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RANK AND FILE TAKING BACK UNION

## 70,000 Miners Wildcat



Angry as hell at the cut in their health and retirement fund, mineworkers shut the mines tight and marched in Washington

70,000 miners wildcatted in militant protest against the decision in June by the United Mine Workers Health and Retirement Fund to cut the benefits for more than 800,000 miners and their families. The wildcat shut down all the coalfields in southern West Virginia and part of Kentucky and Ohio, and more miners are going out each day. They are aiming their anger not only at the coal companies but also at the union hacks like Miller whose back-to-work pleas were ignored totally.

This growing awareness among rank and file miners on the sellout trade union misleaders shows in a recent vote by miners in Beckley, W. VA. calling for the resignation of Miller and other top union officials. And last week, despite all efforts by local union hacks to limit the size and militancy of the demonstration by handpicking only 10 miners from each local, 1000 miners demonstrated in Washington, DC chanting, "No cards, no coal." When Sam Church, vice president-elect of the UMW and a top aide to Arnold Miller appeared, he was greeted by shouting, swearing and finger waving. No wonder Miller himself didn't dare show up among the rank and file miners.

This clearly shows the need for the rank and file to take back control of the unions to effectively resist attacks like this by the coal companies and their right-hand men, the union bureaucrats.

The coal companies pay \$1.90 into the Fund for every ton of coal produced. They blame the large number of wildcats for reducing the income of the Fund and therefore for the need to cut back the benefits.

These are out-and-out lies and ex-

cuses! Mine workers know there is plenty of money in the Fund. But the miners never get a penny or hardly enough to take care of their Black Lung disease or any other sickness. Miller and the UMW misleadership are stealing all the money, living off the sweat and blood of the rank and file.

The Fund provided for full coverage of outpatient doctors' fees and hospitalization. Even then it was inadequate. With the cuts, miners have to pay 40% of the doctors' fees and the first \$250 for every hospital admission. This is murder!

It only makes the miners more determined to strike in December (when the current contract expires), especially over the no-strike clause in the contract, a burning issue among the miners. This sell-out clause allows the capitalist courts to fine the wildcatted locals to the point of bankruptcy. All the money goes to the government which protects the coal capitalists and misleaders while the workers are without a strike fund. The benefits, cuts are fueling the mounting anger among the miners against all these attacks.

### Stearns Strike

At the Justus Mine in Stearns, Kentucky the wildcatted coal miners are carrying on their fine tradition of fighting for genuine rank and file demands and the control of their unions. While the strike is directed at the Stearns Mining Company, a subsidiary of Blue Diamond Company operating the Justus Mine, it is also aimed at the union misleaders.

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## Shows Motion of Classes - State Helpless LIGHTS GO OUT IN NYC, MASSES TURN ON HIGH VOLTAGE!

Within minutes after a blackout plunged New York City into darkness, half a million Afro-Americans, Latins, and other working class and oppressed nationalities surged into the streets on a sweltering July 13 night and, for 24 hours, ruled the streets of New York. The state apparatus was paralyzed -- the police were incapable of holding back this spontaneous uprising against national oppression. In oppressed national communities, like south Bronx, Harlem, Bedford Stuyvesant, Crown Heights, El Barrio, Bushwick, the masses shattered the bounds of bourgeois legality, temporarily throwing the Rockefeller and Morgans into confusion and chaos.

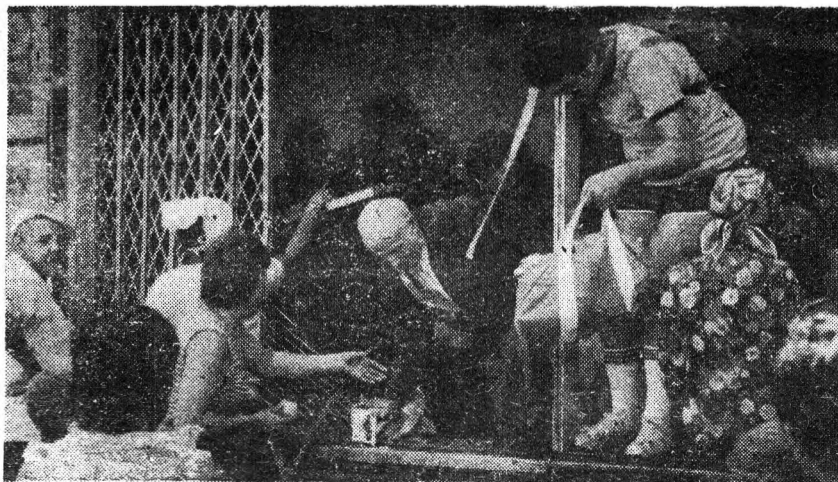
Rip-off chain stores, notorious for using easy credit to snare the masses heavily into debt, were the chief target. In a festive mood, they raided mainly clothing stores, stereo

shops, and furniture and appliance stores, taking back the fruits of their own labor. The big food chains, infamous for gouging the people, like A&P, Key Foods, and Associated Foods, were completely stripped

of their over-priced meat. And the crowd roared approval as the bars and gates came tumbling down.

All along Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn, people were giving

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# WORKERS VIEWPOINT LAUNCHES SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE

A historic task confronts us. We must push out our propaganda and agitation a hundred times more boldly among our fellow workers! This is an indispensable part of winning and training for the Party the best sons and daughters of the working class, part of concretely building up the Party of the U.S. proletariat in preparing for proletarian revolution in the U.S.

To put out more and better communist literature for advanced workers, we need the full support of all workers. This subscription campaign is aimed at pushing out the Workers Viewpoint wave upon wave to more workers. It will bring the weapon of Marxism-Leninism-

Contribute to the Workers Viewpoint! As a press serving the interests of the working class, we have relied and will continue to rely on rank and file workers to support us. Unlike the opportunists, we don't have and don't rely on rich backers to finance us. We must rely on the masses, particularly the working class itself.

### WORKERS VIEWPOINT ORGANIZATION LITERATURE WILL IMPROVE AND EXPAND

In the future, we will increase the publication of our newspaper to twice a month, to bring our analysis of burning working class issues faster to workers all over the country.

be strengthened. Columns will continue to give a broad picture of the class struggle at home and around the world. To raise the theoretical level of the workers movement, we will be writing a series of political education articles. Our Spanish section will be expanded and improved.

We are calling for more letters from workers to closely

connect our newspaper with the ideas and views of workers in all industries. To make the Workers Viewpoint better serve the advanced workers, we need comments, views and suggestions from workers. This is concretely one way in which we strengthen our links with the masses, through applying the mass line, a very important tradition for communists. (Continue on p. 25)



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We ask all readers to take part in our subscription drive and take out at least a year's (more would be better) subscription to the Workers Viewpoint. This will concretely help to propagate the Workers Viewpoint Organization's line and support our party press and offset the cost. Get fellow workers and family members to subscribe or buy subscriptions for them!

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penses involved in publishing our newspaper and pamphlets. A dollar a month, \$12 a year, (or more from workers who have higher incomes) concretely helps to put out communist literature to more and more workers.

We are planning to make our newspaper and pamphlets easier to read by using typesetting machines, like regular newspapers and books, as well as using machines to bind our pamphlets better. This will cost many thousands of dollars. Typesetting will help to bring out more sharply our correct line, unlike the opportunists who run amuck and use it to divert attention from their political bankruptcy!

In future issues of Workers Viewpoint, we will improve in giving the deepest, most comprehensive and far-sighted Marxist-Leninist analysis in the country. We will expand our coverage of working class struggles on the shop floors and in the unions and through sum-ups, draw the most important lessons for the entire working class. We will continue to deepen our analysis of the movements of the oppressed nationalities and national minorities in the Black Belt South and around the country. Our international coverage will

**Elwood, Ind.** Armed class struggle has broken out in this small town. On April 6, a strike was called by Local 1663 of the United Auto Workers against the Essex Group plant, a small auto electrical switch plant. The company has attempted to bring in scabs to break the strike, and the workers, 80% women, decided to take up arms to prevent this attack.

Thus far, 3 people have been shot, the company's buildings have been filled with bullet holes, a helicopter trying to bring in supplies to the scabs and company lackies who have been trapped by the workers, has been fired on. So intense was the warfare and so militant were the workers that the town's police refused to deal further with the strike and the Michigan governor had to call in state troopers.

The militancy of the workers has forced the company to stop bringing in scab labor - a major victory for the workers - for the company strategy was to use scab labor not only to break the strike but to use them to decertify the union by getting 51% non-union workers. Despite this clear victory and success of the armed struggle, a union district representative, in an attempt to sell-out the victorious struggle, stated that he thought the armed struggle was a mistake!

In the course of this militant struggle however, racism has spontaneously arisen among the workers. While correctly and heroically fighting the scabs, some workers have resorted to racism. This ideology helps to break the unity of all workers against the boss and must be struggled with and diehards isolated. This is the only way to keep our struggles politically independent of the bosses' control.

Elwood has had a long history of workers' struggle going back over 30 years. Defying police, union misleaders and court injunctions, these workers have added another chapter to the great history of class struggle.

### New Jersey

Chemical workers of Local 12426 of the United Steelworkers of America are fighting mad about the sell-out contract that was pushed through by the misleaders.

The workers, who must constantly work with dangerous chemicals and possible serious injury demanded:

- \*Full insurance plan (they now must pay 20% of all medical bills)
- \*Full dental plan (there is no plan now)
- \*Paid sick leave (there are no sick days now)
- \*24 hours medical service on the job (there are 16 hours of the day when there is no professional medical service available)

These demands the misleaders termed "unrealistic!" On top of that, the contract called for a 9.11 wage increase the first year and then the increase goes down to 8% the second year, while the cost-of-living has gone up over 10%.

The misleaders, in order to push through the sell-out, opened, voted, and adjourned the ratification vote in 20 minutes. One worker commented: "Thirty years I've been here and I've never seen them ram through a contract that fast."

The quickness of the treachery is good evidence that misleaders' fear of the unity and militancy of the workers is growing.

But the quickness of the treachery has also fueled the rank and file's militancy and determination to organize and throw out these misleaders and take back the union.

### Kent, Ohio

A two-month protest in which hundreds of students from Kent State University took part, ended with the arrest of more than 100 students. The protest was against the building of a \$6 million gymnasium annex on the site of the National Guard murders of 4 Kent State students on May 4, 1970, the height of the campus uprisings against US imperialism in South East Asia.

The demonstrators occupying the site had defied a court order to leave. They collected copies of the judge's order and dumped them in a suitable receptacle - the garbage can. The students vowed to continue the struggle until victory was won.

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## 'Early Out - Shut it Down!'

# AUTO WALK-OUTS HIT BIG THREE

Thousands of angry auto-workers, who had enough of working long hours, had enough of working in boiling temperatures, walked off the line during the long heatwave. These actions showed concretely the need for organization and correct leadership in all the battles the working class take on against the monopoly capitalist class. From the Chrysler Dodge Main, Mack Stamping and Lynch Road plants in Detroit to the GM Linden plant in New Jersey, autoworkers revolted spontaneously against the inhuman working conditions inside the plants of the Big 3 and headed out the gates, forcing these infernos to shut down.

The autoworkers are continuing their rich fighting tradition symbolized in the Great Flint sit-down strike of the 30's. Braving the national guard, a red scare and freezing temperatures, they practically waged a civil war against GM, forcing it to recognize their union.

During last month's heatwave, temperatures inside auto plants soared to 102-130°F. A foundry worker at the Ford Rouge plant in Detroit died of heat exhaustion after working in 130°F heat. Ford merely called in another worker to take his place. To the monopoly capitalists, production and quotas are everything and the lives of workers are nothing.

The auto monopolies, like all capitalists, stop at nothing to rake in more and more profits. GM Corporation, the #2 US corporation next to Exxon, made a record-breaking profit of over \$1 billion between April and June. And now with the changeover to the production of '78 model cars, workers are forced to work up to 12 hours overtime for 14 straight days!

**CHRYSLER WORKERS WALK OUT**

Defying the company's tactics of intimidation and fir-

ings, workers at 3 Chrysler plants in Detroit spontaneously began walking out, group by group, department by department until the company was forced to send all the workers home and close down the plants. Because of the rich history of struggle at these plants, the workers were able to close them down without real organization and leadership. Walkouts took place in all shifts (day and night) for 3 days. But next week, when the heatwave was at its peak, nothing happened. Precisely because they lacked these essential weapons, workers in these plants could not sustain the momentum of the walkouts and accumulate forces from these actions in preparation for future battles that are sure to come.

Inspired by these acts of resistance by the Chrysler workers, who are respected as pace-setters by workers at GM and Ford for their militant tradition, workers at smaller plants in the area also agitated and organized around the heat issue. As a result, it sets new heights in militancy and creating the basis for organizing a rank and file caucus.

### THE FIGHT MUST BE ORGANIZED

On the first night in one of the plants, workers were spontaneously leaving the line all during the shift, talking about a "walkout". When most workers had already left the line and the company had run out of stock, (after 7 hours of production) then the trade union misleaders came and made a big show about pushing the button to stop the line. They tried to come off as fighters. But workers were clear about their role to diffuse any genuine rank and file resistance as they went around and took down names of probationaries telling them to stay. When workers asked them why they hadn't come down sooner, like at 6 or 7pm when it was the hottest, they said, "Well, y'all were stupid to come in to work anyway!" The absence of organization allowed the misleaders



Autoworkers are getting it together, organizing to fight bosses. Here, workers at GM Guide Lamp after winning unionization drive.

to come in and take over the initiative and smother the struggle.

This only makes the rank and angrier and more determined to continue the fight, but in organized way and under genuine leadership. Next week, a group of workers wrote up a leaflet and passed it out among others in their department. The leaflet summed up clearly the need for organization to have an ef-

fective walkout in the short run, and in the long run, to kick out the union hacks, take the union back and make it a real fighting organization working in the interests of the rank and file. It also suggested concrete actions that workers could take up immediately to begin organizing--calling the committeeman down to the shop floor and demanding a short meeting at the break or at lunch to de-

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## Steel Strikes Sweep Midwest, East

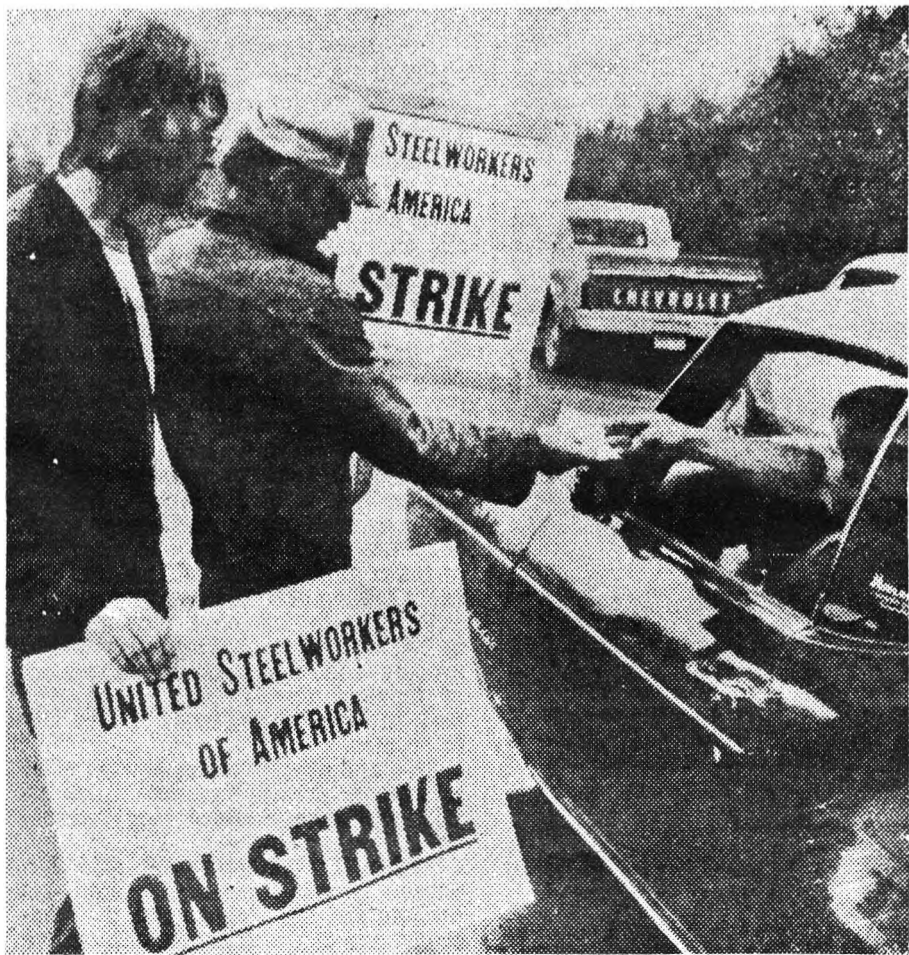
MINNESOTA- Over 20,000 members of the United Steelworkers of America in Minnesota and Michigan walked out on August 1. The strike is spreading to more iron workers in Wisconsin and Minnesota and steelworkers in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Canada.

The last strike in 1959 lasted 116 days and crippled the steel industry. Since 1959, as unemployment and inflation has soared as well as the backstabbing of the union sell-outs who pushed through a no-strike clause in the contract (The Experimental Negotiating Agreement - ENA), the workers in the steel industry have heightened their resistance and are organizing to smash this denial of a basic working class weapon - the strike - by utilizing that basic weapon (see other short on steelworkers in this column).

Just this strike alone by the iron workers is enough to drastically effect steel production as about two thirds of this country's iron ore is mined in Minnesota.

STEEL- There is a campaign beginning among steel workers at Inland, Republic, and Youngstown steel. At Inland, 14000 workers, Republic, 3700, and Youngstown, 5000, came out for the strike vote. The issue revolves around the attempt by the steel capitalists and their union lackeys to jam the Experimental Negotiating Agreement (ENA) down the throats of steel workers and deny them the right to strike.

The Steelworkers for Democratic Union Caucus of Local 1014 (SFDU) has been campaigning to force the union misleaders to prepare for a strike and support the militancy of the workers of Locals 1010, 1033, and 1011. SFDU has been calling for the organizations of strike committees and the preparation of strike funds. The SFDU knows that the right to strike is an essential weapon of the working class in our struggle against monopoly capitalism. ■



Pickets keep scabs out in National Steel, Keewatin, Minnesota. Over 20,000 are out in the biggest strike since 1959.



## Revisionist Dogs Bite Russian Master

# 'Eurocommunism' - Soviet Superpower vs. Aspiring Imperialists

Smarting under the attacks on "human rights" by U.S. imperialism, the Soviet social-imperialists have taken the offensive in attacking the revisionist "Communist" Party of Spain for "crude anti-Sovietism." This is nothing more than a falling out among a Second World petty bourgeois party aspiring to be an imperialist bourgeoisie and an imperialist superpower who wants to dominate Europe.

Santiago Carillo, the revisionist leader of the Spanish party, in his book, Eurocommunism and the State, attacked the Soviet revisionist party for the lack of "human rights" in the Soviet Union. Carillo had openly disagreed with the Soviet social-imperialists' blitz attack on Czechoslovakia in 1968.

### CONTRADICTIONS SHARP BETWEEN SECOND WORLD AND SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISTS

The Soviet Social imperialists in their attempt to dominate the world, are locked in a life and death struggle with

U.S. imperialism to control Europe. But the imperialists of the Second World, not wanting to be swallowed up by the two superpowers, resist in various ways. For instance, U.S. imperialism fears the third world countries' having access to nuclear material and wants to have total control of the nuclear market to be better able to carry out political blackmail and bullying, and opposes the development of nuclear technology by the Second World. But the weaker French and German imperialists rely on the sale of nuclear technology to third world countries for trade, and the Japanese imperialists are also looking out for their own interests --developing nuclear energy to overcome their dependence on Middle Eastern oil. The Second World countries' decision to go ahead with nuclear power programs are concretely acts of resistance to U.S. imperialism.

### REVISIONISTS ARE ASPIRING IMPERIALISTS

Within the Second World, the revisionist parties, dom-

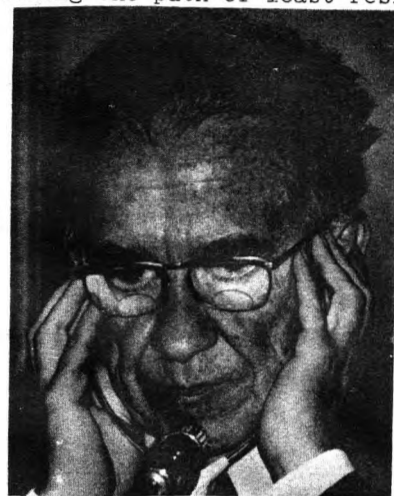
inated by petty bourgeois reformist leadership, aspire to become the ruling imperialist parties. They have long abandoned the revolutionary road of Marxism, repudiating the necessity for armed revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat. They now defend the imperialists through their howling about "democracy in general" and "human rights" without talking about the class content of democracy, of how under the bourgeoisie, democracy can only be the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie over the proletariat.

Throwing revolutionary struggle out the window during the relatively peaceful development of capitalism after World War II, these revisionists have been hypnotized by legalism, to the point where they openly support the bourgeoisie's suppression of the working class. They have been completely swallowed up by their participation in bourgeois elections and parliament. While communists see the necessity to participate in parliament under certain conditions, it is always with the aim of using the parliamentary platform to expose it as a tool of the bourgeoisie in order to be able to disband it under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The revisionists are now competing with the Second World imperialist parties to determine who will exploit the working class of their countries and reap superprofits from their colonies. In this way, they are practically indistinguishable from the various

Social Democratic and labor parties of Europe, who although growing out of the trade union movement, abandoned Marxism and turned to reformism, becoming bourgeois parties during the early part of this century.

The revisionists all have a common bourgeois outlook. They see, as Lenin put it, that "the movement is everything, the final aim nothing." Taking the path of least resis-



The dog wouldn't heel when the master whistled. Spanish revisionist bigwig Carillo.

tance, they give up the long range interests of the proletariat, revolutionary socialism, for whatever petty sops (like the legalizing of the Spanish revisionist party) the bourgeoisie throws their way. They dress it up with new "theories" like "Eurocommunism" to try to justify their desertion to the side of the enemy, the monopoly capitalists. (Continue on p. 23)

## WORLD IN STRUGGLE

COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE  
NATIONS WANT LIBERATION



### Panmunjom, Korea

On Thursday, July 14, a US army helicopter was shot down by forces of the socialist Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK in North Korea). The DPRK forces, after seeing the Army helicopter violating their airspace and the armistice agreement, first fired warning shots. After the helicopter landed in North Korean territory, it attempted to escape by taking off again, at which point the DPRK forces were forced to shoot it down.

Major General Han Ju Kyong, the DPRK's chief representative stated after the incident:

"Your side violated our airspace in violation of the armistice agreement. As I have stated before, we are going to settle leniently... In consideration of the fact that your side has admitted its military helicopter intruded into our area and regretted that, and regarding that appropriate measures will be taken to prevent any reoccurrence, I declare we are ready to deliver the survivor and bodies to your side preceding from our humanitarian stand."

The DPRK people's army has again whipped the U.S. imperialists. No longer can the U.S. imperialists arrogantly violate the sovereign territory of countries and expect that they will get away scot free. The people of the world, particularly Third World countries will no longer stand for it.

### United Nations

The Security Council unanimously recommended Vietnam for United Nations membership on Wednesday, July

### PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION!

20. This was a concrete victory for the people of Vietnam, another victory for Third World countries against the two superpowers, and in particular, another humiliating defeat for US imperialism.

The US had previously vetoed Vietnam's membership bid two times. However, as the tide of the world's sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of Vietnam's membership, The US was forced to back down.

