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ASSASSIN BUTKOVICH ON NOTICE

CWP SEIZES FED BUREAU

NEW YORK, N.Y.—At 7:45 a.m. on June 23, 1980, seven members and supporters of the Communist Workers Party took over and occupied the North Atlantic Regional Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. At first, the office receptionist refused to understand what was going on. Then, putting on a fainting spell and trying to delay the CWP, she circled around the office like she was gonna fall, while CWP supporters tried to get her to sit down in a chair. Another worker tried a John Wayne in Viet Nam stand, "Are we gonna let these communists take over?" She backed down when she was firmly told that she must go. Finally every worker was out of the office. The seven barricaded the doors.

Outside the office building, a handful more had set up a CWP picket line on the World Trade Center Plaza in support of the takeover inside. Normally the plaza at the World Trade Center is bustling with international trade companies, the Commodities Exchange and as a major transportation center even in the financial Wall Street district. Today, the SWAT teams, security and pigs had blockaded and cordoned off every entrance to the plaza. From the picket line, plainclothes cops could be seen in the distance flapping their arms, trying to shoo away two Indian women tourists in saris with cameras dangling around their necks from the handful of picketers. Because the World Trade Center towers are the tallest buildings in New York City, later the woman said, "We only wanted to see the view."

Inside the office later that day, "negotiations" were going on between the CWP and the Secret Service. A young CWP supporter firmly set her jaw. No matter what jail sentence or torture, she said, "My sacrifice is small compared to the sacrifices of the CWP 5 who were killed fighting the Klan/Nazis and FBI." The Secret Service agent's face just caved in. For the first time in his life, he understood the limits of the government. He had been trained to deal with kooks, or campus rioters. He had just threatened to throw the book at this woman. Nothing had prepared him to deal with people like this. Who were these communists anyway?

Avenge the 5—The Only Solution Is Socialist Revolution

For the Klan/Nazi murders of the Communist Workers Party 5 on Nov. 3, 1979, in Greensboro, North Carolina, the CWP pins the blame directly on the U.S. government and the system of capitalism. The government was responsible not just because the Greensboro cops just sat back and watched the entire massacre but because CWP leadership had been singled out for assassination.

It isn't enough to chase after each and every Klansman and Nazi. It's the real fascists behind them—the U.S. government and the capitalists that cause the suffering of every single person in this country—from loss of their jobs, to their children to their marriages. The only real justice is the total end of the capitalist system and the building of a new socialist society where workers rule instead of the capitalists.

On July 14, 1980, members of the Na-

tional Socialist Party, U.S.A. (Nazi party) spilled their guts to a newspaper reporter. They revealed how Bernard Butkovich, an agent of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of the U.S. Treasury Department, had infiltrated their Nazi sect before the assassination of the CWP 5. They told how the U.S. agent had sat in on the planning of the assassination and how he taught the Nazis to turn semi-automatic weapons into automatics, and how to get hand grenades. Bernard Butkovich even

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MARXISM—LENINISM MAO TSE TUNG THOUGHT

Lessons for 80's Revolutionary Work

This quote from Lenin's Collapse of the Second International has a lot of meaning for our preparation for workers' rule in the U.S. It was written in 1915 when World War I had just broken out. The entire leadership of the Second International (Organization of Communist parties and groups around the world) sold out the world's peoples by supporting their own governments in the war. Only Lenin and the Bolshevik Party in Russia defended the interest of the working class of all countries by raising the cry, "Turn the imperialist war into a civil war."

The Second International began in 1894 and lasted until 1914. This was a time of relatively peaceful capitalist development, when the period of free, competitive capitalism was just turning into monopoly capitalism, imperialism. This was a time when industry boomed, the trade union movements were born and the Social Democratic parties (Communist parties) were formed in all capitalist countries. The ruling class in many countries, like Germany for example, were switching their tactics from outright repression to a combination of reform and repression against the people.

The leadership of the Second International only did legal preparation. They thought that by winning a majority in the national government, taking over local government and by winning the leadership of the trade unions they could make a peaceful transition to workers' rule. They devoted themselves exclusively to organizing the economic struggle. They believed that the working class was interested only in bread-and-butter issues and not politics. The important task of showing the masses that the endless problems caused by capitalism could not be solved under the same system, but could only be solved under workers' rule was not carried out. The scab leadership instead devoted themselves to reforming capitalism and became social workers for the ruling class, trying to convince workers that they could out do the capitalists.

These scab revisionists didn't understand that imperialism meant that capitalism was on its death bed and that a revolutionary situation was bound to arise. The situation calls for a rapid change in the methods of fighting. That's why they weren't prepared to use the revolutionary situation presented by the war and couldn't build the higher forms of organization needed to take power.

Today, the U.S. is not yet in a revolutionary situation. But society is so inflammable today, with people more and more unable to live in the old way and the ruling class more and more unable to rule in the old way, that a revolutionary situation can quickly develop. In preparing to meet this challenge we need the higher form of organization that Lenin talks about so that we can reach out to the majority of the people. When a revolutionary situation comes the working class can build up its party, the CWP beyond the point of defeat and move closer to the seizure of political power.

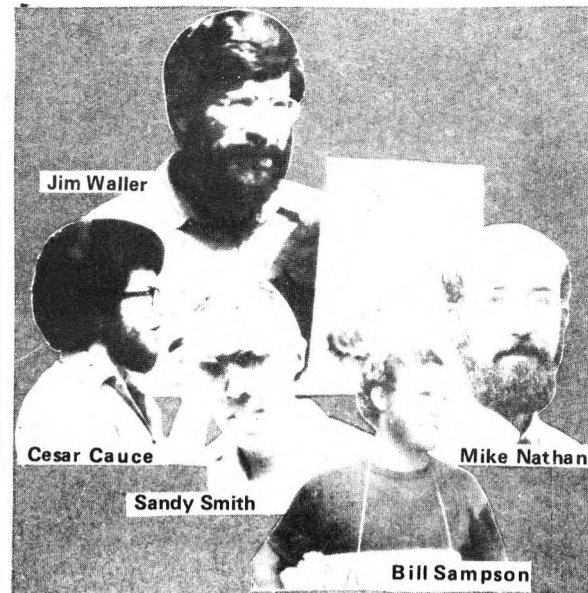
Lenin's Collapse of the Second International

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"Take the army today. It is a good example of organization. This organization is good only because it is flexible and is able at the same time to give millions of people a single will. Today they lie in the trenches, and this may go on for months; tomorrow they are led to the attack in another order. Today they perform miracles in sheltering from bullets and shrapnel; tomorrow they perform miracles in hand-to-hand combat. Today their advance detachments lay minefields; tomorrow they advance scores of miles guided by airmen flying overhead. When, in the pursuit of a single aim and animated by a single will, millions alter the forms of their communication and their behaviour, change the place and the mode of their activities, change their tools and weapons in accordance with the changing conditions and the requirements of the struggle — all this is genuine organization.

"The same holds true for the working class struggle against the bourgeoisie. Today there is no revolutionary situation, the conditions that cause unrest among the masses or heighten their activities do not exist; today you are given a ballot paper — take it, learn to organize so as to use it as a weapon against your enemies, not as a means of getting cushy legislative jobs for men who cling to their parliamentary seats for fear of having to go to prison. Tomorrow your ballot paper is taken from you and you are given a rifle or a splendid and most up-to-date quick-firing gun — take this weapon of death and destruction, pay no heed to the mawkish snivellers who are afraid of war; too much still remains in the world that *must* be destroyed with fire and sword for the emancipation of the working class; if anger and desperation grow among the masses, if a revolutionary situation arises, prepare to create new organizations and use these useful weapons of death and destruction *against* your own government and your own bourgeoisie.

"That is not easy, to be sure. It will demand arduous preparatory activities and heavy sacrifices. This is a new form of organization and struggle that also *has to be learnt*, and knowledge is not acquired without errors and setbacks. This form of the class struggle stands in the same relation to participation in elections as an assault against a fortress stands in relation to maneuvering, marches, or lying in the trenches. It is *not so often* that history places this form of struggle on the order of the day, but then its significance is felt for decades to come. *Days* on which *such* method of struggle can and must be employed are equal to *scores* of years of other historical epochs." (*The Collapse of the Second International*, 1915.)



Five Communist Workers Party members — Jim Waller, Sandy Smith, Bill Sampson, Cesar Cauce, and Mike Nathan were assassinated last year, Nov. 3 at a Death to the Klan rally in Greensboro, North Carolina. The fascist Ku Klux Klan/Nazis under the direction of the FBI had fired point blank into the crowd, isolated the leaders and murdered them. It was a bloody day in Greensboro for the masses. But it was also the beginning of a fiery hell for the U.S. monopoly capitalist class.

The U.S. government is attempting to cover up the assassinations by trying to put the CWP on trial. It has indicted six members and supporters of the CWP on trumped-up charges that they rioted on Nov. 3. The government is trying to blame the victims for the crime.

TURN UPSIDE DOWN JUSTICE RIGHT SIDE UP!

FREE THE GREENSBORO 6!

Contribute to the defense of the Greensboro 6. Support the civil rights suit to expose the Klan, Nazis, FBI, Greensboro police and court in the Nov. 3 assassination and frame-up.

Contributions to:
**GREENSBORO
JUSTICE FUND**
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Grand Central Station
New York, N.Y. 10017
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The Russian working class attacking the Winter Palace in October of 1917. Under the leadership of Lenin and the Bolshevik Party, the Russian workers overthrew the bourgeoisie and established the first socialist state.

Chattanooga! 9 Pigs Fall To People's Armed Defense

The entire Chattanooga police department was blasted out of the predominately black section of Alton Park last week by the might of the masses. The cops were sent in to 'contain' the rioters who took to the streets in response to the acquittal of three Klansmen who shot four elderly black women last April. The cops didn't expect to be greeted with sniper fire. They didn't expect that they'd suffer more casualties than the rioters themselves.

But, by Thursday night, nine police were shot. As the cops watched their partners fall to the ground, bleeding profusely, they had second thoughts about their presence in the community. They ran for cover behind overturned cars and inside of firebombed factories and stores. One investigator who received pellet wounds on his arms, legs and chest was forced to admit, "As we cleared the area, we were literally ambushed . . . I don't even know how many shots were fired. . . ." On Friday, Mayor Rose ordered a police retreat.

Armed Self-Defense Is People's Justice

By the week's end, every factory in the highly industrialized area was completely firebombed and stores were opened up for systematic wipe-outs. As people poured into the streets, they didn't give a damn about the imposed dusk to dawn curfews, 12 hour shifts for cops or the police reinforcements. They were beginning to feel their own strength with each blow dealt against the police. Like no other time in American history, the pigs were paying for their crimes against the community, their hated role as enforcers of the ruling class' laws.

No one gave a damn about going to jail or getting killed, because Afro-Americans have been going to jail and getting killed everyday under capitalism. They weren't thinking about risking their jobs, because unemployment in Chattanooga is the highest in the entire state of Tennessee and



People are not going to live in fear anymore. Cops are getting shot with their own weapons. Military defense is a way of life in the 80's. In Chattanooga, the people shot nine cops.

hardly anyone has a job worth risking. They were thinking about their children starving to death because of no food. They were thinking about how they have to live in constant fear of being gunned down by a police or a Klan bullet. It was this single-mindedness that led the whole city to be swept into motion to deliver People's Justice.

Chattanooga Learns From First Miami Riot

Tactically, Chattanooga represents an even higher form of class struggle than the first Miami riot. The masses didn't wait for the police to make the moves. As soon as the pigs stepped into the community,

they were attacked. Because they were sent in to beat back the masses' rage at the Klan and the government's defense of the Klan, the police would have to take the weight of years and years of suppressed wrath. They'd have to think twice before they dared billy club another brother or drag a sister off to jail. The people of Chattanooga dealt death blows to the police and sent war drum messages of their rage straight to the heart of the ruling class. As fascist attacks increase, military defense becomes a necessary way of life.

The pigs in Chattanooga had to retreat. Their continued occupation of the community only brings greater armed resistance from the people and more police casualties. And the longer the fighting

dragged on, the more the government's powerlessness would have been exposed. But, if the government just pulled out it would really look feeble. That's where Jesse Jackson came in. It was he who proposed in a public meeting with Mayor Rose and Police Commissioner Smart that some black ministers and volunteers from the community would organize a "peace patrol" if the cops would leave. In other words these stooges would do the pigs' job of making sure the people keep in line and spy on mass leaders. This sellout gave the government the out it needed and the police quickly agreed.

