



WOODCOCK'S "NATIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING" IS A HOAX WHICH CANNOT ELIMINATE CAPITALIST ECONOMIC CRISES

In the August issue of *Detroit Worker*, we commented on the treacherous proposal for "National Economic Planning" which is being promoted by Leonard Woodcock and the UAW leadership as a solution to the economic crises of the capitalist system like the present one. We pointed out that, far from solving the periodic crises which impoverish and crush the workers, Woodcock's proposal is only a method which the auto labor aristocracy, headed by him, is advocating to help the monopoly capitalists shift the burden of the economic crisis onto the backs of the workers through increased exploitation more closely guided by a governmental planning body including union leaders. We showed how this plan is not Woodcock's own but was created in conjunction with the Wall Street finance capitalists. It is the same as that proposed in Congress by Senators Humphrey and Javits and echoes the desires of auto capitalist Henry Ford. We pointed out how Woodcock proposes to tie the union to the capitalist government, thus converting it into a complete tool of the capitalists to step up the exploitation of the workers, just as was done to the workers' unions in fascist Germany and Italy. We pointed out that this is a far cry from using the union as a tool of the workers to vigorously resist increasing capitalist exploitation.

It remains to be shown that "National Economic Planning", in any real sense, is totally impossible under capitalism and, consequently, that economic crises and their devastating effects on

the working people cannot be eliminated until the capitalist system is overthrown by the workers in a proletarian revolution and replaced by socialism. In this light, Woodcock's "Democratic American National Planning", now trumpeted as something "new", is only an age-worn trick of the agents of the monopoly capitalists in the working-class movement. It aims to give the workers the illusion that proletarian revolution is not necessary, that economic crises can be eliminated under capitalism. Then, behind this smokescreen, Woodcock would help the monopoly capitalist government seize direct control of the capitalist economy, establish an outright fascist corporate state domestically and strengthen U.S. imperialism in its contention with Soviet social-imperialism for world domination. This is the aim and consequence of "National Economic Planning".

In fact, real "National Economic Planning" under capitalism is impossible. The capitalists cannot even plan the production they carry on in a single industry. The example of the recent history of the auto industry is proof of this. In the summer of 1973, the Big Three auto companies were producing at high speed, gloating over their biggest year in history. They had no inkling of the coming crisis. Yet, by the fall of 1974, their lots were filled with unsold cars and they were forced to drastically cut production by one-third. Thousands of workers were laid off. As workers well know, this state of affairs befalls the whole of capitalist industry periodically. Thus capital-

ist production is anarchic; that is, it has a built-in unplanned nature defined by the term anarchy of production. It is this which is the cause of crises.

The fundamental reason why capitalist production is anarchic and can't be planned lies in the fact that production is social (carried on by millions of workers laboring collectively with vast instruments of production in modern factories, mines, mills, big farms, etc.) while appropriation (ownership) is private (the instruments of production and the products themselves, which are created by the workers, belong to a handful of capitalists). This results in a contradiction, the basic contradiction of capitalism, the conflict between the social character of production on the one hand and private ownership on the other.

As a result of this contradiction, this irreconcilable conflict, production under capitalism cannot be planned. The producers are separated from the consumers, so the market for goods can't be known. Furthermore, the capitalists have no interest whatsoever in planning production over-all. Instead, each monopoly capitalist group, while monopolizing some fields, fiercely battles with other capitalists to capture the whole market for itself. To serve their interests in this wild contention, the capitalists have introduced (and continue to introduce, though the present highest, monopoly stage of capitalism creates a tendency to stagnation),

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MONOPOLY CAPITALISTS CONTINUE TO PERSECUTE FIVE BLACK YOUTHS IN REVENGE FOR LIVERNOIS REBELLION

On November 13, after three days of jury deliberations and six days of proceedings the trial of the three Black youths falsely accused of killing a white worker during the July rebellion on Livernois ended in a hung jury.

The testimony during the trial clearly exposed how police intimidation and outright fabricated evidence were used to try and "legally" lynch the three youths. And yet, the monopoly capitalists through their courts have determined to pursue the persecution of the youths by forcing them to stand trial again this January, on the same charges.

These developments clearly show how the courts and entire "legal" apparatus of the monopoly capitalists can never be an instrument of justice for the Black people or the working class as a whole. In fact, these events do clearly show how the monopoly capitalists' courts and entire state machine, federal, state and local, with its armed police apparatus are instruments of oppression for the Black people and the working class as a whole. This state must be smashed by a proletarian revolution and a new state, the working class organized as the ruling class, must take its place before the Black people and entire working class can receive the least justice without, as necessary now, a bitter struggle.

The persecution of these Black youths repre-

sents an attack by the monopoly capitalists using the "legal" apparatus of their state machine against the Black people, in order to take revenge on them for their rebellion on Livernois and to suppress their struggle.

At the same time as they are persecuting the Black youths, the monopoly capitalists have continued to defend and protect Andrew Chinarian, the white racist bar owner whose admitted murder of Obie Wynn sparked the rebellion. It was in fact Chinarian's murder of Obie Wynn which triggered the rebellion and, on top of long standing racial discrimination, actually caused the death of Marian Pyszko, of which the youths are falsely accused.

Not satisfied, though, with trying to lynch the three Black youths, the monopoly capitalists are also striving to lynch two juveniles, also falsely accused of killing Marian Pyszko. The fascist "legal" agents of the monopoly capitalists, the county prosecutors, have gone so far as to construct two separate sets of "evidence", one for each group of youths. These sets of "evidence" actually contradict each other so much that each excludes the other group of youths from having participated in killing Marian Pyszko!

When compared with how the police and courts have done everything possible to protect and defend the white racist murderer Andrew Chinarian,

this activity shows clearly how the monopoly capitalists practice systematic racial discrimination against the Black people and use violent repression to suppress their struggles. In fact, it should be clear that for justice to be served in this case, Chinarian should be hung and the Black youths should go free!

For over five months the monopoly capitalists through their local legal apparatus, the circuit court backed by the city and county police, have persecuted the five Black youths. Though three of them have been on trial once, where it was fully exposed in testimony that the "evidence" used against them was either a result of police intimidation or outright police fabrication, they have been forced to remain in jail without bond. They have also been denied the possibility of receiving any bond while they wait for their retrial to come up in January '76.

The two juveniles have been subjected to efforts by the fascist county prosecutors to have their trials moved from the juvenile court to the more severe adult court.