The Council's action was also evidence that there is widespread support for the Socialist Republic of Vietnam's demand for US war reparations and that the US "should fulfill its responsibility to contribute to healing the wounds of war and to post war reconstruction of Vietnam."

### Lima, Peru

On July 19, Peruvian workers, demonstrating that it is the working class that truly runs industry and society, shut down the capital city of Lima in a general strike. Industry was paralyzed, public transportation was halted and 80% of the city's stores had to close down.

Insurrections sprung up around the city, particularly in working class areas, as workers battled police who were trying to disperse strikers. The strike was called to protest the government's "austerity program" which the ruling military junta had imposed. The workers are demanding higher salaries and a freeze on retail prices as consumer prices have skyrocketed.

## MONETARY CRISIS

# US PASSES BUCK TO WORKERS AND SECOND WORLD

Panic hit the Wall Street capitalists when the figure for the June US trade deficit came out. The stock market dropped to its lowest point in a year and a half. Trade deficit figures showed clearly that the US was slipping even more in its fight with the Second World capitalists (especially Germany and Japan) for overseas markets, in their scramble to pull themselves out of the quicksand of economic and political crises. It shows the intense contradiction between the superpowers and the Second World.

The capitalist system's lust for profits causes crises. Capitalists compete wildly with each other to sell goods, and produce as much as they can to exploit the market. Soon there is a massive amount of goods that cannot be sold because the capitalists try as much as possible to hold down wages to increase profits. Therefore the market is soon saturated. This abundance of goods on the one hand and the inability of the working class who need them to pay for them is the capitalist crisis of overproduction. Faced with this situation, the monopoly capitalists cut back production drastically, leading to further cutbacks in production. Thus a crisis feeds itself, spreading like

wind-whipped fire throughout the economy.

During economic crises, the capitalist class uses various means to shift the burden mainly onto the back of the workers at home and abroad. These include massive layoffs, depressing real wages, intensifying exploitation and speeding up attempts at external economic expansion. The capitalists also loot the public treasury by having the governments subsidize their monopolies with massive loans (e.g. to Lockheed). Of course, in the final analysis, these loans come from the taxes ripped off from the working class.

The net result of the capitalist shifting of the economic crisis is to sharpen the contradiction between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat, between the imperialist and Third World countries and among the imperialist states. It leads to the development of a political crisis. The method which imperialists, particularly the two superpowers, uses to shift economic crises onto the Third World is: to use their monopoly position to control single-crop or single-product economy. Imperialists suppress the price of raw material and other primary products and raise the price of manufactured products

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# DUKE WORKERS WILL NOT ACCEPT SELL-OUT CONTRACT!

On July 13, the heads of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 77, backed up by the slick-talking AFSCME international officials, pushed through a sell-out contract at Duke University and Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. Our wages are a miserable \$2.47 an hour starting for most union workers, and the contract gives us only a 20¢ to 30¢ raise stretched over a year. Next year we get only a 5% increase. Compared to the cost of living, this is a wage cut! In addition the contract continues to have forced overtime and gives the management the right to determine "excessive use of sick leave".

The sell-out contract was ratified at a union meeting that most Local 77 members were not even notified about! The TV and newspapers announced the meeting would be on a Thursday night but the misleaders held it on Wednesday night! Only a third of the 540 members even got to vote on the contract. To top this off, the misleaders called for only "yes" votes but never called for "no" votes and announced that there had been "unanimous" approval of the contract! It was clear there were many who would not have voted for this sell-out and many more who would have voted "no" if they had known about the meeting! AFSCME official Bill Linke (who used to be the head of Duke Personnel Department!) called it "a contract you can live with." Linke can say this because he doesn't have to live on our miserable wages. He sells us out and then leaves town to live off a big salary from our union dues!

## WORKERS REJECT UNION MISLEADERSHIP AND FORM DWOC

The traitorous actions of the union officials outraged the workers.

Workers were clear that unity was needed to win a decent contract. Many saw that the unity had to be based on a fighting program that would force concessions from Duke, and they would not unite behind the present sell-out leadership. The situation was very serious. "Our whole union was at stake," many workers said.

In April, workers from the campus and hospital (including workers who follow the leadership of the WVO) began meeting and founded the Duke Workers Organizing Committee (DWOC). Over the past months the DWOC has become a movement of the rank and file members to build our union into a strong fighting organization for the working class.

Our purpose is: 1) to organize the unorganized (90% of Duke workers are unorganized); 2) to prepare workers to struggle for a good contract; 3) to fight for all the immediate demands of the workers; and 4) to unite all workers to fight Duke.

We have been mobilizing workers through successfully fighting firings and harrassments, and holding mass meetings, press conferences, rallies, and picnics. Through these actions we have been drawing together the most active workers from all parts of the hospital and campus and been winning the broad masses of workers to our leadership.

Faced with the seriousness of the situation, the DWOC made the analysis that to the extent that the misleaders were forced to unite with the militant actions of the DWOC, that unity would objectively strengthen the hand of the negotiating committee against Duke. If the union hacks refused to support the militant actions of the rank and file, they would further expose themselves as the spineless lackeys that they are. The DWOC, based on this analysis, called on the union heads to support the actions of the DWOC. The united front call was met with enthusiasm by the workers. However, the misleaders ignored the call, persisted in their bankrupt ways, and further exposed themselves in front of the rank and file.

But faced with the militant mood of the workers, the misleaders were forced to call for a demonstration at the negotiating session one night. The response of the workers showed our fighting spirit -- over 100 workers occupied the negotiating session from 11:00 until 4:00 in the morning! But the misleaders turned our mighty storm into a drizzle by sending us home at 4 with only a few vague promises.

More workers than ever are rallying to the DWOC determined to throw out these hacks and replace them with the strongest fighters for the working class. More and more of us are looking to the Workers Viewpoint Organization to provide guidance to our struggle. Our union was forged out of 25 years of struggle (the merging of the mighty struggles of the working class and masses of Afro-American people) and we will win our union back.

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## STRUGGLE SHOWS JOINING OF WORKING CLASS & AFRO-AMERICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

Duke has always been a plantation-type institution and Afro-American workers here have always struggled against national oppression. Local 77 was an example of the Afro-American Liberation Movement merging with the working class movement.

The struggle to unionize the University began in 1952, when an Afro-American janitor, Oliver Harvey, started a petition to protest the miserable wages (65¢ an hour at that time) and to call for organization. Since then, the advances in the unionization effort were closely tied to the progress in the Afro-American Liberation movement, and Afro-American workers have always been in the lead.

In 1968, the year Martin Luther King was assassinated, Duke workers went on strike after several attempts to unionize. For 2 full weeks, cafeteria workers stayed out on strike, supported by over 1500 students who sat in the campus quad. Among the demands were union recognition, pay increases, an end to harrassment and discrimination. The movement was so powerful that the Board of Trustees had to agree to very large pay increases to end the strike. But a union was not recognized at that time.

The union was finally organized in 1971. But the struggle to improve conditions and to fight discrimination continues. Afro-American workers still have the lowest paying

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## Fight Discrimination in Construction

# Chinese-Americans Fight for Jobs



The Chinatown community in New York is in the midst of a fierce struggle against national oppression. Two construction companies, Blitman and Underhill, putting up the building going up on Mott and Bowery in the heart of the community has refused to hire any Chinese workers.

One Chinese worker that did get hired due to community pressure was laid off after two days when Blitman and Underhill said that he was "slow and dumb" and "couldn't speak English." They also openly slandered the Chinese community by calling them "bums" who "don't speak English."

The community, led by Asian Americans for Equality, United Construction Workers, and other organizations, with garment workers, senior citizens, restaurant workers, youth, and other community people came out to protest this kind of slander and discrimination.

Blitman and Underhill are no small-time construction companies. They are two of the biggest monopoly capitalist construction companies in the U.S. It was Underhill, for example, that built the multi-billion dollar World Trade Center and the multi-million dollar Co-op City and Starret City. Blitman and Underhill not only oppress workers and minorities here in the U.S., but also superexploit the people of Iran through multi-million dollar contracts there.

## ACTIONS AT THE SITE DRAW SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY AND WORKERS

On Tuesday, July 26, a militant takeover showed these blood-sucking capitalists that they cannot

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# GARMENT RANK AND FILE ORGANIZES FOR STRUGGLE

In Chicago, garment workers at Hart Schaffner & Marx (HS&M) are waging a struggle to kick out the trade union misleaders and take the union back. Over a thousand workers, mostly national minorities and women, slave under the hated piece-rate system at HS&M. This system forces us to overwork at the height of the season and lays us off at the season's low. Working conditions are no better than decades ago--suffocating heat in the summer and cold drafts in the winter. The noise from hundreds of old machines is so loud, it's hard to talk to each other.

using mass line, getting criticisms, comments and suggestions, the leaflets improved, and no matter what time we passed them out, workers took them. Workers boldly waved leaflets in the faces of the bosses, and some are writing their own leaflets and turning them in to the RFOC.

The company grew more fearful of the workers organizing themselves, and came out with a new rule restricting workers to their assigned floors. The union chairmen, instead of demanding an end to this repressive rule, went around enforcing it, threatening workers with

## RFOC PUTS OUT GENUINE DEMANDS OF THE WORKERS

When the new contract was being negotiated, we were left totally in the dark. The RFOC put out the genuine demands of the workers and called for preparations for a strike. When the old contract expired, we were made to work half a day without a contract! On that day, June 1st, a ratification meeting was called while bosses told workers to come in early the next day to work overtime.

Brandzel, the Midwest Re-

gional Manager of the ACTWU, used every excuse from recession to the "dying garment industry" and foreign workers, as the enemy to get his sell-out contract approved by voice vote. So what did these willing servants of the capitalist get us? \$110 over 40 months. Our last contract got us \$100 over 36 months. With the rate of inflation this contract is worse than the last. Brandzel had the nerve to add that, "October is an excellent time to strike". He's talking about 1980!

## BUILD A FIGHTING UNION -- KICK OUT MISLEADERS

It is becoming clearer to members of Local 39 that the only way to build a fighting union is to kick these misleaders out. By providing correct leadership and standing for the rights of all workers, the RFOC is winning the rank and file in the struggle against the HS&M bosses and their union hacks. ■



Farah strike showed rank-and-file determination to fight for their just demands. It drew widespread support from workers around the nation.

The Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union (ACTWU) has a militant history, and the trade union misleaders try to use the progressive image of the past to promote themselves. But all the lies and tricks that the misleader, Hoover, uses can't hide his real nature. Hoover and the union chairmen (shop stewards in his clique) try to hold back the struggle and try to weaken us from within our own ranks. The collaboration between the trade union misleaders and the company is a well-known fact. It is so blatant at HS&M that a union chairman on one floor is the boss on another floor!

## RFOC LEADS THE FIGHT FOR UNION DEMOCRACY

It's no wonder that the workers in Local 39 are getting fed up with these lackeys. But fighting back individually is not the answer. The struggle has to be organized. In March of this year, the Rank & File Organizing Committee was formed to organize the fight for union democracy to kick the misleaders out and take our union back. The RFOC took up the issues that union misleaders were afraid to.

Due to our own inexperience at agitation, the first leaflet was very general, and we leafleted only in the afternoon. By

suspensions! This only made us more determined to resist these attacks. Each time the company and its lackeys tried to suppress the growing resistance of the workers it backfired. Sending a photographer to take pictures of the workers who took RFOC leaflets did not intimidate them.

## MISLEADERS EXPOSED AT MEETING

As the influence of the RFOC grew, the company began harassing one of the RFOC organizers. After two suspensions, we led a campaign to defend the organizer. At the union meeting when the organizer spoke out against the repressive company rule and demanded to file a grievance about his suspension, he was called out of order. Immediately, workers stood up and defended his right to speak. An Afro-American worker refused to sit down and asked "If we can't speak up at our own union meeting, where can we speak?" This drew loud applause and everyone joined in chanting "Let him speak!" The president of the local tried to conduct a regular meeting by calling for approval of the minutes. To this, the workers loudly voted down the minutes. Their refusal to accept the minutes showed their support for the Rank and File Organizing Committee.

# Militant Struggle in Copper Strike

On July 1, 38,000-45,000 copper workers made up of 26 unions, from Utah and Arizona to New Jersey, went out on strike as their three-year contract ended. Kennecott Copper Corp., the largest copper company, triggered off the strike by offering a minimal 90 cent per hour wage increase. However, the issues and the anger of the copper workers go deeper than just another minimum offer by monopoly capitalists.

Copper workers have a militant history. There have been strikes every three years, each time a contract has come up, since 1961. The longest strike lasted 7-8 months in 1967-68. In the 30's and 40's, one of the biggest Communist Party USA-led unions was the Mine, Mill, and Smelters, an industrial union in the non-ferrous sector of the industry. Under the harassment of the capitalists during the McCarthy period, and aided by the sell-outs in the union and the by-then revisionist Communist Party USA, the Mine, Mill and Smelters began a decline.

The economic crisis of capitalism has hit copper workers hard. This has been reflected in a number of areas, particularly on the East Coast. In the Carteret plant, in New Jersey for example, 175-200 workers have been laid off in the past month alone. In fact, at this plant, workers talked about not only how the Amax Company (the Carteret plant) was demanding that workers give in to a cut in cost-of-living but that they were pushing job combinations as well in order to lay off even more workers.

## COLLABORATION BETWEEN MISLEADERS AND COMPANY CLEAR TO WORKERS

Although job combinations is an important issue in the copper workers' fight against the monopoly capitalists, it is clear that a major issue, at least at this one plant, is the tactics of the company and the collaboration by the union misleaders. This collaboration was evident in several concrete ways.

One worker raised that job combinations come up over and over again. However the company had been preparing for this strike in ways he had not seen for forty years and that the union was doing nothing to prepare for it. Amax had been working men double and triple time in the previous months, filling orders into September and October. The worker put

forward that the company had not even done that before the big strike in 1967-68. The union misleadership had not even prepared for this eventuality by warning the men of this tactic by the company. His view was that it was "a lockout" - a lockout that the misleadership had objectively collaborated with by not preparing the workers.

Another example of the unwillingness of the union misleadership to boldly organize the rank and file was their refusal to communicate to the men as to the state of the negotiations, even after a full week of the strike.

Many were frustrated and angry at the lack of communication by the union misleaders and many workers, particularly the younger workers, echoed the sentiment of the song "GM Blues" written by an auto worker in Fremont which stated:

"I ain't got no union  
And still I got to pay  
the union dues."

When asked about a strike fund, one worker responded, "They got \$60 million in Pittsburgh (center of the United Steel Workers Union, the union that called the strike) but we ain't gonna see any of it."

The rank and file workers were united in their determination to see the strike out. One worker, holding up his hands, complained of how his hands, cut and scarred from the work at the plant, "looked like a junkie's hands" and how he "wanted more than that!" Another worker remarked how the only jobs that were offered as an alternative to layoffs were the most dangerous ones. In fact, a worker had just been killed in the smelter the previous week. "There's no such thing as a small injury here."

The anger of the copper workers runs deep. The necessity to organize and direct the determination of the workers must fall to communists. Only communists are able to make the correct link ups between the capitalist system and the layoffs and job combinations, between union misleaders and monopoly capitalists, between imperialism and the state of the copper industry. And only communists, armed with the science of revolution, Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, can prepare workers

to see that our common interest to end all oppression lies with socialism and revolution and that our power resides in our multinational unity -- a fact being clearly demonstrated in the strike that is now going on. ■





Afro-American masses were in no mood for sweet-talking by misleaders and shouted them down when they tried to cool off the people's anger, shown on the left.



Led by the Revolutionary Youth League, people break through the police barricades and march on the Lubovitcher Headquarters.

## Revolutionary Youth League Takes Leadership

# Afro-Americans March Against Racist Assaults

On July 9, 1977, over 700 working class people demonstrated in front of the 71st police precinct in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, to demand an end to vicious attacks on Afro-Americans and Arabs by roving Zionist thugs and to call for the liquidation of their fascist Crown Heights Community Patrol. These militant demonstrators had their fill of beatings, bombings, and attacks on innocent working class people by these Zionist gangsters. So great was the smouldering anger and frustration of the masses against these fascist attacks that the spineless sell-out misleadership of the demonstration could not control the demonstration. The Revolutionary Youth League (RYL--a multinational revolutionary mass organization of young people) thoroughly exposed the sell-out misleadership, seized the leadership, and led the masses in a spirited rally!

The hated Lubovitcher Hassidic Crown Heights Community Patrol are notorious for their brutal attacks, like ramming 3 Afro-American youths with their patrol cars, bombing an Arab storekeeper, attacking two Afro-American women, and bashing in the head of an Afro-American youth with a wrench. This most reactionary sect of orthodox Jews (Lubovitcher Hassidic) gets bankrolled directly by the U.S. government and, together with the Jewish Defense League (JDL) are partners in supporting the Israeli Zionist government--the Zionists who supply guns to the racist South African regime, carry out ruthless repression against the Palestinian people, and who have been bitterly condemned by the peoples of the world. In Crown Heights, where most of the landlords and storeowners are Lubovitcher Hassidic Jews, they prowl the streets carrying shot

guns to intimidate the Afro-American community that they rip off, and the arrogantly bully Afro-American youth routinely on the streets, demanding that they show their identification. And it's no wonder that the cops just look the other way; in fact, the cops have provided 24-hour round-the-clock protection for the attackers and for the Lubovitcher Hassidic Jewish leaders of the community

### MISLEADERS ATTEMPT TO HOLD BACK PEOPLES STRUGGLE

The Crown Heights community, which is predominantly Afro-American, rose up as one voice against this oppression. The demonstration was originally organized by the Coalition of Peoples of African Descent and by Reverend Dr. Heron Sam, who is director of the St. Marks Church on

Union St. in Crown Heights. The RYL came out in support of the demonstrators' just demands

The original plan for the demonstration was to assemble in front of the 71st precinct and then march to the Lubovitcher World Headquarters at 770 Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights. As RYL marched to the demonstration in columns of two, there was no clear or visible leadership provided, with people just standing around doing nothing. This was because the original organizers of the march were inside the 71st precinct instead, negotiating for more police "protection," for more Black cops, and making deals with the Chief of Police, the city politicians and the Hassidic Jews to divert the march away from the Lubovitcher World Headquarters and to Rev. Sam's church instead.

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## British Workers' Resistance Intensifies

An 11 month strike at a film processing plant in Willesden, England, north of London, has become a focal point for many British workers in their struggle against capitalism.

Originally sparked by the refusal of the Grunwick Company to recognize a union at Grunwick, the support for the strike has spread across Britain.

Thousands of workers from across the country have joined the picket lines and have battled police who have been called in to protect the scabs, hired by the company to break the strike and militancy of the Grunwick workers, mainly immigrants from Asia.

The militancy of the strikers and thousands of their supporters on the line has led to repeated clashes with the London police and so alarmed the British capitalist government that one of the highest

judges of England declared that the issue had become "support of the police" and the "power of the executive" versus "the power of the great groups of the land." Which is exactly what it is - the power of the capitalists and their police and courts against the greatest power - that of the masses of people.

### POSTAL WORKERS SUPPORT STRIKERS

The striking workers at Grunwick have been staunchly supported by the Cricklewood postal workers who have refused to deliver mail to the Grunwick plant. This is a tremendous blow to the Grunwick Company since most of their business is mail-order. As a result of their action, the Cricklewood postal workers have been suspended. In a tremendous act of solidarity the postal workers refused to return to work, even after ordered to do so by the nation-

al postal workers union misleaders. Instead, the Cricklewood postal workers demanded that the terms of their return to work must include the right not to handle any mail to the Grunwick Company!

The misleaders of the unions in England, like those here, seeing that the rank and file are getting out of their control, are doing everything possible, like the national postal workers union misleadership, to disrupt and sabotage the strike. Roy Grantham, general secretary of the Association of Professional, Clerical, and Computer Staff, the union to which the Grunwick strikers want to affiliate, has repeatedly attempted to stop the massive picketing and attempted to divert it into the capitalist courts. However, the strikers and their supporters are continuing the call for mass, militant picketing.

### DEEP CAPITALIST CRISIS IN BRITAIN

This is happening in the midst of a massive upsurge by British workers against one of the deepest economic and political crises in the capitalist world.

The Transport and General Workers Union, the big-

gest union in Britain, going against the pleadings of their national misleadership to give up their demands for collective bargaining, refused to go along with the wage freeze policy of the British capitalists. Instead the workers demanded an "unfettered return to collective bargaining from August 1."

They were followed by the Mine Workers and Engineering Workers. The capitalists' "social contract" scheme is staggering beneath these blows. The "social contract" scheme is "voluntary" wage and price controls. But like any other capitalist contract, the capitalists make sure that they come out on top. While the workers must swallow a wage freeze rammed through by misleaders, the prices and cost-of-living skyrocket.

However, the British workers are demonstrating that they are seeing through the "fine print" which promises only further exploitation and higher profits for the capitalists.

There is no way out for the capitalists. The internal contradictions of capitalism force them to try to hold off their collapse by further exploitation of workers and oppressed. Workers are having none of it and are speeding capitalism's inevitable collapse.



# African Liberation Support Committee Holds Successful National Conference

On the weekend of July 30-31 in Harlem, New York, over 300 workers, students, youth, community activists and communists held a successful African Liberation Support Committee annual national conference. Since the re-building of the Support Committee last September, this lively and fruitful conference was one of the most important steps to further breath revolutionary fighting spirit into the ALSC to carry out our concrete support work for the liberation fighters in Africa.

To deepen ALSC's solidarity with the peoples of Africa on the cultural front, the May Day Singers led the conference in a booming chorus of "All Africa's Standing Up!"

## Summing up past year

The spirited and serious tone for the conference was set by a major opening presentation given by the National Steering Committee (NSC) in summing up this year's African Liberation Day:

"The African Liberation Support Committee has once again carried out concrete support work to the liberation fighters in southern Africa. This was done by a successful 6th annual African Liberation Day held this past May in Oakland, California and in Washington D.C. Over 6000 people marched with ALSC from coast to coast. What is the significance of this successful ALD '77 led by ALSC? To answer this question, we must grasp the historical development of ALSC since last year. In the period leading up to the September '76 conference, the reactionary line of the "Revolutionary" Workers League in the ALSC temporarily destroyed the organization nationally. (See "Build ALSC into a Fighting Mass Organization", WV Sept/Oct. '76) The remaining progressive forces in the Support Committee stood firm in our purpose of doing support work, defeated this incorrect leadership and held a national conference last September to once again rekindle the revolutionary torch of the ALSC.

Between September and this past April the "Revolutionary" Workers Congress (who was at the September conference and said they united with the principles of unity) attempted to split the Support Committee by sending out false principles of unity to all chapters and also attempted to pull the Committee into the arms of the "Revolutionary Communist" Party. During this period, despite these types of twists and turns, progressive forces within the ALSC worked hard to reestablish chapters throughout the U.S. (See "ALSC: 'R'WC Paves Way for 'RC'P Takeover" WV March/April '77 and "All Out for African Liberation Day!" WV June '77)

Brothers and sisters, this ALD '77 was an important victory and significant test for the ALSC. Why did over 6000 people on both the east and west coasts' demonstrations follow ALSC? The answer is

clear. We have carried out our tasks of mobilizing the broad masses of the U.S. people, particularly the Afro-American masses, to give concrete support to the liberation fighters in Africa.

ALD '77 symbolizes our successful campaign this year to rebuild, to lay a firm foundation to further deepen and broaden the scope of our work. It was such a success because we organized under the correct principles of unity. Further, it displayed our strength and our forces who were rebuilding a network of ALSC chapters all across the country to carry our political view and leadership into the workplaces and communities as we continue to build the revolutionary tradition of the Support Committee.... African Liberation Day 1977 was a great beginning!!"

