strike.

\*\*During the sixties and early seventies Meany diverted union funds to the CIA for subversion of Latin American trade unions.

\*\*Meany was a staunch supporter of the Viet Nam war to the very end saying anyone opposing it got their orders from Hanoi.

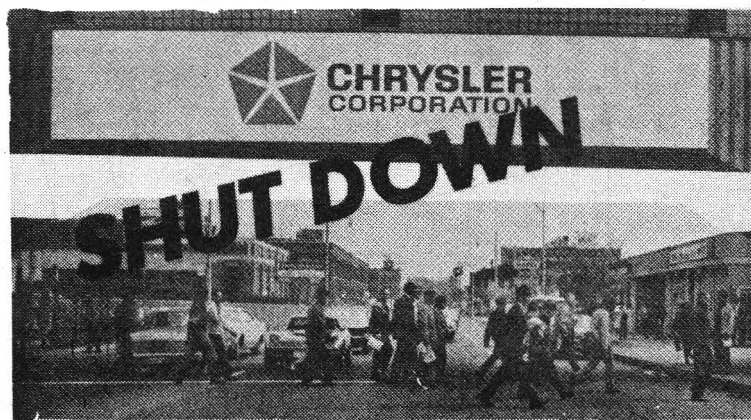
\*\*In 1978 Meany was the first to call for the Taft-Hartley Act to suppress the historic 110-day strike of the United Mine Workers.

In memory, one capitalist obituary after another expressed their gratitude to this

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### ON THE LINE

## Layoffs Mount As Dodge Main Closes



HAMTRAMCK, Mi.—Top United Auto Workers officials were all smiles as they showed off hub caps from the last car coming off the line at Dodge Main. They still have jobs.

Dodge Main in Hamtramck, Michigan, shut down for good on Jan. 4, 2,400 more Chrysler workers are permanently out on the streets. They are not smiling. At Ford Motor all but two of its 13 plants have closed for two weeks putting 34,575 workers out of work. Another 1,670 are permanently without a job as Ford announced the closing of its Pico Rivera assembly plant in California.

While the bourgeoisie shuffles the statistics around to cushion the blow of the layoffs, that cold steel ax has chopped off a total of more than 202,450 jobs. It is nearing the high of 350,000 auto-workers layoffs for the 1974 crisis. But this time more workers are on "indefinite" (permanent) layoff. Workers are finding it harder to get other jobs and the Carter administration just passed a bill making it harder to get extended unemployment benefits after the minimum 26 weeks.



# Turn the Country Upside Down to Avenge the CWP 5!

# VICTORY FOR RIGHT TO ARMED-SELF-DEFENSE



On Jan. 4, charges against nine people arrested for transporting weapons to the Nov. 11th Communist Workers Party 5 funeral march in Greensboro, North Carolina were dismissed either for insufficient cause to stop them or because they were passengers in the cars. Another 14 people received convictions but were given suspended sentences of one year. This represents a victory for the Communist Workers Party and the masses in the struggle for right to armed self-defense. Despite the suspended sentences, Judge Joe Williams, a "liberal," ordered all confiscated weapons to be destroyed and gave a condition that no one be arrested for the same charge within 5 years or the one year suspended sentence could be imposed.

These acts of selective repression such as declaring a state of emergency and obtaining a blanket search warrant were Greensboro officials attempts to stop CWP friends and supporters from attending the funeral march. These same officials allowed the Klan to come to the Nov. 3 demonstration knowing they would be armed and gave them the Nov. 3 parade permission with the provision that no one be armed. They also exposed the hollowness of our constitutional rights to bear arms.

Clearly with the Nov. 3 assassinations and the 1,000 troops pointing their guns at the funeral marchers—we would defend our right to armed self-defense at any cost. This is our political offensive. That's why the judge could not give out harsh sentences to the marchers. One of the defendants, Tom Clark said to the judge, "My friends and comrades had gotten killed and I got wounded on Nov. 3 at the anti-Klan march which was supposed to be under police protection. On Nov. 11, I was going to make sure that I was ready to defend myself

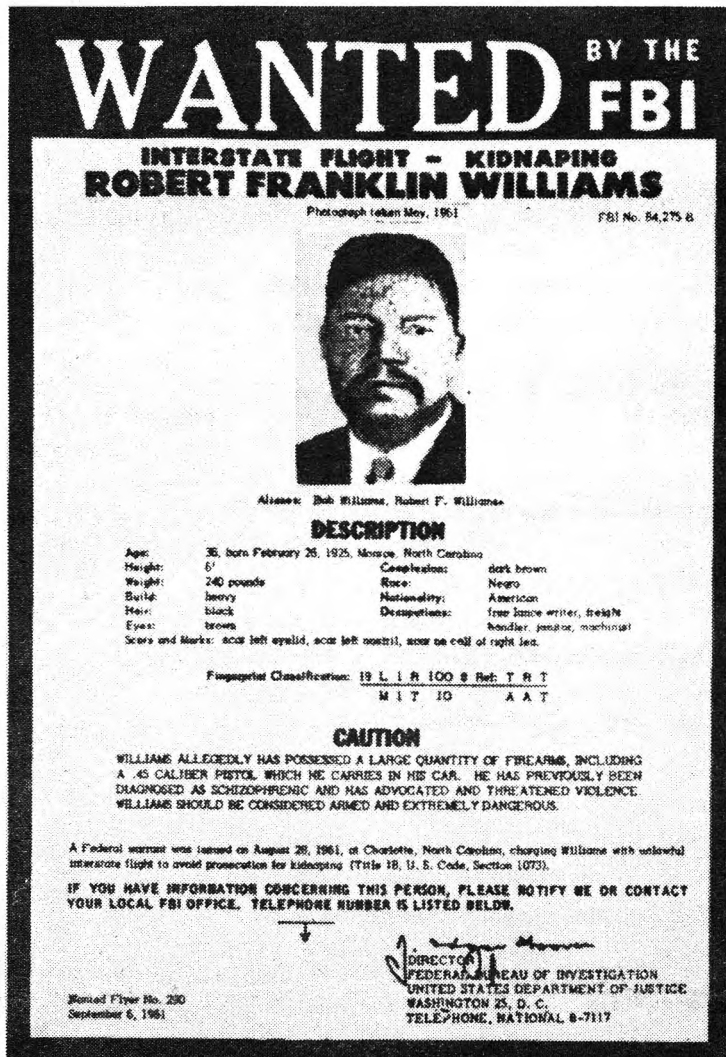
## Drop All Charges!