Jackson was also one of the black misleaders sent to try to cool out the Miami

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There are only two roads in the 80's:

Fascism and World War III and even more intense exploitation by the capitalist class;

or

socialist revolution under the leadership of the Party of the working class — the Communist Workers Party.

The first road leads to death and destruction and continued oppression, the second to a bright future where we will control our own-lives and shape our own future.

The May Day Singers Challenge You with these two songs, "In the 80's" and "Five Alive":

What are you going to do in the 80's?

Which side are you on?

You must decide.



Scab Rulers in China Moan over Corruption

Fake Indignation to Pacify People

When Teng Hsiao Ping and his gang of scabs staged a coup after Mao died, stole the ruling power away from the Chinese people and turned China back to capitalism, many said, "That just shows that workers' rule doesn't work, the capitalists are too strong." But it's becoming clearer and clearer that the sellout leadership in China is sitting on top of a volcano, constantly fearing a new revolution that will return power to the workers and peasants.

Corruption Among Officials Exposes Government

A good example is the problem of corruption and wide-spread abuse of special privileges among Chinese Communist Party and government bureaucrats. The Chinese people remember this as an evil of the old society when feudal landlords, capitalists and foreign officials exploited and oppressed them. They know that under Mao's leadership corruption and abuse of power was pretty much eliminated. But now that the problem is coming back again it is opening people's eyes to the direction the present leadership is taking the country. That's why Teng Hsiao Ping, ringleader of the ruling gang, said that the problem of blatant corruption is so serious that "if not resolved will lead to the collapse of the government." He knows that it could arouse the people to launch another revolution.

There are many incidents of corruption and abuse of special privileges in China today. For example, early this year when Teng summed up the distribution of bonuses, he admitted that out of the five billion dollars given out, two billion went into the pockets of officials. Last year, a government official in Europe refused to allow two Chinese sportsmen to return to China with her on her private plane. When the people heard about it there was a big outcry of anger against the official. Another example is that of an official who was caught using several hundreds of thousands of dollars of the public money to build a private mansion.

There's a skit called "If I Were the Real One," based on a true story, that is very popular in China today. It is the story of an educated youth trying to get transferred back to the city after years of working on a farm. He is unsuccessful because he doesn't have the right connections. One day he tries to see a movie but is told that all the tickets are sold out. Just as he is about to leave he sees some latecomers get in with all the tickets they want. These special guests turn out to be government officials. Now the youth realizes how he can get his transfer. He adopts the identity of the son of a high-ranking Party official and quickly gets a transfer. He even gets a room in the city furnished with wall-to-wall carpeting, a stereo and a color TV (things rare in China) — all from some officials who want his pseudo father's help in getting a trip abroad. The story ends when the youth's scheme is exposed. "I admit that I was wrong. I was wrong because I was not the real one. If I were the real son of this official, everything I did would have been all legal," the youth says.

What's the Big Deal About Special Privileges?

What's the big deal about corrupt officials and some people having a lot of

privileges over others? That's nothing new to us; that's the way things are in capitalist countries like the U.S. where ownership of property and wealth are concentrated in the hands of a few people. But corruption isn't readily tolerated in socialist countries. Though there is still a certain degree of inequality among the people (for example some workers will get higher wages than others) these inequalities are not allowed to grow. The Cultural Revolution was kicked off under Mao to get rid of the rotten bureaucrats who would take advantage of their position and bring back capitalism.

After the Teng gang staged a coup in 1976 and restored capitalism in China, they still kept the pretense of socialism to deceive the people who love workers' rule. Even though the factories, mines and mills in China are now in the clutches of the managers and supervisors who dictate all the decisions, officially these rats don't own the factories, mines and mills. In addition, since under socialism the workers and peasants are supposed to be the masters of society and Party members and government officials are supposed to serve the people's interest, the capitalists now in power have to try to keep up the appearance of socialism. That's why they can't totally ignore criticism against the abuse of privileges.

Corruption, A Sore Point for Top Officials

Teng Hsiao Ping and company know that corruption has to be covered up or the rule of their class will be in jeopardy. Last year, in a speech to high-ranking Party officials, Teng appealed to these bureaucrats saying, "you people should sacrifice a little. Actually, it is not really sacrifice neither. Compared to the average people, you are already much better off." According to reports from the 70s magazine (a magazine published in Hong Kong that supports the present government in China), Teng repeatedly stressed the seriousness of this problem and the negative effect it has on the Chinese people. At first the ruling gang wanted to deal with the problem privately. That's why Teng made the speech to begin with. But since the bottom line for all capitalists is their own self-interest, none wanted to give up their privileges for the sake of their whole class.

The sharp contradictions they have among themselves came out during a discussion meeting at the Second Plenary session of the 5th People's Congress held early this year. Many officials reacted so strongly to the criticisms against corruption that the meeting had to be canceled before it was half-way over. This forced leading Party bureaucrats to call an expanded Political Bureau meeting (the highest ruling body of the Communist Party of China) instead to assure the officials that the main purpose of the Plenary was to establish a judicial system and unite people around the four modernizations. All agreed to postpone discussion about corruption to a later date. The incident proved that there was no way to resolve the problem quietly and privately.

Sidetracking People Away From Real Problem

Then the Teng ruling group tried to create public opinion to pressure the

most clumsy bureaucrats. Last year there were many big character posters (a form of mass propaganda) on the Democracy Wall in Peking criticizing the corrupt bureaucracy. But when the campaign started to get up steam, the scab revisionist leadership got scared that genuine revolutionaries would use it to mobilize the people against the government. So the regime banned big character posters, and the people lost a basic means of protest. But the government's action couldn't stop the people from speaking out.

A new form of expression appeared, this time mainly from the petty bourgeois intellectuals. Underground skits like "If I Were the Real One" exposing the corruption emerged. Now the government is coopting this form of protest to serve its own goals. These skits are now officially endorsed and are being performed all over the country with the government's help. Recently the government-operated TV station even broadcast a documentary exposing the family of a bureaucrat enjoying their privilege of shopping in a big department store for foreigners.

People love these programs because they express their hatred against the bureaucracy. But this exposure purposely avoids the root of the problem — the fact that China has been turned capitalist — and doesn't provide any way out for the people. Like *60 Minutes* in this country, these programs only serve as a channel for people to let off steam. Because it doesn't threaten their rule, the Chinese revisionists aren't afraid to endorse these programs. In fact, one exposure novel recently got first prize in a literary contest.

Coco Cola being imported makes government and Party officials smile. In China only the bureaucrats can afford these foreign drinks. They must be grateful to Teng Hsiao Ping for restoring their paradise.

So instead of searching for the cause of the problem and the way out, the whole protest movement is being turned into a literary debate about the merits of this kind of literary work, calling it "new realism." On the one hand the writers' works are condoned, on the other hand the government is warning them not to go so far that the people will rise up. Meanwhile nothing changes fundamentally. The scabs in power don't have to worry about these new novels and films like they feared the big character posters. The posters were the work of the workers and peasants, while the new literature is the work of petty bourgeois intellectuals who can easily be coopted.

Scab Revisionists Caught In a Bind

All these half-ass gimmicks only show that the Teng ruling gang doesn't really want to abolish corruption among their ranks. Allowing special privileges is the only way they can get these old and new capitalists together to work for the government. They're only worried about corruption when the people find out and their rule is threatened. That's why they have to do something to put on a show for people that the problem is being taken care of and at the same time warn the really clumsy officials to behave better.

Mao summed up from China's experience in building workers' rule that the old capitalist class still exists and that new capitalists develop from party and government officials enjoying unrestricted special privileges. Mao's solution was that every seven or eight years there should be a revolution to clear out these capitalists so the party's color wouldn't change and the country would remain in the hands of the workers and peasants. The capitalists in power now were the target of the Cultural Revolution led by Mao. Now they are back in power again and they aren't about to give up their special privileges.

But the 900 million Chinese people, like people the world over, are a revolutionary people. They have swept these capitalist bloodsuckers from power before and they will surely do it again. □



Behind Billygate— Leaderless Capitalists Brawl

"Billygate" is what Republicans are calling the White House's latest fiasco. This time it's how the Administration handled the wheeling and dealing of Billy "First Brother" Carter. In a move aimed at discrediting Jimmy Carter among those who are into voting, his brother Billy is being investigated by a special Senate panel, chaired by Senator Birch Bayh (a staunch Kennedy supporter), and there's talk that both Jimmy and Rosalyn will be forced to testify.

Sharks Smelled Blood When Jimmy Got Involved

Brother Billy, tired of being just an obnoxious drunk, used his family tie to get \$220,000 in a "loan" from the Libyan government. In exchange Billy was to do all he could to help Libya's public relations in the U.S. and its interests. Billy set up the Libyan-Arab-Georgia Friendship Association, and there was talk of getting the State Department to deliver the eight C-130 transport planes that Libya had bought and paid for with \$36 million.

All the yapping in the media has a chauvinist tone against Libya. Whatever actions Libya has to take to protect her interests from U.S. imperialist bullying is justified. After all U.S. multinational corporations and the U.S. government have bribed foreign officials and worse long before Libya even thought of the idea. For example, Japanese Prime Minister Fukuda was forced to resign some years ago because of a scandal coming out of bribes by Lockheed officials.

In addition Billy tried to work out a deal for himself between the Charter Crude Oil Company and the Libyan government. Libya would sell Charter 100,000 more barrels a day, and Billy's cut would be 55 cents per barrel or more than \$20 million a year. According to the capitalist rules of the game, Billy was supposed to register as an agent of the Libyan government. But he waited until he was threatened with a government lawsuit before he did so.

All of this is tame by capitalist standards. Attorney General Civiletti told the President that his brother would be slapped with a lawsuit if he didn't hurry up and register. He advised the President that Billy could not be prosecuted if he did register. That's when all the political sharks out to get Carter smelled blood.

"Billygate" No Shock

But where Watergate was a shock to most Americans, Billygate is no news at all. Everyone knows that all the politicians and their families are up to their necks in corruption. If you've got money and connections you've got it made under capitalism. If you don't you're screwed. No one believes that those who are doing all the investigating have any cleaner hands than those being investigated.

The real significance of Billygate is that it shows how desperately the ruling class is stabbing each other in the back. Hitting Jimmy Carter for his handling of his brother's petty schemes is like one robber criticizing another for forgetting to turn out the lights after a job. The monopoly capitalists are so at each other's throats that they'll grab at any straw to weaken each other. The danger of being pulled under by the economic crisis has the capitalists all tangled up trying to survive.

Ruling Class Needs A U.S.-Style Hitler — None Around

The deepest economic crisis ever is rip-

(Right) Some members of the special investigation panel, Senators Thurmond, Baker, Byrd and Bayh. (Below) With no confidence in Jimmy Carter, some sectors of the ruling class are using Billygate to discredit him among those who vote.



throat competition with each other. It's jugular is quickly being exposed.

Crash the Garden party!

The 80's presents a rare opportunity for the American people. We can move irreversibly to the point where we can end this capitalist hell and replace it with workers' rule where we can shape our own destiny. The main thing that holds us back is the fact that the American people are without leadership. We need our own political Party, one that really stands for the interest of the American people, one that has the vision to lead and the organization to fight.

Our leadership is here — The Communist Workers Party. The CWP and the American people will be at the Democratic Convention in New York City on Aug. 11 to serve notice to all the politicians that there'll be no business as usual. We'll let them know in no uncertain terms that we won't let them take us down the bloody road of fascism and world war. □

ping apart the American peoples' lives too. It's reached a point where none of us can live in the old way. People are fed up and cynical about politicians and government, and aren't waiting for any "established" leader to do something. We are taking matters into our own hands as in Levittown, Miami or Chattanooga. Rising mass resistance is making the ruling class freak out even more because what's at stake is the whole capitalist system.

To save their rule, the capitalists must get out of the crisis and that means world war. A world war with the Soviet Union to redivide the world and conquer new markets and sources of raw materials is the only way the ruling class can change the balance of forces in the world and once again export inflation and economic crisis. To go to war they need someone who can whip the American people into line, and that means fascism. What the ruling class really needs is a U.S.-style Hitler, and the present crop of political candidates — Carter, Kennedy or Reagan — don't make it.

"Open" Convention Call Reveals Capitalists' Leadership Crisis

The bourgeoisie's lack of confidence in any Presidential candidate is even more sharply revealed in the recent move for an "open" Democratic Convention. Just two weeks before the convention in New York City over forty Democrats in Congress are organizing for a rule change that would free convention delegates from having to vote for either Carter or Kennedy on the first round. Kennedy forces are jumping on the bandwagon hoping to break up Carter's delegate lead. But it's disgust with all the candidates that's behind the motion. "What we're looking for is an alternative to both," said Representative Ambro of Long Island.

