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End the Criminal Rule  
of the U.S. Monopoly Capitalist Class,  
Fight For Socialism!

The Proletariat and Oppressed People  
and Nations of the World, Unite!

## "Lower Gas Prices or We'll Lower the Boom!"

"Oh, there's plenty of oil. The oil companies are just lying." was the usual comment at work. "Yeah, it's a hoax, they're just trying to jack up the price of oil." And, "Gas shortage! Whatever happened to the Alaskan Pipeline?"

Meanwhile, it's tough trying to get gas to get to work and even tougher finding enough gas to get home. New Jersey auto workers, who drive 20 miles just to get to work, have to fill their tanks up twice on the way to work because they can only get \$3 a purchase on the turnpike. Those leisurely vacations by car are darkened by the thoughts of the scarcity of gasoline and the scramble for a gas station that's open.

And in California, where the car is a necessity of life, people waited in line for up to five hours to buy gas only to find when they got to the pump there was no gas left. One man, in utter desperation, drove up to the pump in front of a long line of cars, pulled out a gun and held everyone off as he filled up his tank. An eight and a half month preg-

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Workers militantly and jubilantly took New Jersey Route 1-9 in their anger over high gas and oil prices. Despite all the efforts of the labor bureaucrats to control the rally, the workers turned this anger into action at a demonstration against the Exxon Research Group. The 300 workers came from all over northern New Jersey from the UAW to the IBEW and IUE to voice their opposition to the oil company's rip-off.

## Striking Farmworkers and Undocumented Workers Fight Shoulder to Shoulder

SALINAS, Ca.—Over 1,500 striking workers and supporters from Los Angeles, including members of the Trade Union Educational League, El Comité de Igualdad, and workers from the Sbicca Organizing Committee, staged a brief but spirited rally in Salinas on April 28 in support of the United Farmworkers' lettuce strike. Despite gasoline shortages, union members and other supporters drove 7 hours to a meeting place 10 miles south of this agricultural town in northern California. Then, with bright red flags of the farmworkers flapping wildly in the wind, they

formed a mile-long car caravan into Salinas, where they were enthusiastically greeted by workers clapping, singing and chanting "HUELGA! HUELGA!" The Workers Viewpoint newspaper went like hotcakes and sold out in no time.

The striking farmworkers were anxious to welcome the supporters, but the union misleadership was equally anxious to keep the supporters and workers separated. Supporters were quickly ushered up a roped-off aisleway and into an area in front of the stage separate from the strikers. When the rally was over, the supporters were just as quickly

ushered back down the aisleway and the strikers encouraged to go home.

Despite this effort to stifle the unity between workers and supporters, the rally demonstrated the widespread support for this historic struggle. The strikers are determined to win and beat back the attacks of monopoly capitalists like Sun Harvest, the nation's largest lettuce grower, who have been using every trick in the book to try and break the strike.

### One of the Most Important Struggles in the Nation Today

The UFW strike is a fight for the equality of oppressed nationalities in the trade unions. The farmworkers, especially the exploited Chicanos and Mexicanos, are struggling to upgrade their standard of living equal to other industrial workers. Lettuce workers get only minimum wage, and most work long hours at piece rate for only 57 cents a box.

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## Uniroyal Workers Hit Pavement

8,200 members of the United Rubber Workers (URW) Union walked off their jobs May 9 in what the union is labelling "Carter's Strike." The strike targets Uniroyal, the nation's 3rd largest tire manufacturer. It has closed 4 of the company's 5 tire-producing plants, and curtailed operations at 7 other facilities. On the second day of the strike, picketers promised to fight the wage controls right on the White House lawn and in Carter's home in Plains, Georgia.

From the beginning of negotiations the government has put pressure to force the contract agreement to remain within the 7% wage cap. But rank and file anger forced URW President Bommarito to attack government interference. Despite all Bommarito's stalling and postponing of the walkout, even after the URW contract expired on April 20, he finally knuckled under to the workers' demand to fight the treacherous "guidelines" that cap

wages, but not corporate profits.