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The cops came up from behind Nelson and grabbed him as he was talking to someone in the community; there wasn't any statement of arrest. Willena, fearful for Nelson's life grabbed onto him and was arrested. Rand was arrested because he had a gun in hand when the cops finally arrived. As the Klan/Nazi killers were firing load after load of bullets at the Communist Workers Party leaders, Bill Sampson, one of the slain comrades handed his gun to Rand as he was hit and told him to continue to defend the people. Was there "armed to the terror of the people" as the state claims? Since the killers shot first and were there precisely to carry out a planned attack, Rand's case is clearly significant for all people fighting for armed self-defense. Support for dropping the charges is a real way to fight Klan terror since these people were actual Klan fighters.

### Klan Terror Is Legal In America

Everyone knows that the Klan has never been punished for its crimes against blacks, Jews, communists or



1961, FBI "Wanted" poster of Robert Williams. He was forced into exile because of his staunch advocacy and practice of armed self-defense. "The lawful authorities of Monroe and North Carolina acted to enforce order only after, and as a direct result of our being armed. Previously they had connived with the KKK in the racist violence against our people. Self-defense prevented bloodshed..."

work for a respectable compromise. They are most vicious and violent when they can practice violence with impunity. This we have shown in Monroe."

Williams also elaborated on the role of the state in Monroe. "The lawful authorities of Monroe and North Carolina acted to enforce order only after, and as a direct result of our being armed. Previously they had connived with the KKK in the racist violence against our people. Self-defense prevented bloodshed and forced the law to establish order."

### Upside Down Justice

Though the funeral marchers could not be sentenced harshly, their convictions alone stand as a stark example of the upside down justice of the bourgeoisie. On Dec. 13, 1979 Rayford Caudle, one of the Nazi leaders on the day of the assassinations was not only released but all charges against him were dropped by the grand jury under the direction of the district attorney. This Nazi was not only present on the day of Nov. 3 but he owned many of the weapons taken after the shooting. The weapons were in a car owned by Caudle. This is the same Rayford Caudle who had told Joe Grady of Winston-Salem, Grand Dragon of the White Knights of Liberty, that "one person, not a Klansman, brought most of the weapons to Greensboro, ... The man was not supposed to go to the rally

**"On Nov. 11 I was going to make sure I was ready to defend myself . . ." -Defendant Tom Clark**

and I also know I have the constitutional right to bear arms." We will appeal the conviction and defend our right to armed self-defense through to the end.

### History of Armed Self-Defense Against the Klan

Police protecting the interest of the

civil rights organizers. History is filled with many examples of this. In fact in 1964, three civil rights organizers were killed in Alabama by the Klan. Community members spoke up as witnesses. At first, the FBI denied the cause of death, but later, due to riots throughout the nation, it had to do something.

A sheriff, ex-cop and minister were among those Klan members arrested. None were charged with the actual murders, and all except one was released shortly after on appeal bonds. The only one held was given a year and a day.

### Our Responsibility

We must beat back the attacks on the comrades and expose the state and their tools: the FBI, police, KKK and Nazis. For now we should mobilize support of the three arrested for the Feb. 4 trials. In this way we can define for the world who the real terrorists are—and force the state to release the defenders of the people. □

**DROP ALL CHARGES AGAINST NELSON, WILLENA & RAND**

bourgeoisie and collaborating with the Klan is well known not only in the case of the Communist Workers Party 5, but also in the past. In Monroe, North Carolina during the 50's the KKK was accompanied by two police cars when they came to attack Dr. Albert E. Perry, Vice President of the Monroe chapter of the NAACP.

Robert Williams, a staunch advocate of the people's right to bear arms, in the 60's, clearly sums up the experience of Afro-Americans in taking up self-defense against the Klan in Monroe, N.C. He said, "When an oppressed people show a willingness to defend themselves, the enemy, who is a moral weakling and a coward is more willing to grant concessions and

point but knew who was to be shot." (Nov. 6, *Winston-Salem Journal*) The district attorney has claimed that Caudle was in a car which had already passed through the crime scene before the shooting started. But the real reason for these actions is that the state wants to drop all conspiracy to commit murder charges and keep the people from knowing how the police and FBI helped the Klan/Nazis set up the assassinations. By just focusing on the "shoot out" as the bourgeoisie puts it, it can escape answering many of the questions people are asking like "where were the police?" This is all part of their continuing coverup and attempt to blame the CWP for provoking the "shoot out" rather than admitting the calculated assassinations. □

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## Feb. 2 Demonstration Mobilizing Committee Holds 1st Press Conference