The immediate worry of these Democrats is that Reagan will win in November. The latest ABC News-Harris survey showed Reagan leading Carter 61-33. A Republican victory will cut off a lot of

patronage jobs and favoritism for the Democrats. Names like Vice-President Mondale and Secretary of State Muskie have been mentioned as possible alternatives. Even bottom-of-the-barrel political no-names like Senator Harold Jackson and Representative Morris Udall have been scraped up.

The ruling class is entering the 80's, the most dangerous period for this class in its history, leaderless and locked into cut-

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Chinese Restaurant Workers Organize – Political Direction is Key

NEW YORK CITY—In the 80's the economic crisis is so deep everybody's lives are forced to change. Everyone has to face inflation, unemployment, the draft. Spontaneous strikes and rebellions explode like dynamite all the time.

Chinatown Restaurant Workers' Fight Raging

Today in New York City Chinatown you can smell the dynamite in the air. In every factory it's there. The Silver Palace restaurant was the first to explode in Chinatown. In May 1980, Silver Palace waiters got together and struck against the boss stealing their tips. With their own strong unity and with support from all the community, they won. They got their jobs back after the boss had fired them for protesting, forced him to give back the tips, won minimum wage and an eight-hour day.

This kind of spontaneous strike is happening at the smaller Hei Seung Fung restaurant too. When the boss fired a waiter in May, all the workers united, not just the waiters but with the support from the kitchen too. They got the support of Asian Americans for Equality (AAFE, a mass organization in Chinatown with leadership from the Communist Workers Party), and won their demands

in two days, and they got to keep all their tips.

This kind of thing will be happening more and more. But in the 80's if we fight for a few more dollars, can we get away from the economic crisis? No way! Today even if we win the economic demands we still can't even catch up with inflation. Especially in the restaurant industry, with restaurants closing right and left, Chinese workers must face this big problem.

Despite Sellout Reputation of ILGWU Local 6, Workers See Need For Union

With the economic crisis so deep, workers are realizing we have to fight for a union to protect our lives. When the Silver Palace and Hei Seung Fung workers won, they also demanded union benefits and protection. Most Chinese restaurant workers have experience with unions because their wives are garment workers, members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU). Or they know someone in Local 6 of the Hotel, Restaurant, Culinary Workers and Bartenders Union, which some midtown restaurant workers are in. People know that Local 6 once unionized a restaurant on Pell Street in Chinatown.



Like these workers demonstrating for a union, restaurant workers in N.Y.C. Chinatown today are exploding, defending their standard of living against the permanent economic crisis. In their demand for union representation, the key question is what kind of leadership and political direction.

When the boss physically intimidated the workers, the union didn't defend them, and the union drive fell apart. It is also widely known that the ILGWU and Local 6 bureaucrats don't fight for the contracts to be enforced, and these are second-class contracts anyway compared to contracts in other areas of the city. And for the longest time, the ILGWU would never defend undocumented workers. But in spite of the fact the the union bureaucrats do nothing but sell out, workers in Chinatown also know they need the unity and organization of a union.

Especially in these times of permanent economic crisis, just to call for a "union" is not enough. The decisive thing is what *kind* of union: what kind of leadership, what line is leading? If the union and the boss sleep in the same bed, if the leadership wants us only to fight for \$2 or \$3 from the boss and be grateful for it, this will not solve our fundamental oppression of being forced to sell our labor power to the capitalists. In the 80's, this kind of leadership will leave us defenseless against more cuts, more attacks on our standard of living. Even if they call themselves the "Independent Chinese Local" the result is the same as the other misleaders. This type of union just puts a bandaid on the wounds caused by capitalist society. We've had enough bandaids, we demand a cure.

Workers Win Because of Tight Unity – What Will The Future Bring?

The Silver Palace struggle is a good example. In the beginning, workers went to AAFE and put out a news release. At that time AAFE pointed out, "Don't have illusions about the boss. You have to go through both the legal steps and mobilize the workers for action." Later on some backward Silver Palace workers had illusions about the boss and the legal procedure—they didn't believe action would work. So they turned towards and relied on the "Chinese Workers and Staff Association", a band of deranged revisionists, which sucked workers into the legal trap. They begged Jimmy Carter and the rich to stand with the workers and boycott Silver Palace. The struggle was not targeted at the boss, but made the manager and the captain the enemy. It narrows class struggle between the boss and the workers into economic bickering. Finally, when the Silver Palace workers failed on the legal route and were forced to move

to action on the picketline, the whole struggle had been delayed more than a month, making the workers lose a lot. But because the workers' unity was strong they finally won their demands.

But what about the future? Will the boss come through and pay on these demands? At Hei Seung Fung, the boss said he would have to hire some more waiters if they had an eight-hour day. But this will mean tips, which are essential to survive, would be split between more workers. So the workers were forced to give up the eight-hour day. This always happens under capitalism, where economic demands get pitted against each other and either way we lose out. Economic struggles alone cannot solve the basic source of our poverty—rule by the capitalist class. Only abolishing the whole system can bring us freedom.

Leadership Key to Any Union

The union is a basic weapon to fight the exploiter class. A union really belonging to the working class must provide political education in the midst of the economic struggles. This type of leadership can educate and lead us to organize to prepare to overthrow the capitalist system. That kind of union really belongs to us. And only under CWP's correct leadership can this come true.

In plants and industries largely unorganized (like Chinatown restaurant workers), an *independent union* with correct leadership is the only road. In other situations, workers are largely unionized into unions which can, with the correct leadership, be turned into real fighting armies for the workers. Here CWP works inside these unions to organize us to kick out the hacks and take back the leadership.

So in this decade Chinese restaurant workers need an independent union under the correct leadership of the CWP where workers have real democracy. Unions under CWP leadership have this democracy and can be models of the power of workers when organized and united. Our independent unions will serve as an example of what organization will be like under workers' dictatorship, when workers ourselves will be able to determine our own destiny.

This kind of union is what workers want. An independent union which can break out of the stranglehold of the union misleaders is not a change in name only, but a change in the essence. □

CWP Defeats Attack At Balt. Docks

BALTIMORE, Md.—Back in January, three supporters of the Communist Workers Party, including longshoreman John Blom, were arrested at the longshoremen hiring center for handing out anti-Klan leaflets and selling the *Workers Viewpoint* newspaper. (See *WV*, Vol. 5, No. 4). The three were charged with assault, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct. On July 1, all charges against the three were dropped.

This victory was won because of the strong support of the Communist Workers Party, dockworkers, and others from the community. A militant picket line was set up outside the courthouse on July 1. CWP propagandists and agitators used a bullhorn to expose the trial. Many passersby stopped to listen and were stirred by the Party's raps. The demonstrators sold out of newspapers and many people stopped to express their solidarity. One man held up a copy of *Time* magazine with an article on Greensboro in it, and told people he knew what the CWP was talking about, while another came into the courthouse to see the proceedings. Both asked to work with the Party. Inside the courthouse, the judge, prosecutor, and police were all aware of what was going on outside and nervously eyed the supporters who had entered the courtroom. Knowing that politically they were defeated, the Steamship Trade Association (STA) didn't show up and the charges were dropped.

Strong Political Exposure of Gov't. and Mass Support Turns Arrests Around

The government and the STA had hoped that the people would shy away from John and the CWP with the arrests. Actually, the opposite happened. First of all, rather than take the arrests lying down, the three defended themselves from the police attack, all the while agitating against the police and company collaboration. After the arrests, longshoremen closed in on the police, preventing them from beating the three. Most importantly, more people than ever came forward to show their solidarity, volunteering to testify and checking out the Party, including some who had never read a copy of *Workers Viewpoint* before. Taking the political offensive was the key to turning the arrests around.

With the economic crisis of the 80's, the bourgeoisie must try to smash any opposition, particularly those who correctly direct the workers' anger, and aim for workers' rule. This is why John and two other Party supporters were arrested. This is why the government had five members of the Communist Workers Party assassinated in Greensboro by the Klan and Nazis.

This is also why scum like the Klan are promoted so much by the media. Last week's Klan rally outside Frederick, Md. was played up every 15 minutes on some local radio stations. The Klan and Nazis promote false enemies for the people to target, taking the weight off the monopoly capitalist class.

These arrests were an attempt by the STA and the government to intimidate the CWP from spreading the truth among longshoremen about the whole damn system of monopoly capitalism and the need for socialist revolution. With the leadership of the Communist Workers Party showing the way, we will smash this hell we live in called capitalism, and bring forth a bright new day with a socialist revolution. □

Local 2 Fighter Kathy Bibby Speaks:

“We’re not striking for pennies, We’re striking to kick ass!”

Kathy Bibby, a leader among Local 2 rank and file fighters, getting ready to do justice to an effigy of inflation and the Hotel Owners at a CWP-led action during a June union rally.

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca—Affectionately known as the “red head,” Kathy Bibby is the only person working the 10:30 to 6:30 shift at the Hilton Hotel in Downtown San Francisco. The management made up this shift just for her and sends a security guard following her all day just so that she won’t be able to talk to the other workers. But nothing can stop her. At the June 30 strike committee meeting, Kathy was denouncing the union hacks for not calling a strike vote now and for their disruption of a rank and file meeting called by the United Hotel and Restaurant Workers by sending 8 goons. Three hacks jumped up immediately to shout her down. The Hilton workers there were scared for her but the next day, they all gave her their phone numbers on a slip of paper. Kathy said, “I felt a closeness developing because they know now that I wouldn’t let anything or anyone run me over.”

Workers Viewpoint interviewed Kathy to find what all the rank and file activity around the impending Local 2 strike is about.

Kathy: The sentiment for the strike is not just for more money. People do want more money, what with inflation and the way rents are in San Francisco, but it’s not the major thing. When we heard about the possibility of a strike last year, we could hardly wait, just so we can kick ass for a little while. Not that we’ll win, because management has fucked us up for so long, what can a strike do? We just want to teach the bosses a lesson; the way to do it is to cut off their money.

I don’t think any of us would go on strike for just a little more money. We don’t have choices anymore. We’re fighting out of necessity. The union hacks know this so they have to ride on it, suffocate it for a while and bleed it. (At the July 8 membership meeting, over 3000 to 150 voted for a strike date—July 17.)

WV: What do you mean that the union hacks have to “bleed it?”

Kathy: There is so much sentiment there I don’t think the hacks can squash it or write up a sell-out contract now. What they’ll do is promote racism and chauvinism like they did at Bay Meadows. People will burn out, what with no strike funds or anything, then he’ll start blaming the different sections of the workers, like the Filipinos are “anti-union,” or the Chinese are “scared,” etc. The union will whip the workers to picket, do childcare, cook food, but will not back them up when they get busted. This is exactly what happened at Bay Meadows.

When a court injunction comes down, they’ll go by the law, two picketers for each place, and kill the militancy of the workers. They’ll bleed the strike long enough to strangle it so we won’t want to kick ass anymore.

But the hacks also know we are there, that’s why Sirabella wouldn’t even leave 40% of the dissenters to the United Hotel and Restaurant Workers and the Communist Workers Party. We are the only ones who don’t kiss ass to the hacks. All the so-called “communist” League of “Revolutionary” Struggle, “C”PML and Trots with their caucuses CAT, WSU, Program for 80’s have all said we should unite with the bureaucrats for a decent contract. They tell us to go by the law and stick with the union. What’s so incredible to me is that 90% of the people I work with have always been in the working class, they grew up fighting for survival on the streets, fighting with cops. Can’t tell them that the law will protect them.

WV: If the strike takes place, people will have to sacrifice a lot, especially with insufficient strike benefits. How do you look at that?

Kathy: Yeah, the difference is what you’re sacrificing for. Charles Lamb is telling people to picket for 24 hours just for a few pennies that we know we wouldn’t get anyway. We’re not striking for pennies. We are striking to kick ass. When I was passing the CWP leaflet “Local Giant Awakening, Break Labor Scum’s Stranglehold” at the strike vote meeting, the union hacks were physically attacking us trying to take the leaflets away. There were three Hilton workers standing by reading our leaflet and I was telling them that under capitalism, we really can’t win anything. They agreed. A black guy who I’ve talked to a lot asked why the hacks were harassing us so much. I said “We’re the only one who dares to take the whole damned system on. You know you ought to join the Party.” He said, “I just might.”