But by using a selective strike against Uniroyal, and letting the other "Big 5" (Firestone, B.F. Goodrich, Goodyear, General Tire and Rubber) off the hook, Bommarito is less than half-heartedly delivering just a pinch, not a punch, to the Rubber industry. Plus, Uniroyal has a 6 weeks' stockpile of tires and what's more, many of Uniroyal's plants are non-union and will keep operating, including its largest tire plant, in Ardmore, Oklahoma, which produces 50% of its radials!

The union insists that an agreement was reached with Uniroyal on April 19 and the company reneged under pressure from the Carter administration and General Motors, the world's largest industrial corporation and a key Uniroyal customer. But Uniroyal denied that any such agreement was ever reached, and said it would not sign any contract that would exceed the guidelines. The proposed contract, as reported by the URW, includes a cost-of-living formula that would be the best for any major labor union, and a letter promising company neutrality in union organizing efforts.

Major corporations all over the country are hiding behind the wage guidelines to avoid giving decent wage increases to their workers. At the same time, the federal government is threatening to withdraw federal contracts from any company that exceeds the 7% wage cap. The URW International leadership has grabbed onto this bureaucratic device and together with the AFL-CIO has filed suit in court to test the legality of government sanctions against companies that enter agreements in violation of the guidelines. This way they can tie themselves down in endless red tape and courtroom battles, and politely "excuse themselves" from giving leadership to the spontaneous resistance of the rank and file.

Workers on the picket lines are angry about the collusion between and the attacks of the major corporations and the federal government, and will fight for a decent contract. ■



Rubber workers, present and future, walk and line against Carter's wage cap.

## Georgia Blacks Fight For Land Stolen By Army

Scores of black men, women, and children set up tents on Harris Neck Wildlife refuge to reclaim land stolen by the federal government in WW II. Four were arrested and sentenced on May 4th to thirty days in jail. They had occupied the 2,687 acre wildlife refuge, 30 miles south of Savannah, for over a week. Edgar Timmons Jr., a spokesman for the group said, "Our houses, our origins and our heritage — they are all here."

Before the war, blacks farmed small plots, raised pigs, chickens, and cows, and fished in the tidal waters for shrimps, oysters, and blue crabs in a self-sufficient colony. "My parents never had to buy anything from the store but flour," Mr. Timmons said.

### Kicked Out To Build An Air Base

The Army kicked out the blacks, deciding to build an emergency air base.

"The government men came to our house in July, 1942, and said we had to be out by noon," said James Campbell, a 76 year old former resident. "It was the Sabbath, but they said if we didn't leave, they would push our house down and burn it."

The government promised to return the land after the war. Instead, McIntosh County controlled it for 15 years. Then the Interior Department bought it and turned it over to the Wildlife Service. About 100 families still live in the area. 30 live just outside the refuge.

After the sentencing, groups of blacks gathered in the First African Baptist Church, itself moved from the refuge 37 years ago. They planned picketing, demonstrations, fund raising efforts and organizing blacks, who make up 60% of McIntosh County, to elect new politicians. ■

# Breaking the Chains of Wage Slavery



### NEWPORT NEWS: DESIGNERS STILL WALKING THE LINE

Newport News, Va.—1,200 shipyard designers, on strike against Tenneco for over 2 years, voted to stay out on the lines at the gigantic Newport News shipyard. Designers are represented by the United Steel Workers, the same union that on April 13, suspended the strike of the 15,000 shipyard workers after 14 weeks. The designers showed solid support for their fellow workers' strike for union recognition.

### MASS. CITY WORKERS STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES

Worcester Ma.—May 10: 1,800 members of the Service Employees International Union struck a second day, defying a court order forbidding any job action. Union negotiators had rejected a 5% wage increase offered by the City. Within hours, 600 union members set up picket lines at the city's airport, hospital, and Public Works Department.

### SAN DIEGO DOMESTIC WORKERS ORGANIZE NEW UNION

San Diego, Ca.—The founding convention of the United Domestic Workers of America was held in San Diego, April 29. Members of the Domestic Workers Organizing Committee have been leafletting and holding house meetings in the area to reach domestic workers—almost completely unorganized. Up to half of the 15,000 domestic workers in the San Diego County live in Tijuana, and most are women who are single heads of households. The average wage is \$3/hour. Main contract issues are wages, benefits, and working conditions.