The national conference accomplished all the major tasks it set out to complete. To raise the political consciousness of the ALSC membership and aid us in carrying out the work of the committee, the Revolutionary Communist League and the Workers Viewpoint Organization made presentations on the international situation. The RCL maintained that revolution is the main trend in the world today. The WVO held that, at present, the factors for both war and revolution are on the rise and either world war will give rise to revolution or revolution will prevent world war; in any case the situation is excellent for the people of the world as long as we are prepared.

The political discussions that followed the presentations helped the masses attending the conference to understand many important questions concerning the international situation today. Questions of: whether there is such a thing as "equally dangerous" imperialists; which is the most likely situation in the coming years -- whether revolution will prevent world war or world war will give rise to revolution. There was also a fruitful discussion over the Workers Viewpoint Organization proposal to insert the phrase "the main duty of the U.S. people is to fight U.S. imperialism" in the 2nd principle of unity.

## Equally dangerous?

The first discussion on the question of equally dangerous imperialists was initiated by the WVO's presentation that compared the U.S. imperialists to the wolf and the Soviet Social-imperialists to the fox in a life-and-death struggle with a man. They were described as the two main enemies of that man. But the WVO also qualified that there are enemies and there are enemies. There are different characters to the enemies. The wolf may be stronger at this point but is old and on the decline, while the fox is more deceptive with sheep's clothing. Also it is young and leaner. It is in this context that the conclusion was drawn that there is no such thing as "equally dangerous enemies, to the same extent and to the

same degree", even though they are both main enemies!

The WVO's presentation laid out how the Dutch and the Belgians were replaced by the Spanish and the English colonialists due to their merchant marine superiority and how later on, the U.S. imperialists replaced the Spanish and English colonialists due to its industrial superiority. Through this historical materialist illustration of the uneven development of capitalism, it was concluded that there cannot be two imperialist countries that are equally dangerous. The most valuable aspect of the discussion was centered on the character of

the main enemies to the people of the world. However, US imperialism is the main enemy to the people in the US, and many places where the US imperialists are still directly occupying, such as southern Korea, Puerto Rico, etc.

The Soviet social-imperialists, through their sham international "aid" and through various shades of opportunist and revisionist cliques in those countries which fly the banner of "socialism", is the main danger because they are more centralized internally, on the relative rise and more deceptive. U.S. imperialism, after its intensified self-exposure in the



African Liberation Day, 1977 showed ALSC's militant support for...



...the struggle of the African people in places like Soweto.

the enemies -- the main occupier of the Third World today, US imperialism, versus the main danger today, the Soviet social-imperialism.

## Main duty of US people

This discussion must be viewed in light of the resolution that WVO presented as qualification to the 2nd principle of unity -- that "the main duty of the US people is to fight US imperialism". This is added to the original text that read, "Oppose the two superpowers, U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism, the two main enemies of the peoples of the world. Expose Soviet social-imperialism as the main danger to the independence of the Third World peoples and the peoples of the world and as the main source of war in the world today." The WVO pointed out that the context of the original principle of unity was for "the people of the world". That is to say both superpowers are

last two decades around the world is less dangerous than Soviet social-imperialism because of its openly aggressive foreign policy that is met with strong resistance from the peoples of the world. Soviet social-imperialism is the main enemy to the working class and the masses in the Soviet Union as well as to the people of Eastern Europe where the Soviet social-imperialist troops are directly occupying. It is also the main enemy to its neighboring countries such as Mongolia and China since it is still directly occupying the Mongolian and Chinese territories and poses a direct military threat to them. This is obviously not the situation with the people in the US and other places where the US imperialists are directly occupying. A qualification is therefore necessary.

The addition of "Soviet social-imperialism is the main danger" occurred during the struggle against forces such as the "Revolutionary Communist"



Party who dumped the slogan "Against both Superpowers" for nearly ten months due to their lack of principles. This understanding is crucial in taking a correct proletarian internationalist position towards Angola. This qualification was made to bring out the different characters of main enemies. One is the US imperialists, the direct oppressors, whom the US people is mainly responsible to overthrow. The other is the danger of the Soviet social-imperialists, posed to the people of the world through their deceptive appearance and through revisionist parties in many countries that objectively aid Soviet social-imperialism whether they are officially allied with it or not. This qualification becomes necessary especially in the face of those opportunists who not only lack any principles, but who also distort the line. They claim that to say Soviet social-imperialism is the main danger is the same as saying Soviet social-imperialism is the main enemy! This kind of demagoguery intended to fool the masses must be exposed by communists in the context of putting forward our clear and scientifically formulated resolutions in carrying out our proletarian internationalist tasks.

## 2 lines on war and revolution

The last of the 3 questions discussed was the question centering on the slogan "revolution is the main trend in the world today". The Revolutionary Communist League opportunistically butchered Chairman Mao's May 20, 1970 statement made under conditions different from today when the situation was clearly one such that the danger of world war was small and the possibility of revolution preventing a third world war was great. In reference to the danger of world war 3, Chairman Mao in the same statement pointed out that the danger of world war still existed, meaning that it was relatively small. Like the opportunists such as the Central Organization of US Marxist-Leninists today, and Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization, Revolutionary Workers League and October League yesterday, the RCL clung on to half of Chairman Mao's quote to develop their own special trend. RCL intentionally mixes up the general motion of history (that is, it develops in the direction

favorable to the people of the world) with the specific gauge of political situation ahead, particularly over the question of which is more likely: "either world war will give rise to revolution or revolution will prevent world war."

The WVO has historically stated clearly that even though we cannot predict the exact path that history will take, but that given the state of the subjective factor in the US and USSR, the path of proletarian revolution to destroy the superpowers and thereby destroy the root cause of world war, is less likely as compared to the danger of inter-imperialist world war, in the same span of time in the coming period, so that the likelihood of world war giving rise to revolution is greater. Even though the RCL chants the slogan "Revolution is the main trend! Revolution is the main trend!" like a religious fanatic, and accuses the WVO of "being pessimistic", they cannot even take a position on which path is more likely in the coming period. This is a mutation from RCL's position of a couple of months ago when the same speaker in a NY ALSC forum said that revolution will prevent world war. We told them that chanting the self-comforting slogan "revolution is the main trend" without linking up the dialectical relation between revolution and world war is departing from the Leninist presentation of the question. To merely repeat generalities without a concrete analysis of the concrete conditions of the present day situation is nothing but egg-headed intellectualism. The RCL's squabbling is a self-preservation tactic -- squabbling to demarcate itself from the WVO's correct line.

## A sense of injury

We have heard of the RCL's Menshevik cry of "hegemonism" before -- borrowing from the notorious Guardian and October League marsh. After the WVO has raised to them the question of Partyism in relation to party affairs and in relation to the question of leadership of mass organizations such as the ALSC, we have seen them quietly drop the term "hegemonism"! But a nagging sense of injury still exists and in fact is stronger than ever before. It surfaces at this conference. The lingering on of this anti-party anti-working class and anti-communist line on the question

# Principles of Unity

The principles of unity of the Support Committee are the political orientation to guide the Committee's work and to raise the political consciousness of new members as the ALSC deepens and broadens its influence throughout the U.S.

The principles of unity are:

1. Resolutely support the national liberation movements in Africa and the Third World against imperialism, colonialism, hegemonism, Zionism, racism and against all reaction.
2. Oppose the two superpowers, U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism, the two main enemies of the peoples of the world. The main duty of the U.S. people is to fight U.S. imperialism. Ex-

pose Soviet social-imperialism as the main danger to the independence of the Third World peoples and the peoples of the world and as the main source of war in the world today.

3. Forge militant solidarity with the struggles of the working class and oppressed nationalities of the U.S. with the oppressed nations, countries, and peoples of the entire world.
4. Support the struggles and unity of the multinational working class and oppressed nationalities and the democratic rights of all oppressed national minorities and oppressed nationalities in the U.S. and support the right to self-determination of the Afro-American nation in the Black Belt South.

of communist leadership of mass organizations took the form of charging WVO's "pulling strings" in ALSC.

The National Steering Committee, including the RCL members who were present at the NSC meeting had forgotten the suggestion to "raise to the general body 'the main duty of the US people is to fight US imperialism' during the discussion around the 2nd principle of unity."

When the Chair and others on the platform were reminded of this suggestion after the 5th principle of unity was passed, it was immediately blocked. The RCL blocked it not for its substance, but supposedly for the way "WVO pulled the string from the floor". There was at least an hour-long attempt to block the discussion on the substance of the addition and turned it into an accusation of how the "headhonocho" was pulling strings to undermine the integrity of the ALSC. They charged that it was an outsider interfering! The important insertion to the 2nd principle of unity was even described by the RCL as a "spontaneous" line!

Instantly this unprincipled

parliamentary maneuvering of the RCL was seen through by the masses at the conference. Despite that, RCL still argued frantically about how this question was a block to the scheduled proceedings of the ALSC conference, while in fact it was they who had blocked the proceedings by suspecting on this and that -- why WVO wanted the 1st principle of unity to focus on Africa and not on Africa and Third World as a whole. The WVO compromised on this point, feeling that this principle of unity can be qualified by ALSC chapters in their struggles and agreed to move on without changing the 1st principle of unity. That clearly shows the desire to unite and to move on to other more important items on the agenda.

In the spirit of continuing the past and present work of building ALSC into a fighting mass organization that raises the political awareness of the majority of American people around concrete support work for the liberation fighters in Africa, the National Steering Committee of the ALSC put forth a resolution against those backward groups that have tried to kill the ALSC. The resolution correctly clarified the difference between honest people who come into the Support Committee and backward groups that do not uphold the principles of unity and carry out the program of work. In fact these groups' attitude and practice is not one of unity-struggle-unity towards ALSC but split and destroy ALSC. The resolution read:

"'Revolutionary' Workers Congress, 'Revolutionary Communist' Party, August Twenty-Ninth Movement and 'Marxist-Leninist' Organizing Committee are condemned as backward forces who have tried to split ALSC and they are excluded from joining ALSC or participating in ALSC's internal functions like this weekend's conference."

Chapters across the country united with the resolution and gave concrete examples of how these backward groups had attacked ALSC. The resolution was passed unanimously.

## ALSC National Program of Work passed

Another important accomplishment voted on by the conference was a national program of work for ALSC from now until next African Liberation Day. The program reflects the Sup-

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## Whittaker Struggle In New Stage

Whittaker, N.C.: On April 19, an Afro-American agricultural worker, Charles Lee, demanded his correct change from a racist shopkeeper and landlord, Joe Judge. Instead, Judge shot Lee through the chest, in cold blood. (See WY, July, no. 6) Lee died two days later, but Judge, a descendent of an original slave owner in the South, who has the local cops in his pocket, never saw the inside of a jail. This touched off a round of outrage and protest in the community which has badly shaken the local white racist landlords! Immediately after the funeral, 500 people militantly marched through Whittaker to protest this and scores of other murders of Afro-Americans in the Black Belt South.

The struggle at Whittaker, N.C. has now entered a new stage. Under the leadership of the African Liberation Support Committee and the WVO, revolutionary youth in Whittaker have begun to organize opposition to the vicious system of national oppression that supports and defends Joe Judge. A successful rally was held on July 6 to draw together members of the Whittaker community to continue the struggle for justice.

About 80 people attended the rally, and chants, speeches and songs filled the air. The chants built the enthusiasm and strength of the masses with declarations like, "we won't run, we're here to stay, the people say that Judge must pay." One speech by a member of the National Steering Committee of the ALSC, called on the people to join together and fight for democratic rights, and to beware of the treacherous misleaders who tell us to rely on the government or to rely totally on the rotten legal system which is protecting the murderer Judge. Another speech, given by a leader of Durham's N.C. ALSC forcefully showed that Charlie Lee's brutal murder is part of the long history of oppression of the Afro-American people in the Black Belt, and the consistent betrayal of the masses of Afro-Americans by the government.

She said; "One hundred years ago we were promised forty acres and a mule. Well, where is it? What happened to it? Here we are today, we've got nothing, not even a hair of that mule's tail, much less the whole mule." She called for the people to unite to struggle, and finished by leading the audience in the chant "the people united will never be defeated."

With Afro-American farmers in the Black Belt South still chained to the land farmed by their ancestors, and turning over 1/3 to 1/2 of their crops to the landlords, the speeches brought into sharp focus the demand: "Land to the Tiller" The most basic demand is for the right of self-determination for the Afro-American nation in the Black Belt South up to and including the right to secede and form their own country as a democratic right of an oppressed nation.

The meeting concluded with the temporary chairman of the People's Coalition of Justice calling for the formation of a coalition to press for the de-

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## N.Y. Puerto Rican Day Parade: End National Oppression!

On June 12th, hundreds of thousands of the Puerto Rican masses in New York came out to celebrate the annual Puerto Rican Day Parade on Fifth Avenue.

Denied a decent living, the language suppressed, denied the glorious history of struggle of Puerto Rico and the culture born from that struggle, discriminated against in housing and on the job, subjected to continual harassment by the police, the Puerto Rican masses came to the parade in essence to express unity in the struggle against their oppression as a national minority here in the US.

The national pride that was boldly expressed in the waving of the Puerto Rican flag and the "I'm Puerto Rican and proud" slogans is a spontaneous

expression of resistance to class and national oppression and the assertion of the proud history and tradition of struggle against monopoly capitalism by the Puerto Rican people here. The strong feelings expressed by many in the crowd for Puerto Rican independence is yet another expression of the hatred of the US imperialists who exploit and suppress Puerto Rico. The tradition and glorious history of the struggle for independence, and the continuing struggle

for independence on the island, is not only a symbol for the Puerto Rican masses here in the fight against class and national oppression but a source of pride and strength to draw from.

### FOREFRONT OF STRUGGLE PARTICIPATES IN PARADE

Forefront of Struggle (Frente De Lucha), a mass organization in the Lower East Side, organized a contingent to march in the Puerto Rican Day Parade. When FOS, in defiance of the misleaders, joined the parade and raised the need to struggle against national oppression, the masses responded enthusiastically. Some people got up from their spaces on the street to join the contingent. Agitation was done around the oppression Puerto Ricans face under the system of capitalism

both as workers and as Puerto Ricans. Agitation was also done on the bullhorn around the need to actively support the liberation of Puerto Rico to smash the grip of US imperialism over Puerto Rico. The contingent was multinational and symbolized multinational unity in struggle.

The struggle of the Puerto Rican masses in the Chicago parade became a focus of the agitation. The chant went up:

Primero El Grito de Lares  
Fueron todos a luchar!  
La Masacre de Ponce  
Fueron todos a luchar!  
El levantamiento de Jayuya  
Fueron todos a luchar!  
El ataque en Chicago  
Vamos todos a luchar!

At our two rallies our working class and national songs of resistance raised the militant spirit of the masses, speaking directly to the anger that they feel against oppression. "Mira La," "Break The Chains," and the "Internationale" were sung over and over again.

### CULTURE IS POWERFUL WEAPON OF MASSES

Culture, particularly songs and skits, is one very powerful form of agitation and propaganda. As such it can be used to concretely serve the struggle of the workers and

oppressed. The songs were instrumental in drawing the attention of the masses at the 2 rallies. The ruling capitalist class use songs and art work to serve their interests - to degrade, to divert, to pacify, to indoctrinate those ideas which will help serve the maintenance of their rule and keep the masses oppressed. This was clearly evident in the parade as the floats and marching bands with their drum majorettes kept marching by never once relating to the daily oppression and the glorious history of struggle of the Puerto Rican people and the working class.

### CAPITALISTS AND MISLEADERS TRY TO PIMP OFF PARADE

The capitalists and their lackeys want to use the Puerto Rican Day Parade to pacify the anger and militancy of the Puer-

to Rican people. Instead of presenting the history of Puerto Rican people as one of struggle against oppression and exploitation, the misleaders of the parade want us to believe that the history of Puerto Ricans in the US is one of passivity and willing assimilation. Instead of rousing the masses to further the struggle against national oppression, they promote cops and the US army playing imperialist marching songs like "The Halls of Montezuma".

The history of the Puerto Rican people in the US, like the history of Puerto Rico itself, is a long and glorious one. It is a history of struggle against national oppression here in the US and support for the glorious and



heroic struggle against US imperialism in Puerto Rico. Events like El Grito de Lares, the Jayuya Uprising, and the Ponce Massacre, revolutionary heroes like Emeterio Betances, Don Pedro Albizu Campos, Lolita Lebron and others are shining examples in the history of Puerto Rico. Here in the US, the struggle against national oppression has seen the masses in Chicago and Newark rise up against the police attacks during the Puerto Rican Day parades. On the Lower East Side in New York, there has been a long history of struggle for quality education and bilingual programs.

### TAKE OUR AGITATION AMONG THE MASSES

In the early 1970's, the Young Lords Party attempted to promote the progressive and revolutionary sentiment

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## Demonstrations Hit Forced Busing

# Parents Organize - Fight for Quality Education

Capitalism is crushing the life out of Los Angeles schools. The LA Board of Education is considering a whopping \$105 million cut, which would rip the guts out of already deteriorating schools. 285 teachers, 30 nurses, 42 counselors, and hundreds of aides may be thrown out beside the affect that the cuts will have in materials, space, and services. Trying to cover up these cutbacks, the worst in the history of the LA school district, the Board is attempting to focus attention on tricks like the forced busing plan.

However, working class and oppressed nationality parents and students are rising up to pick up the fight. In late May, 75 outraged parents and students from working class and oppressed nationality communities came out to demonstrate their anger at the cuts and to demand quality education. Called by the Organization for Improved Education (OIE), the rally and protest was held right outside the Board of Education.

Right in front of the Board's noses, the OIE picketers chanted militant, spirited chants like, "Black, Brown, Yellow, White - It's the School Board we must fight!" and "Unamos razas para mejor educacion- Juntos venceremos con la mejor solucion!"

The multinational character of the demonstration itself was a concrete victory over the racist, divisive tactics used by the Board to split our forces.

The OIE demonstration called special attention to the wretched conditions of many LA schools, mostly in national minority communities: filthy restrooms without stall doors or paper because of cuts in custodial staff and supplies; schools so poor that graduating students can't even read; classes bursting with well over 40 students; teachers that double up as security guards.

At the rally, Chinese, Chicano, Afro-American parents and students rose up to speak out for (1) the rights of minorities to go to the school of their choice with district provided funds and transportation but no forced busing (2) for real parent and student input into the schools (3) oppose all cutbacks (4) restoring aide and teaching positions that have been cut (5) for quality bilingual education (6) an end to the tracking system, which is designed to keep minority and white working class students in "shop" and "vocational" classes. One speaker raised that this tracking system was nothing more than the capitalists' plan to keep us their factory slaves.

At one point, the demonstrators went inside the Boardroom of the Board of Education. Concrete demands were presented to the Board. Their spineless reaction was to recess the meeting, right in the face of the parents and students.

Many important lessons were learned from this rally. Many students and parents saw



*Picking up the struggle for quality education, parents and students are organizing to fight cutbacks and tricks liked forced busing.*

concretely the necessity and the power of a fighting organization and multinational unity. At the same time, one area which needs to be grasped more deeply is the necessity for clear and concrete exposure of the Board's tactics to disintegrate the militant struggle (i.e. during the demo they attempted to delay the speakers). Such exposure of the Board's bureaucracy and tricks is necessary to unleash the anger of parents and students.

### BUSING - CAPITALIST TRICK TO DIVERT STRUGGLE FROM CUTBACKS

For the past year, the OIE has been exposing the forced busing plan of the capitalists. The capitalists hope to use the forced busing plan in two ways. First, by focusing attention on the implementation of the plan, they hope to divert struggle away from the deteriorating quality of education in all working class and oppressed nationality communities and the impending drastic cuts.

A shining example of the people's struggle against this trick has been the fight waged by the 28th St. elementary school parents.

In a series of local school meetings in early June, parents exposed the lies and tricks of the Board of Education representative. With a population of 70% Chicano and 25% Afro-American students, the 28th St. school is a typically overcrowded minority school, with over 1,000 students and 30-40 students per classroom.

At the meetings, the Board tried to trick the parents into a forced busing plan by having them "choose" between random or geographic selection of over 150 students to be sent to schools miles away. Some choice! This same trick is being used at eleven other overcrowded schools in LA as part of the Board's "voluntary" phase of busing.

However, 200 parents demanded improved schools instead! Chicano parents took the lead in exposing the rotten education at the school. "Why can't my children learn anything at school?" stormed one parent. With the Board planning to cut millions out of the already decaying LA system, no one was fooled by the Board representative who said, "I don't know why some students learn and some students don't learn."

With the help of the OIE, parents, seeing through this sham talk, presented positive demands for quality education -- six new classrooms (instead of a parking lot the school district is planning to build); 15 additional bilingual teachers; better supervision; better programs for all the students; and no forced busing but the right of minorities to choose their own school. A petition was presented and 15 parents immediately volunteered to take it to the Board.

The struggle has just begun. Parents at the 28th St. school have started to learn through their own experience that parents and students will have to fight and unite with other nationalities to get their demands.

Another example of struggle against this attempt at diversion by the Board is the denunciation of a Board of Education member in an April meeting in Chinatown. Over 100 parents demanded that the representative take a stand for better schools particularly for oppressed nationalities and that forced busing had no relation to the improved education for all schools of working class and oppressed nationality children. When he refused, the parents angrily denounced his arrogant disdain for the people.

The second, even more dangerous, use of the busing plan by the capitalists is their hope to split the working class and oppressed na-

tionality by whipping up racism and other reactionary sentiment.

The ruling class, through the LA Times, for example, is wasting no time trying to pit Afro-Americans and Chicanos with lies like, "75% or more of Blacks want forced busing and Chicanos are against it." The truth is that the Afro-American working people are overwhelmingly against forced busing. Recently, the judge in the desegregation case (Judge Egly) stated that not all Spanish-surnamed students are minorities (a ruse to split Chicanos from Mexicanos and Chicanos from other minorities). And most recently, the judge has ordered an even more extensive busing plan for Feb. 1978.

Already, the capitalists' forced busing plan is whipping up racial hatred and fascism. BUSTOP, a predominantly white, petty bourgeois organization opposed to busing but refusing to fight for quality education, especially for minorities, got their chairperson (Bobbi Fiedler) elected to the school board. Reactionary groups foot the bill for their election expenses, like the association of deputy sheriffs and other right-wing groups.

Fascism will ride in on the coattails of racism and such tricks as the forced busing plan are part of the fascistization process. This makes our fight for multinational unity against this plan and for quality education even more crucial as the capitalists through their courts, media, and politicians try to split our forces and get us to squabble among ourselves.

### RICH LESSONS LEARNED THROUGH CLASS STRUGGLE

There are important lessons which can be learned from the struggle against the forced busing plan.

One important lesson is that multinational unity is built in the course of actual struggle. Parents will unite around concrete issues. For, example, some Chicano parents from 28th St. School went to an OIE Chinatown team meeting to tell them of their struggle. Seeing how the struggle was common to theirs, the Chinese parents offered concrete support in the actions and even do childcare while the Chicano parents voiced their demands at the Board. In another example, Chicano parents took the initiative to ask Afro-American members of OIE to help canvas in the community to generate support from all segments of the community despite the school's attempt to pit Afro-Americans against Chicanos. After the canvassing with petitions Chicano parents could see that many Black parents supported the demand for bilingual teachers and classes. The multinational unity beginning to be built through these concrete struggles is a blow against the ruling class' attempt to divide and split the working class.

