

# ENERGY PROFITS PILE UP WHILE PEOPLE FREEZE

As millions of working people were wondering how they were going to pay their gas bills last week, the myth of the so-called gas "shortage" was exposed for all to see.

Major articles in the capitalists' own news media showed how

the largest gas and oil monopolies in the U.S. had deliberately withheld crucial natural gas supplies this winter in order to drive up prices.

According to government investigators, 10 major producers of natural gas in the Gulf of Mexico

are sitting on 980 billion cubic feet of gas reserves and waiting for the price to go up. The purpose, conceded the investigators, is to maximize the profits of the gas monopolies.

While one report pointed out that the gas withheld in the Gulf

area was only the "tip of the iceberg," this 980 billion cubic feet is, by itself, equal to about one twentieth of all the natural gas consumed in the U.S. in a one-year period.

These supplies alone could have prevented plant shutdowns,

the mass layoffs affecting 2 million workers, large-scale school closings, skyrocketing utility bills for the masses of people and severe hardship for millions during the extreme cold wave of the last

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## SUPERPOWERS READY FOR INTERVENTION HANDS OFF UGANDA!

U.S. warships are presently positioned off the coast of East Africa prepared for a possible invasion of Uganda. President Carter has staged a massive display of U.S. military might to impress both the African countries as well as the U.S. imperialists' superpower rival in Africa, the Soviet Union.

Last week, the U.S. seized on a flood of press accusations and rumors to attack the Ugandan government. The rumors concerned the alleged murder of the Ugandan Anglican bishop and two cabinet members. According to Ugandan reports, the three were not murdered, but killed in a car accident while trying to escape. They were being held as prisoners, accused of complicity in an attempted coup a few weeks ago.

President Carter jumped on the rumored murders to denounce the Ugandan government, saying that the recent events had "disgusted the entire civilized world." He attacked Uganda's President Idi Amin for the "horrible murders taking place." In addition, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee condemned Amin and called on all countries to set up an arms embargo of Uganda.

Responding to Carter's attacks

and to the Senate actions, Amin warned Carter to concern himself with U.S. imperialism's own crimes and not to intervene in Uganda's internal affairs. He then closed the border to Americans and called a special meeting with the 240 U.S. citizens in Uganda for February 28. He later postponed the meeting. Amin attacked the "dirty campaign against Uganda" by "the U.S., Britain and Israel."

In a telegram to Carter, Amin accused the U.S. of crimes that "range from racial discrimination and the bombing of Vietnam to

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## MARCH 5 ALL OUT FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY!

This year, International Women's Day (IWD) will be celebrated on March 5 in four cities across the country. In New York, Atlanta, Chicago and San Francisco, men and women of all nationalities will rally against the capitalist system's oppression of women and the intensified attacks of the present crisis.

The demonstrators will unite under three main slogans:

**FULL EQUALITY FOR WOMEN!**

**SUPPORT THE STRUGGLES OF THE THIRD WORLD PEOPLES!  
END SUPERPOWER WAR PREPARATIONS!**

In over twenty cities, local planning committees have reached out to the masses of people to mobilize broad support for the four regional actions.

In New York, where the IWD demonstration will march from the Lower East Side to the United Nations building, a work team has already reached more than 30,000 people directly, speaking to them about the IWD demonstration and the fight for women's rights. This work has been done through mass leafleting, street-corner speaking, *Call* selling, door-to-door canvassing and presentations at community and workers' meetings.

In the Puerto Rican community around the Riiswald and Gompers projects, many people welcomed the work team and voiced enthusiasm for participating in a revolutionary action like the IWD march. One woman told of her community's 20-year struggle for better health care. Although a hospital had been built there, it has no facilities for maternity and women's surgery. Other women contacted by the work team condemned the massive sterilizations of Puerto Rican women which have been conducted both on the island and in Puerto Rican communities in New York as well as throughout the U.S.

In the San Francisco area, a great deal of activity has been generated in the GM plant in Fremont to support the IWD march. Auto workers recently met to discuss the fight for full maternity benefits, which is one of the concrete demands being raised at the IWD demonstrations.

It is standard practice in both light and heavy industry to put women on the most dangerous and difficult jobs when they are pregnant to force them to quit. As a result, the demand for light duty for pregnant women is also being raised. Fremont workers pointed out that the struggle around women's rights is a component part of the fight against the UAW bureaucrats, who have consistently opposed women's demands and split the unity of men and women workers.

This year IWD will be celebrated around the world as a day to unite men and women in the fight for the rights of half the oppressed masses

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### NEW YORK

Assemble: Hamilton Fish Park  
East Houston and Pitt St.,  
12:00 P.M.  
March to UN and rally at 2:00 P.M.

### ATLANTA

Assemble and rally: Wheat St.  
Baptist Church, Yonge St. between  
Auburn and Edgewood, 12:00 P.M.  
(march at 3:00 P.M.)

### CHICAGO

Assemble: 92nd and South Chicago  
Ave., 12:30 P.M.  
Rally: Bessemer Park,  
Muskegon and 88th St.

### SAN FRANCISCO

Assemble: Garfield Park,  
26th St. and Harrison St.,  
12:00 P.M.  
March to Dolores Park and  
rally at 2:00 P.M.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY DEMONSTRATIONS MARCH 5



## READERS' SURVEY

# NORWEGIAN USES CALL TO SHOW REAL CONDITIONS IN U.S.

Early this year, when we expanded the size of *The Call* to 16 pages, we asked all our readers to help us sum up the paper's strengths and weaknesses by filling out a reader's survey. We have received a great number of responses to this questionnaire and wish to thank all those who took the time to write to us. The answers to the questions have been extremely helpful in evaluating how the paper is viewed by the masses.

This first reader's survey we are printing comes from an 18-year-old Norwegian student, F.M., who receives *The Call* in Oslo, Norway. In future issues, we will continue printing selections from the survey responses.

The articles which have been most useful to my study and work this past year are the ones which told about national oppression in the U.S., the Gary Tyler case and the struggles against the police and the KKK. It helped me understand better the situation in your country, and also how you comrades in the U.S. are working.

In my class at school, I have used these articles in discussions on U.S. society. There are several members of the Young Conservatives (YC), a reactionary organization, in my class who hold up the U.S. as an ideal. They say that the U.S. is a fortress of democracy and the best guarantee of human rights.

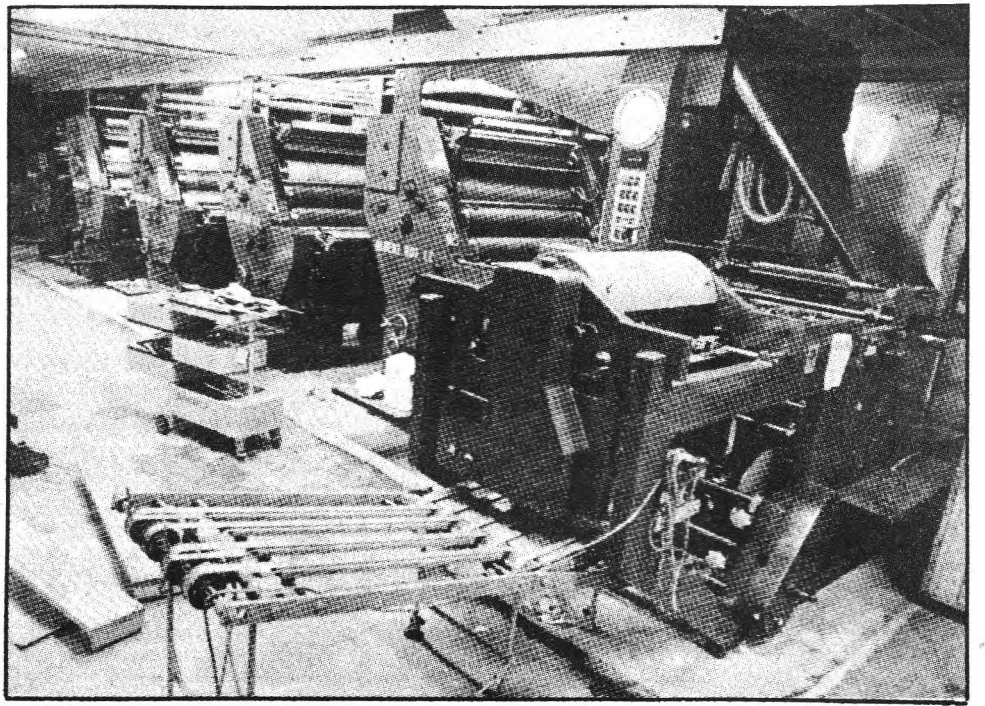
This YC organization has a dark history. Just before Christmas 1976, for example, about 300 of them held a demonstration outside the U.S. embassy in Oslo, "thanking the U.S. for peace" and "defense of human rights." In opposition, about 150 anti-imperialists and members of the Red Youth, the youth organization of the Norwegian Workers' Communist Party - M-L (AKP-M-L), gathered on the nearest street corner. We chained ourselves together and walked towards the reactionaries, shouting "Remember Korea, Vietnam and Chile—the U.S.A. is a murderers' state!" and "Fight both superpowers, the U.S. and Soviet

Union! Build international solidarity!" We had almost finished sweeping this rubbish YC from the sidewalks, when the police arrived to attack us.

Getting back to the articles, I used in particular the articles about the Klan attack in Houston at the Prairie Fire Bookstore, showing how the police behaved. This concrete example helped most of my fellow students understand the class character of the U.S. police and state, and they threw away the false picture they had of U.S. democracy.

The Gary Tyler case has been a powerful weapon in these class discussions. When I draw in the Tyler case, the YC doesn't dare speak. Everybody else has understood that the U.S. is no paradise like our school books, newspapers and television all say. When our English language teacher painted a favorable picture of the U.S. during the presidential elections, I smashed and crushed her picture to pieces with *The Call* articles.

The other articles I have eagerly studied are the ones telling about your efforts to build the party, your struggle against anti-party elements, opportunists and revisionists. The same sort of opportunists are everywhere! You are fighting enemies just like ours in Norway. The only difference is that here they haven't managed to rally in



KLASSEKAMPEN'S PRESS was purchased after extensive mass campaign to build the Norwegian party's newspaper among the workers. (Klassekampen photo)

such large groups as the Revolutionary Communist Party or others like MLOC and Workers Viewpoint.

Our Party has victoriously and quickly fought such lines from the very beginning of the Marxist-Leninist movement. Today our Party wins all the class conscious workers and fighters to its ranks. I'm sure your party soon will, too.

All my nearest comrades became very pleased when they heard that you were building your party. We are very happy to have an organized vanguard in one of the two superpowers. It will be a tremendous help to us in the approaching world war. You have an important task.

I would like to give you some advice: Build up the correspondence service. Get a worker correspondent in every factory! It is very important to get the news from where it is made—from the working class.

A second piece of advice: Get many sub-

scribers! They are the backbone of a communist paper's economy. It is important to start a large movement to win subscribers for the paper and print a thermometer in each issue to show the galloping amount of new subscribers from week to week.

This is what we've learned from our paper, Klassekampen. Last year, when we were preparing to expand the paper, we collected about \$800,000 in a drive to buy our own printing press. (Today, AKP M-L has the most modern printing press in all of Norway—ed.). Beginning on May 1, we will have a daily newspaper, printed in our own printing office.

Again, at the end of my letter, I want to express my deepest and strongest solidarity and happiness with the founding of a real communist party in your country. It means so much to us in our struggle for a socialist revolution in Norway. International greetings!

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The Call's report on the Illinois Bell Wildcat last week concluded incorrectly that Black shop steward Roosevelt Pointer had been rehired. The decision was that Pointer would or would not be rehired "pending grievance procedure." The grievance is still pending.