### NYC UNION SOLIDARITY OUTRAGES HIGH SOCIETY TENANTS

New York, N.Y.—Apartment workers (doormen, guards, janitors, maids) of Service Employees International Union, Local 32B-32J, ended their week-long strike on May 2. City sanitation workers' solidarity with the strikers pressured the apartment management. Workers exchanged union victory signs as sanitation crews walked off and left streets in NYC's fanciest neighborhoods overflowing with rat-infested garbage. Leonard Bernstein, Lauren Bacall, John Lennon, and their like looked in disbelief as their streets were declared "emergency zones". The unity of the workers made it clear—New York's upper crust might have to dispose of their own garbage!

### WOMEN WORKERS WIN \$1 MILLION IN BACK WAGES

Nutley, N.J.—400 women workers at a large pharmaceutical firm won over \$1 million in back pay for past discrimination. Hoffman-La Roche, Inc. will also change its job-ranking, incentives, job notification and training programs, and promote some women to higher skilled jobs. The discrimination charge was investigated by the Labor Department preceding a \$9 million Defense Department's contract awarded to the company.

# ... and National Oppression

### PARENTS AND STUDENTS SLAM "VOLUNTARY INTEGRATION" PLAN

Pittsburgh, Pa.—1,100 students of Westinghouse High School boycotted classes on May 1, in protest of the "voluntary integration" plan that threatens to close the school, the largest black high school in Pittsburgh. The boycott was backed by a picket set up at the school. Later that day, parents went to the school board to continue the picket. In April, 125 parents took over the school board meeting to denounce

the plan. One black high school has already been closed by the plan.

### FIRING OF BLACK WORKER FOUGHT IN PITTSBORO

Pittsboro, N.C.—150 blacks marched through Pittsboro to protest the firing of a black sanitation worker for punching his boss at work. The Chatham County Committee for Human Rights, the African Liberation Support Committee and the Workers Viewpoint Organization organized the demonstration.

**FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES**

**Our Readers Speak Out!**

**Ban Nuclear Power Under Capitalism**

Comrades,

I have been reading and discussing the Harrisburg article with friends and find that I disagree with the statement that "nuclear power under capitalism should be banned *for now*." (my emphasis). In my opinion nuclear power will never be safe under capitalism. There is no solution to the crisis of nuclear power under capitalism *except shut-down*. The problem of radioactive waste may be solved. Critics of nuclear power may be allowed to remain unmuffled in the scientific establishment (highly

doubtful). But the feverish drive for higher and higher profits will never cease. And with the drive for profits, nuclear plants will continue to be built with shoddy materials (remember the accident in West Virginia where 40 some men were killed? That was a cooling tower that collapsed principally because of the rush for production). The workers who man the plants will continue to be stretched out, overworked, under-trained and exposed to massive doses of radiation. Faulty equipment will be used. And "human errors" (a conven-

ient scape goat for the capitalists) will, as you correctly point out, continue.

Behind this, as we know, is quick easy profits for the capitalists. In fact, nuclear power is not essential to fulfill our energy needs. It is, however, one of the quickest, most exclusive means of holding onto a monopoly in energy. Many other types of energy are easily available, but don't yield so high a profit.

I am not anti-nuclear power, but the question remains "under what social system will nuclear power be developed

and *safely* harnessed?" Clearly that system is *not* and *will never be* capitalism. We must support the struggles to shut down nuclear plants as well as expose the capitalist and government lies about oil shortages. Clearly there is an abundance of energy in this country and we must force the capitalists to tap those resources for the benefit of the people.

F.A.  
Virginia

**"Tortilla Curtain": Chauvinist Term?**

Dear WVO,

I have some comments on the March 1 article about the San Ysidro protest march against the new Berlin wall to be built in San Ysidro and El Paso.