It’s like everything I’ve said to him became concrete. It’s like the time when we went to the union to protest Richard Leung’s firing because he was my Business Agent then. All the union goons came out and I was so scared I thought I was going to cry. But there was this sister from the CWP who just cussed the hacks out. I wondered what made her so fearless. And when the cops came with their cameras, I was sure that we would be arrested. But we didn’t. And Richard was so calm, he just kept on demanding to see Lamb. By that time, I was so angry I just wanted to kick ass.

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Hotel Strikers Jolt S.F.



SAN FRANCISCO, Ca., July 29—The regal hush in the city’s largest and best known hotels has become a war zone since July 20, when 6,000 whistle-blowing, tin can-banging members of Local 2 (Hotel, Restaurant, Bartenders and Culinary Workers Union) went on strike. The militant strikers have defied two court injunctions limiting pickets. Meanwhile, contract negotiations have broken off and are going into arbitration. The strike is being sabotaged by the union bureaucrats who refused to build up a strike fund to aid the strikers, and who lead the workers to become demoralized, like union president Charles Lamb (above) who tries to tell the picketers at Hyatt Union Square to calm down and let trucks cross their lines. Meanwhile rank and file fighter Kathy Bibby was summoned to a trial hearing by the union hacks for “not doing picket duty.” This absurd charge usually used against scabs, is an attempt to block Kathy from joining travelling agitation/propaganda strike teams of the CWP, the Family Nitoto, and the United Hotel and Restaurant Workers caucus, which have been giving leadership and building the spirit of picketers across the city. □

Salmagundi’s Restaurant. That’s where I got baptized in trade unionism, because in Arkansas there weren’t any unions in the restaurants. We had an organizing committee and Richard was one of our BA’s. I went to Richard a lot because he didn’t quote me National Labor Relations Board, but said the main thing was to get the people together, that the NLRB had loopholes. The best thing was to forge solidarity among workers and bargain directly. But the union said we could

only talk to appointed organizers; it was a real struggle to talk to Richard. What happened was the union stepped in and offered one of the guys on the Organizing Committee a job, and that broke up the Organizing Committee.

When the firing came down, I didn’t see too much difference between the BA’s because I respected them all. But pretty soon the other BA’s began to bitch and blame the firing on Richard. I sat in on

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Carter Pleads: Give Capitalism a Chance

CWP Indicts Carter In Dallas

"WHAT about the human rights of the CWP 5?" a Party supporter charged when Carter lied through his teeth saying, "We believe in human rights and democracy, even for this young lady and the Communist Workers Party." Losing his cool, Carter reacted the whole time to the Communist Workers Party supporters who were putting the heat on him in Dallas. (Carter could tell it was 107 degrees). He had expected to reap his \$10 per person from the thousand or so jammed into the Union Stadium West Rock, and run his lies to his supporters. But he didn't count on the CWP and friends. He lost his cool and was forced to address the sharp propaganda—he was definitely suffering from exposure!

The Secret Service was helpless to remove the CWP supporter, who stood right near the podium. As she hit him for supporting world war and the draft, Carter was stopped speechless several times. He tried to let his die-hard supporters shout her down, but when one man said, "Be quiet! Would you rather have Reagan as president?" (real die-hard!), the sister replied it didn't matter which executioner we had. Every time Carter opened his mouth another big lie was exposed. He was forced to defend the capi-

talist system because he knew she was right, and didn't want his "supporters" to hear the truth and walk out on him. "Our commitment to human rights will never change," he tried. And as the sister continued to expose the system, Carter pleaded, "People shouldn't be concerned with temporary problems and inconveniences. Our nation has never failed to overcome problems when we're united." He wanted people to forget about the permanent layoffs in Detroit, Youngstown, Mahwah, etc., and he wanted to forget that the monopoly capitalists couldn't unite around a plan to save the system from economic crisis. Then Carter shouted, "You don't see people lining up trying to escape to Communist countries," in direct response to the sister's agitation. "They built the Iron Curtain in East Germany to keep the people in and not to keep us out." He was trying to keep the myth alive that the Soviet Union and its satellites like East Germany are still socialist and not just as capitalist and wracked with internal contradictions as the U.S. Some ignorant people in the audience said to the CWP supporter, "Carter scored that point on you," not noticing that Carter had been forced to debate the line of the CWP in front of a

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Because the Klan/Nazi trials for the murders of the CWP 5 are going on now, the Nazis had exposed this government infiltrator in order to build up their fascist group. They hoped, by showing government infiltration, to prove that the Nazis are a real threat to the U.S. government. But this scam only proved that the Klan/Nazis are only toys in the hands of the real fascists — the U.S. government. They only confirmed what the CWP had been saying all along, that the ruling class is using the Klan/Nazis as surrogates to spearhead fascism and that the government-instigated murders of the CWP 5 was only the first of stepped-up fascist attacks on the American people.

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Bureau of Murderers

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms that Bernard Butkovich got his orders from is just like the FBI and CIA that has spied on and killed American people. It's another Bureau of Murderers and Assassins.

In the 60's, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms conspired with the FBI, CIA and state and local police to crush the Black Panther Party through murder, arrests and infiltration. In the past, the Secret Service which is also under the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, infiltrated the Klan just like the FBI informer Gary Rowe did when he shot civil rights activist Viola Liuzzo.

And this Bureau is not the only Bureau under the Treasury Department which de-

serves the name "dirty assassin." From the Border Patrol hated by Mexicanos to the IRS (Internal Revenue Service), all have a license from the U.S. government to harass, spy and shoot to kill. The Treasury Department controls the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center which trains federal agents from 26 agencies and 10 executive departments on how to get over on the American people through raids, arrests, search and seizure, crowd control and weapons.

The Treasury Department is one of the largest and most powerful of all the Cabinet Departments. It also has one of the largest intelligence departments of all, with a budget of \$900 million, topped only by the National Security Agency. Gordon Liddy, White House assassin for Nixon, wrote that when he was a member of the Treasury Department, the "treasury agent" was the favorite and frequent cover for CIA agents operating in the U.S. and that the Department routinely issued Treasury badges and credentials to the CIA.

We took over the Bureau's office so that the American people would know what was going on right under their noses. This Bureau just doesn't stamp liquor bottles and packs of cigarettes. They are guilty of murdering the CWP 5 from Bernard Butkovich to William Miller, Treasury Secretary to Carter, his boss.

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The CWP struck fear into the hearts of every Bureau office across the country. When TV reporters asked the chief of the New York Bureau why the CWP left at just before 2:00, before men armed with every conceivable weapon, carrying ropes, pulleys, and power drills could storm the office, he stuttered, "Gee, I guess it was cause we turned the heat off!"

We will not let Carter, Kennedy or any of the politicians off the hook. The CWP and the American people will meet them face to face at the Democratic Convention this August in New York City! □



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A lot of people on their lunch hour were hanging around the edges. They were

listening intently to the fights going on all around and to the agitation coming over the bullhorn. One, a veteran of the Viet Nam war came up to a CWP supporter to say, "You haven't won me over to communism, but I do know that capitalism sucks." Another woman said, "I agree with everything that you are saying, but I just don't agree with the communism part." After years of being told to hate communists and never being told what communism is, her anti-communism is temporary and transient. In essence she agrees with everything we stand for.

The gang of anti-communists began closing in until the handful of picketers were surrounded. Hundreds of other people pressed in to see what would happen. Then one of the anti-communists grabbed for a poster of Bill Sampson, one of the murdered CWP 5, to rip it up. A sister picketing kicked him. When the guy looked around for support from others to charge the picket line, he didn't get it.

At the same time a lady stood her ground next to a CWP supporter through all the shouting and screaming. But she didn't say a word. When she finally opened her mouth, she said softly, "Sis-

ter, you got your feet back. Just hang on there. You don't have to answer everything they answer. I understand what you're saying. Just keep on fighting." And we will, for sure!

All morning long the debate had raged on. The CWP began to drive home their points. Their moral authority began to hold sway, cutting through the shallow abstract anti-communism, speaking directly to people's own anger, frustration and fear that they have carried around locked up inside.

There were outright attacks from Klan/Nazi-type fascists whose heads lowered after being called those names and whose attack gained little support from the people. And then there were also those who will defend American democracy more as an instinct than any sober assessment of objective reality. These people's minds were opened up and their stand neutralized in just a matter of minutes.

There were handshakes of unity and brotherhood. "I've been looking for y'all," one brother said. He has been out poster every night since about serving notice to the U.S. capitalists. □



The debate raged all morning long, as the CWP cut through people's shallow anti-communism and spoke directly to their anger, frustration and fear.

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office, they were met at the door by a man who introduced himself as their "negotiator." "What for?" the comrades asked. "We only came here to picket!" The CWP supporters and members set up a picket line right on the Bureau's home turf in Washington, D.C.

The CWP struck fear into the hearts of every Bureau office across the country. When TV reporters asked the chief of the New York Bureau why the CWP left at just before 2:00, before men armed with every conceivable weapon, carrying ropes, pulleys, and power drills could storm the office, he stuttered, "Gee, I guess it was because we turned the heat off!"

We will not let Carter, Kennedy or any of the politicians off the hook. The CWP and the American people will meet them face to face at the Democratic Convention this August in New York City! □



at the BATF office and negotiating with government reporters were outside educating the people

FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES

Our Readers Speak Out!

Posters Draw Another to CWP

June 21, 1980

Saw your posters and am interested in receiving additional information about the CWP. I would like to read a *Workers Viewpoint* Newspaper. Please send me some of your literature also.

Thanks.
A.N.
New York City

Richard Queen Safer in Iran than in U.S. Prison

July 18, 1980

Dear Workers Viewpoint:

Over the past two weeks, the return of hostage Richard Queen has been used to fan even more chauvinism against the Iranian people and their heroic revolution. The bourgeois media has lied about his disease, multiple sclerosis, saying that it is caused by stress, and therefore by the Iranians. Of course, there is no scientific evidence for this, since no one knows what causes MS.

As soon as Queen became sick, he was seen by a medical student, then a specialist, and then hospitalized. Even at the time he was sent home, he was not critically ill. Did you ever hear of a prisoner in the U.S. receiving that kind of treatment?

As a doctor in North Carolina, last year I went through the chart of a young Afro-American who had been a prisoner in Central prison in Raleigh. This brother had diabetes, and developed an infection and went into diabetic coma — a medical emergency. The prison doctor refused to come in, and decided to 'treat' the patient by phone. He gave a treatment that was actually harmful, and the next morning the brother was dead.

Most prisoners will tell you

that this kind of death is nothing unusual. We made this murder front page news in a local paper, but the pig doctor was never even questioned. He is still paid \$60,000 a year for his services.

In revolutionary Iran (and in the socialist America we will

build) a doctor like this would be tried by the people and likely shot. That is why Richard Queen was safer in the U.S. embassy in Tehran than in any hell-hole prison in the U.S.

J.R.
North Carolina

Chattanooga! 9 Pigs Fall...



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rebellion. There the people kicked him and his kind out of the community. But in Chattanooga Jackson was able to do his dirty work. Like the people of Miami, Chattanoogaans see through political mummies like Jackson, but the difference is that in Miami there was leadership and organization that could crystallize people's sentiment to reject these misleaders and prevent them from throwing a wrench in the people's fight. In the absence of this leadership, misleaders like Jackson and their capitalist masters can temporarily gain political initiative by default.

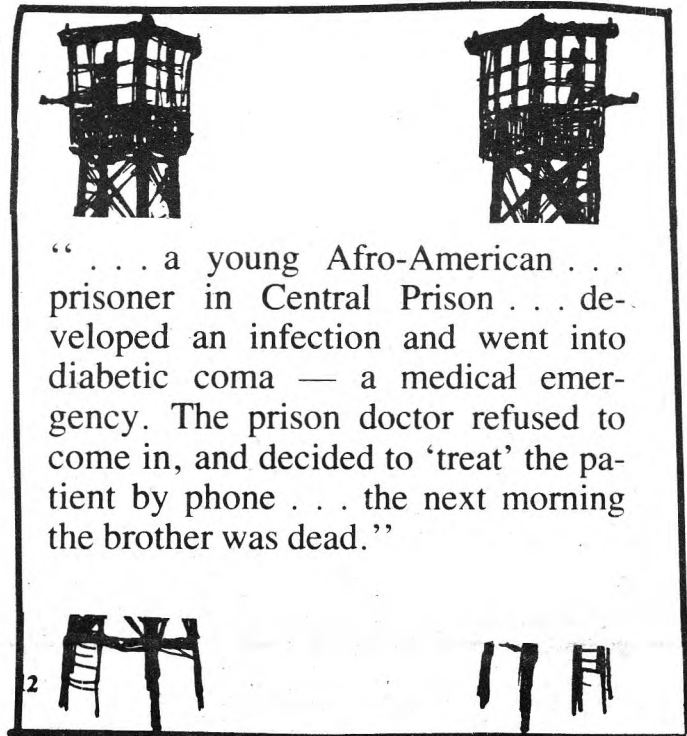
Miami showed that advanced fighters are more and more appreciating the kind of leadership and organization that only the Communist Workers Party can provide. As one brother in Miami said, "If the CWP had been in Miami, we could have taken things a lot farther."