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Dear comrades,

I am an Afro-American worker, a father of four children who are still well and happy, but not because the system or the capitalists cared. I worked for four years at Youngstown Sheet and Tube in East Chicago, Ind., in the coke plant. I shouldn't call the coke plant hell, but that's exactly what anyone would call it who has seen it. I was a patcher who fixed the doors where the heat was unbearable. I had to wear this big, heavy vest and gloves, for burns were common on the job.

Well, this new foreman was hired in from somewhere. Not only was he rough and crude, but he started right in yelling and cussing at people, trying to make workers take a stand on him so they could be fired. The racist would give me no respect!

The union said there was nothing they could do, and I understood that the foreman, the company and the union leaders were all hooked up together. I tried to transfer but was told that my seniority rights would be lost, and I would be a laborer again.

The foreman was really angry after all the trouble I had stirred up. So he came down even harder. There was a fight, which he lost, and I left before the guards came.

I supported the campaign to boycott the steel elections because of my experience with the union leaders. We should drive out these union leaders who only keep us in line for the companies! These leaders help keep us segregated in the worst departments and racist treatment like I had to live with. We need to break off with these leaders and build revolutionary leadership that will fight this racist system in steel and everywhere else. This is why I joined a local *Call* study circle and why we're working to make it a fighting organization.

A steel worker in East Chicago, Ind.

(Translated from Spanish)

To The Call:

In these few lines, I would like to extend a message of solidarity with all the Marxist-Leninist forces building a communist party in the U.S.

I personally want to share my views with the readers of the revolutionary newspaper of the working class, *The Call/El Clarin*.

## Letters



The Call, P.O. 5597, Chicago, Ill. 60680

My particular situation is that I am a blind person, thrown aside by imperialism because it is too expensive for the exploiters to train people like me. So we are left at the most inhuman levels and kept from being productive and useful to our society.

Besides being blind, I am Puerto Rican. My parents are workers, and my political ideas are independence and socialism for Puerto Rico and all the peoples of the world.

One of many experiences that showed me the repressive character of the colonial system of the U.S. in Puerto Rico was when I went to an agency of services for disabled people. My walking stick happened to have the same colors as one of the colonial parties, the New Progressive Party. They asked me if I belonged to the party. I answered that I loved my people too much to belong to one of the colonialist parties. After that incident, they put all kinds of obstacles in my way in order to prevent me from gaining education and economic assistance. They said that unless I changed, I would never progress in any way.

This is the way imperialism forces the Puerto Rican people to support those parties which perpetuate the exploitation and robbery of the working class. This is the way imperialists and their lackeys in the government suppress the self-determination of the Puerto Rican people. This is what is called bourgeois democracy.

Only a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist party in Puerto Rico, as well as in the U.S. and the rest of the world, can express the ideas and wishes of the working class and oppressed peoples.

Let us build the new Marxist-Leninist party of the working class. Long live the independence, liberation and the revolutions of all countries, nations and peoples of the world!

M.A.  
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Call:

With the unemployment figure sitting at 8.1%, the capitalists are trying to put the blame somewhere other than where it belongs—on themselves.

I am one of over 150,000 officially unemployed people in North Carolina. I was recently informed by the TV that the reason I can't get a job is because the jobs are being taken by undocumented workers.

Six prominent Charlotte men, among them a state senator, have hired these undocumented workers instead of local workers. The senator explained that it was hard to find someone to handle horses and also that "these people from the equator" are used to being paid \$280 a year. He was paying them \$300 a month! Assuming a 40-hour week (which is unlikely—it is probably much longer), the hourly rate is \$1.87—well below minimum wage.

Three men, all with Latino names, have been charged with smuggling in aliens. The six important employers were not charged.

It seems clear to me that the imperialists are forcing people into this country to work for low wages and then blaming them for causing unemployment.

This shows how important *The Call* is to working people and minorities because it points out the true nature of our oppression and who the real enemy is.

The enemy is not only the imperialists, but all those who cover for them, like the labor bureaucrats and the revisionist Communist Party USA.

M.C.,  
Concord, N.C.

(Translated from French)

Dear Comrades:

Here is a check for \$15.00 for a subscription to *The Call*. We always read your paper very enthusiastically because it supplies us with proof that the struggle for socialism is developing day by day in the United States. *The Call* lets us see that the situation of the working class in our countries is similar and that our struggle is the same.

Revolutionary greetings,  
C.S., Montreal



# INTERVIEW WITH INTERNATIONAL HOTEL TENANT 'If we don't fight the system, we'll be destroyed'

An eight-year battle to prevent the eviction of retired Filipino and Chinese workers at San Francisco's International Hotel continues to draw broad support. In January, more than 7,000 people rallied against the Four Seas Corporation, an investment group which is now the owner of the hotel. Tenants won a stay on the threatened evictions until March.

The Four Seas Corporation responded by filing suit against the city. The suit challenged the legality of the Housing Authority's intervention which gave the tenants the right to remain in the hotel.

To protest the Four Seas' suit, more than a thousand people demonstrated in early February at two separate hearings, one held by the City Council and another by the Housing Authority. Despite continued eviction threats, court suits and repeated stalling by city officials, the tenants are united and determined to remain in the hotel.

Felix A., a 79-year-old Filipino worker, has lived in the International Hotel for the last 20 years. He has been a leader in the struggle and an outspoken defender of the rights of Filipinos and the cause of socialism for all oppressed people.

In the following *Call* interview, Felix traces his own personal history and explains why revolution is the only answer to the brutal oppression faced by Filipino-Americans and other poor and working people in the U.S.

**When did you leave the Philippines, and why did you come to the U.S.?**

I left the Philippines in 1926 and came here because I thought the U.S. was a land of opportunity. I tried to continue my studies and support myself at the same time.

I soon found out that this was very difficult, and dropped my studies to work full time. I worked as a dishwasher, busboy and later as a janitor. In the summertime, I worked on the farms, and winters I worked in the city. I had no chance to go to school.

When I got drafted into the army during World War II, I served in the Philippine infantry. After I

was released, I used the GI Bill to go back to school. I studied engineering, but I could not finish the course. I could not afford two more years of school to get my degree.

First I got a job as an electrician but was laid off. Then I got another job as an elevator operator in the Witcomb Hotel, where I worked for 12 years.

**How long have you lived in the International Hotel, and how did you get involved in the struggle?**

When I first came here, I-Hotel was my home. When I worked in the city, I would always live here. After my wife died and I was alone, I decided to live here permanently because I heard that the tenants were having trouble. I wanted to help them out. We are like one family here, and I am not lonely.

The owner wants to evict us to build a big office building or multimillion dollar hotel. We are fighting to save it, so that the financial interests cannot take what's left of the Filipino district.

The Filipino district used to include the whole Market Street area. Now there is only one block left. It would mean wiping out the whole Filipino community if it is demolished. We will be completely dispersed.

We keep on fighting because it is not just to help Filipinos or the tenants, but to help out others who are facing similar problems. The struggle for the hotel is the struggle of all working-class people.

**How have your experiences in the Philippines, a third world country, influenced your thinking today?**

When I was young, my older brother was a member of a revolutionary organization. I was inspired by the actions of these fighters. He taught me how to fight in order to serve our country, which was oppressed by foreigners—at that time, the Spanish. When I grew older, I became more class conscious, seeing it as a struggle of the working class against the ruling class.

When I first came to the U.S.,



ASIAN COMMUNITY residents turned out by the thousands to protest evictions from International Hotel in San Francisco.

I didn't know a thing about the revolutionary movement here. But when I was on the streets looking for jobs, I came across these street-corner speakers. Through them, I learned what was going on here, about the Communist Party, and I learned about the 1917 revolution in Russia led by Lenin.

I was interested and read the leaflets and pamphlets of the Com-

munist Party, a great party at that time. It was then I realized that the Communist Party was my party, the party of all working people.

At that time, many countries were trying to destroy the young socialist government in Russia, and the Party was calling for the defense of the Soviet Union. I supported this. Today, this party is no longer revolutionary, and Rus-

## Fighting coal bosses and UMW bureaucrats

# 33,000 MINERS WILDCAT

Kopperston, W.Va. — Another miners' wildcat has rocked the coalfields. The strike began over job assignments and sick leave certification rules at Eastern Associated Coal Corporation's Kopperston mines No. 1 and No. 2 in Wyoming County, West Virginia.

The strike soon spread to other areas of the state. By February 18, well over 14,000 miners were out in West Virginia, and by February 25, a total of 33,000 miners were on strike in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana.

The struggle at Eastern coal developed over the company's new sick leave policy. This policy

was put into effect after miners refused to accept reassignments to different jobs. Some miners took sick leave instead of working the new assignments.

The company responded first by having section bosses check miners before they left and, if the section boss did not think the miner was sick, he would write it up. In any case, the miner had to bring a doctor's note as proof that he was sick. This was only a deceptive attempt to remove the miner's right to protest.

Eastern's spokesman Al Lewis tried to cover up this fact. "This was not aimed," said Lewis, "at punishing the legitimately sick, those who get a headache or upset stomach during work. But in these cases, we didn't know who was sick or who was just using that as an excuse to refuse to take new assignments."

One miner answered, "If we let Eastern get away with this, then they will fire guys every week."

Miners are also fighting back against the sell-out leadership of the United Mine Workers (UMW). At the height of the strike, Arnold Miller, president of the UMW, issued a statement against the

sia is not a socialist country. It is social-imperialist. It no longer represents us.

**How will the working class and oppressed peoples win their liberation?**

The working people produce everything that is needed by society. They should not be oppressed and be the victims of this hardship of life. If we don't fight against this system, we'll be destroyed, and there will be no civilization. We are in a civilized era, but as long as one human being controls another, we are not civilized. There is no freedom.

Communism teaches us how to change society. The ideas of communism lead all groups that struggle to defeat the system and find a correct line that will bring emancipation.

I think socialism will come because people can no longer stand the oppression of capitalism. People are awakening now and know that under this system there can't be any good times for workers.

The revisionists won't have anything to do with this revolution; they oppose it. The working-class people will lead it by relying on ourselves. With communism, we can see the way to our goal to save the human race.

strike. "We should get a lot of them back to work," said Miller from his Washington, D.C., office. Since the strike began, Miller has held meetings in the coalfields to urge strikers to return to work.

Harry Patrick, secretary-treasurer of the UMW, issued a statement supporting the strikers. Patrick became a "supporter" of the rank and file after beginning his campaign for Miller's job as UMW president. In the last wildcat strike, however, he came on TV with tears in his eyes and begged miners to return to work. In his words, "The strikers are destroying the union!" Patrick now hopes that, by posing as more of a "militant" than Miller, he can gain enough support to win the union election this summer.

While most miners in West Virginia are striking in support of Eastern Coal's work force, there are also other issues involved in the growing wave of wildcats. At Consolidation Coal in Illinois, miners are protesting a discipline policy on absenteeism. In Pennsylvania, walkouts occurred when the coal operators removed a union safety committee from one of the mines.

## Frame-up trial opens against Filipina nurses in Michigan

**Detroit, Mich.**—Recent developments reveal the shakiness of the government's case against two Filipina nurses, Leonora Perez and Filipina Narciso, who are being framed for the deaths of several patients at Michigan's Ann Arbor Veterans' Administration Hospital in 1975.

Due to lack of evidence, a recent Grand Jury hearing changed the original charges from conspiracy to commit murder to conspiracy to poison patients. In addition, three out of five original murder charges were dropped as well as two out of the ten counts of poisoning. After numerous delays, the trial opened here March 1.

The two foreign-born workers were singled out as scapegoats for the deaths of five patients, when an FBI investigation discovered that overdoses of a muscle-relaxant drug had been administered to the victims.

This frame-up is part of the

growing attacks by U.S. imperialists against Filipino and other foreign-born workers. Because of this blatant discriminatory attack, the case has received broad support, especially from Filipino-Americans.

