

Attica Strike Shows Nothing's Changed

Attica, N.Y.—Almost five years to the day after the 1971 uprising at Attica, more than 95% of the prisoners here went out on strike, shutting the prison down. Prisoners demanded an end to many of the same conditions that sparked the heroic 1971 insurrection in which 32 inmates and 11 guards

were murdered by state troopers. Six days later, on Aug. 28, it appeared that State Corrections Commissioner Ward had agreed to a majority of the demands of Attica's nearly 2,000 prisoners, thus ending the strike.

When the strike began, prisoners issued a manifesto to Commis-

sioner Ward's office exposing the racist and repressive conditions inside Attica. "This prison is used as a dumping ground and instrument of covert punishment by your office," said the manifesto. Inmates demanded an end to the situation where "men are classified according to their beliefs and

marked for isolation, intense supervision and harassment."

Some of the demands that prison officials agreed to were an end to racist harassment by guards of interracial couples during visiting; a general relaxation of visiting rules; the assignment of prisoners to institutions other than Attica

that are closer to their homes; a promise to support legislation to limit the maximum sentence a prisoner could serve to 10 years; and other demands around wages, the right to daily showers, an end to dehumanizing strip searches by

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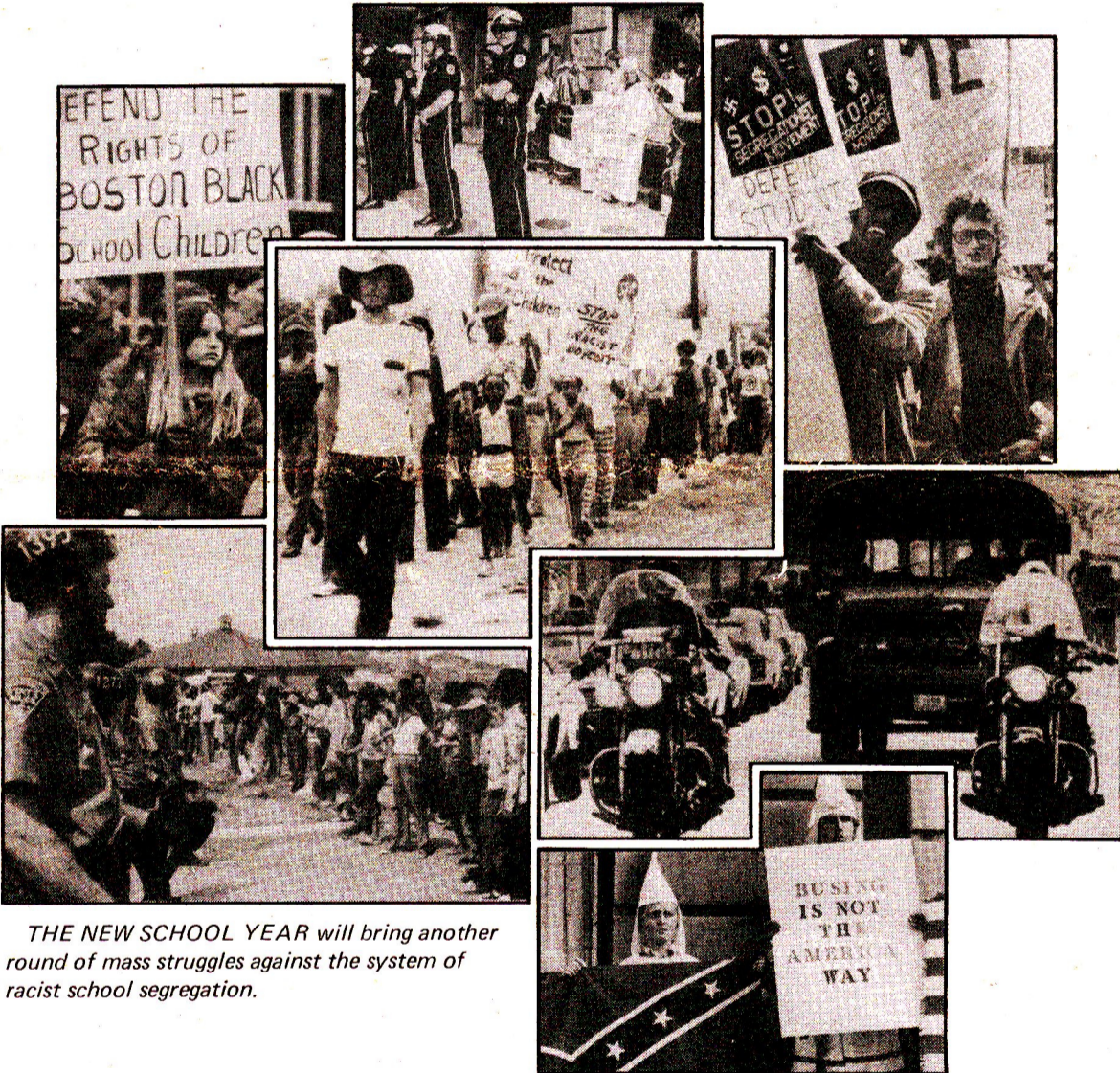
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RACIST TERROR AS SCHOOLS OPEN

With schools opening around the country this week, the segregationist forces are organizing a new wave of racist terror under the banner of "anti-busing." The government, along with fascist-led front groups, has markedly stepped up its racist propaganda and violence aimed at maintaining segregation and further restricting the democratic rights of Black and other minority people.

Under these conditions, the U.S. Civil Rights Commission published its report last week which dealt extensively with busing and the question of desegregation in education. The report shows that in 27 of the 29 communities studied, school desegregation programs have gone "smoothly without disruption." But this fact is used by the commission to downplay and cover up the racist terror that has taken place in Boston, Louisville and other cities which have become the target of the segregationist offensives.

The civil rights report exposed the Ford administration for "undermining the desegregation process." It presented much evidence to the effect that the government has been the main obstacle to the carrying out of desegregation plans. But the largely-Democratic commission made no mention of Jimmy Carter's call for "ethnic purity" and covered up the fact that segregation is the policy of both parties and is woven completely into the fabric of U.S.



THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR will bring another round of mass struggles against the system of racist school segregation.

capitalist society.

The commission report also contains another important fact—that only 7% of all students riding

school buses are doing so for the purposes of desegregation. This shows that the subject of "busing" has been and continues to be

used demagogically by the segregationists to play on family concerns for keeping children close to home. But busing has long been

used to take children miles from their homes into racially segregated schools without a word of protest from these demagogues.

Despite the report's whitewash of racist attacks, violence against Blacks is on the increase, especially where desegregation programs are involved. Theodore Landsmark, a Black business executive, was attacked by an anti-busing mob last April in front of Boston's City Hall. Since then, attacks have stepped up especially in the Dorchester area. With the opening of school at hand, repeated instances of racist violence have broken out.

In Louisville, a group called the United Black Protective Parents reported last March that the situation there "presents a clear threat to the safety of Black students." "School buses were shot at" and "forced off highways," says the UBPP report.

Not only have government representatives been encouraging the segregationists, but recent actions by the courts are threatening to destroy many of the plans that were only weak steps against segregation to begin with. Many court rulings have established racist one-way busing that takes Blacks to all-white schools while leaving ghetto schools understaffed and short of funds.

Other court-ordered methods are also being used to undermine desegregation such as St. Louis'

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SECCION EN ESPAÑOL

"NO DIFFICULTY IS TOO GREAT"

The following dispatch from China's Hsinhua News Agency, August 16, tells the story of one of the many battles fought to save workers' lives during the massive July earthquake. It is an inspiring story that exemplifies the communist spirit.

Peking—Six hundred miners trapped in a coal pit in the epicenter of the strong earthquake that struck the Tangshan-Fengnan area on July 28 all returned to safety after they waged a united battle for several hours under the strong leadership of the party organization.

It is one of the many heroic ex-

ploits that have emerged in the recent earthquake in north China's Kailuan coal mines, the biggest in China. Some 10,000 miners and cadres (party members—ed.) were trapped in pits at Kailuan on that day when the quake struck. With a few exceptions, all returned to the surface safely.

When the quake struck at 3:42 A.M. on July 28, there was a thunderous shock. All stopped working. The pit rocked like a floundering boat and rocks crumbled down. Some miners lost their balance and fell down. Some were

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Chinese Premier Hua Kuo-feng chats with Tangshan miners.

(Hsinhua)



EDITORIALS

SHAM FREEDOM IN NAMIBIA

The South African apartheid regime last week staged a so-called "constitutional convention" in the Namibian capital of Windhoek, hoping to gain a new lease for its barbaric, illegal rule of that country.

The convention brought together a handful of white racist officials and Namibian "tribal leaders," all on the South African payroll, to rubber-stamp a scrap of paper promising Namibian "independence" by the end of 1978.

The whole affair was an effort to deny the Namibian people self-rule by creating a puppet state based on the apartheid system, maintained by South African troops and exploited by U.S. and other big imperialist interests. The South African racists hoped to use this sham to fool world opinion into believing that they were complying with repeated United Nations ultimatums demanding self-determination for Namibia immediately.