Chattanooga Not Alone in Hatred of Cops

The people of Chattanooga are not alone in their hatred of the police. Earlier this month in Flint, Michigan, people rose up spontaneously when 15-year old William

Taylor was killed by a pig. Two cops were seriously wounded as a result.

The hatred of the police is not limited to Afro-Americans either. When cops moved in to protect scabs in Washington, Indiana, last November, the white workers who were on strike for months, went straight to the mayor's house and bombed it to pieces. This is the intensity of the American people's hatred of the police and what they symbolize. As the masses throughout the nation rise up more and more in strikes and riots, engaging the police in battle, the ruling class will be weakened because their forces cannot be centralized. Their hands will be tied. And when the masses are more consciously organized, the ruling class will suffer defeat after defeat. The main thing for us to be reminded of is that killing a few cops is not enough. It is needed, but more is needed. In order to end this system that employs them we must grasp the need for military defense and political offense. We must spread the lessons of Indiana, Michigan, Miami and Chattanooga to make it serve to awaken the whole nation. As General Secretary Jerry Tung said, "In the 1980's we can win: we will win!"



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KLAN GETS OFF WHILE PEOPLE PAY

The same circus court of "just-us" that acquitted McDuffie's murderers in Miami, and is making preparations to allow Klan/Nazis to go scott free for murdering five members of the Communist Workers Party, allowed an all-white jury to acquit three Klansmen who shot four black elderly women last April. Two of the Klansmen, Imperial Wizard William Church and Larry Payne were found not guilty. The third dog's charges were reduced to assault and battery.

Marshall T(h)rash, the third Klansman, was fined a mere \$225 and told to go to a "work house" for nine months, and apply for an appeal. This is in keeping with the government's tradition of fining Klansmen \$1 for terrorizing blacks and poor whites. This is how the government defends the Klan and encourages its attacks on us.

People living in Chattanooga, especially in the Alton Park black community where the recent revolt is taking place, could be sentenced indefinitely for merely spitting on a sidewalk, or looking at a policeman "the wrong way." Yet, Klan murderers go free. On the one hand the people are told that gun control is needed, "it's the law, give up your arms, disarm yourselves"; yet Klan murderers are supplied with arms by the ruling class through federal government agencies and big business. As for the Nov. 3 massacre of the CWP 5 in North Carolina, these Klan/Nazi scum even received lists of who to attack, when and how to kill from sources like the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI.

Monopoly Capitalists Feast On Pro Sports — Basic Industry Starves

When we think of a parasite, the thing that comes to mind is a leech. A leech is a bloodsucker that lives off the body of another animal. It does nothing to sustain its own life other than to attach itself to something healthy and suck the life out of it until nothing is left, then goes on to the next free ticket. That's as good a definition of the monopoly capitalists as you will ever hear. These leeches grab onto society and drain it of all the lifeblood in its body and leave it barren, putting nothing back to replenish it. The parasitic monopoly capitalist class has sunk its poisonous fangs in every aspect of U.S. society. One of the fields they are entering lately is the business of professional sports franchises.

Bloodsuckers Speculate on Teams Rather than Invest in Production

Once thought to be just a hobby that usually lost money, owning a franchise is now a fast way to make high profits with nowhere near the risk of a factory that might take 20 years to reach the break-even point. So forget about them "good-ole-boys" like George Steinbrenner who say they love the game and love the city and want to bring a winner for the hometown fans. The same monopoly capitalists who are buying sports teams to "save the city" aren't putting a dime into productive industry. With jobs in New York virtually non-existent, Nelson Doubleday Jr. of Doubleday publishing, "saves" the city by investing in the New York Mets. With the steel industry living in its grave, John W. Galbreath, owner of one of the largest construction companies in the world, would rather work on giving Pittsburgh another National League pennant with the Pirates or speculate on his thoroughbred breeding prospects than invest in steel.

Why the big interest in owning sports teams today? With the economic crisis in the 80's the worst that has ever hit this country, the bourgeoisie is looking more and more to speculating on high-yield profiteering within a short period of time. The gold rush and hi-oh silver are some other examples. To invest in productive industry such as steel or auto, means tying up large sums of capital for long periods of time.

Making a bundle off of non-productive speculation shows the parasitic nature of the monopoly capitalist class. A recent example in New York brought shock waves to the city when the last place New York Mets were sold over the winter. A record \$21.1 million bucks for a last place team that couldn't draw flies! Who would be so stupid? Well, Nelson Doubleday Jr. ain't so stupid after all. For one thing, buying a team in the advertising capital of the world is the best start. But there was some speculation that the team would draw some fans in the years to come. Years! This year the turnstiles are spinning like the old days when the Mets outdrew the Yanks. A few key ballplayers and, as of the All-Star



George Steinbrenner, owner of the New York Yankees, portrayed as one of the parasitic worms eating up "The Big Apple," New York City. While he speculates on the growth of the Yankees.

break, the Mets are only 5 games out of first place. But Doubleday is used to speculating to make a buck. Even a best seller isn't a guarantee.

Speculation Jacks Up Value of Franchises Artificially

\$21 million for the Mets isn't a bad buy after all. In fact, if you look at prices over the past 20 years, it was a steal. Take for instance, the New York Giants football team. In 1960, they were estimated at being worth \$4.7 million. In 1975, they skyrocketed to \$22 million and 5 years later in 1980, \$59 million. That's an increase of market value of 268% in just 5 years on top of the yearly net profits. With every game sold out, over 70,000 paid, and T.V. revenues, the market value is probably even higher. And that's with a perennial also-ran.

More fans are turning out for games. Considering inflation, you get as much for the price of a ticket as anything else these days. Even better compared to the sick, degenerate movies around. But the biggest cause of the jumps in franchises today is the crazed speculation fever the monopoly capitalists have. The tremendous demand for a team, any team, has blown a team's worth way out of proportion. Just like the gold rush only a few months ago, the great demand to buy, buy, buy, sent the price from \$378 an ounce in September, '79 to over \$800 in early 1980. Many of the monopoly capitalists are making higher profits on their "hobbies" than on their regular businesses.

Can't Worm Out of Crisis

Lately, there's a lot of talk among the bourgeoisie to invest in basic industry. But talking doesn't cost a penny. In order to do this, it takes billions, and no one monopoly group can afford it. For instance, for the U.S. auto industry to get back on its feet, you're talking about \$85 billion. And with the crisis of overproduction, where workers cannot afford to buy back the goods they produce, there is no guarantee of showing a profit. To "re-industrialize" America, the resources of major finance capitalists must be pooled, resulting in the swallowing up of the small fish by the big ones. Because none are willing to bite the dust to save each other, they couldn't even decide which industry to pump back up. Steel barons would want steel while auto would shout cars, while chemical hollers "me" and so on and so on. That is why we say the only way to really reindustrialize America is to destroy the cause of the crisis, the system of capitalism. Only under socialism, with the needs of the people determining what to produce, can the wheels of industry turn at full throttle.

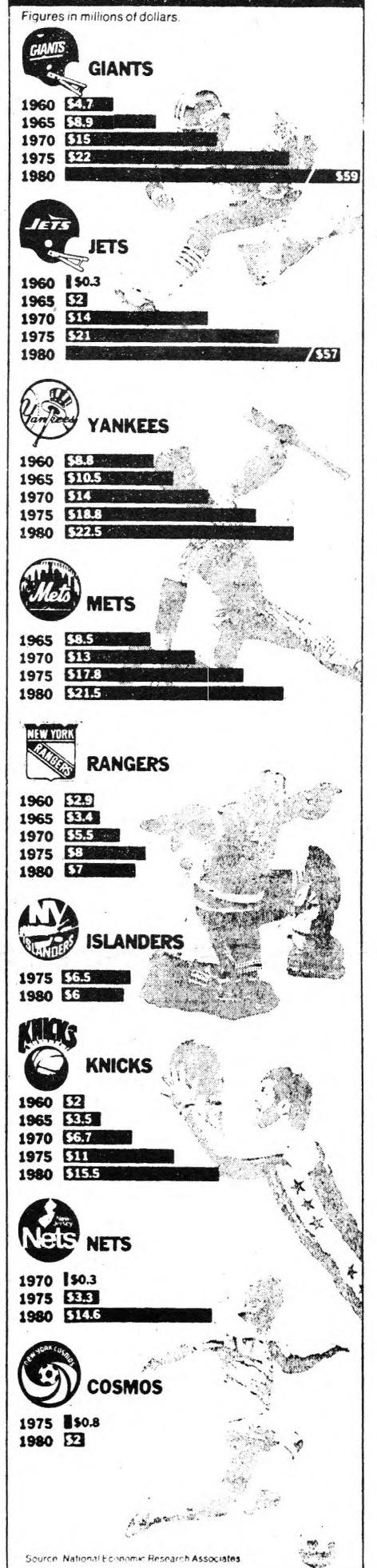
Somebody Has to Pay for Those Fat Monopoly Profits

Just like their regular businesses, the bourgeoisie can't reap monopoly profits without exploiting someone's labor or talent. The players of the professional sports teams, although paid relatively more than the average worker and get special privileges and better working conditions, are still treated as nothing more than a commodity. They are traded or sold, being forced to move their families around the country like a head of cattle. Every time a ticket price is raised, they are blamed by citing high salaries, meanwhile the poor ole monopolies are dragging in millions on T.V., tickets, and concessions. It's not much different blaming city workers' contract demands for rises in taxes and cuts in services.

Under Capitalism Sports Can Only Exist as a Leech Does

With the day-to-day struggles workers and poor people face most of our lives, a day at the ball park is an escape that we look forward to. But the same sonofabitch who pays crumb wages, levies higher taxes, and rips us off at the super-market, rips us off at the turnstiles with

Teams' Approximate Value



This graph shows the estimated value of all the New York professional sports franchises and their astronomical rise in market value over the past 20 years. Virtually every team in every league is owned and controlled by the monopoly capitalist class.

outrageous ticket prices and a buck for a lousy hotdog. The bourgeoisie, having state power, control every aspect of society from the media to the government to Wrigley Field and Candlestick Park. The only way to turn this around, to eliminate parasitic speculation and produce necessary goods and services for the majority, to put sports and entertainment in our hands, to control our own destiny and lives, is to seize state power from the bourgeoisie. Seize state power and exercise dictatorship of the proletariat, the working class, over the bourgeoisie. Under capitalism, sports can only exist just as a leech exists, sucking the life blood out of society. □

What's Your View?

"I don't care what else you do when you take over. Just don't take away my games." "Will socialism mean the end of Little League for my kids?" "How can you say that pro ball players are oppressed too with all the money they make? Aren't they the reason why ticket prices are so high?" These are some of the questions and comments our readers have about our view on sports. In the 1980's, with people being drawn to politics no longer in the thousands but in the millions, every question on every aspect of life needs to be answered. With sports being a large part of many American's lives, we need to look into this aspect much deeper in the period ahead. The *Workers Viewpoint* is putting out a call for letters. Your comments on past and present articles, your ideas for future articles, and your questions on how we see things in the sports world will help us to better present more comprehensive coverage. Let's hear from you. What's your view?

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Conscientious Journalists Have Only

Review of Voice's "Ambush"

NEW YORK, N.Y.—On the front page of the May 26 issue of *The Village Voice*, a New York City weekly, was "Ambush," an article on the murders of the Communist Workers Party 5. In printing "Ambush" and taking a stand on the murders of the CWP 5, the *Voice* is to be saluted. The article was a breath of fresh air in the treacherous and smelly wake of scores of newspaper and magazine articles, *Harpers* and the *New York Times* among them, who tried to write off the murders as a "shootout" (which the CWP "provoked") between two "fringe" groups. These forces — the revolutionary and progressive writers, intellectuals, artists — will join hands with the workers to sweep away the dark oppressive capitalist system and help to build a new socialist system and a bright future for all.