Another important lesson of the need for positive demands. Working class parents want better schools, not the same rotten ones they have now. Fighting for concrete demands unleashes parents' energy, persistence, and initiative. By using mass line in listening to the sentiments of parents, these sentiments must be crystallized to push forward the struggle. For example, at one meeting, several parents made general statements that they wanted an improved local school and not forced busing to "solve" overcrowding at the school. Helping the parents to present

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# Women Hold Up Half the Sky

In the past year, the US ruling class has whipped up a big fanfare around the so-called "morality of abortion". This peaked in the Supreme Court and Senate ruling on June 30 that took away medicaid funds for abortions.

The court ruling is clearly an attack on working women. Even Carter had to admit on TV that it is discriminatory. He then justifies it with a limp voice, "there are many things in life that are unfair". Even Carter with all his public relations gimmicks is finding it impossible to whitewash the criminal rule of capitalism.

## DEFEND THE RIGHT TO GOVERNMENT FUNDED ABORTIONS

Communists defend the right of abortion. We also fight for government funded abortions as a special demand for working women in our overall fight for better health care for working women and all workers. Under socialism, the government actively promote family planning as part of the plan to build socialism. Safe methods of birth control are propagated among the masses. But under capitalism, many working women don't have access to good and safe birth control and will have accidental pregnancies. Many working women will have to have abortions because of financial hardships which is particularly true of lots of working women who are the sole supporters of their families. Many working women will also be forced to have abortions because of unstable relationships which is a by-product of capitalism. (we will go into this in a future article.) Unlike socialist countries such as China, where young people find their lives meaningful in dedicating themselves to the cause of building socialism, young people in this capitalist society often find themselves drifting. For many of these young people who can't find jobs or get thrown out of the rotten bourgeois education system, men-women relationships often becomes an escape or the cause of life itself. The bourgeoisie pushes this hedonism (seeking pleasure as an end in itself) and reactionary romanticism among youth to divert them from actively struggling against their oppression.

Under capitalism, many women will also have pregnancies because they marry or begin relationships at a young age under the influence of male supremacist idea that women's role is in the home. Such ideas are actively propagated by the bourgeoisie to suppress the revolutionary potential of working women and to drive a wedge between men and women.

Planning under socialism will help avoid the need to have abortions, but since this doesn't and cannot exist under capitalist society, we must fight for the right of working women to have government funded abortion.

## PROMOTE THE BRIGHT OUTLOOK OF THE WORKING CLASS ON CHILDREN

But unlike the liberals, we cannot confine our struggles to the demand for government funded abortions. We must see through the phony debate around the so-called "morality of abortions."

The debate is phony because the liberals that said they want to fight for the right of abortion are not fighting for the working class. They are only the slicker wing of the bourgeoisie that is using the issue to spread pessimism, hedonism and to disarm us ideologically. The liberals said that they support abortion because it is "a greater immorality to bring to this world where there is no housing, education or anything." This is the outlook of the dying class, not the working class' outlook of fighting for our bright future of socialism.

The working class cherishes our children with great hope and pride. As we struggle day in and day out against the oppressive rule of capi-



Working women take the front lines in the Flint auto strike of 1937!

talism -- the budget cuts, layoffs, unemployment, attacks on our right to strike -- everyday we are gaining in consciousness and organization. Everyday we see that the bourgeoisie is being caught in its own contradictions under the blow of the working class. From our experience and the laws of history, we know that we are the invincible class that will one day put an end to the criminal rule of capitalism.

The petty bourgeois solution to the oppression of capitalism is escapism and hedonism. This is what the liberal representatives of the bourgeoisie is actively promoting in the courts on the abortion issue. They want to tell us not having children gets us out of capitalist oppression. It is like telling us to jump out of the window if we hate the capitalists.

But the working class solution is not to jump but to fight back, fail, fight again to victory. That is why we cherish our children and will bring them up as revolutionary successors and better fighters than we are. We know that it is only through struggling against the bourgeoisie that we will bring hope to our children and our children's children. This is why we will raise our kids and weather them through the storm of class struggle and train them to be class fighters to carry on the struggle and the noble cause of socialism and communism.

## THE RIGHT WING IS PREPARING FOR FASCISM

Another sinister aspect of the liberal outcry for the "right to funded abortion" is preparation for fascism by feeding the ultra-right wing, the religious fundamentalists, and right-to-lifers. Because the liberals promoted hedonism and escapism, the right wing fascist forces have exploited the issue by appealing to the good working class instincts of cherishing our children and stable man-woman relationships. This is why the "right to life" has become a rallying point to provoke and create a right wing fascist movement in some sectors of the working class. These right wingers are also actively pushing the male supremacist idea that the women's place is in the home and only to bear children.

To fight the attacks of the bourgeoisie, not only must we fight for the right to government funded abortions, but more importantly, we must also take up the fight of the immediate interests of the working class and link them up to the fight for the noble goal of the dictatorship of the proletariat and communism. We must take up the fight for jobs, better housing, and better education for our children and our class brothers and sisters. We must also fight the bourgeoisie on the ideological front by promoting in the course of struggle the bright outlook of the working class on children and stable men-women relationships. Through the course of struggle we will make our families a fighting unit in the struggle against the bourgeoisie. ■

# Letters to WVO FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES

## FALN Denounced

Comrades and friends,

Once again we hear about the Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional (FALN), the Puerto Rican terrorist group planting bombs and killing and injuring people. I am writing this letter because I feel that actions taken by the FALN do not serve the interests of the working class in general and the struggle of the Puerto Rican people for the independence of Puerto Rico in particular. This group of morons think that by them blowing up a building they will achieve independence for Puerto Rico. To think that you will hurt the U.S. imperialists by blowing up their corporations is nothing but petty bourgeois idealism.

Comrades, the FALN will die

just like the Symbionese Liberation Army who thought that they too could change the oppression and exploitation that the working class faces everyday by blowing up buildings and killing people. This petty bourgeois idealism only serves the very interests of the class they are trying to hurt -- the U.S. monopoly capitalist class. These acts, comrades, are nothing more than terrorism. As Lenin stated: terrorism serves the bourgeoisie because it only gives them more excuses to repress us more.

Comrades, Puerto Rico will be free but it will not be the

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petty bourgeoisie that will free it. It is the working class and only the working

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# TERRORISM NO SHORTCUT TO WINNING THE MASSES

The recent bombing of two midtown office buildings done, according to the bourgeois press and police by the Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional (FALN) has raised much discussion about Puerto Rican independence and "terrorism".

First, the most blood-thirsty terrorists are the monopoly capitalists. The daily brutal terrorism that kills young children in the streets from .38 bullets of the police to the heroin in the arm, the deaths of elderly from the winter cold, the miners who can no longer breathe because capitalists are more interested in profits than Black Lung, the bombing of women and children in Indochina. The list is endless. This is the root cause of actions like the bombing in midtown Manhattan. This is the context in which any criticism of the tactics of the FALN must be made.

When there is talk of "terrorism" in relation to Puerto Rico, it must be in the context of the terrorism of the US imperialists. The terrorism which sterilizes young Puerto Rican women without their consent or knowledge, which rips the resources out of the island, which forces the

laboring masses of the island to slave for starvation wages, which suppresses the language and national culture in Puerto Rico, which bombs the island of Culebra for target practice, which murdered women and children in 1937 in Ponce. This is the terrorism that is never talked about when the bourgeois press screams "terrorism".

So sham is this masquerade by the capitalists that they must try to use it as an excuse to cover for the incompetence of their police. Unable to find mass killers, unable to crack the undergrounds of the FALN, prodded by hysterical businessmen, they push out a cheap publicity stunt by framing two independentistas to take the heat off themselves.

However, the bombing of the office building and the subsequent danger to the lives of working people in those buildings and on the street does raise other important questions that must be addressed. That is, the nature of the tactic of terrorism and its correct relationship to the revolutionary struggles of the oppressed masses. There is no short cut to winning the hearts and minds of the masses. (Continue on p. 25)



# 'STAR WARS' - SOFT-SELLING WORLD WAR

On Halloween, there are always reports of how somebody tries to give kids a piece of candy with a razor blade hidden inside. However, this is no new or isolated act of treachery. It is one of the favorite tricks of the bourgeoisie in all spheres, everyday.

They have just come out with their latest piece of "candy." It comes in a brightly wrapped package, looks sweet and harmless, but hidden inside is an ideological razor blade designed to cut the masses' throats. It is called "Star Wars."

As in the 1930's, when the U.S. imperialists were gearing up for war, they offered films which on the one hand attempted to divert the masses from the daily oppression of the Depression, while whipping up "patriotic" i.e., chauvinist sentiments on the other. One only has to look at some Late Show movies from that period to see this clearly. The famous "Flash Gordon" serials of the thirties, to which "Star Wars" has direct similarities, appealed to the masses to get behind the All-American Flash against the "evil, foreign enemies" out to conquer the world. The same is true of the bourgeoisie today in their attempt to prepare for war with Soviet Social imperialism.

The U.S. imperialists are faced with a very difficult problem. How do they whip up the blind patriotism, essential for waging world war, among the masses who are increasingly suspicious of them and fed up with the same old bourgeois rhetoric. The old vehicle of World War II movies has been for the most part played out and the U.S. imperialists cannot use the Vietnam War because of the tremendous popular support for the anti-imperialist struggles of the Southeast Asian peoples. Besides that--since U.S. imperialism lost the war they would hardly make for good bourgeois propaganda, and with the increased knowledge of the masses about the Peoples Republic of China, the old 1950's "evil Chinese Reds" gimmick no longer is as effective. In other words, how do they make a 'good' movie, glorifying the imperialist military, without making it too obvious? Answer: "Star Wars."

The comparisons of this film to all the old movie plots have been talked about over and over in the bourgeois press. The All-American heroes, rescuing the Princess from the clutches of the evil "Empire" in the process save the day for the forces of the "Republic." However, it is precisely this outright appeal to "old values" and "The American Way" that hides this movie's more dangerous character.

The content of "Star Wars" is a direct reflection of the line that the bourgeoisie has been pushing recently. Masked behind phrases like "put the past behind us" (in other words, "forget that U.S. imperialism has been getting smashed around the world"), "heal the wounds" (in other words, "no more dissent and rebellion"), and "defenders of human rights" (in other words, "U.S. imperialism is the good guy"), the capitalists are busy preparing the mentality that is essential for World War. The anti-foreign workers line being pushed so hard by the ruling class and its lackeys is also designed to whip up chauvinism. Thus

to play up these sentiments, as well as to glorify the old "frontier rugged individualism" and the "practical but efficient" American pragmatism, while at the same time not being trapped by the old war movie forms, the bourgeoisie takes it "out of this world"--literally. While John Wayne and his fascist character has already been exposed to the masses, how can you go wrong with two robots? People won't go see Audie Murphy storming a Nazi bunker but they might go if it's a spaceship storming a "Death Planet." Thus to die for the "Republic" is not only heroic, but it is clean at that! There is not a single drop of blood in the whole flick.

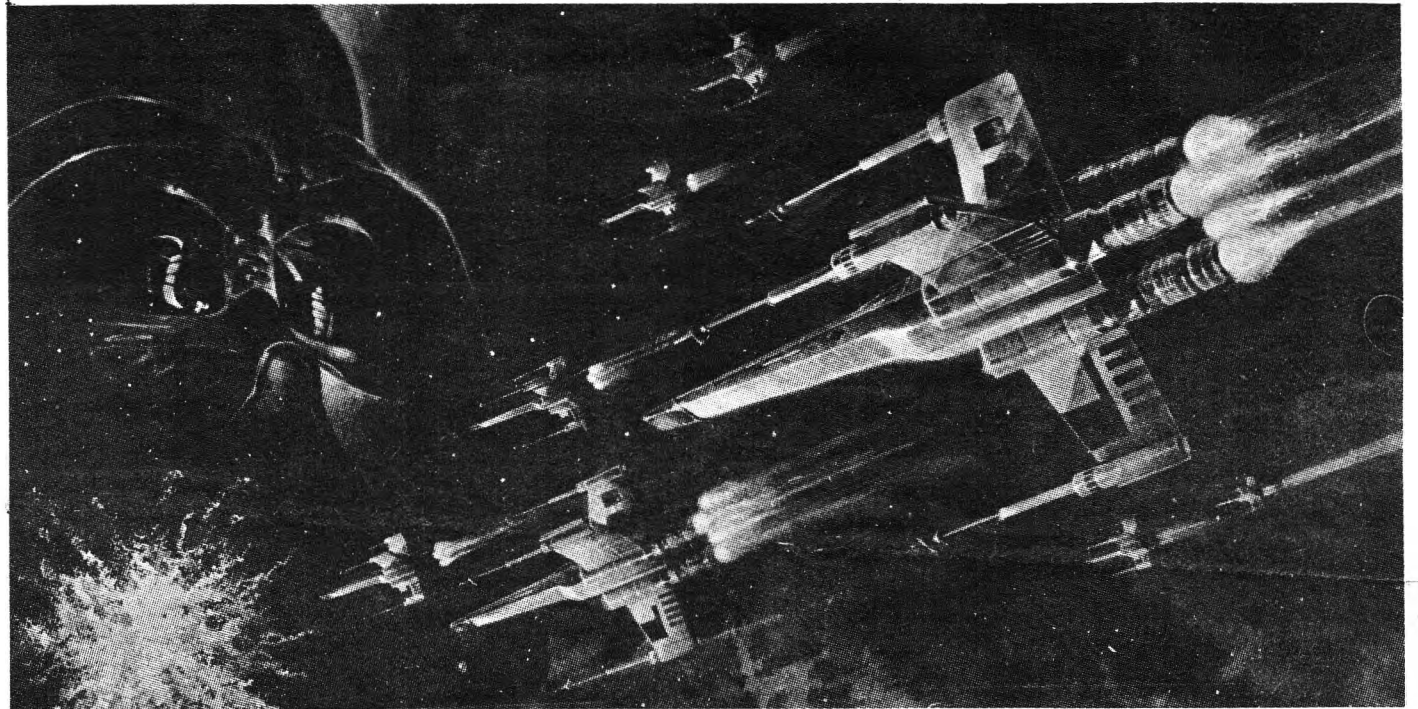
An important aspect of "Star Wars" which serves the bourgeoisie is the strong appeal to mysticism in the form of the "Force." This "go with what

the masses, groaning under an intense economic crisis and intensifying their resistance to oppression and exploitation. It is sold as a \$4 trip "away from reality" into the future. Thus in the form and presentation of "Star Wars" there is a bombardment of sounds, sights, colors, and action leaving no time to think about what is actually being said. They want to leave you so busy anticipating what is coming up that you forget what just happened. But as the great Chinese revolutionary writer Lu Hsun once said, trying to escape the reality of class conflict is like "trying to lift yourself off the ground by pulling on your hair. It can't be done."

What kind of future does "Star Wars" actually predict? Socialism? Society run by and for the workers and oppressed masses? A communist society without class oppression? No.

one hand to cover for the reactionary substance of bourgeois ideas. Like fixing up left-overs, they must dress it up and cover it up with fancy appearances. The forms at the same time are used to mask the poison of the "old" ideas.

The "pure" entertainment position is an attempt to fixate the working class on the forms of bourgeois culture--the visual and technical acrobatics, sight, sound and motion--so that they may choke later on the bourgeois content. "Star Wars" is no exception. As the great Chairman Mao Tsetung taught: "Some works which politically are downright reactionary may have a certain artistic quality. The more reactionary their content and the higher their artistic quality, the more poisonous they are to the people, and the more necessary to reject them. A common characteristic of the literature and art of all ex-



"STAR WARS" -- Air Force recruiting poster with stereophonic sound.

you feel" is clear preparation for fascism in that it is precisely the irrationality within the backward strata of the working class to which fascism's demagogic appeals. This "do it if you feel it" and its ideological cousins "do it if it feels good" and "do it if it works" is designed to appeal to backward instincts.

divert the masses from scientific explanation and revolutionary Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought.

In fact, it is this "Force" which saves the day for the "Republic." While the film is supposed to take place in the "future," the technology employed is basically 1977 F-15. The cruise missile is more advanced than the weapons Luke Skywalker had to deal with! This is not without some reason. In the necessity to glamorize world war and the imperialist military, 1977. Air Force technology has to be employed. The last scenes in Star Wars are basically a multi-million dollar, technicolor, stereophonic sound, Air Force recruiting poster! It is a recruiting poster that concretely emphasizes the push-button warfare which has been used in Vietnam and Cambodia when B-52's dumped tons of bombs several miles above their target.

"Star Wars" is both a preparation for world war and an obvious attempt to divert

According to "Star Wars" the future holds a world complete with remnants of the slave system, feudalism, as well as the "immortal" (according to the bourgeoisie's fondest illusion) capitalism. It is a world complete with imperialist wars, lumpen criminal elements, petty bourgeois hustler types, small farmers getting crushed, even some kind of national (!) oppression of robots! It goes on and on...the world of the future which according to capitalism will be nothing more than an eclectic mix of the worst aspects of the past.

It is the ultimate fantasy of capitalists - a world of reaction.

It is a world where robots do all the work and where there are no workers, particularly women workers, and national minorities and oppressed nationalities. In other words, "Bourgeois Heaven." No wonder they call it "Science Fiction."

"Star Wars" cannot be regarded uncritically, as "pure" entertainment. There is no such thing as "pure-above class entertainment." All bourgeois culture promotes and reflects the bourgeois viewpoint and serves their interests. The sophistication of bourgeois forms are designed on the

exploiting classes in their period of decline is the contradiction between their reactionary political content and their artistic form.

It is a piece of candy with a razor blade inside ready to cut those who see only its appearance. The "laughs" in "Star Wars" really lie in the fact that the ruling class has been reduced to push forward two robots, a few space creatures, and the "Force" in order to try to push their war preparations. ■

## Whittaker

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mand that justice must be done. After the meeting, a party was held for the youth of Whittaker featuring the local band, the Reflectors, a group of young Afro-American musicians who played to see that the demands of the people be met.

The work of building the coalition is going ahead after this successful rally. Further meetings are being held and another rally is scheduled for neighboring Enfield, N.C., in the near future. By focusing on correct methods of leadership and correct methods of work, the struggle is not only fighting against national oppression in this case, but is training youth for future tasks as revolutionaries, to continue the struggle beyond this case and struggle for self determination and for socialism! ■



# O.A.U. MEETING BUILDS AFRICAN COUNTRIES' UNITY

The annual meeting of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) was a big success in the African peoples' struggle against their five enemies: the imperialists who have long invaded the continent; the colonialists and racists who are still entrenched in some parts of the continent, particularly in southern Africa; the Zionists who occupy Arab territories and occupy the homeland of the Palestinian people; and the superpower hegemonists, the U.S. imperialists and the Soviet social-imperialists.

Meeting in Libreville, Gabon the 49 heads of state (or their representatives), passed two important resolutions that dealt blows to the reactionary Smith regime in Rhodesia, and

unity and solidarity among African states, strengthen their cooperation in the fields of politics, external affairs, economy, culture and defense, defend their state sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence, eradicate all forms of colonialism from Africa and promote international cooperation.

The African peoples are confronted with the common tasks of fighting their five enemies. They have common interests and objectives which are the principal factors in their struggle. True, there are some differences between African countries, but these are only secondary in importance, often a legacy of colonial rule. Different classes in these countries have different interests and different

discredit Idi Amin and to prepare public opinion for his assassination. The U.S. imperialists hoped the other African states would condemn Amin, thereby splitting the OAU.

But the OAU held a successful meeting, united more firmly in their opposition to superpower intervention, resolved to support the armed struggle of the Southern African peoples, and welcomed Idi Amin, making a fool of the

imperialist lackey Andrew Young.

With such fierce attempts to split the OAU, as the two superpowers step up their contention and drive toward world war, the OAU has demonstrated that the struggle for the unity of African countries has not been derailed. The historical trend of countries want independence is irresistible. The days when the imperialists can lord over them is gone forever. ■



to the divisive schemes of the two superpowers.

The OAU passed a resolution backing the Patriotic Front in Zimbabwe, sharpening the struggle against the Smith white minority regime. This resolution came at an important time, as the reactionary Smith regime is stepping up attempts to negotiate with other forces not committed to armed struggle. This resolution was in keeping with the OAU's support for the armed struggle of the Zimbabwean people, and a blow to the U.S. imperialists' call for a "non-violent" solution and attempts to undermine the armed struggle of the Zimbabwean people.

The OAU also passed a resolution condemning foreign intervention in the internal affairs of the African states. This was a big blow to both superpowers, and exposes the Soviet social-imperialists and their Cuban stalking horses, who split the liberation forces and carried out armed aggression in Angola, backed an invasion of the sovereign country of Zaire and are stepping up its attempts to dominate Ethiopia.

## OAU FOUNDED TO PROMOTE THE UNITY OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES

Formed under the leadership of the Ghanaian revolutionary Kwame Nkrumah in 1963, the OAU was founded to promote the unity of the African states, and is the aim behind the OAU's charter. The aims announced in the Charter are to promote

stands on these disputes. But in the long run, it will be the people of these countries who will determine the solution to conflicts between countries and within them. More important, there are differences created by the deliberate provocations of the imperialists and social-imperialists who attempt to spread their influence by dividing and conquering the African countries.

The OAU has historically attempted to solve these differences by patient discussions and consultations, seeking common ground on major issues while reserving minor differences. In this way they can maintain their glorious tradition of unity in combatting their enemies.

## THE UNITY OF THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES IS A THORN IN THE SIDE OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS

Is there any wonder that the Soviet social-imperialists have embarked on a reactionary campaign to split the unity of the OAU, by calling some countries progressive and others reactionary, in an attempt to find support for their "new" colonialist interventions in Africa? Is it any wonder that the U.S. capitalist press has labelled the latest OAU meeting a "failure" and a "show of disunity" because it failed to split itself up by focusing on what the capitalists called "inter-African quarrels"? Leading up to the conference, the U.S. imperialists embarked on a world-wide campaign to

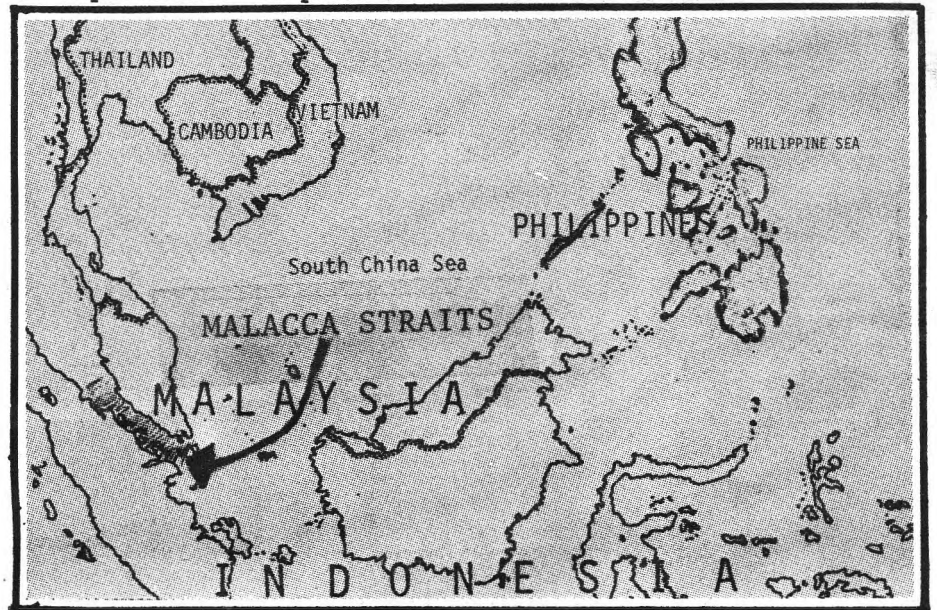
# SEATO Disintegrates - Victory for Third World

The South East Asian Treaty Organization (SEATO) has been officially dissolved. Originally formed 23 years ago, its primary purpose was to prepare and carry out military aggression against China and isolate her politically as well as attack the national liberation movements in Asia. Its original members were Thailand, the Philippines, Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand, the U.S., Britain, and France.