The South West African People's Organization (SWAPO), which is the legitimate representative of the Namibian people and has been recognized as such by the UN and the Organization of African Unity, rejected the Windhoek farce. "We call on our brothers in Africa and the whole international community to condemn this action by South Africa through their puppets," a SWAPO spokesman stated. The UN Committee on Namibia also said that it "strongly condemns the latest ill-advised stratagem of the South African administration in Windhoek as totally lacking in legitimacy."

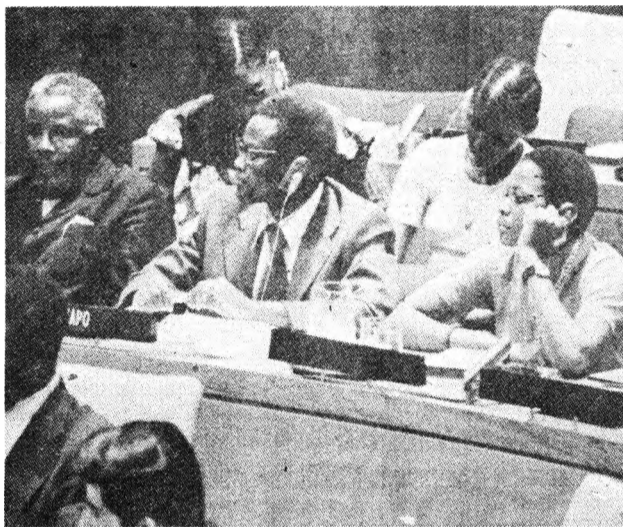
For the past 10 years, SWAPO has been leading a war of national liberation in Namibia against the racist occupation army. The Windhoek farce can only further arouse the anger of the Namibian people and deepen their determination to step up the liberation struggle.

By resorting to such a clumsy maneuver as Windhoek, the South African regime has only further exposed its weakness. Shaken by the spreading uprisings inside South Africa itself and by the mounting liberation war of the Zimbabwean people against the racist Rhodesian regime, the

apartheid bastion in southern Africa is doomed to certain overthrow.

The danger to the future of the liberation struggle in the region comes not only from the racist regimes, but also from the two superpowers, each of which is scrambling to intervene in the peoples' movements in order to gain domination. The U.S., through its spokesman Henry Kissinger, is trying to get the African people to lay down their arms and submit to a U.S.-sponsored "peaceful solution" that will leave the white minority power structure intact. Meanwhile, the Soviet Union hopes to repeat its experience in Angola, where it used the disguise of "aid" to liberation forces in order to invade and occupy the country.

But the peoples of southern Africa, steeled through years of armed struggle and learning from the experience of Angola, will certainly take their fate into their own hands, practice self-reliance and defeat the efforts of both superpowers to prevent their genuine liberation and self-determination.



SWAPO representatives at United Nations.

THE JAILING OF ASHBY LEACH

The pent-up feelings of frustration that last week drove Ashby Leach, shotgun in hand, to the headquarters of the Chessie railroad corpora-

tion in Cleveland strike a note of sympathy in the hearts of tens of millions of working-class people.

A 30-year-old Vietnam veteran, Ashby Leach had been wronged by the company and by the Veterans' Administration, who broke their promises to give him a chance at a job. After Leach's numerous attempts over the past three years to win his rights through normal channels, he went to company headquarters to make one last dramatic plea.

Holding the vice-president of Chessie and nine other executives hostage, Leach demanded that his rightful demands be broadcast over the TV networks and made known to the millions of people. When this was done, he released the hostages unharmed and allowed himself to be arrested. Some 200 people gathered outside the building where the confrontation took place, and many shouted warm words of encouragement and support.

The media tried to paint Leach as a "lone madman," but this was a slander. As his wife Linda told reporters, "Ashby believes the company broke its promise by not rehiring him after he left to finish his schooling under the G.I. bill. He believes he is doing this for all the other Vietnam veterans who could not find jobs when they returned to this country."

These are not the ideas of a "madman." They reflect the sober truth about the plight of tens of thousands of vets who were used as cannonfodder in the Indochina war and then thrown on the street along with millions of other unemployed workers. The government's promises to give these vets special help for getting education and jobs are exposed as a cruel hoax by statistics, which show the jobless rate among Vietnam vets many times higher than the average.

Not only veterans but all who are jobless can share Ashby Leach's feelings of anger. By targeting those who occupy the boardrooms of the giant corporations, Ashby Leach pointed his finger in the correct direction.

But Leach's way of fighting back by himself, one individual against the system, cannot win. There is a better way. In nearly three dozen cities, unemployed and employed workers have organized together into chapters of the National Fight Back Organization (NFBO) for the purpose of waging a militant mass struggle against the system that causes injustices such as those done to Ashby Leach. This fightback will be built into a solid fist of working-class unity.

The jailing of Ashby Leach, and the slanders against him, are one more injustice. But if the "high and mighty" think they have rid themselves of the problem by putting Ashby Leach away, they are sorely mistaken. His demands will be raised a thousand times more by the voice of the working class, millions strong.

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CORRECTION:

In last week's issue, we incorrectly stated that I.W. Abel was stepping down this year as president of the steelworkers' union. In fact, he announced that he would step down next year.

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To the editor of *The Call*:

A useful article on the importance of normalizing U.S.-China relations in your issue of August 9 says that "a view has been put forth which calls on people to rely on the U.S. ruling class to normalize relations with China" and that "it is a line presently being put forth by the president of the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association."

Neither William Hinton, chairman (not president) of the USCPFA, nor the leadership, generally holds this view. We are very substantially united around the proposition that our main task is to inform and persuade the people regarding normalization of relations.

The large majority also believes that we should approach politicians and others and seek their support and cooperation. We do not see this as in conflict with our principal work.

Sincerely,
Hugh Deane
USCPFA, New York

The following account of the massive July 28 earthquake in China is taken from a report sent to The Call by Irene Evans, a member of the U.S.-China Friendship Association, who was on a 24-day Southern Activists Tour at the time.

Letters



In Tangshan, many lives were lost and innumerable persons were injured. But the extent of the disaster was contained by the preparedness, organization and mobilization of the Chinese people. In response to the crisis and in anticipation of predicted aftershocks, the government called on the people to mobilize. Within a few hours after the initial quake, units of the People's Liberation Army, the Medical Corps, the People's Militia, and citizens of Peking and nearby areas were rushed to Tangshan to help on the relief work.

During this time, all residential buildings in Peking were evacuated, and the people set up tents along the sidewalks in front of their homes. This swift response on the part of the people of Peking saved the lives of many.

An entire city moved out of doors and functioned close to normalcy. This was the impressive and moving sight that awaited us on our arrival in Peking July 31. People continued to go to and from work, the market and schools. Younger children explored their environment; parents that

were home tended the children, cooked, read...

The way the Chinese people responded to the crisis was the most remarkable and extraordinary experience of our 24-day tour. While we had seen countless examples of tremendous achievements in every sphere of activity since liberation in 1949, nothing was so dramatic as the social responsibility and unity displayed in the mobilization.

To the editors:

Last week an article was printed in "On The Line" about a struggle at Redfield Gunsight Company in Denver. While the article was essentially correct, it should be pointed out that I was never actually fired. I was suspended from work while the company determined whether I would be terminated. My co-workers prevented my firing by accompanying me to company meetings and collecting signatures demanding that I remain on the job. These actions really exposed the position taken by the union bureaucrats, for had I merely followed the grievance procedure as they advised, I would be out on the street today fighting to get my job back.

In the struggle,
Joan Temko
Denver, Colo.

BETRAYED LITTLE, MAGEE, OTHERS

THE CP'S ANTI-REPRESSION FRAUD

Under the cover of the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression, the revisionist Communist Party (CP) has called for a march in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Labor Day. This march is aimed at delivering the anti-repression movement into the arms of its worst enemies.

In organizing for their Raleigh march, the CP has done everything possible to cover up the nature of the system that lies behind the oppression of Black, Native American and other working people of North Carolina.

An Alliance brochure on the march explains the cause of repression with this statement: "To understand these cases, we must analyze the historical setting in which they arose. When Richard Nixon was elected president in 1968, his campaign was based on a so-called 'southern strategy.'"

RELY ON LIBERALS?

By placing the blame for political repression on "Nixonian" Republicans, the CP hopes to channel the people's struggle into reliance on liberals and "detente"-minded politicians while also hoping to rally support for their own Hall-Tyner presidential election campaign.

Angela Davis, a member of the CP Central Committee and one of the main figures used by the revisionists to promote the North Carolina march, recently stated in an interview (in the Carolina Times) that repression could be lessened by making juries "more objective" through "mass pressure." She added that the aim of the fight against repression should be to "make the future into something we can all live with." But the long history of struggle in North Carolina has shown thousands of people that the imperialists and their system is not "something we can live with."

It is exactly because of the history of militancy in North Carolina

that the CP has stepped up its work to try to gain control of this powerful mass force. Their attempts to turn the anti-repression movement into safe and harmless reformism, and to exploit it for their own ends, is an effort to wreck the work of genuine Marxist-Leninists and others who organized the July 24 mobilization to "Free Gary Tyler" in New Orleans and similar mass actions for the freedom of Cheryl Todd, Dessie X Woods, and Joan Little.

SYSTEM IS CAUSE

Throughout the "Free Gary Tyler" campaign, activists have been pointing out through mass literature and speeches that it is the capitalist system itself which produces repression. In the course of the campaign, thousands are learning that only by overthrowing this system can the people win their liberation. Under banners like "Death to the Klan!" and "Self-Determination for the Afro-American Nation!," the July 24 march helped to build the revolutionary movement which will certainly free many more political prisoners as the struggle against imperialism grows.