Two Trends Among Journalists

Journalists play a crucial role in determining public opinion. And the assassination of the CWP 5 that symbolized the dangers of world war and fascism, polarized the press into two trends.

One trend has stuck to their principles and to their commitments as conscientious

tation between the forces of light and darkness." Watson openly championed the cause of the fascist Klan and Nazi's as "mostly poorly educated country boy fanatics" and tried to blame the CWP victims for the crime calling the CWP "satan" and Hitler. He has made light of all that has happened to the press in the wake of the Greensboro massacre and laughed over the four black women who were shot by the Klan in Chatanooga, Tennessee.

The murder of the CWP 5 is an omen of the times to come for everyone. As the capitalist crisis takes its toll, it will leave no man, woman, or child unscarred. The CWP 5 also heralds the 80's. While the 80's holds greater hardship and suffering for people, it also holds out the greatest opportunities and the brightest future for all. The *Voice* article affirms that while the objective situation is forcing people to act, the CWP and the Five are acting upon people to ensure a revolutionary direction to their struggle.

Economic Crisis Sets Off Mass Disorientation and Polarization

The assassination is the major issue among the intellectuals, out of all the

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journalists. Like the "Ambush" article honestly grappled with the questions of "what will you do" and "which side are you on" in the 80's. Demanding that the press hold itself accountable to the Greensboro massacre on Nov. 3, 1979, the editors of the *San Francisco Sun Reporter*, a black newspaper, wrote,

"Where were the expressions of outrage from the reporters who covered this bloody atrocity? Where were the soul-searching questions about what is happening to a society when such cold-blooded mass murder can occur in broad daylight? Where was the condemnation of the Klan and the historical notes linking this latest rash of killings to a heritage of cowardly bloodshed that started more than a century ago with white-robed citizens dragging helpless black families out of their homes at midnight, torching their dwellings and lynching them? . . . What hope is there for a free society in America if the press not only accepts such murderous behavior but actually looks for reasons to excuse it?" (11/8/79)

The other trend is like its forerunner in the Weimar Republic who wrote that "the triumph of Hitler . . . is a victory of democracy." Robert Watson, who wrote "Media Martyrdom" in *Harpers* magazine, made a mockery of the media. He wrote, "But for a brief time they [CWP] suckered the gullible media, which were confused by their own fables about the south. The tragedy surrounding the brawl deserved the label *fraud* or *hoax* when those involved tried to elevate it from the level of gang rumble to a confront-

events that have so swiftly changed the balance of the world. The hostages, Iran, Afghanistan — the moods and opinions of the masses change rapidly. Public opinion in the U.S. has never been more fluid than today. When students first heard about the taking of the hostages in Iran, they were whipped up into anti-Iranian demonstrations, objectively championing the cause of U.S. imperialism. Five months later, the same students poured out in the tens of thousands onto Washington, D.C. streets to protest the draft and the ruling class's propelling the country into World War III.

The historic lever of the economic crisis of capitalism, a result of decades of imperialist exploitation, is wrenching everyone out of once seemingly stable order to a world in great disorder. This includes the strata of intellectuals. People graduate from college thinking they have the perfect job lined up, and because of the recession it has evaporated before their eyes. Fashion designers live off of TRA (government subsidy to workers due to foreign imports), just like laid off auto workers do. Actors mime in the streets, like beggars. Painters and musicians who have to live off welfare are the new next door neighbors to the poor in the slums.

Disorientation is widespread among all the people. Everyone is searching and questioning. Spontaneously, people are being polarized. For example, among film makers, Nazi-lover and big Hollywood director Francis Ford Coppola imports and shows a nine-hour long movie on Hitler's life. Meanwhile on Broadway playwrights are reviving Kurt Weill's plays (Kurt Weill was an anti-fascist in Weimar Germany) and the anti-fascist play of Lillian Hellman from the 30's.

Jim Waller (right), CWP Central Committee member and local union president of the ACTWU, was one of our five comrades murdered by the Klan/Nazis and U.S. government on Nov. 3.



The assassination of the CWP 5 crystallized people's feeling that something big would happen in this decade. Proof of how much the bourgeoisie fears the Communist Workers Party is the fact that the FBI directed the first murder of communists since the Rosenbergs 30 years ago. Signifying the bourgeoisie's stepped-up repression, the assassinations rang alarm-bells on the rise of fascism — a rise in the popularity of the Klan/Nazis never seen for a generation.

Without Leadership and Organization - 60's Spontaneous Movements Ebb

The assassination of the CWP 5 forced the author of "Ambush" to re-examine her own life in relation to the rising danger of fascism and world war. She wrote, "Like many people who were more or less radicalized by the turbulence of the 60's, I drifted away from politics in the 70's. I stopped talking about social justice and capitalism, good guys and bad guys, and started focusing on moral complexities and ambiguities. The feminist notion that you must work from your own oppression soon became for me, an excuse for an entirely personal approach to life."

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It was precisely because the movements of the 60's were *spontaneous* that it ebbed away. Even spontaneous instinct against exploitation and oppression and even a basic understanding of capitalism is not enough. During the 60's and 70's, U.S. imperialism's temporary stabilization was crumbling. But without the leadership of a communist party the capitalist system could still absorb the mass protest movement. Counterculture even became an acceptable market. In those days many individuals still had the choice of finding some

comfortable corner to settle for.

Because of the relatively low level of political leadership and organization in the 60's, many dropped out of the struggle for revolution. In the final analysis, only the working class is the most consistent and most revolutionary class in history. Without the leadership of the working class, these students and intellectuals could not sustain the upsurges of the 60's and 70's.

The Party summed up the valuable lessons from the 60's and continued to build on them. What these revolutionaries of the CWP saw was that all those movements lacked a single, revolutionary and recognized vanguard party, based on the working class that could give the movement theoretical, political and organizational orientation. Even the most militant and revolutionary mass leaders of the time, due to the historical limitations of his or her time, didn't understand the need for this vanguard party. For example, Malcolm X and the Black Panthers didn't see that the revolution in this country must be a socialist revolution led by the working class. Without people like the CWP 5, summing up those lessons from the 60's, the deaths of four people at Kent State and the deaths of four Afro-Americans at Jackson State would be completely in

vain.

So as "Ambush" says, many people of high ideals of that day and age went to college, got degrees and were touched by the 60's. But now in the 80's, the same question of which way forward returns. Only this time the questions are sharper and on a higher level than before.

The 80's Leaves Conscientious Intellectuals With No Choice

There are no choices in the 80's for the intellectuals and the press. The ruling class

One Choice in the 80's

is freaking out over the economic crisis today, deeper than the Great Depression of the 30's. The only hope for the U.S. imperialists to get out of the crisis is world war with the Soviet Union to redivide the world and regain their hegemony, so that the U.S. imperialists can get out of the crisis and effect a temporary stabilization like they did in World War I and World War II.

The main obstacle that keeps the U.S. from going to war now is the fierce resistance of the U.S. people to war. To crush all resistance, the ruling class must try to impose fascism now. Selective repression is being stepped up as the people's faith in bourgeois democracy is dying.

Today the media is the frontline for the ruling class to create favorable public opinion for them. Thus they will have to make this strata push the line and crush all opposition. The proposed charter for the FBI/CIA would make it a crime for the press to reveal the identity of any intelligence agents and make it a crime for anyone with access to the names of undercover agents to reveal them. That would block any kind of investigative reporting exposing the FBI and CIA. Already the President has the emergency powers to impose press censorship. These measures however are only the legal basis for fascist censorship of the press. Already the ruling class blacked out nationally all the news on the CWP 5 assassinations. Later the FBI impounded every tape and negative of the killings. A CBS affiliate TV station in Durham fired an unknown number of people who just honestly reported on the murder around the CWP 5.

But historically the intellectuals — writers, artists, and students are among the first to join the revolution. Students are the most responsive sector of the intelligentsia. Composed of the sons and daughters of all classes, they are a transitory strata. Like no other strata, they reflect the whole spectrum of political views. As a relatively leisured class not ground down by day-to-day drudgery, they read widely, have access to the facts on the events of the world thus having a broad scope and some historical perspective. They are the strata of thinkers responsible for creating public opinion. On the other hand, they are also the strata with the strongest illusions about bourgeois democracy and have more to lose than the working class in the course of the struggle for emancipation. For these reasons, the contradictions for those who are responsible and conscientious are some of the sharpest because they feel and sense the march of events to fascism and world war. This is especially true in the 80's.

What will you do when the FBI demands that you turn over all your sources, tapes and addresses on the CWP? Will you answer the FBI when they call upon you to turn in your fellow reporters? Will you suppress information at the FBI's request? What will you do when you are forced to turn black into white? Are you willing to become a mouthpiece for fascism? These are the concrete choices people have to make in the 80's.

CWP The Moral Authority of the 80's

It was no accident that the FBI singled out the CWP for assassination. At this point no one in the U.S. commands any moral authority. Politicians are exposed as corrupt, deceitful tricksters. Union heads do nothing but run people around. Even religious leaders are exposed as power brokers. The people are leaderless but they are looking for new solutions and new leaders.

In the ruling class' fragile and weakened

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state, the specter of communism has risen to haunt them. That is why they desperately attacked the CWP and killed the Five.

The deep hatred for the capitalist system and the burning dedication of the CWP to overthrow it unnerves the bourgeoisie. As “Ambush” said, Greensboro police chief Swing was asking, “What kind of woman would sit over her husband's body and shout ‘Long live the Communist Workers Party?’”

The Five — Jim Waller, Bill Sampson, Sandy Smith, Cesar Cauce and Mike Nathan all came out of the same student movements as the author of “Ambush.” But the Five were from the crest of that wave. As Jerry Tung, General Secretary of the CWP, said:

Jim, Sandy, Cesar, Bill and Mike were motivated by the Party's Founding Congress line and the call to make sacrifices like we never knew before. And the more intensely we fight and prepare now in the next five years, the less casualties there will be in the coming decade. The sudden leap downward in the American people's standard of living, and the most inflammable political situation ever since World War II have shown the correctness of the Party's line. We must foresee the untold suffering and inevitable struggles, momentous struggles ahead which will make the struggles of the 60's look like a picnic and a rehearsal. This will affect everyone's life and inflict casualties on everyone's family and deeply scar the hearts and minds of every American alive. It will also be a struggle for our final emancipation. It can be the last fight to end all wars, class exploitation and national oppression, a fight to eliminate all classes and all oppression and exploitative ideology and practices which flow from class society.

Only the CWP, the Party of the U.S. working class, has both the solid historical materialist understanding and the commitment to carry on to achieve the dictatorship of the workers' rule. Only the CWP could battle in armed confrontation with the U.S. government in Kokomo and inspire such fear from the ruling class. Only the CWP can unnerve the Justice Department crawling with special listening devices, cameras and sophisticated spy weapons, walk right into U.S. Attorney General Civiletti's office and spraypaint and poster his wall — and walk right out. Only the CWP can indict the judicial system and go straight to the disgusting rotting essence of it — and its sham and deceitful nature.

The working class is not to be unnerved by the CWP. They want leaders. There is no one willing and able to lead such an assault on the bourgeoisie but the CWP. The masses know what it will take to make revolutionary change in society. They have no choice. That is why in today's situation, they will turn to us for leadership.

There will be no more singing and chanting in the 80's. To look at the Klan as the “good ole boys” and choose to ignore the bourgeoisie promoting them is naive. It is deadly to underestimate the danger of fascism today. We must speak for the right of armed self-defense and for armed violent revolution as the only humane and loving solution for the masses because for many it may come down to shoot to kill or become a victim of fascism yourself.

The author of “Ambush” quoted Bob Dylan, “you don't have to be a weatherman to know which way the wind blows.” But still she stands, stuck between her awe of the CWP and her fear. We have no choices today to take all the time to decide if we have no hesitations about communism and the CWP. Today we don't

have the luxury to wait and see if that wind will be the full storm of fascism. By then it will be too late.

The night right after the assassinations, the FBI stormed a local Greensboro TV station like Nazi stormtroopers and demanded the staff turn over their tapes of the killings. The crew told the FBI they could get them over their dead bodies.

The 80's demands courage and principles like that. But only the leadership of the Party can make it a permanent revolutionary change.

It is either a new society or a new Hitler. That is the significance and the legacy of the man with the Harvard Divinity Degree to die on the eve of the 80's saying, “keep on shooting.” □

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Local 2 Fighter Kathy Bibby...

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their lengthy planning sessions and all they talked about was their base here and their base there; all they cared about was their careers. But Richard was very perceptive and calm, and knew what would happen.