Now with the total failure of the isolation policy pursued by the US imperialists, the rout of the US forces in Indochina and the rise of Third World countries as a new factor in world politics, SEATO was forced to dissolve. The initiative to dissolve the organization was taken by Thailand and the Philippines objectively in an attempt to put some distance between themselves and US imperialism. In place of

from the Mideast comes through these straits. It is also the shortest route from the Pacific to the militarily important Indian Ocean from which superpowers' submarines can launch missiles against Africa, China, and Europe.

The two superpowers have been clamouring about how these straits should be "internationalized", that is free from restriction so that they can send their warships through whenever they please. Soviet Social imperialism even more arrogantly claims that no states adjacent to the Straits are allowed to act against ships and aircraft even if it threatens the adjacent state's security! In November 1971, three countries which are part of ASEAN, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Singapore, issued a joint statement in defense of their territorial waters and national sovereignty against the hegemonism



SEATO, the Third World nations of Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia, have formed the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). This is another concrete indication of the Third World countries' desire to defend themselves against the designs of the two superpowers and to improve relations with the countries which have already thrown out US imperialism, such as Vietnam and Cambodia.

This has great implications for superpower contention in the Far East. The area around which the countries of ASEAN are situated, the Malacca Straits, is a strategically vital area for international navigation.

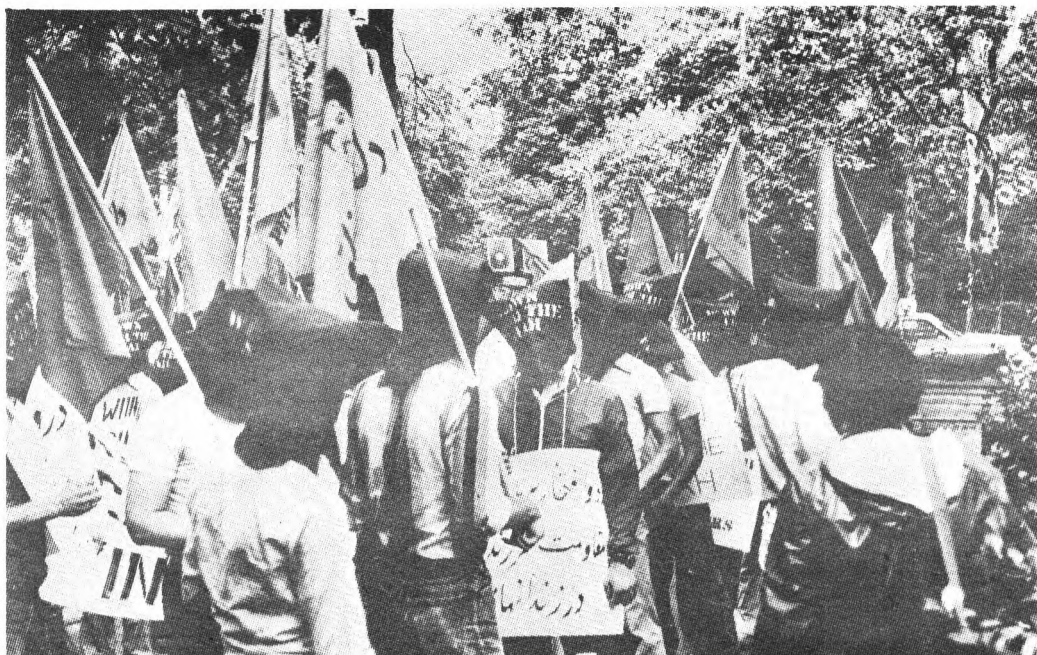
Almost all of Japan's oil

of the superpowers.

In an attempt to "make the best of a bad situation" the US imperialists are attempting to utilize this turn of events to their advantage. As part of US imperialism's larger strategic plan to "politically stabilize Asia" in order to buy time to enable them to shift their military forces to Europe, the United States has been pushing economic aid to be used against the internal rebellions against imperialism and local reaction in some of the countries which comprise ASEAN. However, the historical trend toward independence, liberation and revolution dooms both superpowers' dreams of conquest and particularly dooms US imperialism's hopeless dream of "stability in Asia." ■



# IRANIAN STUDENTS EXPOSE EMPRESS FARAH'S VISIT



Burning with hatred for the fascist Shah's regime, Iranian students denounce and expose Empress Farah's visit to the U.S. The Iranian...



students wear masks to prevent identification by the Shah's secret police -- the hated butchers of SAVAK.

2,000 Iranian students and supporters demonstrated on July 7th in front of the Pierre Hotel in New York City, protesting Empress Farah Pahlavi's visit to the U.S. to receive a "humanitarian award" and an "honorary doctorate." Farah Pahlavi, as the wife of the Shah of Iran, is a symbol of the fascist Iranian regime and its collaboration with U.S. imperialism.

Waving red banners, each honoring an Iranian revolutionary hero murdered by the regime, and shouting slogans such as, "Free All 100,000 Iranian Political Prisoners", "Down With U.S. Imperialism", "Oppose The Two Superpowers, Down With The Shah!", the demonstrators exposed the role of U.S. imperialism in Iran and its support of the Shah's fascist dictatorship.

The protestors were inspired when several members of the Iranian Students Association slipped by the security provided by Federal and New York City police and the Iranian secret police (SAVAK) to confront Farah directly. After hearing news of their comrades' arrest, the demonstrators angrily demanded, "Free Our People Now!" They vowed to fight harder to throw U.S. imperialism out of Iran and overthrow the Shah's regime.

Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies in Colorado, a CIA-backed counterinsurgency research institute.

Iran is a source of superprofits for U.S. multi-national corporations, especially oil companies. U.S. imperialism helps to prop up a regime notorious throughout the world for its use of torture and repression, whose ruler the Iranian people the "butcher." While the U.S. imperialists spend billions of dollars in political and military aid for the regime, the Iranian masses suffer 65% illiteracy, a life expectancy of 35 years, and a 35% rate of inflation.

Oppression gives birth to people's resistance and the Iranian people's resistance is growing daily. The just struggle of the Iranian people will inevitably lead to victory! ■

The demonstration was one of several organized throughout the country.

Others were held in Chicago and San Francisco on the same day. The purpose of Farah's trip is to create public opinion in favor of her husband's brutal rule over the Iranian people and to "unofficially" consult with representatives of U.S. imperialism. Among the places she is visiting is the

## Carter's Policy After Vietnam 'Stabilize' Asia, Prepare for War

Carter outlines a five-year plan for the withdrawal of 40,000 U.S. troops in Korea and then axes a general (Gen. John K. Singlaub) for voicing opposition. The capitalist press beats the drum, calling it "an act of peace" meanwhile giving full play to a developing Korean CIA-influence peddling scandal in Washington.

In a related move, Carter advocates a fuller diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China, while Taiwan attempts to cover its brutal, fascist rule, by running in its papers articles about "human rights".

These moves, the withdrawal of troops from Asia and the carefully planned "human rights" campaign, are in fact, preparation for war with Soviet social-imperialism. These moves are aimed to strengthen U.S. imperialism's hand in Europe -- the prize for the two superpowers. (Europe has 1/3 of U.S. investments abroad and the highest concentration of capital outside the two superpowers). Thus, these so-called

"acts of peace" are, in reality, acts of war preparation.

Carter's move to prune down the 40,000 troop force in South Korea is part of shifting the balance of US forces to Europe. While U.S. imperialism has decreased its troops in the Far East by 702,000 since 1968, it has increased its forces in Europe. Manpower is up to 306,000, 62% of which are combat troops, two combat brigades have been sent in the last two years. A fighter wing of F-15 fighters has been dispatched to Germany and an extra \$100 million is being earmarked for beefing up of NATO forces.

The US and the Soviet Union are squared off in Europe. Both sides bristle with nuclear arms. Soviet Social Imperialism has installed the SS-20 multi-warhead missile throughout Eastern Europe and 3/5ths of their ground troops are stationed there. The US imperialists are beating their breasts for the super-accurate 12A MIRV missile.

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### I.S.A. HOLDING CONVENTION

Statement by ISA  
New York Aug. 17-21

The Iranian Students Association in the United States (member of the Confederation of Iranian Students) will hold its annual convention in New York City on August 17-21.

Hundreds of Iranian students are expected to participate in this convention to sum-up their anti-imperialist democratic struggle against US Imperialism, the two superpowers and reactionary ruling classes in Iran headed by the fascist Shah.

On August 20th at 7:00pm ISA will also hold an anti-imperialist night to celebrate the victories of the Iranian people's struggle against

imperialism and the reactionary Shah. The celebration will be held at:  
Washington Irving High School  
16th St. and Irving Place  
(one block from Union Sq.)

We invite all anti-imperialist organizations to send solidarity messages to the 25th convention of the Iranian Students Association. Correspondence should go to:  
ISA - New York  
110 W. 14th St  
New York, N.Y.  
Telephone: (212) 989-9278  
(201) 435-0801

For the location of the convention, please write or call ISA. ■



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# Lessons of "Tasks of the Youth Leagues" PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION MUST DEFEAT INTELLECTUAL 'ITCH'

The Formation of the Party is a Settled Question!

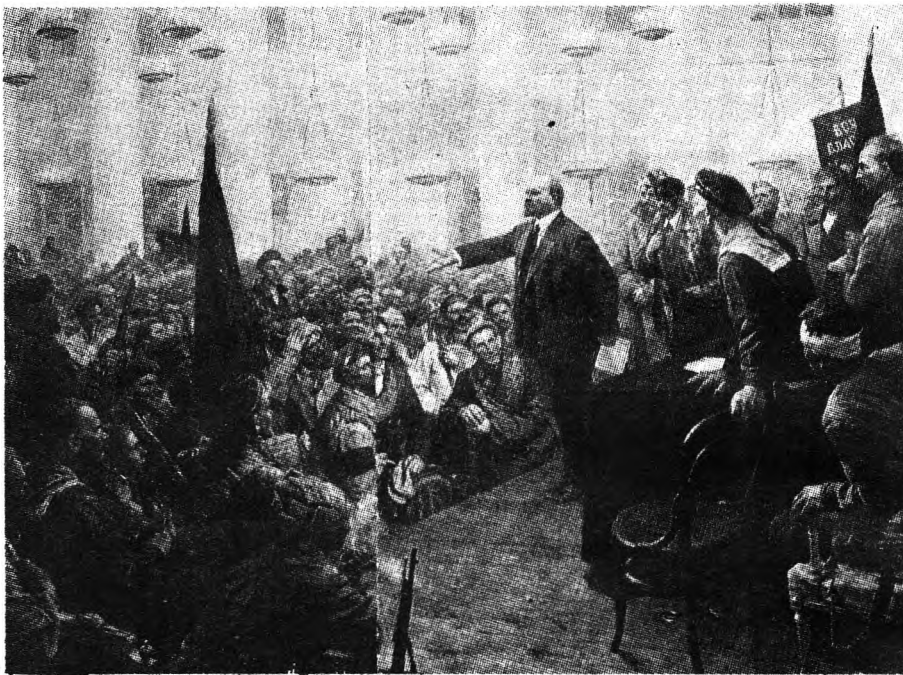
In the past year we have witnessed two victories of immediate and long-term significance. The first was the ending of the third and final period in the development of the US communist movement. This victory resulted in the unification of the best Marxist-Leninists that came out of the mass movements of the 60's and 70's around the correct theoretical and political orientation, based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. This victory rendered the slogan, "political line is the key link," obsolete since the task of Marxist-Leninists unite had been successfully completed. The emergence of the Workers Viewpoint Organization as the foundation for the Communist Party of the U.S. proletariat settled the question of the party's formation.

More important, the second victory was the reinforcement of this ideological unity by the material unity of organization as represented by May Day, 1977. The smashing success of May Day '77 proves beyond doubt the correctness of grasping correct methods of work and leadership as the key link at the present time in the Party's development.

At a time of such victories we need to review our struggles in the last 8 or 9 years, throughout various periods of development. As Lenin stated:

"It is our duty always to intensify and broaden our work and influence among the masses. ..To a great extent, the purpose of our strict separation as a distinct and independent party of the proletariat consists in the fact that we always and undeviatingly conduct this Marxist work of raising the whole working class, as far as possible, to the level of Social-Democratic consciousness, allowing no political gales, still less political changes of scenery, to turn us away from this urgent task. Without this work, political activity would inevitably degenerate into a game, because this activity acquires real importance for the proletariat only when and insofar as it arouses the mass of a definite class, wins its interest, and mobilizes it to take an active, foremost part in events... After every reverse we should bring this to mind again, and emphasize it, for weakness in this work is always one of the causes of the proletariat's defeat. Similarly, we should always call attention to it and emphasize its importance after every victory, otherwise the victory will be only a seeming one, its fruits will not be assured, its real significance in the great struggle for our ultimate goal will be negligible and may even prove adverse (particularly if a partial victory should slacken our vigilance, lull our distrust of unreliable allies, and cause us to forgo the right moment for a renewed and more vigorous attack on the enemy)." (On Founding Politics With Pedagogics, Lenin; emphasis added--ed.)

Our duty to "intensify and broaden our work and influence among the masses" in this period means we must grasp correct methods of work and leadership in order to win and train advanced workers all-roundedly (theoretically, politically and organizationally) for the Party. Only in the thick of class struggle against the bourgeoisie can we train the advanced and train ourselves. Given this ori-



*Political activity "...acquires real importance for the proletariat only when and only insofar as it arouses the mass of a definite class, wins its interest, and mobilizes it to take an active, foremost part in events."* Lenin's speech, The Tasks of the Youth Leagues, has important lessons for us.

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Lenin's speech was delivered at the Third All-Russia Congress of the Russian Young Communist League held in Moscow, October 1920. The Russian workers and peasants, under the leadership of the Bolshevik Party, had just scored a great victory in defending the new-born Soviet Republic against foreign imperialist and White-guard attacks.

But this victory had not been won without great sacrifice and cost. The economic life of the country had been shattered; industry, transport and agriculture were in ruins and had to be restored. Starvation was widespread and goods of all kinds were non-existent or scarce. There was discontent among the peasantry and it was beginning to affect the working class.

Thus, by necessity, the economic sphere became one of the sharpest areas of class struggle. Whether one grasped the task of economic development and helped to safeguard socialism in Russia and strengthen the worker/peasant alliance or one failed to grasp this task and helped the imperialists and local reactionaries destroy socialism, was the pressing question of the day.

The imperialists desperately hated Soviet Russia and were prepared at any moment to try to crush her. Yet all their attempts at military intervention had failed miserably. The imperialists were increasingly entangled with conflicts among themselves. In the East, particularly China and India, the revolutionary movement of the oppressed peoples was stirring and growing vigorously. All this resulted in, as Lenin summed up, "...a state of equilibrium which, although highly unstable and precarious, enables the Socialist Republic to exist--not for long, of course-- within the capitalist encirclement." (Third Congress of the Third International.)

The young Soviet Republic had to make use of the temporary "rest" the international situation presented to strengthen the worker/peasant alliance in order to continue the struggle against the imperialists. This meant that trade had to be stimulated, the tax in kind giving peasants the freedom to dispose of their after-tax surplus had to be instituted, Russia had to be electrified to spur industrial development, etc. It was a life or death question for Social-

organization enabling any worker to see that it consists of people whose teachings he perhaps does not understand, and whose teachings he may not immediately believe, but from whose practical work and activity he can see that they are really people who are showing him the right road." (Tasks of the Youth Leagues.)

Lenin also showed that only by linking their education to the struggle of the workers and peasants against the exploiters could the youth become communists. Only in this way could the young generation be trained to build a communist society.

The most evil hangover from the old, bourgeois society which had to be overcome in order to meet the economic needs of Socialist Russia and push the class struggle forward was the separation of theory and practice:

"One of the greatest evils and misfortunes left to us by the old capitalist society is the complete divorce between books and practical life; we have had books explaining everything in the best possible manner, yet in most cases these books contained the most pernicious and hypocritical lies, a false description of capitalist society." (Tasks of the Youth Leagues.)

Why is it in the interest of the exploiting class to maintain this divorce between theory and practice?

The rule of the bourgeoisie is based on the exploitation of the proletariat. They must exploit the working class or cease to be capitalists. In order to preserve their criminal rule the bourgeoisie must try to keep the masses' heads up in the clouds, away from the concrete class reality. They must promote idealism and metaphysics in order to separate our understanding, the subjective, from the objective,



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# COMMEMORATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF CHAIRMAN MAO

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## Youth League

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the real world. They must lie, distort and blur the truth about capitalism to delay as long as possible their inevitable overthrow.

One of the main ideological props of bourgeois rule is the idealist theory of abstract "freedom", of above class democracy, democracy for "all". The capitalists promote the illusion of bourgeois democracy so as to disarm the working class and suffocate or crush its resistance. The bourgeoisie shamelessly tries to pretty-up the most glaring evils of capitalist society with all sorts of fantastic theories.

The total hypocrisy of the bourgeoisie and the bankruptcy of the theory of above class democracy stands exposed when we look at the actual practice of the capitalists.

The bourgeoisie constantly sings praises to the "freedom" of speech, the "freedom" of expression under capitalism. But freedom is only an idea, only a paper-freedom if it cannot be exercised, if it cannot be used by the working class in fighting for their interests. Under capitalism freedom of speech exists only for the bourgeoisie and not for the proletariat.

When Rockefeller wants to say something he has access to all the major newspapers, television and radio. Yet when coal miners wildcat over unsafe conditions or when auto workers walkout over forced overtime, speed-ups and the heat, they have to struggle to get coverage in even the local media. In countless ways the proletariat's "freedom" of speech is restricted, undermined and suppressed.

More important, the proletariat is not satisfied with merely expressing its discontent, with merely talking about the evils of capitalism. Their interest lies not in describing their exploitation but in ending it.

The bourgeois democratic form of rule, being more "flexible" than outright fascist dictatorship, enables the capitalists to expand the range of "freedom" of expression when forced to. However, this is still "freedom" only in appearance. Talk about the exploitation of the working class, expression of discontentment with capitalism, even "communist" ideas is tolerated as long as it remains idle talk and abstract ideas. But this "freedom" dissolves into dust when the proletariat begins to turn its ideas into action, when talk about exploitation becomes acts that aim at ending exploitation.

It is this hidden clause, this unspoken hypocrisy underlying bourgeois principles that is most poisonous. This is why it is in the interest of the bourgeoisie to separate theory from practice.

For the proletariat, freedom exists only in recognizing necessity and through knowing laws which govern reality, in order to change that reality.

### Revolutionary Phrases-- No Substitute for Science

One form of separating theory from practice is "revolutionary" phrase-making. Lenin once called this an intellectual "itch".

Slogans are necessary and valuable to capture and concentrate the revolutionary sentiments of the masses, to tap their resistance to oppression. But if slogans become a gimmick, a catch-all for problems, learned by rote and empty of concrete content, then it can seriously damage the course of the revolution.

HOW A "REVOLUTIONARY PHRASE" ENDANGERED A REVOLUTION--HISTORIC EXAMPLE

The Bolsheviks had always believed in the need to prepare for a revolutionary war in the event of the victory of socialism in one country. After the October Revolution this victory became a reality and the concrete question facing the Bolsheviks was how to actually prepare.

For the new-born Soviet Republic, exhausted economically after three years of imperialist war, peace was a practical necessity. The Bolsheviks accepted an unjust treaty and a separate peace with imperialist Germany in order to buy time to strengthen the socialist revolution. This was the concrete and correct way to prepare for the inevitable revolutionary war.

Trotsky, infected with the heat-rash of "revolutionary" phrase-mongering, pit the general task of preparing for revolutionary war against the actual content of this task given the conditions of Soviet Russia in 1918. He agitated in favor of an immediate "revolutionary war" with Germany and against the signing of the peace treaty!

Lenin exposed the material basis, and conditions for this form of idealism:

"Revolutionary phrase-making, more often than not, is a disease from which revolutionary parties suffer at times when they constitute, directly or indirectly, a combination, alliance or intermingling of proletarian and petty-bourgeois elements, and when the course of revolutionary events is marked by big, rapid zig-zags. By revolutionary phrase-making we mean the repetition of revolutionary slogans irrespective of objective circumstances at a given turn in events, in the given state of affairs obtaining at the time. The slogans are superb; alluring, intoxicating, but there are no grounds for them; such is the nature of the revolutionary phrase." (The Revolutionary Phrase.)

Slogans are revolutionary only as long as they serve the concrete needs of the proletariat's struggle against the bourgeoisie at a given time, place and conditions. Slogans are a product of concrete analysis of concrete conditions made in the thick of class struggle, for the sole purpose of furthering the struggle.

When slogans cease to reflect objective reality and instead express only one's subjective wishes then they become harmful to the fight against the bourgeoisie.

Revolutionary phrase-making is an attempt by petty bourgeois intellectuals to substitute a deep understanding of the laws that govern the class struggle, the sentiment of the masses, the concrete state of the relations between our enemy and ourselves with mere forms and appearances. As Lenin stated:

"Communism will become an empty word, a mere sign-board, and a Communist a mere boaster, if all the knowledge he has acquired is not digested in his mind. You should not merely assimilate this knowledge, but assimilate it critically, so as not to cram your mind with useless lumber, but enrich it with all those facts that are indispensable to the well-educated man of today. If a communist took it into his head to boast about his Communism because of the cut-and-dry conclusions he had acquired, without putting in great deal of serious and hard work and without understanding facts he should examine critically, he would be a deplorable communist indeed. Such superficiality would be decidedly fatal."

It is even more dangerous if one proceeds from slogans and attempts to make reality conform to it. If one does not wage a constant struggle to raise vigilance on this question, if one allows this idealist deviation to become a force of habit then one risks being drugged by the "power" of sheer ideas and falling right into the welcoming arms of the bourgeoisie.

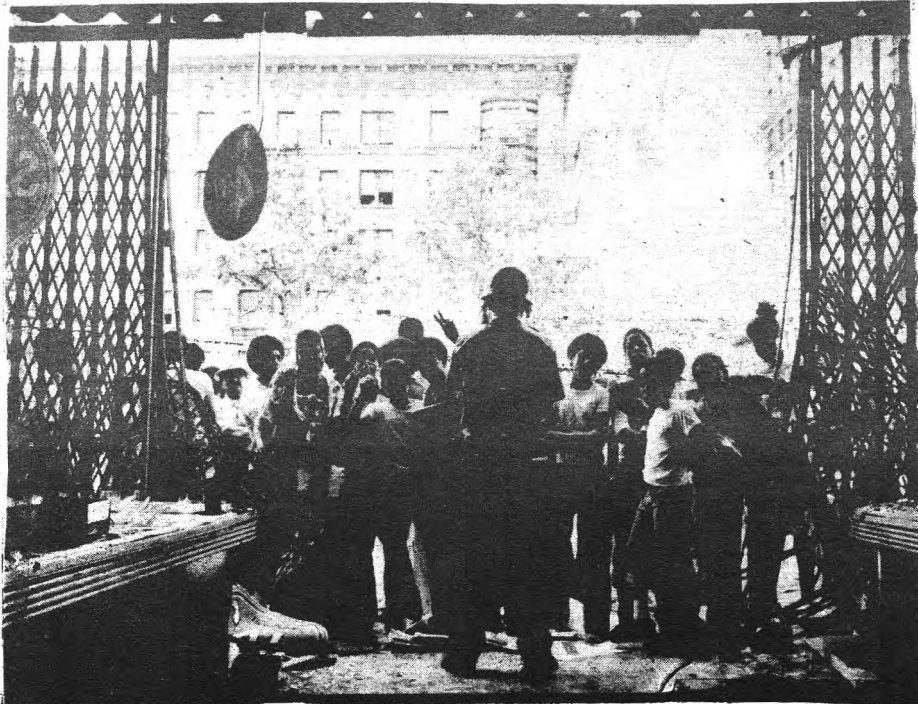
As long as classes and class struggle exist, linking theory with practice will always be a matter of life or death for the exploited and oppressed. ■



# Blackout

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ing away goods. Food, furniture, shoes, etc., were being spontaneously redistributed on the streets. The overall character was not every-man-for-himself or a mad scramble, as the bourgeois media would have us believe. One woman, standing by the A&P supermarket, said, "All my life, I could never afford Pampers. Now, I got a whole room full of them."