Support among co-workers at the VA hospital has also been strong. Some 60 nurses, workers and doctors signed a press statement back in December, saying that both Narciso and Perez are innocent.

In its attempt to falsely convict Leonora Perez and Filipina Narciso, the U.S. government has resorted to trickery and deceit. The prosecution has been caught twice concealing FBI documents from the defense. It has even hypnotized a VA patient to get him to finger Leonora Perez. While under hypnosis, Richard Neely was coached by the prosecution to say he had been poisoned by Perez. Instead of dismissing the case,

the judge in the kangaroo proceedings gave the prosecution a "second chance" and then a third. Finally, the judge replaced the lawyer heading up the prosecution.

Shortly afterwards, prosecution lawyers decided to drop the Neely testimony altogether, to avoid discussion of their hypnosis tricks before the jury.

Despite enormous pressure on the two Filipinas to "confess," they have held firm and refused. They were the only two workers subpoenaed before a Grand Jury and subjected to six-hour-long interrogation sessions with the FBI.

Filipina Narciso stated, "I cannot be your scapegoat. We came here for a better life, and we have ended up facing a court trial."

Support continues to build for the two nurses. A defense lawyer said that sympathizers here and in the Philippines had raised \$90,000 for the defense.



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# JOB SECURITY FRAUD OF USW BUREAUCRATS

Contract talks between the 10 largest steel monopolies and the top misleaders of the United Steel Workers union (USW) opened February 14 against a backdrop of growing rank-and-file opposition.

The present contract is being negotiated under the ENA no-strike agreement (Experimental Negotiating Agreement), instituted by I.W. Abel and the steel monopolies during the last negotiations to prevent strikes in basic steel. It has been the target of mass worker protest throughout the industry.

Without the right to strike, steel workers have their hands tied in the fight for a better contract.

Right now, another contract sellout is in the making. The USW misleaders have built their 1977 bargaining package around the goal of "lifetime security," holding out to the workers a promise of "a job for life, with a respectable income for life." They hope to use this promise to cool out the militancy and anger of the rank and file which has been increasingly directed at the union bureaucrats themselves.

In an industry wracked by crisis layoffs, the promise of security rings a welcome chord. Thousands of steel workers have been permanently eliminated from the workforce—50,000 since the last contract alone. Many thousands more are working, at best, one week out of three. In addition, the recent cold wave due to manipulated gas shortages resulted in the closing down of one mill after another. Bethlehem Steel Corporation laid off 6,600 workers at its New York Lackawanna plant alone.

The demand for guaranteed jobs or income is a burning one, but has nothing to do with the "lifetime security" program Abel and newly-elected president McBride are now negotiating.

Their scheme for "lifetime security" covers only those workers with the highest seniority—a tiny percentage of the 337,600 workers in basic steel under contract with the 10 giant monopolies. Business Week pointed out in its February 28 issue that some union negotiators "prefer a 20-year or a 25-year cutoff" for a worker to qualify for benefits. They have

argued that it is necessary to limit the number of eligible workers in order to secure larger benefits "within the boundaries of what the companies are willing to spend."

The companies, of course, are not willing to spend much of anything out of their own pockets. The capitalists fear that any kind of "lifetime guarantee" in one union contract, even for only a handful of workers, could open the floodgates this year when contracts for 4.9 million workers expire. All eyes are focused on the USW agreement as a pacesetter for other major settlements like communications, building trades, mining and electronics.

The USW misleaders were quick to express their willingness to trade off some already existing benefits in order to get the bosses to offer this "lifetime" prize to an ever-shrinking circle of high seniority workers.

## ACCEPT CUTBACKS

According to press reports, Abel and his fellow negotiators have indicated that they will accept cutbacks on unemployment and other general benefits for lower-seniority workers, which includes most women, the vast majority of minority workers and all youth.

In addition, the companies are using this opportunity to demand "more flexible work scheduling rules," which means more overtime and overwork as well as more layoffs.

While lifetime security is a demand of every worker, no contract clause can guarantee such security to workers under this system. As long as a small handful of capitalists run the mills and factories and control the state in order to

secure their own profits, workers will face nothing but insecurity, poverty and exploitation.

The fight for more job security and a guaranteed income must be intensified, and workers shouldn't be taken in by the phony promises of the bosses or the union bureaucrats. Abel's scheme of security for a few at the expense of the rest of the work force is really aimed at dividing the workers and undermining their fighting capacity. It pits minorities against whites, young against old, and women against men, while diverting the struggles for jobs or income away from mass action and into bargaining compromises and collaborationist trade-offs.

Abel is not the only USW misleader with a scheme for "lifetime security." Challenger Ed Sadlowski, defeated by a three-to-one margin in the February 8 elections, has also put forward his utopian plan for steel workers.

In his infamous Penthouse interview, Sadlowski called for the further reduction and even elimination of the work force in basic steel. He insisted that workers could secure their futures by becoming writers and professionals, and that "society would absorb unemployment." In this way, Sadlowski, just like Abel, is trying to blunt the workers' struggle for jobs or income now and keep it from the path of revolutionary struggle against capitalism.

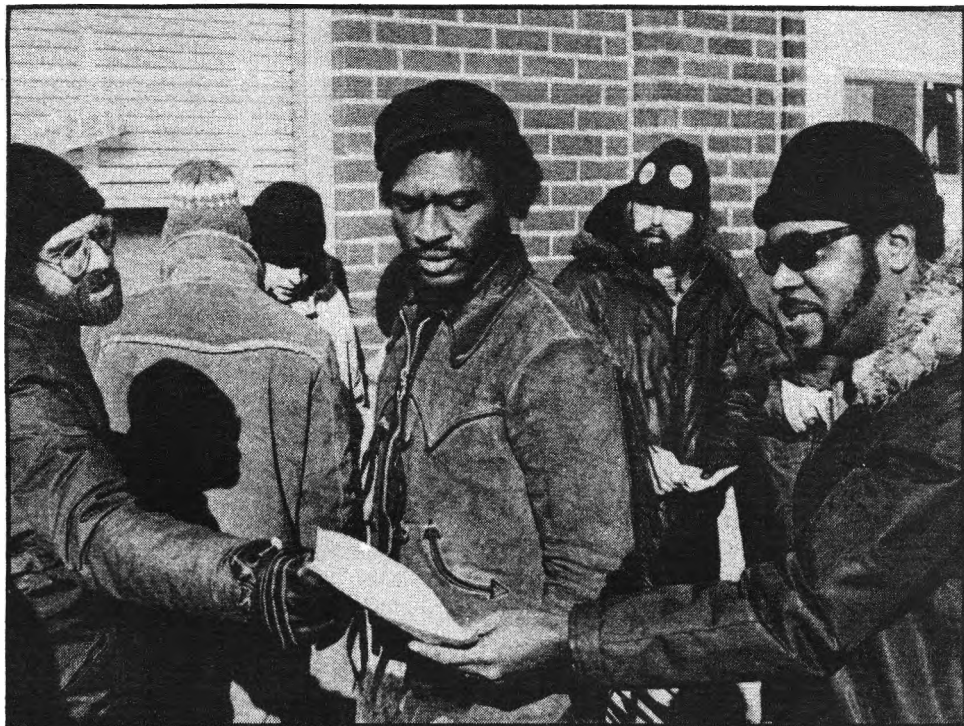
So far, Sadlowski hasn't said a

word about Abel's plan for "lifetime security." He's waiting anxiously in the wings to see how rank-and-file workers react so that he can use their anger against Abel's certain contract sellout to his own advantage. Sadlowski has in no way dropped his bid for power in the union.

## PHONY OPPOSITION

As the settlement deadline approaches, Sadlowski will no doubt step up his phony opposition to the ENA. If the steel bosses and union negotiators fail to reach an agreement by mid-April, the ENA forces the settlement into arbitration. On July 31, when the previous contract officially expires, workers will then be forced to accept whatever the arbitrators come up with. This will certainly sharpen the struggle within the union against the ENA and its protectors in the leadership.

It is clear that without a fight to smash the ENA steel workers won't win any of the demands for job security, guaranteed income and an end to discrimination and dangerous work conditions. But this struggle won't be won by relying on Sadlowski or any other labor lieutenants. The right to strike is a basic weapon of workers, not only in the struggle against the bosses, but also in the struggle to prevent a sellout and expose the collaborationist union misleaders.



STEELWORKERS read OL leaflet exposing both McBride and Sadlowski as agents of the steel bosses. (Call photo)

## ON THE LINE



### GM workers walk off line

Fremont, Calif.—Militant action by truck workers at the General Motors plant here is exposing the local union bureaucrats' role as watchdogs for the bosses.

In response to overloaded jobs, no emergency relief, and blatant discrimination against minorities and women, 11 workers from one line refused to come back from lunch break the night of Feb. 11. Because of this action, the line was down for 35 minutes. GM decided to teach the workers a lesson, and the bureaucrats backed GM 100%. The bureaucrats attacked the workers' action as "stupid," denying that rotten conditions existed in the plant.

Since GM was unsuccessful in proving that a "work stoppage" had actually been organized, the company disciplined the workers for two weeks without pay on "misconduct" charges. The union misleaders blamed the October League for "getting the workers in trouble."

But as an OL leaflet distributed to the workers after the disciplines occurred pointed out, "It is the union bureaucrats who use these frenzied attacks on the communists to cover their own refusal to defend the workers."

### Fight Zenith layoffs

Chicago, Ill.—Rank-and-file opposition is growing stronger at the Zenith plant here as workers face the prospect of mass layoffs over the next few months.

The planned layoff of 300 to 700 workers is the latest in a series of company attacks that has seen an increase in speedup, job combinations, reprimands and discrimination. To keep the workers unorganized, the bosses have maintained a company union, the Independent Radionic Workers of America (IRWA). Instead of opposing layoffs, the IRWA has joined the company's chauvinist campaign of blaming the loss of jobs on foreign TV imports and foreign workers.

In a leaflet distributed to fellow workers at Zenith, the Communist Propaganda League called for the building of a rank-and-file caucus to fight the bosses and their IRWA. The leaflet pointed out that this caucus can help organize the workers to drive out the IRWA, to bring in an industry-wide union and fight discrimination and all other company attacks against the workers.

### VICTORY FOR PHILIP MORRIS WORKERS: Louisville, Ky.—

Five workers fired two weeks ago for leafleting on company property were rehired with full back pay due to strong rank-and-file support.

### COMMUNIST WORKER TRIED BY UNION HACKS: Atlanta, Ga.—

AFSCME worker Pat Murphy was "tried" February 25 by his local union misleaders who were trying to expel him from the union. A picket line of 25 workers and supporters outside the hearings denounced the bureaucrats for their red-baiting and attacks on the rank and file. After contradicting themselves and producing no evidence, the misleaders postponed giving a verdict for 30 days, using an obscure bylaw in the union's constitution.

## ALLIS-CHALMERS WORKERS READY FOR STRIKE ACTION

Milwaukee, Wis.—Nearly 4,000 workers at the big Allis-Chalmers (A-C) plant are preparing to strike March 3. This strike action for a new contract is taking shape only as a result of the determined struggle by A-C workers against the stalling tactics of the union leadership of United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 248. The local misleaders extended the contract four months to prevent a strike action.

At a union meeting in January, 1,300 workers voted unanimously to strike A-C when the contract finally expired. The main demands of the workers are for job security, a shorter week with no cut in pay, the right to strike, job posting, an end to speedups, and full retirement after 30 years.

But the local union leadership merely continued its treachery by refusing to give A-C official strike notice. They claimed that, because of the gas shortage, "the company

would close down if workers threatened to strike." At a union meeting in February, however, local officials were forced to agree to announce the strike notice in the face of militant demands by the rank and file. The bureaucrats apparently still had fresh on their minds the events of a meeting last December where angry workers called for the removal from office of the union executive board if they continued to ignore the workers' demands.