Then the Party stepped in. Initially all the other caucuses were in the coalition against the firing, and I wasn't clear about CAT and Alex Hing, but I was impressed with the Party's decisiveness and boldness. I went through a lot of pain and agony, trying to decide whether it was right or wrong. I was afraid we'd get isolated. Then at the August 2 demo in front of the union, it was the first time I spoke. I was shaking. But the Party was there in full force with drums and security. I felt protected. I was impressed with the Party's organization and boldness. I began to

wonder what made these people so fearless. Then I began to study with the Party about socialism and imperialism, and we formed the UHRW. I was still vacillating a lot, wondering what am I getting myself into. Then Greensboro happened. It just made it really concrete what the Party was all about.

Whether we go on strike or not, or whether we win or lose, if people realize the choice is between this hell and socialism and not some fake choice of contract, then the sacrifices will be worth something.

On July 9, the charges of “arson” and “vandalism” against Richard Leung, who was arrested at a CWP-led action burning an effigy of inflation and hotels, were reduced to “violations of health and safety code.” □

Nat'l Strike in Sweden: Last Nail in Coffin of Worker-Management Cooperation

On May 2, 1980, the Swedish Employers Association (SAF) refused to pay a 11.3% wage demand and locked out 770,000 workers. The Confederation of Trade Unions retaliated by calling another 100,000 workers out on strike. For 10 days, all the airlines, shipping, hotels, restaurants and post offices were closed. The forestry, metallurgy, textile and heavy industries ground to a halt. The whole country was shut down.

This recent national strike was Sweden's first in 70 years. It forced both the labor misleaders and the bourgeoisie to admit that the era of worker-management cooperation in Sweden is over. "The Swedish model is dead", concluded Gunnar Nilsson, chairman of the trade union confederation. "Labor and capital can no longer cooperate in the fine old spirit." Olof Ljunggren, managing director of the SAF said, "This huge conflict serves as proof that the Swedish model can no longer function." Shockwaves rippled around the world, hitting those who believed the myth that "socialist" Sweden was a model of how worker-management cooperation can solve fundamental problems such as economic crisis and unemployment within the system of capitalism itself.

posed to prepare for the inevitable cycles of boom and bust due to capitalist anarchy of production. This is the foundation of Sweden's program of full employment, which they say has solved the problem of economic crisis under capitalism.

In reality, however, the Swedish economy has not been able to do this. This is the key issue of the recent lockout and strike. Funds for investments have been falling steadily in Sweden. In 1965, their capacity to finance new investments had dropped to 60% and fell to less than 50% by 1970. If the Swedish bourgeoisie is going to maintain this program, they have to get more productivity and impose wage restraints on the workers. The SAF argues that without being forced down, capital cannot be saved for investment in industry. Even with the 6.8% wage package that was finally agreed upon to end the strike, a loss of 70,000 jobs is projected for next year.

Trade Unionists Collaborate With Bourgeoisie to Get Out of Depression

Sweden, like other advanced capitalist countries, is rocked by double-digit inflation, government deficits and unemployment. Far from solving these fundamental



Workers at the Bagain Bakery in Stockholm idled by the national strike.

Worker-Management Cooperation Can't Prevent Economic Crisis

Sweden's system of worker-management cooperation was nurtured under the strong influence of the ruling Social-Democratic Party. Since most of the Social-Democrats are also trade unionists, their politics are identical. The trade union confederation is directly involved in planning economic policy. Three of the eleven positions of the board are officially trade union officials. However, due to their positions in the party, their influence is much greater.

The Labor Market Board forecasts upcoming booms and busts in the economy. Employers are supposed to report impending shutdowns and layoffs at least sixty days before they take place. Large plants employing 1,000 workers or more must do so one or two years in advance. The Board then decides whether funds should go towards propping up these companies such as they are presently doing with the bankrupt Guthenberg shipyards or start up plants somewhere else and transfer workers.

By restricting and initiating investments, the Labor Market Board is sup-

ported to prepare for the inevitable cycles of boom and bust due to capitalist anarchy of production. This is the foundation of Sweden's program of full employment, which they say has solved the problem of economic crisis under capitalism.

problems of capitalism, the Swedish economy has actually been very unstable and extremely prone to crisis. Although worker-management cooperation can temporarily cover up some features of the capitalist crisis of relative over production, it can't eliminate the source of economic crisis.

In the 20's and 30's, Sweden was hit by recession after recession. Immediately after WWI, Sweden went into a recession which cut production to a level 25% below that of 1913. Sweden was also no exception from being a victim of the Great Depression in the 30's. In 1932, financier Ivar Kreuger committed suicide in Paris. He had provided a large portion of the capital which financed Sweden's initial economic development. Kreuger had controlling interest in over 200 Swedish firms including the Swedish Match Company, LM Erikson and Svenska Cellulosa. When he died, his debts amounted to over \$230,000,000. The hardship this imposed on the Swedish people was tremendous. Unemployment reached 30% of the workforce.

To get out of the crisis in the 30's, Sweden resorted to the Keynesian eco-

nomical policies of artificially stimulating the economy through deficit financing. Sweden adopted these policies relatively early compared to other capitalist countries. Because the Social-Democrats capitulated to Nazi Germany and remained "neutral" during WWII, Sweden escaped the destruction that other countries suffered, and was in relatively better shape compared to other European countries right after the war.

The trade union confederation actively pushed Keynesian policies and fit itself neatly into the bourgeoisie's plan to exploit the workers more to sustain economic development. In the name of labor peace, the trade unions sold out the workers and signed the Saltsjobaden Basic Agreement in 1938. Based on this, the unions and the SAF agreed that all labor disputes would be settled through continuous discussion until a consensus was reached. To get this agreement, the trade union confederation sold out an important strike of builders in 1934 and sat idly by when government troops shot and killed five striking workers at Aladen in 1931. To enforce this agreement the trade union confederation took away the workers right to strike. They required that any strike involving over 3% of the membership be okayed by the trade union confederation.

Swedish People Directly Pay For State Monopoly Capitalism

State monopoly capitalism emerged in Sweden. Frederick Engels once predicted that when capitalism develops to a certain stage, "the real agent of capitalist society, the state, must take responsibility for managing production." Although this does not take the form of actual state ownership (only 5% of industry is directly owned by the government), the state is directly involved in running the entire economy. Sweden has an enormous state apparatus.

The Swedish government directly manages the economy through funds like the National Pension Fund. This fund is so huge that it controls more capital than all the commercial banks of Sweden. The Labor Market Board makes use of this fund to pump up the economy through elaborate social services. For example, 95% of all the housing in Sweden is built with government loans. The same is true for hospitals, schools, roads, and bridges. This has been able to keep the economy going during previous recessions, but today the effects of this policy are being felt by the Swedish people in inflation and huge government deficits. Sweden's deficit is presently \$13.6 billion and based on the current rate of deficit spending would reach \$200 billion by the mid-1980's. This burden falls on the Swedish people in two ways. First, they pay for this government spending directly through taxes. Sweden has one of the highest tax rates in the world, with 53% of all income taxed. Second, deficit spending artificially pumps up the economy (the government recklessly prints up Swedish dollars) which leads to inflation. This adds to the impoverishment of the Swedish people by reducing the purchasing power of the money they hold.

Swedish Economy Extremely Prone to Crisis

Contrary to the claims of Sweden's Social-Democrats, state monopoly capitalism does not have any socialist elements. It has not changed the capitalist nature of production one bit. Ownership is still in the hands of the monopoly capitalists with five families dominating the Swedish economy. For example, the Wallenburs own half of the Swedish industry. State monopoly capitalism is merely a tool to strengthen the rule of these financial monopolies.

In Sweden, the role of the state is especially critical because its economy is dominated by high technology industries

such as auto, telephone and communications equipment, appliances and machinery parts. These require a tremendous amount of capital investment for factories and production machinery. In order to maintain its markets, Sweden has to constantly readapt its machinery with technological innovations. For example, the textile industry could not keep up with foreign competition. In 1967, imports from South Korea reached \$6,400,000 before Sweden imposed an import ceiling. Losing markets, the Swedish bourgeoisie laid off 40% of the textile workers between 1950 and 1965. To get back on its feet, the trade unions pushed for closing down and modernizing plants. Another example is LKAB, an iron ore producer. In a decade, prices plummeted 30% and it had to shoulder losses of \$300 million. The Swedish government spent huge amounts of money to take over the company. Besides paying for this directly through their taxes, the Swedish working class is forced to constantly readapt their lives to keep these companies going. In a span of three years, 20% of union members have experienced job changes.

The trade unions have always advocated these changes to make technological improvements. They also have consistently supported automation. They justify this by saying that it will make Swedish products more competitive. But in their blind subservience to the Swedish bourgeoisie, they have even betrayed the workers to the point of supporting the common practice of paying workers by piece-rate. In Sweden, more than two-thirds of the workers are paid by piece-rate on the grounds that it gives workers more incentive to work and produce.

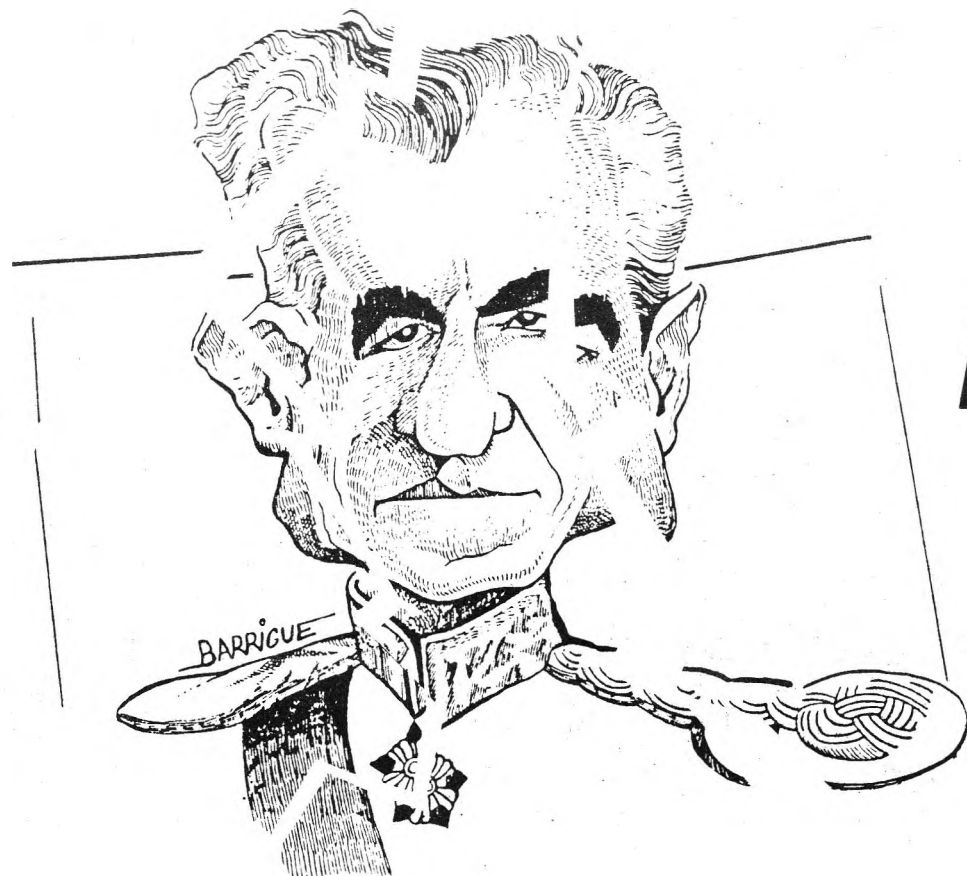
Fundamental Contradiction of Capitalism Cannot Be Solved By Class Collaboration

Worker-management cooperation in Sweden is based on the principle that the trade unions will do whatever is necessary to help the bourgeoisie to maintain the economy. However, it has only led to greater impoverishment of the working class, and thus, intensifying the crisis of overproduction in capitalist society. Inflation and high taxes cut the buying power of the workers. Although some of the social consequences like layoffs are put off temporarily, these sores cannot be cured once and for all. With automation and greater productivity from the workers, less and less workers will be needed, and the layoffs will be even greater and inevitably crisis breaks out. A recent report by the Swedish government warned that the number of production workers has decreased significantly.

Furthermore, since the means of production are governed by competition and chaotic production conditions, the economy is always vulnerable to crisis. Competition from other countries and the recent rise in oil prices have sent the economy into a tailspin. Sweden was forced to devalue the krona.