Fearing the enormous crowds, 10,000 cops disobeyed direct orders from the Police Commissioner and stayed at home.

## Disdain for Bourgeois Legality

Over-all, there was clear disdain for bourgeois legality. In full view of the cops, they turned over a squad car and set it ablaze. Even throughout the next day, crowds in Bushwick played cat and mouse with the cops. Over 3,777 were arrested in 24 hours. But for every arrested, there were several hundred more in the streets.

### SPIRIT OF WORKING CLASS COOPERATION

Clearly, there was spontaneous organizing to aid each other. All over New York, workers bound together in the spirit of cooperation and friendship, like in the Lillian Wald Houses on Ave. D.

With the elderly and children trapped in the upper stories, the masses organized an entire bucket brigade to supply water after the electric pumps failed. People would get on the top floor, throw down ropes and hoist buckets all the way to the top floors. And because milk was rotting in defrosted refrigerators, people organized food teams to see that families were supplied with essential food, especially young families with babies.

## State Paralyzed

With the masses in motion the state apparatus began to quickly disintegrate. The N.Y. police, long known for its brutality and its kill-now-ask-questions-later policies, almost totally collapsed.

Fearing the enormous crowds who had taken over the streets, over 10,000 cops (out of 25,000 total) simply disobeyed direct emergency orders from Police Commissioner Codd and stayed at home. There were 3,000 cops on their beats at the time of the flareup - only 7,000 cops responded to the order of the bourgeoisie, not promptly but 8 hours later! The N.Y. cops

were clearly in a state of virtual paralysis. The cops at the 81st Precinct House in Brooklyn frankly admitted that the masses could have, at any time, taken over the precinct house.

Lone squad cars would wail their sirens, disperse crowds, and hurriedly drive off, only to see the masses pour back into the streets behind them.

Totally overpowered, some cops began to gang together on rooftops and shoot indiscriminantly into the street.

Scores of people were carried home with gunshot wounds. The cops would hide behind staircases in tenement houses, waiting to jump and beat up workers as they returned home. One unarmed youth was shot in the head on Decatur St. in Brooklyn. Cops armed with baseball bats slugged people in the head as they emerged from homes or shops. People responded to this brutality with bricks and bottles from windows, rooftops, and the streets.

The bourgeoisie labels the masses "looters" and "criminals." They attempt to portray them as no different from the lumpenproletariat - no different from the individual crimes of the professional pimps, robbers, and pushers. But there is a world of difference. The events of July 13 and 14 was a spontaneous, massive movement on the part of tens of thousands of youth, workers, and families who took the opportunity to expropriate some of the necessities of life and who do not steal for a living but cannot find work or are forced to work for wages which will not even support themselves or their family.

The term "looter" is the best way to describe the monopoly capitalists. They are the looter who own and control the system. It is the handful of Rockefellers, Morgans, and Du Ponts who write the laws, who decide what is and what not a crime. It is their police, courts, and prisons - ultimately, their armed forces that enforce those laws.

Thus the rape of hospitals, schools, daycare, and other vital services to maintain the profits of the banks is completely "legal." Thus the systematic and wholesale theft of the labor power of the working class is protected by a complex set of laws and the state apparatus. Thus, the shooting of a 15 year old in the back by their police is "justifiable homicide." Bourgeois justice means "Just

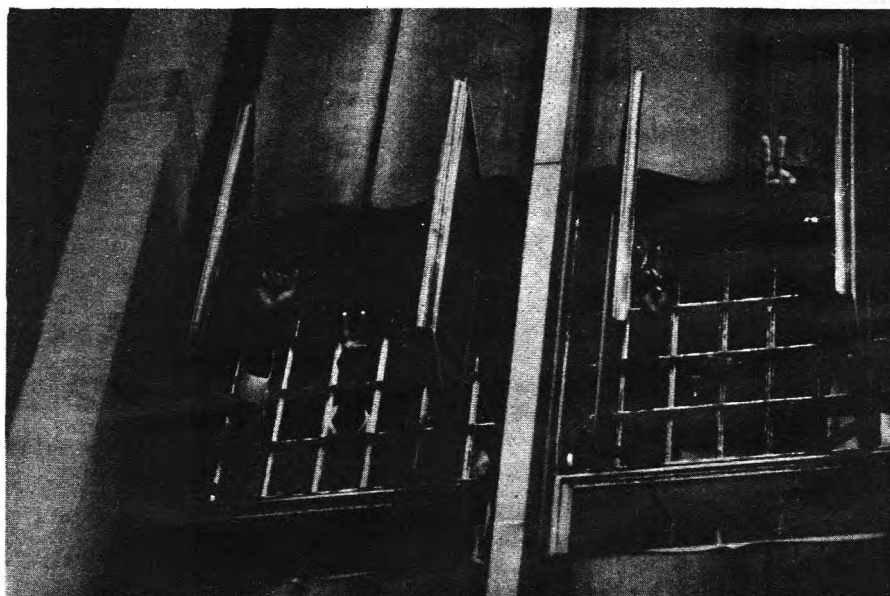
us bourgeoisie." To the capitalists, private property is sacred and the only god they worship is profit-and are like the phoney hustler who preaches no worldly goods on Sunday and drives his Eldorado Monday morning to his bank.

Con Ed, for example, loots the working people daily. Last year alone, this monopoly ripped \$300 million off the people of New York and all this was done "legally"- it's called "profits."

While Con Ed is notorious for continually jacking up its rates (\$675 million in the last 2 years), this is not the only way it extracts profits. By having the state finance its 2 new generators in 1974, (that means out of the pockets of working people through taxes) this Rockefeller controlled utility passes on its costs through taxes- again out of the pockets of working people!

When the masses take back a little of what's been stolen from them, they are branded criminals to be punished to the fullest extent of the "law." But when Con Ed caused the deaths of 2 small children in a fire last month - the family had to use candles after Con Ed had turned off the lights - this is considered normal. When the elderly freeze to death because the heat has been turned off, they is nothing in the "law books" to cover that crime.

Thus Con Ed, responsible for the blackout will be raising the rates again to cover any costs, while millions of working people were forced to lose a days pay amounting to millions of dollars stolen from the pockets of workers. Meanwhile, two of the almost 4,000 "looters" arrested have already died, one from beating in the jails of New York.



hated "Tombs" city jail, jamming 30-40 to a cell in a 104 degree heat.

The people were herded into tiny jail cells, 30-40 per cell, without toilets, and were so crowded that they could barely sit down. They were denied food for over 24 hours and left gasping for relief in 104 degree heat.

So behind the racist rantings of "Night of the Animals" behind the hysterical bourgeois screams about the "Collapse of Civilization," lies the deeper concern of the ruling class- the breakdown of bourgeois legality and its hold on the masses. It is the cry of the liberal misleaders who shed tears over poverty and then lead the masses into the capitalist courts and legislature. It is the cry of the bourgeoisie who see the

spectre of the future - the collapse of their civilization. It is in the final analysis, that the illusions of the masses in the justice of bourgeois democracy is being stripped away as the promises of jobs, housing, "equal justice," etc., etc., are being revealed for the empty slogans that they are.

This is the reason that they must come down so hard on the "looters." It is the last defense- the carrot changing into the club- the last resort of the bourgeoisie.

Agitation teams that went out among the masses clearly show, however, that they were open to correct leadership. Members of the Revolutionary Youth League (RYL) found that the masses were wide open to hearing about the nature of capitalism and the roots of oppression. They rallied around RYL agitators who tied the blackout directly to the budget cuts, the unemployment, the police beatings and the soaring prices in capitalist society. One worker said, "Look, blackouts are nothing new. We always get blacked out. They always turn off our lights. If you can't pay your bills, and you're poor."

## Classes Always in Motion

Classes are always in motion, constantly interacting with each other. But the 1977 Blackout triggered a chain of events which sharpened and intensified this motion and clearly brought out the character of each class. This provides rich lessons.

### LABORING MASSES SET BOURGEOISIE AND PETTY BOURGEOISIE INTO MOTION

The laboring masses (workers, oppressed nationalities, unemployed, underemployed, and the doubly-exploited) set the bourgeoisie and petty bourgeoisie into motion. Within minutes after the lights flickered, the laboring masses

hit the streets. It was the concentrated expression of the burning anger and simmering frustration over the wretched housing, the joblessness, and the squalid conditions of the community.

The bourgeoisie and the petty bourgeoisie were forced to react to the motion of the laboring masses. With half a million in the streets, they were the driving force behind the events of July 13-14. It was the laboring masses which drove the state apparatus into temporary paralysis.

The early working class in Europe, in its early struggles against capitalism, rose up to smash machines and burn down factories. Lacking



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concrete organization and a well-defined class target, these huge, spontaneous outbursts against the rising capitalist class lashed out at the nearest symbols of oppression, like the machines and factories. In China, in the 1920's, large, spontaneous uprisings, numbering in the millions, swept through the countryside with peasants sacking the landlords' homes, slaughtering his pigs, and spontaneously distributing the goods.

Like all spontaneous outbursts, the masses lashed out at the nearest symbols of their oppression. The petty bourgeoisie who owned small shops in the communities bore the brunt of the uprising because there was no clearly defined class target and no clear understanding of who were friends and who were enemies. There were a few banks that were gutted, for example, the Manufacturers Hanover Trust Bank on 125th St. in Harlem. But the overall character of the uprising was economic and immediately hitting the petty bourgeoisie.

Furthermore, the motion showed that, over-all, the working class consciousness of a class for itself (when workers consciously act in the interests of the entire class) is still developing.

This objective low level of struggle was most illustrated in the character of the expropriation (the taking back of the wealth that the masses produce). The character was one of immediate and individual expropriation. That is, people were seeing things in terms of serving individual needs and immediate opportunities rather than seeing the question of expropriation of the entire means of production of the monopoly capitalist class.

In this context, the lack of overall and long range thinking, can be more clearly understood.

In contrast, trade union struggles to implement immediate demands, generally economic struggles also, are better organized along the lines of production, though the target is not always clear due to bourgeois illusions and the tricks of misleaders.

## Chaos and Disarray of the Bourgeoisie

With the working class and oppressed nationalities ruling the streets, the monopoly capitalists, too, were set into motion: into temporary chaos and disarray. Like squawking chickens, Mayor Beame and Gov. Carey bickered over whether to send in the National Guard. With the badly-outnumbered police paralyzed, City Hall was frantically grasping for ways to prevent the uprising from spilling over into the monopoly capitalists' home turf, like the Financial District, Rockefeller Center, etc.

But the reasons for Gov. Carey's veto of the National Guard are clear. Sending in the Guard would have been like pouring gasoline on a blazing fire. Overwhelmed, poorly trained Guard may have fired into unarmed crowds, touching off a groundswell of anger that would have forced the monopoly capitalists to send in the US Army. The National Guard would only have intensified

the struggle, and focused the target clearly onto the state and the monopoly capitalists. The thrust of uprising would have been shifted away from the petty bourgeoisie and directed toward the capitalists themselves.

Furthermore, the monopoly capitalists weren't about to risk all this just to bail out the petty bourgeoisie being hit in the ghettos and working class communities. But it is a sure bet that if Park Avenue was hit or the

tal classes - the working class and the bourgeoisie. It is a dying class, being crushed to death by capitalist crisis. But because the laboring masses lashed out spontaneously against its oppression, the petty bourgeoisie (small shop owners in this case), bore the brunt of the uprising. One concrete result of such spontaneous outbursts, where the class target is unclear, can and will be to drive some petty bourgeoisie into the arms of the capitalists.

The bourgeois media exploited the petty bourgeoisie

the course of overthrowing monopoly capitalism.

## Historic Significance

The events of July 13-14 proved that, beneath all the cheap tinsel and neon lights of capitalist society, lies a smoldering volcano of anger that could erupt at any moment. This shows how fragile is the rule of capitalism.

Carter, like a scared rabbit, is calling for re-evaluating the nation-wide grid system for the cities' power. What would happen if Chicago,



One of the first places the masses hit were the rip-off supermarkets, stripping them of their overpriced meats.

banks on Wall Street broken into, there would have been tanks and rifle teams on every corner.

Because the bourgeoisie was caught totally unprepared, squabbling among the monopoly capitalists broke out in the open. Gov. Carey blames Mayor Beame. Mayor Beame blames Con Ed. And Con Ed finally tries to pin the rap an "act of God."

Various sectors of the bourgeoisie bickered about who was going to foot the bill. After much internal jockeying and feuding, the capitalists decided to partially bail out the petty bourgeoisie to the tune of a paltry \$11 million.

And because the bourgeoisie didn't have time to centralize and plan its lies, the TV networks all contradicted each other. Because the capitalists couldn't orchestrate their lies (now being done on all the news networks, which are all saying the same thing about the blackout and the "lawlessness") some newscasters dwelt on the petty bourgeoisie's candle-light parties, others wanted to talk of the "looting," and still others wanted to talk about poverty.

All these are reflections of the temporary disorientation and chaos of the monopoly capitalists caused by the motion of the working class.

## Petty Bourgeoisie in Motion as Well

Behind the well-publicized antics of the petty bourgeois during the blackout (the all night parties in fancy restaurants, etc.) lies the grim reality of their future, all brought out more starkly in the blackout.

The petty bourgeoisie is being squeezed in a vise. It is caught between the titanic struggle of the two fundamen-

tal classes - the working class and the bourgeoisie. It is a dying class, being crushed to death by capitalist crisis. But because the laboring masses lashed out spontaneously against its oppression, the petty bourgeoisie (small shop owners in this case), bore the brunt of the uprising. One concrete result of such spontaneous outbursts, where the class target is unclear, can and will be to drive some petty bourgeoisie into the arms of the capitalists.

Some small shop keepers, especially Afro-American and Latin merchants who are confined to making a living in the national communities can sympathize with the masses at times due to national oppression. High prices, outrageous insurance rates, and sky-high rents are a living reality to merchants in Harlem or Bedford Stuyvesant. But, on the other hand, being property owners, some brought out shotguns to protect their goods. This contradiction between themselves and the masses can easily develop into an antagonistic one. Strategically, our outlook on the petty bourgeoisie and small capitalists as a whole is to neutralize their vacillation to prevent their being reserves of the bourgeoisie. This is especially important strategically in relation to the lower petty bourgeoisie, who are continually being crushed and declassified by the monopoly capitalists.

The petty bourgeois class, as a whole, cannot be the reserves of the working class, although some sectors can be won over.

In order to neutralize (or paralyze its instability under definite conditions) the petty bourgeois class as a whole, the working class and all the laboring masses need the leadership of the proletarian party. Only with its clear line of march, its strategy and tactics based on the main force of the working class, uniting with all the oppressed, and the target of revolution directed at the monopoly capitalists, can the petty bourgeoisie's vacillation be neutralized in

or Los Angeles, or Detroit lost power tomorrow? Carter knows full well that any of America's cities, like tinderboxes, could go up in smoke at the flickering of the lights. And Carter is wasting no time in centralizing the state apparatus, in tightening up its ship, and spreading more capitalist lies. After all, U.S. imperialism cannot possibly suppress the raging fires of national liberation struggles in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, and fight a world war with the other superpower, the Soviet Social Imperialists, if its greatest city can be paralyzed and the working class and oppressed nationalities aroused by a simple blackout!

The character of the 1977 uprising has similarities to the movement of the 1960's. Because of the crisis of capitalism deepening in the 1970's with massive budget cuts and skyrocketing unemployment, the uprising in New York was broader than earlier struggles, touching every strata of the community -- not only youth, but the elderly, workers, housewives, etc. With the deepening of the crisis in the 1970's, the economic struggle is a lever helping to thrust forward the political struggle.

After the 1964 and 1968 uprisings in Harlem and Bedford Stuyvesant, millions of dollars were pumped into creating a layer of poverty pimps, small-time agency types, misleaders and social props to divert and derail the resistance of the masses.

However, in 1977, with most of these programs cut due to the economic crisis, the resistance of the masses spread unchecked beyond the borders of Harlem and Bedford Stuyvesant as Afro-American, Latin, and other oppressed and working class communities went out simultaneously, within minutes of each other. (And contrary to the bourgeois media reports, white working class communities

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# MINERS

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160 miners walked out a year ago on July 17 in their struggle to gain union recognition. The union was recognized 3 weeks later. But the strike continued over the issue of safety--making the company adhere to a provision in the contract by which workers can refuse to work, if the safety committee decides it is unsafe.

The Blue Diamond Co. capitalists are the criminals responsible for the Scotia Mine disaster near Whitesburg, KY. last year where 26 miners were killed in 2 methane gas explosions. Stearns workers know that the same dangerous conditions which caused those explosions exist in the Justus Mine now. Methane-gas monitoring equipment is supposed to automatically shut off machinery when gas concentrations reach 2%, so miners can get out in time. But the monitors are often "crossed over" or bridged out of the circuit so the machinery keeps going and the miners forced to stay inside and work even though gas is present at explosive 5-15% concentrations.



The struggle of Stearns miners concretely shows the proletarian striving for organization, as well as concrete knowledge about the sell-out misleaders. While the miners see the importance of organizing themselves into unions, they do not see that as an end in itself. The main thing is to have the rank and file, not the misleaders, control the unions, in order to fight the capitalists' daily attacks.

Although the Stearns miners are organized into a United Mine Workers (UMW) local, the international union did not give full support to the continuation of the strike over safety, a life and death demand of the miners. The rank and file had to take it up themselves and fight for it by any means necessary. For 4 months, the miners there have carried on intense armed warfare against the hired gun-thugs of the company. And miners all over the coal region in the eastern U.S. show their solidarity by helping to man picket lines or sending in contributions of food and money.

## MINERS FOR DEMOCRACY -- HISTORICAL LESSON

In Stearns, Harlan, Brookside--all over the coal mining areas, rank and file mine workers are taking the initiative to really organize themselves and to channel the rising feel-

ings of their fellow workers into a united and disciplined force. This is not the first time rank and file miners have taken things into their own hands and will not be the last time. As long as misleaders like Miller are around, miners need to organize themselves to take back the union and make it a fighting organization for the working class.

One way of doing this is to form trade union caucuses. One caucus which had temporary success among miners was Miners For Democracy (MFD). The main lessons to be drawn from its brief history are: 1) need for organization to serve as temporary headquarters to organize and fight to take the trade unions back, 2) need to tap and channel every streamlet of discontent of the workers into one mighty torrent and 3) the initiative must remain in the hands of the rank and file.

MFD developed out of the mass sentiments among the miners against the corrupt, bureaucratic and despotic rule of Tony Boyle. Boyle's misleadership was so exposed that mass anti-Boyle feelings ran high, especially after the Yablonski murder (Yablonski was the initial challenger to Boyle from within Boyle's own machinery). But what was needed was an or-

ganized form to concentrate these feelings. MFD provided this form.

MFD was a separate, independent base of operations with the specific purpose of taking back the UMW. It set up a separate platform to make a breakthrough in District 5 (western Pennsylvania) in the UMW election. Later in its development, it held a separate convention uniting all who could be united around a platform.

The platform was ironed out by 500 anti-Boyle miners at an open MFD convention. It was based on some genuine demands of the rank and file miners, including:

- 1) move UMW offices out closer to the fields in Charleston, West Virginia or Pittsburgh
- 2) have conventions in the fields
- 3) select district presidencies by local caucuses
- 4) increase in monthly pension from \$150-\$250/month
- 5) require work stoppages in unsafe mines.

The main thrust of these demands was union democracy. This was consistent with the aim of MFD to take back union leadership and put the control of UMW back into the hands of rank and file miners. To facilitate this, MFD correctly saw the need to set up an indepen-

dent base of operations because the union bureaucrats were so entrenched in the union. Although its membership was small (500-600 compared to the overall UMW membership of 300,000) it was able to spread its influence and posed a direct threat to the misleadership because it was organized. It even had its own workers' army to defend its people against goons and thugs.

These are rich lessons we must draw out and learn from MFD. But because reformists were able to ride on the genuine sentiments of the rank and file miners, and exploit it so they themselves could rip off union positions, MFD inevitably failed in its purpose. Miller

ran as a MFD candidate and got in. Immediately he exposed himself as the opportunist traitor he was with the no-strike clause and now he is tightening the noose around his neck even more with the "benefits cut."

Rank and file miners will not let misleaders, Boyle, Miller or anybody else be in control of their unions for long. The wildcats and the threat of a long strike in December are reminders to the misleaders they cannot fool around with the masses. Misleaders come and go, but the workers will continue the struggle until we have regained our weapon of organization, until we are in firm control of the unions.

## REVISIONISM

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### HOW DOES THE PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF CAPITALISM AND LEGALISM BREED REVISIONISM? WHAT IS ITS SOCIAL BASIS?

The collapse of the Second International is the collapse of Socialist opportunism. The latter has grown as a product of the preceding "peaceful" epoch in the development of the labour movement. This epoch taught the working class to utilize such important means of struggle as parliamentarism and all legal possibilities, to create mass economic and political organizations, a widespread labor press, etc.; on the other hand this epoch

created a tendency to repudiate class struggle and to preach social peace, to repudiate socialist revolution, to repudiate the very principle of illegal organizations, to recognize bourgeois patriotism, etc. Certain strata of the working class (the bureaucracy of the labour movement and the labour aristocracy which received crumbs of the profits from the exploitation of the colonies and from the privileged position of their "fatherland" on the world market), as well as petty-bourgeois sympathizers within the Socialist parties, have proved to be the main social support of these tendencies and the conductors of bourgeois influence into the proletariat. (From "Conference on the Foreign Sections of the R.S.D.L.P.: Resolutions of the Conference", (before February 19, 1915). ■

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in Brooklyn and Queens were also involved in this spontaneous uprising against oppression.) It testifies to the widespread effects of the economic crisis and the deepening of the political crisis for the capitalists.

### Role of Working Class Leadership

The lessons of the uprising are rich, indeed. With all classes set into active motion, we saw clearly how the various classes collide and interact -- a glimpse into the motion of a spontaneous uprising. A tremendous amount of dislocation and chaos is triggered by a spontaneous uprising, and we must understand its concrete laws, its concrete history in order to understand the motion of the working class and oppressed nationalities to provide correct leadership.

The events of July 13-14 cry out for leadership! Under correct leadership, the target of the mass uprising would be clear and the masses organized into a mighty force with unity of purpose and clear direction. The blackout points to the necessity for the deepening of fusion between communists and the working class movement.

The question is clear: do we stand apart from the masses, denouncing spontaneous acts, saying they are "terrible," or that "they went too far," or do we go deeply into these struggles, raising their revolutionary content, leading the masses into further victories, at a time when the masses are more and more clear about the true criminal rule of capitalism and more and more open to communism?