To show how fraudulent the charges against the two juveniles are, one of the two had been arrested and then released when he agreed to make "statements" implicating the three youths who were recently tried. But when he decided against

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MONOPOLY CAPITALISTS SEND CREW OF ORE CARRIER FITZGERALD TO THEIR DEATH

On November 10th, the Great Lakes ore freighter Edmund Fitzgerald sank during one of the most ferocious storms ever recorded on Lake Superior, losing its entire crew of 29 men. It was proven that the storm's waves, measuring over 30 feet, were so great that they caused the Fitzgerald to actually break in half under its own weight.

Rather than avoid the storm, the Fitzgerald had actually sailed directly into it even though it had been predicted well in advance. In fact, a long history of such disasters shows why the month of November has long been known by seamen as the most dangerous period of the year on the lakes, claiming by far the greatest number of wrecks and deaths.

This tragedy shows that the monopoly capitalists who own the Great Lake boats, in their drive for maximum profits, have not one ounce of concern for the workers who operate these boats. Fully aware of these weather conditions and their dangers, the monopoly capitalist ship-owners sent the crew of the Fitzgerald to their deaths because their only concern was the production schedule that would provide the maximum profits.

Although it is true that the immediate cause of the disaster was the hurricane-force storm with winds exceeding 90 miles per hour, such storms are by no means unpredictable. On the contrary, treacherous weather is common on the lakes during November because of the severe storms and northwest winds that accompany the seasonal changes. In fact, in the last 70 years more than 1300 persons have tragically died on the lakes during storms, with the greatest number occurring during November.

This storm, in fact, had been predicted well in advance, and 17 ships had prepared by anchoring in St. Mary's River while seven others moored behind Whitefish Point, just 20 miles from where the Fitzgerald sank.

Since the trip from Silver Bay, Minnesota, at the upper end of the lake, to the Soo locks at the lower end takes 1 1/2 days, the fact that the Fitzgerald went down just 20 miles from Whitefish Point at the lower end of the lake proves that the monopoly capitalists had sent the ship across the entire length of the lake in the midst of a hurricane at the grave risk of the lives of the crewmen. No excuses about "sudden, unpredictable" changes in weather can cover this murderous crime of the monopoly capitalists.

But, when unable to use the excuse of "unreasonable" and "merciless" weather, the apologists for the monopoly capitalist class point to the captains of the ships. They claim the captains have the sole responsibility to decide whether or not to sail in "dangerous" weather. This is simply another diversion to direct attention away from the real causes of the loss of the Fitzgerald and the crew.

Although it is true that the captains may decide the exact sailing hour and may even determine to delay a day or so, still no captain can decide to simply not sail during November out of precaution or he will lose his job. Clearly, the real responsibility as to what conditions the ships sail under belongs to the monopoly capitalists who own them.

Further facts will show how the monopoly capitalists of the Oglebay Norton Co. who leased and operated the vessel for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. were the real cause of the sinking of the Fitzgerald.

When the Fitzgerald was built in 1957, it was the largest vessel of its kind and cost over \$7 million. It was in fact the first boat to carry more than 27,000 tons of ore. The ship had set "records" for carrying the most tons of any ship through the locks, most tons in one trip and in one season. But, in the 1960's even larger boats were being built, so that by cost the Fitzgerald

was not so "competitive" any more.

Then in 1969 the Fitzgerald's draft regulations, that is, distance from the keel to the water-level, began to be increased. This meant that the ship could carry more cargo, thereby dropping the hull deeper in the water. By the 1974-75 season the draft had been increased by 3'3" which meant it could carry approximately 7200 tons more iron ore, an increase of more than 25% in cargo.

What the draft measures is the depth deemed "safe" for a boat to sit in the water. It was claimed by the company and the Coast Guard that because of "deeper" water levels, the Fitzgerald could set lower without scraping the bottom of shallow channels.

One skipper pointed out, though, that the Fitzgerald had in fact "bottomed out" on a number of occasions, and that this created the possibility of structural damage. Also, the mere fact of increased cargo weight puts additional stress on the hull structure.

So clearly the monopoly capitalists were trying to increase the profitability of shipping with the Fitzgerald by loading it down with more and more cargo.

Another aspect of increasing the draft meant that the deck was now 3'3" lower, or only 11'3" above the water level. This increased the danger that debris like logs could more easily wash over the deck during storms, causing damage.

Also it would be easier for waves to swamp the now-lower deck and many seamen have speculated that the heavy seas had been able to simply roll the ship over, causing it to sink immediately.

The Fitzgerald's captain in fact did report losing deck vents, that the ship was taking on water and had a "list", just minutes before the ship sank.

Another lake boat skipper pointed out, that it was common practice for the shipping companies to "bribe" the Coast Guard regulators, to allow increased cargo capacity, by increasing their ship's draft.

These same monopoly capitalists even refused to install watertight dividers into the hull of the Fitzgerald as a safety feature. These dividers began being suggested 55 years ago by naval architects as a way to keep parts of a boat afloat several hours if it were to break up during a storm. One architect pointed out that all the shipping capitalists have refused to use them because they would "restrict" the ability of operators to load and unload their vessels; that is, a greater amount of time would be needed and the cargo space would be slightly reduced.

Clearly the monopoly capitalists were only concerned about the amount of ore being shipped, that is, how much profit was to be made in one trip, not about the safety of the crew aboard.

The Fitzgerald's captain, McSorely, was a veteran seaman of 44 years on both the lakes and the oceans, and was considered the best captain Oglebay Norton Company had.

In November 1973 he had gone through a storm with the Fitzgerald where the winds had been 30 to 40 mph. with an intensity considered about 1/2 that of the storm which sank the Fitzgerald.

At that time he had said to his 2nd mate, "This... thing scares me sometimes", meaning fears over the seaworthiness of the ship. He had even changed course and slowed speed to avoid the severe buffeting of the wind and waves.

The then 2nd mate pointed out the ship had been "bending, whipping and twisting" and that Captain McSorely "must have known something" was wrong.

A Seafarers International Union lawyer investigating the sinking also pointed out "the wobbling being referred to is a dangerous type of movement, a frightening term so far as structural damage goes".

A retired coast guard marine safety inspector also investigating the disaster pointed out if the "wiggling" developed a crack in the wall, water would have entered the cargo area immediately (Detroit News 11/30/75).

In response to questioning about the 1973 incident both the company and the Coast Guard were silent. All that was said was that the Fitzgerald was "sound" with "only minor deficiencies".