Many activists, especially in the South, have already had some experience with the CP traitors and realize that the revisionists don't have the slightest interest in freedom for political prisoners except to peddle their revisionist trash.

In North Carolina, the CP has been careful to avoid any mention of Joan Little, who remains in the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women. Joan Little con-

demned the CP for its sabotage of her own case. She observed that when the CP could not gain hegemony over her case with their legalist approach, they abandoned all work on her case.

Ruchell Magee, co-defendant of Angela Davis, denounced Davis last year. The CP had the two legal cases severed and has done nothing to free Magee, who is still in prison.

The CP cannot be viewed as a "misguided progressive" organization. The Gus Hall clique which now runs the CP came to power on a program of liquidating the struggle for Afro-American self-determination and revolutionary overthrow of the capitalist system. Part of their betrayal was abandoning the struggle of the working class and the Afro-American nation in the South. Now, after years of neglect, these traitors are trying to make a "comeback" in the area.

The CP is worried because genuine Marxist-Leninists, including the October League, have been working to construct a new communist party in the U.S. This will be a party which upholds the right



Joan Little (above) and Ruchell Magee exposed CP's betrayal.



of self-determination for the Afro-American nation and which does not foster illusions about U.S. bourgeois democracy.

The struggle will grow stronger as the opportunists of the CPUSA are stripped of their "revolutionary" mask and run out of the working-class and oppressed peoples' struggles once and for all. It is for this reason that the OL calls for a policy of "no united action with revisionism" in the North

Carolina march and other spheres of mass struggle.

The battle to free the Charlotte 3, the Wilmington 10, Ronnie Long and Joan Little must intensify. It is part of the fight against the government machinery which has always represented and can only represent the North Carolina tobacco plantation owners, the textile barons, and the handful of imperialist fatcats who run this country.

POLICE WHITEWASH MURDER OF CHICANO

Castroville, Tex.—One year ago, the Chief of Police here drove 27-year-old Richard Morales, a Chicano construction worker, to a lonely gravel road outside of town. After stopping his car, he put the barrel of his sawed-off shotgun to Morales' body and pulled the trigger.

One year later, the brutal murder of Morales has sparked a growing movement across Texas challenging police terror and murder

of the Chicano people. This movement is focusing the eyes of working people on the oppression and denial of political power that the Chicano people face as a national minority under capitalism.

Last month in San Angelo, Tex., angry demonstrators condemned the state's attempts to whitewash the racist murder of Morales. A month before, a jury in this town had convicted the Chief of Police, Frank Hayes, of "aggravated assault" and sentenced him to a two-to-ten-year prison term. This sentence was particularly light considering the evidence of vicious, premeditated murder on Hayes' part.

Two of Hayes' own deputies, who were with him the night Morales was murdered, gave sworn statements to the effect that Hayes deliberately killed Morales. One of the deputies, Stephen Worthy, said that Hayes threatened to shoot Morales, "at least ten times." Another deputy, Donald McCall, stated that Hayes boasted that, "I have killed a Mexican before, and I'm fixing to kill another one."

Like many similar cases of racist injustice, Chicanos were completely excluded from the jury that heard the case, despite the fact that Chicanos make up a majority of people living in the county.

As word of the killing and subsequent coverup by state officials spread, it roused the anger of Chicanos throughout the state. Re-

cently, over 600 people marched through the streets of San Antonio against police repression and racist injustice.

Speakers at the demonstration exposed Texas Governor Briscoe's attempt to "cool out" the struggle by calling on the U.S. Justice Department to investigate "possible violations of Morales' civil rights." One march organizer told *The Call*: "We have no illusions about the Justice Department. We demand that they review the case and bring Hayes to trial in order to gain wider attention and support in exposing the entire system."

The murder of Richard Morales is only one example of the long history of capitalist violence against the Chicano people in the Southwest. It is a history that dates from the 1800s, when the brutality of the infamous Texas Rangers in the newly-annexed territory of Texas enabled the rich Anglos to trample on the rights of the Mexican land holders and peasants. Continuing unabated today, police violence resulted in the deaths of 19 Chicanos between the ages of 16 and 19 during the last 11 months alone in San Antonio, another Texas city with a majority Chicano population.

This bloody history of national oppression should serve as a call to arms in the fight for full democratic rights and regional autonomy for the Chicano people.

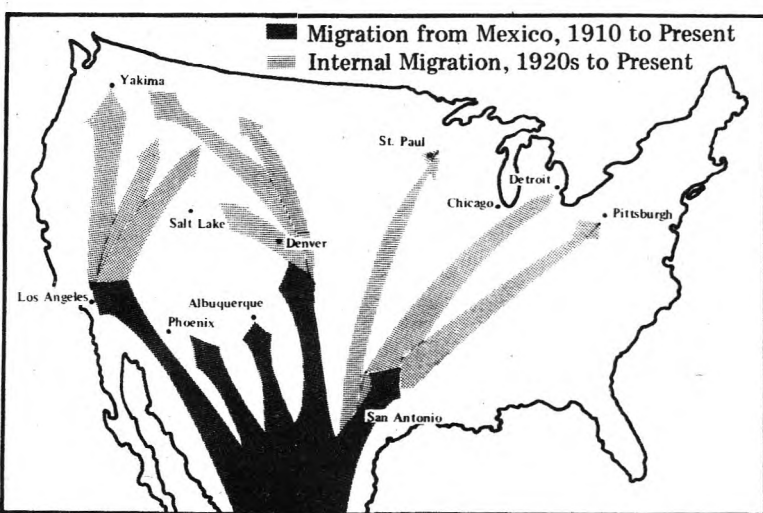
AUGUST 29 FORUM CALLS FOR REGIONAL AUTONOMY

Denver, Colo.—A forum on Chicano liberation on August 28 celebrated the sixth anniversary of the Chicano Moratorium, the heroic rebellion of the Chicano people against imperialist aggression in Indochina.

Sally Miranda, a member of the October League, gave a speech which traced the history of the Chicano people and their development as a national minority in the U.S. "It is necessary," she explained, "to examine the history of Mexico to understand how the Chicano people developed." In the period of the rise of capitalism and the resulting rise of nations all over the world, the Indian, Spanish, and Mestizo people developed into the Mexican nation. During a long historical period of more than 350 years, they developed a common language, economic life and culture within the boundaries of a common territory—in short, all the scientific criteria of a nation.

Miranda explained how the annexation of northern Mexico in the Mexican War and, later, the dispersal of millions of Mexican immigrants throughout the expanded territory of the U.S. resulted in the development of the Mexican-American or Chicano national minority.

A member of the OL's Nation-



Map shows Chicano migration since 1910.

al Chicano Commission, Yolanda Birdwell, presented the OL's program for Chicano liberation. Pointing out the long history of the struggle against imperialism, she explained that only by getting rid of the system which creates national oppression can the Chicano people win full democratic rights. These democratic rights include the right to set up autonomous regions in the main areas of Chicano concentration.

Birdwell warned of the great danger which the revisionist CPUSA presents to the Chicano people's struggle because of their view that Chicano liberation can be achieved under capitalism.

Birdwell also stressed the connection between the Chicano people's struggle and the struggle for socialism. She said that revolutionaries must join and win the leadership of the powerful movement of Chicanos for democratic rights and be the hardest fighters against every example of national oppression. But she also explained that the history of the struggle has shown that democratic reforms under capitalism, however important, are always only partial and temporary. "Regional autonomy and every other democratic right cannot be totally implemented until the working class is in power," she said.



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South African Workers Carry Liberation Banner

The struggle of South Africa's black majority is developing strength despite vicious police repression which has killed more than 1,000 blacks in the last two months according to some sources.

A three-day national strike of black workers, centered in the township of Soweto outside Johannesburg, had a powerful effect on the economy of that city. Factories reported up to 80 percent of black workers absent during the Aug. 26-28 strike, and thousands of affluent whites were forced to do the menial jobs to which blacks are normally restricted.

The striking workers of Soweto overcame police killings and police-instigated anti-strike rioting in organizing the strike action. Police opened fire on pickets at Soweto railroad stations, killing at least one young worker. Police-organized goon squads clubbed and beat many others and set some of their bodies on fire.

A most despicable action by the government against the strike was to foment anti-strike rioting by a number of Zulu migrant workers. A reporter told of hiding in a coal bin and hearing a South African police official harangue the migrant workers, telling them lies designed to inflame their feelings against the strikers and instructing them to "kill the demonstrators."

A convoy of trucks provided by factory

owners and the government then brought the migrant workers into the strike area to attack the strikers. But after a short time, many of the migrants apparently discovered they had been lied to and used. Police then turned around and shot and killed many of those whom they had brought into action.

The migrant workers live in prison-like conditions on the outskirts of the black township. They are supposed to be working in the city "temporarily," and are penned up in barracks surrounded by high fences. All are men, and none are allowed to be with their families, who are forced to remain behind on the rural reservations called "homelands" by the apartheid regime.