A-C workers are now gearing up to fight for a decent contract despite the sell-out policies of the bureaucrats. The newsletter of the Troubleshooter Caucus at A-C pointed out recently that the central demand of the workers is for job security and an end to the layoffs. Workers have seen the loss of 5,000 jobs at A-C since 1968 and the loss of 1,000 jobs in the last two years alone.

The bureaucrats have done nothing to oppose these layoffs and have consistently ignored the other rotten conditions that A-C workers face. Discrimination is a particularly important issue because Black workers have systematically been put in the worst jobs in the foundry. Women workers are regularly transferred to more difficult jobs in the hopes that they will quit.

But A-C workers have a militant history of fighting against the bosses. In the last couple of years alone, workers have staged work stoppages on five different occasions to force the company to act on their grievances.

The Troubleshooter Caucus has played a strong role in exposing the collaboration of the union bureaucrats with the bosses. As their newsletter stated, "We can't rely on the (union) leadership... the membership has to be mobilized."



# ITALIAN STUDENTS HIT AUSTERITY PROGRAM

In a demonstration against the government's repressive policies in higher education, 40,000 students marched through the main streets of Rome on February 19. Since the beginning of the month, students have occupied Italy's major universities in protest against the new school reorganization plans.

The demonstrators in the February 19 march carried signs attacking the revisionist Communist Party of Italy (CPI) and the trade union confederation under its control (CGIL). In an attempt to acquire influence and positions in the government, the revisionists have been currying favor among the capitalist political parties. They have defended the government's attacks on working-class living standards and its repression of the working-class and student movements.

The march followed a student confrontation that Thursday with the revisionist leader Luciano Lama, general-secretary of the CGIL. Lama, who has carried out the CPI policy of discouraging strikes, came to Rome University to defend the government's "austerity program" and urge an end to the student protests.

Outraged by the sell-out policies of the revisionists, the students destroyed the flat-bed truck which Lama used as a platform and drove him and his security

squad from the campus under a barrage of stones and steel bolts. With the support of the PCI, the police occupied the university the next day to dislodge the students.

Beginning as a reaction to the government's education program, the student struggle has been developing into a protest against the capitalist crisis. Inflation has risen to 22%, and there are over 700,000 unemployed among the youth.

The revisionists' response to the student revolt has been to urge a return to classes, so that the upheaval would not jeopardize the government's economic "recovery" program. As a result, the revisionists are coming under increasing student attack, and their influence in the universities is rapidly declining.



REVISIONISTS HIDE behind truck to avoid attack by Italian students who were protesting CPI's collaboration with government austerity schemes.

(Humanite Rouge photo)

## FEBRUARY 28 ANNIVERSARY

# Inspiring history of Taiwan Uprising

This year, the Chinese people and friends of China throughout the world are commemorating the 30th anniversary of the heroic uprising on the island of Taiwan, a province of China.

This great event is being remembered in the midst of growing efforts to force the U.S. government to end its support of the Taiwanese government and implement the 1972 Shanghai Communique recognizing the People's Republic as the sole government of China.

On February 28, 1947, the people of Taiwan rose up in armed struggle against the U.S. imperialists and the reactionary Kuomintang (KMT) regime. Although this Taiwanese rebellion was eventually defeated, it still serves as an inspiration to the Chinese people's continuing fight to kick the illegal KMT clique out of Taiwan and reunify the province with the People's Republic of China.

The Taiwan Uprising occurred in the aftermath of the defeat of Japanese imperialism in World War II. After more than 50 years of Japanese domination, the people of Taiwan were determined to join with their countrymen on the Chinese mainland in the fight for liberation, for a free, independent and unified China. The revolutionary forces, under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, which then controlled vast liberated areas of China, had made important gains in this struggle by the end of World War II.

### KMT SUPPRESSED STRUGGLE

But the Chiang Kai-shek KMT clique, which still ruled parts of China with the support of the U.S. imperialists, continued to suppress the people's struggle for liberation. In 1946, the Chiang regime secretly granted the use of all seaports to the U.S., and removed all restrictions on foreign business and military interests in Taiwan.

The oppressive rule of the KMT had led to economic and political crisis throughout China, including Taiwan. Crushing taxes, forced conscription into the puppet army, rising prices and massive unemployment weighed heavily on the people. In addition, Chiang's fascist police were everywhere, arresting and murdering the people whenever they resisted.

On the mainland, the People's Liberation Army (PLA), under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, was achieving victory after victory in the revolutionary civil war against the KMT and U.S. oppressors. On February 1, 1947, Chairman Mao Tsetung issued the famous call to "Greet the new high tide of the Chinese revolution" with popular uprisings in all the KMT-controlled areas. The people of Taiwan, angered at their oppression and inspired by Chairman Mao's call, were eager to join with their countrymen on the mainland in striking a blow at the KMT reactionaries.

On February 27, 1947, an incident occurred which served as a spark for the Tai-

wan Uprising. An old woman who was a cigarette seller at the marketplace of Taipei, Taiwan, was beaten and shot to death by Chiang's police. A bystander who came to her aid was also murdered.

In response, the people of the city demanded that the criminals responsible be punished. Workers throughout the city went on strike, businesses closed, and students boycotted classes. During a mass demonstration, KMT forces fired on the people, killing three and wounding three others.

But the people of Taipei fought back with even more determination. They occupied the city's broadcasting station and made appeals for all the people of Taiwan to rise up and overthrow the Chiang regime. People attacked police stations, army arsenals, and KMT offices. Weapons were captured and thus the people were armed.

Chairman Mao and the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, then

headquartered in China's northern Shensi province, gave full support and encouragement to the uprising.

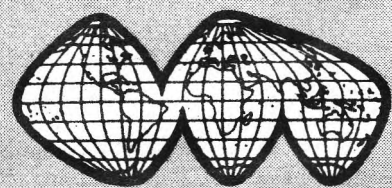
The rebellion on Taiwan continued to advance. On March 2, the people of T'ai-chung City in Taiwan established a people's government and organized a people's armed forces which marched through central Taiwan. Chang-hua, Chiai, and other towns were liberated, and the KMT's rule collapsed all over the

island.

Panic-stricken, Chiang Kai-shek sent 50,000 troops from the mainland to suppress the uprising. Although the people fought back courageously, the KMT viciously massacred more than 15,000 people in Taiwan, arrested thousands, and crushed the rebellion.

Despite the defeat of the Taiwan Uprising, this struggle contributed to the liberation of China and has inspired the people of Taiwan to carry on the struggle against the fascist KMT government. The U.S. continues to prop up the KMT clique in Taiwan, despite its signing of the Cairo and Potsdam Declarations after World War II and the Shanghai Communique of 1972 which all recognize Taiwan as an integral part of China.

But resistance is growing, and the people of Taiwan will certainly be liberated and reunified with the rest of China.



## ...in brief...

**MEXICAN STRIKES:** Mexican workers successfully struck a number of big U.S. rubber companies over the last few weeks. Some 12,000 workers shut down plants owned by Goodyear, Uniroyal and General Tire. They won their demands for higher wages.

**SOVIET WITHDRAWAL:** The Soviet Union has withdrawn its chief negotiator Leonid Ilyichev from talks on the border question with China.

Ilyichev was dispatched to Peking in November. The Soviet revisionists were hoping that, in the complicated situation following the death of Chairman Mao and the downfall of the "gang of four," the new Chinese leadership might drop its principled stand against Soviet social-imperialism. Ilyichev and Co. found their ambitions thwarted and have thus had to make a retreat.

**SWEDISH SEMINAR:** The Communist Party of Sweden recently organized a seminar in Gothenburg to discuss the great contributions to Marxism-Leninism made by Chairman Mao in this era. Leaders of the Party stressed Chairman Mao's development of the concept of the three worlds, his leadership in summing up the lessons of capitalist restoration in the USSR, and his great contributions in developing the theory of carrying out the class struggle under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The meeting firmly supported Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and the Chinese people's struggle against the "gang of four."

**ALBANIAN YOUTH:** The Central Committee of the Union of Working Youth of Albania recently met to sum up youth work in the country. A call was put out to the revolutionary young people of the country to "go where they are most needed," especially to work and live in the countryside. It was pointed out that the youth are the country's most vital force for making new innovations and combating "erroneous behavior and attitudes towards labor and wealth."

# MASSIVE STRIKE WAVE IN THE NETHERLANDS

A massive strike wave has swept the Netherlands over the past month. More than 30,000 workers have been involved in a variety of strike actions for higher wages and better living conditions.

The strike movement is the largest the Netherlands has experienced since World War II. It reflects the extreme anger of Dutch working people at the crisis conditions under which they have lived for the last few years.

The strikes began when about 7,000 dock workers stopped work in Rotterdam, the world's biggest port city. Immediately upon learning the news of the Rotterdam

strike, dockers in Amsterdam walked out. Between the two cities, shipping almost came to a complete standstill for ten days.

Soon the dockers were joined by transportation workers, building trades employees, printers, engineers and workers in a number of other industries. Some 6,000 workers demonstrated outside the parliament building on February 17, demanding higher wages, job security, an end to runaway inflation, and better benefits.

The strikes were settled February 25, with employers agreeing to increased wages and cost-of-living allowances.



OL SPEECH AT N.Y. FORUM

# DOWN WITH FORCED STERILIZATIONS!

The following article is a shortened version of an October League speech given at a forum on forced sterilization, sponsored by the Indian Peoples Association of North America (IPANA). The forum took place in New York on February 19, 1977. The speech focused, in particular, on the genocidal attacks against Afro-Americans and other oppressed nationalities in the U.S.

Until recently, the U.S. government never openly acknowledged the practice of forced sterilizations, but it is a practice in this country's history which goes all the way back to the days of slavery.

Ever since the slave trade began, Black people have been the target of various forms of genocide and sexual abuse. We were picked out as potentially profitable slaves, branded as "good breeders," and used as a farmer would use a particular cow or bull to provide good stock. We were denied the right to choose our own mates, forcibly mated, raped by slavemasters and, in the case of rebellious male slaves, subjected to castration as a form of punishment.

In the movie, *Roots*, it appeared as though we made our peace with slavery, and accepted the sexual abuses and rapes which were forced on us. But this was never the case. We never accepted these attacks any more than they are being accepted in India today. The history of the Afro-American people in the U.S. is full of examples of armed revolt against all enslavement, oppression and degradation, including rape, sterilizations, kidnapping and selling of our offspring.

Forced sterilizations take dif-

ferent forms. It was revealed in 1974, that medical experiments for the treatment of venereal disease were performed on hundreds of Black men in Tuskegee, Alabama, during the Depression. These men were never told that they were being injected with venereal disease. Government doctors did this in order to study the developments of untreated syphilis. Each man was paid thirty dollars, (a tidy sum in those days), and the vast majority of them died as a result of these experiments.

In 1973, the sterilizations of two teen-age Black girls in Montgomery, Alabama, received national attention. One of the girls, 13-year-old Mary Alice Relf, was classified as mentally retarded. Therefore, the officials reasoned that she should not be permitted to reproduce lest she give birth to more "inferior" beings. This same logic was applied to her sister. The girls' social worker even went so far as to argue that if they did have children, they would only end up on welfare, so it was just as well that they be sterilized.

It was this case which called in to question the existing "guidelines" which the federal government had given to public aid clinics and welfare workers. But the capitalists need no special law to implement

forced sterilizations. In 1972, at Los Angeles County Hospital, California, a directive was sent out to all doctors by the medical director of the Women's Hospital. It ordered every restriction on female sterilization to be dropped, including the minimum age requirement, the consent of parent or spouse, and the full understanding of the victim.

In 1974, doctors at the Los Angeles County Hospital revealed the names of some 50 women, many of them Mexicans, who were sterilized without their informed consent. Now some people want to bicker about whether sterilization is forced if they don't tie you to the table. But it is forced sterilization if you're lied to and don't know what is happening.