It was in fact immediately after this incident in 1973 that the "draft" increase for the '74-'75 season was obtained. The "draft" level at that time was increased by 20" or more than half the total increase of 39" since 1969.

So regardless of ominous warnings, the monopoly capitalists in their lust for maximum profits, drove the ship's weight restrictions up to further fatten their profits and tipped the scale on the side of death for the crew of the Fitzgerald.

At the Coast Guard investigation hearings on the sinking it was reported there was to have been discussion on whether "new regulations" including "power to restrict sailings in dangerous weather needed to forestall similar tragedies" were "needed".

This was an open admission of two things, first that the decisions to sail in "dangerous weather" are solely up to the monopoly capitalists who operate the ships; that there is not even one "dangerous weather" safety regulation for the crewmen, because that might impinge on the ability of the monopoly capitalists to make maximum profits,

Secondly, this fully exposes that such disasters could easily be avoided, but in fact are not.

One attorney for the Seafarers Union explained that shipping like this is common, because the monopoly capitalists are "only trying to move more cargo (under dangerous conditions) before winter sets in" (Detroit News 11 '16 '75).

These facts clearly show that the real cause of the deaths of the 29 crewmen of the Fitzgerald was because of the insatiable hunger for profits by the monopoly capitalists who control the shipping industry.

In all industries, most especially auto and steel, deaths or severe injuries are common. They are caused by the drive of the monopoly capitalists for profits. They do not consider at all the safety of the workers. In fact, workers will continue to be devoured by the man-eating jaws of the monopoly capitalists so long as the monopoly capitalists continue to own the means of production.

The only solution is for workers to overthrow the rule of the monopoly capitalists, smash their state machine and build a new government of the armed workers, a proletarian dictatorship. Then the workers will take ownership of all the means of production to serve themselves and will be able to eliminate all these dangers that are a result of the capitalist system.

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capitalists, by smashing completely their state machine. Then, the working and oppressed people can build a new government of the armed workers, a dictatorship of the proletariat over the bourgeoisie, to ensure their rule over society and step by step can solve all the problems of the people, including eliminating the evil of racial discrimination and violent repression and bring complete emancipation to the Black people in the course of emancipating all oppressed people.

SOVIET UNION'S AGGRESSION IN ANGOLA SHOWS ITS SOCIAL-IMPERIALIST NATURE

LOOK AT ITS PAST, AND YOU CAN TELL ITS PRESENT

SOVIET social-imperialism's outrageous intervention in Angola by provoking and expanding the civil war in that country is known to all and is something the Soviet revisionist renegade clique cannot deny.

For some differences to exist among the three Angolan liberation organizations was normal and they could have been settled through consultations without outside interference. In fact, as early as last January, all three jointly arrived at the Alvor agreement with the Portuguese Government and then jointly formed the transitional government in preparation for the country's independence. In mid-June, they signed the Nakuru agreement to cease armed conflict and jointly greet national independence. National unity of the three organizations was in sight. But the treacherous new tsars by supporting one and attacking the other two have single-handedly provoked a civil war in Angola and poured oil on the flames of war.

While inciting civil war in Angola, the new tsars cranked up their entire propaganda machine to confuse world public opinion by ranting that they "support the liberation struggle of Angola" and are "performing their internationalist obligation."

Are the new tsars "performing their internationalist obligation" or carrying out imperialist expansion?

In analysing the reactionary nature of the Chiang Kai-shek clique, Comrade Mao Tsetung pointed out: "Look at its past, and you can tell its present; look at its past and present, and you can tell its future."

Opposing National-Liberation Wars

Look at the history of the Khrushchov-Brezhnev clique and its approach to just national-liberation wars, and you can tell its ulterior motives regarding Angola today.

The Khrushchov-Brezhnev clique invented the theory that "any small 'local war' might spark off the conflagration of a world war" which might even "destroy Noah's ark—the globe." Therefore, to "safeguard world peace" and protect "Noah's ark—the globe," they have all along opposed just national-liberation wars.

The Algerian national-liberation war in the late 50s and early 60s won the sympathy and support of the people throughout the world. But Khrushchov and his like, basing themselves on the theory that any

small war might spark a big one, described the Algerian people's just national-liberation war as "an internal affair of France" and never gave it any support.

Early in the 70s after the U.S. imperialists had instigated the traitorous Lon Nol clique to set off a coup d'etat and then invaded Cambodia, the Cambodian people waged a vigorous patriotic national-liberation war against imperialism. Calling it "fratricidal" fighting, the new tsars aided and abetted the Lon Nol clique instead of supporting the Cambodian people's just war. They colluded with the clique so as to sabotage the Cambodian people's liberation war.

The new tsars are guided by the same absurd theory with respect to the just war of the Arab countries and the Palestinian people against the Israeli aggressors. They oppose any attacks by the Arab countries on the aggressors. If the Arab countries refuse to obey their orders, the new tsars rush to put out the fire with no scruples as to the means they use.

The Middle East war of October 1973 was a case in point. The Soviet ambassador to Egypt even lied to President Sadat, saying that Syria demanded a "cease-fire." Then the Soviet Representative to the U.N. Maik made use of a U.N. Security Council resolution to force Egypt and Syria to enter into a ceasefire with Israel.

All these hard facts of history explicitly show that both Khrushchov and Brezhnev are opposed to just wars for national liberation. Whenever there is one, they demand a ceasefire.

Starting Wars of Aggression Directly or Indirectly

But by single-handedly provoking the civil war in Angola, the Brezhnev clique suddenly changed from an opponent and saboteur to a "supporter" of just wars.

One will not be deceived by such sleight of hand if one goes back through the history of the new tsars.

In August 1968, they perfidiously occupied Czechoslovakia in a surprise assault as Hitler had done 30 years ago.

After their treacherous invasion of Czechoslovakia, the new tsars carried out an armed aggression of China's Chenpao Island in the spring of 1969. But they were given head-on blows and were duly punished.

In the winter of 1971, the new tsars instigated and

fully supported a "sub-superpower" to launch a war of aggression against Pakistan. In sharp contrast to their attitude towards the Middle East war which erupted later, the new tsars resolutely opposed a ceasefire in the subcontinent. The U.N. Security Council put a draft resolution on a ceasefire to a vote three times in December that year. But the resolution was vetoed each time by the Soviet representative.

This is the history of the new tsars starting armed invasions directly or indirectly from 1968 to 1971.

One can see that the new tsars' clamour that "any small 'local war' might spark off the conflagration of a world war" is to justify the theory of opposing all national-liberation wars. But they would not hesitate to unleash a war to achieve their ambition of world domination.