# "The Klan Must Die"

## Says Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth

GREENSBORO, N.C.—Greensboro had never seen anything like it before. Communists, civil rights activists, clergymen, community organizers all shared the front table in the conference room of the Greensboro Hilton. On Jan. 11 the first press conference of the Mobilizing Committee for the February 2nd demonstration was held. The dominant theme in the press conference was unity in the fight against the KKK. Lucius Walker (executive director of the Inter-religious Foundation for Community Organization—IFCO) read the press statement by the planning committee of the Mobilization Committee, which underscored the significance of this event and the scope of the unity achieved. "Prominent religious and civil rights leaders from around the country have come here to join us to denounce the Klan. We find more and more people in Greensboro see the necessity to have this march and plan to take part in it. We take this occasion to commend the courage of the local chapter of the NAACP in breaking its silence on this issue, despite tremendous pressure and acts of intimidation. Meanwhile, in eight North Carolina communities, people are mobilizing to come to Greensboro on February 2. Similarly at least 22 communities in 19 states are organizing. We expect this movement to spread very rapidly in the days and weeks to come."

The newest endorsers of the demonstration made formal declarations of support for the February 2nd protest. Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Tyrone Brooke of the Martin Luther King Movement of Atlanta (led by Rev. Ralph Abernathy), Iberius Hacker of the Urban Appalachian Coalition, and Albert Webb, a Greensboro banker were among those who spoke after the opening statement was read.

Reverend Hacker, a white minister, took the occasion to call for white working class and poor people to take up the fight against the Klan. "This is not just a fight for black people. The Klan is an enemy of all poor and working people... Who benefits from the Klan as they parade around as Christian God-fearing men?... Where was the Klan when white sharecroppers and tenant farmers in Tennessee were thrown off their farms by the bankers in the depression? Where was the Klan when white workers were fighting for unions to get a decent wage and standard of living?... The Klan is no friend of white workers."

### Signaling New Militancy In The Coalition

The militant statement by Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, a veteran of the civil rights movement, echoed the rising militancy of the coalition to move ahead no matter what obstacles the state puts in the way. "The Klan must die," said Rev. Shuttlesworth, one of the key organizers of the 1964 Birmingham march, where thousands of Afro-Americans were attacked with water hoses, police dogs and cattle prods. When a reporter asked what was the coalition going to do if it was denied a

march permit, Rev. Shuttlesworth responded, "We are not coming to Greensboro to sit down. We are coming here to march. And we are going to march, permit or no permit."

### The State's Redbaiting and Harassment Denounced

The momentum towards Feb. 2 has thrown the state into a panic, committing a series of desperate maneuvers to disrupt the work of the march organizers. The phones had been ripped out in the new headquarters of the coalition, and after the press conference it was revealed that a bomb scare had been phoned in, telling the press he was going "to blow those communists to pieces." However, the police search found no explosives in the hotel. The Committee statement detailed all the maneuvers and attacks that had taken place. "The breakthroughs in our organizing have come despite lies, rumors, and dirty

tricks in official circles. For example, some Greensboro Human Relations commissioner conducted a campaign of innuendo and smear tactics against all of us organizing this march. Police surveillance and harassment.

"Our permit application has been denied. Reports have been leaked to the press concerning the march that: 1) the march is not supported, 2) that the march is disorganized and 3) the march has been called off. Heading these attacks is Governor Jim Hunt who continues his lullaby to North Carolinians about race relations being excellent and race relations in Greensboro are the best in the country. At the same time he exposes his contradictions by calling for state investigations of any citizens and organizations—that will inevitably lead to repression of groups simply working for justice. We have also been informed that the Community Rela-

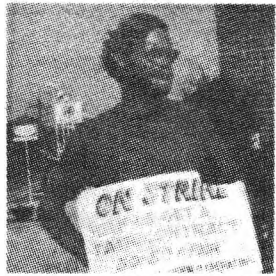
tions Service of the U.S. Department of Justice are visiting our supporters here and discouraging them from taking part in the march. There have been wide-spread rumors that the march has been postponed. It is not being postponed, support is growing as people recognize the positive significance of what we are doing."

Every move by the state to disrupt the work to organize for the February 2nd demonstration by redbaiting and harassment only brings more supporters to our cause. Albert Webb, an Afro-American banker in Greensboro, who worked very hard to unite progressives around the demonstration, said that he was more committed to the demonstration after he read the police report which was "full of contradictions and self-exposures."

The police thrive on an atmosphere of generalities, rumor-mongering and unsubstantiated accusations, which has been fostered by individuals who have tried to have some organizations expelled from the coalition and have been going to different agencies saying that if the Communist Workers Party is visible that people won't come out to the demonstration. The best thing to



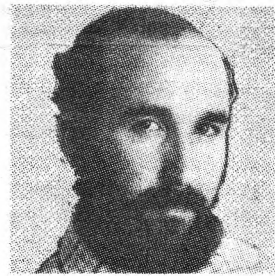
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COMRADE BILL SAMPSON

COMRADE JIM WALLER, CENTRAL COMMITTEE, CWP  
PRESIDENT, LOCAL 1113-T, ACTWU

COMRADE SANDY SMITH



COMRADE MIKE NATHAN

On Nov. 3, 1979, the KKK/Nazis and FBI assassins murdered five members of the CWP at an anti-Klan rally in Greensboro. The Communist Workers Party is determined to avenge our five comrades.