First of all, I would like to say that the article drew out some points in raising the level of consciousness amongst honest and advanced elements who are searching for a solution to the oppression. The point on the illusion of a "chess game" was good. Many Latinos, Chicanos, and Mexicanos really believe

that Portillo will help the undocumented workers in their fight. We support the Third World's stand against imperialist robbing of natural wealth. But because of the particularities of national oppression amongst Chicanos, i.e. many of us having family, cultural, language ties, many Chicanos are proud to say that they are Mexicans. For this reason it is very easy to believe Portillo's stand on the oil will help us. I believe that more investigation is necessary around this question.

Also, when I first heard of the "Tortilla Curtain" it was brought up when a group of Chicanos were trying to make a local San Diego representative to the state legislature take a stand on the "Tortilla Curtain", for or against it.

When it came out in the WVO, I had to think more about it, because my first reaction was that people weren't treating it seriously. How can you be serious about a "Tortilla" wall? True, many people in the march were using the term, but just because everybody

uses it, doesn't make it correct. What are the class effects in using this term?

To me, it will bring more division amongst Latinos, Chicanos, and Mexicanos. We're talking about a ten-foot high wall of concrete and barbed wire which will cause more deaths and injuries. Also I feel that the term "Tortilla Curtain" smacks of Great Nation chauvinism towards Mexico. Let's treat issues more serious.

J.V.  
San Diego

**"Communists" Who Give Communism a Bad Name**

Dear WVO,

We are a group of union officials who are writing to *Workers Viewpoint* because it is the most sophisticated, articulate, communist newspaper. Several so-called communist groups pass out their papers at our plant, but yours is by far the best. Your paper seems to be very well organized and we enjoy reading it. And the people we see associated with your organization are respected here.

The problem we are writing to you about is a group of opportunists who go around giving communists a bad name. They are the Communist Labor Party (CLP). At one time or another they have tried to recruit some of the active union people, with never any success. There are a handful of them in our plant and they put out literature at the gates. They are very unorganized and everything they touch turns to shit. Every time they try to "organize" something, they totally screw it up. But they always have someone to blame except themselves, rather than admit their mistakes to the rank and file. Their leader in particular tries to take on responsibilities in the union, but is totally worthless. And no matter how bad he screws up, his followers back him.

This would not be so bad except that the kind of garbage they push is hurting our union. Right now, CLP is busy trying to split the workers by whipping up the worst kind of racial and national divisions. The CLP works

strictly on the basis of nationalism and they pit Chicanos against white workers and women.

From what we've seen, their strength lies behind closed doors. They can't stand the light of day. Our strength is like a flower, it blooms among the membership. One thing that *Workers Viewpoint* has influenced a lot is the understanding that it is the masses of

people who are powerful and it is they who we will rely on to crush these opportunists like we've done in the past.

The reason we are writing this is so other brothers and sisters around the country can benefit from our experiences. Don't learn the hard way about

CLP! We will not let CLP crush our democratic goals anywhere in the Western states. We thank our friends in *Workers Viewpoint* for publishing this letter and we will keep you informed of further developments.

R.W.

**More on Okalona Arrests**

Dear WV,

Enclosed is a leaflet and two articles to keep you abreast of some of the happenings.

The march to Trice's sentencing trial didn't go down as most people went straight to the court house.

Before sentencing Trice stated to the Judge: "I'm here today for that piece of justice we're supposed to have here in America. I know in my mind and heart that I'm not guilty."

The article on the Okolona march had a few false statements. More than 130 persons were arrested but not all were charged. Some with small children were let out before people were slated. People were slated rather quickly so that the media wouldn't get there in time to film all of us being held in a pen. Also more than half (*at least that many*) of the marchers were Okolonians.

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## An Auto Worker Speaks

# “...Born in the Damn Workforce”

The following is an interview with an auto worker who has been actively organizing on her job. She recalls her early experiences as a social service worker and her development from a black nationalist toward communism. She also talks about what impressed her about the Chinese revolution, the restoration of capitalism there today, and the Iranian people's revolution. In the next issue, she will talk about organizing in the auto plant.

(Recalling the difference between being a social service worker and being an auto worker)

You dealt with people. I worked for the state. I think people weren't as aware of conditions. They were working with people one on one. They didn't deal with outside forces.