It is part and parcel of the racist government's policy to foment divisions among the blacks, who make up more than 80% of the South African population. The regime maintains elaborate segregation and continually incites blacks of different tribal origins against one another. But the disturbance created by this reactionary tactic against the Soweto strike was short-lived. All black people in South Africa form one people and are uniting to continue the struggle against the apartheid regime.

FEW CONCESSIONS

The few concessions which the government has made in the hope of cooling out the rebellion have failed in their goal. By permitting blacks in the townships to purchase the hovels they live in—up to now these have belonged to the government, and the people have been tenants—the regime hopes to sidetrack the workers' energy into earning money to buy their prison cells and thus discourage any job boycotts.

The breadth and power of the strike, coming two days after the government's reform of house-owning rights was an-

nounced, proved that the black workers were not to be fooled by this trick.

The fact that the regime had not changed its basic white supremacist position one inch was apparent from a speech by South African head police chief James Kruger. Blacks and whites have known each other in South Africa for 300 years, Kruger claimed, and the black man "knows his place." "If not, I'll tell him his place," Kruger said.

But the spreading rebellion has made this kind of boasting more and more absurd, and many whites in Kruger's audience laughed at him. The apartheid regime is still on top, but it is badly shaken, and the concessions it has had to make expose its growing weakness. Many of the hidden and half-hidden splits within the ranks of the South African white supremacist ruling class have surfaced under the pressure, and the regime is in internal turmoil with sharp fights between contending hard-line and reformist factions.

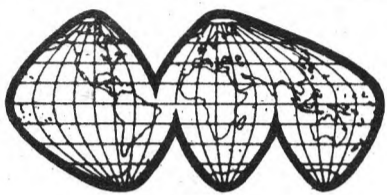
The heroic uprising of the South African people, which has spread to include almost

all strata and classes, including a growing number of whites, is also bringing more and more support internationally. The United Nations last week denounced as a sham the racist regime's fraudulent "independence" plan for Namibia (see editorial, p. 2), and the recent session of the conference of non-aligned nations in Sri Lanka praised the rebellion and denounced the apartheid regime and its backers.

The U.S. government has played its usual reactionary role in the events. Secretary of State Kissinger says he plans another meeting soon with the regime's head butcher, Prime Minister Vorster, a meeting which can only strengthen the white supremacist system. The motive of U.S. policy is to protect the enormously profitable multi-billion-dollar U.S. investments in South Africa and to hang on to this strategic territory in its rivalry with Soviet social-imperialism.

The Soviet social-imperialists, for their part, are eyeing the developments eagerly, praying for an opportunity to intervene in the pose of "liberators" and seize the country's wealth and strategic position for themselves, as they did in Angola.

But the South African people's struggle is invincible. It will smash the regime and its foreign backers and liberate itself from the two superpowers and all imperialism.



...in brief...

SPANISH STRIKES: Strike activity has increased markedly among the Spanish people since the beginning of the year, reports the clandestine newspaper *Vanguardia Obrera*, organ of the Communist Party (M-L) of Spain. More than four million workers have participated in various strikes, including general strikes against the fascist regime. Early in August, more than 10,000 electrical workers struck in Valencia to protest the murder of another striker in Madrid and the police terror that resulted in the wounding of many more.

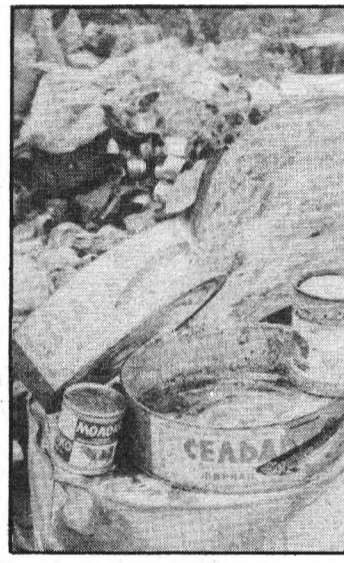
ANC STATEMENT: The African National Congress of South Africa issued an appeal for worldwide solidarity with the Azanian people's struggle last week. The statement condemns the fascist repression of the South African authorities as well as the imperialists and Zionists who have provided South Africa with arms.

KAUNDA ON SUPERPOWERS: Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, interviewed by the German magazine *Der Spiegel* two weeks ago, denounced the presence of both the U.S. and the USSR in southern Africa and their rivalry for domination of the area. He said that armed struggle of the African people themselves is the road to liberation.

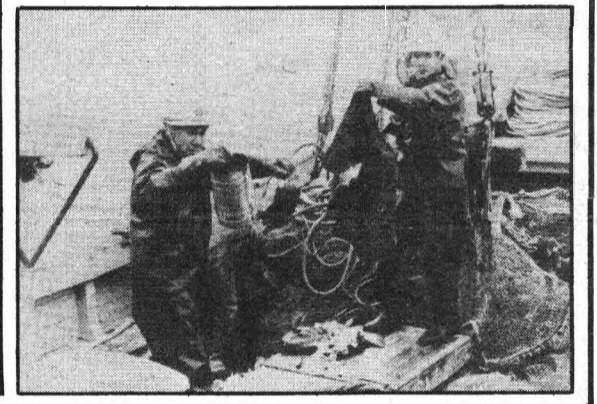
COMMENTING ON IRELAND: The Albanian newspaper *Bashkimi* in a recent article commented on the continuing struggle in northern Ireland, emphasizing the determination of the Irish people to win freedom in the face of all obstacles and difficulties. The article stressed that unity against the British occupiers was growing in the face of Britain's plans to send an additional 1,400 troops and carry out other measures of increased terror against the people.

DEMOS AGAINST USSR: The eighth anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia was observed as thousands of people in European countries demonstrated against social-imperialism. In Sweden, demonstrations took place in over 40 cities, highlighted by a march of 1,500 people to the Soviet embassy in Stockholm. Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations led actions in at least six European countries.

THE DROPPINGS OF SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM



Soviet fishing fleets are polluting Japan's fishing waters and have already turned area off the coast of Chiba into "dead waters." Hsinhua photos below show Soviet garbage dumped in coastal waters.



KOREA'S NEWS AGENCY SHOWS

'U.S. Planned Korean Provocation'

The recent incident of U.S. aggression at Panmunjom, Korea, has been completely distorted in the U.S. press. As is shown in the account by the Korean Central News Agency, excerpted below, the U.S. provoked the incident to stir up war fever and to "legitimize" new "aid" to the south Korean puppet regime.

Around 10:45 on the morning of August 18, the U.S. imperialist aggressors suddenly sent out 14 bandits carrying axes and lethal weapons to fell a tree at random in the joint security area.

Seeing the act of the enemy, four security personnel of our side went to the spot and repeatedly told the enemy that the tree

must not be felled arbitrarily without a prior consultation with our side as the tree is controlled by our side.

The enemy, who came with the aim of committing a provocation from the outset, far from complying with the just demand of our side, committed the unbearable insulting act of hurling invectives and spitting at the security personnel of our side and, counting on their numerical superiority, collectively pounced upon and beat the security personnel of our side and injured them by throwing an axe.

This critical situation compelled the security personnel of our side to take a step in self-defense. The security personnel of our side put up a death-defying resistance against the enemy, throwing back the axe hurled by the enemy.

When things developed in this way, the enemy reinforced their force with more than 30 hooligans they had kept waiting in advance. In this incident provoked by the enemy, five security personnel of our side were wounded.

This is the truth of the incident.

The attempt of the U.S. imperialist aggressors to shift the responsibility onto our side after openly committing a provocation in the joint security area in broad daylight itself exposes that they had plotted this incident in a planned manner to find a pretext for starting a war.

If the U.S. imperialists persist in the reckless acts and provocations in Korea, they will have to bear full responsibility for all the consequences arising therefrom.

M-L CP Of Honduras

From the World Press

A "Message to the People of Honduras" was adopted by the second national congress of the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Honduras, held May 1-3 of this year.

Concerning the international situation, the message says that "the profound contradictions and struggles that are developing in the world between exploited and exploiters, between oppressed and oppressor nations, between Marxism-Leninism and revisionism, between the two superpowers, etc., are without a doubt the prelude to decisive revolutionary changes all over the earth.

"Despite its decline, which has put it strategically on the defensive," the message goes on, the United States "maintains its aggressive, expansionist and exploiting nature, and remains a source of aggression and war.

"Soviet social-imperialism is part of the world imperialist system. It is governed by the same laws, has the same economic base, pursues the same expansionist and exploitative aims as capitalist imperialism does. Social-imperialism and imperialism are identical in nature. . .

"The recent foreign intervention in Angola has been of the typical imperialist pattern. That country has been converted into a field of contention between the two superpowers. . .

"On this occasion, the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Honduras reaffirms its unshakable determination to struggle against imperialism, reaction, and revisionism, for the economic-social demands and the democratic rights of the working masses; for the liberation of Honduras from the interference by and dependence on U.S. imperialism, for the creation in the future of socialism in our nation, and for the abolition of exploitation of man by man and of all class and national exploitation."