## Partial List of Endorsers of Feb. 2 Anti-Klan Demonstration

National Association of Black Social Workers; National Conference of Black Lawyers; Michael Lomax, Fulton County Commissioner, Georgia; A. Reginald Eaves, Fulton County Commissioner, Georgia; Marvin Arrington, Atlanta City Councilman; Council of Southern Mountains; Urban Appalachian Council; National Lawyers Guild; Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom; NAACP—Greensboro Branch; People's Alliance, Headquarters in NYC; Institute for the Black World—Atlanta, Georgia; The State of West Virginia, Human Rights Commission; Gray Panthers from Jackson, Mississippi; Inter-religious Foundation for Community Organization; Southern Organizing Committee for Economic and Social Justice; Equal Rights Congress; Concerned Citizens Against the Klan in Greensboro; Communist Workers Party; National Anti-Racist Organizing Committee; Triangle Vigil Committee; Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Center for Constitutional Rights; Anti-Repression Retorts Team, Jackson, Mississippi; National Committee to Support Amalian Brothers, St. Louis; Texas Farmworkers Union; Dallas Coalition for Human Dignity; Gerald Horn, Director Affirmative Action Coordinating Committee (for identification purposes only); Michael Kenneth Kenebrew, Committee for Justice, Raleigh, North Carolina; Baltimore Anti-Klan Committee; Christian Council of Metro-Atlanta, Dr. Donald Newby, Director; Citizens Party of North Carolina, Carrboro, N.C.; National Black Human Rights Coalition, headquarters in NYC; Philadelphia Black United Front Coalition to Help Oust Rizzo; Kalamu Ya Salaam, Editor of Black Collegiate Magazine; Paintmaker Local 1961 of Atlanta, Georgia; Representative Parren J. Mitchell, U.S. Congressman from Maryland; United League of Northern Mississippi, Skip Robinson, President; Martin Luther King Movement, Tyrone Brooke, Executive Director; Highlander Center of Newmarket, Tennessee; National Mobilization for Survival; John Conyers, U.S. Congress. □

neutralize the police and cop activity is for all forces to *always stick strictly to the facts.*

In reality, the prevailing spirit in Greensboro is one of unity. Tyrone Brooke of the Martin Luther King movement of Atlanta, after declaring the full support of his organization for Feb. 2, denounced the attempts to weaken our fight with redbaiting. "We must not bow down to redbaiting and race-baiting—it only divides us. It must be stopped."

### Undercover Cop Caught In the Act

After the press conference was over, all the charges against the state were fully confirmed as the city buzzed with the news that an undercover cop had been caught red-handed. An undercover cop who is well-known to march organizers was spotted trying to pass himself off as a representative of a non-existent church group—the Baptist Coalition. When word of this got to the press, local reporters confronted Police Chief Swing demanding an answer. Swing denied any knowledge of what happened. Swing blamed the officers saying they weren't supposed to be undercover, they just should have said who they were. He said, "the officers, used poor judgement and both the officer and his supervisor have been demoted." The Greensboro police were the laughing stock of the town. □



# Study Notes on "Letter To A Comrade On

The lessons summed up by Lenin in "A Letter to a Comrade" have especially important meaning for the Communist Workers Party today. They teach us how to boldly meet the challenge of the 80's excellent situation. And how to avenge our five comrades' murder by maximizing the Party's political firing power to make sure that the bourgeoisie's third time around is their last.

## The Greater the Mass Movement The More Communists Must Exercise Leadership

Lenin wrote "A Letter To A Comrade On Our Organizational Tasks" to a party member in St. Petersburg in 1902. During the years 1900-1903 economic crisis hit Russia. Wages were slashed. 3,000 businesses closed, throwing 100,000 workers onto the streets. The workers fought back with strikes and demonstrations. The peasants rose up too, setting fire to landlords' mansions and seizing land. Over 30,000 students participated in a general strike in the winter of 1901-1902. In response, the Tsar's government sent in troops to break the strikes, and shoot down and arrest the workers and peasants. Universities were shut down and students sent into the army.

At this time the Russian Social Democratic Labour Party wasn't a single, united organization, but instead made up of many local Marxist groups. At the First Congress in 1898 no party program, party rules or single leading center were established. As a result, in 1902 there was still much ideological, political and organizational confusion within the Party.

Lenin fiercely struggled against a group within the Party called the Economists who worshipped the Party's political and organizational chaos. The Economists belittled the need for a party program, definite party rules and a single center—they denied the working class' need for its own political party. This flowed from how the Economists saw the tasks of the Russian workers. The workers should fight the economic struggle against the capitalists and leave the political fight against the Tsar to the bourgeoisie. On the other hand Lenin summed up that the greater the mass movement, the more communists must exercise leadership and organization. Only with more consciousness—theoretically, politically and organizationally—could the mass movement aim its blows at the Tsar and be strong and broad enough to overthrow his rule.

Many revolutionary youth had come out of the mass uprisings to join the Party. Being both new to Marxism and inexperienced in revolutionary practice, this added to the already confused state of the Party. Lenin wrote in the letter on two of the shortcomings of the Party's work at that time: 1) "the lack of serious training and revolutionary education (not only among workers, but among the intellectuals as well)" and 2) "the workers' alienation from active revolutionary work."

## Rich Content of Working Class' and Party's Struggle Outstrips Cadre

Today, the U.S. working class is waking up. The temporary stabilization of capitalism that the 1950's ushered in has ended. Today's economic crisis is the worst ever, and people are looking for solutions. Most important, there is now a party to lead the American people out of these capitalist crises to a bright socialist future—the Communist Workers Party. Since the founding of the Party in October 1979, and especially after the murder of our five comrades in Greensboro, the 1980s places many new tasks—theoretical, political and organizational—before our young Party.