When I went in I was very gungho. I was going to straighten everybody out, get things together, show people why things should be as it is. I was there about 4 months and they had drained me. I worked there 6 years. The system was geared to fail. There's no way that man sitting in Trenton (the state capital) is going to work himself out of a job. As long as there are people who are, as society says, "sick," women

getting pregnant, people out there stealing cars or whatever, they've got a job. They are not going to cure themselves out of a job.

People were helped inspite of the system. People that came there and were really sincere about getting themselves together, getting a job or getting birth control pills. They felt—well, I'll use this agency as a stepping stone. The ones that succeeded, succeeded inspite of the system, not because of the system, because that system is definitely not geared for success. After my first year, I knew I was banging my head against a brick wall, but you're helpless and they do everything to keep you helpless.

I can see why after so much action people fall back and back farther. They come in and say, if I could make \$300 a week, life would be beautiful. And after you make that, nothing has changed and it takes you down further.

Those social things in the 60's (anti-poverty programs, etc). . .people felt if they could get this going or that going it would be better, and they were no better. It starts making people internalize it. Gee, when I was making \$100 a week I was doing just as well.

When you felt \$300 was your goal and everything was going to change, and when you see it don't and when people come to the agency. . .well, the system has them in a predicament. They start internalizing—it's my fault, what's wrong with me? What have I done?

### On Becoming A Communist

Anger—I went into it as a black nationalist. . .anger, so much it was unbelievable. I was so mad at what was going on with black people. I figured that white racists were responsible for the people I know being in the position they were in. I hated white people to the point that the thought of them would make me tremble. And when this thing with Angela Davis and George Jackson come up. . .I started reading on this question, first black nationalists—Baraka, Huey Newton. But anger was what got me into it. I was ready, believe me, to carry the gun. . .there was so much frustration. That's why I felt I needed something to direct my anger toward, and anybody of a different color than me was going to get it. That's how it started. (I wasn't even that advanced)

I didn't even look at the govern-

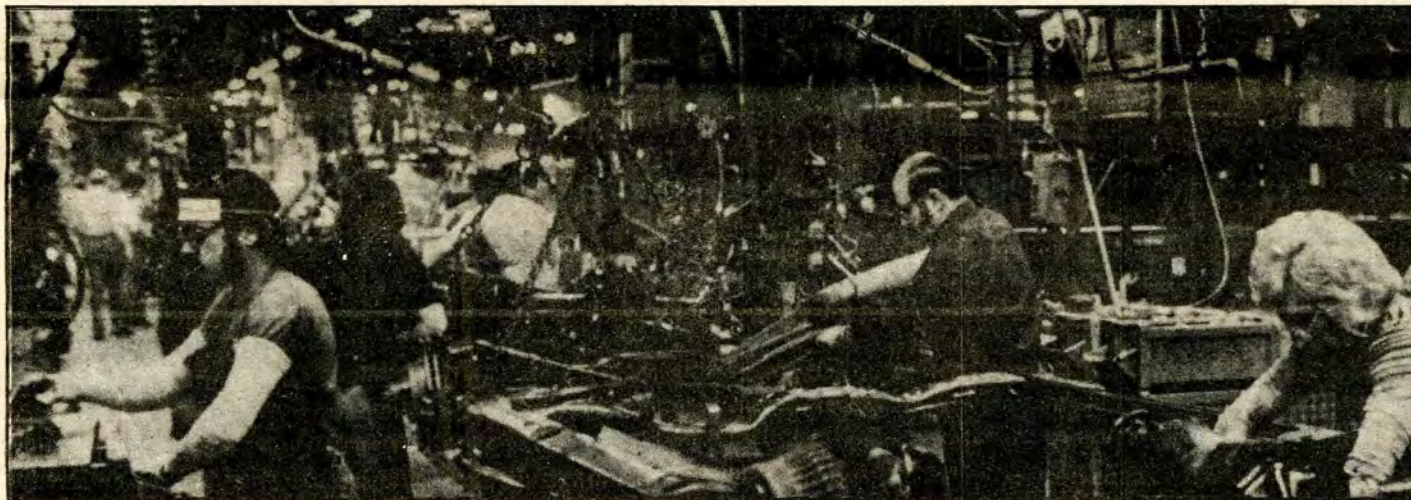
ment. I looked at the man next door to me. It didn't jump off that I looked at politicians. I remember Malcolm X before he made his trip to Mecca, something in his book I used to quote all the time—they asked him about a little white kid running across the street and getting hit by a car—what would he do? He said a rat is a rat no matter what size they were. That's how I felt; my hatred was such that I wasn't at the level where I hated the president. Shit, I hated the man next door bringing home \$200 a week.

