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## AZANIAN PEOPLE WILL AVENGE BIKO'S MURDER



Tens of thousands of Azanians, full of hatred for the fascist South African regime, stormed into the streets to protest the brutal murder of Steven Biko. In New York City, at the doorstep of South African Airways, African Liberation Support Committee agitators denounced the criminal act of the racist regime.

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**THEY NEVER LEARN!** They continue to "make trouble, fail, make trouble again, fail again ... 'til their doom; that is the logic of the imperialists

and reactionaries the world over in dealing with the people's cause and they will never go against this logic."

On September 12, 1977, the fascist bloodsuckers struck again. This time they cold-bloodedly murdered the African patriot, Steven Biko. Brother Biko, leader and founder of the South African Students' Organization (SASO), one of the principal organizers of the Black People's Convention Organization, and an African freedom fighter, was killed by Vorster and Company. His death had a significant impact on the Azanian masses as thousands poured into the streets voicing their indignation and disgust at this atrocity. In an attempt to diffuse the masses' rightful anger, the police arrested Moki Cekisani, President of Black People's Convention Organization, and over 1200 students and other mourners at the Sept. 15 memorial services. But thousands more continue daily to demonstrate and use all means available to turn things rightside-up in their just and noble struggle to end all oppression.

jury nor death. Before the funeral the Vorster regime tried to keep the people from rallying there: they banned buses, Continue on p 19

## Longshoremen Strike From Maine To Texas

50,000 dockworkers of the International Longshoremen's Association from Maine to Texas are out on strike battling for job security. They demand job security and a uniform Guaranteed Annual Income, as the major item in the master contract, from the Council of North Atlantic Shipping Association (CNASA). Throughout the negotiations, the Council, made up of shippers from Boston, Providence, Rhode Island, Philadelphia, Hampton Road, Va., and New York, has stalled and continues to refuse to discuss GAI provisions.

Dockworkers have always demanded job security in an industry where the job situation is full of ups and downs due to the seasonal nature of the work. Today, the shipping bosses use the excuse of con-

tainerization to lay off hundreds more.

Many longshoremen do not even get to work five days a week. Sometimes they may only work for one day. Many report to work early in the morning only to be sent home day after day without any work. Longshoremen need a basic guarantee that will ensure a decent standard of living. That's why they are demanding Guaranteed Annual Income as part of the fight for job security. GAI makes sure that workers get paid a certain number of hours each year whether there is work or not.

**KEEP THE SAME NUMBER OF JOBS**

The shipping bosses use any  
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### They Never Learn!

**THEY NEVER LEARN!** Biko was the 21st black leader to die in the South African concentration camps in 18 months. On Sept. 25, 1977, Steven Biko was laid to rest. But his memory lives on as does the Azanian people's love for this freedom fighter who feared neither in-

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SECCION EN ESPAÑOL

# Logan Workers Fight For Hospital's Survival

Arthur C. Logan Hospital stands in the heart of New York's Harlem community. As it has for the past 10 years, the community and workers are once again fighting the battle to keep Logan open.

Logan is a familiar place to people in the neighborhood: families with colds and fever because there's no heat or hot water, mothers bringing children suffering from food poisoning due to bad meat sold in the stores, young people cut from broken glass littering the street, junkies treated for overdoses.

The city and state government say hospitals like Logan are "excessive." To the Afro-American community coping with the daily problem of survival in the ghetto the hospital is a matter of life and death.

Last month, Logan was threatened with closing as the hospital once again teetered on the verge of closing its doors due to bankruptcy. Because the New York State government is withholding Medicaid funds, Logan is unable to pay its bills, including not paying into its workers' union Benefit Fund.

Saying that Logan owes it money, the state is using the Medicaid reimbursement money as a way to make sure the hospital cannot keep up with its debts. Without this money, workers at Logan find their wages and benefits threatened, and patient care is suffering from day to day. As one dietary worker said, "You don't know how bad it feels to turn down bread deliveries for the patients."

## WORKERS ORGANIZE, PUSH STRUGGLE FORWARD

The 700 workers of Logan Hospital have not taken the threat of closing sitting down. It is the workers, the ones who do all the hard, dirty, and tedious jobs that make the hospital run who have pushed the fight to save Logan ahead. They have gone to meeting after meeting, sat through one court proceeding after another, circulated petitions, sent dele-

gations, and marched and demonstrated.

At a recent union (District 1199, which most of the workers belong to) meeting the only plan of action the workers could squeeze from the union's representative was the answer--"We'll go to court"--and only to collect the money owed by the hospital to the 1199 Benefit Fund. When the workers saw that the union would not take a definite stand to keep the hospital open and save their jobs, the union rep was shouted down. And when he started to leave, the workers along with concerned community residents who had come, decided to conduct their own meeting.

Speaker after speaker got up and vowed their determination to stop the closing. One worker said, "What's happenin' to Logan is like a cancer which will spread all over the city. We've got to nip it in the bud." Another called for a coalition of Logan workers, workers from other hospitals, and the community. She, like many other workers who live as well as work in the community, referred to the demonstration of 5,000 last year when Sydenham, another Harlem hospital, was threatened: "I done it before, and if I have to, I'll take to the streets again!"

The workers have set up meetings on their own to work out a plan of action. They drew strength from the rich history of struggle of the Afro-American people. As one worker declared: "I consider myself a freedom fighter. I remember down South, when we marched...dogs, billy-clubs...you haven't seen nothin' yet. I may be up here but that don't mean I've escaped 'cause I'm still fighting."

Pressured by the mass sentiment and thus fearing the loss of their leadership, the union called another meeting. Out of 75 workers, they voted overwhelmingly, by 73 to 2, to fight for both their benefits and their jobs. The union half-heartedly agreed to support any actions the workers themselves or-

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Logan workers and Harlem community continue to fight to save yet another hospital from closing. Above, workers and community struggle to save Sydenham Hospital.

# Breaking the Chains!



## Huntsville, Texas

In the trial of 2 policemen charged with the murder of a 23 year old Chicano youth, Joe Campos Torres, a former Houston cop has testified that he and five other cops, after beating Mr. Torres, took him to the Buffalo Bayou and threw him in, where he drowned.

Mr. Torres was so badly beaten that the police sergeant refused to book him as his condition would expose the police brutality at the arraignment. Two of the other cops on trial have already admitted handcuffing and beating Torres. The three remaining cops have either been offered immunity or charged with only misdemeanors.

According to the former cop, Carless Eliot, after they led the battered Torres away from the stationhouse and before throwing him into the bayou, one cop said, "Let's see if this wetback can swim." After the murder, the cops agreed to destroy all records of the case.

The viciousness of the Houston cops toward the Chicano community is a well known fact. However this is the first time in the city's history that a cop has been brought up on criminal charges. No wonder these swine think they can get away with anything! They are protected and encouraged by the state. These incidents of blatant national oppression only make the determination of the Chicano people to resist these attacks even stronger.

## Golden, Colorado

Brewery Workers Local 366 is continuing their 7 month old strike of the Joseph Coors Company. Calling for a nationwide boycott of Coors beer, the workers are fighting for a union shop, better working conditions, and in defense of their political rights and dignity.

Coors, the largest private employer in Colorado, has a notorious history of union busting, discriminatory hiring practices and fascist tactics. National minorities and women are stuck in the lowest paying jobs. 90% of these workers were only hired since 1969. Before 1972 there were no women employed at Coors.

Coors workers are subjected to humiliating lie-detector tests which the company uses to probe into their personal lives. The company's private police force apply search and seizure tactics against the workers and their property. Refusal to submit means immediate discharge. It's no wonder that the Coors workers are determined to fight till victory.

Most of the 8,000 workers employed at Coors are non-unionized. In 1976 over 92% of the bargaining unit voted for a union shop. 98% of those eligible cast their vote, some even left hospital beds to do so. In spite of the overwhelming showing for the union, the company has proposed such outrageous contract terms as the power to lay-off without regard to seniority and that Saturday and Sundays be treated as "normal" work days.

The Coors workers have refused to swallow this garbage. Coors Boycott and Strike Support Coalition, including representatives from union locals throughout Colorado, has been organized to mobilize community support. Through unity and organization Coors workers are bound to win. DON'T BUY COORS BEER!

## Southern California

Members of United Rubber Workers Local 131 are calling for a boycott of Goodyear Tires. This is part of their fight to prevent the company from running away to states where workers are forced to take cheap wages under "right to work" laws.

These workers have formed a Committee to stop the Goodyear Runaway. Already the committee has gained the support of nearby Firestone workers. Members of Local 100 signed to help saying if Goodyear can get away then Firestone is sure to follow.

Fighting against runaway shops and the layoffs they bring is an important way to defend the workers' standard of living, especially given the high rate of unemployment. It also shows the need to extend trade union protection to cover the entire working class and to expose union busting "right to work" laws.

## Honolulu, Hawaii

On trial before a US imperialist court on charges of "trespassing" on the Island of Kahoolawe, revolutionary Hawaiian activist, Sam Kealoha, took a strong and militant stand against US imperialism, rejecting their right to try him for setting foot on land that rightfully belongs to Hawaii's people.

Pulling no punches before Federal Judge Sam King, Kealoha expressed the feelings of revolutionary Hawaiians by refusing to "go by the United States Constitution" and standing on his rights as a Hawaiian to go onto Hawaiian land.

Kealoha had gone onto the Island of Kahoolawe to protest the continued bombing of the island by the US imperialist Navy, and to focus the demand of native Hawaiian people for the return of their land and the preservation of their language, culture and religion.

Kealoha's actions will set a strong example for revolutionary Hawaiians and add fuel to the present upsurge in the anti-imperialist movement in Hawaii, now burning bright and gathering strength after years of ebb.

Fifteen other activists now await trial for "trespassing" on Kahoolawe, while three more are in prison now. The US Coast Guard and Navy are spending millions of dollars to patrol the waters around the island in a vain attempt to squash the resistance of Hawaii's people to the criminal grip of the imperialist corporations, estates, military and government on 96% of the land in Hawaii.

The struggle of Hawaii's people is a mighty force against the criminal plans of the US imperialists for fascism and world war, a war in which Hawaii, with its hundreds of military installations and strategic location, would be used as cannon fodder in the desperate attempt of the US imperialist for world domination. (see WV, June '76 issue)

## MASSIVE LAYOFFS, SPEED-UPS

# US Capitalists Dumping Steel Crisis On Workers

Across the country the steel barons are launching an all-out attack on the steel workers. Bethlehem Steel--35,000, Youngstown--5,000, Lykes Steel--5,000, Armco--600, and so on goes the list of massive layoffs with still more to come. For the workers who remain, the company is cracking the whip

the Second World War. Although almost one-fourth of US steel plants are standing idle and production is falling, there is still too much steel in the market looking for buyers.

In the early 60's, there was a worldwide shortage of steel. With the deepening of the econ-

the US simply because it pays more to invest in the Second and Third world than renovating the outdated plants here. This is just another sign of the decay of US monopoly capitalism. In two years, foreign steel used in the US has risen from 9% to 19%. This means that the European and Japanese steel companies are winning the battle for markets in the US.

### US IMPERIALISM CAUGHT IN A BIND IN TRADE RELATIONS

In the late 60's, the US pushed a "voluntary export restraint agreement" on the Second World countries with little sweat. Today, in spite of the crisis, Carter is still holding back on import quotas.

There are several reasons. First, compared to the late 60's, the political position of the Second World has strengthened whereas the US has been in rapid decline. Today, Carter has to think twice or even 3 times before he moves on any kind of protectionist measures. Any such move would be asking for broader retaliation from a more united Second World.

The economic interest of US imperialism in Europe is also putting Carter in a bind. Most

of US imperialism's investments overseas is in Western Europe. Any trade policy that hurts the European countries will ultimately be cutting US imperialism's own throat.

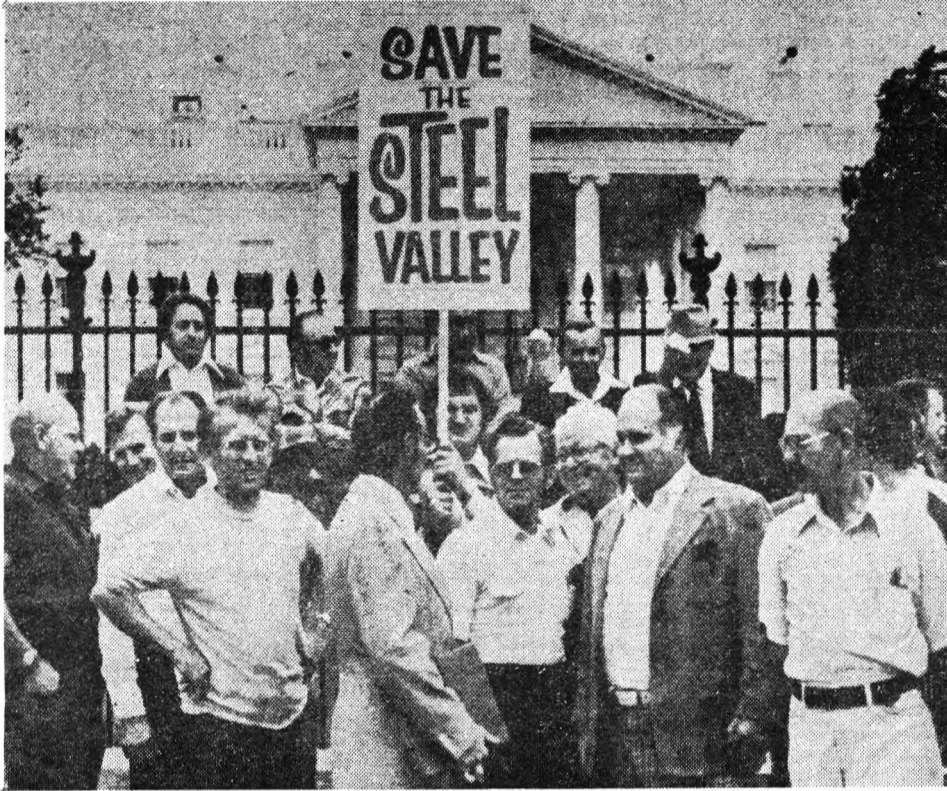
A third factor is the rising danger of world war. Since the 60's, the Soviet Union has become more greedy and contention between the US imperialists and Soviet social-imperialists has intensified, with Soviet social-imperialism extending its tentacles around the world. Both superpowers are contending for Europe, to line up forces in preparation for world war. Any trade barrier will hurt the US imperialists not only because of retaliation, but also because it will help drive the Second World countries to the side of Soviet social-imperialism. Already, the possibilities of revisionist communist parties taking power in Western Europe and hence drawing closer to Soviet social-imperialism is haunting Carter.

### WHIPPING UP NATIONAL CHAUVINISM AS WAR PREPARATION

But the more sinister aspect of this whole import hoax is that the steel capitalists want the steel workers to blame the workers in the Second World countries for the layoffs.

Through the Bientennial campaign to "love America" (that is, to love the criminal rule of the US imperialists) and the various "buy American" and import restriction campaigns directed against workers of other countries, the US ruling class is trying to strengthen national chauvinism among the US working class. Spreading the lie that workers have common interests as the capitalists, they are trying to prepare us

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Under the attack by the US capitalists, steel workers take the struggle to the steps of the White House.

even more, through speedups, job eliminations, job combinations and harassment of workers.

### WHAT IS THE REAL CAUSE OF CRISIS IN STEEL?

The steel barons are telling the workers that the cause of the steel crisis is the imports that are flooding the US steel market. They make it appear it is the Second World countries, like Japan and Germany which are making the US steel companies go under, and making the so-called "dumping" (selling foreign goods here at below cost) the source of the steel crisis?

omic crisis, rampant inflation and record unemployment in the capitalist countries, demand for steel products such as household appliances, automobiles, structural steel in construction, has dropped drastically. In turn, the capitalists who make these things have stopped buying steel. As a consequence, around the world, there is large amounts of steel that can find no customer. Under such circumstances, the steel barons have stepped up their infight for markets in their true dog-eat-dog manner.

The current crisis also shows the uneven development of capitalism and the weakening

## Bosses Trying To Pit Second World, US Workers

This is a basic question of who's our enemy in the steel workers' struggle against the layoffs and the harassments. The steel barons know this and this is the basic reason why they are whipping up this chauvinist hysteria against the imports. The main source of the steel crisis is right here in this country--US monopoly capitalism.

### THIS CRISIS IS DEEPER

The steel crisis in the US is only part of an international crisis in steel faced by all capitalist countries. In the last two years, the crisis of overproduction in steel in the capitalist world has deepened. While capitalism always goes through cycles of overproduction crisis, the one the steel industry is in now is clearly the worst ever since

of US imperialism, and also how the Second World countries are stepping up their resistance against US hegemonism though they are still under its domination.

### SHRINKING OF THE MARKET AND INTENSIFIED COMPETITION AMONG IMPERIALISTS ARE CHARACTERISTICS OF IMPERIALISM

Right now, US steel is in a worse competitive position with steel from European countries and Japan. Steel workers' wages in Europe and Japan are lower and there are more efficient machines. This means workers in those countries are more exploited.

Most of the equipment in many US plants are 60 or 70 years old. The finance capitalists and the steel monopolies have stopped investing in

## Vietnam In United Nations Another Great Victory for Vietnam



The Vietnamese people scored another victory over US imperialism on September 20th. They were admitted into the UN after years of attempts by the US to block their entry through veto. As each US veto exposed the imperialist's nature more clearly to the world's people, the imperialists were forced in late May of this year to drop their opposition to Vietnam's entry as well as drop their embargo on trade.

In his speech, the day after admission, Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh, continued to batter the US imper-

ialists (and like the rockets of the freedom fighters against the B-52's, his aim was true). While stressing the desire for normal relations between the US and Vietnam, the Deputy Prime Minister blasted the Carter "human rights" which the US is using to continue their attack on the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. He declared:

"Our international community will never be deceived by those who loudly profess to be defenders of human rights but actually kindle wars of aggression  
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# MOMENTUM BUILDS FOR ZIMBABWE LIBERATION DAY



Making it hot for the South African fascists, the ALSC took it to the streets of Fifth Avenue to condemn the criminal murder of Steven Biko.

## ALSC Opens Fire On S. African Airlines

On any normal day on New York City's 5th Avenue and Rockefeller Center, limousines whiz down the avenue dropping off and picking up their rich riders, who come down this strip to do business and shop for their diamonds and furs. But on Oct. 1, 1977 things were not the norm. The strip was seized by a militant demonstration in front of the South African Airlines office.

The New York chapter of the African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC) held a demonstration in protest against the brutal murder of Brother Steven Biko of Azania. With chants like "Steven Biko - Live like him, Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win!", the demo drew crowds of workers and shoppers from the banks, corp offices, and the fancy stores on the avenue -- many of whom had never heard of Steven Biko before. After listening to the speakers from ALSC, who had climbed on top of a ladder they had placed in front of the South African Airlines office, these crowds felt the deep spirit of indignation expressed by each speaker and therefore themselves began to

join in the chanting and picket line. One worker said that he had "heard the chants from his work place and decided to check out what was happening as soon as he was released for lunch."

### NO BUSINESS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN AIRLINES

The target of the demo was the South African Airlines, which, along with the banks on the strip (Chase Manhattan, Manufacturers Hanover) make billions of dollars from the exploitation of the Azanian people. For three hours, no customers went through the doors of the airlines nor did anyone in the airlines dare to show their faces at the bullet-proof windows to the angry crowd which had turned the tranquil strip into a militant demonstration reminiscent of the 60's when people took to the streets in protest against the Viet Nam war and in support of the Black Liberation Movement. It was made quite clear by each speaker that the same people (capitalists) who profit from workers' exploitation in the U.S.,

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"Carter-Brezhnev, You Can't Hide; The People of Zimbabwe Will Decide;" This is one of the battle cries of progressive groups and peoples who are joining with the African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC) on Nov. 12, 1977. Zimbabwe Liberation Day (ZLD). This day of militant street demonstrations across the country, in support of the Zimbabwean people against the white minority rulers and their imperialist backers, will be a torch burning the racist, fascist Ian Smith regime in Rhodesia (the name the white settlers gave to Zimbabwe). On Nov. 11 Smith will celebrate 12 years of illegal rule there. It was on Nov. 11, 1965 that his regime declared a sham "Universal Declaration of Independence" (UDI) from British Imperialism. On Nov. 12, 1965 the United Nations condemned this government for setting up its own regime. Although they are still in power today, they will soon be consumed in the raging fire of people's war for national liberation.

The Smith regime couldn't last if it wasn't for U.S. imperialism. With its bank loans and investments (one of the biggest being Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan), it maintains apartheid. This notorious bank is the national target for ZLD.

But there's another imperialist vulture (Soviet social-imperialism) trying to sneak in through the back door. It wants to gain hold by splitting the Patriotic Front (a coalition between ZANU and ZAPU, who are leading the peoples' armed struggle) just like they did in Angola. But both vultures are doomed because, as we shout loud and clear: "THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE WILL SURELY WIN VICTORY THROUGH ARMED STRUGGLE AND SELF-RELIANCE!"

Chase is owned by the Rockefeller family, a leading imperialist family in the world, the source of the attacks on workers, oppressed nationalities and national minorities here in the U.S. For areas around the country where Chase is hidden, we will demonstrate right in front of one of the banks or corporations it controls.

In the streets of Harlem, Cleveland, Oakland, and nationwide you'll find ALSC chapters getting ready for ZLD, knocking on doors in the projects, spreading the word on the job, collecting clothes and money for the liberation groups, plastering up ZLD posters....

ZLD is important to our struggle here too. Why? Because it's the same Rockefeller who mercilessly murdered our brothers in Attica and whose banks are the biggest slumlords across the nation. It's the same government we fight daily as we demand quality education, decent daycare, trade union democracy, jobs....

But the temperature is rising from here to Zimbabwe as we continue to march strong and united in our common battle to defeat these birds of prey!

On November 12th, we will militantly show our indignation of the sham Universal Declaration of Independence, our voices ringing out loud in support of the Zimbabwean people. From the East to the West, North to South exposing the superpowers, U.S. Imperialism and Soviet Social Imperialism and their intervention into the internal affairs of the Zimbabwean people.

On the way to various chapters of ALSC are fact sheets and leaflets to aid in all out mobilization. A revolutionary poster and button will follow in a week. Contacts can be made at local ALSC chapters.

That's why we say:

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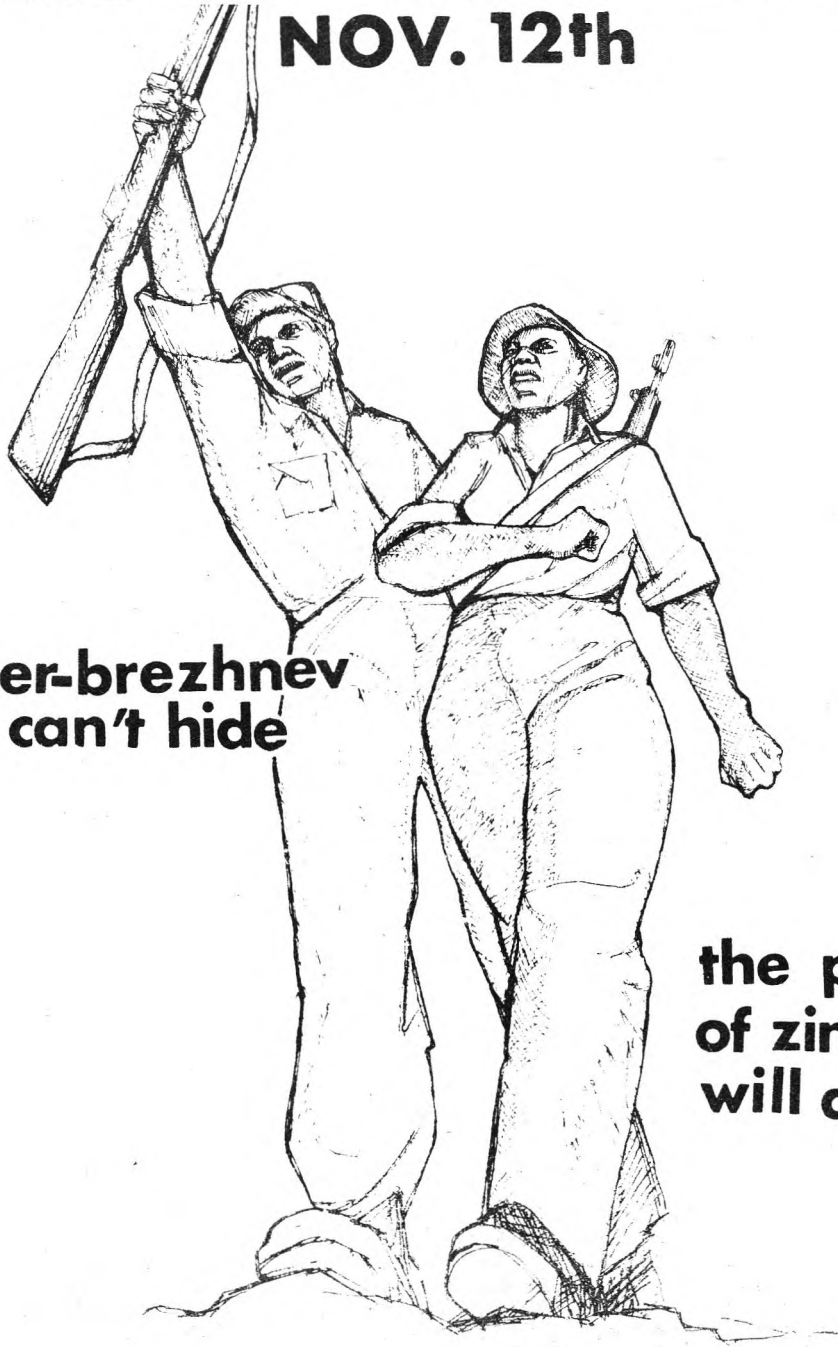
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You can't hide**

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will decide!**

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## **Demonstrate NOV. 12!**



*Like the angry masses of Azania, and the wife and children of Steven Biko, the Zimbabwean people will continue the struggle for liberation through an armed struggle and self-reliance. The people of the world stand in solidarity with the heroic fight of the Southern African people. The Zimbabwean People Will Decide!*



# The Vance Doublecross - Step Backwards For Normalization

Secretary of State Vance's recent trip to China is a step backward for normalizing relations between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China. This backtracking and stalling shows that U.S. imperialism will do everything, even in defeat, to delay and maneuver its way out of the inevitable, to swindle the peoples of China and the U.S.