As Chairman Mao stated, it boils down to a question of stand and viewpoint, how we

see the revolutionary, spontaneous ferment in class society, whether we say, "it's terrible, they went too far," or "it's fine". In reference to the spontaneous revolutionary turmoil of the Chinese peasantry in 1927, he said,

"Doing whatever they like and turning everything upside down, they have created a kind of terror in the countryside. This is what some people call "going too far" or "exceeding the proper limits in righting a wrong," or "really too much." Such talk may seem plausible, but in fact it is wrong...

Proper limits have to be exceeded in order to right a wrong, or else the wrong cannot be righted. Those who talk about the peasants "going too far" seem at first to be different from those who say "It's terrible" ...but in essence they proceed from the same standpoint and likewise voice a landlord theory that upholds the interests of the privileged classes." (Mao, Selected Works, Vol. I, p. 28-9)

One thing is crystal clear. This is not the first, and certainly not the last, of the spontaneous stirrings of the masses against oppression. There will be more spontaneous uprisings, triggered off by incidents like blackouts. The bourgeoisie knows this. And so does the working class and oppressed nationalities. Under the leadership of the genuine communist party, these can be turned into direct challenges to the capitalists. With the working class and oppressed national communities, a time bomb that can be detonated with the slightest incident, the mass movement is virtually crying out for communist leadership that can provide the correct organization and the correct line! ■



# AUTO

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... what action to take; deciding beforehand a definite time at which everybody will walk out so that 1 or 2 workers who leave the line first will not be picked on by the company.

The day the leaflet was passed out, the workers successfully walked out and closed the shop for the first time in anyone's memory. Afterwards, workers stayed around to congratulate each other and many agreed they must start organizing for future actions.

## "EARLY OUT!" IN NEW JERSEY

These same lessons came out in the struggle of autoworkers in New Jersey. In the first 2 days of the heatwave, workers could hardly keep up with the pace of the line (which did not slow down at all) in the boiling temperatures. The sentiment of the workers was clear-- shut the plant down! Understanding that this couldn't be done by just few workers, a group of workers took the lead to pull as many workers together as possible to go down to the union hall. They raised demands such as \*NO MORE FORCED OVERTIME! \*NO SPEED-UPS! BETTER VENTILATION SYSTEM! \*WORKERS OWN REPRESENTATIVE TO TAKE THE TEMPERATURE! They went around and talked to other workers in their section. First, to the more advanced, who, once they were won over to the idea, helped to spread the word till everyone in the section agreed to jam the union hall and confront the union hacks about taking action against the company.

Faced with the militant demand of the workers, the trade union misleaders showed clearly whose side they're on-- "we can't ask them to shut down, then they'll shut down the whole summer"! But the misleaders cannot hold back the anger of the rank and file for long.

News of this demonstration spread and other sections of the plant went down the union hall the next day. In one section, a petition was quickly passed around. Workers waited in line to sign their names. Hundreds took the stand that the plant should be immediately shut down!

Again those active workers took the initiative to organize. A petition is not enough. Direct action is needed. So along with the petition, word was passed up and down the line to march to the union hall at coffee break to demand action.

When break time came, workers were ready. Hundreds strong, they marched past foremen who stood there helplessly, down to the hall clapping and chanting, "Early Out! Early Out! Early Out!"

For 3 days, workers forced the plants to close down 5 hours early. Each day, the news of the victory of the previous day spread to more sections and spurred more workers to take militant action. In the course of direct struggle, workers learned from their own experience the bankruptcy of the union misleaders, and began to see the need for real organization and leadership which work in the interest of the rank and file.

## WALKOUTS WERE VICTORIES

The walkouts over the heat issue were victories by the autoworkers against the auto monopoly capitalists. Although in most plants, the actions were spontaneous and unorganized, they represented the strength and resistance on the part of the workers. But the

struggle can't just go from heat wave to heat wave, from spontaneous action to spontaneous action. Workers must organize their ranks, fight to take back control of the unions as preparation for future battles and the final war with the monopoly capitalists -- socialist revolution.

This preparation is taking place at plants where communists and advanced workers actively provide leadership in the immediate struggles and build concrete forms of organization like rank and file caucuses and committees to aid the fight of kicking out the union hacks and regaining control of the unions.

## COMMUNISTS MUST WORK IN TRADE UNIONS

Communist must work in trade unions in order to fuse the working class movement with the communist movement, to build the influence of the Party among the masses, and win them over to communism. This is especially true in a country like the U.S. where the trade union movement developed independently from and long before the communist movement existed. This is one lesson which our great teacher, Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin all repeated and elaborated in their writings:

"And now we very clearly perceive the 2 lines of Engels' (and Marx's) recommendations, directions, corrections, threats and exhortations. The most insistent of their appeals to the British and American socialists was to merge with the working class movement and eradicate the narrow and hide-bound sectarian spirit from their organizations.

"In countries where there are NO Social-Democratic (Communist) workers' parties, NO Social-Democratic members of parliament, and NO systematic and steadfast Social-Democratic policy either at elections or in the press, etc. In such countries, Marx and Engels taught the socialists to rid themselves at all cost of narrow sectarianism, and to join with the working class movement so as to shake up the proletariat politically.

(preface to *Sorge Correspondence*, Vol.12, Lenin)

"...if the Communist Parties want to become a real mass force, capable of pushing the revolution forward, they must link up with the trade unions and get their backing.

"Failure to take this specific feature of the situation in the West into account means leading the cause of the communist movement into certain doom.

"Over there, in the West, there are still individual "Communists" who refuse to understand this specific feature.... They fail to understand that the trade unions, whether good or bad, are regarded by the rank-and-file worker as his fortress, which help him to protect his wages, hours, and so forth. They fail to understand that such a policy, far from facilitating, hinders Communists from penetrating among the vast working-class masses.

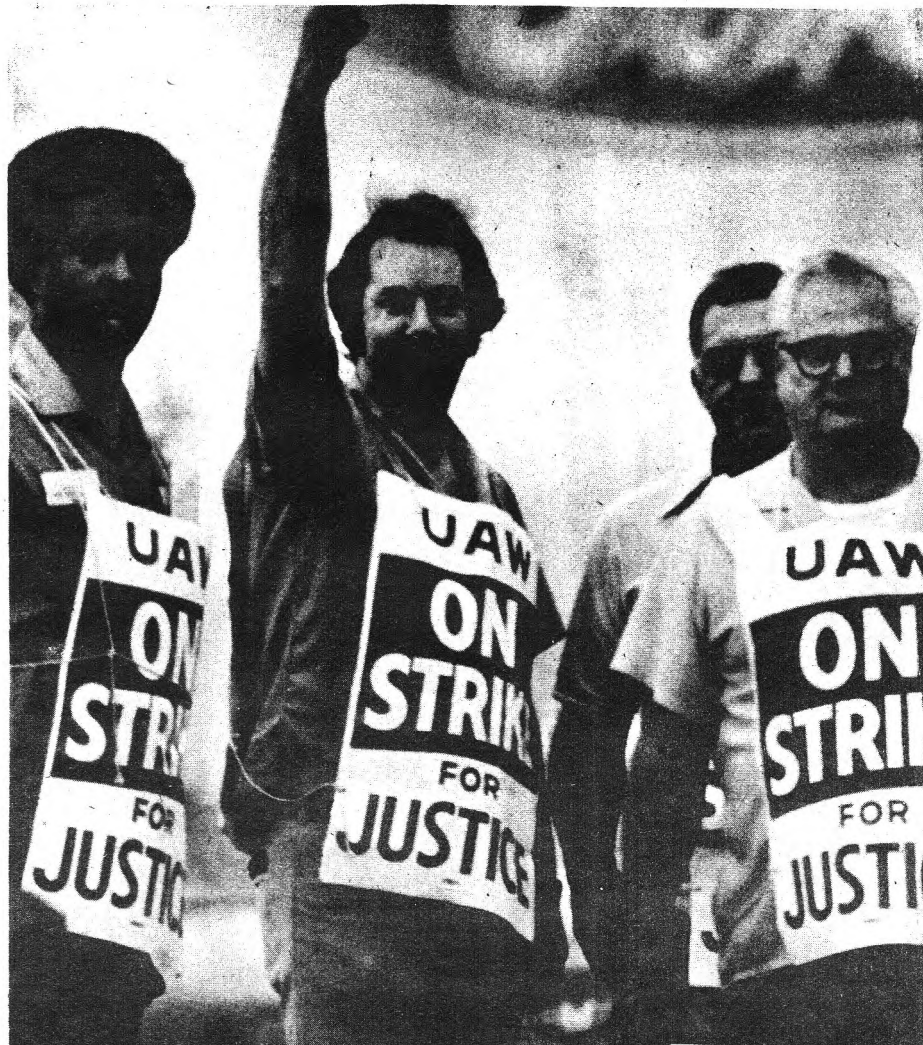
"Hence, the main task of the Communist Parties in the West at the present time is to develop and bring to a successful conclusion the campaign for trade-union unity, to see that all Communists without exception join the trade unions, to work in them systematically and patiently for uniting the working class against capital, and in this way to enable the Communist Parties

to have the backing of the trade unions."

(Stalin, *Work of the 14th conference of R.C.P. (B) On the Opposition*)

This is the crucial importance of communist working inside the trade unions. Do consistent work to show the advanced and the masses of

workers that communists stand and fight for their interests. Through concrete struggles to improve and strengthen the trade unions, in the course of which expose the misleaders, establish confidence among the advanced and the masses in the leadership of the Party and win them over to the cause of communism. ■



# RYL

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At this point, the RYL started leading the masses in militant slogans: "Stop the Racist Attacks--Right Now!" and "The People United Will Never Be Defeated," and held up a huge red banner reading "Youth Organize for Revolutionary Struggle." The masses cheered, and RYL immediately won the confidence and respect of the masses through organization, discipline, and fiery agitation against the racist attacks. Frightened by RYL's militant leadership, the misleaders came running out of the precinct, jumped up on a police truck and desperately tried to reclaim leadership of the march, announcing "This is not a communist movement." But they were only booed and jeered by the masses.

At this point, several militant construction workers rose up to criticize the do-nothing, sell-out misleadership. But these construction workers also said that the RYL should give the original organizers one more chance to lead the march. The RYL agreed, knowing that the original organizers could only further expose themselves right in front of the masses. Seeing their corruption and spinelessness with their own eyes would be a burning lesson for the masses: since "the masses learn from their own experience."

And learn they did! Going to the head of the march the misleaders started to lead the march towards Eastern Parkway and the Lubovitcher World Headquarters. But when we reached Eastern Parkway, there were over 300 police and dozens of police barricades, and the misleaders in collaboration with

the police attempted to block the march about 500 feet from the World Headquarters and to move it to Dr. Sam's church. Using its powerful bullhorns to confront Dr. Sam, RYL urged the masses to "Take it to the streets!" By now, the masses had totally rejected the bankrupt misleaders and broke through the barricades, and were swiftly proceeding to the Lubovitcher World Headquarters, as originally planned. And then they called on the RYL to lead the demonstration I block to the Jewish Defense League office.

## RYL LEADS MASS RALLY

At the Lubovitcher World Headquarters, RYL led a mass rally, pointing out that we must organize to defend ourselves against the racist attacks "by any means necessary," and that we must fight for better housing, more jobs and better education. The RYL pointed out that "the real enemy is not all Jewish people and the solution is not more Black cops. The enemy is the U.S. ruling class and a handful of Israeli Zionists (like the racist Hassidic Community Patrol and the Jewish Defense League) who make huge profits exploiting Black people here and in Africa. The U.S. ruling class controls the army, the police, and the entire U.S. government."

Summing up the victorious demonstration, the RYL stated that, when organized under the correct leadership of RYL, the masses were able to defeat the misleaders' diversion tactics and over 300 police who attempted to block the march. To put it simply, one community resident stated, "Now we know who the real leadership is--the fake leadership melted away!" ■



# PR DAY

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of the masses coming to the parade. While they failed to do sufficient ideological and political preparation of the masses to win their hearts and minds, their desire to turn the parade into an event in the interest of the masses was correct.

This year, to promote the fighting tradition of the Puerto Rican people against oppression, Forefront of Struggle entered the parade.

Because of the large number who would be at the parade celebrating their national heritage, it was a good opportunity to do mass agitation around national oppression. Even though the parade was organized and led by the poverty pimps and politicians like Velez and Badillo, the truth had to be taken to the masses. As Lenin said we must go to wherever the masses are to be found as long as we can raise independent agitation and propaganda and the possibility exists of bring the masses under correct leadership, especially the advanced.

In the parade of 1960, the then governor of Puerto Rico, Luis Muñoz Marin, came here to tell the Puerto Rican masses to accept oppression and learn to speak English. This traitor who became rich selling out Puerto Rico's interests to US imperialism also pushed that the way to change oppression is through the vote.

But the oppressive conditions of the masses of Puerto Rican people in the US will never fundamentally change through the vote. Only socialist revolution will accomplish that. Only socialist revolution in the US will wipe away the monopoly capitalists and their agents like Badillo and Velez.

Today, 17 years after Marin preached this garbage capitalists still deny bilingual education, still deny decent housing, still deny employment to a great number of the Puerto Rican people. The barrios of the US are filled with people without jobs, basic health care, schools and daycare, heat or hot water in the winter. Instead, the monopoly capitalists offer drugs, police brutality, and "the vote." At one time they did not even want the Puerto Rican people marching past their luxurious homes on Fifth Avenue!

In Puerto Rico as well, it will not be a vote that will bring an end to the rape and poverty of the island. A vote will not bring an end to the capitalists and their superprofits, the criminal wages and living conditions or the draining of natural resources. Only the armed struggle of the people of Puerto Rico to liberate the island from the clutches of US imperialism and their puppets will accomplish that.

## TURN NEXT PARADE INTO MILITANT MARCH AGAINST NATIONAL OPPRESSION!

Next Puerto Rican Day Parade, we the workers and oppressed masses will be there again proclaiming our traditions and struggle for all to see. Our floats, our songs, our chants must speak to and for the interests of the masses of people. Turn the Puerto Rican Day Parade into a march against class and national oppression! ■

# CHINATOWN JOB FIGHT

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carry on work as usual. This was the third action, along with consistent pickets, that the community had taken against the contractor at this site. The work was stopped for 2 hours, hitting the capitalists where they hurt - their pockets.

Through this incident the nature of the state particularly the police was clearly once more revealed to the masses. They were pulled out to protect the site, shoving and pushing demonstrators off the site. But the demonstration grew stronger in strength and spirit as groups of garment workers, senior citizens, youth, restaurant, and other community people joined the picket line. People responded to the need to fight against national oppression, in this case, the exclusion of national minority workers in many industries, like construction. They responded to the necessity to fight for the immediate gains, in this case jobs, at the site and showed openness to the ongoing work and politics of AAFEE as they were drawn into the immediate struggle.

Chants were heard throughout the community in Chinese and English: "End All National Oppression!" "End All Racial Discrimination!" "Fight For Equal Employment!" "Fight for Jobs Now!" Rallies were held and the masses in Chinatown stood in front of the stores to watch and listen to speakers.

Most construction workers on the site were generally supported of the demonstration. As demonstrators climbed aboard the crane, sat on the controls and stopped work at the site, most workers downed their tools. Discussions were held and agitation done around the economic crisis, the high unemployment in the construction trades (some trades have unemployment rates as high as 90%), and the necessity for more jobs for all construction workers. Stressing the need for multinational unity, the demonstrators made clear that no workers already working on the site should be laid off because of the hiring of minority workers from the community.

Showing his solidarity, one worker said, "I've been in the industry for 20 years now, and what have I got to show for it? This year I've worked only 3 out of 7 months. You can't feed a family on that! In the past three years, I've been in and out of jobs, barely making enough to feed the kids. I pay my dues, I pay plenty. But there's something wrong with the guys leading our union, 'cause I don't get nothing from them."

This attitude of unity was in clear contrast to those few workers, bribed by the company, becoming increasingly more reactionary because of the tight job squeeze and, as a result, act as the "company men" goons, who tried to physically stop the demonstrators with 2 by 4's and pipes. As the economic crisis worsens, there will be more of these labor aristocrat "company men" who would rather eat the crumbs from the boss' leftovers and fight against their fellow workers rather than for the interests of their own class. As the working class grows stronger and clearer as to the true nature of these traitors and goons, they will be increasingly punished and eliminated from the ranks of workers.



The foreman, showing his true flunkey character, saw his workers would rather talk to the demonstrators than slave for the boss and had to use threats to get workers back to work. He began to yell, "Get back to work. This ain't no lunch break. Wanna get fired? We don't pay you guys to negotiate with these people."

With the demonstration gaining greater attention, the cops tried to prevent people from walking on the streets and started to push and shove. They knocked down several demonstrators and arrested one worker. They were trying to split the unity of the demonstration by arresting a Puerto Rican worker. But the whole crowd would not stand for this scheme, and showing multinational unity, rounded up bystanders and community people who saw this unprovoked attack and together marched to the 5th Precinct to demand the immediate release of the arrested brother and the dropping of all charges.

Within an hour and a half this worker was released which demonstrated the strength of the masses assembled. During that time the whole Chinatown knew about this incident because agitation teams were going around to different street corners to inform the community and rouse the people's anger to fight police brutality.

## BROAD UNITED FRONT AGAINST NATIONAL OPPRESSION

This construction issue in the fight against national oppression and the fight for equal employment - showed the impact of national oppression. The strength of the struggle comes from the workers in the community who are the most persistent in the struggle against national oppression. But because national movements involve people from different classes a united front was able to be built and raise the political awareness of the community. Through different ways, some students, community agencies and even some small bosses were drawn out to support the issue. Some bosses in the garment factories opened the mikes up to organizers to speak to the workers. Restaurant bosses donated food. It was clear as the motion against the discrimination at the construction site picked up steam, the issue had touched the grassroots sentiment of the community.

## FIGHT ON TO WIN DEMANDS AND END TO NATIONAL OPPRESSION

The fight is not just fighting for a few jobs but a better future for workers and oppressed nationalities - a fight for equality and an end

to national oppression. In the struggle for these demands advanced and middle are educated and some are won over to socialism.

In the 1974 Confucius Plaza struggle a similar situation existed. Because of persistent struggle waged by the workers and community people, through mass actions the just demands were met. It is clear that the struggle will continue until all the demands of the workers and community are met in this issue:

- 1 - 30% of the new work force must be community and minority workers.
- 2 - Workers on the job site who support minority hiring should not be penalized or lose pay.
- 3 - No moving of minority workers from other sites to meet the 30% demand.
- 4 - All charges must be dropped against workers arrested.
- 5 - Rehire the Chinese carpenter who was fired for so-called "lack of English and carpentry." ■



# BUSING

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the specific demands of 6 new classrooms and 15 additional quality bilingual teachers concretized what the parents actually wanted to improve the overcrowded school and sharpened their understanding of the political issues.

The bourgeoisie's trick of forced busing must be opposed. At the same time class unity is built by fighting together for concrete, positive gains for national minorities and the for the whole working class. ■



# Euro - communism

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In a sense, the Second World revisionists, like Carillo and his friends of the "Communist" Party of France and the "Communist" Party of Italy, are protecting their future by resisting the Soviet Social imperialists. Like the present imperialist bourgeoisie of Europe, they want to protect their own markets and exploit their own workers. If the U.S. imperialists or the Soviet Social imperialists gain dominance over their countries their dreams of extracting the wealth of the country for themselves (as the capitalist class) would be so much dust.

A graphic example of this is the Italian revisionist Party's behavior with regard to the ruling Christian Democrats. The revisionists have openly supported the Christian Democrats austerity programs and for laws giving more powers to the Italian police, when these came up for votes in the Italian parliament. These are direct attacks by the bourgeoisie on the working class of Italy.

Behind this action of the Italian revisionists is the larger question of their promoting political stability of the capitalist system to be able to continue the exploitation of the workers.

All the problems facing the Italian bourgeoisie, the U.S. imperialists have a stranglehold over the Italian economy since it is they who have been propping up the lira with massive loans. With further turmoil, the Italian bourgeoisie and the revisionists who want to be the bourgeoisie, will further suffer from loss of profits and fall more and more under the domination of the U.S. imperialists through these "loans." In order to protect their future, therefore, the Italian revisionists have given support to the Christian Democrats' attempt to push the crisis on the backs of the Italian working class.

There are also other reasons for the Second World revisionists taking harder positions on Soviet Social-imperialism. The Second World revisionists have to appeal to nationalism since they are not yet in power, and are trying to get a mass following to vote them into power. This is opposed to taking the only road for the proletariat to break the chains of wage-slavery, which is through overthrowing the monopoly capitalist class through armed struggle, breaking up the capitalist state and setting up the dictatorship of the proletariat over the bourgeoisie.

Since they are continually baited by their opposition as being tools of Soviet social imperialism (which has certain truth to it as they in the main support "detente" and Soviet social imperialist attacks on the Third World, such as Angola), they must try to build up the image of being independent of the two superpowers and for their country. Of course, they are not for the working class and oppressed masses of their countries--- they are only out for themselves. Wanting to be the imperialist bourgeoisie, they will do whatever will benefit their class interest, which can include capitulation to superpower domination, hoping

for the best possible deal for themselves.

## CONTEXT OF CONTENTION BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS

The Soviet attack on the Spanish revisionists comes at a time when US imperialism (represented by Carter) is stepping up attacks on the Soviets on the question of "human rights." This offensive by US imperialism is nothing more than a trick to stabilize its interests in the Third World as well as its global contention with Soviet social imperialism. It is trying to expose the Soviet Union and appear as a friend of the oppressed, even to the point of attacking in words (while shoring up in deeds) its own neo-colonies such as the fascist regimes of South Korea and Chile. But it is clear that U.S. imperialism is one of the two main enemies of the people of the world.

But being imperialist, they must try to undercut their rivals in any way they can, in order to try to dominate the world for themselves. Both superpowers are now attempting to broaden their united front as well as exploit contradictions within what historically has been each other's "spheres of influence" and domain. For example, Soviet social imperialism is now pushing economic and political influence into Latin American countries, South East Asian countries (this is also a move to "contain" socialist China), and most recently into Africa, right on the heels of US imperialism's defeat in Vietnam and Cambodia. However, US imperialism is attempting to reverse this situation having gained more confidence as they see the increased growth of goulash communism (revisionism) and its bankruptcy, knowing how they can be co-opted. So US imperialism is attempting to boldly extend its united front into the East European countries. They even want to extend it into Cuba, now ruled by Castro, knowing the history of Castro's petty bourgeois socialism and its lack of self-reliance. This is a most opportune condition for US imperialism and, for that matter, all imperialists, to extend their criminal interests further. This is the main point of Carter's "human rights" campaign against the Soviet Union. Trying to preserve its socialist image, the Soviet social imperialists have howled with rage, saying that it "threatens detente."

This new attack by Carillo aids this campaign by the US imperialists, against the Soviet social imperialists.

Moreover it threatens the Soviet social imperialists because it further justifies the various revisionist parties in Western Europe and the Soviet colonies in Eastern Europe, becoming more independent of Soviet control and domination, thus undercutting its power to control Eastern Europe and attempts to take over Western Europe from US imperialism.

## US IMPERIALISTS STAND TOWARD EUROCOMMUNISM CHANGES, CARTER MOVES TO A MORE ADVANCED POSITION

The U.S. imperialists, like Carter, see the possibility of using the western European revisionists against the Soviet social-imperialists.

Former Secretary of State Kissinger held the view that the US must oppose and take steps to prevent any participation of the revisionists in the governments of western Europe.

According to Kissinger, for the revisionists to get into the national governments of the NATO alliance would weaken its ability to resist Soviet social imperialism. He questioned the "loyalty" of the revisionists, especially in a crisis situation.