Look at their past, and you can tell their present. After the signing of the Alvor agreement the new tsars sent to Angola large quantities of missiles and armoured cars—never before supplied to Angolan liberation organizations—to support one faction against the other two. Soviet war vessels entered an Angolan port and fired rockets, thus adding fuel to the flames of the civil war in Angola. This by no means was support for a just war or carrying out "internationalist obligation," but an effort to replace the old colonialists in controlling Angola.

Angola's coast is on the eastern part of the South Atlantic. If the new tsars can control Angola, they will be in a very advantageous position to contend with the other superpower for world hegemony, posing a direct threat to NATO's shipping lanes in the South Atlantic. With impatient expectancy, the new tsars have long been hungering for the treasured land of Angola.

But they have miscalculated. The African people have awakened. They will never allow the new tsars to play the tyrant on the continent and will never let the tiger in through the back door while repulsing the wolf at the front gate.

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ever newer, more productive machinery. Thus, driven by anarchy, the vast modern forces of production called into existence by capitalism periodically overflow their bounds and produce more consumer goods and more means of production (machinery, plants, buildings, etc.) than the masses of the people, impoverished by capitalist exploitation, and the capitalists themselves (both for personal use and for construction of new factories, etc.) can consume. The development of the monopoly stage of capitalism--imperialism --at the turn of the century, did not eliminate crises. As Lenin wrote, "MONOPOLY WHICH IS CREATED IN CERTAIN BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY INCREASES AND INTENSIFIES THE ANARCHY INHERENT IN CAPITALIST PRODUCTION AS A WHOLE." (Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism) As is well known, the Great Depression of the 1930's was an economic crisis far deeper and more immense than any that took place before 1900.

Thus the anarchy of capitalist production leads to periodic crises of overproduction when more goods are produced than the market can absorb.

Thus the productive forces have grown too powerful, too productive for the system of capitalist private ownership which created them. Marx and Engels pointed out long ago that capitalism, "A SOCIETY WHICH HAS CONJURED UP SUCH GIGANTIC MEANS OF PRODUCTION AND OF EXCHANGE, IS LIKE THE SORCERER, WHO IS NO LONGER ABLE TO CONTROL THE POWERS OF THE NETHER WORLD WHOM HE HAS CALLED UP BY HIS SPELLS." (Manifesto of the Communist Party)

For example, when the auto capitalists step up their contention with each other and increase production in order to realize higher profits, they begin to produce faster and faster, as the auto capitalists did in 1973. They work the workers long hours of overtime and speed up the pace of work. They unleash productive forces so powerful that they get all out of hand and sudden-

ly the market is flooded and no one can sell his commodities. All the machinery must grind to a halt. As Marx and Engels said, "IN THESE CRISES THERE BREAKS OUT AN EPIDEMIC THAT, IN ALL EARLIER EPOCHS, WOULD HAVE SEEMED AN ABSURDITY -- THE EPIDEMIC OF OVERPRODUCTION." What cannot be sold, they destroy. Masses of workers are laid off and whole factories are closed or even torn down.

It was the outbreak of just such an over production crisis as this which forced the auto capitalists to cut production by one-third in 1974, lay off thousands of auto workers and offer all kinds of rebate schemes (price cuts) in an attempt to get their cars sold off.

Many monopoly capitalists have admitted the unplanned and anarchic nature of their economy; there is no great admission in this.

Speaking to the House-Senate Joint Economic Committee last February, Henry Ford lamented: "In my thirty years as a businessman I have never felt so uncertain and so troubled about the future of both my country and my company. It is not too much to say that the very survival of our free society may depend on finding good solutions to the three basic problems (unemployment, inflation, and energy) I have mentioned today."

"Nobody is steering" the economy, he surmised. Here, like the apologist for capitalism, Leonard Woodcock, Ford stops short of admitting that it is the anarchy of production which sets in motion powerful productive forces they cannot control, causing overproduction crises. Capitalist die-hards may moan about the anarchy of production under capitalism, lamenting "if only we could plan"; but they won't admit that it is their system of private ownership ruling social production which causes anarchy and overproduction crises.

Of course there are periods of time when the monopolies in a particular industry do conclude agreements to "peacefully" divide up the market amongst themselves; but inevitably this breaks

down and they again fiercely contend, each hoping to capture the whole market for itself. For a time the auto monopolies in the U.S. had such agreements, but the present moves by G.M. to take advantage of the difficulties of Ford and especially Chrysler to capture fully 60% of the domestic car market for themselves is typical of what these agreements ultimately come to.

The U.S. monopoly capitalists are at a loss as to how to recover from their present economic crisis. In a recent issue of U.S. News and World Report, prominent bourgeois economists admitted that they had no idea whether the present "recovery" will indeed be a real recovery. As evidence of the economy's complete unpredictability, they cited the fact that they were totally unable to predict the outbreak of the current crisis in the winter of 73-74. They complained that all the usual "economic indicators" are unreliable and that by the same token all the usual panaceas the capitalists apply when beset with crisis have had no effect.

To attempt to get over overproduction crises, on the one hand the capitalists always destroy some of the social forces of production which they have set in motion but cannot contain. There are temporary or permanent plant closings, and undercapacity utilization which result in large-scale layoffs. For example, today the auto industry alone employs about 170,000 less workers than two years ago as a result of this. On the other hand, the capitalists seek to exploit new markets and more thoroughly exploit the old ones. "Galloping" inflation and rising prices are one method they have of increasing the exploitation and plunder of the working people at home. In the auto plants, since the crisis broke out, the capitalists have used compulsory overtime (of those workers not laid off) and speed-up (increased intensity of labor) coupled with a certain amount of introduction of new machinery, to more thoroughly exploit the workers.

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As far as new markets to expand into and relieve overproduction crises, ever since capitalism has developed to the stage of monopoly capitalism, or imperialism, at the start of this century, there have been no new colonies or spheres of influence to conquer, they are all already divided up among the imperialist Great Powers. Not only are there no new markets; but as a consequence of the First World War and the October Socialist Revolution in Russia, one-fifth of the world's people left the sphere of capitalist exploitation. From then on, the world capitalist-imperialist system faced stagnant or shrinking markets. It was greatly weakened and entered into a period of general crisis. Taking place in the context of a permanent general crisis world-wide, each specific economic crisis is now deeper than those of the bygone days of "free competition". Not only that, but the capitalists can never really get over one crisis before another one begins. The present economic crisis is already the sixth just since the Second World War!