Back in 1972, after the total collapse of its "containment of China" policy and the great victories in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos, Nixon was forced, out of historical circumstance, to sign the Shanghai Communique in Peking, which stated that "there is but one China and that Taiwan is part of China." Since then, U.S. imperialism has still propped up the hated Chiang clique in Taiwan with troops and stalled on recognition of China.

That's like a thief trying to blame his right hand for stealing! In reality, there is a continuity to U.S. foreign policy. To the extent that they can, the U.S. imperialists try to plan and map out its China policy, through think tanks, study groups, etc. For example, years before 1972, the Rockefeller study group, in its mouthpiece Foreign Affairs, was forced to cite the enormous victories of socialism and the humiliating defeats of U.S. imperialism in Asia and was forced to recommend that the U.S. open its doors to China. So Kissinger's trip to Peking in 1972 was no stroke of "genius". It was forced upon the U.S. and mapped out years earlier. Kissinger, in that sense, was mainly a messenger boy.

Vance's trip shows that the U.S. imperialists will use every trick in the book to

**THE CHINESE PEOPLE WILL LIBERATE TAIWAN -  
BY 'ANY MEANS NECESSARY'**



The strategic outlook of U.S. imperialism with China has always been to destroy and contain China, either by ringing it with a belt of military bases, or by getting the Soviet Social Imperialists to attack China. But no matter what plot the imperialists can hatch, no matter what criminal scheme they cook up, they cannot stop the union of Taiwan with the rest of China. China has correctly pledged to liberate Taiwan "by any means necessary," including the use of force.

China has been principled and above-board in its negotiations with the U.S. government, adhering unwaveringly to three principles. The U.S. must:

- (1) withdraw its remaining military personnel from Taiwan.
- (2) sever diplomatic relations with the Chiang clique's regime.
- (3) abrogate the 1954 Security Treaty.

U.S. imperialism, on the other hand, is a notorious liar.

Former Pres. Ford, when in Peking in Dec. 1975, promised that the U.S. government would recognize China after the 1976 election. Now, Ford has lied and denied ever making such a commitment. And the State Department simply refused to comment on what Ford promised in China. What swindlers and liars! And now the capitalists say that Pres. Carter shouldn't be bound by promises made by Ford, anyway. New presidents can't be blamed for mistakes and agreements of earlier presidents.

That's just another trick of U.S. bourgeois democracy.

stall the inevitable. Even wallowing in the ruins of its defeat, U.S. imperialism will try to squirm and weasel its way out of agreements. For example, James Reston, New York Times spokesman for a sector of U.S. imperialism, expressed "regret" that Vance's trip came at a busy time, when Pres. Carter was more "preoccupied" with the Panama issue. As if Carter can't pat his head and rub his stomach at the same time! The Panama issue and the China normalization -- both involve U.S. imperialism's strategic interests in fending off the Soviet Social Imperialists. In Panama, the U.S. hoped the new treaty would keep Soviet Social Imperialism out of Central America. And with China, they hope to use the normalization issue in their contention and collusion with Soviet Social Imperialism.

So Vance's latest doublecross is just another trick, just part of the larger U.S. imperialist strategy.

#### U.S. IMPERIALIST STRATEGY

The U.S. strategic plan has always been to destroy and contain revolutionary communism. After the liberation of China in 1949, U.S. imperialist policy was "containment," meaning ringing China with a huge belt of military bases, stretching from Japan and Korea, through Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and through the Philippines and Indonesia, all bolstered by the guns of the 7th Fleet. But in 25 futile years, U.S. imperialism could not "contain" China any more than they could sweep back the ocean.

The belt was shattered.

The stinging reversals in Korea in 1950-3 by heroic Korean troops and Chinese volunteers was a blow from which U.S. imperialism never recovered. And U.S. imperialist policy crumpled like a house of cards in 1975 with the liberation of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos.

And today, U.S. imperialism is trying to salvage the shat-

tered wreckage of its policies. It is now playing out one of its last cards: using the contradiction between the Soviet social-imperialist aggressor and socialist China. It is trying to use China as a bargaining chip to squeeze concessions out of the Soviet Social Imperialists, for instance, in the SALT "disarmament" talks. And more importantly, this strategic policy means that  
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## Page From The History Of U.S. Imperialism In China

The history of imperialist aggression in Asia is drenched in the blood of millions. But this same history is also the history of revolution and the victories of the revolutionary peoples of Asia.

As far back as 1840, British gunboats during the Opium War were butchering Chinese people and carving up China. The British made millions forcing opium down the throats of the Chinese people. And the "open door" policy in the late 1800's was nothing but declaring open season on the Chinese people by imperialist powers.

Massive peasant revolts would sweep the land as tens of millions rose up against feudal and imperialist oppression. 30-40 million peasants were killed during the Taiping

But 1949-1950 was the beginning of the end for US imperialism's short reign of terror. US imperialism was totally incapable of preventing the disintegration of the Nationalist troops as millions of troops under Chairman Mao liberated Peking, Shanghai and Canton and set up the People's Republic of China.

And in 1950, even the combined might of Western imperialism could not stop the victorious Korean people.

General MacArthur, commander of US forces in Korea, would stop at nothing to fight the heroic Chinese and Korean people. Rockets containing lethal diseases were sent into populated areas. Napalm was first introduced in this war, burning the flesh of thousands



Rebellion in the mid 1800's (an even greater number than the 20 million Russians who died valiantly to save socialism during World War II). But British cannons only served to steel the struggle against imperialism. During the Boxer Rebellion of 1900, which shook the foundations of the Ching dynasty and Western imperialism, revolutionary peasants seized key cities and kicked out the eight imperialist powers (including the US) in many areas.

The US imperialists pumped millions into the thoroughly rotten Chiang Kai-Shek regime in the 1920's and 30's to prevent a communist victory. In the 1940's, massive US shipments of guns, supplies and money were used not to fight the Japanese imperialists, but to line the pockets of Chiang's generals and to kill heroic peasant fighters and communists.

In 1945, Truman dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, instantly slaughtering hundreds of thousands of civilians. Why? Again, the "containment of communism" in Asia, particularly in China. Truman was mortally afraid that the victorious Soviet Red Army, fresh from victories in Germany, would sweep down from Siberia and liberate Japan, so he dropped the bomb to force an immediate surrender from an already devastated nation.

of women and children. And in memoirs published in the capitalist press, it was revealed that MacArthur was contemplating the invasion of Chinese cities, dropping the atomic bomb on China, and the exploding of a string of cobalt bombs along the DMZ, separating North and South Korea which would create a lethal radioactive zone lasting thousands of years. But all of MacArthur's sabre-rattling could not prevent the stinging reversals in Korea.

In the 1950's and 1960's, the reactionary Dulles and Eisenhower blockaded China and parachuted thousands of saboteurs across the Chinese border. The blockade only steeled the Chinese people's determination to be self-reliant, and peasants throughout China were arresting the spies as soon as they landed on Chinese soil. President Kennedy egged on the Indian government to invade Chinese territory in the early 1960's in another futile effort to "destabilize" China.

But US imperialist policy in Asia is now in ruins. The admission of China into the UN, the international boycott of Taiwan, the collapse of the reactionary regimes of Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam - all are crippling blows to US imperialism in Asia.

# Minimum Wage-Small Change

Pressured by the rising anger of the working class, Congress has been forced to consider a minimum wage boost from \$2.30 to \$2.65 an hour. The legislation which passed the House of Representatives on September 15th would directly benefit 4.6 million workers.

At the same time, the House cut-back on the number of workers affected by the proposed wage hike. Giving with one hand while taking away with the other, the House robbed possibly 3.5 to 4 million other workers of the protection of the new minimum wage law. It exempted companies with sales less than \$500,000 a year, raising the present \$250,000 ceiling.

In addition, the House voted down a measure which would have abolished the notorious "tip-credit" system. Under this system waitresses, waiters and other workers have to kill themselves hustling for tips just so they'll make a decent living, since their bosses are allowed to pay only half the minimum wage.

## YOUTH "SUB-MINIMUM" IS ATTACK ON ENTIRE CLASS

A third measure which was barely defeated would have set a 15% lower minimum wage for workers under 19 years old during their first six months on the job. This was a clear attempt to suck even more profits out of the youth, taking advantage of the fact that they are entering the job market for the first time with the least skills and job experience and are the least organized. For example, fast-food monopolies like McDonalds rely heavily on young workers and always pays the barest minimum. A "sub-minimum" would serve to pull down the wages of the entire class. Even more sinister, the measure would split the working class, pitting young against old, as the capitalists would replace older workers with cheaper youth labor. This bill is sure to be pushed again in the Senate.

George Meany and other top hacks of the AFL-CIO furthered their spineless sell-out character. First they consciously kept the broad rank and file out of the struggle for a higher minimum wage so they could sell-out behind closed doors. Second, they even "compromised" on the original \$3.00 an hour starting wage, lowering it to \$2.65, leaving an urban family of four about \$1,000 a year below the poverty level set by the capitalists themselves.

## RAISE MINIMUM WAGE, EXTEND COVERAGE AND ORGANIZE!

A higher minimum wage would especially affect the non-unionized sector of the working class, many of whom are oppressed nationalities, women and youth.

The minimum wage law affects this sector most because they are the

least organized. It is obvious that you can't feed a family on \$2.65 an hour or anywhere near it. The capitalists figure to use the low wage level to force workers to work overtime. This overtime then, is not really overtime in the normal sense, it is regular time to get an income that can feed your family with. This is why the hourly wage system in general and the minimum hourly wage in particular must be viewed in relation to the length of the working day.

Again, we want to emphasize that the minimum wage law affects most industries which aren't unionized or have very weak unions where the leadership has sold out long ago.

Despite all of its limitations and inherent defects, we support minimum wage laws, since they have been fought for by workers around the country. Because of this we always support a higher minimum wage and all fights to extend the coverage and enforcement of these laws. ■

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### THE FALSE APPEARANCE OF THE WAGE SYSTEM

# How They REALLY Deduct From Your Paycheck

To place the minimum wage in its proper context, we must understand how Capitalism uses the hourly wage and, most fundamentally, the wages system itself, to rob the working class blind.

#### THE HOURLY WAGE AND THE WAGES SYSTEM: CAPITALIST USE TO COVER ROBBERY

Capitalism is based on the exploitation of the working class. The most fundamental way this is done lies in the fact that workers produce more than they are paid for. This surplus is the basic source of profits.

Inflation, an incurable cancer of capitalism, serves to further undermine the purchasing power of the wages workers do receive.

In addition, individual capitalists squeeze profits off the backs of the working class through forced overtime, speedups, the use of more and better machines, maintaining a supply of unemployed and a thousand more ways.

#### HOW A "FAIR DAY'S WORK FOR A FAIR DAY'S PAY" HIDES THE EXPLOITATION OF SURPLUS VALUE, THE SOURCE OF PROFITS

Take the auto industry for example. Auto workers are among the highest paid in the country with wages averaging \$8.00 an hour. With two shifts of 2,000 workers apiece, General Motors can produce about 1,000 Cadillacs a day. The market price of one Cadillac averages \$10,000. Assuming that all the cars made in a day are eventually sold, GM receives \$10 million per day. And assuming an eight-hour day, \$256,000 of this goes to pay wages. This leaves over \$9 million in profits, of which say \$2 million covers the cost of raw materials, fuel, machine maintenance, etc., and another \$1 million goes to pay management and staff. This leaves at least \$6 million that the capitalist pockets per day. But where does this profit come from?

The method that Marx used to find the answer to this question was to divide the working day into two parts: the first few hours for which the worker is paid in wages called

paid labor time and the last few hours for which he gets nothing called unpaid or surplus labor time. Profits or surplus value comes from this surplus labor time.

"I pay a fair day's wage for a fair day's work," the bosses tell the workers. "The value of your labor in the market is \$8.00 an hour." But the ability to work, labor power, is not like any other commodity. Labor power itself creates value.

"By repeating this same process daily, the capitalist will daily advance three shillings and daily pocket six shillings, one-half of which will go to pay wages anew, and the other half of which will form surplus value, for which the capitalists pays no equivalent. It is this sort of exchange between capital and labour upon which capitalist production, or the wages system is founded, and which must constantly result in reproducing the working man as a working man, and the capitalist as a capitalist." (Marx, Wages, Price And Profit.)

#### MONEY-WAGES ALLOWS INFLATION'S ATTACK ON STANDARD OF LIVING TO BE DISGUISED

The amount of money paid to a worker in wages is what Marx called nominal or relative wages. If an auto-worker gets \$8.00 an hour then this is his relative wage. But autoworkers labor in order to buy food, clothing, shelter, health care, etc., all the necessities of life. The amount of necessities the relative wage buys is what Marx called real wages. The relative wage may increase from \$2.30 to \$2.65 an hour, up 35%. But if this "increase" does not match the rise in prices then real wages have actually fallen. This is especially true given a high rate of inflation, increased rents and taxes.

For example, during the past two years British workers have been forced to take only a 5% wage increase. But with a 17% annual rate of inflation, this was really an attack on their standard of living.

Cost of Living Allowances (COLA) in our contracts help, but if this is set lower than the rate of inflation then they can't protect real wages. Most COLA in the U.S. today is set between 5% to 6% while the present rate of inflation is 7% to 8%.



The capitalist class uses a whole bag of tricks under the wage system to systematically rob the working class. To stop this, workers must not only fight for better wages but an end to the wage system itself.

#### OTHER CAPITALIST TRICKS TO CUT REAL WAGES

The capitalist class has a whole bag of tricks to drive down real wages and increase profits.

One way is for the capitalist to maintain a large number of unemployed workers. This way, since labor power under capitalism is itself a commodity, the "excessive supply" of labor power can suppress its "price", that is, wages. This is why the bourgeoisie today, in spite of the highest unemployment rate in recent years, continues to purposely pass special laws in certain industries to bring in workers from other countries to keep wages low and profits up.

A second way the capitalist uses is to introduce more machinery and break down the division of labor more and more, so that a job that formerly involved many steps and required a relatively trained worker to do, now involves one or two simple steps and can be performed by untrained workers. This allows the boss to tap less trained women, young and oppressed nationality workers,

among whom the unemployment rate is highest, to suppress wages.

Another way is to improve technology, allowing the capitalist to intensify the degree of labor intensity, to squeeze more out of a worker. Before automation, for example, autoworkers worked on a whole car and had a whole day to put it together with a team of other workers. This approach requires less labor intensity. Today, with the conveyor belt system, the Big Three pushes workers in some plants to rush out 60 or even 100 cars an hour. This kind of labor intensive system is rare and is one of the most exploitive in the world.

So again, the hourly wage has to be placed in the context of the degree of labor intensity. The boss may give you a few cents more per hour, but the increased intensity of labor not only makes up for the wage rise, but in fact shortchanges workers even more!

A fourth way the capitalist exploits workers that results in further lowering real income is by the rise in prices of daily necessities like food, clothing, rent and also higher taxes of all kinds.

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# QUE VIVA JAYUYA !

On October 30th, 1950 the revolutionary forces of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico staged an armed uprising against US imperialism and their lackeys, the police. This day is known as the Nationalist Rebellion of 1950 or as most of us know it, the Jayuya Uprising.

The rebellion raged around the island in Peñuelas, Arecibo, Mayaguez, Naranjito, Ponce and Utuado. However, it was in the town of Jayuya where the Republic of Puerto Rico was proclaimed, where the Nationalists met at Blanca Canale's house and from there attacked the police headquarters and Post Office. Under the leadership of Carlos Irizarri, the Nationalists took the town for a period of several hours.

Aside from the different towns that were involved, the Puerto Rican patriots also attacked the Fortaleza in San Juan which was the Governor's mansion. In Washington D.C. the Blair House, where the chief representative of US imperialism, Harry S. Truman, resided, was also attacked.



Continue the fighting tradition of Jayuya. QUE VIVA PUERTO RICO LIBRE!

The Nationalist Party under the leadership of Don Pedro Albizu Campos aimed to hit the imperialists in the different cities and towns, fight and resist for a while and then retreat to Utuado. The purpose was to hold out for at least a month and bring the issue before the UN. The nationalists never made it to Utuado. The U.S. National Guard arrived first and upon reaching the town, bombed and machine-gunned the nationalists and executed all those who were captured on the spot. The U.S. government feared that any who remained alive would continue arousing the masses throughout the island to continue the struggle.

While there has been tremendous repression in P.R., the Puerto Rican masses have always fought against it. The powerful desire and struggle for independence has forced the US imperialists to resort to schemes to attempt to pacify and confuse the Puerto Rican masses. Though repression of the independence movement is being systematically stepped up, as well as continued repression of the entire Puerto Rican people, the US has been forced to attempt to confuse

the people into thinking that they can be independent without revolution or because the imperialists "granted" it.

On May 2, 1947, the US Congress "granted" the Puerto Rican masses the so-called "right" to elect its first governor in the 1948 elections. The puppet that the US imperialists pushed forward was Luis Muñoz Marin, the head of the Popular Democratic Party. Marin "won" the election in 1948. He was a former independentista but found that selling out the interests of the Puerto Rican masses was more profitable.

It was Marin's formula of a "Free Associated State" (July 25, 1952) which played on the mass sentiment for independence and tried to divert it away from revolutionary struggle. The illusion that the "Free Associated State" scheme hoped to spread was that this status would make Puerto Rico have more say in its own affairs.

Of course, what "Free Associated State" actually means is

something quite different. There is nothing "Free" about it. Instead of US imperialists directly and visibly exploiting the Puerto Rican masses, they simply have their puppets like Marin to carry out their orders in a slicker, more disguised manner.

"Free Associated State" means COLONY. The US imperialists own and run every facet of life - political and economic. It was the historic contribution of the Nationalist Party in their 1950 Uprising that saw through this trick and fought heroically against it. And no matter what schemes of "statehood" or "Commonwealth" the US imperialists put together the irrepressible determination of the Puerto Rican people for independence can never be stopped.

The significance of the rebellion serves as an inspiration to Puerto Ricans on the island to continue the struggle for independence.

To the Puerto Rican national minority here, Jayuya is a call to continue the struggle against all forms of national oppression - from fighting for quality and bilingual educa-

## WORLD IN STRUGGLE

COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE

NATIONS WANT LIBERATION

PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION!



The Palestinian Liberation fighters drive back invading Zionists in Lebanon.

### London, England

57,000 workers of the Bakery Food and Allied Workers Union shut down the bakeries that produce 80% of England's bread. The militant strike of the bakers continues the tradition of the Grunwick workers' struggle. It is a powerful blow to the reactionary Labour Government social contract thrown out by the working class in England.

### Bogota, Colombia

Labor Unions representing 3 million workers here called a 24 hour general strike. The workers are striking to protest against the notoriously high 29% inflation rate. The demands are for across-the-board pay increases and an immediate end to the Martial Law imposed for the last two years.

Workers demonstrated on the street, hurled rocks and gasoline bombs at the police and troops. They successfully blocked traffic in many major cities. Militant strikers fought the troops in Barrancabermeji, and the Caribbean port city of Barranquilla. Even according to the government's report, more than 25 soldiers and policemen were reported injured. The government of President Alfonso Lopez Michelsen imposed an indefinite curfew in Bogota, and arrested more than 600 persons.

### Kampuchea

Comrade Pol Pot, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Cambodian Communist Party and Prime Minister, led a delegation to visit China. The Communist Party of Kampuchea was founded in 1960 and led the heroic struggle for national liberation to victory. More than 100,000 people greeted Comrade Pol Pot in Peking to strengthen closer ties between the two countries.

### Palestine

The Palestinian Liberation Organization firmly rejected any negotiations pushed by the U.S. imperialists and Soviet social-imperialists based on the UN Resolution 242 which recognizes the Zionist state of Israel and liquidates the right of the Palestinian people to liberate their homeland. This firm position of the PLO blew the tricks of the two superpowers to negotiate for a NO WAR, NO PEACE situation in the Middle East.

Palestinian liberation fighters in Lebanon threw back invading Zionist troops after ten days of fierce fighting. Along with reactionary forces in Southern Lebanon, the Zionists used tanks and troops to attack the Palestinians. Once again, however, the heroic Palestinian fighters showed the Zionists that they will fight to the death against the Zionists and will liberate Palestine.

tion, decent housing and health care, to fighting against discrimination and police brutality.

Jayuya represents part of the proud history of struggle of the Puerto Rican people against the imperialist system which drove so many here to be exploited again. It is a call to the Puerto Rican people here to continue to support the glorious struggle for

### Argentina

The Argentinian Navy, protecting the country's territorial waters from imperialist invasion, has seized nine Soviet and Bulgarian trawlers recently.

Expressing the stand of Third World countries against the two superpowers, Admiral Emilio Masera, the commander-in-chief of the Navy who ordered Argentinian destroyers to fire on two trawlers who tried to get away, said that Argentina was a rich country that has not lived up to its potential. "We have lost too many to be satisfied with ties. This time we are going to be winners."

The naval action underscores Argentina's sovereignty over the continental shelf within the 200-mile limit, which the Soviet social-imperialists and U.S. imperialists oppose. The area is rich in fish and potentially as rich in oil as the North Sea fields off the coast of Britain.

Puerto Rican independence.

The entire US multinational working class, of which Puerto Rican workers here are a part, have a particular responsibility to stand in solidarity and support the just cause of Puerto Rican independence. We are in the belly of the monster and it is our responsibility to bring the monster of US imperialism down by means of armed revolution. ■



# COLLAPSE OF REVISIONIST-SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC COALITION

## CRABS CLAW TO ESCAPE STEAMING POT

France, the land that saw the birth of the Paris Commune in 1871, the first time in history that the working class held state power.

France, where the revolutionary lessons of the heroic Communards, summed up by Marx, pointed the road to be traveled by the workers of all capitalist countries.

France, where the necessity first became clear of smashing the bourgeois state, its military and bureaucracy, for the proletariat to establish its state power, its revolutionary dictatorship over the bourgeoisie.

Over a hundred years later, the proletariat of France has still to grasp the historic lessons of the Paris Commune in order to end the criminal rule of the monopoly capitalists. In this process, it must fight ruthlessly and expose the agents of the capitalists who want the workers to forget this lesson. The influence of these labor lieutenants of the bosses must be wiped out.

The situation in France today is important as an advanced example of the class struggle under capitalism, where the political situation is ripening for the revolution, where the masses are looking for a way out of the capitalist crisis, and where the alternative of socialism is becoming an issue for all classes in the country.

In March of 1978, elections for the French parliament, the National Assembly, will take place. At the present time, there is a possibility that a majority of seats in the highest legislative body of France will be captured by a coalition of revisionists, the "Socialist" Party and the 400,000 member "Communist" Party of France. If they win, they will control the cabinet positions in the French government.

Attempting to deceive the working class in France, these aspiring imperialists have nothing at all to do with genuine socialism and communism. Their program and tactics aim to preserve the capitalist system's oppression and exploitation of the French masses, under the cover of socialism and communism.

### DEEPENING ECONOMIC CRISIS IS MAJOR FACTOR IN FRENCH ELECTION

Like the major capitalist countries of the West, France is undergoing the worst economic crisis since the Depression of the '30's. Inflation is robbing the working class at the rate of over 10% per year. The French bourgeoisie has admitted that unemployment has gone over the million mark for the first time in France's history. Wage controls set and enforced by the bourgeoisie in 1974 under the Giscard D'Estaing government keep wage increases far below the soaring inflation rate. Clearly the French masses are groaning under the oppression of the rotting French capitalist system.

But workers in France are hitting back. In November 1974 several million workers in the postal, transport, auto, steel, metallurgical, chemical and other industries as well as those of the French Electricity and Gas Company held massive strikes throughout the country.

On March 9, 1975, hundreds of thousands of workers and staff in public services and state-owned factories went on a nationwide strike and held demonstrations. Later, workers from textile and metallurgical industries, subways and railroads also walked out, demanding wage increases and better working conditions, and opposing layoffs.



The revisionists want French workers to forget the revolutionary lesson of the Paris Commune. The influence of these labor lieutenants must be wiped out.

This deepening economic crisis and the mass resistance by the French workers has set the stage for the political crisis that is gripping the French bourgeoisie.

### REVISIONISTS MAKE BID FOR POWER THROUGH REVISIONIST PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

The revisionist "Communist" Party of France and the bourgeois "Socialist" Party are trying to ride into power based on the masses' anger and hatred of the present "center"-coalition government led by President Valery Giscard D'Estaing. Both see taking state power through the bourgeois electoral system. Since 1972, they have run together in an electoral united front called the "Union of the Left." In the 1973 French Presidential election, the Socialist Party leader, Mitterand, came within 1% of the vote of becoming President, with the support of the French revisionist "C" P.

But only because the "Socialists" and the "Communist" Party of France are traitors to the cause of the workers and oppressed masses and defenders of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie, are they even allowed by France's ruling class to come close to forming a government.

After World War II, the genuine Marxist-Leninist Communist and Workers Parties in many capitalist countries held

seats in parliament, in some cases many seats. In every case, however, the bourgeoisie used various measures to prevent the Communists from gaining a parliamentary majority--nullifying elections, dissolving parliament, revising the electoral laws or the constitution, or outlawing the Communist Party. For quite a while after World War II, the Communist Party of France had the largest popular vote and parliamentary representation of any party in the country, but the French monopoly capitalists revised the electoral law and the constitution itself and deprived the French Communist Party of many of its seats.

History has shown no case of an oppressed class becoming the

corporations, the U.S. has to try to keep the Soviet social-imperialists out of the strategic heartland of Western Europe and keep France under their dominant influence. The Soviet Union is trying to get its foot in the door (through the revisionists, if they can) and push the U.S. imperialists out.

This superpower meddling plays a factor in the politics laid out by the revisionists and sham socialists. On the one hand, the revisionist "Communist" Party of France is trying to cloak itself in the mantle of De Gaulle's nationalism to make themselves look like better defenders of the Fatherland than the bourgeoisie themselves. They openly compare themselves with him and say that they are for continuing his policies to cash in on the anti-superpower sentiment of the French masses. For instance, they want to go back to the "tous azimuts" doctrine of De Gaulle, which implied preparation for an attack from the U.S. as well as from the Soviet Union.

In order to paint the sham socialists as lackeys of U.S. imperialism, the revisionist bigwig, Marchais, said, "If there were aggression against France by the Soviet Union, which is unthinkable, we would be the first to defend the national territory. Can you, Francois Mitterand, say the same if the aggression came from the U.S. or Germany?"