It wasn't until I started reading. You would find the word Communism. You read Angela and George Jackson—you find the word Communism. No matter how black these people were, how revolutionary they were, you would find the word Communism. I started thinking, communism, and then I started reading on communism, then I learned that poor man in Appalachia—he's getting fucked the way I was (but) I had to read for awhile. I had to vent that anger.

### On China As Model

Something on Chairman Mao—I was so turned on. I remember, when millions of people used to die in the streets when they had the open door policy. I looked at the western world, with their help for Chiang Kai-Shek—the people that died of hunger. That wasn't murder, yet when you had the revolution and some of the same people that caused the situation were killed, the western world starts screaming murder. I was so turned on by what Chairman Mao wrote. I was looking to find out who to me represented the closest thing to communism. The thing that impressed me too—people didn't have hard times, who have lived well, but cared about other human beings enough. That's what I wanted to see

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Working on the line means fighting the three main ways the auto bosses intensify exploitation — work overload, overtime, and loss of jobs through automation.

## A Never Ending Line of Grey Steel Bodies

What's it like to be an autoworker? It's a never ending line of grey steel bodies coming at you, each one demanding that you push and pull and twist a 30-lb. suspended spotwelding gun for 41 welds that shower your body with hot sparks. It's jumping in and out of unfinished cars 60 times an hour, on your knees, on your back, screwing and bolting a dozen pieces (last year it was only 7 pieces) into a car so fast, you know they'll never work. It's running a 700 piece per hour production in a stamping plant so noisy that if you didn't wear earplugs, you'd go deaf in a day, always dimly aware that the press might repeat and take your hand down the chute to the next person on the line.

Yeah, the pay and benefits are near the top for industrial workers. But you're still up to your ears in debt. How much good is it anyway, when

you're working 10 hour days, 6 days a week? It's a hell of a depressing feeling when your little girl comes up to you on a Sunday afternoon and asks, "Daddy, what are you doing here?" And how many autoworkers ever reach the magic 30 and out? Most either quit in disgust or die before they get there. Most of those that do make it don't live long after that. The company has taken their life's energy, after 30 years in an auto plant you're hardly more than a shell.

In the 20 years between 1957 to 1977, output per employee hour has increased more than 118%. And this exploitation is getting worse, not better. The 1976-77 increase was up 7%, compared to the yearly average, over the last 20 years, of only 3.7%. During these years employment has increased only 15.8%, while production has gone up 170.8%.

The auto magnates have used three

main ways to intensify exploitation—hated by autoworkers all over the country. One is work overload, like speedup and job combination. The company time study man is constantly prowling around seeking new ways to add work to a job. Thousands of autoworkers were never recalled to work after the massive 1974 layoffs. Those that did return were forced to do double and triple the work they had done when they left. Speedup is common. The discovery of a secret line-speedup box at a Flint, Michigan plant only proved what autoworkers can feel in their bones.

Overtime is another way the bosses squeeze more production from workers. Paying time and a half for extra hours is far cheaper for the capitalists than to hire more workers. The weekly average of 6.4 hours overtime is more than twice the average for other industries.

But the bosses want more. Lee Iacocca, now president at Chrysler has said increasing productivity will be his central concern. To start, like he did at Ford, he will cut manpower and increase overtime—since Chrysler has the lowest average overtime of the Big 3. Fifty-two weeks of backbreaking work take a big toll on an autoworker's life.