Today, the markets available to the imperialists and social-imperialists are shrinking still further. The genuine socialist countries of China, Albania, Korea, Viet Nam, and Rumania deprive imperialism of markets to exploit. The great national liberation struggles of the people of Asia, Africa and Latin America also deprive the imperialists of their ability to plunder the world at their will. As a result of the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union, the Soviet Union became an imperialist superpower like the United States. Thus, the contention between the two to gain hegemony over the world also means a shrinking market for each to exploit. Thus, the contention between the superpowers is a factor in causing the present economic crisis, while the crisis, in turn, increases the intensity of this contention. This contention will lead to a new world war sooner or later.

Thus all the attempts of U. S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism to get out of their economic difficulties by world domination are only building towards their doom at the hands of the world's people. The war being prepared by the superpowers will result in such powerful revolutionary struggles by the people of the world that the entire imperialist system will likely be destroyed.

Thus, the tremendous productive forces created by capitalism in the U. S. and elsewhere press irresistibly forward toward a smashing up of the capitalist system, a breaking of the chains of private ownership by the capitalists over the means of production. Anarchy of production, and the crises it creates, can only be eliminated by eliminating the private ownership of the means of production and placing the means of production truly in the hands of society (that is, truly in the hands of the working class organized as the ruling class and not in the hands of some "new" form of monopoly capitalist government as in the fake "socialism" of Sweden, Britain or the Soviet Union). The only way to get rid of economic crises once and for all is to overthrow capitalism. Once the working class has state power and takes possession of the means of production, the unplanned, anarchic character of production is ended. Production can be carried on to serve the needs of the masses, because it is the masses who control production. Only this can eliminate the economic basis for crises and for imperialist wars. Thus Woodcock's "National Economic Planning" cannot be achieved under capitalism and is a trick to hide the necessity of proletarian revolution to eliminate economic crises.

Not only does Woodcock's proposal hide the necessity of revolution in the general sense, but it whitewashes the role of the government (state machine) of the monopoly capitalist class.

The capitalists' state legalizes and protects private ownership of the means of production by the capitalist class. Rather than strengthening its powers, as Woodcock's proposal would do, the working class must overthrow it by force and smash it up. In its place the working class, the immense majority of the population, the ones

who actually produce the wealth of the capitalists, will organize itself as the ruling class and establish a proletarian dictatorship over the capitalists under the leadership and guidance of its Communist Party. This proletarian state will then seize hold of the means of production which the capitalists have held as their private property. It will put these forces of production in the hands of the whole society. Only under these conditions can the economy be rationally planned in the interests of the people without the havoc caused by capitalist competition and anarchy of production. This is just what the working class has done in socialist China and Albania and other true socialist countries under the dictatorship of the proletariat today. In these socialist states there is no anarchy of production, no economic crises, no overproduction, nor is there any unemployment, inflation and rising prices, shortages or other evils capitalism creates.

One cannot simply assume that Woodcock is naive of these facts. The point is that in pushing "national economic planning" Woodcock has something else up his sleeve besides the elimination of capitalist economic crises and the misery they bring for the workers.

Woodcock is not merely some "misguided reformer" who does not recognize that only socialist revolution can solve crises; rather he is a social-democrat, i. e. a conscious opponent of proletarian revolution who calls himself a "liberal" and a "socialist" to dupe the workers. He is a representative of the labor leaders and upper stratum of labor aristocracy bribed by the capitalists, using the super-profits gained by exploiting the Third World, to serve as agents of the capitalists in the working-class movement, to undermine the workers' struggles and divert them from the path of revolution. Woodcock's line of "National Economic Planning" under capitalism shamefully tries to solve the domestic problems of U. S. imperialism and its contention with the Soviet imperialists for world hegemony. It is a line which, like all social-democratic politics, is designed to pave the way towards open fascism at home by strengthening the control of the domestic economy, including the trade unions, by the centralized monopoly capitalist state.

U. S. imperialism hopes to win a future war against the Soviet imperialists to capture new markets away from the U. S. S. R. imperialists, so as to relieve its internal crisis. But to do this it must first insure a quiet home front by limiting competition between U. S. monopoly capitalist groups and most especially by suppressing the American people. In trying to win the allegiance of the working class to those U. S. monopoly capitalist groups who favor state-monopoly capitalism Woodcock and the other leaders of the U. A. W. are playing the same role as the social-democratic misleaders of the German working class who handed power over to Hitler in the 1930's.

In certain circles (never union meetings) they admit these facts.

In December, 1974, a small meeting was organized by the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee, a social-democratic outfit, at the Ambassador Hotel in Chicago. Tim Nulty, hand-picked by Leonard Woodcock as the U. A. W.'s new chief economist, spoke candidly there about the significance of "National Economic Planning". He was asked repeatedly by the audience whether there was really any way capitalist production could be planned. At one point he replied: "No! It's not in the nature of our capitalist economy. . . . For example, the 'planning horizons' are 6 months for G. M. . . . only 6 months!". He said there is a "genuine danger of corporate capitalism" (his term for state-monopoly capitalism) "by those capitalists who see this."

Isn't Nulty admitting here that the capitalist economy cannot be planned by its very "nature"? Yet these U. A. W. leaders are calling for "planning" under capitalism! Nulty, Woodcock's economist, even spells out that those capitalists who see that their mutual competition is the

cause of the system breaking down constitute a "genuine danger" of establishing state-monopoly capitalism in a vain hope of eliminating this competition.

Nulty continued "The U. A. W. president and others are calling for mechanisms of social planning and the enemy doesn't object! This scares me! I am worried about a corporate state (fascism)." And later, "When the U. S. goes to fascism, it will be gradually, to cover the mailed fist with a democratic cover."

Here is a brazen self-exposure indeed!

Nulty and the U. A. W. inner circle clearly realize that Woodcock's proposals are welcomed by the monopoly capitalist groups who favor open fascist state monopoly. Especially all the more so because they are thereby providing a "democratic cover" for the advance of fascism. How else could Nulty's statement be taken?

This is the role of all those social-democrats and "liberals" who are calling for "National Economic Planning". They preach (in the name of "democracy", "rationality" and "the working class" and against "the capitalists" or the "monopolies") for more capitalist monopoly, for more centralized control of the crises-ridden economy by the monopoly capitalist state. What the monopoly capitalist class cannot yet do outright (i. e. establish state-monopoly capitalism and open fascism at home and mobilize the working class fully for war abroad), due to popular resistance, their agents in the working-class movement such as Woodcock coat with sugar and dish up to the workers as 'their own' union program!! Woodcock and co. are not merely misguided reformers, but through their own self-exposure they demonstrate that they know full well what class they serve in reality.