But even as early as last April, the more crafty representatives of the bourgeoisie, like Brzezinski (now Carter's top foreign policy advisor), Paul Warnke (now head of the SALT Talks negotiations), and George Ball opposed this view. Seeing the increasing exposure of the other bourgeois parties to the masses, such as in Italy, they felt that US imperialism could use revisionists to prop up the bourgeois state apparatus, deceive the masses and divert them from the road of proletarian revolution, and thus maintain U.S. imperialism's interest in Europe. Ball, a former Undersecretary of State, stated that the Christian Democratic Party of Italy, the ruling party of Italy, had become a "flabby, almost useless force" while the revisionist Communist Party of Italy "operated like an old American city machine in delivering services to the people" (New York Times, April 14, 1976). Essentially they were affirming Lenin's thesis that revisionists are better defenders of the bourgeoisie than the bourgeoisie itself.

Along this line, Secretary of State Vance laid out policy of the U.S. imperialists by

saying on June 18 that 'even if the revisionists were to be voted into the governments of western Europe, it might create more problems for the Soviet Union that would more outweigh the damage that Eurocommunism could bring to the NATO structure.' Simply stated, this means that the U.S. bourgeoisie will definitely try to use the European revisionists against the Soviet social-imperialists in their mad scramble for the domination of Europe.

But why do the U.S. imperialists take this stand on the revisionists? History tells us that when a Communist Party abandons its proletarian revolutionary programme of the armed overthrow of the bourgeoisie, the setting up of socialism and the dictatorship of the proletariat over the overthrown monopoly capitalists, degenerates into a lap dog of the bourgeoisie, the capitalists can allow the revisionists to gain a temporary parliamentary majority and to form a government. This was the case historically with the British Labour Party or the Social Democratic Party of Germany, all of whom call themselves socialist. But this sort of thing can only maintain and strengthen the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie and cannot in the least alter the position of the proletariat as an oppressed and exploited class. All it will do will be to continue to keep the European masses under the domination of one or the other superpower and its own bourgeoisie. ■

# Lenin Against Revisionism

## WHY DO REVISIONIST SELL OUT THE LONG RANGE INTERESTS OF THE WORKERS FOR MOMENTARY GAIN?

A natural complement to the economic and political tendencies of revisionism was its attitude to the final aim of the socialist movement. "The movement is everything, the final aim is nothing"--this catchphrase of Bernstein's expresses the substance of revisionism better than many long arguments. To determine its conduct from case to case, to adapt itself to the events of the day and to the chops and changes of petty politics, to forget the basic interests of the proletariat, the main features of the capitalist system as a whole and of capitalist evolution as a whole; to sacrifice these basic interests for the real or assumed advantages of the moment--such is the policy of revisionism. And it patently follows from the very nature of this policy that it may assume an infinite variety of forms, and that every more or less "new" question, every more or less unexpected and unforeseen turn of events, even though it may change the basic line of development only to an insignificant degree and only for the shortest period of time, will always inevitable give rise to one or another variety of revisionism. (From "Marxism and Revisionism," 1908.)

## HOW DOES "DEMOCRACY IN GENERAL" OR "HUMAN RIGHTS" IN GENERAL AID THE BOURGEOISIE AGAINST THE PROLETARIAT?

History teaches that not a single oppressed class has ever

come into power, or could come into power, without passing through the period of dictatorship, i.e., the conquest of political power and the violent suppression of the desperate, furious and unscrupulous resistance which the exploiters always put up. The bourgeoisie, whose rule the Socialists who oppose "dictatorship in general" and who bow down before "democracy in general" now defend, achieved power in the advanced countries by means of a number of rebellions, by civil wars, by the violent suppression of kings, feudal barons and slave-owners, and their attempts at restoration. In their books and pamphlets, in the resolutions of their congresses and in their agitational speeches, the Socialists of all countries have explained to the people the class character of these bourgeois revolutionaries, of this bourgeois dictatorship, a thousand and a million times. Hence, the present defense of bourgeois democracy cloaked in speeches about "democracy in general" and the present howling and shouting against the dictatorship of the proletariat cloaked by cries about "dictatorship in general" are a downright betrayal of Socialism, the practical desertion to the side of the bourgeoisie, the denial of the right of the proletariat to make its own proletarian revolution, and defense of bourgeois reformism at the very historical moment when bourgeois reformism is bankrupt all over the world. (From "Thesis and Report on Bourgeois Democracy and the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, Presented to the First Congress of the Communist International," March 4, 1919.)

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# CRISIS

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## US MONOPOLY CAPITALISTS SHIFT CRISIS TO SECOND WORLD

Besides mainly shifting the crisis onto the backs of the workers and the toiling masses, the bourgeoisie also shifts the crisis onto other imperialist states. For example, they limit each other's imports, and expand their own export of commodities and capital. They grab for each other's markets, get into each other's spheres of influence, etc.

Superpowers' exports of capital to other countries, including other imperialist states is the main feature of imperialism, which aims to dominate and exploit the workers there. Trade surpluses and deficits (one item in the overall balance of payments), between imperialist countries tell us a characteristic of imperialism -- namely, its uneven development.

Perhaps the best example is the role of US imperialism in relation to the other imperialist states. After World War 2, US imperialism achieved hegemony. In 1947, the US export occupied 32.4% of the total capitalist world export. At the same time its imports were only 12.9% of the total capitalist world import. The US imperialists made a tremendous amount of profit from this imbalance.

However, after the 50's, the picture started to shift. The European imperialist states and Japan had developed their economies due to uneven development of capitalism, by assimilating US technology, etc. to lowering wages at home, etc. The favorable balance of trade of the US shifted. By 1965, for example, for the first time since 1889, the US incurred a deficit in trade of \$2.4 billion.

This intense competition for trade leads to imperialist "dumping". This means, within a given country the monopoly cartels sell their goods at high monopoly prices, but selling them abroad at a much lower price to undercut the competitor, to enlarge their production to the utmost, etc. (see Lenin, Imperialism, Highest Stage of Capitalism, p. 138)

This practice leads to retaliation, sparking trade wars between capitalist states. As the contradictions sharpen between the imperialists, and one imperialism strengthens itself at the expense of another, what other solution of the contradictions can be found under capitalism than that of force? And this solution to trade wars between imperialist powers is one of the factors leading to world war.

## SUPERPOWER JUGGLING CURRENCY TO SHIFT CRISIS TO SECOND WORLD

A major form that superpowers shift their economic crisis onto the Second World, the smaller imperialist states, is through the monetary policies.

This dog-eat-dog fight is being carried out through currency juggling now. The US monopoly capitalists try to make their goods cheaper to buy in other countries by lowering the rate of exchange of US dollars to other currencies, especially West Germany and Japan. By lowering the rate of exchange, (say for example, going from US\$1=1 Mark to US\$1=1.1 Mark) a Chevy costing a thousand Marks in Germany before lowering the rate of exchange, would cost 900 Marks afterwards. On the other hand, the VW coming into the US would cost more afterwards (more dollars needed to pay for the same price in Marks). So the US capitalists make their goods cheaper in Germany, and make German goods more expensive in the US.

This is aimed especially at West German and Japanese goods, to hold them back from the US market as well as to more deeply penetrate theirs.

The bourgeoisie of the Second World countries resist this bullying of the US bourgeoisie. The finance

minister of West Germany charged that the US is "exporting its economic problems to others" and that such moves by the US unleashes a rate-of-exchange war. In response, the central bank of West Germany has been trying to take in dollars from the exchange markets to stop this forced change in the rate of exchange. The Common Market has threatened the US bourgeoisie with retaliation if the drop of the dollar continues.

Meanwhile, Carter has started to prepare public opinion in the US, blaming the "trade deficit" on OPEC countries and the US working class for using "too much oil", so that he can ram through his attack, i.e., austerity programs on the working class, cutting back on necessities like heating oil and gasoline. The fact is that oil imports alone do not account for the trade deficit. According to the bourgeoisie themselves, only about a quarter of the trade deficit is due to increases in oil. The great bulk of it was from increases in imports of autos, machinery, pulp and waste paper, clothing, chemicals and metals. This is in relation to US exports -- mainly agricultural and military goods.

For the workers of the Second World, this move by US imperialism means more unemployment. Since the bourgeoisie of those countries will buy more American goods because their own goods will be less competitive, factories will close, throwing the workers in those countries out on the streets.

For the US working class, it means a direct attack on the standard of living, since imported goods will cost more. A Japanese color TV that

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port Committee's proletarian internationalist duty to support the liberation groups in Africa. It reflects the direct link between the fight in the US with our brothers and sisters struggling in Africa. The national program of work for ALSC:

1. November 12 - demonstration in support of the Zimbabwean peoples national liberation struggle.
2. January 15 - Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Southern Africa
3. March 8 - Celebration of International Working Women's Day

now costs \$300 will cost \$315 based on a 5% change in the exchange rate.

The bullying of the US bourgeoisie against the Second World bourgeoisie will continue to create better conditions for the increasing unity between the OPEC and other Third World countries with the Second World countries against the two superpowers. The intensified attacks on the working class of the US and the Second World will give rise to new surges of revolutionary struggle, as the steel and coal strikes are showing in this country. Whatever tricks and maneuvers the capitalists use to try to get out of the crisis, they are doomed to be overthrown by the rising working class, opening up the bright future of socialism. ■

4. March 21 - Commemoration of Sharpeville
5. May 1 - May Day
6. May 19 - Commemoration of Malcolm X
7. May 27 - African Liberation Day

Some chapters have already begun collecting clothes to send to the liberation groups and proposed that the entire ALSC take up this task. Other chapters suggested that all chapters step up their involvement in domestic struggles as a concrete link between our fight against imperialism in the U.S. with the national liberation movements in Africa. The conference united that the national program is a fighting weapon against the two superpowers, class exploitation and national oppression. It allows for both national coordination of the ALSC's program as well as initiative from the different chapters to also take up other forms of support for the peoples of Africa.

With the election of the new National Steering Committee members, the torch of leadership is passed on. The conference has successfully completed another year of victory in African liberation support work and has carefully charted the road ahead. A firm foundation has been laid. All chapters have been strengthened. Once again the revolutionary banner of the ALSC is unfolding throughout the U.S.! In the midst of thunderous applause, the conference ended in shouts of "ALSC--Fight On To Victory!" ■

## RECENT HISTORY OF CAPITALIST MONETARY SYSTEM BUCKS & BUST - FIGHT BETWEEN U.S. AND SECOND WORLD

The recent history of the capitalist monetary system shows the rise and decline of U.S. imperialism since World War II and the sharpening contradiction between the superpowers and the second world.

The Bretton Woods agreement was the basis for the post-war capitalist monetary system and reflected U.S. hegemony in the capitalist world, since the U.S. imperialists emerged out of World War II as the victor. It served as a major tool for U.S. imperialism's aggression and expansionism. This agreement was signed by England, France, the U.S., as well as 41 other countries.

The Bretton Woods agreement was composed of three major points:

(1) Substitute all the existing monetary exchange rates by establishing the U.S. dollar and gold as the international standard.

(2) Set the standard of \$35 per ounce of gold.

(3) All central banks of different states could exchange their holdings of U.S. dollars for gold.

### CAPITALIST MONETARY CRISIS

There have been ten major monetary crises in the period of the sixties up to 1973. This was particularly due to the defeat of the U.S. imperialists in Southeast Asia and the intensification of the economic crisis in the U.S.

Due to the U.S. imperialists' ability to print dollars, the basis of the capitalist world's currency, they used it to export war-caused inflation to other countries, particularly the second world capitalist ones.

Fighting against U.S. imperialism's economic and political domination, De Gaulle, the representative of the French bourgeoisie, was the first to declare the emperor dollar was naked. He demanded gold for the dollars that the French were holding. The U.S.

bourgeoisie, however, had less than \$20 billion in Fort Knox gold that was supposed to cover for almost \$900 billion of paper dollars in circulation.

In August, 1971 the U.S. monopoly capitalists unleashed their "New Economic Policy" to shift the brunt of the crisis onto the backs of the working class. This meant "wage-price controls" which in reality froze wages while allowing prices to go up. Externally, it meant the increase of tariffs on foreign goods.

And the U.S. bourgeoisie dumped the gold standard, forcing the second world to swallow the inflated dollars. This abolished a fundamental pillar of the Bretton Woods agreement. In December, 1971 and February, 1973 the dollar was forced to devalue twice. This signalled the toppling of the three pillars of the Bretton Woods agreement. It meant the entrance to a new, higher stage of the imperialist crisis.

### FROM FIXED RATE TO FLOATING RATE

The collapse of the Bretton Woods agreement was the beginning of the end of a relatively stable period of fixed rate of exchange between the capitalist countries' currency. In the fixed rate of exchange system there is a lower limit and upper limit of one per cent within which the exchange rates can change. For example, with the rate of one English pound per \$2.40 in U.S. dollars, the British central bank had to buy the dollars when the pound reached the upper limit of \$2.42 so that it doesn't go above that limit. If the pound, on the other hand, fell below \$2.38 the British central bank had to sell dollars.

The corrupting of the fixed rate gave rise to what is generally called a "floating rate". The floating rate is generally a prelude to either devaluation or revaluation of a currency. This was done on the initiative of the Second World countries

to resist U.S. imperialism's shifting of the crisis to them. This system is not supported by the capitalist states' central banks. This rate of exchange between currencies is determined by supply and demand. This floating rate was intended by the capitalists to establish new fixed rates after the currencies find themselves on "a proper level," when one or more currencies are forced to devalue or revalue.

For example, during the fifth dollar crisis in 1969, western imperialist states started to dump dollars, francs and pounds to buy up the mark of West Germany. Since West Germany's central bank could not buy up these other currencies dumped after the limit of the fixed rate was passed, they were forced to close its foreign exchange market. Soon after they were forced to revalue the mark by 8.5%

Showing the resistance of the second world bourgeoisie to U.S. imperialism's efforts to shift the crisis to them, the six countries of the Common Market instituted a "joint float" against the U.S. dollar. This occurred after the 1973 US dollar devaluation. It was a clear act against hegemony. This joint float meant that the Common Market countries would retain a fixed rate among themselves to avoid splitting themselves up in the face of the attack by the US imperialists. They would not try to shift the crisis to each other.

But U.S. imperialism forced the second world capitalists to give it up by pointing to the Soviet military menace and saying that it was U.S. imperialism that was footing the bill for "protecting" Europe.

Floating rates inevitably leads to capitalist manipulation of currencies to protect its markets and trade position from others, as the recent action by U.S. imperialism shows. This is part of the intensifying contradictions between the second world and the superpowers and, in the midst of the economic crisis, the resistance of the second world to superpower hegemonism.



# ASIA

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US imperialism and Soviet Social Imperialism must lock horns throughout the world wherever it affects their grab for Europe. For example, the superpower meddling in the Middle East is shaped by their vast hunger for Arab oil which supplies 90% of Japan's and 80% of Europe's energy needs. The superpowers' scramble for Angola and the Soviet Union's grab for Ethiopia, Somalia and the Territory of Afars and Issas have immediate impact on the Red Sea area and the sea lanes of the oil tankers bound for Europe.

Meanwhile, US imperialism has no intention of leaving their Korean front unarmed.

The US imperialists will continue to fight like dogs to sabotage the socialist Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the north and to suppress the revolutionary drive of the Korean people in the south against the Pak Jung Hi regime. US military aid to this corrupt, fascist regime has increased from \$140 million to \$280 million in 1977. Nuclear weapons have also been moved in to South Korea. While there are certain sections of the US ruling class who oppose the troop withdrawal, it is clear that the more "advanced" sections represented by Carter are putting their eggs in Europe's basket.

## "HUMAN RIGHTS" CAMPAIGN STRENGTHENS REACTIONARY RULE

However, the military shoring up of the Asian front is not sufficient for there will be, by necessity, a definite reduction in US imperialism's military options in Asia. The Asian front must be shored up politically as well -- and this is the thrust of the "human rights" campaign of Carter.

The best laid plans of the superpowers cannot stop the revolutionary tide of the people. In South Korea, the masses have stood up against the repression on the Pak regime. Frequent round-ups of protestors in South Korea by the fascist regime have only fueled the people's massive opposition. So shaky is the Pak regime and so enormous the resistance, that the US is openly hedging their bets on the future of the Pak regime and putting strong pressure on the regime to "change its image" -- to put on a slicker, more "democratic" mask as defenders of "human rights".

In fact, US imperialism is already publically moving on this. The Korean "Watergate" scandal now breaking in the bourgeois press is an attempt to build public opinion to pressure the Pak regime to become more "stable" in an attempt to "stabilize" US imperialism's interests in South Korea. This "stabilization" of Asia is important to the US's strategic plans for war as the military options have been reduced by the troop removal.

This larger strategic plan can also be seen in the recent attempts of the fascists in Taiwan, a province of China, to give the appearance of "liberalizing" their shaky rule. In an attempt at a major facelift to shore up its crumbling control, The Chiang clique has been trying to give the impression of complying with Carter's "human rights" tactic. However, these fascists cannot afford to ease up on their brutal rule as the movement for reunification continues to grow daily.

Like Korea, the US will con-

tinue to bolster the military aid to the Chiang clique by selling them missiles and nuclear material through Israel.

Thus, in the midst of some "changes" like the token release of a few political prisoners and an "easing" of some press censorship, the fascist rule goes unchanged. In fact martial law was upheld by the fascist Chiang Ching-Kuo clique while all this was going on.

The larger strategic picture is reflected in Carter's move toward the People's Republic of China. The US hopes that improved relations with China will aid the "stabilization" of the area while, at the same time gain leverage against Soviet Social Imperialism by keeping it off-balance. This leverage is reflected in the recent public relations attempt by Carter to float the rumor of possible arms aid to China. However, these moves toward China far from being a victory for US imperialism are concrete evidence of their defeat. Gone are the imperialists dreams of isolating China as they are increasingly being forced to move toward normalization. Now, in an attempt to "make the best of it" they are attempting to turn their defeat into something which will "buy time" in Asia while aiding them in their struggle against Soviet Social Imperialism. While the People's Republic of China has staunchly put forward its position in the Shanghai Communiqué that Taiwan is an internal question, it has been clear that the US has no intention of implementing the Communiqué particularly evidenced by its continued covert attempts at shoring up the regime there.

However, what US imperialism's plans and schemes cannot control is the irresistible trend of world history: countries want independence, nations want liberation, people want revolution. The "stabilization" they hope for in Asia flies in the face of historical truth. There will be no "stability" for imperialism as long as the masses desire an end to oppression. The resistance to the regimes of the US puppet cannot be bought through the prettifying of the fascist regimes through slick publicity stunts.

The dreams and plans for world domination by the superpowers are doomed as the superpowers themselves are doomed. They cannot dictate the course of history -- only the masses dictate that. And the masses dictate that socialism is our future.

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Generally, in advanced capitalist countries at this time, the important task is the political education of the masses, and political initiative and struggle as the main form of struggle. Thus, the infatuation with terrorism of those like the Weathermen, et. speaks to their petty bourgeois disdain for the masses, their inability and unwillingness to win the hearts and minds through day to day struggle as well as the frenzy of the dying petty bourgeois class. The terrorism of groups like the "Symbionese Liberation Army" is more a reflection of petty bourgeois decadence and the degeneration of monopoly capitalism and the muck which rises to the surface than a reflection of political struggle.

While generally, in Third World countries struggling

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jobs. The entire category of service workers is overwhelmingly Afro-American while other, high-paying jobs, such as technical and maintenance are overwhelmingly white. And Duke uses this to pit Afro-American workers against white workers, promoting chauvinism to break unionization efforts. They have told other workers that Local 77 is "an all-Black union" when it is Duke that hires Afro-American workers for the worst jobs, and when it is the workers in the worst jobs that want

the union most!

Duke, like any capitalist, will try any trick it can to split up workers and weaken our organization. We must take up the fight against job discrimination, and win white workers to the special demands of Afro-American workers, as we provide correct overall leadership to the entire working class.

Only by fighting for the special demands of Afro-American workers, and drawing both white and Afro-American workers into the struggle for self-determination of the Black Belt South, can genuine unity of the multinational working class be forged. ■

# Letter

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class that will lead the struggle for independence in Puerto Rico because it is the only class that is the most disciplined and staunch as well as the most oppressed class in society. On the other hand, the petty bourgeoisie, because of their position in society, vacillate more and therefore are more unstable. This is not to say that the petty bourgeoisie cannot be won over. In the case of Puerto Rico, its independence can only be achieved by means of an alliance between the working class, peasants, and petty bourgeoisie. In order for Puerto Rico to be independent, the Puerto Rican masses must organize themselves under the leadership of a genuine Communist Party whose cadres are the best sons and daughters of the working class and who are guided by the most advanced science in the world, Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought. The way Puerto Rico will be independent is if the

working class, under its Party lead an armed revolution that will smash the U.S. imperialists and drive them to the sea.

History has shown and proven that independence can only be achieved by a class of people, not a few individuals who consider themselves to be superrevolutionaries who can only plant bombs but are afraid to engage in class struggle on a consistent basis.

Comrades, the FALN is an insult to the just cause of the Puerto Rican peoples' struggle for independence and to the 5 Nationalists prisoners who are willing to die in prison rather than ask the U.S. imperialists for forgiveness.

We must take the hatred that we have for the U.S. imperialists and turn it into a force to organize the working class so that when we are ready to use the guns and bombs the masses will know it and be the ones to throw them at the enemy -- U.S. imperialism. ■

# Subscribe

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The form of our newspaper will also improve. We want more workers to be drawn to it and a good sharp layout is part of this. The paper will have more focused and shorter articles in clear working class style.

Our newspaper is only one part of our pushing out communist literature to the advanced workers. Another is the publication of propaganda pamphlets which are important in putting out our positions on different areas of struggle for advanced workers. Our trade union position in pamphlet form will soon appear. We have planned pamphlets on organizing in different industries, translations of materials from the Communist

against imperialism, the character of struggle is that of armed struggle -- people's war -- the struggle for Puerto Rican independence has a particular relation to the US proletariat. The US proletariat has a particular responsibility to support the struggle for Puerto Rican independence. While the cause of independence is gaining many friends among the US working class and oppressed nationalities, the work must be deepened and intensified. It must go deep into the working class, into the trade unions, for example, into the many communities of oppressed nationalities. The work must take on a real mass character involving the millions of workers and oppressed nationalities. The work is far from complete and communists must intensify this work. However the tactic of terrorism as a substitution for the deepening of that work will not push it forward. Indeed it will hurt it.

While the bourgeoisie will use any action and event to confuse and divert the masses, the "excitative" terrorism with

Party of China on the question of party character, a pamphlet on political economy, as well as the long-awaited publication in pamphlet-form of "Historical Lessons of Munich: Luring to the East Waters that Bring Disaster".

Comrades and fellow workers, this subscription campaign is concretely part of deepening the work of the Workers Viewpoint Organization to build up the Party. Its success will bring us closer to overthrowing the criminal rule of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class. It is part of the preparation for the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat and socialism, and the end of all exploitation of man by man -- communism!

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no concrete links to the mass struggle serves their attempts to confuse and divert. In fact, it can be used as an excuse to further intensify the repression of the Puerto Rican community here as demonstrated in the recent police riot in Chicago. As such, it is a disservice to the cause of Puerto Rican independence.

We must support the right of Puerto Ricans to determine the course of their struggle against US imperialism by any means necessary. But it is our view that the Puerto Rican masses will throw out US imperialism through armed force only when the masses themselves are politically and organizationally ready and "excitative" terrorism cannot accelerate nor serve this inevitable victory. The terrorism of the US imperialists will not be defeated by the actions of small and isolated groups. US imperialism will be washed out to sea by the tide of the masses, for it is only the masses who determine what course history takes. ■