Finally there is automation. New and more sophisticated machines let the capitalists force one worker to do the work of many. A bank of 14 spotwelding robots can displace up to 70 workers. Computerization and automation at GM's Lordstown assembly plant allows them to run the line at speeds up to 110 cars per hour. Under capitalism, automation won't improve workers' lives—only puts more workers onto the streets. ■

**Auto**

# Fraser's Raw Deal Pits Cost of Living on Pensions Against Wages

Soaring inflation with no end in sight is the main thing on the minds of 700,000 autoworkers across the country. And the contract, expiring in September, is being negotiated right now in a period of wage controls and increasing government intervention into trade union struggles. Cost of living on pen-

sions (COL on pensions) is a major issue in the talks going on.

But the United Auto Workers leadership, forced to recognize this, pits this issue against everything else. This skillful maneuver is preparing the groundwork for a weak contract to get by. Part of the bourgeoisie's dual tactics is

to play on the weaknesses in the working class today — scattered and separate struggles, making it easier for the capitalists to diffuse the contract fight. But class struggle in the trade unions brews as autoworkers, old and young, organize to fight the killer inflation and the capitalists' wage freeze.

saying that COL on pensions would cost an average of \$2.46 and that this would take up too much of the "package." (These figures have been proven to be totally fabricated. The COL/SWW Committee has released figures showing that an increase of only \$0.24 per worker hour could give retirees an extra \$200 per month.) They are spreading this to divide up the older and younger workers, telling the younger workers that the COL on pensions will hurt what they can get in the contract. They are also doing this to prepare for a measly COL on pensions that they can call a victory.

At the same time Fraser is hitting the "cost" of the COL on pensions, he is also using the overwhelming demand for it to ignore the other demands of the rank and file. And the insistence by the COL/SWW Committee that the COL on pensions be the number 1 economic priority has in this case helped Fraser in his game.

The work of the COL/SWW Committee over the years has been very strong, particularly among other union officials. The UAW superstructure is very extensive with many different councils and conferences where local union leaders gather to formulate policies and give suggestions to the International. It's here among this level of union activists that the COL/SWW Committee is strongest. So at both the Skilled Trades Conference in February and the Production Workers Conference held in March, COL on pensions was placed high on the list of priorities for the 1979 contract. This is a good thing. But Fraser and the International are using this to belittle the burning demands on the shop floor for better work standards. In the plants today, wages and working conditions, including work standards, are two key issues, as well as COL on pensions. But Fraser is cleverly using COL on pensions to try and cover this up.

## Intensifying Exploitation A Trade-Off for Wages

After World War II the auto industry was booming. Under these conditions the union was able to win steadily higher wages and benefits. But make no mistake — these increases were won through bitter battles against the companies. Many gains such as high wages, 30 and out, SUB benefits, Cost of Living allowances, were pacesetters for the entire labor movement and took months out on strike to secure. But in the course of winning these gains, the UAW International leadership did little to challenge the increasingly brutal exploitation of the workers. (See feature "A Never-ending Line" in this issue). For example, the last time any change was made in the contract to strengthen language around work standards was in 1949!

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## COL on Pensions is the Demand Inflation is the Issue



The United Auto Workers Special Bargaining Convention in Detroit was the site of a demonstration by 5000 autoworkers demanding COL on pensions.

DETROIT, Mich.—Before the convention even began, the voices of 5,000 autoworkers rang out in front of Cobo Hall in Detroit, site of the United Auto Workers Special Collective Bargaining Convention. They demanded cost-of-living allowance protection on all pensions. Busloads of retirees came from all over the Midwest. Active union workers from Detroit, Flint, and elsewhere in southeastern Michigan swelled the ranks. Many delegates got up from their hotel rooms before 8 a.m. to make it to the picket line before the convention opened.

This massive outpouring of union solidarity between young and old



Auto pensioners, forced to live on fixed incomes, are coming out fighting against the killer inflation.

workers came after months of organizing by the Cost of Living on Pensions/Short Work Week Committee (COL/SWW Committee), headquartered in UAW Local 599 in Flint. Industrial workers are stirring and events at this convention, held April 17-18, revealed clear currents of the class struggle brewing in the plants. Two points came out loud and clear: autoworkers are NOT going to tolerate inflation cutting down our standard of living, and are NOT going to let the government force it down our throats!