To support sterilizations, the ruling class promotes theories of "purifying" the race and the weeding out of mentally deficient people. This is simply a fascist rationale aimed mainly at Black people and other minorities. Such sterilizations occur routinely in the prison system, where drugs like thora-zine and haloperidol are administered to male prisoners in doses which result in sterility. Lobotomies and castrations are secretly performed every day.

As far as mental retardation and other "deficiencies" are concerned, it has been proven that Black and other minority children are thus classified in far greater numbers than white children. The kinds of children who are most of-



MARY ALICE RELF, pictured above with her family, was forcibly sterilized in 1973 because officials classified her as "retarded."

ten targeted belong to families who can't afford eyeglasses for instance; they are youth with racist teachers who haven't been taught to read properly, youth who don't speak any English and especially rebellious youth who fight against the oppressive conditions they face. They are consequently labelled retarded, and become the victims of fascist sterilization.

All oppressed nationalities are subjected to these attacks such as sterilizations. One of the most blatant examples of the use of sterilization against third world peoples is that of Puerto Rico, where the U.S. has forcibly sterilized one third of the women of childbearing age.

Karl Marx once said, "Capital comes dripping from head to foot, from every pore, with blood..." Sterilizations are rooted in the capitalist system.

According to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), over 16,000 women and 8,700 men were sterilized "voluntarily" in 1972. Even more were sterilized in 1973 and 1974.

## BLACK BELT SOUTH

In the Black Belt areas of the South, for example, sterilization rates run high because of the total absence of political power in the hands of Black people. The same thing applies to the Puerto Rican people and to the people of India. Where an oppressed nation has been denied the right of self-determination, any imaginable atrocity and brutality is a logical result.

The solution for Black people lies in the struggle against imperialism and for self-determination and socialism. The revisionist Communist Party (CPUSA) tries to obscure this fact from us, arguing instead that we need "better laws," stricter enforcement of HEW codes, etc. Their betrayal of the struggle against sterilization is seen nowhere more clear, however, than in the case of India itself.

The CPUSA fully supports the fascist measures of the Gandhi regime which have included the

sterilization of some 10 million people. Following faithfully in the tracks of their masters, the Soviet social-imperialists, the CPUSA has praised every fascist measure as "democratic," every traitorous act as "patriotic." So you can read in the Daily World, the CPUSA's newspaper, that the population slowdown in India is part of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's "economic reform and modernization program." This is a big cover for the Nazi-like sterilization program.

## TWO SUPERPOWERS

Today, the two superpowers, the U.S. and the USSR, rival each other sharply for political and economic domination of the Indian subcontinent. As the Soviet Union became more politically and economically entrenched there since 1973, it supported all of Gandhi's actions, which were in harmony with its own expansionist aims in the subcontinent.

There is nothing that imperialists hate and fear more than the revolutionary anger of the masses of people. This is what makes them stay up nights thinking of new ways to cut us down, prevent new strong and militant generations from being born.

At the same time they cannot live without us, without our cheap labor and without our market for goods. So they have their revisionists stand between us and them, trying to get us to change only the laws instead of the whole capitalist system.

For Black people as for all who are victims of sterilization, the key question is which class holds power. Around the world, from Montgomery, Alabama to India, the imperialists forcibly deny a man or woman their future, their right to a family, children and dignity. In doing so, they create waves of revolution which will not stop until the whole imperialist system is smashed and we have replaced it with a working-class rule representing the interests of all oppressed people.



L.A. HOSPITAL PROTEST exposed the fact that several hundred Black and Latina women had been sterilized without their knowledge or consent. (Call Photo)

## TODD AND WOODS STILL FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM

One year ago last month, two young Black women won an important victory in the rural Black Belt town of Hawkinsville, Georgia. Cheryl (Misty) Todd and Dessie X Woods were acquitted of murder charges stemming from their self-defense against a rape attempt by a white businessman.

Their victory was not complete, however, as both were convicted of lesser charges. Misty Todd remained on bail on a theft charge, but Dessie X Woods

was sent to prison for "manslaughter."

The Todd-Woods case served as a rallying cry in the struggle against the plantation-like oppression of Black women. As the similar cases of Joan Little and many others have shown, the capitalists condone and encourage the degradation and sexual abuse of Black women in order to keep them oppressed and to divide men and women. Women who boldly resist, as Todd and

Woods did, are singled out for repression.

In building a mass movement to win freedom for the women, the October League and others pointed to the system of national oppression inherent in capitalism, not only in the South but throughout the U.S. The revolutionary demand for Afro-American self-determination was linked to the fight for an end to capitalist oppression and an end to similar racist frame-up cases.

Today, Dessie X Woods remains in jail at the Georgia Women's Correctional Center at Hardwick. She has spent the last 11 months in "segregation" because the warden considers her a "threat to the prison facility."

During a recent interview with *The Call*, Woods described the conditions in the prison. "Women who are unable to read or write," she said, "are relegated to digging ditches or picking up cigarette butts all day." She called

the prison system's "goal" of rehabilitation "a joke."

Both Dessie X Woods and Misty Todd are appealing their cases. Both women expressed thanks to the masses of people who have supported their struggle. The demand to free Dessie X Woods and drop all charges against both women will be raised at this year's International Women's Day demonstration in Atlanta, Georgia.



# WOMEN'S OPPRESSION ROOTED IN CAPITALISM

## WORKING CLASS MUST LEAD STRUGGLE

The masses of women in this country today face a life characterized by special discrimination and oppression. While the capitalists spread the lie that "you've come a long way baby," the stark reality is that capitalism has meant nothing but intensified exploitation and degradation for the majority of women.

Today for example, women only earn 60% the wages of men, and must bear the burden of the highest unemployment rates. They are largely excluded from heavy industry and better-paying jobs. Only a little over 12% of women are unionized.

Throughout society, the ideology of male supremacy is promoted. The media, the educational system, the politicians and the trade union bureaucrats, all preach the "inferiority" of women and do everything possible to pit men and women workers against each other.

Some 20 million women, most of them Black, Latina, Asian and Native American, are forced to live under the starvation conditions of welfare. Often they have no choice but to submit to sterilization operations or forced work programs just to stay on the welfare rolls. Virtually no childcare facilities are available for the vast majority of women.

### NEW ATTACKS ON THE FAMILY

Prostitution is widespread, and sexual abuse and attack are becoming increasingly common. The decay of capitalist society has led to new attacks on the family and its ability to survive as a unit.

Despite all the demagoguery by the capitalist spokesmen about "equal rights," they have not even added the Equal Rights Amendment, with its provision for the formal equality of women, to the U.S. Constitution.

What is the source of this oppression? How can it be ended? The answers to these questions are crucial to uniting men and women in common struggle for the emancipation of women and the liberation of the whole working class.

While fighting for every concrete measure that promotes the equality of women and supporting every blow against oppression, we must understand that the question of winning women's liberation is in essence a question of revolutionary class struggle for the overthrow of the system that profits from the oppression of women.

Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, the founders of scientific socialism, were the first to make a scientific investigation of the woman question and understand its place in the overall revolutionary struggle.

In his famous work, *Capital*, Marx emphasized the particular forms of exploitation which capitalism directed at women in the nineteenth century:

"In England women are still occasionally used instead of horses for hauling canal boats, because the labor required to produce horses and machines is an accurately known quantity, while that required to maintain the women of the surplus population is below all calculation."

Marx went on to describe the way capitalism cheapened the entire value of labor by pushing women and children into the workforce. "Machinery," wrote Marx, "by throwing every member of that family on to the labor market, spreads the value of the man's labor-power over his whole family. It thus depreciates his labor power . . . In order that the family may live, four people must now not only labor but expend surplus labor for the capitalist." (*Capital*)

These conditions prompted Marx and Engels to go back through the history of society and examine the origins of women's oppression. This study was summed up in Engel's book, *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State*, which he wrote in 1884.

### DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY

In that book, Engels explained the development of human society through various stages including primitive communalism, slavery, feudalism and capitalism. Engels demonstrated that in the earliest type of society, primitive communalism, equality existed between men and women and among all members of society.

But the capture of slaves in war, combined with the development of skills like the domestication of animals, made it possible to produce more material goods than were necessary for the immediate survival of the society. This phenomenon moved society forward beyond the primitive conditions of hunting and gathering the basic necessities of life. Along with this new era in human history came new roles for men and women. Engels noted, "From the first great social division of labor arose the first great cleavage of society into two classes: masters and slaves, exploiters and exploited." (*Origin*).

Engels showed how the "mother-right" or inheritance of household goods through the female head of the family had existed in the earliest societies, because of the important role women played in rearing the future generations. But now men had begun to accumulate private property—slaves, cows, agricultural implements, etc.

Women's oppressed status was a direct result of the development of private property. While men were producing the new wealth of society, women were confined to the tasks of the household.

For centuries afterwards, from one social system to the next, this "division of labor" which separated women from the main-

stream of productive and social life, continued to reinforce women's oppression. Thus Engels noted, "The emancipation of woman will only be possible when woman can take part in production on a large, social scale, and domestic work no longer claims anything but an insignificant amount of her time." (*Origin*).

The development of capitalism into its highest stage, imperialism, has meant the intensification of all the basic contradic-



tions in this system of profit and exploitation. The vast amount of wealth and private property now owned and controlled by a handful of imperialists, has been achieved only through greatly increased oppression of all those who labor to produce that wealth, especially women.

To a certain extent, capitalism and modern industry have brought women out of the home and into large-scale production. In fact, 40% of the work force in the U.S. today is made up of women.

The increased role of women in the workforce has been an important factor in heightening their class consciousness and strengthening the fighting capacity of the working-class movement. But although women are exploited as a part of the working class as a whole, the majority still remain as a "reserve army of labor," manipulated for the profit of the capitalists. They are brought into the workforce specifically to lower the price of labor and drive down the wages of all workers, just as Marx pointed out in *Capital*.

In times of economic crisis such as the present, women are often forced back into the home, becoming the "last hired, and first fired." In the home, women perform vast unpaid labor which is also a source of great profit for the capitalists. All these conditions serve to maintain the inferior status of women under capitalism.

Because of the very fact that capitalism thrives on the oppression of women, it is impossible for women to ever be fully integrated into productive life or freed from the confines of household drudgery under this system.

The Russian revolutionary leader, V.I. Lenin pointed out, "The working woman and peasant woman are oppressed by capital; but in addition to that, even in the most democratic of bourgeois republics, they are firstly, in an inferior position because the law denies them equality with men, and secondly, and this is most important, they

are in 'domestic slavery,' they are 'domestic slaves,' crushed by the most menial, most arduous, and most stultifying work of the kitchen, and by isolated, domestic, family economy in general." ("International Women's Day Speech," 1918)

The experience of the Russian revolution in 1917 showed how socialism and the rule of the working class provided the key to women's liberation. All formal laws denying women equality were wiped out in

one sweep. In short, the nationalization of major industries and the abolition of vast private holdings opened the door for women to take full part in the new state-run enterprises.

Lenin pointed out that, even after the revolution, it was necessary to combat the influence of male supremacist ideology and do away with inequalities left over from the old society. But, in essence, the liberation of the working class from capitalism also meant the liberation of the most oppressed and downtrodden of Russian society, the women. The Soviet constitution of 1936 illustrated this fact. One of its articles stated:

"Women in the USSR are accorded equal rights with men

in all spheres of economic, state, cultural, social and political life.

"The possibility of exercising these rights is ensured to women by granting them an equal right with men to work, payment for work, rest, leisure, social insurance and education, by state protection of the interests of mother and child, by state aid to the mothers of large families and unmarried mothers, pre-maternity and maternity leave with full pay, and the provision of a wide network of maternity homes, nurseries and kindergartens."