Worker-management cooperation in Sweden was doomed to failure. The fundamental inequality of capitalism cannot be resolved by class "cooperation". The Swedish trade unionists wanted to "give the economy a new organization and reshape society in a socialist direction." But all these arguments that capitalism can peacefully pass into socialism have been exposed as sinister lies. The Swedish people are learning through their own experience that the fundamental contradictions of capitalism can only be resolved by a violent struggle to smash the bourgeois state and put the ownership of the means of production in the hands of the working class. They are learning the truth expressed by Lenin, teacher of the international working class, who wrote, "Only he is a Marxist who extends the recognition of the class struggle to the recognition of the dictatorship of the proletariat." (Lenin, *State and Revolution*). □

SHAH OF IRAN

BLOODSUCKER
DIES!

The Teheran Radio Station reported it best: "Mohammed Riza Pahlavi, the bloodsucker of the century, has died at last." This sentiment was echoed throughout the world by all those who had demonstrated and worked to end his reactionary regime, by all those who cared at all about the lives of the Iranian people. Even the families of the U.S. embassy hostages welcomed his death, calling it "a milestone."

On the other side, all of his friends and accomplices mourned his death. Kissinger called him "a good friend of the U.S. who stood by us in every crisis." Richard Nixon said "Tragically, he died, a man without a country." And David Rockefeller, the one man most responsible for bringing the Shah into the country back in October, thereby bringing on the takeover of the U.S. embassy, said, "I strongly believe the Shah will be recognized in history as a modernizing leader who worked assiduously over several decades to bring economic and social progress to his beloved Iran."

With newspapers and TV specials all having in-depth stories of the "King of Kings," and "embittered ex-ruler of Iran," it is an excellent time to sum up the life and role of the Shah, not only with regard to Iran, but in relationship to this whole imperialist system.

The Pahlavi Family — Faithful Servants of Imperialism

The life of the Shah and his whole family was deeply tied to imperialism, first British and later on U.S. His father was installed as the ruler of Iran in 1921 through a coup instigated by the British. With oil playing more of a role in the growth of industry, the British wanted to secure Iran for themselves over the objections of a relatively nationalistic Parliament. To accomplish their purposes they picked Reza Pahlavi, then commander of the Persian Cossacks, to march into Teheran and overthrow the government. After establishing his rule, the Shah proceeded to wipe out all opposition, imposing strict censorship on the press and jailing hundreds, including the man later to become Prime Minister, Mossadegh.

The senior Shah stayed in power until 1941, when the British forced him to abdicate his throne because of his pro-Nazi sympathies. Appropriately, he went to South Africa where he died in 1944. It was in that year that the Shah as we know him, 22-year old Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlavi, came into power.

Iranian People Demand Nationalization

The years after World War II were marked by national independence strug-

gles all over the globe. In Africa, the demand for independence was shaking up the whole continent. In Southeast Asia, the Vietnamese people were waging a war against the French. China was to become a socialist country in 1949.

The situation in Iran mirrored the worldwide struggles for independence. Tired of being robbed by British imperialism — and in particular the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company (AIOC) which owned and controlled Iranian oil and returned nothing to Iran — the Iranian people began to demand the nationalization of the oil industry. In 1951 Mossadegh, a patriotic nationalist, was elected Prime Minister. One of his first acts was to nationalize the AIOC.

CIA Overthrows Mossadegh

The British, a weakened imperialist power after World War II, could only call for a worldwide boycott of Iranian oil. It was left to the U.S., the heir to British imperialism, to crush the Iranian move towards independence. The U.S. encouraged the Shah to remove Mossadegh and replace him with an army general, Zahedi. The masses replied by defending Mossadegh, taking to the streets, determined to defend their right to national independence. Like the coward that he was, the Shah turned tail and fled to Rome.

It was at that point that the CIA began its long history of involvement and subversion in Iran. With the active participation of CIA agents, the U.S. backed Zahedi, who crushed the heroic resistance of the Iranian people and murdered over 5,000 people in two days of fierce street fighting.

The intervention by the CIA was part and parcel of a U.S. imperialist attack worldwide. Intervention in Guatemala took place the following year, and in the next few years the U.S. was to go on a full scale offensive. With Stalin's death in 1953 and the turn of the Soviet Union from a socialist country to a capitalist one, the U.S. was relatively free to start its role as policeman of the world.

Shah Institutes Full Scale Fascism

With the return of the Shah in 1953 fascism was instituted throughout the country. No criticism whatsoever was allowed of the government, the Shah, or U.S. policy towards Iran. Thousands of people were thrown in jail for even the smallest criticism. In 1957 the infamous SAVAK — the secret police — was set up, again with the aid of U.S. imperialism. 400 agents a year were trained in the U.S. at the CIA headquarters in McClean, Va. During the Shah's regime the very same "SAVAK" became synonymous with terror and torture, leading the General Secre-

tary of Amnesty International to proclaim that "No country in the world has such a terrible record on human rights." At the time of the overthrow of the Shah it was estimated that there were 100,000 political prisoners in jail.

Shah's Modernization Scheme A Fake

In an effort to keep the resistance of the people of Iran down, the Shah tried to stifle all Iranian culture. While American movies and books were promoted and shown throughout the country, all Iranian literature and film were put through strict censorship. While bourgeois feminists in the U.S. are condemning the Iran of today, they overlook the fact that women in the Shah's Iran were directly affected by his view of women: "Women count only if they're beautiful and graceful, and know how to stay feminine."

Contrary to what the bourgeois media is putting out, the Shah was no saviour to the Iranian people, no far-sighted ruler who tried to "modernize Iran." In fact, he was exactly the opposite: in his service to U.S. imperialism he succeeded in enslaving the Iranian people, stealing all of Iran's wealth to fill his own pockets and those of the U.S. monopoly capitalists like Rockefeller.

One of the most infamous programs that the Shah instituted was the so-called "white revolution" in 1963. This was supposedly a land reform program that was to modernize and streamline agricultural techniques. But as Ahmad Farougy, an Iranian journalist, pointed out the real purpose of this white revolution was "designed to open Iranian markets to American capital penetration and to insure Iranian economic dependence on oil revenues through destruction of the national economic structure."

This so-called revolution effectively destroyed Iran's agricultural self-sufficiency. Iran used to produce all its basic food, but by the late 1960's Iran had to import food. The old system of "ghanats" — small ditches that ensured irrigation to the whole agricultural area — were replaced by dams which drove thousands of peasants off their land and into the slums of Teheran, as their only source of irrigation dried up.

The Shah could only stay in power through the strength of U.S. imperialism. The U.S. armed him with the most advanced weapons of the world, using him as a policeman in the Middle East to "stabilize" the area. Between 1972 and 1976 the U.S. sold \$10 billion of arms to the Shah, equipping him with the fifth largest army in the world — an army that for all its might could not keep down the revolutionary Iranian people.

Shah and Rockefeller Types Make Billions

"Fail, try again, fail, try again, til their doom — that is the logic of reactionaries the world over." Fail, fight again, fail, fight again, til victory — this is the logic of revolutionaries."

For more than 35 years the people of Iran had to live under the fascist rule of the Shah, backed fully by U.S. imperialism. Tens of thousands died struggling against the repressive regime in those 35 years: in 1953 at the hands of the CIA, in 1963 when 5,000 people died protesting the Ayatollah Khomeini's jailing and subsequent exile, and throughout the regime of the Shah. All the while the Shah was filling his pockets. The *Washington Post* estimates that he was worth some \$20 billion. And the U.S. imperialists were doing likewise, with oil companies, armaments, and construction firms making billions. And every dollar is soaked with the blood of Iranians.

The oppression the Iranian people went through all those years is beyond belief. Even the bourgeois media was forced to show evidence of the torture that the SAVAK committed during the Shah's reign. While the Shah and his family dined on caviar and lived in mansions with golden bathtubs, the masses of Iran went without the basic necessities and lived in slums. While the Shah was dreaming of being a world power and spending the rest of his days on his "peacock throne," the masses of Iranian people dreamed and planned for one thing: the overthrow and death of this butcher who had exploited them all their lives.

Victory for Iranian Masses

On June 16, 1979 the revolutionary struggle of the Iranian masses forced the Shah to flee the country, just like he had fled in 1953. Only this time, with U.S. imperialism weakened mainly by third world countries around the globe, the CIA was unable to return him to power. Revolutionary Iran put out its just demand: the return of the Shah to face trial and the return of the billions that the Shah had stolen in his 38 years of rule.

The billions that the Shah stole was not just money lying on the ground. In fact, by pumping out 6 million barrels of oil a day, the Shah was depleting the Iranian oil supply for generations to come. This money belongs to the people of Iran, not to the Shah's wife, not to his sons, not to any of his family members, and especially not to David Rockefeller who was the Shah's banker.

The Shah died an easy death — in a hospital bed instead of in front of a firing squad where he belonged. □

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POLICE vans, cars, and barricades surrounding the main post office at 33rd Street in Manhattan, New York, gave the impression that there was a Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Convention going on inside. But no, it was the first day of Carter's attempt at the registration drive. It failed miserably. From 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., people young and old, workers and those permanently unemployed gathered outside in the blazing heat, making it clear that not only did they oppose U.S. imperialism's war preparations, but they were outright disgusted with all aspects of their lives under capitalism and looking for a complete change.

Which Side Are You On?

Across the street in front of Madison Square Garden, 20 people stood in the shade arguing fiercely about the war drive. One man walked away from the discussion because, "This whole thing is causing too much antagonism and yelling." But, what he didn't see was that people are fed up. They cannot live like this. Everyone is thinking about what's going on in the nation. The talk went from the 10-cent transit fare increase to the Taylor Law imposed on the workers for striking. Then they started in on how Koch gave a raise to his staff while there isn't any money for jobs. They spoke of Afghanistan, the Klan and Detroit layoffs, the quality of food and the quality of education. Inflation talk had everyone screaming at the top of their lungs and now the

recent war drive seemed to be the straw that broke the camel's back.

Another man vowed that he would never let his son fight for "this damn dictatorship" and he independently protests by refusing to pay federal income taxes. Others talked about how they work all week and have nothing to show for it. The youth started in on how they could get killed needlessly in the streets by trigger-happy police, in gang wars, or overdosing. The corner became a forum for people to speak their minds on how they are getting screwed and how they are not going to take it much longer. This block was a lot more alive and militant than the Mobilization for Survival War Resister's League, Committee Against Conscription who stood on the post office steps chanting softly, singing peace songs and waving neatly printed banners.

While the sentiment of the masses matched the 102 degree weather, the need for centralized leadership to mobilize and direct the resistance against the monopoly capitalist class was evident. People's questions and concerns were too all-rounded just to fixate on the issue of registration alone. In fact, there were more older adults around than youth, and they were looking for more answers and different solutions than voter registration drives and sit-ins, and peaceful protests could provide.

Inside of the post office, Secret Service police, identifiable by their plaid suits and stiff poses, stood around in pairs. The few youth who did go up to fill out

registration forms had to be escorted by police because of the screaming and chanting that was going on by the registration window.

Need for Communist Propaganda/ Mass Style

One CWP member began agitating about how the economic crisis was so severe that the monopoly capitalists have no choice but to prepare for war, and at the same time beat the masses into the ground day in and day out as they move towards fascism. A lot of people gathered around because they were hearing a rap that made sense. And that's exactly what they wanted. A comprehensive view. Not just partial answers to partial issues.

One young guy, who had already gotten his military crewcut, stood on the side filling out a form. His position was that this is *his* government, it is the *law*, and that he, the Rockefellers, the Fords, the Du Ponts and the Mellons are all on the same level, so why shouldn't he fight to defend the "motherland?"

Before he could finish, another 20 year-old boldly jumped in his face and

said, "Well, your momma sure neglected you. How come their kids are not fighting? What's so damn good about America anyway? Tell me, do you have any opportunity? Every time something goes wrong with the economy they're knocking on your door with forms to fill out. With the way things are going, it will be a miracle if you even come back to the America you know today. This place will be up in smoke a lot sooner than you think. A big war's about to be fought right here."

The crew-cutter smirked and continued filling out his form. He looked up and said, "We'll see who dies first and which system wins out, the American way or the revolutionary way." The second youth smirked too and said, "Man, you need to wake up, people not going for the American way anymore. If so you'd see a lot more guys registering like you. You might be the only man in your whole damn unit. Just you and the captain. I'm not registering today, tomorrow, or next week. They're going to have to catch me first. I'd rather go to jail than fill out that form." □



People gathered round to hear what CWP had to say. They wanted comprehensive views not just partial answers to partial issues.

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