The assassination of the CWP 5 by the KKK/Nazis and the FBI has become a clarion call to revolutionary-minded people. Many new and old friends have come forward asking, "What can I do?" Our five comrades' courage and sacrifice has made the Communist Workers Party and what we stand for concrete to the American people. This is an excellent situation to build up the Party to prepare for the seizure of state power and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

However, by leaps and bounds, the rich content of the working class' and Party's struggle has outstripped its cadres. Party members are "too busy" and "have no time" to talk to advanced elements. In 1902 Lenin described this situation:

... there are no people—yet there is a mass of people. There is a mass of people, because the working class and ever more diverse strata of society, year after year, advance from their ranks an increasing number of discontented people who desire to protest... At the same time we have no people, because we have no leaders, no political leaders, no talented organizers capable of arranging extensive and at the same time uniform and harmonious work that would employ all forces, even the most inconsiderable.

... There is hardly a single practical worker who will doubt that the Social-Democrats could distribute the thousand and one minute functions of their organizational work among the different representatives of the most varied classes. Lack of specialization is one of the most serious defects of our technique... The smaller each separate "operation" in our common cause, the more people can we find capable of carrying out such operations (people who, in the majority of cases, are absolutely not capable of becoming professional revolutionaries)... (Lenin, *What Is To Be Done?*, Chapter IV)

To take full advantage of today's excellent situation we have to expand our thinking, and from there define the political tasks, and organize the boundless initiative and energy of these people. Either we create conditions for people's commitment to be tapped and for them to develop into communists, or we block them. No one is born a communist—it takes a process. It is through regular study and applying this to regular, definite revolutionary activity that professional revolutionaries get trained. And the best conditions for this training to take place are inside the Party.

The path of least resistance for communists is not to see that this takes a process and not to struggle to create conditions so more people can get involved. Not allowing the broad masses to get involved leads to destroying the Party. If we don't master to a higher degree the task of "arranging extensive and at the same time uniform and harmonious work that would employ all forces, even the most inconsiderable", it means that the people we have now will have to take on more and more work and not be able to do it all well. New people will be afraid to join. "I agree with your goals, but I'm not as committed as you are." The Party would become isolated from the advanced and the masses.

We have to start from what people can do and what the Party needs, instead of judging people by comparing them to the Party members we have now. We have to give them the larger perspective and explain the importance and significance of these tasks no matter how small it may seem. The Party's core is strong. We must have confidence in the Party's ability to train new fighters and confidence that new friends will learn. It is failure to link broad political scope and tight organization on a higher level which leads to blocking people out.

As we work with people and strive to win them to the cause of communism, we must distinguish between reformists and inexperienced revolutionaries who are not as bold or who can't devote as much time because of family responsibilities or health reasons. They should be given tasks that are realistic and practically realizable. Then we should struggle with and guide them to carry these out to the end. An essential part of guidance is to do propaganda to fire them with perspective and political scope entailed in their tasks in order to unleash their initiative even more. This is better than giving them too much and then being liberal by letting it slide by when the tasks are not accomplished. We should guard especially against impatience and rationalism when

tasks are not fulfilled. Impatience can most often come from the leadership not appreciating the significance and implications of various tasks and what it takes to get them done. We must give regular guidance, and at the beginning, the leadership must lead by example, by making a breakthrough at a point after a new political task is defined and assigned.

## Organization — Part Of The Correct Line

The centralized leadership of the party is essentially the leadership of a correct ideological and political line. All the work of our comrades and friends has to be guided by the Party's political principles. You can't have a deep and profound grasp of the correct ideological and political line of the Party without a correct organizational line to implement it. It is metaphysical to speak of one without the other. Political lines and organizational line coexist together in practice. Chairman Mao calls this the dialectical unity of opposites. Without one or the other on an appropriate level to clothe its opposite, you can't change the world. In other words, politics with low organization can't define and carry out political tasks.

This brings us to a highly important principle of all Party organization and all Party activity: while the greatest possible centralization is necessary with regard to the ideological and practical leadership of the movement and the greatest possible decentralization is necessary with regard to keeping the Party centre (and therefore the Party as a whole) informed about the movement, and with regard to responsibility to the Party.

... We must centralize the leadership of the movement. We must also (and for that very reason, since without information centralization is impossible) as far as possible decentralize responsibility to the Party on the part of its individual members, of every participant in its work, and of every circle belonging to or associated with the Party. The decentralization is an essential prerequisite of revolutionary centralization and an essential corrective to it. (Lenin, "Letter To A Comrade On Our Organizational Tasks").

## A System Of Collective Leadership And Individual Responsibility

One important aspect of the organizational line is a system of collective leadership and individual responsibility. This system, which involves a strict division of labor and allocation of forces, is part of the Party's overall correct ideological and political line. It is necessary for the Party to exercise its centralized leadership.

A "system" of collective leadership and individual responsibility represents a unity of opposites. Important matters should be discussed collectively to struggle out the correct orientation, but it is individuals who have to carry out the plans. The Chinese Communist Party under the leadership of Chairman Mao developed this organizational principle to a high level:

Only if we practise collective leadership, if the members of the Party committees reflect the opinions of the Party members and the masses in their aspects, if they study and discuss questions from every point of view and in depth, will we be able to concentrate the wisdom of the masses to arrive at correct ideas, make decisions that conform to objective reality and avoid or diminish the risk of error. At the same time, this enables the leading members of the Party organizations to learn from each other and to move forward together.