Marchais' statement, while putting the sham socialists on the defensive, covers for the aggressive nature of the Soviet social-imperialists and the concrete danger they pose to Europe. How "unthinkable" is Soviet aggression given that the majority of Soviet troops are poised to strike straight at the heartland of Europe? Did Marchais "forget" the blitzkrieg that the Soviet Army carried out against Czechoslovakia in 1968? Because the Soviet Union is a younger superpower and came into the fight for colonies relatively late, to expand it has to try to make a grab for colonies of other imperialist powers, to redivide the world. This makes it more aggressive and today the Soviet Union is the main source of war in the world.

At the same time, the revisionists are trying to disassociate themselves in the eyes of the masses from the Soviet social-imperialists. There no doubt is a real contradiction between the social-imperialists and these second world revisionists, since the French revisionists want to become the imperialists and themselves exploit the French

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### SUPERPOWER INTERFERENCE IN FRANCE

The two superpowers are definitely fishing in the turbulent waters of French politics. They are overtly and covertly, subtly and openly trying to interfere, part of their increasingly frantic fight over Europe, the focus of their overall contention. With billions invested in France through multinational



George Marchais & Francois Mitterand

# Miners Blast Company Scheme

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** After 15 months on the strike lines against the coal operators in Stearns, Kentucky, the miners are rejecting the latest tactic of the company bringing in a scab union. This article reviews some of this heroic struggle and updates the current battle.

150 miners at Blue Diamond's Justus mine in Stearns, Kentucky are in the 15th month of their strike. They walked off their jobs in July, 1976. Before they went out on strike, the Stearns miners were working 8-hour days in water up to their waists. The amount of methane gas was near explosion level. 26 fellow miners had just been killed in an explosion at another Blue Diamond mine at Scotia. The Stearns miners had no way to protect themselves against the greedy capitalists who demanded that they work under any conditions. The company union was no help at all. If the miners complained about any of their work conditions, they were fired. Exploited by these capitalists, the workers resisted! Brought to the boiling point by the terrible safety conditions and unfair firing and rehiring practices, the Stearns miners walked out.

## DUAL TACTICS OF CAPITALISTS ONLY FIRE UP WORKERS MORE

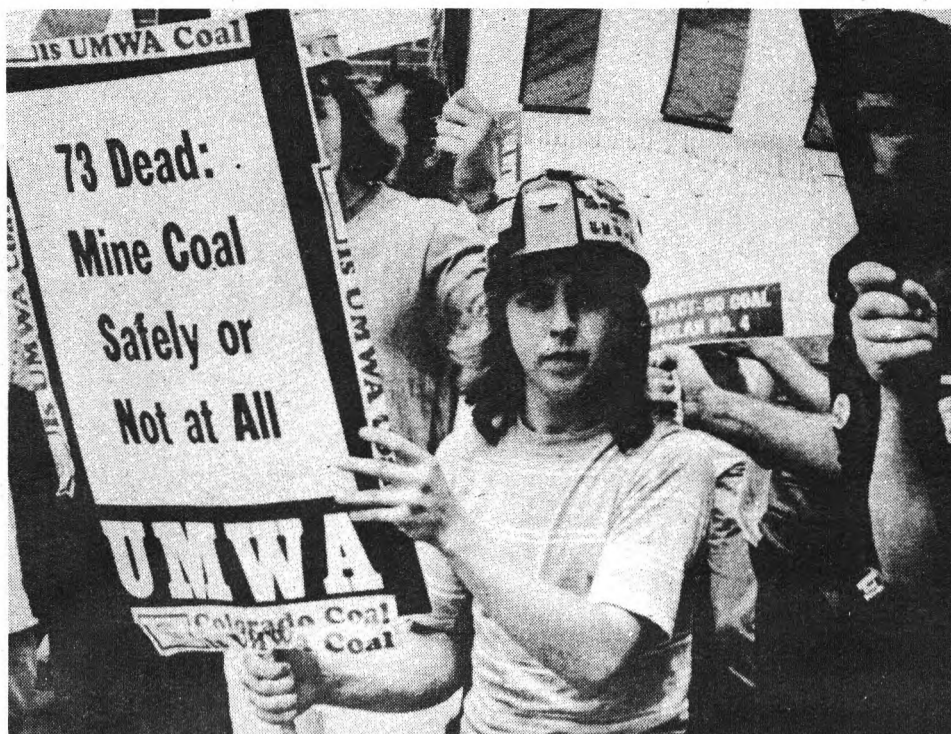
The Blue Diamond Coal Co. with its helpful tool, the police and court system, has used many repressive tactics in an attempt to break the strike. The coal company brought in "guards" (strikebreakers) to shoot at the pickets. "They thought we'd turn tail and run." Instead the miners dug in and returned the shots. The miners were so successful that the company was forced to retreat and change their tactic from open terror and repression to the use of the courts. This limited the legal number of pickets to 6 strikers at each site while allowing 28 guards on the company land. But the guards are no match for the strikers who are fighting for their union and lives.

Then the state arrested 31 men accused of assault and kidnapping guards. One indicted miner said, "The company wrote a list of the men it wanted gotten rid of and the county detective had them arrested." The list includes active rank and file fighters, and a United Mine Worker's organizer. However, the legal harassment has not funneled the strikers' energy into the courts. They are out on bail, back on the picket lines. As the same miner said, "The company keeps our spirits up. Every time they do something to us it just fires us up more."

One time, Blue Diamond tried to sneak in extra security guards while the miners were having a rally in another town. The miners got wind of it and decided to have their rally on the picket line, located on land they have had to buy themselves to keep from getting kicked off! Two carloads of terrified goons with shotguns and high-powered rifles were no match for the 160 fighting pickets they met up with.

## WIVES AND FAMILIES FIGHTING TOO

The miners' wives and families have become seasoned fighters in this battle. A group of



Harlan County: young protesters demonstrate against the atrocious safety conditions in the mines, a life-and-death issue for all miners.

women got into an argument with a company official in the courthouse and ended up kicking him in the seat of the pants. This incident broke the bourgeoisie's news blackout for the first time. Whether taking a staunch stand against the company or making ends meet on the meager funds available, the wives contribute uncomplainingly. They meet regularly to discuss the strike and to raise money. Presently they are raising money for a Christmas fund to prepare for the cold winter months ahead. The determination to fight till victory is just as strong amongst the wives as the miners.

## "SOUTHERN LABOR UNION, WE DON'T WANT YOU, UMWA IS HERE TO STAY."

Blue Diamond's latest trick is to get the Stearns miners to sign on with the Southern Labor Union (SLU) or "SL Scab", as the miners call it. SLU is being promoted by many coal companies and the bourgeois press in many parts of the country. It's a "union-splitting union". It attempts to weaken the UMW's bargaining power by eroding the number of UMW organized mines. Right now the SLU is calling for re-election in 5 UMW mines in Kentucky and Virginia. On Sept. 27 the SLU petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for another election at Stearns. But the Stearns miners hate the SLU. They know it's a union set up by the companies to push their position in the labor movement and to split the mine workers. "It's no better than a company union." It doesn't fight for a contract on a national level but negotiates a different contract at each mine with widely differing pay scales. It has a terrible pension plan, only pays retired miners \$55.00 a month. "The miners who have received it are all dead from starvation." The Stearns miners say "SLU we don't want you, UMWA is here to stay."

When the miners walked out of the mine last July 1976, one of the first things they did was to vote out their worthless company union and vote in the United Mine Workers of America.

Although the miners had to force the UMWA leadership to take up this organizing drive, they strongly support the UMWA. Under pressure, 3 organ-

izers were sent to the area and the picketing miners are paid \$100/week. As one miner said, "The UMW has backed us all the way. I'll go all the way with anyone that has backed me that far."

## ORGANIZE NATIONWIDE! BRING IN THE UNORGANIZED

But organizing one mine at

## MINERS DIG IN FOR LONG STRIKE

The 80,000 mine workers have called a halt to their long wildcat strike to prepare for the contract struggle coming up in December. The rank and file workers know that they are in for a long battle and must rely on their own strength in the face of the outright attack of the Coal bosses, the dirty union busting tricks of the state and bosses and Miller's sold out leadership.

In the coal fields across the country, workers are stepping up the work slowdowns systematically carried out all last year. When one foreman in Pennsylvania complained about the small amount of coal that was going out, a miner replied, "Well, tomorrow you might not get any!" The recent wildcat itself helped to prepare for the contract battle, drastically cutting down the stockpiles of local operators. The wildcat was a sharp warning to the coal operators that miners are ready should these bloodsuckers continue their criminal schemes.

## TELLING BILL COLLECTORS TO COME BACK LATER

From the Rockies to the Appalachians, canned goods are being stockpiled. Miners are putting their paychecks into credit unions. They are selling their motorcycles, putting off buying the new truck that the family needs, and telling bill collectors to come back later. The miners voted and passed a strike fund in 1974 but the sell out union mis-

a time is not the best way to organize. As one Stearns miner said, "If we had gotten the Scotia mine to go out too, the strike would have been over a long time ago." Limiting the organizing drive to Stearns makes it easier for the bourgeoisie. They simply work their other mines harder.

Miller, the UMW misleader who fought the rank and file at every step in their attempt to win back their health benefits this summer, will not take up the task of organizing the unorganized unless he is forced to. Present conditions demand that the UMW spread the organizing drive nationwide to bring the unorganized miners into the union.

So while the organizing drive at Stearns is important, it alone is not enough. There must be a plan to organize industrywide and nationwide. William Foster, a member of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA) before it went revisionist, said:

The method of the general office of the A.F. of L. (American Federation of Labor) itself is typical. It has never followed a thought-out plan for the organization of the workers. It simply sends its organizers around, hither and yon, wherever strikes happen to develop, and these organizers handle

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leaders have never put any money into it! Workers know that they must rely on their own strength and have no illusions about relying on the union bureaucracy to lead a successful strike and to defend and build the union.

The coal operators are a prime example of the slime of the bourgeoisie, and the hatred of the rank and file for them runs deep. Miners are forced to work on their knees in 24 inches of coal or on their stomach in 18 inches of coal, with their backs scarred by hitting rock everytime they straighten up. When the workers breathe, the tightness and the black junk they cough up reminds them of early death from digging black gold for the capitalists. The miners know that the coming battle will be bitter and long and they must be prepared. This hard lesson is learned through decades of struggle, including armed struggle, through victories and defeats. The miners know from their most bitter experience that the company will not hesitate to cut off their food from the company store or throw the workers in the cold from the company owned shacks.

United, strong, militant, and prepared, the rank and file miners are fighting in the forefront of the working class. A saying of the miners' goes, "We go down together and we come up together, or we don't come up at all." Through steel like rank and file unity and concrete preparation, the miners will win victory and beat back the coal bosses' attack.

# AGAIN, COPS "MESS WITH WRONG COMMUNITY" NEW YORK CHINATOWN SLAMS COP BRUTALITY

On September 25th, 300 people from N.Y. Chinatown participated in a militant march through the community and 500 demonstrated in front of the 5th Precinct against police brutality. Banners waving and chanting "End Police Brutality-Fight To Win!" the marchers stopped and took over the steps of the 5th precinct as the cops shut the doors and left only two "observers" in front, one of whom was the Precinct captain.

The demonstration was called by the "Chang Defense Committee" under the leadership of Asian Americans for Equality, a nationwide Asian American mass organization, to defend the victims and the interests of the community.

The angry community people demanded a response to the charges of a police beating of a middle aged Chinese woman. The captain of the Precinct showed his disdain for the community as he refused to talk or respond to the shouts of "Answer Now!" The militant Chinese demonstrators, garment and restaurant workers, students and elderly were joined by enthusiastic supporters from the Latin community, friends from the African Liberation Support Committee (who are involved in struggling against another police brutality case in New Jersey), and the Revolutionary Youth League. Chants against police brutality and national oppression filled the air as the demonstrators demanded the removal of the cop and Precinct captain, the dropping of all charges against the victim and compensation for damages.

## Follow Spirit Of May 12/May 19

Acts of police brutality against Chinatown people is nothing new. Neither is the struggle against it. Two years ago, 25,000 Chinatown residents came out to demonstrate against the beating of Peter Yew. That was the famous May 12/19 Movement. The recent action was a continuation of this rich tradition of struggle against national oppression.

This time a 47 year old Chinese woman, Mrs. Chang, was beaten unconscious by a cop over a supposed parking violation by Mrs. Chang. This was done in broad daylight in front of a shopping crowd of hundreds. The witnesses were so enraged over this brutal act that the cop had to draw his revolver to threaten the crowd and the victim's husband and called in another carload of cops to "help" handcuff her (she weighs about 100 pounds) for resisting arrest, assaulting a police officer, and disorderly conduct.

Mrs. Chang was then dumped into the precinct cell barely conscious and without medical attention for at least 6 hours. When she was finally taken to a nearby hospital, she was returned to another cell uptown to avoid community protest.

Due to the consistent stand it has taken in the past in leading all forms of struggle against class and national oppression--such as equality in hiring in construction, and police brutality, the community people at the scene immedi-

ately called Asian Americans For Equality and informed them of the situation. AAFE went out to talk to the angry masses, asking their opinion on what should be done and began to organize a campaign against this outrageous attack.

By the next morning, when Mrs. Chang was arraigned, people from Chinatown packed the courtroom in solidarity with her. Faced with this pressure, the judge was forced to release her without bail. This victory prompted an Afro-American woman who watched the angry community as they left the courtroom with Mrs. Chang, to remark to a woman next to her, "They sure picked the wrong community to mess with."

## Defense Committee Broadens United Front

Every community "is the wrong community to mess with" when it is organized under correct leadership. A Chang Defense Committee was formed to broaden the united front by including more community organizations and individuals. Many advanced and active workers came out to support the struggle and involve themselves in the mobilization. Some workers brought their entire family to work on the struggle and spent all the hours after work for a week straight, helping to push forward the work. Garment workers hit the



Based on the workers, a broad united front was built. The Chang Defense Committee, led by AAFE, mobilized the Chinatown community to fight the police attack.

streets and shops to do mobilization. Many workers from the community came up to AAFE to contribute money--though many were unemployed and needed money themselves--proving once again that the working class is the most generous and farsighted class.

## Workers Bedrock Of United Front Tactic

This kind of staunchness and firm stand of the garment workers, restaurant and grocery workers, as well as the youth from the community formed the bedrock of the united front. Throughout the struggle, they took the lead in doing agitation on the streets, standing up and shouting their bitterness at the mass meetings, and leading the chants at the demonstration at the Precinct house. One woman worker was so angered that she charged up



"Answer Now!" Under correct leadership of Asian Americans for Equality, over 500 community people demonstrated in front of the Fifth Precinct to angrily denounce the cop beating of Chinese woman.

to the Precinct steps to shake her fist in the noses of the cops and did agitation about how no cops, including the token Chinese cop there, served the interests of the Chinese community, calling them traitors.

## Unite To Hang Misleaders Through Positive Program

In initiating the united front, the Defense Committee asked the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association to join

sector of the oppressed national minority community, they can be forced into the united front around certain issues. For example, CCBA opposed the Confucius Plaza struggle against job discrimination in '74-'75, but supported, though inconsistently the struggle against police brutality two years ago. In both instances, they hesitated, hemmed and hawed, disagreed with AAFE on demands and tactics, but were forced to take a stand as the masses demanded.

## Class Analysis Of Petty Bourgeoisie

Included in the CCBA hierarchy is the KMT (Kuomintang) minority -- the party representing the interest of the dying reactionary regimes now occupying the Chinese province of Taiwan. These are traitors who do not represent anyone but the interest of their decadent reactionary clique and the US imperialists. As their doomsday approaches, they are hastily transporting their valuables which have been ripped off from the masses in China and Taiwan province to invest here with the hope to maintain their "lost kingdom". To do that, they must infiltrate the power structure of the local community and rely upon the cooperation of the cops and underworld. The impact of this large scale "foreign" capital is beginning to be felt by the local smaller capitalists who are often losers in competition with these larger ones. This conflict between "local" and "foreign" capitalists have often come out in the open over various investment issues and have also sharpened the contradiction within the leadership of the CCBA. The KMT compradors have no regard or concern for national oppression and are unwilling to take up any struggle of the masses.

The vacillating hemming and hawing that characterizes the CCBA came out again in the Chang case. When the incident happened, the CCBA was also informed by some community residents and the local precinct captain even went to "pay respects" to them trying to "explain" the situation and worked out some "resolutions". No stand was taken then by the CCBA. But when mass sentiment began to build due to the work of the Defense Committee and AAFE, and the issue picked up by the local news media

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**NEW JERSEY: ALSC TAKES UP STRUGGLE**

**VAUX HALL COMMUNITY FIGHTS KILLER COPS**



Afro-American masses denounce the murder of Clifford Glover by New York police

On Friday, Sept. 2nd, in the small town of Union, N.J. (about 10 miles outside of Newark) the local police brutally murdered a young Afro-American youth.

Warren Benson, the 20 year old victim of this vicious attack lived in Vaux Hall, an Afro-American community in Union.

The Union Police Department is in a frenzy, switching stories back and forth, trying to find one that will pacify the angry Vaux Hall community. So far the local paper has printed three different "accounts."

con" type, who is well-known by Vaux Hall youth for his viciousness had issued Warren a number of phoney traffic tickets. On that night, Connelly claims that Warren had confronted him at a local store about the tickets and later, followed him home. Warren then was supposed to have fired two shots at Connelly, wounding him in the left arm and his girl friend in the right arm. But the hospital has yet to even verify that Connelly and his girl friend were ever even treated for bullet wounds. No weapon connected to Warren was ever found.

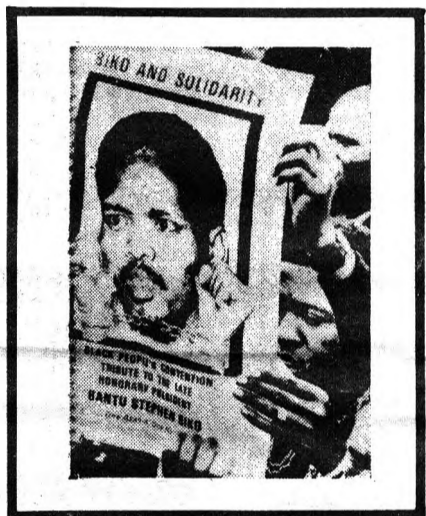
sketchy story, the notorious Union police converged on Warren Benson and poured nine bullets into him with a shotgun. Immediately after Warren's murder, his mother and sister's home was ransacked and torn apart by the Union cops who were "looking for weapons."

In the following days, citations were issued by the Union Police Department for the "shining performance" of Warren Benson's murderers.

Afro-Americans are clear about the role the police plays in their communities. They remember too well, names like Randolph Evans, Clifford Glover, and many others who were killed by cops in cold-blood.

Every national minority community can tell similar stories. Recently in New York's Chinatown a 47 year old woman was beaten unconscious by a cop for disputing a parking ticket.

The bond of common struggle by different minority communities against national oppression from



the state shone clearly when a Vaux Hall youth addressed a recent mass rally of the Chinese community.

In Vaux Hall, over 150 community members jammed a mass meeting after the killing to plan what action to take. The Newark chapter of the African Liberation Support Committee supported the Vaux Hall community and angrily denounced the role of the police.

By taking up the struggles at Vaux Hall, ALSC is linking up the struggles against national oppression in the US with its support of the national liberation struggles in Africa. The fingers that snuffed out the life of Warren Benson are the same fingers that pulled the trigger and killed Steven Biko in Azania - the enemy that discriminates against Afro-Americans here and protects police killers is the same enemy that protects the racist regimes in Southern Africa - monopoly capitalism and imperialism.

ALSC is taking up local issues while organizing for a demonstration to support Zimbabwe independence on Nov. 12th to illustrate how all the struggles against the monopoly capitalists concretely relate and support each other. The struggle of the youth of Vaux Hall against police brutality and the struggle of the people of Southern Africa against US and Soviet-social imperialism are bonded in common struggle against the common enemy. ■

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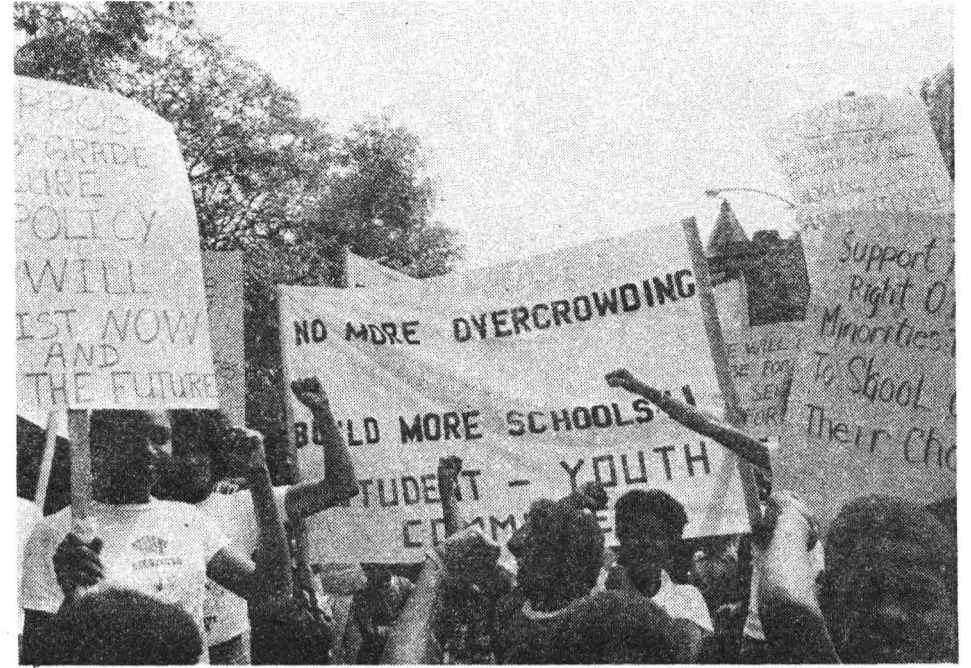
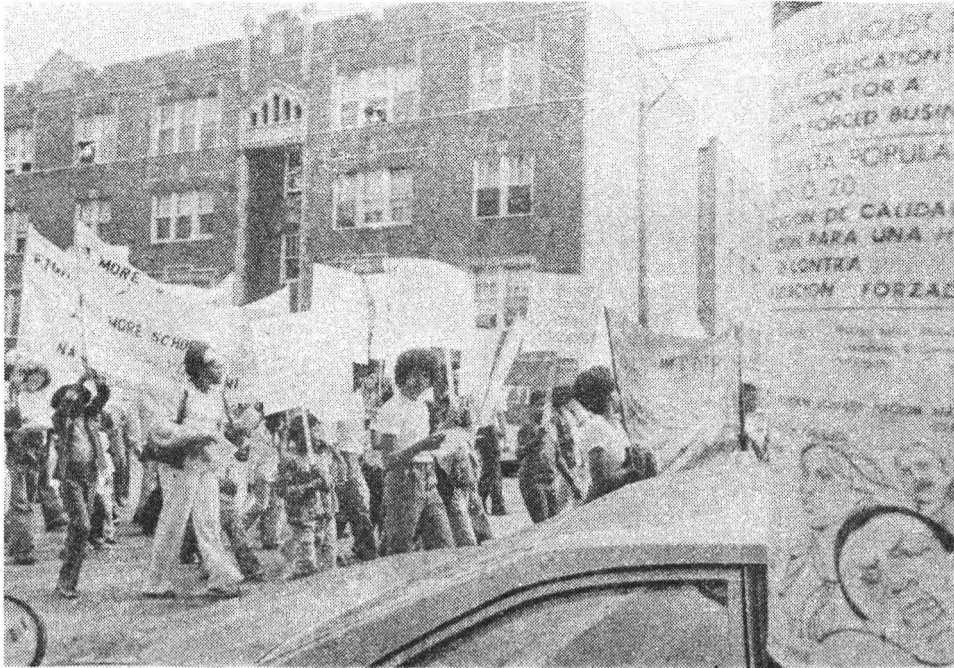
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# Chicago Masses Fight So Kids Can Read And Write



250 parents, led by the Committee For Quality Education, shut down 2 grammar schools in protest against the wretched conditions in Chicago schools.

Parents went into the schools and pulled their children out to join the others in the strike while the principal and Chicago cops looked on helplessly.

On Sept. 7, parents in the Chicano community on the southwest side of Chicago staged a successful school strike in protest against the Chicago Board of Education's notorious "voluntary" busing plan. In a great show of force, parents and students effectively shut down two grammar schools in that community. The boycott, which was 70% effective, showed concretely the determination of the parents and students to expose the sham "voluntary" busing plan.

## Expose "Voluntary Busing Plan"

250 parents came out that day in the demonstration called by the Committee for Quality Education (CQE). The strike was truly multinational, which alone is a defeat for the Board of Education's plans to split the working class. Parents came up to the mike and denounced the wretched conditions in the Chicago schools: overcrowded classrooms, deteriorating buildings, inadequate school supplies, decaying facilities. Chicago schools are more like battlegrounds than a place to learn! Even the capitalists themselves no longer talk about the "excellence" of Chicago schools. CQE speakers came right to the point and said that the Chicago Board of Education is peddling the phony "voluntary" busing plan to divert our struggle for quality education, to cover up the decaying schools, and to split white workers from black workers.

Parent after parent spontaneously got up and spoke out. At one point, the principal came racing out of the school, thinking that he could browbeat the parents into sending their kids back to class. Instead, one parent got up and spoke out against the principal right to his face, exposing him in front of all the parents. At another time, one parent got up to the mike and spoke with tears of bitterness and anger against oppression in the schools. Her tale of frustration and determination to fight spoke directly to the hearts of all the parents. So when she called out for all parents to

join in the fight, right on the spot many parents went into the school and pulled their children out. And when one parent came out and announced that her child was the last one to walk out from her class, she was met with thunderous applause. The school principal (backed by two carloads of Chicago cops) just looked on helplessly, overwhelmed by the fighting spirit of the masses.

The struggle for quality education has a rich history. Parents at one of the grammar schools, McCormick, for example, went on strike a few years ago for a new school building to relieve the overcrowding. And the CQE in the past has called demonstrations and actions to expose the "voluntary" busing plan. On July 13, the CQE led a successful demonstration against the Board of Education. And on Aug. 20, it successfully held a city-wide march and rally. At these events, the CQE put forward demands to build new schools to stop overcrowding, for hot lunches, for getting rid of the 8th grade failure policy, for bilingual and bicultural programs, and for the right of minority students to go to the school of their choice.

Patient organizing, leafletting, postering, door-to-door visits and street corner soapboxing by the CQE in the past period has given it roots in the community. At one community meeting of 700 white parents, for example, the CQE clearly laid out its positions and demands, and gained much support from the parents. Later, many wanted to sit down with the CQE to discuss and plan for the school strike and the buildup demonstration.