"National Economic Planning" will not solve the economic crises of the monopoly capitalist system. As long as capitalism exists with its private ownership of the advanced and powerful social forces of production, there will be competition between monopoly capitalist groups and contention between the imperialist Great Powers in particular the two superpowers today, for world hegemony. All the bourgeoisie's attempts to end crises under capitalism will only lead to new, deeper crises and more misery for the working people.

Only when the working class, led by its own Marxist-Leninist Communist Party, which is today being built by the genuine Marxist-Leninists, makes socialist revolution, and by force destroys the monopoly capitalist state and the private capitalist ownership of the means of production which this state enforces, can the working class, the immense majority of the people, become the ruling class. The dictatorship of the proletariat over the capitalists, a socialist state, enforcing the ownership of the means of production by the whole society and the conscious planning of production, will put an end to anarchy in production, and with it, the crises forever.

This is the program the trade unions, under the leadership and guidance of a genuine Communist Party of the working class, must ultimately adopt to put an end to capitalist oppression as has been done in the socialist countries of China and Albania. At the same time, class-conscious workers must make every effort to use the unions as genuine defense organs of the workers against the increasing capitalist exploitation.

It is to hide the necessity of just such a revolutionary program, and to undermine the everyday struggles of the workers against capitalist exploitation, that Woodcock and co. are inscribing on the U. A. W.'s banner the hoax of "National Economic Planning" today.

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FIVE YOUTHS

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this and refused to aid the police in their efforts to fabricate a case with which to lynch the three youths, he was then rearrested. During the trial of the three youths, the brother of this juvenile (who had also exchanged a "statement" for his own release) also refused to lie for the police once on the witness stand. In response, the fascist courts revoked the bond on the brother being charged and returned him to jail.

At the same time, the white racist bar owner Andrew Chinarian, who admitted murdering the young Black worker Obie Wynn, has remained free on a low bond. As part of their efforts to protect and defend him the monopoly capitalist courts have only charged him with "manslaughter". So, while the five Black youths stand trial for "murder", Chinarian, the real murderer, has a manslaughter charge and remains free to reopen his bar to do business.

Chinarian's trial for "manslaughter" also comes due in January '76. But for him, it will only be his first trial, as the monopoly capitalist courts have purposely delayed his trial hoping to avoid the possibility of a movement among the Black people to oppose the state's intention to completely white-wash his case.

These developments clearly show how the monopoly capitalists are practicing systematic racial discrimination to oppress the Black people while protecting and defending the white racists, to use them as their thugs against the Black people. These developments also show that the police and courts are used as tools by the monopoly capitalists to maintain their rule over the Black people and the whole working class.

A brief description of testimony during the trial of the three Black youths will show how the monopoly capitalists are pursuing a thoroughly fraudulent prosecution of them.

Out of twelve "witnesses" presented by the court prosecutor, six were claimed to be "eyewitnesses". Of these six, five refused to identify any of the three youths from the witness stand as having beaten and killed Marian Pyszko. Five of these six either recanted statements they had made, exposing they were the result of police intimidation, or exposed how police had simply fabricated "statements" claiming these witnesses had made them.

Only two of the "eyewitnesses" actually identified any of the three youths from the witness stand. One of these two contradicted his own story so much that after pointing out one of the three youths, Ronald Jordan, he then claimed yet another man whom he'd identified in a lineup months before, but who was not on trial, was actually "the one". The other of these two "eyewitnesses" although never retracting his statements blaming the three youths, did expose how his allegations came as a result of police intimidation.

The testimony of the six "eyewitnesses" then actually begins with the one "witness" who pointed out Ronald Jordan in court. One of the two defense attorneys exposed during his examination how this "witness" had been to at least four line-ups within six days of Marian Pyszko's beating, in which he never once identified any of the three youths who were present in the line-ups. This "witness" in fact told a long story of how he had "seen" the actual beating, and who had done it, even claiming he had tried to follow the man. But upon closer examination by the one defense attorney, it was exposed that this witness was lying. He had described the man he "saw" that night as over six feet tall, while Ronald Jordan is under 5'7" and even his skin complexion doesn't match that which the "witness" had described. At this point the "witness", becoming rather nervous, began claiming the man he had pointed out in those line-ups months ago was actually "the one", thereby contradicting his own charge that Ronald Jordan was the one who beat Marian Pyszko.

Also, it was during this testimony that the one defense attorney moved to have the court record show that this witness had never identified any of

the three youths. The judge refused, claiming that the attorney could not "introduce" this as evidence and that he should mind the court process, saying "an orderly process makes the trial run smoothly".

This clearly exposed the fascist judge Gillis' own intentions to serve his monopoly capitalist masters in lynching the three youths in his kangaroo court! When the prosecuting attorney wanted to use this "witness's" testimony as "evidence" the court found no problem in "introducing" it. But, in the defence of the three youths, when their attorney wants to introduce the testimony of this very same "witness", he is refused, so as to ensure "orderly process" in the court.

Clearly, we can see when the so-called "fair and just" courts of the monopoly capitalists talk about "orderly process" when bringing Black people or workers to trial, they mean "orderly" railroading with the least disruption!

The second "eyewitness", after reading a "statement" given to her, which the police claimed she had made, immediately explained that she had not said what the "statement claims". She explained that the police had concocted this "statement" which said she "saw" Raymond Peoples with the "biggest brick" going "to the car". She explained that she did not see this and had told the police so.

Unable to admit this exposure, the fascist prosecutor Bloke badgered her to "admit", (that is, lie) that she had said this. One of the defense attorneys repeatedly protested against this method of examination, to which the judge responded by telling him to "be quiet" and "sit down".

A third "eyewitness" who was a "star witness" for the prosecution, exposed how the police used fascist intimidation on him to trump up their "evidence". Also, though he had made a "statement" implying the three youths had killed Marian Pyszko, once on the witness stand he refused to lie and actually say he saw them kill him.

He explained how the police had held him for five days without his being under arrest or anyone knowing his whereabouts. During this period they had forced him to make three different "statements" until they got "evidence" they could use against the three youths.

At first he told the police he "didn't know anything", but they wouldn't accept this. They told him he was lying and then lied themselves saying the three youths were "blaming everything" on him!! He admitted he was "scared" because the police were "threatening to put me away". They said if he would "co-operate" he would be released, but if not, he "would be charged with murder".