Collective leadership must also be combined with individual responsibility. To adhere to collective leadership does not mean to deny the role of the individual. On the contrary, under collective leadership it is necessary that individuals fully play their role. Practising the system of individual responsibility and fully bringing into play the role of individuals concretizes and ensures the



# Our Organizational Tasks"



Lenin struggled with Party members and friends that tight organization is part of the Party's correct ideological and political line. Without it, the Party's political line can't become a material force to change the world and make revolution.

realisation of the collective leadership. At the regional level, as at the unit level, it is the Party that leads everything—it has an enormous amount of work. If the questions discussed and collectively resolved by the Party organizations are not divided up among individuals who take charge of them, we run the risk of finding ourselves in a situation in which nobody is responsible for the work, an impossible situation for the Party to exercise its leadership.

This is why "we must take care that neither collective leadership nor personal responsibility is over-emphasized to the neglect of the other."<sup>1</sup> We must not only oppose important questions being decided on an individual basis, we must also oppose the tendency to avoid responsibility, the tendency to discuss everything—large matters and small—in meetings. (A Basic Understanding of the Communist Party of China, pp. 88-89)

<sup>1</sup> Mao, "On Strengthening the Party Committee System."

Within the unity of opposites, there is both unity and struggle between them. Either a revisionist "system of responsibilities" advocated by Teng Hsiao Ping (one-man management) or an ultra-democratic "collective leadership" with no central command, no strict division of labor, guideposts, and check-up, will compromise the Party's political line.

By grasping the dialectical relationship between the Party's political line and the necessary organizational tasks, and between collective leadership and individual responsibility, we can see that there must be both time for meetings, collective discussion and study, time to discuss division of labor and check-up, and also time for the individual party members to carry out their particular tasks. We should strive to integrate the two to take advantage of today's excellent situation.

## More Division Of Labor and Marxist Education Will Win and Train More Communists, Better and Faster

Lack of division of labor leads to everyone being responsible for everything—in reality nobody responsible for anything. The Party would be crippled—able to do only one thing at a time and other tasks would be liquidated. For example, in the African Liberation Day campaign of 1978, the Party made a right swing by neglecting the base work (work with the masses) and the Party's basic line when the leadership focused on united front work with politicians. In the Zimbabwe Liberation Day 1977 the Party did only base

work because no one was assigned to follow up politicians and church leaders. These swings were made despite a correct political line that comprehensively pointed out the need for both. Amateurishness and lack of a correct organizational line objectively compromised and weakened our Party's political line. Swings could definitely be minimized with comprehensive planning and a strict division of labor and allocation of forces.

In our plans if we can break down the tasks into smaller and simpler parts, we'll be able to involve many more people. And through this revolutionary work and constant political education, many more class fighters will be trained and recruited to the Party.

... The committee should endeavor to achieve the greatest possible division of labor, bearing in mind that the various aspects of revolutionary work require various abilities, and that sometimes a person who is absolutely useless as an organizer may be invaluable as an agitator, or that a person who is not good at strictly secret work may be an excellent propagandist, etc. (Lenin, "Letter To A Comrade On Our Organizational Tasks", p. 240)

Through more division of labor, the needs of the Party will be served better and training can be improved. Running around doing a little of everything, weakens training. There is no such thing as a "renaissance man" who can do everything well. The Party as a whole has to master *all forms of struggle*, and this requires division of labor. In this way comrades can become both "red" and "expert".

As the Party and working class movement grows, specialization will increase. Party members and leadership have to step up their study and propaganda to ensure consolidation and centralization of the line. Otherwise, people will get caught up in their day-to-day tasks and lose sight of the overall orientation and larger perspective. We have to fight to raise to a higher level, people's grasp of the dialectical relationship between learning the specific laws of specific tasks and learning the general laws of Marxism.

The whole art of running a secret organization should consist in making use of *everything possible*, in "giving everyone something to do," at the same time retaining leadership of the whole movement, not by virtue of having the power of course, but by virtue of authority, energy, greater experience, greater versatility, and greater talent. (Lenin, "Letter To A Comrade . . .," p. 240)

## Correctly Defining Tasks Flows From Strategic Thinking

Today's excellent situation demands both revolutionary sweep in thinking and organizational tightness and discipline. Strategic thinking comes from a long term regular study of Marxism and its application to the concrete situation. We have to proceed from the concrete and look ahead, constantly size up, and come forth with bold plans based on linking of the actual situation and Marxist orientation. And then we have to put these plans into action by defining tasks and finding people to carry them out. It is through finding new comrades to implement these plans, "giving everyone something to do", at the same time ensuring regular study, that the Party grows.

To be able to size up and come forth with bold plans is not a precondition for being in the Party. It takes time to acquire this ability. However, that's different from saying we don't have to constantly struggle to size up and redefine the tasks. For example, it's incorrect to just look at how many people we've got first and then limit the tasks based on that. Lenin criticized this revisionist thinking:

That struggle is desirable which is possible, and the struggle which is possible is the one that is going on at the given moment. This is precisely the trend of unbounded opportunism, which passively adapts itself to spontaneity. . . . It means belittling the initiative and energy of class-conscious fighters, whereas Marxism, on the contrary, gives a gigantic impetus to the initiative and energy of the Social-Democrat, opens up for him the widest perspectives and (if one may so express it) places at his disposal the mighty force of millions and millions of workers "spontaneously" rising for the struggle! (Lenin, *What Is To Be Done?*, Chapter II).

This would narrow the scope of the Party's tasks and refuse to allow more people to get involved. It is the lag on our part as leaders behind the spontaneous upsurge of the masses and our organizational amateurishness which limits the party's growth.