On the same day as the CQE's September 7th demonstration, the Revolutionary Youth League (RYL) was also setting a shining example by leading students from Farragut High School to fight against the capitalists attack on youth. The RYL's successful action once again proved that, under correct leadership, youth can play a key role in the revolutionary struggle against capitalism. And this is something the capitalists know very well! That's why the state did not

hesitate in coming down on RYL members, arresting some for "disturbing the peace." Yeah, disturbing the capitalist peace! But the RYL will never give them any "peace."

### OPERATION PUSH AND OPERATION RESIST--TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN.

The capitalists know their plans are failing miserably. The "voluntary" busing plan is to pave the way for full-scale forced busing. The Board of Education trumpeted that the "voluntary" busing plan would have 7,000 transfers. But only 900 actually signed up! That's why the capitalists are pushing their two henchmen:

the liberal Operation Push and the fascist Operation Resist.

The fascist Operation Resist and the liberal Operation Push are two sides of the same coin. On one hand, the capitalists parade the fascists like Operation Resist, which openly drum up the worst form of race hatred and chauvinism. The capitalists busing plan serves to divert our struggle for quality education at the same time promoting and nurturing these fascists. Whipping up racial hysteria and pitting working class whites and blacks: this is the real thrust of the capitalists busing plan. On the other hand, the capitalists are also pushing liberals like Jesse Jackson, who are made to "look

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# ELVIS

## Shake Rattle And Roll To Pacify The Workers

The 1950's. The working class was groaning under recession after recession. The capitalists had launched a campaign of vicious repression ("McCarthyism") during the Korean War. It was a time of the "Cold War" when the capitalists increased their ideological attack on the American working class. They pushed the glories of conforming to the "American Dream" and bourgeois "respectability"--the "respectability" that allows one to slit your neighbor's throat for personal profit as long as it is done politely.

songs, reduced life to whether or not one was going to sleep alone. More than that, they focused on the problems of personal romance. His songs focused on self. In other words, his songs, like all bourgeois love songs, turned people away from class struggle and toward "head" struggle. For Presley, the "fight" was between your "head and your heart," not between the oppressed and the bourgeoisie.

However, class distress takes on many different forms.



The Russians had sent up Sputnik and the American bourgeoisie frantically pushed youth to "study hard, go to school, become a businessman," while at the same time in the Black Belt South made sure that Afro-American children were denied the opportunity (much the same as they continue to do today). It was a time when the petty bourgeois American Dream was wrapped in the likes of a Pat Boone; complete with his white buckskins, "Ivy League" sweaters, and college fraternity connections.

But for the vast majority of working class youth, both white and Afro-American, the "promise" of the Pat Boones was no reality. There were no college fraternity pins in the future of working class youth. There was unemployment and oppression. There was a life of exploitation and hardship--of overwork and underpay.

It was in this climate of the 50's that we can understand the tremendous popularity of Elvis Presley. He was popular certainly not because of what his songs said. They did not promote the fighting spirit and traditions of the working class against the monopoly capitalists. Not by a long shot. They did not even, for the most part, deal with the reality of working class life. They were run-of-the-mill bourgeois love songs. The content of his lyrics, like all bourgeois love

The "phenomenon" of Elvis Presley offered to the masses, particularly the white working class youth, a way to show their dissatisfaction with the bourgeois myth of the "American Dream."

First, there was Presley's background. He was the "good ole boy from Tupelo, Mississippi" who made "good" not by conforming to "clean-cut respectability" but by rebelling against it. His background as a trucker and laborer allowed white working class youth to identify with him. His hair style, the "d.a." and clothing was the very opposite of the clean-cut crewcuts and clothing of the college-bound petty bourgeoisie of the 50's. His style was an act of defiance from the youth from the "wrong" side of the tracks.

He was the "greaser," the "JD," the "hood," the drop-out. The capitalists were even alarmed at his popularity before they were able to use him effectively to divert the sentiment into harmless channels like clothing styles, etc.

Presley's style, like the style of the early white rock and roll stars such as Bill Haley, reflected rebellion of working class youth as well as a sense of working class pride. Their style had a definite and visible difference from the

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## Letters To WVO

# FROM THE MASSES

## Lessons From Chairman Mao Memorial

Dear Comrades:

It's been a year since Chairman Mao passed away, but his revolutionary teachings remain with the masses and inspire us to carry on class and revolutionary struggles. We attended the 1st anniversary of the commemoration of Chairman Mao and we would like to express our feelings and share the lessons we learned from the event.

The program consisted of a speech given by WVO, a slide show and a discussion period. The content of the program was very rich and informative and we both learned a lot about how Chairman Mao's teachings helped the development of class struggle. Chairman Mao taught us that class struggle continues even after socialist revolution and that must always be vigilant in guarding against the possibility of bourgeois elements taking power.

We learned many positive things about socialism in China from the slide show. In the slide show we saw barefoot doctors helping out and healing peasants in the villages. Whereas in this country it is only the very rich and elite who can afford good health care. In China people in administrative positions strive to integrate with the masses.

For instance, government officials who work in factories with workers don't feel part of the elite, but here in the U.S. we never see Rockefeller working next to us to refine oil!

We also saw that the USSR and China are as different as night and day. But the U.S. and the USSR are no different from each other. The monopoly capitalists in both countries use material incentives to get us to work harder.

One slide showed a mural on a Russian school building of a child promoting individualism rather than collectivism. And these are examples of the ideology that permeates this society day in and day out.

The WVO speech was full of many concepts and ideas. The purpose of the discussion was to clarify and deepen our understanding with examples. One really good question that was asked was, "How does the subjective factor influence the economic base?" Some comrades shared experiences and examples from visits to China.

In one commune that a comrade visited, there was a decision that needed to be made whether the collective farm should take up the planting of walnut trees or wheat crops. Walnut trees can ensure more profit and it is relatively easier to grow. Whereas wheat

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## WVO CALLS FOR LETTERS

Communist organizations and Parties around the world must acquire the great traditions of a genuine Marxist-Leninist party summed up by the Communist Party of China: integrating theory with practice, maintaining close ties with the masses and practicing criticism and self-criticism. We think that one way for WVO to start acquiring these traditions is through our newspaper's correspondence.

We ask comrades and friends around the country to send us letters, criticisms, reports on struggles, etc., on our articles and other issues in the communist and workers' movements, the international and national situations, the national movements, working women's movements, etc. This correspondence will contribute directly to our common struggle to build the U.S. anti-revisionist communist party and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat.

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# TO THE MASSES

requires more work in terms of plowing and preparing the field and is harder to grow. The workers final decision was to grow the wheat because by growing wheat can provide more jobs for more workers. The decision was not a pragmatic one, but based on correct ideological and political outlook. That example was very good in elucidating the concepts of subjective being changes economic base. There were many questions that were asked and they reflected genuine concerns of comrades to seek knowledge and transformation of world outlook.

We left the program with higher political understanding and the teachings of Chairman Mao. We saw comrades who took to heart the slogan of turning grief into strength. People were sad that we had lost a great teacher, but his inspiration and ideological thought will always remain with us to carry on.

FORWARD TO THE 1st FOUNDING RYL CONGRESS!!!

(RYL members from L.A.)  
F & D

## Clear Style Educates The Masses

Dear Comrades,

The sections of "Breaking The Chains" and "World In Struggle" are very helpful because they briefly

sum up domestic and international struggles throughout the world.

We cannot depend solely on the bourgeoisie press which does not give a proletarian view on such situations as the Panama Canal Treaty or the Dawson brothers in Georgia.

Overall the articles in the Workers Viewpoint newspaper are very good because they are written in a good clear style. The method of clean writing educates the masses that much better.

Sincerely,  
B.

## Immigration Articles Praised

Comrades:

Thank you for your analysis (June 1977) of Carter's position on immigrants, labor lieutenants' attacks on workers in other countries, and the historical perspective, "U.S. Capitalism and Immigration." Having all three articles in one issue makes very clear what direction U.S. capitalists and labor lieutenants are going.

This article from "American Report" in 1973 has some further history, although it lacks the lively understanding of WV.

Comrade from  
North Carolina

# Women Hold Up Half the Sky

**BUILD WORKER'S FAMILIES  
INTO FIGHTING UNITS  
FOR CLASS STRUGGLE**

**NO FORCED SHIFT WORK!**

Note on the refrigerator door: "I cooked dinner and it's on the stove, heat on medium flame. Sorry I couldn't do the laundry but I had to take John to the dentist before going to work. Call you during my lunch break. Love..."

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? In the Communist Manifesto, Karl Marx talks about how the bourgeoisie makes its profits from our labor by paying the proletariat barely enough to survive and to produce more wage-slaves.



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

schedule is 9-11 hours a day and six days a week. During the week, three minute phone calls and notes on the refrigerator door bridge the communications between husband and wife, and parents to children. Those precious Sunday night dinners are the highlight of the family week.

For young couples, shift work is a real burden on budding relationships. While one person comes home from work, the other person is getting ready to walk out the door. Again contact with one another equals those few hours between changing shifts. On many occasions, their weekends are cut short by forced overtime at the plant. And for young single workers working the night or graveyard shift, their social life is very limited. Workers know that the bourgeoisie has enough money from profits to pay better wages and have eight hour shifts.

It is very clear that the bourgeoisie doesn't give a damn about working class families.

The bourgeois clap-trap about the family and education, about the hallowed co-relation of parent and child, becomes all the more disgusting, the more, by the action of Modern Industry, all family ties among the proletarians are torn asunder, and their children transformed into simple articles of commerce and instruments of labour. (Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, Manifesto of the Communist Party)

In the 1880's the capitalists ran murderous around-the-clock shifts for children, and women had to work 12-14 hour shifts, 7 days a week. Only through the heroic struggle and victory of the working class for the 8 hour day and the end to child labor were conditions for family life improved at all!

These examples tell us that the fight to improve workers' family lives does not lie in individual solutions--to escape with liquor and drugs or by running after pie-in-the-sky American dreams.

Broken families are the result of a rotten society. Shift work is only one of a

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Under capitalism, the proletariat is forced to take any job at low wages and on any work shift. For working class families, both parents have to work in order to support their children. Many parents work on rotating shifts or on different shifts than one another.

So what are the effects of shift work on family life? At work, we often hear about mothers who had to quit work without pregnancy benefits to start a family and fathers working nights who never see their sons and daughters grow up. We hear of someone who only saw his wife on the weekends, or about how a fellow worker didn't hear about his sister's death until he came home and discovered her missing.

How many of us had to catch hell from the foreman when we asked to go home early to tend to a sick child? In heavy industries such as auto, the work

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# CHAIRMAN MAO, LIVE LIKE HIM,

*This article was written based on the speech given by the Workers Viewpoint Organization at the commemoration of Chairman Mao on September 10, 1976.*

Comrades, welcome to the commemoration of Chairman Mao on the first anniversary of his death. This commemoration is being held at a time when the Party's work is flourishing. In the commemoration we would like to show how some of his teachings aided and continue to aid the development of our Party's work.

Comrades and friends, the WVO is moving full steam ahead in reaching the end of the fourth period, when the organizational sphere will no longer be the key link. Nearly a year ago, around the time of Chairman Mao's death, we declared that the organizational sphere was the key link to push the work of the Party forward. Based on the conclusion that the formation of the Party is a settled question, we started to bolshevize ourselves in the organizational sphere, to take up the task of winning and training the advanced workers as the main task over the task of uniting Marxist-Leninists.

Comrades and friends, we are pleased to inform you that, in a year's time, the Party's work has flourished and deepened tremendously. Based on a firm foundation, the composition of the Party has changed markedly. We have laid a sound foundation in the Afro-American and many other national movements. We have laid a solid foundation in the trade union movement. And moreover, we have centralized our line on all fronts, tuned up our machinery and are ready to fight and train in a big way.

As the foundation of the Party of the U.S. proletariat, we are forged on the higher theoretical level of Marxism-Leninism-Mao tse-Tung Thought, which includes the most advanced experiences on the question of Party building. At this point, the Party of the U.S. proletariat is still in its infancy. In the last periods, particularly last year, through grasping the organizational sphere, it has grown tremendously. Our trade union work has deepened. We have now the basis for a few national caucuses. We thus also have the beginning bases for Trade Union Educational League, a national organization of active and militant workers, which will spread the deepening of our Party's work in the trade union movement. Our work in the youth-student movement has also begun systematically and begun to mature. We have just completed a series of conferences since February. In these conferences, we have summed up our work in the last few years and are gearing up to tackle the excellent situation ahead.

Comrades, there is no question that our line is the most advanced, our forces are the best. In reviewing our work in the last four years, since the formation of the Asian Study Group, our work is developing through leaps and bounds.

We owe much to Chairman Mao's teachings, which guided us every step of the way in

laying the firm foundation of the Party of the U.S. proletariat.

As comrades know, we are the only organization in the country that advocated the line of building the Party ideologically (building the Party on the ideological plane). What that means is we take to heart Chairman Mao's



*Chairman Mao in Yanan talking to the peasants. He led the Chinese masses in overthrowing the three great mountains - imperialism, feudalism, and bureaucratic capitalism and liberating China in 1949.*

line that the "correctness or incorrectness of ideological and political line decides everything." For that reason, we have advocated the importance of the theory of Marxism-Leninism-Mao tse-Tung Thought in the struggle for the correct ideological and political line to forge the unity of communists coming out of various movements of the 60's and early 70's. We have upheld Chairman Mao's teaching to Study Marxism and Criticize Revisionism in the thick of waging struggle in the spontaneous movements of the working class. In the course of the struggle we were able to identify various petty bourgeois trends like the Revolutionary Union (RU), October League (OL), the Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization (PRRWO) the August Twenty-Ninth Movement (ATM), and more importantly, pointed out the correct road ahead.

It is through these struggles in relation to our day-to-day work - the programmatic elements for our revolution in the main developed and which will be published in our program. It is through our study of Chairman Mao's teachings on the organizational sphere, on methods of leadership and methods of work, particularly concerning mass line, are we able to say that now the Bolshevization of the organizational sphere is in the main completed.

Indeed, as comrades see, the emergence of our Party and its development is bound up with Chairman Mao's teaching. This is not only true for the development of our Party in the U.S. but internationally.

Since the degeneration of the CPSU under Khrushchev, Chairman Mao's line has invigorated the entire international communist movement. During the late 50's, the international communist movement was at its low ebb. In the U.S., under the condition of the McCarthyism and Eisenhower's

zigzag tactics towards the struggle of the working class and oppressed nationalities, the remnants of the CPUSA disintegrated. It was under the classic zigzag tactic of repression and reform that the leadership of the CPUSA was either jailed or sold out; under these conditions, revisionism in the US communist movement matured. For example,

In commemorating Chairman Mao, we are in no way mystifying him or placing him above history. Marxism teaches us the role of the individual in history. It holds that individuals are the products of history. History is made by the masses, as Chairman Mao repeatedly taught us. But his historical experience in class struggle and the struggle for production are always summed up and synthesized by certain individuals who happened to live in those times and places. Great men like Marx, Lenin, Stalin, and Chairman Mao saw what they saw because they stood on the shoulders of a giant - the millions upon millions of laboring masses, particularly its most advanced and developed sector, the working class.

But these great men through their sacrifices and devotion to the masses, through the experiences they synthesized were also to promote the development of history through leaps and bounds.

Karl Marx, a German, lived in the period of the beginning development of capitalism. He was able to synthesize the material data available at that time and the rich Hegelian dialectics, as well as the crude and beginning materialism of Feuerbach. He developed the general law, the philosophy, or world outlook of dialectical materialism. The Communist Manifesto, the first declaration of the maturing proletarian class against the bourgeoisie, started to haunt the bourgeoisie and reaction throughout the world - truly a spectre of communism!

In the struggle against Tsarism and the rising bourgeoisie in Russia, Lenin, a fine son of the proletariat, further developed Marxism on the question of the proletarian Party, perfecting the working class' understanding of its only weapon - organization. He also further developed Marxism in the political sphere on the two-stage revolution in Russia, on the worker-peasant alliance, and moreover on the nature of imperialism - the highest stage of capitalism.

Chairman Mao, too, a fine son of the proletariat, lived through a large part of the 20th Century and synthesized the historical experience of the fight against imperialism from the position of a former semi-feudal, semi-colonial country. He developed Marxism on the military sphere by developing the communist understanding of the protracted people's war, New Democracy - the strategy for revolution in Third World countries, and more importantly the historic experience of continued revolution under socialism in one or a few countries.

Chairman Mao was born in 1893. He was raised in a period when China was suffering from what he later called the three great mountains - imperialism, feudalism, and bureaucratic capitalism. The Chinese peasantry and workers rebelled over and over again over a span of many hundreds of years to abolish feudalism and rid itself of the shackle of foreign subjugation. Typical of the historical setting that Chairman Mao inherited was the Taiping Rebellion, a rebellion of the peasantry in China, where up to 40 million

the line of the pacifist "ban-the-bomb" movement developed and side-tracked our movement in the early 60's. This movement in the U.S. was promoted internationally by the renegade Khrushchev, who pushed the three peacefuls (peaceful transition to socialism, peaceful co-existence, and peaceful competition) and the two entires (party of the entire people and state of the entire people), which sold out the working class and national liberation struggles around the world and in the Soviet Union, pushing it towards liberalism and social-reformism.

The clarion call of the CPSU's "Long Live Leninism" in 1959, the series on "The Historical Experience of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat," and later, the "nine polemics" against modern revisionism played a central role in invigorating the international communist movement, putting it back on the correct track. In this country, the guidance of this line and later the impact of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in China -- these inspired the national and student movements of the late 60's and early 70's. From the upsurge of these movements came organizations like the Black Panther Party, the Young Lords Party, DRUM, HRUM, and SDS. The revolutionary vigor of these mass movements threw the revisionist fossils to the roadside and the best elements from the spontaneous movement took the road of revolutionary Marxism-Leninism-Mao tse-Tung Thought, the road of communism.

Comrades, it is Chairman Mao's line against revisionism and for the reaffirmation of the fundamental tenets of Marxism-Leninism-Mao tse-Tung Thought that is the origin of the redevelopment of the international communist movement. Indeed, it is the origin of the redevelopment of the U.S. communist movement and the origin of the WVO.



# DARE TO STRUGGLE, DARE TO WIN!

people were slaughtered by the British colonialist and Manchu Dynasty tyrants. The historical anguish, untold suffering of the Chinese masses under the three great mountains, and most importantly, their tireless attempt to fight back, wave upon wave, and their heroic deeds, was the historical lever that made Chairman Mao political and, amidst their struggle, steeled him into becoming a communist.

Throughout the early 1900's, he tried, failed, tried again, step-by-step, maturing and leading the Chinese workers and peasants to fight the eight imperialist powers that occupied parts of China, and the corrupt bureaucratic capitalists of the four notorious families (the Chiang, Soong, Chen, and Kung families, who were the Presidents, Ministers of Finance, Trade, and some of the richest men on earth at the same time) and of course against the feudalism that shackled the Chinese masses.

In the historical movement to resist Japanese imperialism, again Chairman Mao fought and shared the victories and suffering of the masses. He learned from the greatest heroism of the Chinese patriots as well as the most advanced experiences of the working class in the West.

Through the victory over Japanese imperialism and later in the Civil War against the Chiang Kai-shek regime, Chairman Mao led the Chinese masses and-liberated China in 1949. It can be seen from these struggles and his leadership that he is truly a savior of the Chinese people. As the song "East is Red" goes, "The East is Red, Rises the Sun, China Gives rise to a Mao Tse-tung." He is a true leader that the masses of hundreds of millions love. Deep in people's hearts, they know he is the liberator. Considering the untold misery and suffering of the Chinese people over hundreds of years of struggle against the three great mountains, and the historical magnitude of his con-

tribution as an individual - he is truly a great man, a man the U.S. proletariat must respect and learn from.

However, his greatest contribution is his teaching on the continued revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, which we will go into later.

Comrades and friends know that this era is the era of imperialism, the eve of proletarian revolution. All over the world, there is a tremendous awakening and stirring to overthrow the old, moribund systems and replace them with the new system of New Democracy and socialism. This is truly an era of transition between two great eras.

The revolutionary movement is intensifying all over the world. But so is the effort of the bourgeois moribund forces to attempt to reverse the correct direction of history. Under these conditions, we must sharpen our theoretical, ideological, and

political weapons, to maintain the proletarian orientation. Right after the reversal of the verdict in the 20th Congress of the CPSU, Chairman Mao talked straight to those wavering comrades

In my view, these people do not adhere to Marxism-Leninism, they do not take an analytical approach to things and they lack revolutionary morality... Before it rains in a typhoon, ants come out of their holes, they have sensitive 'noses' and they know their meteorology. No sooner had the typhoon of the Twentieth Congress of the CPSU struck than a few such ants in China came out of their holes. They are wavering elements in the Party who vacillate whenever something is astir... Ants come out of their holes and turtles, tortoises and all the scum of the earth left their hiding places. When a typhoon strikes, the wavering elements who cannot withstand it begin

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## WVO Holds Nationwide Commemoration For Chairman Mao

Around the country, the Workers Viewpoint Organization held memorial programs to commemorate and reaffirm the great teachings of Chairman Mao. From New York to Hawaii, from the industrial heartland of Detroit to the Black Belt South, lively but serious discussions and programs were held.

In New York after a speech by the Workers Viewpoint Organization a slide show was shown which focused on Chairman Mao's role in the Chinese revolution, and especially the significance of the Cultural Revolution in China. It went into describing extensively the socialist new things that have flourished under the dictatorship of the proletariat under the leadership of Chairman Mao, especially focusing on the question of the party and how to combat and prevent revisionism.

There was a lively question and answer period following the slide show in which various questions were raised from the audience relating to the international situation, the concept of the Three Worlds of Chairman Mao, the relationship between the base and superstructure, productive forces and productive relations, the character of the state under the dictatorship of the proletariat, and the two line struggle around education in China.

All who attended reflected more deeply on the profound historical significance of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, particularly its contribution to the international communist movement and the dictatorship of the proletariat. All those who attended understood more deeply the inevitability of revolutionary socialism. All who attended were made more firm in their resolve to continue to walk in Chairman Mao's revolutionary footsteps and apply his teachings to make proletarian revolution here.

This was particularly important in light of those scums who wave high the banner of Chairman Mao in words but in deeds trample it into the ground. When he was alive, all these "friends of China" pledged themselves to follow his line, but just as readily, after he passed away, have now started to attack his teachings on the continued revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat and the three worlds. These "friends of the Chinese people" are false friends; they have no concern for the proletariat and the oppressed people around the world, and certainly they have no love for the great Chinese people.

The "Communist Party (ML)" (OL), who have historically mouthed platitudes on Mao Tse-tung Thought, never studied nor understood a damn thing about Mao Tse-tung Thought. They don't even have any concern for the U.S. proletariat, let alone the Chinese people. The "RCP", another "friend of the Chinese people," didn't even hold a memorial on the first anniversary of Chairman Mao's death, while at the same time have increased their attack on the correct line of three worlds and Chairman Mao's teaching on party building. The rest of the "friends of the Chinese people" don't even bother to pay lip service to the highest development of Marxism anymore, Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought. Some of the worst political speculators even went so far as to reverse the correct verdict that was established years ago on the question of the disintegration of the socialist camp, the question of irreconcilable inter-imperialist contradictions, and the revolutionary role of the Third World against both superpowers. A few years ago, a Trotskyite sect called "Communist League" was expelled from the communist movement; now all these "communists" who participated in



expelling the CL are now taking up the very same Trotskyite positions. These scum of the earth have no proletarian morality at all. It shows that they will unscrupulously throw the principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought out the window; they will be crushed by the wheels of history.

The WVO reaffirms and daily deepens our appreciation of

the correctness of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought. It is Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought that will guide the U.S. working class through the twists and turns of class struggle to victory!

LONG LIFE THE GREAT, GLORIOUS AND CORRECT COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA!!

LONG LIVE THE INVINCIBLE MARXISM-LENINISM-MAO TSE-TUNG THOUGHT!!

# China

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U.S. imperialism is trying to take the heat off Western Europe by getting the Soviet Social Imperialists to attack China.

But this is a fool's paradise. Only a clown can believe that a mere juggling act can save U.S. imperialism.

U.S. and Soviet Social Imperialism, the two main enemies of the world's peoples, have locked horns around the world. Southern Africa, the Middle East, Europe, the Mediterranean, the Indian Ocean -- these are only the battlefields to the two superpowers in their struggle for world domination. And the Soviet Social Imperialists, because they are younger, leaner, more aggressive and relatively less exposed to the revolutionary peoples of the world, is the more dangerous and the main source of war.

Both the Warsaw Pact and NATO countries are squared off in Europe, the focus of superpower contention with its high concentration of capital investment. U.S. imperialism is fully aware that the Soviet Social Imperialists' 17 armed divisions lurk just outside Western Europe. But it is also aware that over 1 million Soviet troops are stationed on the Sino-Soviet border, ready to attack China. The new U.S. strategic view is to get the Soviet Social Imperialists to attack socialist China in order to take the heat off Western Europe and themselves (similar to before World War II).

In the late 1930's, prior to the outbreak of the Second Imperialist War, Roosevelt and Chamberlain from England secretly negotiated with Hitler to get fascist Germany to attack then-socialist Russia. The Western imperialists figured that, with Germany and Russia clobbering each other, they could take the heat off themselves, pick up the pieces, and rule the world. In fact, Chamberlain signed the notorious Munich Pact with Hitler in 1938 and gave Czechoslovakia to Germany just to get Hitler to attack socialist Russia. But the imperialists' schemes backfired. By unleashing the dogs of war, the imperialists only devastated themselves. Russia emerged even stronger than before, and created the favorable conditions for the victory of the Chinese Revolution and the emergence of socialist China.

Today, like the contention and collusion between Western imperialism and German fascism, the U.S. imperialists hope to lure the Soviet Social Imperialists to attack socialist China, in order to divert the spearhead of Soviet Social Imperialism away from themselves.

## STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS -- LENIN'S PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN STATES

So if every inch of the history of U.S. aggression in Asia proves that it wants to destroy socialist China, then why does China even bother to normalize relations with the U.S.? Why is it in the interests of the U.S., Chinese, and world's peoples? Because state-to-state relations, under the communist principle of peaceful co-existence with states of different social systems, is yet another weapon against imperialism.