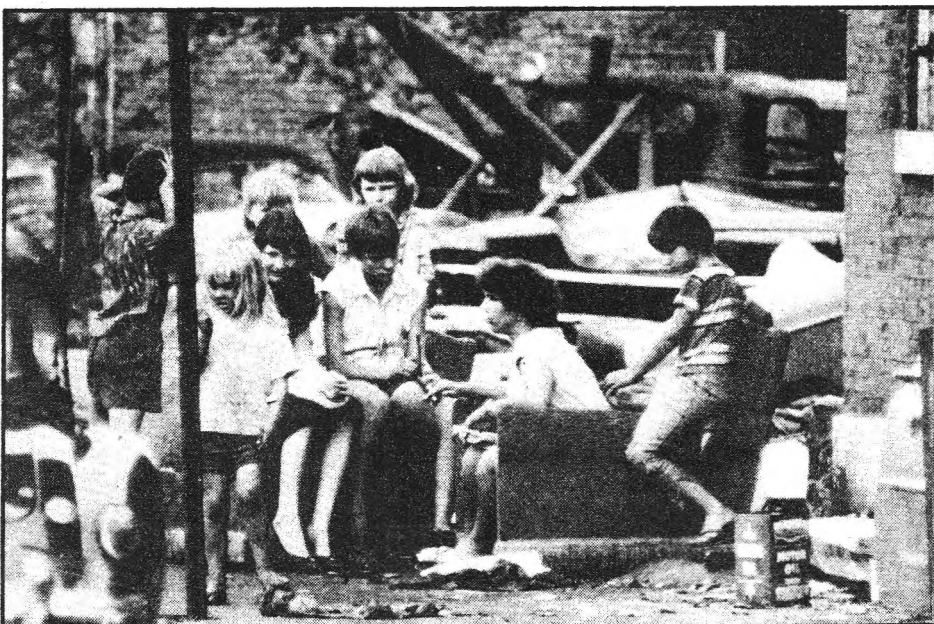
### REAL VS. SHAM EQUALITY

Lenin sharply contrasted this real equality under socialism to the sham "equality" preached in the capitalist countries. "In words," he said, "bourgeois democracy promises equality and liberty. In fact, not a single bourgeois republic, not even the most advanced one, has given the female half of the human race either full legal equality with men or freedom from the guardianship and oppression of men."

Without championing the cause of women's equality, the working-class movement itself loses half its forces and half its fighting potential. Stalin emphasized this point in a famous International Women's Day speech when he said, "Not a single great movement of the oppressed in the history of mankind has been able to do without the participation of working women. Working women, the most oppressed among the oppressed, never have or could stand aside from the broad path of the liberation movement."

Despite the great gains made by women in the Soviet Union, the restoration of capitalism by Krushchev and Brezhnev in the once-proud birthplace of socialism, has meant that women are once again enslaved. Today in the USSR, women are again "reserve army of labor" being forced out of productive life. The ideology of male

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EVICTED FAMILY is thrown out on the streets after this woman head-of-household could no longer afford rent.



# IWD - A HISTORY OF STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND REVISIONISM

**International Women's Day is a working-class holiday which for decades has mobilized both men and women to fight back against the oppression of women. Its history is one of sharp struggle against imperialism and its agents within the women's movement.**

The history of IWD goes back to March 8, 1908, when thousands of women garment workers marched in the streets of New York against inhuman sweatshop conditions, child labor and for the right to vote.

This demonstration was hailed by communists and working-class fighters throughout the world. Clara Zetkin, a German communist leader, proposed in 1910 that every March 8 should be celebrated as International Women's Day in commemoration of the heroic garment workers. The purpose of this holiday was to bring the masses of women, as well as men, into militant struggle against the system of capitalism which lies at the root of women's oppression.

## CELEBRATED BY THOUSANDS

For many years following the initiation of this holiday, International Women's Day was celebrated by thousands of workers and progressive people throughout the United States. Under the leadership of the then-revolutionary Communist Party USA, IWD was a battle-cry against the dangers of fascism and war, against capitalist exploitation, national oppression and all other forms of imperialist oppression which have their particular devastating effects on the masses of working and oppressed women.

With the degeneration of the CPUSA into a revisionist party in the 1950s, the heroic tradition of IWD was thrown by the wayside. The modern revisionists who seized control of the party abandoned the revolutionary struggle of women as part of their betrayal of the working-class aims of socialism and the proletarian dictatorship.

Nestling in the ranks of the women's movement and wearing a "socialist" disguise, the CP began to preach that women

could win liberation under capitalism by fighting for reforms, relying on electoral struggle and on the liberal imperialists to "grant" them equality.

Since the restoration of capitalism in the USSR and the rise of this once-socialist country as one of the two main enemies of the world's peoples, the CP has also become the open defender and agent of this imperialist superpower within the women's

movement. But the subsequent struggle against their line has served to clarify the road to emancipation for the masses of women and to strengthen the movement to rebuild a genuine mass women's movement under revolutionary leadership.

This struggle has resulted in a split with the revisionists, who along with the bourgeois feminists and Democratic Party poli-

tics, U.S. and the USSR tried unsuccessfully to get their view adopted that overpopulation was to blame for all the starvation, wars, sickness and poverty in the world and that "detente" would create the conditions for women to be "granted" equality.

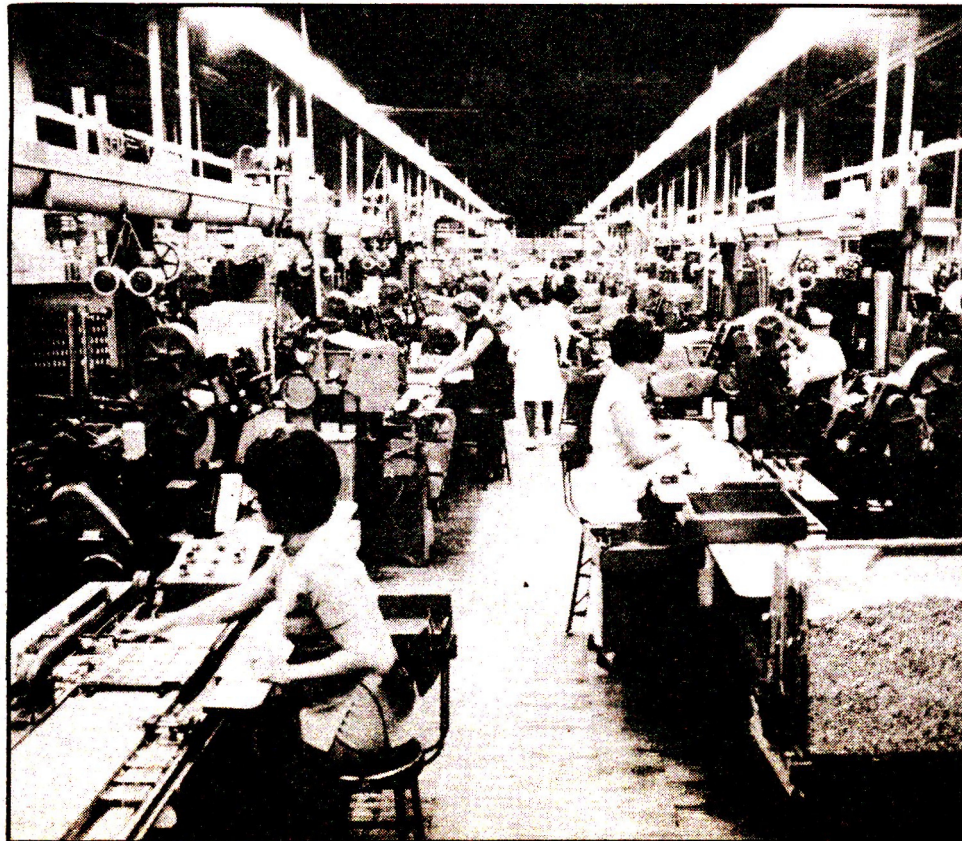
In contrast, the views of the masses of exploited and oppressed women of the world were best summed up at the conference by the Chinese delegate. She pointed out: "Clearly, the primary task at present in the struggle for women's emancipation is to fight imperialism, colonialism and particularly the hegemonism of the two superpowers. Only when this struggle is carried out successfully, while giving due attention to and solving the special demands and problems of women, can the cause for women's emancipation be pushed ahead steadily..."

## A TESTING GROUND

The same year, here in the U.S., the struggle for a revolutionary line on the woman question became a testing ground between genuine Marxist-Leninists and petty-bourgeois centrists who refused to make a break with revisionism. Communists and anti-imperialists in New York had called for a demonstration to celebrate IWD under the slogan of "Imperialism, not overpopulation, is the cause of hunger, unemployment and women's inequality."

In response, the CPUSA pulled IWD out of the closet for the first time in many years. Blocking with some Democratic Party liberals and bourgeois feminists, they called for an opposing demonstration under the slogan "Peace, equality and development."

The genuine Marxist-Leninists, led by the October League, stood firmly on the principle of "no united action with revisionism." They pointed out that the revisionists are not allies in the struggle for women's liberation, but are representatives of the imperialists inside the working-class and women's movements. A separate demonstration under anti-imperialist slogans brought the stand of "no united action with



**WOMEN WORKERS** have played a powerful role in pushing the class struggle forward from the strikes that led to the founding of IWD to the present.

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movement. To their list of reformist solutions to women's oppression, they have added phony superpower "detente" schemes as the road to peace and development.

tionicians, united to peddle their own phony brand of "women's liberation." Internationally, this same split has manifested itself at such important forums as the 1975 UN International Women's Year Conference in Mexico City. At that conference, the representatives from both the

## Interview with Elizabeth Sibeko

*Elizabeth Sibeko is a member of the Azanian Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) mission to the United Nations. She will be speaking at the International Women's Day demonstration in New York City.*

**What is the program of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) for the emancipation of Azanian women?**

Since its inception in April 1959, PAC has spelled out clearly in its basic documents that African womanhood should be respected at all times. This means that there should be equality between men and women comrades within the party ranks, as well as in general.

This equality has been adhered to by our movement. It is now incumbent upon our women comrades to rise and take up positions of responsibility within the movement itself and also among the broad masses of Azanian people.

We view the emancipation of all Azanian women as necessitating the fight of women alongside our men comrades in the armed struggle which has already begun. Only through shouldering the burden of armed struggle jointly can inequality be smashed once and for all. The PAC firmly believes in this policy.

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**What role should women play in the people's war of national liberation?**

We in the PAC firmly believe that women and men should be fully involved in a people's war. We are quite aware that the enemy knows no bounds in his fight for survival against the overwhelming forces of the Azanian people.

It is precisely women and children that suffer most at the hands of the fascists and murderers when they raid homes and villages. Because of this, our women in Azania should play an important role, defending ourselves against the brutal force of the enemy by taking up arms and meeting reactionary force with revolutionary force.

Besides being a fighting force, Azanian women have many roles to play, such as looking after the injured, the sick, the children of the combatants and protecting and working at the rear base providing supplies for fighters on the front lines. Their role is indeed limitless.

**What effect has the life under apartheid had upon the Azanian family life and, in particular, on the lives of children?**

As you know, this hateful system of exploitation has degraded and dehumanized our people for generations. We have grown more resolute in our determination to challenge this system by whatever means.







## CORRESPONDENTS ON 'FREQUENCY' SYSTEM

Dear Call,

The "frequency" system at Stewart-Warner is a good example of how the imperialist system attacks women. Frequencies are like bad marks you get for being late or absent, and if you get 36 in a year, you're fired.

This system is bad for everybody, but it's especially hard on the women. Many of us have to wait for our kids to get home from school before we leave for work (second shift). If this makes us three minutes late, we get a frequency. If our kids are sick and we don't come in, it's another frequency. The same thing if we can't get a babysitter.

Women at Stewart-Warner get the lowest pay, so most of us can't afford a car. So if the buses are running slow, we get another frequency. We get three frequencies if we can't get to a phone to call in.