Lack of practical training, lack of ability to carry on organizational work is certainly common to us all . . . And, of course, were it only lack of practical training, no one could blame the practical workers. But the term "amateurishness" embraces something else: it denotes a narrow scope of revolutionary work generally [our emphasis] failure to understand that a good organization of revolutionaries cannot be built up on the basis of such narrow activity, and lastly—and most important—it denotes attempts to justify this narrowness and to elevate it to a special "theory," i.e., bowing in worship to spontaneity on this question, too. (Lenin, *What Is To Be Done?*, Chapter IV)

The U.S. capitalist system is seriously sick. But it will not die by itself. For over 80 years now since the birth of imperialism the system has been rotting and decaying. The U.S. working class and oppressed peoples are more than ready. The Party's role is decisive. We have to assume leadership and deal capitalism its final deathblow. There are two lines on this question. We either move ahead to become more professional revolutionaries in all spheres, including the organizational, and overthrow the system, or we allow the bourgeoisie to continue its murderous rule for several more decades. □

## SEIZE THE TIME!

### BUILD THE COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY TO PREPARE FOR THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT

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dominated by banks like First National Bank of Chicago and Bank of America and linked to big corporations like IT&T and International Harvester and grain exporters like Cargill, Inc. The finance capitalists' stranglehold extends throughout every pore of the U.S. economy. So when the grain crisis (or any other speculative commodity market) hits any one sector, through the medium of finance capital, it ripples fast throughout the entire economy. This intertwining of fiscal, financial, agricultural and industrial crisis, shows how deep the economic crisis in this country has been since World War II.

## Only Way Out of Crisis Is War

Beseiged by crisis, and since half-steps like the grain embargo only make things worse, the bourgeoisie is forced, consciously or unconsciously, independent of their will, bit by bit into a world war to redivide the world in order to conquer new markets and new sources of natural resources.

But the fact is that the U.S. people will not tolerate a world war right now, nor are the U.S. imperialists ready militarily to enter an all out war with the Soviet Union. That's why all Carter could do in this superpower power struggle, is stall with this half-step grain embargo.

In a recent issue (December 31, 1979) *Business Week* addresses the problem in getting private investors to stop speculating on Treasury notes, city bonds, gold and so on and start investing in productive industries like steel and railroads. Two roadblocks to this they say would be: 1) "war in the Middle East", 2) "a massive flight from the dollar that would force the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to shift from the dollar to other currencies in pricing oil".

What's the implications of the *Business Week* analysis? If the U.S. sent troops to Iran, for example, the Soviet Union would certainly retaliate by cutting off the shipping lanes in the Straits of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf (through which most of the world's oil supply travels). This would slash the oil lifeline of Europe and Japan and these countries would crumble and go under Soviet bosses' rule. The U.S. dollar wouldn't be worth the paper it's printed on, with

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profits. The invasion of Afghanistan was not a matter of choice, it is an inherent characteristic of Soviet social-imperialism. The doctrine of socialist division of labor was used to justify Soviet plunder of Eastern European countries, Cuba and Viet Nam. The Breshnev doctrine was to justify its imperialistic invasion against Czechoslovakia before and Afghanistan today.

Detente has always been a "new" cold war. It never meant real peace between the two superpowers. In fact, under the cover of detente, the two superpowers have engaged in the most massive arms build up in history. The SALT talks only streamlined military build up, cutting out obsolete weapons while the U.S. and Soviet Union's preparation stepped up.

The fight between the superpowers has reached a watershed—phony detente is ending and naked superpower contention is on.

confidence in the dollar already at an all-time low. Facing a situation like this, there's no way investors would pump money into long-term, productive industries and speculation would run rampant, dooming all hope for pulling out of the present capitalist destabilization and awakening of the U.S. people.

This is why the U.S. can't invade Iran and confront Soviet aggression in Afghanistan now. If, because of internal factors, the U.S. can't afford to fight a war in Iran, it certainly can't fight a world war with the Soviet Union now.

## To Go to World War III, Bourgeoisie Needs Fascism At Home

This is the tight bind the bourgeoisie is caught in—driven toward war by the economic crisis at home, yet unable to go to war because of the opposition at home and the collapsing state of the U.S. industrial base. For the bourgeoisie, there's only one logical answer to this riddle—*fascism at home*. At present, the danger of fascism is visibly growing. Why?

Unable to contend with the Soviet social-imperialists, the U.S. can give up its superpower ambition, resign itself to being a second-rate imperialist. This would mean that the U.S. bourgeoisie has to give up the hope for another round of temporary stabilization of capitalism in the West and face the immediate prospect of proletarian revolution at home, Europe and Japan. But the U.S. must act instinctively, along its imperialist nature, to fight for world hegemony and thus maintaining its rule abroad and at home.

Like a wounded beast, U.S. imperialists are desperate. It is forced now by severely limited alternatives to implement either one of two things or both: 1) to lull the Soviet Union into a genocidal attack against China and thus to drag the Soviet Union down and weaken it sufficiently so that once again U.S. imperialism, like she did in both World War I and World War II, will emerge as the number one power. This, they hope, will be the biggest Munich ever. (The Munich Treaty was signed by the Western imperialists and fascist Ger-

many and Italy on the eve of World War II. It symbolizes the West's, including the U.S., policy of appeasing Germany—trying to lure her away from Europe to attack Socialist Russia.)

The U.S. imperialists' hegemony will mean the delay of the prospect for U.S. proletarian revolution and the prolonged suffering for the U.S. proletariat. But this still means a world war, even though U.S. imperialism will again be the late comer into the World War. Furthermore, this Eastern Munich will cause millions and even hundreds of millions of innocent Chinese and Soviet peoples lives.