Lenin and Stalin each brilliantly used state-to-state relations to undermine imperialism, play-off inter-imperialist rivalries, and consolidate socialism and the dictatorship of the proletariat. (In 1918, with the young victorious Soviet Russia still reeling under the ravages of World War I and the Civil War, Lenin signed the Brest-Litovsk Treaty with the Kaiser. The treaty gave huge chunks of Russia to Germany, but it took Russia out of a devastating imperialist war and helped to consolidate socialism. And Stalin signed the non-aggression pact with Hitler just before the outbreak of World War II, shattering the dreams of the Western imperialists trying to encourage Hitler to attack socialist Russia. The non-aggression pact gave Russia invaluable breathing space while Hitler was mopping up his fellow imperialist powers in the West.)

In 1972, with U.S. imperialist policy in total collapse in Asia, Chairman Mao skillfully used state-to-state relations as a weapon against both superpowers. U.S. imperialism could not stop China's historic admission to its rightful place in the U.N. U.S. imperialism was helpless as the world's countries, especially Third World countries, staged an economic boycott of the criminal regime in Taiwan. And the fact that Nixon was forced to open the doors to China in 1972 increased enormously the prestige of socialism among the world's peoples.

As our Chinese comrades have stated:

"The application of the policy of peaceful co-existence by the socialist countries is advantageous for achieving a peaceful international environment for socialist construction, for exposing the imperialist forces of aggression and war... In our view, the general line of the foreign policy of the socialist countries should have the following content: [1] to develop relations of friendship, mutual assistance and co-operation among the countries in the socialist camp [2] to strive for peaceful co-existence on the basis of the Five Principles with countries having different social systems and oppose the imperialist policies of aggression and war [3] and to support and assist the revolutionary struggles of all the oppressed peoples and nations. These three aspects are interrelated and indivisible, and not a single one can be omitted. (Proposal for the General Line of the International Communist Movement, FLP, 1963, p. 35-6)

State-to-state relations is yet another front to weaken imperialism, a weapon wielded only by revolutionaries already in power. Furthermore, state-to-state relations promote the fraternal contact among the peoples of countries of different social systems, especially giving workers and peasants in those countries the opportunity to see living socialism, which is their future.

## "BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY"

Already, the state-to-state relations front has seriously eroded the political and military strength of the criminal Chiang regime. (This same reactionary clique super-

exploits peasants and workers, keeping them in grinding poverty. While the Chiang clique dines lavishly in decadent parties, the police force rounds up thousands of political protestors and crushes all opposition. 15,000 heroic revolutionaries were slaughtered by the notorious Gen. C.Y. Chow in the famous Feb. 28 Uprising, when Taiwanese patriots rose up like a mighty fist against the Chiang clique.)

With the People's Republic of China's prestige raised enormously and the criminal Chiang clique isolated internationally through state-to-state relations, the Taiwan regime is already seeing the handwriting on the wall. Cigarette labels have marked on them, "Don't panic under great adversity," a clear reference to the inevitable union of Taiwan with the rest of China. Without lifting a gun, the state-to-state front has already sent the Taiwan generals into mass panic. The Chiang clique's capitalists and generals are sending their children and fat bank accounts to Europe and America, and are making arrangements for a fast get-away by private plane. So eroded is the diplomatic front of the criminal regime that only a handful of the most reactionary powers (e.g. Israel, South Africa, etc.) recognize the Chiang clique's regime.

arms and props up the fascist Chiang clique. Peaceful co-existence does not mean, as the revisionists wish to believe, that the class struggle ceases to exist. And it certainly does not mean that a socialist country gives up the principle of sovereignty over its own territory. The Chinese people are determined to reunite their country, by any means necessary, as is their right and duty. In doing this, they have the full support of the people of the world.

The masses make history. NOT Rockefeller think tanks. NOT F-15 fighter jets. NOT grand imperialist schemes of "containment" and the "domino" theory. NOT the tricky double-crosses of Vance and Carter. The masses make history, and the Chinese masses will liberate Taiwan "by any means necessary."

FIRMLY SUPPORT THE POSITION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO LIBERATE TAIWAN BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY, INCLUDING THE USE OF FORCE!

NORMALIZE US-CHINA RELATIONS NOW!

U.S. MUST:

(1) WITHDRAW ITS REMAINING MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM TAIWAN.  
(2) SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE CHIANG CLIQUE'S REGIME.

(3) ABROGATE THE 1954 SECURITY TREATY ■



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The so-called "Taiwan independence movement" (bankrolled by the CIA and some Japanese businessmen, as well as supported by Soviet Social Imperialism) is in total collapse. Ted Kennedy, the New York Times, and Carter all made reactionary statements praising this sham "independence" movement before, as part of the "Two China" scheme to justify imperialist annexation. But so weak is this sham "independence" movement, and so weak are the petty bourgeois backers who lick the imperialist masters' behind, that soon even the most reactionary capitalists will give up this phoney movement.

But China's principle of peaceful co-existence in state-to-state relations with the US does not mean that China is bound to liberating Taiwan Province only by peaceful means, for the Taiwan question is an internal Chinese affair within the jurisdiction of China. The US imperialists occupy the sovereign territory of China through the force of

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## BIKO

trains, and cars from reaching their destination. But the people battled against all odds. Immediately after the funeral the Azanians went to the streets to voice their justifiable hatred at the symbol of the arch-fascist Vorster and backers: its police. They not only used words but actions as they dealt another death blow to fascist South Africa. They fought side by side and inflicted mortal wounds on at least 2 of South Africa's "finest"--its Gestapo the police.

**THEY NEVER LEARN!** Biko's death is another page in the long and just struggle of the Azanian people against oppression and all reaction. This death has saddened the people worldwide, but we know that the cause of Biko's death is the apartheid system in South Africa as well as the conniving and brutal imperialist systems of the two superpowers.

His death shows how desperate South Africa is as they attempt to murder one leader after another and point out the permanent economic crisis that South Africa finds itself in. And these fools attempt to kill revolution! But as comrade Fred Hampton's telling indictment of the wild imperialist and Soviet social-imperialist systems show, these suckers cannot smash revolution: "You can jail a revolutionary but you can't jail a revolution. You can run a freedom fighter around the country but you can't run freedom around the country. You can murder a liberator but you can't murder revolution."

**THEY NEVER LEARN!** Didn't they kill Malcolm, Cabral, George Jackson? Yes, they killed these comrades, but what they stood for and endlessly fought for are huge inspirations to all oppressed peoples in their life and death struggle against all oppression. They are gone but their ideas live on. And through these struggles millions more Bikos will step courageously forward to carry on the task.

**THEY NEVER LEARN!** Brother Biko's life symbolized the real and just aspiration of the Azanian people for independence, liberation, peace and justice. They surely cannot understand how the ruthless murder of brother Biko will turn into a good thing and push South Africa ever closer to its inevitable doom. Imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism are the cause of Biko's death, but their attacks only further rally and consolidate the people to the fact that racist South Africa must go. NOW!!!

**THEY NEVER LEARN!** Be it in Soweto, Harlem, or Iran, that murdering our brothers, sisters and comrades only tends to make us redouble our efforts worldwide to struggle together to end this oppression.

In South Africa Steven Biko was cut down in the stream of life attempting to serve the people by raising their political awareness and getting the people to believe in themselves more and more. This Black Consciousness Movement, led by Biko, Nelson Mandela and others is similar to the Black Identity Movement of the Afro-American people during the late 50s and early 60s in the U.S. These common struggles arise because the imperi-

alists oppress people of the same nationality and incite racial antagonisms to maintain their rule.

**THEY NEVER LEARN!** That, as the great revolutionary Mao Tsetung summed up the wild attacks of reactionaries worldwide against the people's just cause: "In the final analysis, their persecution of the revolutionary people only serves to accelerate the people's revolutions on a broader and a more intense scale."

But we, as part of the world's people who are struggling against all repression, have learned--wherever there is oppression, there is resistance. The resistance increases against all odds until our victory. Kampuchea (Cambodia), Laos and Vietnam are some good examples. And their victories show that "the masses are the makers of history and the motive force in pushing society forward."

**THEY NEVER LEARN!** No matter how many times the imperialists have been defeated, they try to sneak back in to make more trouble. Now the U.S. State Department tries to weasel their top ranking officials into Biko's funeral like sly foxes. Only a few years ago, these same imperialists were training fascist thugs to beat up and torture liberation fighters like Biko in their dungeons. Now that the tide has turned towards revolution, all of a sudden they cannot find enough words to praise Biko. Disgusting! All of a sudden, slick types like Andrew (Puppet) Young are drooling after the liberation organizations in order to stab them in the back. The imperialist could not destroy the revolution with repression and guns. But while they continue

to pump arms into the fascist Vorster regime, they are saying syrupy words to swindle the revolution. They never learn! And they'll never stop until they're thoroughly smashed and thrown out once and for all by the Azanian people!!

**THEY NEVER LEARN!** From Mississippi to Johannesburg the heroic people's struggle reaches new heights daily. In Southern Africa, there was Sharpeville and Soweto, and in America, Watts and Harlem, just to name a few. These spontaneous struggles showed the concentrated expression of the people's struggle against oppression, especially national oppression.

In Azania today the people have come out resisting by any means this fascist terror. The people are using their fists, stones, the match, strikes, street demonstrations to defy and kick the decaying apartheid system to its well-deserved early death.

We condemn the murder (yes, murder and we can call it nothing else) of Steven Biko and are putting out a clarion call to schools, organizations, countries, and all progressive peoples to put out press releases condemning this barbarous act. Brother Biko's death will not be forgotten. The relentless struggle of the Azanian and world's people against all forms of oppression will send this rotten system of apartheid to its long overdue grave. That day is almost here.

LONG LIVE THE MEMORY OF STEVEN BIKO!! ■

# September 16th In Greeley, Colorado BATTLECRY FOR CHICANO LIBERATION

September 16th is a day born in revolutionary struggle.

It was on the 16th of September 1810, from the village of Dolores, Mexico that Father Miguel Hidalgo rose up and gave the famous "El Grito de Dolores"--the Cry of Independence--against the chains of Spanish colonial rule.

Although Father Hidalgo and much of the original army of Mestizos and Indios were themselves captured and executed, this great rebellion planted the seed for the Mexican peoples' victorious struggle for Independence from Spain eleven years later.

This Sept. 16th, on Mexican Independence Day, the people of Mexico celebrated their centuries-long history of struggle against colonialism and imperialism.

## SPIRIT OF SEPT. 16TH LIVES IN GREELEY

In this country, throughout the Southwest and other areas, the Chicano and Mexican people have always celebrated Mexico's Independence Day. Sept. 16th has become a source of strength and a part of the tradition of struggle against national oppression.

This tradition continues to live in the struggle of the Chicano community of Greeley, Colorado. Over 150 people--workers, students, and community residents--took the spirit of Sept. 16th as a call to battle. Winding through the streets of the Chicano barrio, marching through the downtown business district, and stopping at the doorstep of the Greeley police department, they marched and demonstrated to demand the right to have and control their community centers.

Calling to defend the rights of immigrant workers without papers, the marchers chanted "The Workers United

Will Never Be Defeated!" In solidarity and support of the Mexican people's fight against imperialist domination, the demonstrators raised the slogan, "U.S. Hands Off Mexico!"

That evening over 350 people rallied together in the tradition of "El Grito de Dolores" and with the determination to carry on the struggle for Chicano Liberation.

The demonstrators were continuing the on-going struggle against years of vicious attacks and constant harassment by the police against the community. The North Side Chicano Community is kept constantly



Under this flag Villa and Zapata led the Mexican masses against US invaders. Sept. 16 is celebrated in this tradition.

under surveillance as police step up their attacks on immigrant workers without papers.

Recently, under the pretext of looking for the murderer of Mary Pierce, a storeclerk who was kidnapped, raped and murdered, the police are creating hysteria throughout the community in their search for a man who is supposedly Mexican-American. Over 150 Chicanos have been taken in for ques-

tioning, many of them beaten up in the process. Any Chicano is randomly being harassed whether they fit the description or not.

Last summer 300 youths were attacked by police while leaving a dance, resulting in 11 being arrested. Two weeks later, the youth fought back in the local park, putting two cops in the hospital. Out of struggles such as this, the community demanded a recreation center.

While the "drop-out" (that is, push-out) rate and unemployment rise, and jailings increase, the city politicians would keep making "promises" about building a North Side Recreation Center and providing jobs for young people.

Now the police department is trying to use this real need of the community to set up "police recreation centers"--centers run and operated by the police without say from the community.

Former Greeley police chief John Parkinson used the "stick" to keep Chicanos in "place". However, as this only fueled the community's anger and determination to fight against this repression. The new police chief, Bud J. Eddington, has turned to the "carrot" by coming on as "Mr. Nice Guy" and using reforms to pacify, check and divert the legitimate anger of the Chicano people. This is the real purpose behind the police recreation centers. The same cop who shoot youths in the streets are now attempting to pose as "camp counselors!"

The Chicano people has the right to decide what kind of community center it wants, without the double-dealing tricks of the police.

That is why when the marchers chanted, "We say fight, The police say no, Police Rec Centers have got to go!", they voiced the common demand of the Chicano community: that the North Side Center be built--not "tomorrow" but right now, and not "police rec centers" but centers under the control and in the interests of the community.

This spirit of resistance continues the Chicano people's history of struggle in Colorado. In 1970, 1200 marched against the injustices of the welfare department. 300 reached the state capitol after marching 70 miles in the middle of winter, demanding the right to bilingual, bicultural education.

In 1972, high school students in Greeley and around Weld county affirmed once again, the revolutionary tradition of Sept. 16th by walking out of the schools en masse. With the full support of their parents, they climbed out the windows when the Administration locked the doors, demanding the right to use Spanish, learn their history and the right to have a voice in running the schools.

## MEXICO STILL UNDER FOREIGN DOMINATION

Although the people of Mexico won their independence from Spain almost 150 years ago, Mexico is still suffering under foreign domination. The Spanish were defeated,

but the US colonizers stepped into their shoes. The US ruling class which had always turned a greedy eye towards the land to its south. In



The revolutionary tradition of Sept. 16. Police attacks on the Chicano community. 150 people marched through the streets.

1846, it launched a bloody war of conquest which stole outright half of the territory of Mexico, what is now, the US Southwest.

Today the US imperialist continue the plunder and brutal exploitation of the Mexican people. Under the whip of the US monopoly capitalist penetration and control--from Ford to Coca-Cola--workers slave in the factories for starvation wages, the peasants squeezed off the land, and more and more are thrown into the streets to join the masses of unemployed. Each year, hundreds of thousands are forced to leave their homes and immigrate to the US.

Then the US capitalists turn around and point a finger at the Mexican workers--the victims of imperialist exploitation--to use them as a scapegoat for the capitalist system's own crimes of unemployment here.

Of course in periods when they need cheap labor these two-faced bloodsuckers don't hesitate to use "illegal aliens". During World War II when the capitalists desperately needed labor, the US "legally" brought in hundreds of thousands of Mexican farm-



"El Grito De Dolores" was given by Father Hidalgo on Sept. 16, 1810, as he led his army against the Spanish colonialists. This day, has come to symbolize the struggle of Chicanos and Mexicanos for liberation.

# MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY SPEECH IN GREELEY

## Historical Development And New Victory Of Chicano National Movement

### BROTHERS AND SISTERS-

This is an historic day. In 1810, Padre Miguel Hidalgo made his cry of independence that eventually led the Indio and Mestizo people to independence from the corrupt rule of Spain.

We are here today, after many years of struggle, to let our "cry of Greeley" be heard everywhere in the Chicano movement and in the working class struggle. We feel that today we have found the correct road to revolution and that our organizations are going to move by leaps and bounds.

We have not come to this point through just reading about it or just thinking about it, but our clarity has come through many years of struggling alongside the many people who are here today. Our lessons have come from listening to you the people as we have worked alongside of you. They have come from summing-up our experiences and criticizing our mistakes in order to correct them and become more conscious in our leadership.

In this area, since the late 60's we have all learned--we have all moved forward. Our struggle here emerged out of the objective conditions that led us to the late 60's and early 70's. Our struggle came out of the farmworkers movement as they fought to build a union and build a better life for all farmworkers. It came out of the land struggle movement in New Mexico, where Chicano peasants took up arms to defend their lands and kick out the big landowners. It came out of the Farah strike where Chicana workers in unity with immigrant workers from Mexico waged a hard fought battle for the right to organize.

It came out of the militant Black Liberation Movement which struck back from the West Coast to the East Coast -- demanding what was rightfully theirs. It came from the heroic struggle of the Vietnamese people to liberate themselves from US imperialism and from the many movements here in the US who militantly supported the Vietnamese fight for their state sovereignty.

Our history here is deeply rooted in all these great movements. With the inspiration of these movements, 1200 of us marched in 1970 against the injustices of the welfare department. 300 of us reached the state capital after marching 70 miles in the middle of winter, demanding our right to bilingual, bicultural education.

We took up issue after issue, fighting for basic democratic rights - thinking that the essential difference between Chicano and white people lay in the lack of economic power and consequently political power on the part of the Chicano community.

We came to believe that if we struggled for bilingual education, for control of the school boards, and city councils - for Chicanos in small businesses and high positions - that we would gain liberation.

But we learned-again through the struggle- through our own experiences- that once Chicanos got high positions - they forgot where

those gains came from, and they simply became substitutes. They simply became Vendidos! We learned that it didn't really change things.

Today, the unemployment lines are just as long. The drug rate, the crime rate and the juvenile delinquency rate has continued to increase among our people. Prices are going up, while wages are being lowered. And we don't know if we are going to have our jobs tomorrow. Those brothers and sisters who continued to believe that we could reform this system, have lost all faith in the people and in the movement.

We learned that although the

*"We learned that it is the nature of this system to not give any more than it has to. And any gains we made came because we marched, we protested, and forced the system to give. What little we have has not been given to us. We have had to fight for it. We learned and we know today that the foundation is the system of monopoly capitalism. And that the only way to make significant changes, real change for ourselves and all oppressed people is through revolution!"*



cry for community control was progressive at that time - in that it led many Chicanos out into the streets demanding our democratic rights that have been denied us through hundreds of years of exploitation - on the whole led to many Chicanos selling out to the system. We learned and we know today that there can be no real control of the institutions which govern our lives unless there is also control over the entire foundation on which these institutions depend.

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Out of the struggle for our democratic rights we joined La Raza Unida Party, viewing it as the avenue to gain Chicano liberation. In the struggle through La Raza Unida, we learned that the electoral process was not the correct road to go and that the question was not one of white people oppressing us but of an entire system of monopoly capitalism which oppresses all oppressed nationalities and working people.

In breaking with La Raza

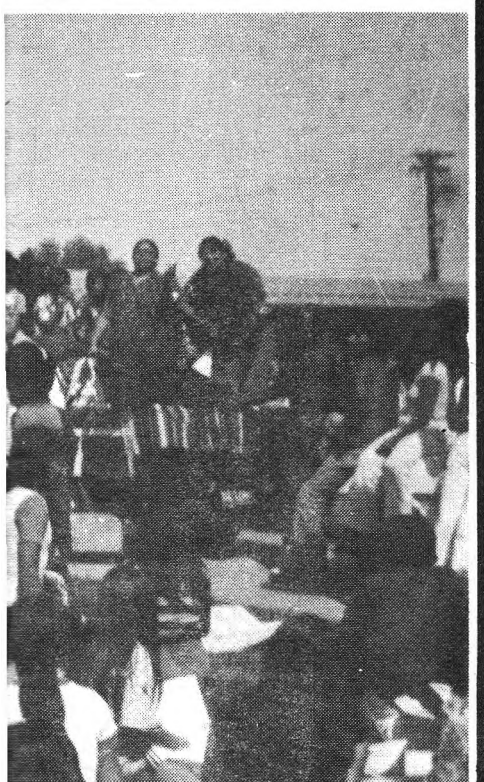
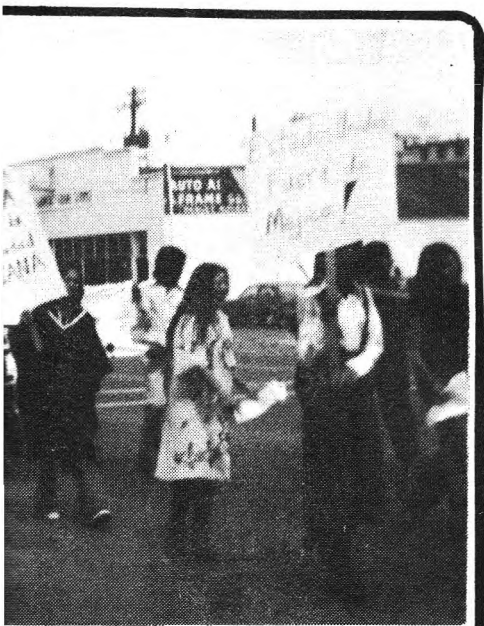
Unida Party and its main proponent - The Crusade For Justice- we took a new direction. We studied revolution, its reality in Vietnam, in China and in Latin America. And again we learned that they all had something in common - as we have something in common. In every one of these countries the people were tired of being exploited - they wanted liberation. In every one of these countries there was a rising tide of revolution and the leadership was the working class- the toilers- struggling against the few owners of the land, the wealth and the corporations.

In all these countries the conditions created the need for a guiding theory, a theory that summed-up the history of the international working class a theory that is a science of revolution that has led to the liberation of oppressed peoples and to the emancipation of the working class. The theory of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought.

We learned this and we sought to be organized and to organize the working class to become strong in consciousness. In trying to apply what we learned, we entered into a national organization of C.A.S.A. (Center of Autonomous Social Action), because C.A.S.A. was also saying that Marxism-Leninism was the only true revolutionary theory and the only way to carry out revolution was through organizing the working class to take the lead. C.A.S.A. distorted these basic principles and this reflected in our work. In fact they continued keeping the Chicano movement and working class movement divided.

In practice, although we had moved to a higher point in grasping Marxism-Leninism's leading role, we did not understand Marxism-Leninism in practice. In reality C.A.S.A. was not a revolutionary organization because it only tried to organize undocumented workers and did not deal with the conditions of all oppressed people and the entire working class in the US.

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*Lives on in Greeley, Colorado! Will not be tolerated as over against class and national oppression.*

workers under the Bracero Program. The "illegal aliens" are considered illegal by the bourgeoisie in every way except to be exploited legally when needed.

#### CHICANO MASSES FIGHT NATIONAL OPPRESSION IN US

Just as the people of Mexico face the monster of US imperialism so too the Chicano and Mexicano people here in its belly face the same enemy. It is the same enemy which has erected a whole system of national oppression to squeeze profits from their misery. The same enemy which daily discriminates, batters, drugs, and jails the Chicano people. The same enemy which is responsible for the 12 hour days of the farmworkers in the grape and lettuce fields of California, the police shootings in West Denver and the barrios of the Southwest, the guns of the Border Patrol and the terror of the "Migra".

The Chicano people have never stopped fighting against national oppression. Sept. 16th has come to symbolize the struggle of Chicanos and Mexicanos for liberation. The revolutionary spirit of Father Hidalgo is in the tradition of the

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good" in comparison with the fascists.

So what does Jesse Jackson stand for? Does he fight for quality education? For the right of students to go to the school of their choice? Does he fight for the unity of the working class, both white and black? Does he expose the capitalists' budget cuts? NO! Jesse Jackson will not bite the hand that feeds him.

So what does his Operation Push stand for? Integrated cop teams in our schools! That's his "solution" to the decaying schools and budget cuts! But does it make one shred of difference whether it is white cops or black cops who are beating up our children?

Every week we hear of some student who is beaten mercilessly by the Chicago cops. Trigger happy cops have always used students for target practice. Chicago cops are notorious throughout the country for their "shoot now, ask questions later" tactics. And now Jesse Jackson calls out for more cop "protection."

Jesse Jackson is serving his bosses well. While Operation Resist and the other fascists beat the drum for segregation and race hatred, promoting the worst bourgeois poison in the white workers, Jesse Jackson and other slick operators like him on the capitalist payroll are disintegrating the working class by promoting phony "solutions" like more integrated cop teams. Operation Push and Operation Resist are truly two sides to the process of fascization.

The capitalists are well aware that, with the present economic crisis (the worst since the Depression) and with the rise of revolutionary movements around the world and at home, that they need different, more sophisticated tactics to split our rising movement. As the capitalists gear up for war with the other superpower, the Soviet Union, they are also preparing, as a last resort to crush our movement, to institute fascism, open terrorist rule, in this country. The main way in which fascism will ride in to the U.S. will be through racism. Therefore, reactionary organizations like Operation Resist and Operation Push play key roles in this process of fascization. These fascists and liberal organizations feed off each other. Jesse Jackson and the white racists need each other to make themselves "look good." Both push "solutions" which incite black workers and white workers against each other. Politically, they propose "solutions" which let the capitalists off the hook and which fan the flames of racial hatred.

Reformists like Jesse Jackson are dangerous because they prop up and defend the capitalists by pushing bourgeois democratic illusions (for example, the "power" of the ballot box, social agencies, etc.) leaving the workers ideologically unprepared for fascism and diverting them from the course of proletarian revolution.

COMMITTEE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION--MASS FIGHTING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MULTI-NATIONAL WORKING CLASS.

While liberal and fascist alike have been trying to split the unity of the working class,

the Committee for Quality Education has always stuck to the correct, principled position, upholding the right of national minorities and oppressed nationalities to go to the school of their choice in absolute safety, without fear of racist attacks. Demonstrations like the one held on September 7th shows why the CQE has been relatively successful in unleashing the initiative of working class parents. First, the CQE has been clear and unwavering in its principles. In the midst of the fog of confusion spread by the capitalists, the CQE has raised the slogans:

\*\*\*Fight for quality education, against racism and national oppression!

\*\*\*End the ruling class forced busing plan to divide and rule the working class!

\*\*\*Fight for the right of minorities to go to the schools of their choice!

And second, the CQE derives great strength from its multinational character. Afro-Americans, Latins, Asian Americans, whites--all are fighting for the same principles!

Struggles like the September 7th demonstration are just the opening shots. The CQE-led strike proves that the masses are truly the makers of history. As the CQE sinks deeper and deeper roots into the working class communities, it will unite and lead the masses while exposing the divisive tactics of the Board of Education. ■

**Fight  
for Quality Education -  
Working Class Unite!**



Chicago parents and students have consistently fought for quality education and will not be thrown off the track by the sham schemes of the Board of Education, like the so-called "voluntary" busing plan.



The struggle for quality education has been truly multinational which alone, has been a defeat for the Board of Education's plan to split the working class.

## Correction

In the August 1977 issue of Workers Viewpoint, we incorrectly stated the Principles of Unity of the African Liberation Support Committee on page 9.