DURING NEGOTIATIONS

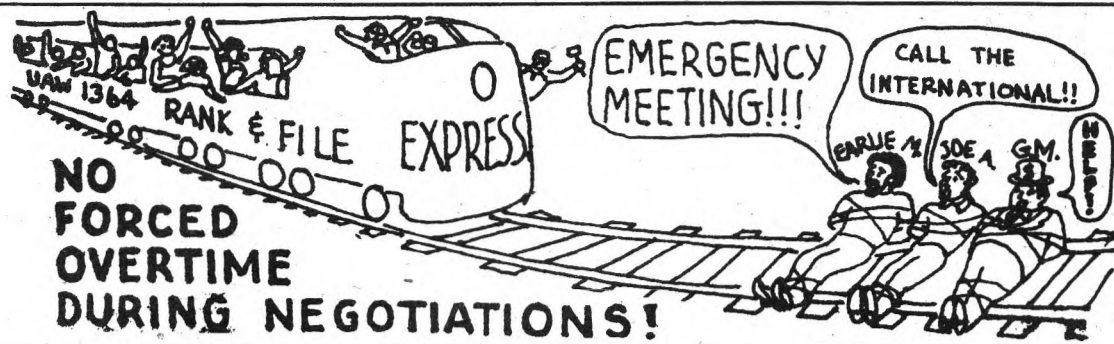
UAW LOCAL REFUSES FORCED OVERTIME

Fremont, Calif.—“No more forced overtime! Walk out after 8!” This was the rallying cry of UAW Local 1364 membership at its August 22 meeting, the largest in recent years.

In the face of local bureaucrats' opposition, the rank and file voted overwhelmingly for a resolution to ban forced overtime during contract negotiations, calling on workers to shut down the lines after eight hours. They also reaffirmed their support for the demand that the UAW get a clause in the new contract prohibiting forced overtime.

The local misleaders, headed by Shop Chairman Early Mays, tried to prevent the adoption of rank-and-file demands. At the meeting, Dennis Haddock, a member of the Stand Up Caucus, pointed out that the rank and file had to oppose these union misleaders who work hand in glove with the company. Haddock summed up the role of these sellouts by saying, “It's like having GM as our union.”

When the resolution was passed over the bureaucrats' opposition, the local leadership went running to the international union leadership for help. The international immediately intervened, nullifying



Drawing taken from leaflet given to G.M. Fremont workers by rank-and-file caucuses.

the resolutions. Local misleaders distributed a leaflet which slandered the membership. Pat Greathouse, UAW vice-president for GM, accused the rank and file of making “irresponsible decisions,” and threatened to take over the local.

The workers responded to this attack by calling for a demonstration between shifts on Thursday, August 26. In spite of the attempts by local bureaucrats to stop the action, both first and second shift workers participated and leafleted the plant to mobilize further support.

The demand against forced overtime has been an issue of vital concern for auto workers. Ten and twelve hour shifts, along with mur-

derous speedup, are taking a heavy toll on their health and lives. Exhausted workers are suffering serious injuries and death at an ever increasing rate.

The overtime question takes on special importance now as auto companies try to build huge stock piles of the new 1977 models in order to strengthen their bargaining position in case of a strike when the contract expires Sept. 14. The policy of the UAW to target only one company, as in the case of Ford this year, and to condone forced overtime during contract negotiations, puts the auto workers in a weakened position in the battle against the companies.

In addition, the demand against forced overtime is important in the

struggle for jobs. Together with the demand for a shorter work week with no cut in pay, the fight against forced overtime concretely unites the struggle of the employed and unemployed.

A correspondent at Ford's Torrence Avenue plant in Chicago explained, “A 50 hour week represents a 25% production increase over a 40 hour week. In order to get the same production in 40 hours, Ford would have to hire 800

new workers. There are thousands of people in Chicago who need jobs, but Ford is interested only in profits and can make more by working us longer.”

If Ford were to hire the additional 800 workers, they would have to pay the cost of insurance and other benefits. With forced overtime, the companies can get away with scheduling runs for maximum productivity, regardless of its effects on the workers.

The UAW bureaucrats have come down particularly hard on the GM Fremont local. They are desperately afraid that the rank-and-file militancy represented here will spread in an organized way throughout the union, challenging the bureaucrats' control over the UAW. They are particularly frightened of the prospect of workers uniting to fight around the contract, which UAW misleaders have openly said they plan to settle without a strike.

AT STEARNS & FOSTER

Men and Women Fight Together

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The solidarity of men and women workers at the Stearns and Foster Mattress Co. here has struck a blow at sex discrimination in the plant by forcing the company to rehire Debi Wright.

Two years ago a discrimination suit was filed against the company for segregating the plant into “men's” and “women's” departments. Since then, the company has been using all sorts of harassment to force women either out of the plant or back into the traditionally “women's” jobs.

The company made its move against Wright in early June when she transferred (bumped) out of sewing into shipping, a “men's” department, to avoid a layoff. The company put her on a job of stacking mattresses 12 feet high without a helper and loading 600 mattresses into boxcars per day.

‘NOT GOOD ENOUGH’

After a week of this, the company hauled Wright into the office, where seven bosses screamed that her work wasn't “good enough.” While a union steward looked on and said nothing, they forced her to sign a statement that she was physically unable to do the job. Then they laid her off.

This angered many workers, and other women protested that the company had a conscious policy of putting women on the heaviest jobs to get rid of them. Men in the shipping department protested that no man in shipping had ever been given quotas as high as the company set for Debi Wright. If the company could get away with making Wright do it, they could speed up and overload the whole department.

The men in shipping made things hot for the supervisors and for the do-nothing union reps about the case. Several of them joined with a number of women workers to sign Wright's grievance for discrimination and harassment.

The workers' solidarity and fighting attitude brought record-quick action. While the average grievance takes 4-8 months to go through the bureaucracy, the company gave in on this one the moment that a group of angry workers—women and men—went down to the office with Wright to file it. The next day, she was back at work—but back in sewing, not in shipping.

Now the company is harassing the men in shipping who signed

Wright's grievance. Like other companies and like the system all around, Stearns and Foster tries to keep women and minority people segregated off in the worst, lowest-paid jobs.

All workers have an interest in uniting to fight for democratic rights in every particular case such as Wright's. In these struggles, working people grow stronger for the bigger battle to take on the whole system that imposes these injustices.

RALLY BEHIND HOSPITAL STRIKE

Baltimore, Md.—350 striking workers and supporters at the Bolton Hill Nursing home here held a mass rally Aug. 29 against attempts to break their union, Local 1199E of the Hospital Workers' Union.

The strike began Aug. 11 when Bolton Hill withdrew union recognition from three departments at the nursing home and fired 10 workers who refused to reapply for employment. This union-busting drive is being engineered by a Bolton Hill management consultant, Fred Punch, who is also the former president of Local 1199E.

After 300 workers picketed the nursing home on Aug. 16, Bolton Hill obtained a court injunction limiting the number of pickets to 12. This move was designed to weaken the strikers' efforts to stop scabs from crossing the lines. Bolton Hill also hoped to counter the growing support the strikers have received from workers around the city as well as from organizations such as the October League and the Baltimore Fightback Committee.

The union leadership claims that Fred Punch is behind the

drive to break the very union he used to lead because he is a “sore loser.” He was defeated in the last election for president by Ronnie Hollie. But the facts show that Hollie and the rest of the misleaders of Local 1199E are no different than Punch.

In the Bolton Hill strike, for instance, union leadership meekly accepted the court injunction. This allowed Bolton Hill to step up its hiring of scabs from the unemployment office. But this aroused the opposition of the strikers. As one worker said: “We should continue to have rallies like before the injunction. When we had the sidewalk filled, we had them worried.”

In another move, the union sellouts attempted to split the strike by ordering striking nurses aides who still held union recognition from Bolton Hill back to work. This attempted betrayal, however, met with widespread opposition from the rank and file. Expressing the sentiments of all the workers, one striker said, “We came out together and we'll go back together!”

ON THE LINE



Wildcat at Fisher Body

Detroit, Mich.—All General Motors Cadillac production was shut down here on August 27 when a wildcat at the Fisher Body Fleetwood plant forced GM to close their only Cadillac body plant as well as their assembly plant.

Among the causes of the wildcat were ruthless speedup, harassment by plant officials, and intolerably hot and unsafe working conditions inside. There has also been a report that company disciplinary action against two union officials of UAW Local 15 sparked the wildcat, but the international union leadership has denied this.

“It's the union's job to get the troops back to work,” a GM spokesman said. Loyal GM lieutenant and UAW veep Irving Bluestone left negotiations for the 1976 auto contract to try to whip workers back in line. The wildcat continues as we go to press.

Equality of Languages

Boston—Neither goon tactics nor suspensions can halt the struggle of workers at Biltrite Co. for equality of languages and against deportations.

Deportations have been a burning issue at Biltrite since an immigration police raid in July. The following week, a demonstration led by the October League included many nationalities and built strong rank-and-file opposition to the pro-deportation stand of the union at Biltrite, URW Local 209.

A clear majority of workers came into the Aug. 8 union meeting determined to vote for a motion to condemn deportations and for another motion to translate the union bylaws into Spanish. The first response of the union hacks, puppets of Peter Bommarito's bureaucracy, was to stall. When stalling ran out, they tried to strong-arm union member John Hagedorn out of the hall. When other workers rose up and blocked this goon tactic, the hacks adjourned the meeting before the vote. A week later, they suspended Hagedorn's union rights for three months.

The URW bureaucracy favors deportations and the English-only policy just like it supports everything else that weakens the mass of the rank-and-file workers. The bureaucrats serve a tiny aristocracy of labor only and sell out the masses of workers to the companies and the government.