*The U.S. wants a weak China.* A militarily strong China helps delay World War III and gives the world's people time to prepare. 2) They have to take stalling actions like the grain embargo, meanwhile actively stepping up preparation for war, both whipping up chauvinism among the U.S. people and squeezing American people more for armament and build up its military base to a point, strong enough to fight the Soviet social-imperialists. This is what the U.S. imperialists are doing now. But all these steps will have devastating effects on an already sick U.S. economy. Meanwhile, militarization will bring un-dreamed of inflation—20, 30, 40, 50%. Interest rates double and triple. Joblessness will spread like the plague. Confronted with these attacks, the U.S. people's resistance will be unprecedented and make the 30's and 60's seem like picnics. Thousands of Levittowns (where white youths burned gas stations protesting ripoff gas prices) will explode, a hundred times more militant. Strikes will ignite into many armed skirmishes. This inflammable situation would threaten the bourgeoisie's rule as never before. Bourgeois democracy, capitalism's best shell, would crumble and the bourgeoisie, in desperation, would have to impose fascism to maintain rule. We must be prepared.

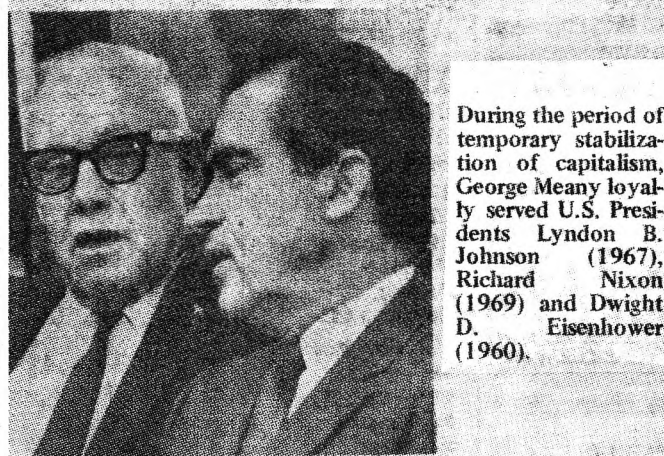
## Situation Qualitatively Different From 30's and 40's

The situation facing the monopoly capitalists today is qualitatively different

from the one they faced in the 30's and 40's before World War II. Then, the U.S. was able to go to war, resort to Keynesian economics, without resorting to fascism at home—the extreme naked rule of the monopoly capitalists stripped of all bourgeois democratic dressing. But that was before the U.S. had irreversibly poisoned the economy with massive military spending and deficit-financing. That was before the rise of the third world countries who today, along with the second world imperialists, block the U.S. superpower from exporting economic crisis to their shores (as Iran and OPEC are doing). The bourgeoisie will not be able to preserve bourgeois democracy this time around. Just as the German, Italian and Japanese imperialists prior to World War II who had to have fascism to launch a war, the bourgeoisie has only one option. But there is another important difference between the 30's and 50's and today, and here lies the great hope of the American people and the people of the world. Today, after Vietnam, Watergate and the phony oil shortage, the U.S. people are more politically conscious than ever before. Shaken by the historic lever of economic crisis, the U.S. working class is waking up. And most decisive, today there is a party to lead the American people to fight for a bright socialist future—the Communist Workers Party.

Fascism means the most direct and vicious attack on the masses ever and will take all the bourgeoisie's strength. If we can beat this back, and we are determined to, we can certainly move on to smash the bourgeois state. The murder of the CWP 5, the scapegoat tactics used against Iranians and the national red-baiting campaign against CWP members and friends are preludes to this approaching test of strength. This is the beginning of our countdown—people must get prepared.

As the bourgeoisie themselves summed up, "1980 promises to be the most critical year in at least a decade—maybe the most critical year... in a half-century" (*Business Week*, December 31, 1979). □



During the period of temporary stabilization of capitalism, George Meany loyally served U.S. Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson (1967), Richard Nixon (1969) and Dwight D. Eisenhower (1960).



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former head of the AFL-CIO executive council who brought so much hardship to the U.S. multinational working class by collaboration, chauvinism and corruption. The *Wall Street Journal*, for example, in their obituary expressed their heartfelt thanks to George Meany for keeping the U.S. labor movement relatively stable and satisfied with purely economic concessions and away from the influence of communists during his 25 years as head of the AFL-CIO. The *New York Times* was also grateful for Meany's top-down centralization of the labor movement. They cited his establishment of joint labor-management committees, forerunners of the current Pay Advisory Council now headed by his successor Lane Kirkland.

George Meany represents the end of an era. Under permanent economic crisis at home and growing national liberation struggles abroad, the bourgeoisie can no longer afford to simply hand out reforms and "pork chop" concessions to the working class. Less and less does the bourgeoisie have the ability to rip off superprofits from the third world, which are used to bribe

a whole strata of labor sell-outs like Meany. So the trend for this strata is to get smaller. But this by no means implies that their influence is shrinking correspondingly. Through centralization, their ideological influence is increased to promote subterfuges and tricks (like the so-called reverse discrimination through the Weber case) to split and scatter the working class and divert it away from revolution.

With the period of temporary stabilization of capitalism gone forever, the "advisory council" shows the bourgeoisie can no longer use Meany's old-line "pork chop" brand of trade unionism. The new brand of union technocrats like Kirkland, who have no history in the trade union movement, show how isolated from the masses the labor bureaucrats have gotten. During Meany's reign, union membership in the U.S. dropped to the lowest point ever—less than 20% of the working class and keeps on falling. In no way can these labor bureaucrats either prevent the deepening economic crisis or stop the awakening of the U.S. multinational working class. □