The second principle of unity should read: "Oppose the two superpowers, US imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism, the two main enemies of the people of the world. The main duty of the US people is to fight US imperialism as part of the united front against the two superpowers being waged by 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 fourth principle of unity should read: "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 US and support the right to self-determination of the Afro-American nation in the Black Belt South up to and including the right to secession."

# CHINA TOWN

even reactionary ones began to report it, the CCBA was forced to come out with a statement of support. However, the terms proposed by the CCBA of compromises and sellouts were unacceptable to the masses, and the victim's family, and they were turned down.

## Reactionary KMT Spread Confucianism To Kill Struggle

Then the KMT got into the act. The KMT Consulate General, K. C. Shia came out with another "support" statement and went to visit the family offering "free lawyers" if the Chang's would let them take up the "defense". All these gestures were meant to prettify their ugly image within the community and provide more basis to push themselves forward as leaders of the community. When their offer was not accepted and threats did not intimidate, their "support gestures" turned to sabotage. They tightened the screws on the local media which they have controlled and tried to impose a news blackout of the struggle in the community. When this proved impossible due to mass sentiment, they distorted the news and gave full play to the police precinct press release which stressed confidence and "trust" in the police captain. They asked the community to submit the whole thing to the hands of the "objective and impartial" Civilian Review Board, and not to take the matter into their own hands. They even started to pump reactionary Confucian ethics about "restraint of oneself" and how the militant struggle might "draw contempt" through a local radio station that they have ties with.

These KMT reactionaries are an obstacle in any struggle against class and national oppression. Their slimy character exposes itself clearest when (through their present upper hand in the CCBA leadership), they plan to present an award to the precinct captain for his "good" service to the community amidst cries of the community for his dismissal! While the nature of the KMT is clear to most Chinese immigrants, there is more unclarity on the KMT reactionary influence through the different fronts they control. This influence must be exposed thoroughly to the masses as workers and communists take leadership in struggles. The KMT's support in words did create some confusion among the masses, but it

also helped to consolidate AAFE's leadership to the relatively more advanced.

The KMT does not even represent most of the petty bourgeois small proprietors in this national minority community. Some of these small shop keepers can be rallied under working class leadership in the struggle against national oppression. The fact that many garment shop-owners were swept into the motion and gave donations to the defense fund is a clear indication of correct united front with the multinational working class as the main force.

## Target Of United Front Tactic

The target of the united front is against the US monopoly capitalists and their state apparatus such as the police. The KMT, the Chinese comprador bourgeoisie, because its interests are so closely interwoven with the US imperialists', politically, militarily, and economically, is a part of the target in this local struggle. But despite their attempts to be sophisticated and switch to "liberal tactics", because of their exposed character in this local community, they are not even the main danger. Even the local police precinct captain, a slightly slicker replacement of another stone-racist captain kicked out of the community by the struggle of the masses two years ago is less exposed than the KMT, because of the protection he provides for the small merchants from the gangs.

Because the KMT this year has the upper hand in the leadership structure of the CCBA in NY, they play a more prominent role this time. But because of their crude tactics like locking out the community people when the Defense Committee demanded that the community hearing be held in the CCBA's auditorium, in the long run they are not as dangerous as some of the more liberal, reformist representatives of the US imperialists in this oppressed national minority community. The US monopoly capitalists will find and promote these "liberal" agents as they have done in the Afro-American communities where struggles have historically been sharper and the resistance greater and where the masses have learned through their own experiences.



## Fight Has Already Scored Victories

The struggle for Mrs. Chang is still going on. But already the masses under the Defense Committee's leadership have scored tremendous victories. They have forced the police to react like turkeys with fires on their butts. They have once again taught the police the lesson that they can not lightly mess with the oppressed masses. Every time they do that, the masses will be organized that much more and resistance rise to ever higher levels. The masses have scored a victory because the struggle has once again forced the KMT as well as all opportunists of all varieties to jump out and expose themselves, raising the masses' consciousness.

## Most Important Gain

But most important, the oppressed nationality in Chinatown has scored a big victory because its advanced and active fighters are unleashed. Through the struggle, they have learned to agitate and organize, and are trained to be the ideological and political leadership. They are preparing themselves for the greater battles ahead, along with the rest of the U.S. proletariat in struggle.

The struggle continues. The demonstration called for October 6 is being built daily as AAFE is picking up momentum in leading the Chinese community in its fight against class and national oppression. ■



In May, 1975, 25,000 people from the Chinatown community marched on City Hall in New York to protest the beating of Peter Yew by the police of the Fifth Precinct. This was the historic May 12 - May 19th Movement led by Asian Americans for Equality, then known as Asian Americans for Equal Employment and now a nation-wide organization.

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courageous fighters who successfully led armed resistance throughout the Southwest, like Joaquín Murieta in California, and Juan Cortina who fought against the vicious Texas Rangers, the hired thugs of the big US cattle barons and landowners. And Sept. 16th is celebrated in the tradition of revolutionaries like Emiliano Zapata and Pancho Villa, who under the banner of "Tierra y Libertad" -- Land and Liberty -- mobilized the Mexican peasants in their millions and waged years of guerrilla war against the invading US Army and the rich landlords.

## FROM BEAUTY PAGEANTS TO DAYS OF STRUGGLE

Despite the fact that Sept. 16th was a day born out of revolution, some of the Chicano petty bourgeoisie and reformists diverted the powerful sentiment of the masses and turned it into a day of profit-making through carnivals, fiestas, beauty queen pageants, and downtown parades.

But with the great upsurge of the Chicano Liberation Movement in the 60's and 70's, Mexican Independence Day grew from a day of festivals to a day of resistance. With the tremendous struggles for democratic rights and the rising consciousness of the Chicano masses, the celebration of the day has driven fear into the hearts of the US imperialists who wanted to cut out its revolutionary content and divert the anger and sentiment of the people.

Throughout the Southwest and in other areas, Chicanos have used the 16th of Sept. for demonstrating against police brutality, immigrant repression, and for better housing, health care, and bilingual education. In parts of Western Texas, New Mexico, and Southern Colorado, Mexico's Independence Day has been used to unite and arouse the masses in the struggle for land.

In areas where a large population of immigrant workers live, like Los Angeles, San Antonio, and Chicago, the struggle takes on the character of one against US imperialist domination of Mexico. In the spirit of the "Grito



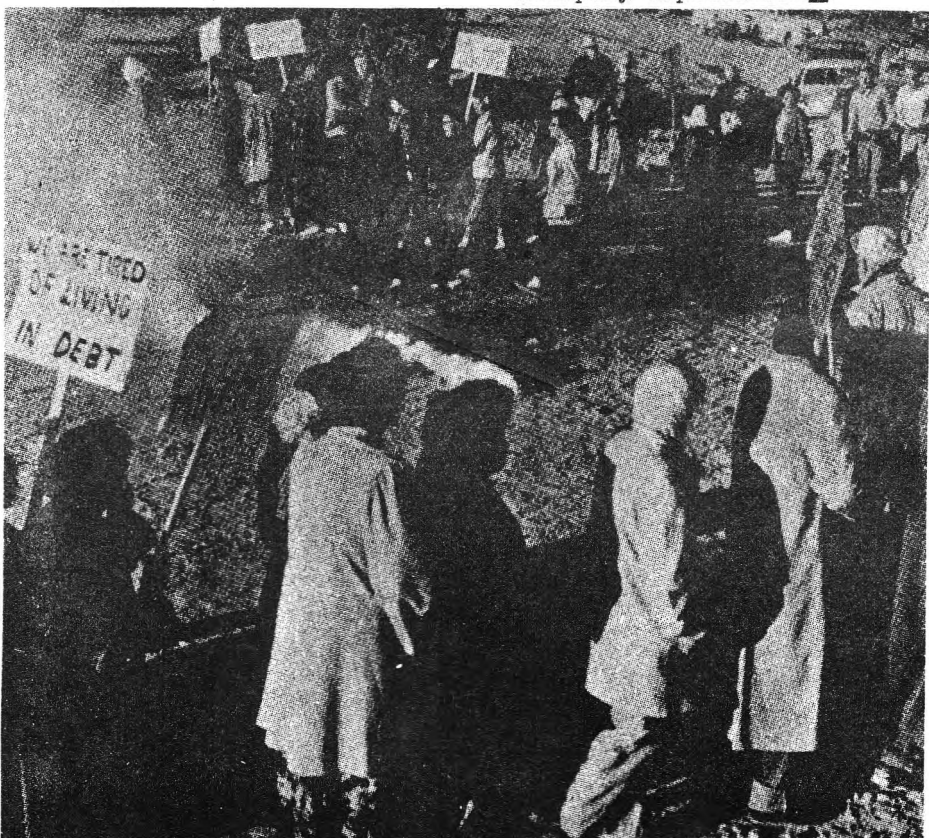
The fight against police brutality has been a long and militant one among Chicanos. Here, Chicanos in Denver angrily denounce the murder of two young brothers by the police.

de Dolores" the Chicano and Mexicano people have consistently risen up on Sept. 16th in solidarity and support for Mexico's struggle to defend and safeguard her complete independence.

The struggle against oppression also is consciously expressed in the struggle for democratic rights. In towns like East Chicago, Indiana, a steeltown, Chicanos have celebrated Independence Day by demanding more jobs from the steel monopoly capitalists like Youngstown and Inland.

The United Farm Workers rank and file have celebrated Mexico's Independence Day as part of their proud tradition of fighting oppression and exploitation. Their long battle to organize and defend their union shows the power of the merger between the Chicano and working class movements.

In the revolutionary tradition of Sept. 16th, the struggle of the Chicano and Mexicano people will continue, and the merger of the Chicano Liberation Movement and the US working class movement under the leadership of the genuine Communist Party will inevitably one day see the end of the criminal rule of US monopoly capitalism. ■



Chicana women have historically held up half the sky in their people's struggle against the bourgeoisie from the picket lines of the farmworkers to the Farah strikers.

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We were crippled by this outlook, though we tried to take leadership in the movement. We didn't deal with the real issues facing the whole class. In 1975, we attempted to take leadership of the strike at the Monforts Provision Plant. Because we only communicated to Chicano workers, the management accused us of splitting the white and Chicano workers. This kind of nationalism was what we have been trying to break with in past years, but we found ourselves pulled back into it, dividing the different races instead of uniting the entire working class to beat back the bosses and fight against the ruling class in the US. You saw this in our work in the community center, where we withdrew from many of the issues facing the entire community and the movement as a whole.

In breaking with CASA we were able to reaffirm the truth of Marxism-Leninism and towards recognizing that the only way we could lead the masses to revolution was through an organization of the most revolutionary fighters of the working class.

At this point we saw the necessity to study more deeply Marxism-Leninism so that we might be able to give real leadership to the people. This was a good thing, but we did make mistakes in thinking that we would first study and after we knew Marxism-Leninism from book to book - we would do practice. This led us to isolation from the community for a short period.

An example of this was when the Greeley police came down on youth last summer. While under the influence of the Colorado Organization for Revolutionary Struggle (CORS), a sect from Denver and the line of the League for Proletarian Revolution (LPR), another sect, we did not provide leadership to the people. Instead we sat in meeting after meeting trying to unite on points of unity not directly related to the struggle against the police. While we were doing this, the people were out in the streets taking care of business with the police in the Chili Bowl.

In our not leading this struggle, we overlooked the importance of being along-

side the people, instead of sitting in closed rooms talking about how we were going to lead the struggle. We saw clearly that this line was merely one of words. We realized that Marxism-Leninism has got to be a guide to action.

After seeing our mistakes we continued to struggle for the correct line. Our lack of clarity on what was happening all over the nation and our level of revolutionary understanding led us to unite with the August Twenty Ninth Movement (ATM).

Our experience with the ATM showed us the flipside of the coin. Although we jumped into trying to give leadership to the issues facing the community, we abandoned all Marxist-Leninist theory as our guide in leading these struggles.

Through all these struggles and mistakes we learned that Marxism-Leninism without practice leads only to talking about revolution and that practice without Marxism-Leninism can only lead to moving blindly never reaching our goal.

As we look back at our history in relation to the development of the movement, what has made us strong in grasping the truth of Marxism-Leninism has been our ties with the masses and our constant seeking out the correct road for revolution in this country, for the liberation of all oppressed people and the entire working class. The leadership of the Marxist-Leninists from this area has not been limited to Greeley, but our historic ties with the struggles of Colorado and the Southwest has also moved us forward.

An example of this was the Historic Alamosa Conference held in 1976, where the Chicano Movement took a stand with the working class and Marxism-Leninism as the only way to fight for true Chicano liberation. Honest brothers and sisters from throughout the Southwest broke with the "gringo as enemy" point of view and the reformism of La Raza Unida and the Crusade For Justice. We saw that it was the system of monopoly capitalism, a few

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rich people who were the enemy of not only the Chicano people but of all oppressed people all over the world.

Since that time, the Chicano people are recognizing more and more that the most revolutionary fighters, those people who have struggled the hardest and who at all times have the people's interests at heart, have been Marxist-Leninists.

The seeds of Marxism-Leninism planted at the Alamosa Conference are now bearing fruits - of growing political awareness among our people and producing better and firmer revolutionary fighters day by day.

just leaving leaflets on cars-but talking to all the workers-not just Chicanos, but to all workers. We consciously have begun to link up the national movement to the working class movement.

In reviving the revolutionary tradition of September 16th, we have made the struggle not one of a few but of many people. We see the need to build onto this revolutionary tradition and take conscious leadership of all issues to build ongoing strong mass organizations under the leadership of the genuine Marxist-Leninist party of the working class.

In uniting with and putting into practice the line of Workers Viewpoint - we have grasped the important tasks of winning over the best class fighters to the party and also



The US imperialists continue to plunder and brutally exploit the Mexican people. Each year hundreds of thousands are forced to leave their homes and immigrate to the US to be exploited again.

The Alamosa Conference showed us the growing strength and consciousness of our movement, in recognizing the revolutionary theory of Marxism-Leninism- Mao Tse Tung Thought.

The Alamosa Conference was a significant victory in merging the Chicano Movement with Marxism-Leninism. This September 16th is still another victory, but at a much higher level than before in building the revolutionary Chicano Movement.

Through all these years of struggles it has become clear to us what the correct road is to revolution. That workers from the mines, from the auto plants, workers of all nationalities are being united today all over the country, because of the correct line. Today here in Greeley, we see not only Chicanos, but all workers and community people of different nationalities here to celebrate the revolutionary tradition of September 16th.

This is no accident. The unity here today has come from applying the overall correct line.

That correct ideological and political line is represented by the Workers Viewpoint Organization.

This is the only line that sees the reality of the objective conditions in its application of Marxism-Leninism to the US revolution and to the Chicano Movement in particular. We see the results here today and we have seen the correctness of the line throughout the mobilization.

For the first time we went out to the factories, not

All Marxist-Leninists (Communists) and revolutionaries must unite with the correct line, the masses must see the Workers Viewpoint Organization and the party as their own leadership which will take them to eventual victory!

We, as Communists, in unity with the Workers Viewpoint Organization call upon all genuine Communists and advanced workers to join us on the correct road in building the party that will lead us to socialist revolution!

As Chicanos, we call on all the people who are fighting for democratic rights to continue the revolutionary tradition of September 16th and fight with us!

Throughout the Chicano Movement we have seen that without organization, the people cannot move forward. The Chicano people must have a fighting organization in order to struggle against national oppression. An organization able to speak to every manifestation of exploitation. An organization able to unite all those people who are waging struggle for their democratic rights.

We call for an organization that will be in the forefront of the struggle, Al Frente De Lucha, under the leadership of the strongest and most committed revolutionary fighters of the class. An organization that will fight for our rights as Chicanos and workers.

We call on all people to join on Monday, here at the center at 7:00 P.M. to begin to make this organization a reality. This organization



"CARTER-BREZHNEV YOU CAN'T HIDE, THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE WILL DECIDE!"

## ALSC Demo

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also profit from the victimization of the Azanian people who are denied all types of democratic rights. This was made clearer by each chapter member who talked about how "one out of every two Black children in Azania die at the age of 5 due to malnutrition", how "Black people work 16 hours a day for \$1.67", how "it's illegal to speak out against these atrocities", and how "Steven Biko was killed in cold blood because of his commitment to organizing the Azanian people and exposing the Vorster apartheid regime and its American backers (Rockefeller family and companies)."

### U.S. PEOPLE SUPPORT AZANIA

One passer by who was on vacation in N.Y. City from California, felt the sentiment, became clearer on the real deal in South Africa (Azania) and immediately wrote a check for the chapter to aid them in their support work of the liberation struggles in southern Africa. This truly shows how the people will support a just struggle once they're clear on who the real enemy is.

Such examples of support were really deep-rooted. At one point, a chauffeur in a long, black limousine with capitalist in tow, raised his fist in solidarity showing no apparent fear of his boss. This kind of support from people, young, old, Blacks, Latins, Asians and Whites for Brother Biko proved that a just struggle warrants support. It also illustrates the multi-national unity being rallied by the chapter in its work.

### CHAPTER GAINS RICH EXPERIENCE

By leading this struggle, the chapter gained a great

amount of respect and accumulated over 70 new contacts to aid them in the campaigns it has planned, i.e. ZLD (Zimbabwe Liberation Day) and ALD '78 (African Liberation Day). Such new forces are really a result of the hard work of the chapter, which has gone all out to build ALSC into a mass fighting organization.

Each demonstrator was an agitator, carrying a sharp sword by way of raps, leafletting, talking to people on the sidelines, hard hitting at domestic issues and linking them to the broader issues of superpower contention and, in particular the apartheid Vorster regime.

"Biko - Malcolm, all the same, Liberation is our aim."

"Carter - Brezhnev, you can't hide, the people of Azania will decide."

"Workers and oppressed people of the world, unite!"

These chants and slogans echoed throughout the entire financial area. With bullhorn in hand, standing on the 4-ft. ladder like Malcolm once did on the street corners of Harlem, chapter members and contacts showed their staunch support for the Azanian people.

Truly upholding the great tradition of Brother Malcolm X, Fred Hampton, George Jackson and Steven Biko, making it understood to all that you can kill a revolutionary but you can't kill the revolution. Each speaker on that day was a new Malcolm, another George Jackson, another Fred Hampton and indeed another Steven Biko, who will continue to defend the democratic rights of the oppressed of the world, fearing nothing, not even death. ■

will be the seed, that must be cultivated and spread out throughout the Southwest, capable of taking up the struggle of Chicanos and working class people.

Today is a victory for all of us who have struggled here in Greeley!

Today is a victory for the youth who will get their recreation center here on the northside! For the community who will run it!

Today is a victory for the Coors workers who will fight to win their strike!

Today is a victory for the workers at Monfort's, Kodak, Farmhand and Bayly's who

will fight and break the chains of wage slavery and national oppression!

Today is a victory for all of us - Workers, Students, Community people who will come together and build Al Frente De Lucha!

FIGHT FOR CHICANO LIBERATION!  
CELEBRATE THE REVOLUTIONARY TRADITION OF SEPT. 16th!  
BREAK THE CHAINS OF WAGE SLAVERY AND NATIONAL OPPRESSION!

FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM!  
WORKERS AND ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLES UNITE! ■

# France

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workers, while the Soviet Union wants to dominate France for their own imperialist ends. Image-wise, being identified with the naked aggression of the Soviet Union, like in Czechoslovakia in 1968, hurts the French revisionists.

In the final analysis, however, it is clear that the revisionists would capitulate to one or the other superpower to save their own neck, and would have no qualms about selling out the national interest if they saw it would bring them some momentary gain, exactly like the monopoly capitalists who control France now.

On the other hand, the sham socialists have openly said that the U.S. should not intervene in the event of revisionists getting into the government. This is, of course, no abstract question, given the U.S. imperialists' role in brutally crushing the regime of Allende in Chile. At the height of the mass upsurge of the students and workers in 1968, the U.S. imperialists were preparing to intervene militarily in France using NATO troops from West Germany. You can be sure that the CIA, along with their Soviet counterpart, the KGB, are right now very busy interfering in the internal politics of France in the superpowers' attempt to dominate Europe.

## 'COMMON PROGRAMME': COMMON BETRAYAL

When the electoral agreement between the two revisionist parties came about in 1972, they also agreed to run on a "Common Programme." One of the main features was the nationalization of a number of industries after a revisionist victory at the polls. This nationalization platform is one of the keys that highlights the revisionist road and its attempt at deceiving the working class.

Nationalization of corporations is nothing new to the French monopoly capitalists. Under General De Gaulle's first post-World War II government, the bourgeoisie nationalized 2/3 of the banking and insurance companies, including the three biggest banks and Renault, the biggest auto maker in Europe today.

The revisionists are now squabbling among themselves about "how much more" should be nationalized. The "Communist" Party argues for more nationalization, while the "socialists" argue for less. In a statement that actually cuts through both of the revisionists, a "socialist" bigwig said, "the communists think that nationalizing 13 is capitalism, while 14 makes socialism."

For France, the second world monopoly capitalists have to battle the giant monopolies of the two superpowers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, especially in the grip of the capitalist crisis. To do this, they need to centralize their industries, to streamline them and concentrate their capital and technology to fight for markets (even in their own country) and raw materials against the superpower monopolies like GM, General Electric and IBM. For instance, the combined sales of GM is \$47 billion, more than four times the sales of the nationalized Renault auto makers in France. The biggest computer maker in France is under the control of IBM and the second largest is controlled by Honeywell, headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. While in the U.S., both Boeing and McDonnell-Douglas were competing to build the SST, it took the combined efforts of France and Britain to build their SST.

Nationalization by the monopoly capitalists will occur as an objective necessity under capitalism, especially with the deepening economic crisis. This will in fact aid the proletariat after the necessary seizure of state power through violent revolution. It will make it easier to convert the control of production to state ownership under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

From the tactical point of view, under capitalism nationalization can help bail the capitalists out of crises, as well as, under some conditions help to slit the capitalists' throats. With the industries nationalized the target for every struggle of workers in those industries becomes the capitalist state directly. There is less and less the illusion that the government is a "neutral" party between the workers and the immediate boss. The economic struggle becomes political, much faster in this situation, directed straight at the heart of the capitalist state; raising the level of the political consciousness of the workers.

## REVISIONISTS GETTING COLD FEET ?

In recent weeks the revisionists and sham socialists have been going at it like cats and dogs. There are reports in the bourgeois press that it means the collapse of the Union of the Left. Whether it does or not remains to be seen.

What is all the squabbling about? One interpretation is that the French revisionists are having second thoughts about being the "junior partner" in the alliance. Given the fact that the government of Giscard d'Estaing is exposed to many of the French masses, and the historic rise of the vote of the sham socialists under Mitterand, from 5% in 1972 to 32% today, it is clear that the Union of the Left has a chance to get into power.

But right now the revisionist "Communist" Party of France is trapped by its bankrupt line of "peaceful transition to socialism." When the revisionists entered into the alliance with the sham socialists in 1972, their whole aim was to ride into power with the Socialist Party's support. At that point, the revisionists were the senior partner with 25% of the vote to the sham socialists' 5%. Since then, however, the world has turned upside down for the revisionists. The question has become who is riding on whom? The sham socialists now have 32% of the vote, while the revisionist vote has dropped to 20%. This shows the revisionists' stupid parliamentary cretinism, their belief that the parliamentary struggle is the sole or under all circumstances the main form of the political struggle. Their illusions in bourgeois democracy is as deep as a bottomless pit.

This makes them the junior partner in the coalition. If the revisionists stay in the united front, they will help the sham socialists become the major ruling party, while the revisionists, although part of the government will not control it. The revisionists will not be able to set policy for the government, but as part of the ruling coalition, as it is increasingly exposed, will take whatever lumps the ruling coalition is subjected to by the masses.

But the revisionists are nervous about pulling out. One important factor is the number of local party officials, like the mayors of the cities under revisionist governments, who are banking on the party getting into power in order to retain support among the masses.

An example of the bind that the revisionists are caught in is shown by the town of St. Etienne, an industrial city 240 miles south of Paris. Running on a platform of reducing unemployment, a revisionist former trade union leader was elected mayor with the support of the sham socialists.

Right now, the town's largest employer, Manufrance, is virtually bankrupt, and if it closes its doors, 3,850 workers would be thrown out on the streets. The rub of this is that Manufrance is 29% owned by the city of St. Etienne, headed by the revisionist mayor.

So the good mayor is banking on the revisionists getting into the national government after the elections next March, hoping that then the company might be nationalized or at least heavily subsidized with state funds. Of course, if the revisionists do not get into the government, this revisionist will be unable to deliver on his promise of cutting unemployment, will be exposed and will lose his base among the workers. Multiplied around the country, not getting into the government could mean real trouble for the revisionists among the workers.

This is the web that the revisionists' line of "peaceful transition to socialism" has got them stuck in. On the one hand, join the government and be exposed with it, or on the other stay out and risk losing the support they have. Such is the blind alley that revisionism inevitably leads to.

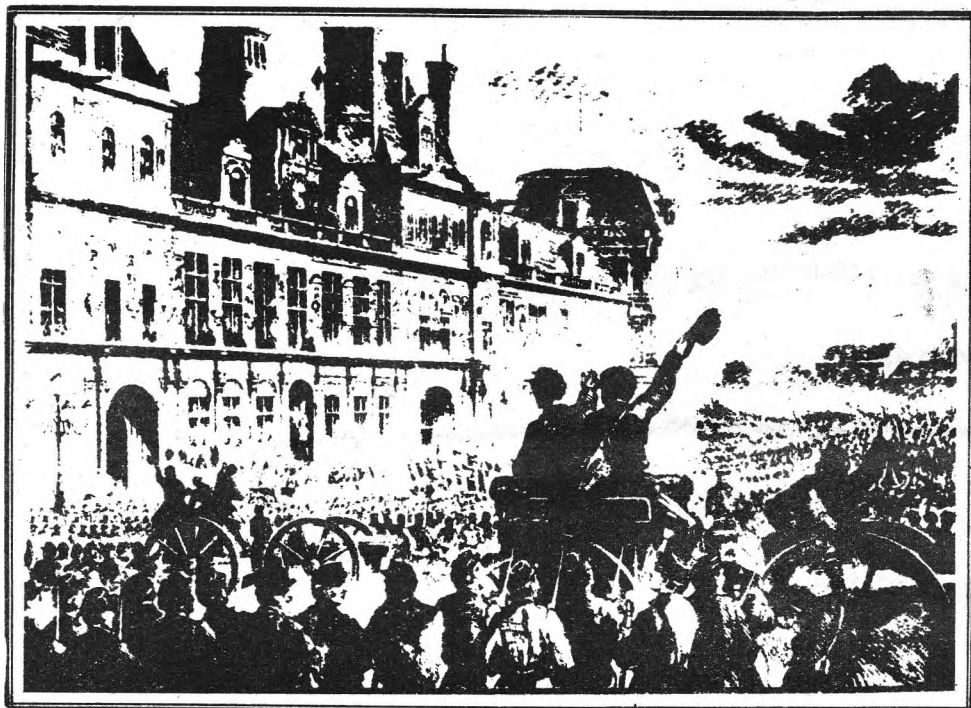
## REVISIONISTS SURE TO BE EXPOSED

But this parliamentary maneuvering, each revisionist and sham soc-

of the revisionist party. The CGT has a membership of around 1,700,000, 40% of all organized workers in France. Around a fifth of the 20 million workers in France are organized in trade unions. According to the revisionists, they have 5,000 cells in workplaces, ranging from heavy industry to office workers and teachers.