Aid and comfort for the bureaucrats came from the opportunists of the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP). The RCP claimed at the meeting that the language question was “insignificant” and that Hagedorn was diverting the meeting away from “real issues.” But the bureaucrats' threats and the RCP's chauvinism cannot hold back the struggle to further strengthen multinational unity among the workers and to build the union into a fighting organization under revolutionary leadership.

U.S. Steel Killed Tom Fox

Chicago, Ill.—Murderous conditions in U.S. Steel's blast furnaces at South Works took another victim August 26, when young Black steelworker Tom Fox was killed. News of the accident has been suppressed by U.S. Steel, which has told Fox's fellow workers that they suspect suicide. But blast furnace workers pointed to the deadly gases and complete lack of safety measures. Shortly after workers found the body, U.S. Steel began installing gas alarms and cleaning up the area.

RCP DRIFTS RIGHTWARD

The Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), long under the influence of an opportunist and chauvinist political line, has in recent months drifted even further into the swamp of right opportunism. In the latest issues of its newspaper *Revolution*, the RCP has begun to express a view of the world situation which whitewashes the role of Soviet social-imperialism. It is a line which departs from the stand of the Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations in the world and is much closer to the view of the centrists and other apologists for revisionism.

While paying lip-service to the fight for socialism and the worldwide struggle against the two superpowers, who are the main enemies of the world's peoples, the RCP in fact belittles the growing danger of Soviet social-imperialism. Like the Guardian centrists, they try to cover up the role of Soviet social-imperialism as the more dangerous of the two superpowers and the main source of a new world war. They have also openly attacked the stand of Marxist-Leninists on Angola by downplaying the role of the Soviet Union as the main promoter of the civil war there.

In the August issue of *Revolution*, the RCP analyzes the recent events in both southern Africa and the Mideast with only a passing mention of the Soviet Union. While using the slogan "Superpowers out of Angola" in some past issues of *Revolution* (which is distributed only among other communists), their so-called "workers papers" raised only "U.S. out of Angola."

In another article in the same issue of *Revolution*, the RCP attacks the entire communist movement in the U.S., Western Europe and other countries. Says RCP: "Unfortunately a tendency has arisen among some Marxist-Leninists in several imperialist countries within the bloc headed by the U.S. to make an incorrect and one-sided analysis of the present situation and, as a result, to view the Soviet Union as

the main enemy of the world's people."

Nowhere does RCP quote from any articles by these Marxist-Leninists "in several imperialist countries." If they did, it would be clear that the parties and organizations referred to view both superpowers as constituting the main enemy although they also correctly point to Soviet social-imperialism as the more dangerous and main source of a new world war.

The realities of today's world are the basis for the Marxist-Leninist analysis of the USSR. Today, the Soviet social-imperialists are the most dangerous because they are the strongest militarily, and because they cloak their fascist rule and their aggression in Czechoslovakia, Angola and elsewhere behind a "socialist" mask. They are the main source of a new world war because, like pre-WWII Nazi Germany, they are on the rise relative to old-line imperialists and, therefore, must take the position of the most aggressive.

It is for this reason that the main blow internationally must be directed at the Soviet social-imperialists. "Striking the main blow" means that, in the international struggle against imperialism and the two superpowers, the revolutionary forces have the basic task of exposing the real character of revisionism and social-imperialism, isolating them and clearing the path for victory. Social-imperialism is not only the most aggressive superpower, but it is also the

center of world revisionism, and revisionism today stands as the most important prop for imperialism.

Striking the main blow in this direction is bound up with our task of overthrowing the U.S. monopoly capitalists and establishing socialism. Today, in the era of imperialism, the revolutionary struggle inside this country must be directly linked to the international struggle against the two superpowers. As Stalin wrote in *Foundations of Leninism*:

"Now the proletarian revolution must be regarded primarily as the result of the development of the contradictions within the world system of imperialism," and not "exclusively as the result of the internal development of a given country."

The RCP abandons its revolutionary duty in building the international united front against imperialism. The *Revolution* article explicitly denounces all the Marxist-Leninists in the Western countries who "strike the main blow at social-imperialism" in the course of the struggle against both superpowers.

The centrist Guardian, which has openly defended the Soviet Union's aggression in Africa and other countries, recognized its new-found commonality with the RCP and recently excerpted a polemic the RCP wrote against the October League (see *Guardian*, Aug. 18, p. 9). Calling the OL "reactionaries," the RCP article defends the position of conciliating with the Soviet Union's expansionism by saying: "You have to be pretty out of it not to be aware that today American workers are much more likely to understand that the New Tsars are pushing towards war than our own capitalists are—our rulers are

doing plenty of 'education' on this point."

Nowhere before has the RCP more clearly abdicated the responsibility of exposing the role of revisionism and social-imperialism. Their conclusion is that the workers are already familiar with the social-imperialist character of the USSR and need no "education" from communists.

The RCP has not only abandoned its task of educating the workers about revisionism, but has equally abandoned the task of teaching about genuine communism. RCP Chairman Bob Avakian, speaking in Philadelphia July 4, said: "Communism. They try to make it scary. Communism doesn't mean anything but 'in common.'"

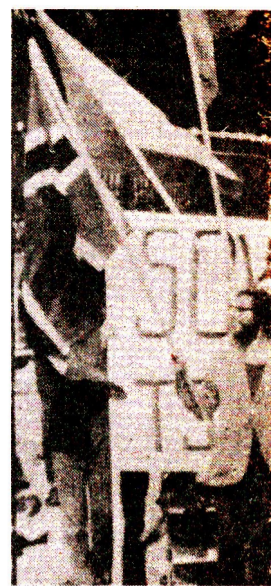
Well, isn't that pleasant. While the bourgeoisie "tells the workers about social-imperialism," Avakian reduces education about the final aims of the working-class struggle to sharing. This abstract talk about socialism is just a cover to hide RCP's opportunism.

Communism is much more than "in common." Communism is also class struggle, political struggle to overthrow the system of capitalism. RCP's view of communism is no different from that of the revisionists, who wish to liquidate the class struggle and build more in common with the bourgeoisie. "Outside the class struggle," Lenin said, "socialism is either a hollow phrase or a naive dream." ("Petty-bourgeois and Proletarian Socialism").

The worldwide communist movement was born and has grown strong precisely in the struggle against such opportunism and revisionism.

It is in this context that the OL and Marxist-Leninists throughout the world have raised the danger of a new world war and have been carrying out special education about the role of Soviet social-imperialism. To counterpose this to waging the domestic class struggle or to call this "class collaboration" and equate it to defense of U.S. imperialism as RCP and the Guardian do amounts to the worst type of opportunism and political cowardice.

RCP is trying to reconcile Marxism with



RCP launched an open of Czechoslovakia. RCP

SPEAKING TOUR CALLS FOR COMMUNIST UNITY

Speakers from the Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Party (OC) toured nine cities in the last two weeks, addressing the tasks ahead in building the party. Well over 1,200 people attended these forums.

Speaking in Boston to a crowd of 250 people made up largely of workers, OL Vice-Chairman Eileen Klehr pointed out the continuing role of ideological struggle in the organizational work of party building.

"How can communist unity be achieved without unity on organization?" asked Klehr. "The struggle between Marxism and revisionism must be consolidated and raised to a higher level with a correspondingly higher form of organization—the party."

The Boston forum heard Shakur Aljwani of the Buffalo Unity Collective and a representative of the recently-formed Boston Unity Collective, as well as a cultural presentation that based itself on the struggle of communists to organize inside the St. Regis plant.

The theme of consolidating the political struggle with organizational unity was also addressed by Barry Litt of the League for Marxist-Leninist Unity, speaking in San Diego as a representative of the OC. Litt said Marxist-Leninists who support the

"Call to Unite" should "enter the OC and struggle for a correct political line to be reflected in the party program. We recognize the differences in our movement, but we also know that a high degree of unity now exists."

Over 150 people in Birmingham and Atlanta heard speeches by Susan Klonsky of the October League and Ernie McMillan of the Dallas Collective. In his remarks, McMillan summed up the civil rights movement which he participated in as a leader of SNCC. He pointed out the militancy of the masses in the '60s, but noted that it was the absence of a vanguard party which allowed the movement to be co-opted by reformism. He attacked the revisionist CPUSA for its abandonment of the struggle for self-determination and called for the new party to take a revolutionary stand on the national question.

Susan Klonsky pointed out that the Marxist-Leninist movement has developed from a "handful of anti-revisionist propaganda circles only a few years ago to a sizeable force which had deepened its theory, developed its organizational forms and its press, and integrated itself actively with the masses."

The tour itself has clearly shown the strength of the unity trend. At the same time, it has also reflected the continued anti-party activities of the handful of opportunists whose organizations have developed for the sole purpose of keeping the party from being built. Acting like police agents, Workers Viewpoint leaders attempted un-



Sherman Miller hits at opportunists in Chicago.

successfully to rush the stage at the New York forum.

Sherman Miller, the OL speaker in Chicago, responded to the Workers Viewpoint attacks, saying, "WVO was the founder and ideological mentor of the 'Revolutionary Wing'—a wing of wreckers and splitters. Even though WVO has had a falling out with the rest of this wing, they have only become more frenzied in their Trotskyite-type wrecking activities."