This type of intimidation led to his second "statement" in which the police could still not force him to actually say he "saw" any of the three youths hit Marian Pyszko. Instead he said he saw "objects" in their hands, and saw them "draw back".

This, though, was not enough for the fascist police. While continuing to "hold" him they fabricated his third "statement". This was a video tape made to "prove" there was "no pressure" put on him to give his "statement". In this charade, the police were clearly reduced to putting words in his mouth by asking him questions to which he would feebly answer "yes" or "no".

Even through all this, the police were never able to get him to say exactly what they wanted. But, they felt what they had squeezed out of him was good enough, since they had the whole state machine behind them. The police in fact, continued to "hold" him up until the time of the preliminary hearing of the three youths, fearing if they didn't, he might not be afraid once on the witness stand, and not lie.

But, by the time of the trial of the three, over two months later, he was emboldened enough to refuse to lie. He testified he "didn't tell anybody" the three had hit Pyszko "like the statement said", and that he "wasn't putting it on nobody".

The videotape "statement" was played in the

court, "not as evidence" the judge said, but only "to test the believability of the witness". That is, now that he wanted to tell the truth, the court wanted to make him look like a liar. But when it came to using the "statement" as evidence against the three, the court wanted him to look "truthful".

This shows the collaboration between the courts and prosecutors to turn truth on its head and lies into "truth" to serve their monopoly capitalist masters in lynching the three youths.

When this was objected to by one of the defense attorneys the judge again told him to "be quiet and sit down".

The fourth "eyewitness" had been one of the 100 "suspects" the police had picked to find someone on whom to pin their charges. He also first explained to the police that he knew nothing about the incident. But unfortunately for him and the three youths he was awaiting sentencing in December on charges of "carrying concealed weapon" and a "stolen car". This was just what the police were looking for.

While waiting to be arraigned in court for "murder", he had been held in the same detention cell with Ronald Jordan long enough to know that he too was charged with the "murder". Just before their appearance, police took this "witness" aside on their way to court and offered him a "deal". That was, he would receive "immunity" and consideration on his pending sentence if he agreed to blame everything on Ronald Jordan and Raymond Peoples. If he did not agree, they said he would get "five years" for the concealed weapons charge, "eight years for the stolen car" and would continue to be charged with "murder". Police told him he "could either be a witness or a defendant".

Since this "witness" knew who Ronald Jordan was, the trick for the police was to get him to know who Raymond Peoples was. It was then that the police (as was later admitted by Lt. Reidle) arranged for him to "accidentally" see Raymond Peoples in the homicide department, being questioned, long enough for this "witness" to know that this was who they wanted him to pick.

So, very neatly, after threatening this fourth "eyewitness" with the pending sentence plus a murder charge, the police were able to produce his second "statement" for "evidence". But, even though they had threatened him, the police were still unable to get him to actually say he "saw" Raymond Peoples or Ronald Jordan hit Marian Pyszko with a brick that killed him. All they could force him to say was that he "saw" Raymond Peoples "throw" a brick and Ronald Jordan "hit" Pyszko with a "fist". He never said James Henderson, the third youth, was involved.

At this point in the examination, a defense attorney tried to show clearly how police threats had produced this "statement". In response to this exposure as it came out, the judge ordered the jury out of the courtroom on the pretext of "instructing" the attorney on how to "properly" question the "witness". That is, when it came to exposing the fascist police intimidation used to fabricate "evidence", it was ruled "improper" by the judge.

The fifth "eyewitness", a juvenile, also rejected his so-called "statement" once on the witness stand as he too exposed the fascist intimidation the police used to force him to say what they wanted.

Both he and his brother had been arrested by the police for "murder". The police had even told his brother to "jump off the porch and run, no one will shoot you", which he refused to do. In this way the police had hoped to frighten these youths into aiding them in fabricating their "evidence"; that is, if the youth had run that would have "proven" his "guilt".

When the defense attorney's examination brought this out, both the judge and the prosecutor blurted out objections, saying the attorney couldn't bring this out, that the police involved would have to "admit" this, and had it struck

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from the record of the court. What an exposure of how the courts and entire "legal" apparatus are frantic in not letting any exposures of the fascist methods of the police tear off the mask of "justice" they wear to trick the people!

This "witness" continued to expose how when he and his brother were arrested, they were told they would get "twenty years" and that they would be released only if they said what the police "wanted". Also, since they knew that the three youths were being held, they knew what names the police wanted to hear. The "witness" continued by explaining that what he had told the police was actually what he had "heard on the streets", that actually he "knew nothing" and that he only added the names that the police wanted to hear. His brother had done the same.

Following their release, though, the brother of this "witness" had changed his mind and decided not to lie, so he told the police he took back his "statement". Immediately the police rearrested him for "murder", for which he is still being held.

Clearly, then, his re-arrest and persecution is solely the result of the police taking revenge because of their failure to extort a statement out of him.

Also, they intended to use his case as a tool against his brother, to be sure he would lie for them in court. It is this juvenile whose trial the fascist police and prosecutors have succeeded in having moved into the more severe adult court.

The examination continued, during which it was exposed how at the preliminary hearing of the three youths, at which this witness was to have testified, he had been "talked to" by one of the police sergeants involved. He was told "he'd better testify or it would mess up his brother" who by then had been re-arrested.

When this questioning by the defense came up, the judge again intervened, refusing to allow it into the court record, again claiming it was "improper", that the sergeant involved would have to "admit" this, fully knowing he never would.

By the end of the juvenile's testimony, encouraged by the more public atmosphere of the courtroom, he completely repudiated any claims he had made that the three youths had killed Marian Pyszko. Following the trial, though, the police again, out of revenge, revoked the bond his brother was free on, and returned him to jail.

The sixth and final "eyewitness" was another youth who had also at first told the police he knew "nothing". The police refused to release him, though, but "held" him for a number of hours in a "small room", during which he was told he would be charged with "murder". He explained that he knew the three youths were being held and had been told by one of the juveniles mentioned above what the police wanted, so he also knew whose names they wanted to hear.

But once on the witness stand, also encouraged by the more public atmosphere of the trial, he refused, like the others, to lie and blame something he knew "nothing" about on the three youths.

So clearly, from this testimony of the very "witnesses" brought by the prosecution, it becomes exposed how all the "evidence" against the three youths came as a result of police threats and fabrications.