The company put the frequency system in about two years ago, right around the time of a big layoff. They claimed it was very fair because, under the old system, your foreman could decide if you should be fired for being late or absent too much. The old system was bad, but this one is no improvement.

The union bureaucrats (IBEW Local

1031) aren't any better than the company. They let the frequency system go through with no objections. It's not even in the contract.

The bureaucrats have always gone along with Stewart-Warner's discrimination against women. Every contract we bring up the issue of equal pay, and every year they squash it. The bureaucrats say the frequency system is liberal and fair. Leaders of the United IBEW Workers caucus say the system is no good, but they never said a word when it was put in.

Our chief steward Neil Burke is United IBEW's candidate for leader of Local 1031. Since the election is in April, he's finally decided to take up the frequency issue. How is he doing it? By complaining to the Labor Board!

We're going to march on International Women's Day because this holiday stands for the fight against the whole imperialist system that's making profits by keeping us down. The IWD slogans are a challenge to both the imperialists and their servants, the union bureaucrats. They're part of our fight to make Local 1031 a class struggle union.

Worker correspondents  
at Stewart-Warner, Chicago.

revisionism" before the masses of people.

Some forces who call themselves Marxist-Leninists, most notably the Guardian newspaper, chose to give the revisionists a "left" cover by marching under their leadership. Under the pretext of joining the "larger" march, these centrists revealed their own revisionist line on the woman question and on the whole struggle to build a new communist party.

Even though the 1975 anti-imperialist demonstration was smaller than the revisionist-led march, it represented the aims and interests of women and men in the U.S. and around the world to defeat imperialism. The revisionist-led march was just the opposite. It was an attempt to divert the

masses from targeting their real enemy.

While the revisionists made abstract calls for "peace," the anti-imperialists pointed out that war is the product of the imperialist system and can only be ended with its defeat. The revisionists preached that equality for women was possible through progressive legislation and reliance on the liberal bourgeoisie. The anti-imperialists, on the other hand, condemned the system itself as the oppressor of women and called for reliance on the masses of people under working-class leadership to overthrow it.

While the revisionists prattled about "detente" and "peaceful transition" as the road to peace and development, the anti-imperialists said that the working class

must get prepared for war between the superpowers and lend support to the armed liberation struggles of the third world peoples.

This struggle drew clear lines of demarcation between Marxism and revisionism on the woman question, helping to assure that the new party would be founded on a correct footing.

Starting out small in 1975, the anti-imperialist demonstrations have continued to grow stronger each year. On the other hand, the revisionists had to call off their 1976 demonstration for lack of support. This year, they have barely said a word

about IWD!

While the revisionists today continue to remain a dangerous enemy to the workers' and women's movements, the example of the struggles on IWD show that the anti-imperialist movement aimed at both superpowers and their agents is gaining broader support every year.

Forced to retreat, the revisionists and centrists have once again relegated International Women's Day to the "closet." While in the future they may pull it out again, it will not be easy to fool people who have summed up the lessons of their betrayal.

## IF AZANIA ARE INVOLVED IN PEOPLE'S WAR'

The Azanian family has suffered a lot under this brutal system. Women have been separated from their families, children have been made virtual orphans and old people have been separated from their children and left alone and unattended.

The system of apartheid has manifested itself in many ways. The most dreaded Bantustans, which are the so-called "homelands" of the Black people of Azania, are nothing but dumping grounds, concentration camps and labor reservoirs for the racist regime of Pretoria. They are set up on 13% of the lands, 87% of the land having been usurped by the settler regime.

Men leave their families in search of work in the "white man's 87% of the land." A man will sign a contract which keeps him from seeing his family for a long time. When he finally does see his family, he only spends a very short depressing time with them.

The children die at an early age from one of the worst types of malnutrition, called "kwashiorkor." When this happens, their parents cannot even attend the funeral because they are far away in the white man's suburbs tending to his needs.

This evil system of Nazism has left an indelible mark on the lives of the Azanian families and on the lives of the children.

Tell us something about this history of Azanian women in the struggle and about some of the heroines in the liberation movement.

This history is a long and rich one. Never at any time have the women of Azania been left out of the struggle against the oppressive racist regime. Since the settlers set foot on the Azanian soil in 1652, the struggle over the dispossession of land has never relented.

Alongside the warriors of the time were the women fighters. Even if they did not go out to war, they prepared themselves to physically take on the enemy, should it venture to attack their homes.

One of the most outstanding woman military counsellors was Mkabayi Ka Jama, who was a paternal aunt to King Shaka. There were many other unsung heroines of Azania who took militant positions against the dispossessors of our land.

So, this militancy you see in the Azanian women does not start today. It is embedded in our system and has been handed down from generation to generation.

Since the formation of the liberation movement, women in Azania have always been at the forefront of the struggle. In the Sharpeville massacres our womenfolk caught bullets from the guns of the racists.

At the Heinemann Plant Strike recently, women were out there protesting and struggling with the result that a pregnant daughter of Azania was shot dead by the regime.

In the recent Soweto, Guguletu, Manenberg, Alexandra Township and other uprisings, young woman combatants have been right in the front lines facing the bullets of the racists with their bare hands. The prisons of the settler regime are half-filled with women combatants.

Never at any stage have the women of Azania lessened their participation in the struggle. This is evidenced by the fact that women represent the greater number of young people who have recently left home to seek the revolutionary truth, integrated with the liberation movement and charted their way to wage armed struggle.

What is the program and practice of the revisionist South African Communist Party (SACP) regarding Azanian women?

The SACP, which is a remnant of a group of so-called "radicals," consists of men and women who have connections with the bourgeois press. They utilize this advantage to drive a wedge between the Azanian women engaged in struggle for national liberation. For instance, they publish books in which they deal with only a certain section of the women favorable to them. They

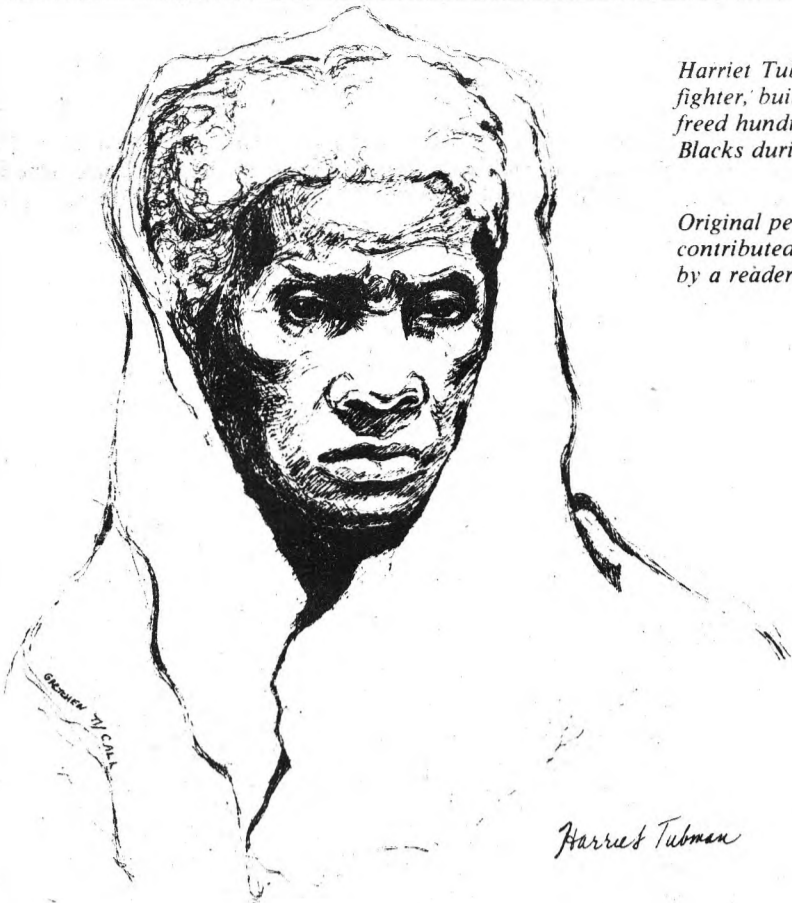
neglect the majority of women who do not pander to the revisionist SACP, but who are actively involved in the struggle to overthrow the South African racist regime. This has been the practice of the revisionist-led SACP for as long as it has been in existence. But the broad masses of Azanian people are quite aware of their sinister and counter-revolutionary role, and are prepared to challenge and expose them.

What will Azanian women stand to gain from the smashing of the apartheid regime and establishment of the new society?

The repossession of our land and the smashing of this evil system of apartheid will bring to an end once and for all the dreaded separation of families, the detention without trial, the unpublished murders in jail and the violation of all human rights.

Furthermore, the Azanian woman, as part of the new Azanian society, will have scored a decisive victory against imperialism, colonialism and monopoly capital. The natural resources will be seized and restored to the indigenous people and thereby made available for the good of society and for the economic advancement of Azania. Women will play an important role in the political, social and economic affairs of the country and thereby lay the foundations for a socialist society.





Harriet Tubman, an Afro-American freedom-fighter, built the underground railroad that freed hundreds of slaves and helped arm Blacks during the Civil War.

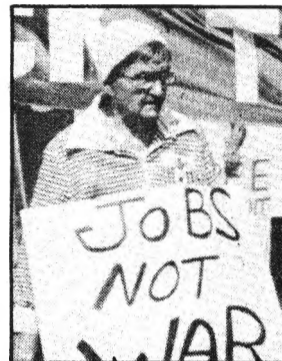
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## The Ballad of Nanny Washburn

(also sung to the tune of "Joy to the World"  
by Three Dog Night)

*E A A A A C A C B C A E G A*  
Do you know Nanny Washburn? Leah is her middle name.  
*E A A A A C C B C A E C C B C G# G# A*  
When she told me the story of her life, I couldn't ever be the same.  
*A D D D D D C A E A D D D D C*  
I met her when she was 70, white-haired but her step was spry.  
*A D D D D C C B C A A A A G# G# G# G# G# G# A*  
I saw her shake her fist at the cops and say, "I'll fight you 'til the day I die."



[Chorus]  
*A A A D D B D C A*  
She said, "I love revolution,  
*A A A D D E D C A*  
and the vanguard party, too.  
*D D D C B C A*  
Communism, that's for me,  
*A A A G# G# G# G# G# A*  
We gotta end this capitalist rule!  
*C A A A A G# G# G# G# G# A*  
That's right, we gotta end this capitalist rule!"

She told me 'bout goin' to work in the mill, when she was only eight.  
From dawn 'til dark without a break, for twenty-five cents a day.  
She knew somethin' was wrong somewhere, the way they had to work and slave.  
And she knew Black people, hungry like her, who were sent to an early grave.  
You know, they sent 'em to an early grave!

[Chorus]

She said, "Come on everybody workin' in the mill, it's time for us to organize.  
We've got to stand together and fight, don't believe those bosses lies."  
But she was just a woman, she was told—only s'posed to cook 'n clean.  
Organizin' was for men, not her. Politiking was a low-life scene.

'Til she met a man named Otto Hall, who taught her to read 'n write.  
Taught her 'bout revolution and why workers had to all unite  
He gave her the Daily Worker to read, gave her Lenin and Stalin, too.  
She said, "Communism—now that's for me! We gotta end this capitalist rule!"

So she joined the Communist Party at the age of thirty-three.  
And spent the next 44 years of her life fightin' for you and me.  
She fought to free the Scottsboro Boys and organize the unemployed.  
She took up the struggle for women's rights, and said the system's gotta be destroyed.

She fought to smash the Ku Klux Klan every time they'd come around.  
She said, "The only place for the KKK is six feet under the ground."  
Through the witchhunts of the '40s, in the '50s when the Party went bad,  
Nanny Washburn kept on fightin' when conviction was all she had.