Even if the revisionists do succeed in getting into a controlling position in the government, they will not be able to reverse the deepening economic crisis of French capitalism, and will have to brutally suppress the rising anger and militancy of the masses, showing themselves for what they are: bourgeois wolves hiding under the socialist banner. When the workers and oppressed masses of France see through the deception of the revisionists, the road to revolution led by the genuine Communists in France will not be long.

Whatever the revisionists do, however, they won't be able to pull off any substantial change in capitalism. In order to make themselves "acceptable" to the petty-bourgeoisie, they have dropped in words and deeds the fight for the dictatorship of the proletariat from their programme. They have thrown out the lesson of the revolutionary Paris Commune, that only the most ruthless suppression of the monopoly capitalists, and especially the



Paris Commune of 1871, the first time the proletariat held state power, proved the necessity of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the ruthless suppression of the bourgeoisie.

ialist trying to use each other and trying to expose each other, will sooner or later lead to their total exposure to the French masses, who will learn through their own experience the treachery of these scabs.

The revisionist "Communist" Party of France has more than once shown its true sinister nature, most dramatically in the events of May 1968. Started by a student strike, workers soon joined the massive street demonstrations and a general strike aimed at the De Gaulle government broke out. The revisionists helped the fearful monopoly capitalists suppress the revolutionary movement of the masses by making the trade union it controls, the Confederation General du Travail (General Confederation of Labor)--CGT, come out openly against the mass demonstration and strike and order the workers back to work. This was an openly counterrevolutionary act against the masses of the French workers by the revisionists, acting as agents of French monopoly capital.

Should the revisionists come to power and control the government, the anger of the working class will be aimed directly at them! This is a very crucial point in the situation in France, because the largest trade union, CGT, is under the domination of the revisionist "Communist" Party of France. The head of the CGT is Georges Seguy, a member of the top-level Political Bureau

smashing of the bourgeois army and bureaucracy which enforces the will of the capitalists, will give the working class a fighting chance to build a socialist society which eliminates oppression and exploitation step by step. Without the most determined preparation and use in a revolutionary situation of armed struggle against the bourgeoisie, any attempt to set up the rule of the working class is doomed. The masses of Chile paid for this lesson with their blood in the streets of Santiago, led into the trap by the revisionists who pushed the line of "peaceful transition to socialism." If this is repeated in France, it will be a historic tragedy on a vastly larger scale. ■

## Correction

In the column, "Women Hold Up Half The Sky", appearing in the September 1977 issue of Workers Viewpoint, we incorrectly stated that the Mondale-Packwood Bill (Daycare Bill) was passed last year. The Daycare Bill has not been passed. It is still a proposed bill.

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## Logan

ganized. While this is a step forward, the union leadership could easily do much more. If the leadership really wants to support the Logan workers it should

actively organize the struggle, mobilize the entire union, and call a massive demonstration of all hospital workers and the community.

The Logan workers are relying on their own strength to continue the battle. They are organizing department by department, and setting up committees to seek out more support from the community.

### CARTER'S MASTER PLAN TO BUTCHER HEALTH CARE

The attempts to close Arthur C. Logan Hospital are only a small part of the larger plans the bourgeoisie has in store for the health care of working and poor people across the city. The city and state have stated their intention to eliminate 5,000 "excessive" beds throughout the city's municipal and private hospital system. On Sept. 23, Governor Carey announced the appointment of the first health czar, Morton Hyman, a millionaire shipping executive and banker. This new position, created for the specific purpose of centralizing the hospital system, has set as its first task the closing of up to 30 hospitals across the city.

Already thousands of hospital workers have been laid off, and speed-ups and attrition increased. Already a number of hospitals--all in working class and minority communities--have been forced to close.

Of course all this is being done in the name of "improving efficiency." But there is no way in the world there can be more efficient health care with less workers on the job. And when they say there are 5,000 "excessive" beds it only proves that many people, especially the poor, cannot even get into hospitals.

We know from experience who suffers--the working people, and especially the Afro-American, Latin and Asian communities. The capitalists have never given a damn about health care for the working masses; the only thing they want to improve is their profits.

These plans to perpetuate the dual health care system--for the rich lavish and expensive care and for the poor either no health care at all or a McDonalds-fast food-assembly line type care where after waiting for hours you finally see the doctor for 2 minutes--these plans are being pushed nationwide. Recently, Jimmy "Human Rights" Carter announced plans to eliminate 100,000 "unnecessary" hospital beds across the country, over the next 7 years.

But health care is a matter of life and death to the working class. Just as the Logan workers and Harlem community have not stopped fighting and are not about to, hospital workers and communities across the nation will defeat this vicious attack by the capitalist class. ■

## Steel

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to fight their wars of aggression to ensure their profits and markets. While in this case the reactionary patriotism is not aimed directly at

the Soviet Union, it can easily be transferred. Soviet social-imperialism is the chief threat to US imperialism's domination. The thrust of US war preparations is directed at the Soviet Union.

### US WORKERS CARRY BRUNT OF ATTACK

The capitalists are getting burned and they are panicking. They are thinking of different ways and cooking up different schemes to save their profits. They are using this opportunity to attack the workers, using the crisis as an excuse for layoffs, harassments, job combinations and speedups.

Then they use the layoffs to create public opinion to pressure Carter to bail them out. They want the government to grant them "investment credits, tax relief, import subsidies, etc." Already a steel caucus made up of 120 Representatives and 25 Senators is set up to start rolling on these measures.

Since Carter is caught in a bind in imposing import quotas, it is more likely that he will direct the brunt of the attack on the US working class by means of hidden subsidies. And whatever cover they come under, one thing is dead sure -- the money will come from the taxpayers' pockets. They will use the workers to bail out the steel capitalists.

Already, the government is giving them subsidy in the form of paying special unemployment benefits if they can "prove" that they are laying off workers because of "imports". This sounds as if Carter is doing something good for the workers while actually it is a hidden subsidy for the steel capitalists.

The steel barons are also using this opportunity to centralize the industry, squeeze out the smaller capitalists and cut out the old and less efficient plants. While older mills like Youngstown are being closed, they are intensifying the speedups, especially in the more modern and efficient plants.

### ORGANIZE RESISTANCE ON A NATIONAL SCALE AGAINST CAPITALIST ATTACKS

The steel capitalists cannot carry out these attacks and hope to get away with it. Workers are everyday resisting the company's cracking the whip. For example, in the maintenance division of a US Steel plant, workers use 2 hours to take out 6 bolts when disassembling and replacing parts of large machinery that roll and shear the steel plates. 3 or 4 workers would put the bolt in inside out or backwards and let other workers put them back the correct way. Machine operators in the production division break down machines everyday by overrunning them or getting them jammed "accidentally". Machine breakdowns in the steel mills are breaking record everyday. These are individual and scattered acts of protest and resistance but they show the kernels of class struggle.

Steel workers are also getting more organized and fighting back more effectively. In one mill, 8 workers were given time-off for insubordination as they were sitting in the shanty having coffee when the foreman told them to go to work. They went down to the union hall to see the local president and demanded the union take immediate action to stop such harassment. In all the mills, union stewards are jammed with grievances against the stepped-up attacks by the

company. Last month, 300 Youngstown steel workers demonstrated in Washington DC to protest the layoffs at Youngstown Ohio. And in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, 300 steel workers demonstrated against Bethlehem Steel closing its plants and moving out using the recent flood as an excuse. They have won a partial victory by forcing the company to rehire half of the laid off workers.

This spontaneous resistance by the steel rank and file must be encouraged and promoted.

On the present steel crisis, the union bureaucrats of the United Steel Workers like MacBride, are doing nothing except to tell the steel workers to write to their Congressmen asking for import curbs, etc. They are singing the same tune as the steel barons. They distort the genuine demand of workers for job security into protests against imports.

In the face of the deepening steel crisis, the attacks by the bosses and the treachery of the union officials, steel workers must organize on a national level to launch an effective fight. Not only are individuals fighting back insufficient, even plantwide actions are not enough. Only organized strikes on a national scale can begin to deal with layoffs and harassments which are coming down by the thousands. The bourgeoisie know that strikes organized nationally is one of the most important weapons in the hands of the steel workers. That's why they push the Experimental Negotiating Agreement, forbidding national strikes. (See Workers Viewpoint, July 1977 "ENA - Attack on US workers and Second World")

While the steel capitalists are carrying out a coordinated attack against the steel workers to save their own skins, rank and file steel workers are not taking this lying down. They want the steel workers to think that the enemy is workers in foreign countries, and not they themselves. But workers are seeing through these lies and schemes and beginning to organize on an industrywide basis and on a national scale to beat back the capitalist offensive. ■

## Vietnam

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and brutally trample underfoot the most sacred rights of nations and human beings."

This was also a stunning rebuke to those former "anti-war" activists who joined with the US imperialists by signing a "human rights" attack on the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, like Ellsberg, Rennie Davis and Berrigan. The Deputy Prime Minister also in his speech stood solidly with the people of Puerto Rico who are fighting against US imperialism for independence, the people of the People's Republic of China who are intensifying their efforts to liberate Taiwan from the clutches of the fascist Chiang clique, and the Palestinian people in their struggle against Zionism in the Middle East.

In a later, informal gathering at the Beacon Theater, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Press and Information, called for the payment of war reparations:

"How can we accept that those who dropped 50 million tons of bombs on Vietnam not contribute to the healing of war wounds?"

The Vietnamese people have scored another victory not only for the Vietnamese people

alone. The decisive victories in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are the "straws that broke the camel's back." Twenty-five years of the "containment of China" policy came tumbling down as liberation fighters entered Saigon, Phnom Penh and Vientiane in 1975. Beginning with the liberation of China in 1949 and the stinging reversals for US imperialism in Korea in 1950, the imperialist policy of "containment" suffered defeats from which it never recovered. And the great victories in 1975 sealed the doom of this policy. They have been a shining example to all freedom-loving people in their courage and determination. Their historic defeat of US imperialism will be forever remembered as a fine example of the power of the masses, correctness of protracted war, how a small nation can defeat a big one, as long as the cause is just.

The Workers Viewpoint Organization heartily welcomes the delegation from Socialist Republic of Vietnam and joins with them in saying, "LONG LIVE THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE VIETNAMESE AND US PEOPLE!"

## Women

(Continued from p. 15) thousand ways capitalism attacks working class families, no daycare, lousy education, the list goes on. Thus the only way workers can have a healthy family is to put an end to this rotten capitalist society, to join the fight for proletarian revolution.

Under socialist society, where the working class is in power, their families will no longer be torn apart in order to make profits for the capitalists. Instead, families will be strengthened in the common struggle to build socialism. 24-hour free daycare, quality education (not only to those who can pay a fortune as under capitalism) good health care to the whole family, etc. all are part of the lives of working class families under socialism.

In the fight for proletarian revolution, we must at the same time take good care of our families so that they can be good fighting units against the bourgeoisie.

A good example of this is an auto worker who is actively fighting against forced overtime in the plant. While organizing and taking a stand with the workers over every attack by the bosses, he has also broadened his wife and children's understanding of the root of the conditions in the plant and why he must organize to fight against it. One way he did this was to read the WVO newspaper with them every Sunday and discuss its content. The struggle of the families of the miners in which the whole family goes out on the line and actively engages together in the class struggle is already well known.

In England where the class struggle has had a long and rich history and where the struggle is intensifying daily, the workers at British Leyland Motors have refused to go on night shift saying that it was a disruption to their family life! Here is another clear example of the link-up between class struggle and family life. This is why we must as families struggle together for the interests of the entire working class. Together--mothers, fathers, sons and daughters--Fight to put an end to forced overtime and forced shifts and for free 24-hour childcare. Fight together to put an end to the bourgeoisie and for the bright future ahead under socialism. ■

# Presley

petty bourgeois and bourgeois youth. So strong was the mass sentiment that even bourgeois movies of the period had to reflect the trend. Movie stars like James Dean and early Marlon Brando became popular. Even in the most petty bourgeois media family of them all, the Ozzie and Harriet TV show, Ricky Nelson had to change suddenly from "clean-cut" to rock star--"d.a." and all. The social phenomena of "Rebel Without A Cause" (the name of a popular James Dean movie of that time) reflected the primitive and unconscious resistance of the working class youth being smothered by bourgeois society of the 1950's.

Then there was the form of the music itself. Not the bland sweetness of the Perry Comos or the Pat Boones, but music which had its roots in working class tradition--"people's music." It took Country and Western music which had evolved from the music of the hills and mines of West Virginia and Kentucky, the dustbowls of Oklahoma, the bayous of Louisiana--songs and traditions sung by the masses of poor white laboring masses and rooted in the reality of oppression--and combined it with rhythm and blues--the music that traced its roots to the national oppression of the Afro-American masses in the Black Belt South. It was the music that had traveled from the red clay of Georgia's fields and the shanties of Mississippi and South Carolina to the tenements of South Chicago.

It was the combination of music with the seeds of working class reality within them--two trends of music that for the most part were separated from each other--that also contributed to Presley's huge popularity. In fact, Afro-American rhythm and blues was classified as "race" music and, reflecting the national oppression of Afro-Americans, was rarely played on the major media. Afro-American performers were, for the most part, kept to playing the circuit of Black clubs and theaters that flourished around the country. It was music that the white working class, particularly youth, were not exposed to. It was this combination--the music which had its roots in working class and oppressed nationality tradition--to which the masses responded. With Presley it was prettified, packaged, and its proletarian character watered down, but traces of it were still there. The great teacher Lenin remarked in explaining the relationship of the existence of these working class seeds in all national culture to the dominant reactionary culture this way:

The elements of democratic and socialist culture are present, if only in rudimentary form, in every national culture, since in every nation there are toiling and exploited masses, whose conditions of life inevitably give rise to the ideology of democracy and socialism. But every nation also possesses a bourgeois culture (and most nations a reactionary and clerical culture as well) in the form, not merely of 'elements,' but of the dominant culture.

(Critical Remarks On The National Question.)

This combination reflected the changes occurring in U.S. capitalist society after W.W. II. The increased industrialization particularly of the South, waves of Afro-Americans migrating to the Northern cities, all contributed to the increased contact between white working class and Afro-Americans. This increased contact brought whites into closer contact with the strength of the national movement which was beginning to stir in the Civil Rights movement. Although the contact was by no means conscious, the rebellious instinct in the Afro-American movement were picked up by white youth. One way which this rebellion was expressed by white youth was the shattering of the taboo against the enjoyment of Afro-American culture by white workers. The expression that Presley was a "white boy singing Black music" revealed this breaking of the taboo. However it also reflected the contradiction within U.S. capitalist society as well. While on the one hand, his popularity resulted from the combination of some elements of "people's music" of two great national cultures, on the other hand, it served to illustrate the national oppression of Afro-Americans.

Many of the songs Presley recorded were written and originally performed by Afro-Americans ("Hound Dog," "Don't Be Cruel," for example). While he rocketed to international stardom and wealth, these Afro-American artists remained unrecognized. Even rhythm and blues giants such as Chuck Berry remained relatively unknown.

Indeed, there was contradictions within the "good ole boy" image itself. While connected with the life of the working class poor white Southerner, it also implied the white Southern racist. In fact, Presley himself added to this reactionary image by referring to Afro-Americans as "niggers good only for buying my records and shining my shoes."

However, the lessons of the popularity of Presley is not to be found in the personal history of the man. He was dead ten years ago musically. He was a cultural prop of the bourgeoisie. His music pushed the reactionary culture and ideology of capitalism. His life reflected the decadence of bourgeois culture. The capitalists used him to channel off discontent and rebellion into harmless media fun. And like all artists bought and paid for by capitalism, Presley degenerated just like capitalism itself. Even his death serves them as a money-making enterprise.

### "PHENOMENON" PROVIDES RICH LESSONS

The real lessons are to be found in the analysis of the basis of his popularity and what that implies for revolutionary cultural work. The combination of Country and Western music and Rhythm and Blues in Presley's music reflected some of the contradictions in American capitalist society, due to the reactionary nature of bourgeois culture and Presley himself. However, combining the working class seeds within both cultures itself is not a bad thing. On the contrary, injected with more class conscious, communist understanding and promoting its working class content, it is a very good thing. As Lenin said, "We must snatch at, make use of, and develop to the utmost every opportunity for intercourse..." between the class conscious workers of both oppressed and oppressor nation.

In discussing this question (which in his situation was in the context of the oppressed nation of the Ukraine and the oppressor nation of Great-Russia), he stated:

If a Ukrainian Marxist allows himself to be swayed by his quite legitimate and natural hatred of the Great-Russian oppressors to such a degree that he transfers even a particle of this hatred...to the proletarian culture and proletarian cause of the Great-Russian workers, then such a Marxist will get bogged down in bourgeois nationalism. Similarly, the Great Russian Marxists will be bogged down...if he loses sight, even for a moment, of the demand for complete equality for the Ukrainians, or of their right to form an independent state.

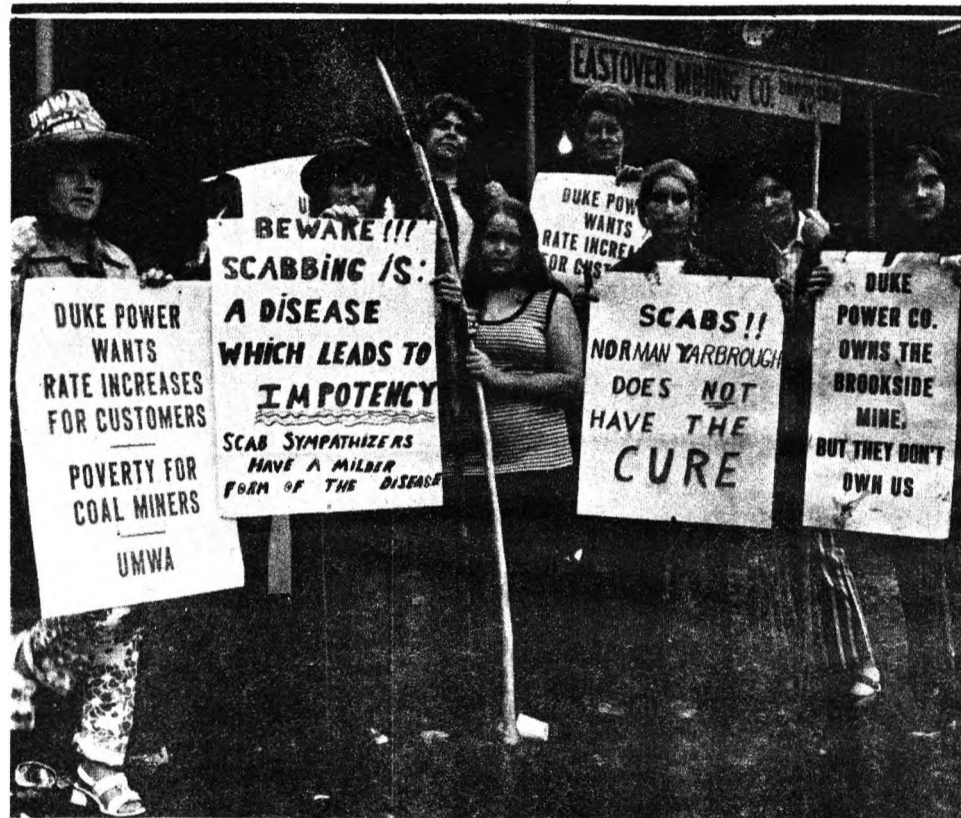
The Great Russian and Ukrainian workers must work together, and, as long as they live in a single state, act in the closest organizational unity and concert, towards a common or international culture of the proletarian movement..."

(Critical Remarks On The National Question.)

Of course this does not mean that all revolutionary music should be a combination of the proletarian elements in different cultures. But what it does point up is an avenue which can be explored and its immense potential.

Under capitalism we can never replace bourgeois culture by proletarian culture as if proletarian culture can act like a shield from bourgeois ideological attack. Only under the dictatorship of the proletariat and socialism can we create a favorable condition to really develop, maintain, and nurture socialist new things. However, we can and must develop fighting elements of proletarian culture from the seeds of spontaneous working class culture that exist under capitalism--identify, concentrate and popularize them to serve the class struggle.

Under the conditions of the 1950's, the appearance of an Elvis Presley accidentally touched a hidden proletarian chord, particularly among white working class youth. While the bourgeoisie distorted and smothered these seeds of resistance, we must promote them and turn it into a weapon of the working class against the rule of monopoly capitalism itself. ■



# Stearns

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such strikes without regard to the situation in the industry as a whole. This is a policy of following the masses, not leading them. (American Trade Unionism.)

Coal production has increased this year, despite the recent wildcat against the bourgeoisie's outrageous attempt to steal the miners' hard won health benefits. This was a direct attack against the UMW's ability to attract non-union members. More and more coal will be coming from "scab" mines during the upcoming contract strike. Even these mines will close down in areas where union sentiment runs high among non-union miners. During the strike and beyond, the capitalists will step up their exploitation of the unorganized miners.

This will heighten the miners' discontent, firing their demand to be brought under the relative protection which the UMW can provide. They will follow the fighting example of the Stearns miners.

Miller has refused to unleash the fighting potential of the UMW to block the bour-

geoisie's attempts to go around the union. It is up to active and revolutionary rank and file members to recognize the need to organize the entire industry. While the rank and file miners apply pressure on the UMW to take up the organizing drives, they cannot rely on the officials to take it up seriously. The rank and file workers, especially the advanced, active and communist workers must carry out the bulk of the work.

### LEARN FROM THE STEARNS MINERS. DARE TO STRUGGLE, DARE TO WIN!

The Stearns struggle shows how much unorganized miners need and want the UMW. They have refused to accept the Blue Diamond company union and the SLU as their union. These miners know concretely the life and death difference between company unions and the UMW. As one miner said, "This (Stearns) mine will never be worked again as long as I live if it isn't a UMW mine." And that is no idle statement. These miners and their families have fought relentlessly. They have successfully waged tit-for-tat battle against the bourgeoisie. They have stayed out for 15 months and their solidarity has grown stronger. They are glorious examples of the strength and wisdom of the working class. ■



Barefoot doctors. For the first time more attention was paid to the needs of the poor peasants and workers than the well-to-do in the cities.

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to vacillate. That's a Law. I would like to call your attention to it... Only big trees stand upright and rock-firm. Typhoons occur every year. So do ideological and political typhoons at home and abroad. This is a natural phenomenon in society. (Mao, *Selected Works*, Vol. 5, p. 344-5).

Comrades and friends, we must seriously take this to heart.

In the following, we would like to dwell on this last aspect of his teaching. Perhaps, Chairman Mao developed some of his most advanced teachings right before he passed away. In early 1970's, Chairman Mao summed up the cultural revolution based on the historical experience of the Soviet Union and China, that classes and class struggle continues under socialism. He said not only is there struggle between the proletariat and the remnants of the old classes, there is also the struggle between the proletariat and the new bourgeoisie engendered under the conditions of socialism. Because of the existence of these classes and class struggle, which line and who leads the Party and the state is the most important question.

For example, he said, Lenin spoke of building of bourgeois state without capitalists to safeguard bourgeois right. We ourselves have just built such a state, not much different from the old society; there are ranks and grades, eight grades of wages, distribution according to work and exchange of equal values... Under the dictatorship of the proletariat, such things can only be restricted. Therefore, if people like Lin Biao come to power, it will be quite easy for them to rig up the capitalist system. This is why we should do more

reading of Marxist-Leninist works.

What does this mean? It is this teaching that is at the foundation of how to continue the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. To really get into this question, we must first lay out some background.

In socialist society, where the proletariat has already captured state power, the proletariat needs to exercise dictatorship over the bourgeoisie in order to maintain its supremacy. This lesson was first born out of the great Paris Commune in 1871.

The Paris Commune was the first time the proletariat seized state power. But because the working class did not have enough practical and historical experience, and did not smash the bourgeois state and its apparatus, such as the army, the courts, and the bureaucracy, the capitalists were able to make a comeback. It is through this experience that Marx summed up the need for the proletariat to exercise the dictatorship over the bourgeoisie after the seizure of state power.

In fact, what happened in France was not unique. Historically, all new classes have to struggle for the consolidation of their new class rule, and they all inevitably meet great resistance from the old, moribund forces. During the historical periods of feudalism and capitalism, all the old classes would always attempt to make a comeback. And the reaction is always very strong, partly due to their desperation, partly due to the skills inherited from the old rule. For example, it took the feudal class in China several hundred years before they were able to establish themselves, to consolidate feudalism. Within these several hundreds of years, there were constant revolutions and counter-revolutions, attempts at restoration and counter-restoration. All new classes can consolidate themselves if they are able to sum up the historical experiences of the old classes and

develop their own political and ideological system in a way strong enough to consolidate their new class rule, to exercise dictatorship over the old ruling class. This means that the party must put down the counter-revolution with an iron hand.

But even exercising the iron hand of the dictatorship of the proletariat is not sufficient. The Party must also sustain and develop the revolutionary enthusiasm of the masses, to maintain and step up the momentum of revolutionary ideology among the masses, so that Party can paralyze the vacillation of the petty bourgeoisie as well as nurture the growth of socialist new things.

It is only under constant revolutionizing the ideological superstructure and the relations of production can the new productive forces be fully unleashed. The bankruptcy of the "productive force theory" is that it holds that only through increased industrializing and modernization can the new political system consolidate itself. However, historical experience repeatedly points to the fact that, in the period of transition, only through political revolution and the all-round defeat of the political representatives of the old, moribund class can the economic system further develop and thus have the effect of further consolidate the political system itself.