In Detroit, several WVO provocateurs had to be removed from the meeting because of their consistent disruption. Dan Burstein, speaking for the OL, said "These people have a political line which opposes everything revolutionary in the world. They oppose the fight against segregation; the fight for women's equality; they attack the right of oppressed nations to self-determination and oppose the struggles of the third world countries against imperialism. It's no wonder they oppose the building of the party."

WVO and the others in the "Wing" are resorting to desperate acts because even with their warped view of reality, they recognize that unity is the developing trend and that the party will soon be forged.

In September, the party-building tour continues to a dozen more cities.



Clay Claiborne, speaking for the OC in Chicago, called on revolutionaries to break with small-circle outlook.

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M-L FIGHT JOINS UNI

The Marxist-Leninist Fighting Union, a collective in San Diego, Calif., was recently accepted as a member of the Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Party. Below we print excerpts from their unity statement. The collective members have been active in Gary Tyler defense work and building the fightback.

The Marxist-Leninist Fighting Union was formed earlier this year from a group of Marxists and advanced workers who had organized and been active in the San Diego Call Support Committee.

We originally came together last year to take up practical communist work which we felt at this time had to be done if a new communist party was going to be built. We did this against a trend in this area which saw open communist work as either too dangerous or not a priority.

Practically, what we wanted to do was to take timely and relevant propaganda and agitation to the masses of workers, unemployed and G.I.'s written in their own everyday language. We also wanted to actively help initiate and lend support to the strug-

NORMALIZE U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS NOW !

Some four years after the historic Shanghai Communique, the U.S. government is showing more and more signs of going back on its pledge to normalize relations with China. Now, more than before, it is necessary for all friends of China to mobilize actively and energetically to force the U.S. government to stop stalling and normalize relations. The U.S.-China People's Friendship Association's national convention Sept. 5-6 should make this position a top priority.

The most ominous sign of the growing opposition to normalization in U.S. ruling circles was the disclosure, earlier this month, of increased U.S. military aid to the arch-reactionary Chiang Kai-shek clique that rules Taiwan. The New York Times revealed that the Ford administration has agreed to sell the Chiang gang a highly sophisticated \$200 million missile system, plus additional weapons in the near future.

"U.S. military backing for the Taiwan regime has actually increased \$97 million in the last two years."

U.S. military backing for the Taiwan regime has actually increased from \$196 million in 1974 to \$215 million in 1975, and jumped to \$293 million in fiscal year 1976, the Times reported. These hard figures fly in the face of the promise given by the U.S. government in the Shanghai Communique to disengage militarily from Taiwan.

The recent Olympic games, where the U.S. threw all its weight on the Olympic Committee in favor of including Taiwan and for the exclusion of China, was another test case of the U.S. ruling circles' sincerity for normalization, and they exposed themselves clearly.

Recent months have also seen a sharp increase in reactionary propaganda and agitation on behalf of the Chiang clique in Taiwan. Protected by the U.S. government and sponsored by various sectors of the ruling circles, this public relations drive for the Chiang gang includes cultural troupes, museum exhibits, lectures and speaking tours, special newspaper supplements, and an increase in the frequency of pro-Chiang articles and editorials in the press.

A distinct current of anti-normalization thinking has also come forward in the election campaign. The actions of the pro-"detente" Kissinger-Ford administration in stepping up the armament of Taiwan speak louder than its lukewarm, perfunctory mentions of normalization. The Reagan forces took the same stand, favoring "progress toward better relations" out of one side of their mouth and pushing stronger backing for the Chiang clique with the other side.

Candidate Carter has taken a more slippery version of the same anti-normalization line. He has come out in favor of the so-called "Japan formula," under which Japan established diplomatic relations with Peking while maintaining commercial ties with Taiwan. But the U.S. has a military "defense" treaty with Taiwan; Japan did not. The U.S. has troops on Taiwan; Japan did not. To talk about the "Japan formula" as Carter does therefore is to evade a central issue of the normalization question, namely whether or not U.S. imperialism shall be permitted to occupy Chinese soil, obstruct the liberation of Taiwan and maintain this military fortress in Asia.

What Carter's rhetoric is worth, in any case, has been exposed by the recent events in Korea. Despite Carter's pledge to move toward a reduction of U.S. forces in Korea, Carter gave quick and full endorsement to the Ford administration's belligerent and provocative show of force after the Pan-

munjom incident. This was a test case of what Carter will do in any future "incidents" involving Taiwan.

The dominant section of U.S. imperialism is willing to sacrifice U.S.-China normalization on the altar of "detente"—a policy of appeasing Soviet social-imperialism, which in reality only heightens the danger and speeds the outbreak of war. In a July 18 letter to the editor of The New York Times, the USSR's official Novosti press agency commentator Vadim Nekrasov stated publicly what Soviet social-imperialism has long been whispering, namely that the USSR considers U.S.-China normalization contrary to "detente." Significantly, The New York Times itself, mouthpiece of the pro-"detente" bourgeoisie, recently editorialized against normalization, and has stepped up its slanderous anti-China "news" coverage.

The growing anti-normalization and pro-Chiang clamor in recent months in the U.S. exposes the hollowness of those who rely on the U.S. ruling circles to normalize relations with China of their own accord. The fact of the matter is that the two main factions within the U.S. ruling class are both opposing full and speedy normalization and will drag their feet and backslide on the pledges of the Shanghai Communique as long as they can.

Within the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association, (USCPFA) which is the organization best suited for mobilizing public opinion and action in favor of normalization, the campaign for normalization formally adopted in 1975 has unfortunately shown little sign of life. The reasons lie on the one hand in the erroneous line of a section of the USCPFA which preaches that the U.S. imperialists will withdraw their occupation of Chinese soil of their own accord, without being pushed; and they lie on the other hand in the erroneous line of the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), which preaches that the normalization issue is "too political" for the Association.

"Every USCPFA member should contribute to forcing the imperialists to normalize relations."

Every member of the USCPFA should contribute to the best of his or her ability to the struggle to force the U.S. imperialists to normalize relations with China. Every talk and slide show, every meeting, ought to include a discussion of the normalization issue as a top priority. The spirit of implementing the Shanghai Communique should not only penetrate more fully the existing activity of the organization, it should also give birth to additional and more active forms of work. The campaign for normalization should give full play to the creative energies of all members of the Association, no matter what their resources, background or sphere of activity.

Above all, the campaign for normalization is a campaign that must be taken to the U.S. working class and national minorities. It is the working class that will determine the course of U.S. history, and it is to this audience above all that the USCPFA must speak and win to the cause of normalizing relations between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China.

At the present time, the U.S. ruling circles are stalling more and more, and taking backward steps. A powerful counterforce from below, broad and vigorous in spirit and activity, is necessary to move the normalization wagon forward again. The USCPFA has not only the opportunity but the responsibility of catalyzing that force.



Attack against European communists for actions such as this protest of Soviet occupation covers up Soviet role as most dangerous superpower. (Klassekampen)

revisionism. They fear launching an all-out attack on revisionism and barely mention the revisionists by name in their propaganda.

Whether it be in their coverage of the Milwaukee meatcutters strike, where the CPUSA has long been influential in the union, or in their coverage of the miners' strike, where the revisionists openly supported the UMW leadership who scabbed on the wildcat, RCP is uncritical of the revisionists. Instead, the RCP has seen fit to direct its blows at the genuine communist forces in this country and internationally.

Obviously embarrassed by the unity it has found with the Guardian, Revolution tries hard to put some ground between itself and the centrists. But, like a drowning man tangled in seaweed, the harder they fight, the more tightly they are drawn in.

RCP's objection to the Guardian is that it did not "thoroughly take on the line of the RCP on Angola" but instead "implied that anyone who opposed the Soviet/Cuban aggression in Angola shared the October

League's class collaboration." The main thing that RCP is worried about is that they will be lumped together with the communists of the world who are consistently exposing the interference and continued occupation by the Soviet Union in Angola. The RCP is in fact uniting with the Guardian's attack on the OL and other communists.

The RCP has joined the chorus of opportunists who cover up the role of revisionism and social-imperialism with the claim that they are "fighting U.S. imperialism." Their open attacks on the Marxist-Leninists of other countries is reminiscent of the Guardian's earlier break from the revolutionary ranks.

RCP's continued march along this line will mean its final, inevitable degeneration and isolation from the growing Marxist-Leninist movements throughout the world and from working-class revolution in the U.S. which continues striding forward.

RCP THUGS ASSAULT CALL SELLERS

On Monday, Aug. 23, a gang of thugs from the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) launched a cowardly sneak attack on some *Call* sellers at the General Motors plant in Framingham, Mass. As a result of the unprovoked, police-like attack, Boston activist and October League member Jeff Winbourne was hospitalized.

The OL looks upon this act as the work of the bosses carried out by a group who, while calling themselves "the Marxist-Leninist party in the U.S.," has a long history of opportunism and class collaboration.

The attack, which was not a spontaneous but a premeditated act, reflects the grow-

ing desperation of a pack of opportunists who are frightened to death of the growing worldwide trend towards Marxist-Leninist unity. It must be seen mainly as a conscious response on the part of the RCP leadership to the call for communist unity issued recently by the Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Party.

The OL has always opposed such gangsterism which opens the door for police provocateurs and agents. But, as always, we will defend ourselves if attacked and, most importantly, never let RCP or GM keep *The Call* out of the hands of the Framingham workers.