When I met her in 1971, she was fightin' to stop the war.  
She said, "Build a new party? That sounds great! It's what I've been fightin' for!"  
She's been in the class struggle 44 years, marchin' at the fore.  
She's a working-class revolutionary—she's a communist to the core!

[Chorus]

And she's still saying "I love revolution,  
and the vanguard party, too.  
Communism, that's for you and me.  
We gotta end this capitalist rule!  
That's right, we're gonna end this capitalist rule!"

by the Call Singers

## Fighting Enemies and False Friends

A woman lost her baby  
From standing too long in cold water for \$2.75 an hour.  
Her contract  
negotiated by the union  
and upheld by the highest court of the land  
has **LIMITATIONS ON BENEFITS**  
concerning pregnancy-related illnesses  
which means  
the woman lost her baby  
and four weeks pay.

Women in steel lost thousands of dollars  
From years of discrimination.  
Their settlement  
negotiated by the bosses and the union  
with the help of the U.S. government  
gave them each a few dollars **PROVIDED THAT**  
they never fight this discrimination again.  
Many of the women, now laid off,  
Tore up their checks.

Women in Puerto Rico  
India  
New York  
Lost the right to bear a child  
from the eager surgeons of Imperialism.  
This solution was proposed by the liberal legislators  
Backed by the Soviet Union  
who acted out of concern for overpopulation.

The Daily World  
moved quickly to champion women's rights.  
They called on the union leaders  
the courts  
the liberal legislators  
and the Soviet Union  
to pass new laws and institute  
Detente.

But the Puerto Rican women demanded independence  
From both superpowers  
The women in Soweto  
Took up arms.  
Women everywhere prepare to fight their enemies  
And all false friends.

by Ellen Bravo

## WOMEN . . .

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premy pervades society as women are taught that their "place is in the home." Because capitalist productive relations have been restored, the oppression and exploitation of women can be seen everywhere in the USSR today.

Although the working-class movement and the women's struggle internationally have suffered a great setback with the resto-

ration of capitalism in the USSR, the genuine socialist countries like China and Albania continue to be shining examples of the way forward to women's liberation.

In China for example, the seizure of political power by the working class has led to the most dramatic and rapid change in women's status that the world has ever witnessed. In less than 30 years since the victory of China's revolution, women have leaped forward out of the backwardness of

feudalism and capitalism, becoming a powerful force in new socialist China.

The days of bound-feet and the killing of female babies have been completely obliterated. Inspired by the call of Chairman Mao Tsetung, "Whatever men comrades can accomplish, women comrades can too," Chinese women today stand in the forefront of every great political movement and movement to increase production. Throughout China it can truly be said that "women hold up half the sky."

The liberation of a quarter of the world's population and a quarter of the world's women in China, is certainly a momentous

achievement for revolutionary struggles all over the world. The path to liberation which the Chinese women followed, is rich with lessons for us in our struggles here. It is the path charted by Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tsetung, and reinforced by the experiences of men and women in the class struggle for hundreds of years. It is the revolutionary path of uniting with the whole working class to overthrow capitalism and socialism. It is under socialism that the masses of downtrodden women can at last be liberated in a society that has liberated all oppressed peoples.



# ENERGY PROFITS . . .

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several months.

While Carter and the capitalists he serves were calling on the American people to make "sacrifices," they were gearing up for an orgy of profits from their hoarded gas. These expected profits, in the words of the vice-president of the American Gas Association (AGA), will be "pretty stupendous."

Gas monopoly profits are already high as a result of a 1976 decision by the Federal Power Commission allowing the price of natural gas shipped across state lines to jump from \$.52 per 1,000 cubic feet to \$1.44.

Carter's Emergency Natural Gas Act, passed this month, has allowed the energy monopolists to sell natural gas for as high as

\$2.76 per 1,000 cubic feet of gas. Within the space of one year, the capitalists who own and control U.S. natural gas supplies have benefited from a more than 500% increase in prices.

With this kind of information now becoming public knowledge, the capitalists are making frenzied attempts to cover their tracks. Jayne B. Spain, vice-president for public affairs at Gulf Oil Corp., denied that Gulf had withheld supplies or that the energy crisis was not real.

As proof that shortages really did exist, Spain pointed to the suffering that millions had experienced this winter, conveniently neglecting to mention that it was the profit drive of the capitalists that had caused this suffering.

With these exposures of the gas

monopolies, the masses of people are gaining a picture of the real energy problem in the U.S.—millions of poor and working people without heat, while a tiny handful of billionaire capitalists hoard gas supplies in anticipation of even greater profits. This stark contrast between the needs of the people and the needs of business under capitalism has sparked a wave of anger and protest at the system.

The capitalists are trying to divert this anger with a number of reformist schemes to solve the energy problem, all of which leave the capitalist system untouched.

One proposal, promoted by liberal Ralph Nader and a section of the imperialists, calls for anti-trust action to break up the seven major gas and oil

monopolies—Exxon, Mobil, Standard Oil Co. of California, Texaco, Gulf, Standard Oil of Indiana, and Shell.

The proponents of this plan claim that if the seven giants are forced to compete in the form of many smaller companies, the "free market" system will once again operate and put an end to price-gouging, exploitation and neglect of the people's needs.

Changing the size or form of the company, however, does not change the ownership of the country's energy supplies by a small handful of capitalists. Through a system of stock ownership and banking control, a tiny group of imperialist financiers monopolizes the major sources of gas and oil. Whether they operate through seven giant corporations, as they do now, or through any number of smaller enterprises which might result from breaking up the seven monopolies, their domination would still be complete as long as the capitalist system of private ownership remained intact.

## LIBERAL PROPONENTS

The liberal proponents of the return to free market capitalism also neglect to mention that the large oil monopolies have already been broken up by government "trust-busting" action.

Earlier this century, Standard Oil Co. was the target of anti-trust action, yet today it stands as one of the biggest profiteers in the capitalist world. The same capitalists still own Standard Oil of Indiana, Standard Oil of New Jersey, and Standard Oil of California, as well as other major oil companies.

Another scheme calls for "na-

tionalizing" the energy industry, placing it under complete government control. This, it is claimed, will put an end to unfair energy policies because the government will be in charge as the "representative of the people."

The government, however, is the tool through which the monopoly capitalists guarantee their profits in the first place. One fact that came to light in last week's exposures was that the government agencies, which supposedly regulate the gas monopolies, have known about and encouraged for years the withholding of needed supplies.

The revisionist Communist Party promotes both of these reformist schemes by pushing their "anti-monopoly coalition" and nationalization of the oil monopolies as solutions to the energy crisis.

## DAILY WORLD'S ANSWER

In their newspaper, The Daily World, they portrayed the government as an impartial "friend" of the people and editorialized that the answer to the scarcity of gas and oil lies in "demanding that the Carter Administration place the people's interests ahead of the corporation's profits."

By implying that Carter could put the interests of the masses ahead of the imperialists, the revisionists hope to undermine the struggle against imperialism by promoting reliance on Carter.

The only real solution to the energy crisis is the elimination of the capitalist system of private ownership of society's wealth. The recent gas "shortage" has brought this realization to many more working people.

# WOMEN'S DAY . . .

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—the women. The holiday itself commemorates the historic strike of women garment workers on March 8, 1908, in New York.

Today, the attacks on women, particularly minority women and the working-class family, are especially severe. Women are among the highest percentage of unemployed. Social services like day-care, health care and welfare are all being cut back, adding to the hardships women already face.

The Supreme Court has ruled against paid maternity leave, and attacks on the right to abortion are being stepped up. Deportations of immigrant workers are being promoted by the ruling class as a way out of the current economic crisis with the result that hundreds of thousands of children have been separated from their parents, and husbands and wives split up.

All these conditions give added urgency to this year's IWD activities.

On March 5, people will also be demonstrating in opposition to the reformist road to the emancipation of women. The rallies will clearly point to the imperialist system as the enemy of women. They will strike a blow at the line peddled by the revisionists, the bourgeois-feminists and the trade union bureaucrats of relying on legislative reforms and the system itself to end the oppression of women.

Because the fight against imperialism is an international struggle, IWD activities will target the two imperialist superpowers, the U.S. and the USSR, as the main enemies of women and condemn the growing contention which is leading to another war.

The demands, placards and speakers on IWD will reflect support for the liberation struggles being waged by the people of the third world against imperialism, colonialism, Zionism, apartheid and domination by the superpowers.

Over the last few years, the

October League and others have worked to build IWD demonstrations which have grown consistently in size and seen increased participation of working-class and minority fighters. This year it is expected that the demonstrations will involve several thousand people nationwide. The basis has been laid for a new women's movement—a revolutionary movement—that will stand for the unity of men and women workers and all oppressed peoples against their common enemy, the imperialist system.

At the IWD rallies, the October League will speak on the formation of the new communist party, which is now on the horizon. The party will lead the fight for the burning demands of women as part of the overall struggle for the overthrow of capitalism which will bring an end to women's oppression.

**SUPPORT THE FIGHT FOR  
WOMEN'S EQUALITY!  
ALL OUT FOR IWD!**

# UGANDA . . .

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the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, the dropping of atomic weapons on Japan and the killing of world leaders by the CIA." Carter made no response to these exposures of U.S. imperialism's alleged "morality" and "concern for human rights all over the world."

On the pretext of protecting the lives of Americans, Carter threatened that the U.S. would take "whatever steps are necessary and proper" against the Ugandan government. The U.S. has used this pretext many times before to justify its military interference in third world countries. It was the pretext in the Mayaguez incident also, when the U.S. launched its criminal attack on Cambodia two years ago.

## NAVY OFF COAST

On February 23, even before Amin made any declaration concerning U.S. residents in Uganda, the U.S. military command was redirecting naval forces into the Indian Ocean off the coast of East Africa. By February 25, the Enterprise, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, was cruising off the African coastline along with the two other ships and a submarine. The Enterprise carries 95 strike planes as well as other aircraft.

Although the president's press secretary said no information was available on "operational orders," the U.S. has in fact set up an emergency task force to map out plans for a military rescue mission. The activities are reminiscent of the Zionist invasion at Entebbe airport in Uganda last year.

Along with the U.S. imperialists, the Soviet social-imperialists have been very busy trying to

stir up trouble in Uganda and aggravate differences among East African countries. They hope to fish in troubled waters in order to strengthen their foothold in Africa.

The Soviet Union was very quick to manipulate the tense situation in its favor. As soon as the U.S. mobilized its naval forces in the Indian Ocean, the USSR moved its Cuban troops into Uganda.

## 1000 CUBAN TROOPS

New reports from Kenya indicate that up to 1,000 Cuban troops have already been stationed in Uganda. The Nairobi Standard in Kenya reported that a high level Cuban military delegation arrived in Kampala to discuss plans with Amin for introducing additional Cuban arms and troops.

In a statement prior to the incident in Uganda, the deputy secretary general of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), Kamanda Wa Kamanda, warned against the danger of superpower intervention in Africa, especially of the Soviet variety. He said, "Africa must be vigilant against the danger of more crafty new colonialization . . . There are impending and cunning attempts," he went on, "to divide and weaken Africa and the OAU."

The U.S. military forces off the East African coast and the Cuban troops now in Uganda are a reflection of intense superpower rivalry which threaten to end in direct confrontation. It presents a grave threat of aggression against Uganda and the rest of the African nations. This threat must be opposed by demanding that both superpowers get out of Africa now.

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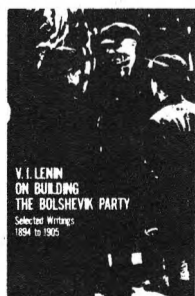
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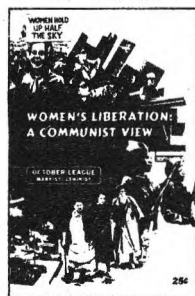
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