The new bourgeoisie is being constantly engendered in socialist societies like China and Albania, because they are externally constantly under the attack and influence of imperialists and revisionists, because internally they are still faced with enemies like the remnants of land-owning and capitalist classes and bourgeois democrats, because of the basis of the peasantry and small production, and because of the existence of bourgeois right among the ranks of workers and Party cadres.

Chairman Mao's contribution is that under socialism, even after the expropriation of the large factories and banks, that is, when the socialist ownership by the people is in the main completed, there is still the danger of capitalist restoration. He pointed out that classes and class struggle will exist for a long time under socialism. And that the target of revolution is the capitalist roaders in power inside the Party. They are relatively few, but nevertheless they can lead to restoration of capitalism. The social basis for these capitalist roaders are the old bourgeoisie (the remnants of the landlord and bourgeois classes), bourgeois democrats (those who physically entered socialism but mentally still stayed in capitalism), and the new bourgeoisie (those newly engendered under socialism who have betrayed socialism and the working class).



Lenin remarked that if economic development can give rise to civilization and new political systems, then why are Western capitalist countries, which have the most developed productive forces, still so backward politically? This question can never be answered by the revisionists.

Communism is a society where all classes and class oppression is abolished! Only with high material abundance and high communist consciousness can this society operate on the principle of "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need."

Socialism, that is, the transitional period moving toward communism, is a period of the dictatorship of the proletariat. It is a period operating on the principle, "from each according to their ability, to each according to their work." Socialism is the period where the material and mental conditions for communism are being developed.

Chairman Mao said the masses must be aware of that and be vigilant in this struggle. He emphasized the special importance of having genuine communists in the leadership of the Party and the importance of carefully handling contradictions among the people, so they won't turn into antagonistic contradictions between the people and the enemy. In carrying out this approach, he stressed the need for constant, repeated, protracted, and preserving ideological education, to combat and prevent capitalist ideas and classes from developing as well as to point to the road ahead.

Because socialism is a society born out of capitalism, it contains the "birth marks" of capitalism. In China and the Soviet Union, after their revolutions, there still existed what is known as the "three great differences," the difference between town and country, between mental and manual labor, and between the workers and the peasants.

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And under socialism, even among the workers, there is still inequality, such as the eight grade wage system, the distribution according to work and exchange through money. In this particular sense, Chairman Mao said this makes socialist society "not much different from old capitalist society." Why is this?



The policy of young people settling in the countryside aimed at narrowing the gap between the city and country, to industrialize the countryside, and as a by-product, to revolutionize the youth of China.

Socialist society, like other industrial societies, practices a form of the commodity system. Even though ownership is in the main socialist, it still distributes according to work and exchange is through money. Why is this? And what is wrong inherently with the commodity system?

What is the "freedom and necessity" for socialism, which requires a form of the commodity system? In particular, what are its necessities and why within these necessities does there also lie the danger in which, as Chairman Mao said, under this system "the people like Lin Biao (who) come to power can easily rig up a capitalist system"?

The reason is that in all modern society, there is a tremendous amount of division of labor to produce any single product. In any commodity, whether it's for consumption or for producing other commodities, it involves the use of different raw materials, of transportation, manufacturing, and assembly. All these require money, as a universal form of value to serve exchange (as a means of payment, as a means for the circulation of commodities) since there is not sufficient material abundance and ideological consciousness for abolishing the commodity system. Only under communism (where "from each according to their ability, to each according to their need" holds) can the commodity system be abolished. But if this particular form of the commodity system is abolished before the material and ideological conditions are laid, it will lead to reversals. Therefore it can only be restricted, not abolished, under socialism. That is why soc-

ialism is still a form of a commodity exchange system, though the ownership has in the main changed.

This is the "necessity" under socialism. However, it also creates the conditions where the old and newly engendered bourgeoisie can hoard money and use it as capital to exploit the labor of others, or to make profit through the buying and selling in the free market, and through illegally making profit from the factory or commune.

Under socialism, one cannot buy or sell labor power. But individual labor can be hired in some rural sectors. For example, in the day-to-day life of the peasants, in the decisions commune members have to make in China, these same questions come up continually. Should the peasants spend most of their time trying to overfulfill their state quotas or should they spend most of their time making small handicrafts that could be sold in the free market where individuals can earn a higher income? Similarly, how should commune members decide on how to allocate their earnings? Should they try to be self-sufficient and work in the interests of the whole commune or should they rely on state aid while spending their time earning profits for themselves by various means? This is a question of trying to combat the bourgeois aspect under socialism.

And in the Soviet Union today, precisely where the accumulation of profit has become the sole driving force for the Soviet bourgeoisie (as for example, the famous Russian poster of a rouble on the front of a locomotive hauling everything forward, with the caption, "Here is our profit") money is invested where the maximum profit can be made rather than used to develop services that benefit the proletariat. Commodities are sold in the free market rather than to the state because the returns in the free market are greater.

The eight-grade wage system, and the distribution according to work, inherently contains bourgeois right. The inequality in the eight-grade wage system speaks for itself, though it is necessary to have

a wage system because of the uneven ideological level of the masses, with different skills, experiences, and different levels in work (management verses production workers) and interrelated but secondarily because of the lack of material abundance (such as the enlargement of the public sector of consumption, e.g. health care, free day care, etc.)

The distribution according to work is in practice still unequal (due to individual skills, physical strengths, family size, etc.). Given this the wages received will be unequal even though the amount might be the same on the surface. Here the main question is whether you take steps in narrowing these differences by raising the masses' ideological level and at the same time creating the material basis for eliminating these differences, or you allow the differences to expand as "incentives" to promote production. He solved the fundamental dialectics of "grasp revolution, promote production."

Chairman Mao's teaching is that bourgeois right, which is necessary for socialism, has to be restricted, and in the long course of socialist revolution and construction, the three great differences will be narrowed so that the material and ideological conditions will gradually be created for closing up all these gaps. And there is no other way, to exercise the dictatorship of the proletariat as a transitional road to communism, except that. If this is not done, but instead there is the extension and strengthening of bourgeois right, it will inevitably lead to polarization. As a result, new bourgeois elements will emerge, not only among the rich peasants, but among the workers and Party members as well. And when this polarization is developed, it will make a qualitative leap to the point where their political representatives in the Communist Party (the headquarters of the working class) will demand political concessions and political rule. And it can lead to a situation where their representatives will even demand the overthrow of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the socialist system, which happened in the Soviet Union.

The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution that started in 1966 was initiated to deal with a situation in China where class struggle intensified and the new capitalist elements were developing, like what had happened in the Soviet Union.

Chairman Mao's objective to start a cultural revolution was first to remove the capitalist roaders, people like Liu Shao Chi, from the Party. And at the same time, to unleash the masses' enthusiasm for socialism by unfolding mass criticism campaigns from below, from masses within the Party and outside the Party. And, the course of this struggle, to develop the genuine Marxists and have them take power.

The first shot of the cultural revolution was fired by a criticism of a reactionary play. Initially centered around the cultural and educational policies, it then spread to other areas like the factories, communes, commerce, the military, and other areas.

The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution was truly a revolution in every sense of the word. Because it was a revolution, both the superstructure (that is, the government, Party, prevailing orientation on culture, etc.) and the base (the productive forces and productive relations) were revolutionized. Not only were the known representatives of the capitalist roaders ousted, the composition of the Central Committee changed, where genuine Marxists took power. And, moreover, what is known as "socialist new things" developed in branch after branch, in sphere after sphere. For example, things like the barefoot doctors, who for the first time in history paid more attention to the workers and the poor peasants than the well-to-do in the cities, and the policy for young people to go settle in the countryside -- all flourished during and after the cultural revolution. This was aimed at narrowing the gap between the city and the countryside, to industrialize the countryside, and, as a byproduct, to revolutionize youth in China.

There are also the educational policies to admit youth and students to college

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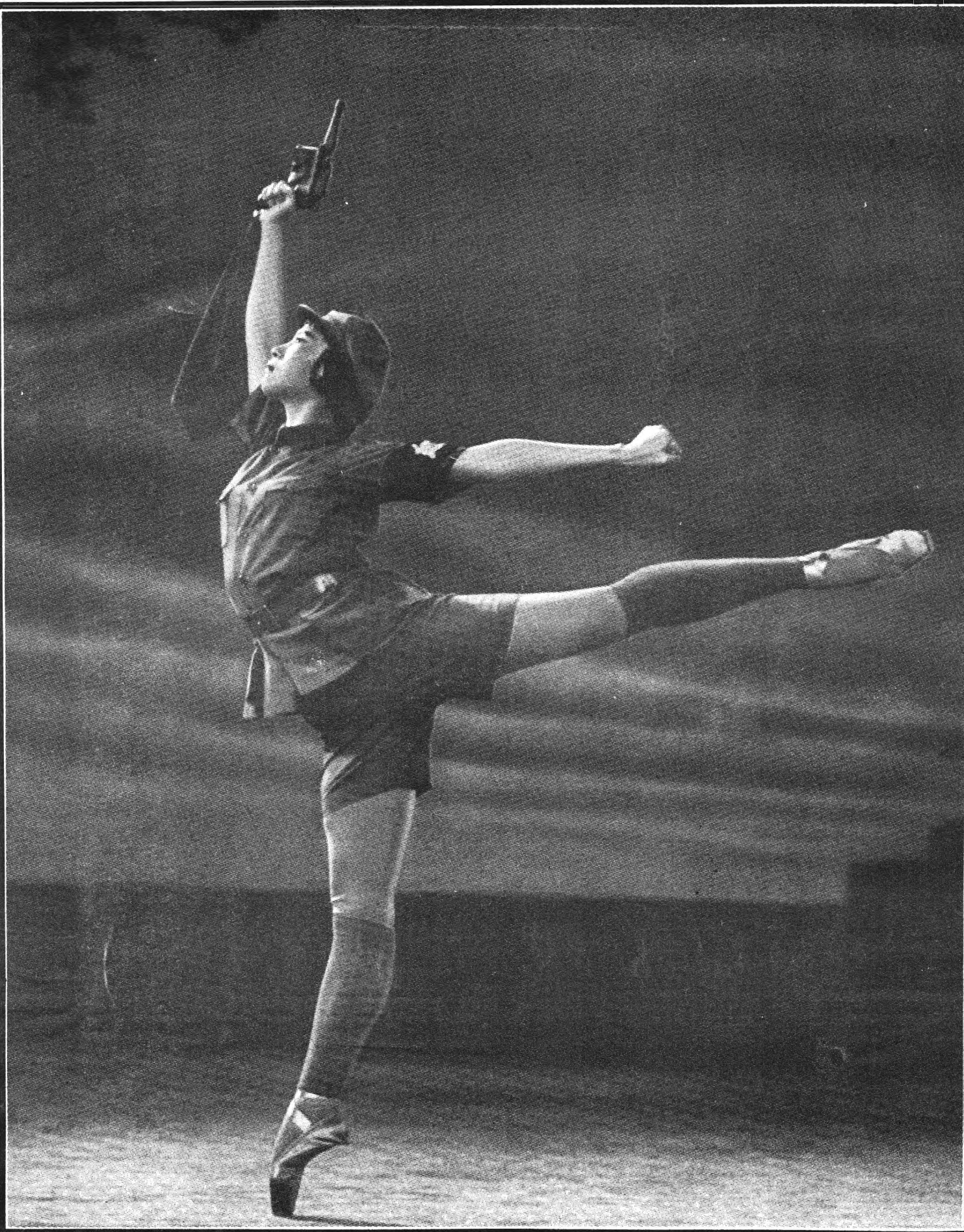
because they worked for the purpose of building up socialism and not for themselves. Socialist new things in China, like the Subbotniks, flourished and spread, except on a lot larger scale, dimension, and depth. These were genuine efforts by the masses under the Party's leadership to narrow the three great differences and bourgeois right, and in course of the struggle, develop socialist culture and revolutionize the relation between man and man. All these certainly have spurred the development of productive forces in leaps and bounds in China, so that even the imperialists have to admit that it was a "miracle."

These gains of the cultural revolution represent the fruits of socialist revolution and the consolidation of the dictatorship of the proletariat. They should never be taken away. To either consolidate or to limit the growth of these socialist new things is precisely a question of two lines and two roads -- either the road to consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat or to restore capitalism. There is no middle road, as historical experience repeatedly points out. The theory of productive forces that the revisionists champion can only lead to the restoration of capitalism, not to a transition to communism.

Chairman Mao's contribution in theory and practice of how to continue the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat is probably the most important and advanced teaching from the standpoint of historical advances of Marxism. He, however, has made other contributions that have international significance as well, for example, his teaching on people's war, on the minimum program of New Democracy, for communists in Third World countries to use anti-imperialist struggles to serve the struggle to establish socialism.

And most recently, he analyzed the international situation where, due to the breakup of the socialist camp, the existence of three worlds or three large parts in the international alignment emerged. These three parts in the international alignment, due to the emerging of the two

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who must first work a couple of years to gain some practical experience and who must be recommended by the workers and peasants. For the first time, the correct emphasis was given to admit the sons and daughters of workers and peasants. The slavish examination-oriented system was done away with and replaced with lively work and study programs.

In the realm of art and literature, too, modern revolutionary operas and films glorified the working people. The worker and peasant heroes were promoted as the makers of history. Both popularization and the artistic level was raised.

Another socialist new thing that is very important was the mass campaign to study the dictatorship of the proletariat and the theory of Marxism-Leninism-Mao tse-Tung Thought. This enabled the masses by the hundreds of millions to find and understand their historical mission in their day-to-day work. After the October Revolution, Lenin praised the Subbotniks (laborers who worked free on Saturday) as seeds of communism.

"Bombard the headquarters," showing the masses responding to Chairman Mao's historic call during the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.



superpowers, and the rise of the Third World as a new factor in recent international affairs, is a particular expression of the four fundamental contradictions in the world today. Only through seeing the class struggle internationally and placing the class struggle at home in that perspective would the struggle of the proletariat and oppressed people around the world be aligned against the common enemy. Only by placing the struggle in that concrete perspective can the proletariat and oppressed people of the world support each other and give each other the fullest possible support to weaken the superpowers and all reactionaries. Chairman Mao's teaching on the three worlds is an application of Marxism-Leninism to the current world situation. It is a continuation of Lenin's and Stalin's teaching on the united front tactics and it must be defended and promoted.

Comrades and friends, to sum up, Marxism-Leninism-Mao tse-Tung Thought is the highest development of Marxism of our time. Chairman Mao's teachings, his struggle against Modern Revisionism, is the very basis and origin of our organization as well as the international communist movement. As Lenin said, revolution in any country must be based on the "last word in socialism" and the most advanced experience. We must study Chairman Mao Tse-tung's teachings, especially no that Volume V is available.

You can trace the development of our Party's line and its development closely to the "last word in socialism" from the historical experience in China and particularly to Chairman Mao's teachings. For that reason, comrades and friends, our success and achievement is inseparably linked to his line and teaching. We think therefore that the best way to commemorate him would be to fight the criminal rule of U.S. monopoly capitalist class and Modern Revisionism around the world even harder!

Comrades and friends, we must grasp tightly Chairman Mao's teachings and continue to apply them to the concrete situation of the U.S. socialist revolution.

## political economy

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As we said before, the hourly wage itself is used to camouflage capitalist exploitation as if a "fair" hour's work really gives us a "fair" hour's pay! Hourly wages must be seen in the context of the length of the working day and the intensity of labor.

For workers who receive minimum wages, many of whom are in non-union shops, to make a subsistence wage, they must slave over ten hours a day, six days a week. This is all calculated by the capitalist beforehand. They make us work long hours for the subsistence wage that we would normally work only eight hours for.

In many industries such as construction, steel or shipping, the bourgeoisie is either not constructing more buildings, not investing more money or operating way under capacity. This is due to the capitalist crisis of overproduction and vulnerable position the capitalists are in given the economic crisis. And it is the workers who get the brunt of the crisis. Many construction workers get work only three or four months per year. This is also true of many dockworkers and others. That's why, even though these workers may make \$10.00 an hour, their yearly income ends up small be-



Although contributing to many spheres of Marxism, Chairman Mao's greatest contribution was his teachings on the continued revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

We must defend Marxism-Leninism-Mao tse-Tung Thought against all attacks from revisionists, Trotskyites, and opportunists of all stripes. We must fight them tooth and nail, both in words and deeds!

Comrades and friends, the road is full of twists and turns, but the future is bright. By following the revolutionary road that Chairman Mao pointed out to us, we can be confident that the U.S. working class will carry out its historical

mission of ending the criminal rule of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class, establish the dictatorship of the proletariat and socialism in the U.S., and continue to march toward communism, our noble goal! ■

maintain the present standard of living we must defend ourselves every step of the way on all fronts.

Today, the main form of struggle in the Trade Union movement is economic struggle. Forced overtime, speed ups, safety, guaranteed income, etc., are all economic struggles. These are important fights to take up not only to temporarily delay the lowering of our standard of living, but also to strengthen working class solidarity, raise class consciousness, and temper workers' fighting spirit. In itself economic struggle can't change the class position of workers as a subjugated class. Through these struggles we must win workers, especially advanced and active workers, to socialism. And it is through the winning, training and accumulation of workers to communism that we are preparing for the political battles ahead.

All economic struggles contain seeds of political struggle. As the economic and political crisis of the bourgeoisie gets worse, most of the economic struggles aimed at individual bosses will face the active intervention of the state itself, the representative of the capitalist class.

For example, in 1973, 30,000 hospital workers in New York City went on strike fighting for their 7.5% wage increase. They were the first

to challenge the government's Cost of Living Council and Nixon's wage control. And recently in England, the rank and file forced the trade union bureaucrats to reject the notorious sell-out Social Contract of the Labor Government that limited wage increases to 5% a year and to go back to collective bargaining.

From the struggle against the individual capitalist to the struggle against the government, the representative of the entire capitalist class, this is the general and inevitable trend of development in the coming period as the capitalist crisis intensifies and as communist fusion with the working class deepens. This is the process through which economic struggles will become political struggles, leading to a situation where it will be a political struggle of the working class to overthrow the capitalist class and for the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Only the socialist revolution, the tearing of political power out of the hands of the bourgeoisie can end the economic squeeze of wage-slavery. As Marx militantly advised the workers of his time, "Instead of the conservative motto, 'A fair day's wage for a fair day's work!' they ought to inscribe on their banner the revolutionary watchword, 'Abolition of the wages system!'" (Wages, Price And Profit.) ■



# LONGSHOREMEN

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opportunity to lay off workers Yesterday, they said it was the economy; today, they say it's containerization, and tomorrow who knows what they'll blame it on. It's really the gluttonous bosses who are motivated by profits that is the cause of workers losing their jobs.

In recent years, they have used the excuse of containerization to lay off thousands of dockworkers and speed up the ones left on the job. (Container ships are those whose cargo come already packed in van-sized steel boxes and can be unloaded by cranes. In recent years, increasing use of container ships have replaced many conventional ships.) In some ports, 21 men work gangs have been cut down to as few as 17 men. Yet, when non-containerized ships come in, these 17 workers are forced to do the same job that required 21 men!

A longshoremen's job is hard enough as it is. They must carry heavy loads, like 100 pound bags of sugar on shoulders and backs, with blisters and sores. They must do their jobs under scorching heat or freezing cold. Safety conditions are a joke. In Baltimore alone, 8 longshoremen were killed in the last 15 months. Lay-offs and speed-ups will only make the work harder. Longshoremen must force the shipping bosses to keep the same number of jobs and demand no reduction of work gangs.

## LONGSHOREMEN FIGHT FOR GAI TO BE ON MASTER CONTRACT

As the shipping bosses threaten more layoffs, longshoremen step up the fight for job security. They are not only demanding more jobs. They are demanding that GAI be negotiated on the master contract. The shipping bosses on the Council have continually stalled negotiations on this issue. They like nothing better than to have workers fight over GAI provisions locally, at every port.

In the past, GAI provisions were negotiated locally. This resulted in great differences in the number of hours guaranteed on the contract. In some ports, such as Boston, longshoremen are guaranteed as little as 1,500 hours. It's no accident that the capitalists are always pushing to have important issues settled locally. They hope to split the workers' solidarity by trying to have different areas strike over particular demands at different times.

But today, united in the strike, workers are forcing the Council to take up the demand for GAI in the master contract. This will set a pattern for negotiations with shippers in other ports on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. They are not fighting as individual locals against individual shippers, but as all dockworkers against all shipping bosses. The present strike is paralyzing the entire eastern shipping industry. They will remain out until adequate job security provisions are in the master contract!

## SHIPPING BOSSES TRY TO DIVIDE LONGSHOREMEN FROM OTHER WORKERS

The issue of job security has been sidetracked into support for the 50-mile radius clause. This clause, once part of the contract, has been overturned by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). The 50-mile radius clause stated that containerized cargo must be "stuffed and stripped" (packed and unpacked) by ILA members within a 50-mile radius of the port. Because the clause appeared to embody the genuine demand of the rank and file for job security, the bosses hope to use the clause to divert the longshoremen's fight for GAI.

But not only does the clause divert the dockworkers' genuine demand for job security and GAI, it is actually used by the shipping bosses to divide longshoremen from other workers.

How is the 50-mile radius clause supposed to increase the number of jobs? By taking it away from other workers in the area! It diverts the fight for job security into infights among workers in the 50-mile radius area. This is what the capitalists love -- fighting among the workers takes the heat off themselves.

In protest against the NLRB ruling, the longshoremen walked out last April. This reflected the determination and militancy of their long battle for job security. But the union misleaders are promoting the walkout as proof that the clause represents the genuine demand of the workers. They are trying to justify their narrowing the struggle for jobs into the courts. But with correct leadership, the sentiments of the rank and file represented by this militant job action will be organized to fight for correct demands such as more jobs and GAI.

## ILA BUREAUCRATS MISLEADING CONTRACT STRUGGLE

The union's top bureaucrat, Thomas Gleason, is walking right in step with the shipping bosses. He is trying to confuse the struggle for job security by pushing for a lengthy legal fight to overturn the NLRB and the court's ruling. He has even gone so far as to have the workers strike selectively -- only container-ships and not all vessels. What kind of strike is this? All dockworkers know that for a strike to be effective, it must stop work on all ships. On this the rank and file from New Orleans and Baltimore can teach Gleason a lesson. They are staunchly refusing to handle all ships, container or conventional.

## RANK AND FILE FIGHTS FOR REPRESENTATION

The rank and file of Baltimore, New York, and New Orleans ports are learning how to deal with the local misleaders. In one city, the local's president did not discuss the contract with rank and file workers until an Aug. 16 monthly meeting. Angry rank and file workers demanded to have a special meeting on the 23rd devoted to full and free discussion of the contract with every member given a copy of it in advance.

On Aug. 23, 70 longshoremen were shocked and furious to find the union hall dark and



locked up. The local's president explained that he "couldn't understand" why the hall was locked. The workers, who all heard this flimsy excuse once too often, demanded that the meeting be held, even if they had to have it in the parking lot! One longshoreman shouted, "We came here to discuss our contract and elect our negotiating committee. We've got to start talking about this now or we're going to get sold down the river!" One of the bureaucrat's cronies started to shove a worker who was leading the struggle. The local's president crawled away during the minor scuffle.

But the rank and file remained undaunted. They fought for and won their demand for a port-wide rank and file negotiation committee with rank and file representation. The local misleaders had to back down in the face of the powerful show of strength of the rank and file. In the course of taking up the fight for more jobs and GAI, the rank and file must fight to take the union back into their own hands.

## ILA'S FIGHTING TRADITIONS -- STRIKE UNTIL VICTORY!!

The ILA has had strikes that have brought the country to a grinding halt every contract

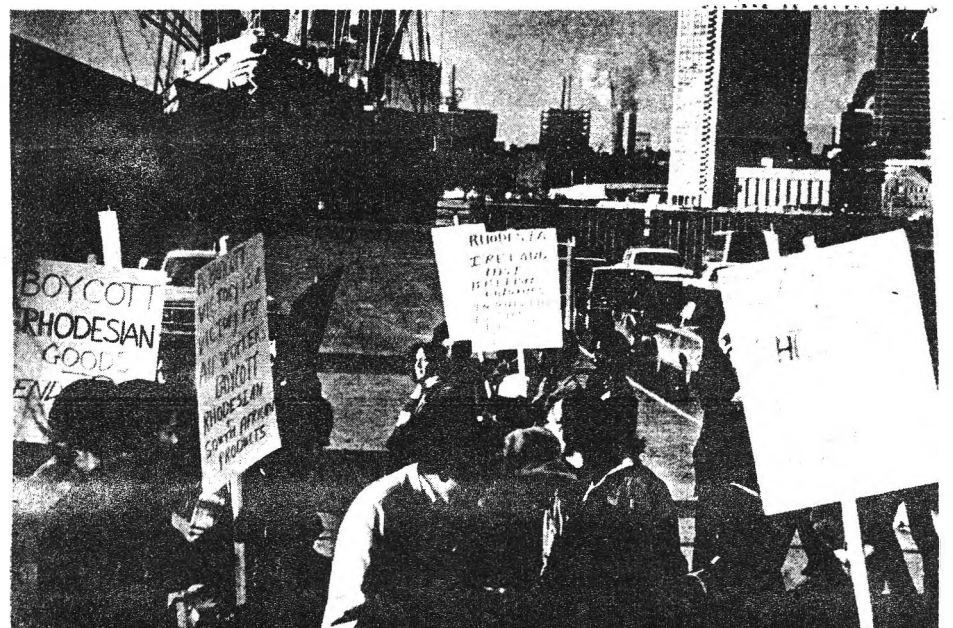
year for the last three decades (except 1974). Two years ago, the rank and file led a job action in Baltimore that saved 85 jobs. A recent wildcat there over a cop's beating of a worker closed its main terminal for 2 days and 2,000 workers stayed away from their jobs.

Longshoremen have a militant tradition of internationalist support. In the 30's, the ILA refused to load arms into the ships of Japanese imperialists on their way to attack China. During a longshoremen's strike recently, longshoremen in the ports of Hong Kong, Puerto Rico, and Japan refused to handle cargo from ships that passed through U.S. ports! In Boston and Baltimore, longshoremen have shown their solidarity with the Zimbabwean people by refusing to unload chrome from racist Rhodesia.

We must learn from the Longshoremen's fighting history and proletarian internationalism. We firmly support their fighting tradition in the present strike!

EXPAND GAI AND MAKE IT A MASTER CONTRACT ITEM!

KEEP THE SAME NUMBER OF JOBS -- NO LAY OFFS! ■



Dockworkers in Boston and other cities have supported the liberation struggle of the Zimbabwean people by refusing to unload Rhodesian chrome.