Also, all the so-called "evidence" against the three youths nowhere included the two juveniles being held on the same charges. Either all the "evidence" points only to the three youths, as stated by the prosecution, which implies the innocence of the two juveniles; or the "evidence" on the two juveniles exonerates the three youths. Therefore, based on the state's own "evidence", clearly we can see the trials of the five Black youths is a pure railroading.

As it is, confronted by this situation, the state's prosecutors have become frantic for a conviction and have begun a campaign of intimidation against the three youths in jail. Even the fascist prosecutor Bloke himself is participating in this, no longer relying on the police goons to

do his dirty work. One of the three, Ronald Jordan, reports being slapped by Blokewhile his hands were tied behind his back. Betraying a position of weakness, the state has even tried to get them to "cop pleas" on lesser charges of manslaughter, but all three have refused.

The fact that the youths were not acquitted, even though such flimsy "evidence" was used by the state, shows how the courts are controlled by the monopoly capitalist class.

Clearly the five Black youths were chosen completely arbitrarily and have absolutely no connection to Marian Pyszko's death at all. This fully shows the thoroughly reactionary nature of the monopoly capitalists and their state machine. It proves that the courts, police and legal apparatus of the monopoly capitalists can never be an instrument of justice for the Black people or working people as a whole, but only an instrument of oppression.

The rebellion in July was itself aimed at opposing the racial discrimination and violent repression which has long been used by the monopoly capitalists to suppress the Black people. The monopoly capitalists and their agents want to deny that the Black people are discriminated against and that they are waging an untiring struggle for equal rights.

One of the ways the monopoly capitalists and their agents are opposing the Black people's struggle is by claiming the Livernois rebellion was the result of "unemployment". This is done for two reasons. First, the monopoly capitalists want to deny and liquidate the particular nature of Black people's oppression by saying that everything will be solved if the Black people simply struggle for "Jobs for All". This is to deny that in housing, education and "jobs", too, the Black people are racially discriminated against. It also serves to promote the lie that capitalism can provide "jobs for all", which it cannot do, and thus tries to keep the Black people from struggling for the complete overthrow of capitalism.

The second purpose served by this line is to keep the white workers and other white masses from supporting the Black people's struggles. If the problems of the Black people reduce down to "unemployment", why is it that white workers who are also unemployed are not rising in rebellion at this time and did not in the '60's? The logic of this thinking is that the Black people must be "crazy" or "different". But this is wrong. The Black people are not "crazy" or "different". In fact, they are following the only correct path available to them, to fight against racial discrimination and violent repression. That is, to violently resist through rebellion, which is thoroughly just and correct.

At the same time, the monopoly capitalists are opposing the Black people's struggles by claiming that, because one uninvolved white worker was killed during the Livernois rebellion, the rebellion was wrong. In fact, they are using the

killing as a pretext to take revenge on the Black people by trying to lynch the five Black youths.

But even if the monopoly capitalists had caught the actual individuals who beat Marian Pyszko, it still would be unjust for them to be prosecuted. This is because the blood of Marian Pyszko really lies both on the hands of Andrew Chinarian, whose admitted murdering of Obie Wynn sparked the rebellion, and on the hands of the monopoly capitalist class who create the conditions for such things to occur.

Those who call Marian Pyszko's death "criminal", "senseless", or "murder" mean to equate it with Andrew Chinarian's actual murder of the young Black worker Obie Wynn, and to use this to oppose Black people's struggles. It is the monopoly capitalists who on this basis call for "even-handed justice", which is a complete fraud. First, "even-handed justice" means, as we have seen, to protect the white racist murderer Chinarian while trying to lynch the falsely accused Black youths.

Secondly, the monopoly capitalists are only

using this line of "justice" as a pretext to further attack the Black people and suppress their struggle.

The murder of Obie Wynn by Chinarian represents a contradiction between the Black masses and the exploiting monopoly capitalist class which uses thugs like Chinarian to oppress the Black people. Therefore the rebellion was aimed at resisting the oppression of the monopoly capitalist class as a whole.

The death of Marian Pyszko, on the other hand, represents a contradiction among the people. That is, the Black people's struggle is not aimed at all white people, only at the capitalists and their racist thugs who oppress the Black people. Marian Pyszko's death was an unfortunate accident of the revolutionary masses resulting during a spontaneous, tumultuous and definitely just struggle against oppression. During such storms it is inevitable that some uninvolved people will be hurt or killed. But this does not in any way diminish the justness and correctness of the Black people's struggle.

The responsibility for solving problems of this type lies solely amongst the people, Black and white, in a democratic fashion to develop unity between the two. The state machine of the monopoly capitalists has no right to interfere with its sham "justice", using such incidents as an excuse to make further attacks against the Black people or to suppress their struggles.

The Black people have a long history of over 400 years of heroic struggle against oppression in the U.S. Such struggle is typified by the rebellion and also by the resistance displayed by the three youths to their jailers. It took in fact a number of police to subdue Raymond Peoples and tie him down on the floor before they could even take his picture!

Every such blow struck by the Black people against racial discrimination and violent repression is a blow struck against the exploitation and oppression of all working and oppressed people in the U.S. Racial discrimination is a product of the colonialist and imperialist system, and cannot be eliminated without eliminating its source, the U.S. monopoly capitalist class and the capitalist system.

Working and oppressed people in the U.S. of all nationalities and races are confronted with a common enemy, the U.S. monopoly capitalist class. They can further their struggles only by uniting to oppose their common enemy. This means that all workers, especially white workers should unite with and support the struggles of the Black people and vigorously participate in them as their own.

The American working class and people have as their reserve the peoples of the vast third world who are already waging heroic struggle against imperialism, colonialism and the hegemonism of the two superpowers, U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism.

Today, the deepening economic crisis is intensifying the contention between the two superpowers for control of the world. This contention is giving rise to the growing danger of world war between them.

In response to this, the U.S. monopoly capitalists are developing fascism to suppress the struggles of all the working and oppressed people in the U.S. They are doing this to prepare a secure home base from which to wage a new war; they are using the attacks on the Black people as the cutting edge of the developing fascism. Such attacks as the fascist anti-busing movement and "legal" lynchings like Joan Little's trial and the five Black youths' trial are all aimed at intensifying the oppression of the Black people.

The only solution for the Black people and the American working class, in which the Black workers form a most militant contingent, is to first increase their resistance to the monopoly capitalists and develop strong unity amongst themselves. Secondly the working class and oppressed people must wage a violent revolution to completely overthrow the rule of the monopoly

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