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gles of the masses that are possible now and to bring Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought into the midst of these struggles.

We have come to realize that anti-revisionist groups must take up open communist work among the masses from the very beginning if they are to succeed in uniting with and developing advanced workers from the working class. We think that experience shows that it is impossible to develop and to keep a correct line in isolation from the masses and their struggles.

In our ongoing work, we have made some errors which we have now seriously taken up correcting. At times, we failed to grasp how our work affected and was part of a nation-wide revolutionary movement. We failed to see that unity is the main trend today, and so fell into the error of sectarianism. We, thinking ourselves to be the only "true Marxists" in San Diego, failed at times in uniting with other Marxists who have much to contribute toward the destruction of the imperialist system. We are now making efforts to unite with

these progressive people on the basis of anti-imperialist unity.

Unity is the main trend today within the anti-revisionist movement. We have entered a new period in which party-building is not only possible, but a question of immediacy. The factors for both war and revolution are increasing. Within the U.S., the forces for war are organized. Without their Marxist-Leninist party, the revolutionary forces will remain disorganized and unable to accomplish their revolutionary task.

We unite with the principles of unity of the Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Party and dedicate ourselves to take up the practical tasks of party organization and the drafting of the party program. We urge comrades in San Diego and nationally who have basic unity with these principles of the Organizing Committee to make a break with sectarianism and take up with us the new tasks at hand in consolidating the line and the organizational unity of the new party.



REPRESSION and RESISTANCE

Cops hit Tyler Committee

Birmingham, Ala.—In the past month, the Free Gary Tyler Committee here has become the target of police repression.

A Black woman who sponsored a fundraising barbecue for Tyler defense work was visited by police and questioned about her political beliefs. Officials in the housing project where she lives threatened to evict her if she held any further meetings in her home.

Another committee member was arrested on a phony "drunk" charge and held for two days. He returned home only to find all his belongings literally thrown out on the street by a police eviction squad. His landlord told him, "I just don't want anyone like you living here."

On August 20, Janice Rice, a new activist in the Free Gary Tyler Committee, was stopped in her car and ticketed by police. When she indignantly condemned the injustice of the ticket, police dragged her out of the car, beat her and slapped a number of charges against her, including "assaulting" a police officer. Her 15-month-old baby was taken to a juvenile home. Speaking from jail, Janice Rice had this to say: "This kind of thing only makes me more determined to fight!"

Also, an 18-year-old Black woman, while distributing leaflets about the Tyler case at work, was told by her boss she had better "watch out." He admitted to being a member of the Klan. Later that night, she received a number of "anonymous" calls that ended with the threat, "It's a shame to die so young." Refusing to be intimidated, she told her boss at work, "You may try to fight me in here, but I'm going to fight you like hell out there on the streets!"

These attacks come at a time when the Free Gary Tyler Committee has become widely known throughout the city through its leafleting, fundraising, radio interviews and petition drives. Committee members intend to step up their work and rely on the people to defeat the attacks of the Klan and police.

Frame-up in Houston

Houston, Tex.—While support builds across the country for Gary Tyler, another Black youth has been subjected to a similar style of capitalist "justice" here. Sixteen-year-old Michael Johnson was convicted April 6 of "manslaughter" and sentenced to 10 years in prison for the self-defense slaying of a white student.

In April of 1975, Johnson was attacked by a gang of white youths at a high school which has resisted integration efforts. He defended himself with a pocket knife, and one white student died.

As news spread, the Klan burned crosses on the high school lawn, and white gangs roved the neighborhood looking for Johnson. This racist hysteria had its effect during the trial. The jury returned the guilty verdict and 10-year sentence despite clear evidence that Johnson acted in self-defense.

Johnson's case is now in the long process of appeal. But several organizations, including the October League, Houston Fight Back, and Gary Tyler Defense Committee, are taking the case to the people to build support for Johnson's freedom. As Michael Johnson's father told *The Call*, "We have to look beyond my own son's case and start to build strong organizations that can fight back when things like this happen."

Free Ronnie Long!

Concord, N.C.—Seven hundred angry demonstrators marched through the streets of this small, textile company-controlled town August 14 demanding freedom for Ronnie Long. Long, a 20-year-old Black worker, has been falsely accused of raping a white woman—the widow of a Cannon Textile Mill executive.

The speakers at a later rally, which included Ronnie Long's father Ike Long, members of the Ronnie Long Defense Committee, David Simpson of the Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF), and Ron Carter of the National Fight Back Organization, spoke to the crowd about the link between the frame-up of Long and the whole history of national oppression against the Afro-American people.

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token "magnet schools" that set up special facilities for only a few students at best.

The entire ruling class supports segregation and stands to blame for the continuing racist attacks. The liberals, who claim to oppose segregation, have actually served its purposes every bit as much as the open spokesmen of "separate but equal" racism. The Kennedys, Garritys, and reformists of the NAACP have pretended that busing is the answer to the oppression of minority people, and have covered up the fundamental causes of this oppression. These liberal integrationists are using the school children as cannonfodder, sending them against fascist mobs unprotected.

The liberals have also championed busing in the Chinese and Spanish-speaking communities of

San Francisco, Milwaukee and Boston where it is being used to wreck bilingual, bicultural programs.

The struggle around busing is also tied to the fight for open housing. Segregated housing produces segregated schools and, as a result, the housing struggle is once again coming to the forefront in communities like Chicago's Marquette Park. The same forces leading the anti-busing movement have begun carrying out fascist attacks on activists in the open-housing battle. Last week, state legislators led a rally against busing on Chicago's southwest side of 1,000 people, including the Nazi Party.

In spite of the trend towards greater attacks on desegregation programs and increased racist violence, broad support continues to exist among working people for united opposition to segregation. In Milwaukee, an April poll reported 75% of the people sup-

ported integration of the schools. Many of the fascist-led organizations that were able to build a mass base temporarily in Boston and Louisville have declined in influence in the last year.

But with the main government spokesmen like Ford and Carter throwing their weight behind the racist anti-busing movement, the prospects for the fall school term include increased attacks on the rights of Black and other minority students and families. In response to this new wave of attacks, the anti-segregation movement must build broad, militant community support, especially among the working people, to defend the lives and rights of the minorities.

It must be a movement that links the fight for school integration and decent education with the struggle against all national oppression, for defense of national culture and language, for open quality housing for all, and against the fascist attacks on minority people.

ATTICA STRIKE ...

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guards, the use of telephones by prisoners, and the right to wear non-prison clothing.

The officials agreed to an important demand around education which stated: "We want a much better educational system and staff that can meet the needs of both English and Spanish-speaking inmates." The strikers also won concessions that would allow more participation in work-release and

other prison programs.

As *The Call* goes to press, it's still not clear what, if any, concessions were won around demands to end brutality by guards against prisoners, mess hall and sanitary conditions in the prison, and racist practices in job assignments. Over 70% of Attica inmates are oppressed minorities.

The strike at Attica is no isolated case. As in the strike at Wau-pun prison in Wisconsin last month

and dozens of other strikes and rebellions at prisons across the country over the last few years, prisoners are demonstrating their willingness to fight against their oppressive conditions. In these struggles, the prison system in the U.S. is being exposed, not as a system of "rehabilitation," but as a part of the capitalist state machine for violently suppressing the working class and oppressed minorities.

CHINA QUAKE ...

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injured by the falling rocks.

A sturdily-built middle-aged man wearing a helmet with a lamp, his face smeared by coal dust, said in a steady voice: "Comrades, keep calm." The lamplight shone on his calm and steady face, and people quieted down. He was Chia Pang-yu, standing committee member of the mine party committee and vice-chairman of the revolutionary committee.

Chia Pang-yu was thinking hard. How should the comrades be organized so that all could evacuate the pit safely, including women comrades, new comrades and the injured?

"With Chairman Mao's revolutionary line guiding us, the strong leadership of the party committee and the concerted efforts of the workers, there is no difficulty we cannot surmount," he thought.

An emergency meeting of the leading cadres was called. The meeting was short and brief, and the discussions were lively. It was decided that Party members and cadres should stand the test at the critical moment by risking their own lives to save others. Party members in the evacuating groups should leave after workers, and leading cadres should be the last to leave.

When the command decided that a few should stay and bring up the rear, many Communist Party members vied with one another to be the last to evacuate.

On the way out, aftershocks continued, and rocks kept falling from the roof. But no one showed any fear. Men comrades helped women comrades; the stronger helped the injured; those who knew the way helped those who did not. Everyone tried to give some help and encouragement to others. Whenever a rock fell, there would be someone rushing over to

protect his comrades-in-arms with his own body.

With such concrete action, the miners and cadres were criticizing the arch unrepentant party capitalist-roader Teng Hsiao-ping's nonsense that "reliance on the workers, peasants and soldiers is relative," and his slander against the leading groups set up during the Great Cultural Revolution.

After four hours of struggle, more than 600 cadres and miners

working underground all returned to the surface safe and sound at about 8:00 in the morning. But nobody left the air shaft head. They gathered around it, fixing their eyes on the opening. "Why isn't old Chia out yet?" The miners were waiting anxiously.

The light of a miner's lamp came through the opening and became brighter and brighter. Everyone cheered: "Old Chia and the other cadres have come out!"

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