Naturally the retirees who built the UAW have a direct interest in getting some cost-of-living protection—without it they will be driven further and further into poverty. Beyond the demand for COL on pensions, the spirit showed a growing fierce resistance to rampant inflation. COL on pensions was the demand, but inflation was the issue.

Don't expect the International to lead a strong contract struggle, though. This convention showed they are trying to use the COL on pensions issue to split the workers and slip by with a weak contract. Vice president Irving Bluestone, head of the UAW General Motors Department, even came right out and said there is a trade off between COL on pensions and the demands of the in-plant workers. And the issue of work standards, dealing with the corporations' productivity drives, was bypassed. The bureaucrats adjourned the convention, the main union body to outline contract proposals, before they got to it on the agenda. It exposed them for what they are—traitors doing everything in their power to loyally serve the needs of the monopoly capitalists in crisis. ■

## Inflation is the Issue, COL on Pension is the Demand

COL on pensions, a very important demand not only for the UAW, sets the pace for the rest of organized labor. Auto pensioners are forced to live on fixed incomes now as low as \$300 a month, with the highest at \$700. With the rate of inflation shooting above 14%, this is criminal. Pensioners who retired in 1973 have taken a whopping 41% cut in income!

Not only is this forcing people who gave their lives in hard work into poverty, many older workers are holding back from retiring. They are forced to work to survive when they should be able to rest. And their jobs are then closed to many younger workers looking for jobs. So COL on pensions, while mainly benefitting older and retired workers, helps all workers by opening up jobs and protecting our futures. And there is a sense of union solidarity bringing many younger workers to support their older union brothers.

The fight for COL on pensions has its roots back in the late 1950's during the Eisenhower recession as a movement for more jobs. Its main slogan then was "30-40-60 Out!" meaning 30 hours for 40 hours pay, and 60 years old for retirement. Through the years a Committee in the UAW (now headed by Hank Oginsky, Financial Secretary of Local 599 in Flint, Michigan) has led the fight in the union that first won 60 and out, then 30 and out (30 years work and eligible for retirement no matter what the workers' age). Now this Committee is called the COL on Pensions/Short Work Week Committee. The COL/SWW Committee is organizing around the mass outcry for COL on pensions. (See article on demonstration in this issue). This forced the International leadership to take up COL on Pensions as the top economic priority for the coming contract, despite the fact that until March of this year Fraser and Co. have been doing nothing but badmouthing COL on Pensions.

## Fraser Pits Wages, Working Conditions, COL on Pensions Against Each Other

But Fraser and company are using some sophisticated tactics to derail the COL on Pensions movement as well as to sell out the entire membership. On the one hand the International is running a full blown campaign of lies to convince the membership that genuine COL on pensions is too expensive. For example, using their method of figuring each benefit in terms of dollars and cents cost per worker hour, they are

# Philly CETA Workers Blast Job Cuts

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—On Sept. 30 over 2,600 city workers employed under the CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) program are due to have their jobs axed. At the same time, new CETA regulations state that any new hires must be hired at an average wage of \$7,800, far below the union wages of \$10,500 that CETA workers now average. Combined with proposed lay-off of 1,300 regular civil service workers in July, Philadelphia stands to lose many important services. Even now, there are not enough city workers to do the job. These cuts will result in the speed-up of remaining employees and services will be cut. In the long term, if the government gets its way, welfare recipients will be drafted into slave labor under the new workfare programs, to do the jobs city workers making union wages once did.

With over 160,000 jobs lost in the last 8 years in Philly, these workers know the bleak prospects when the pink slips come. Most city and CETA workers are Afro-Americans, and the layoffs would most hurt the black and Puerto Rican communities. As one worker said, "I am fighting for my life and the future of my children."

## AFSCME Workers Take the Lead In Fighting CETA Cuts

On March 22 over 3,500 city workers and supporters took to the streets

to fight the proposed lay-offs and demand *permanent* CETA jobs. Regular civil service employees marched side by side with CETA workers in an impressive show of union solidarity and rank-and-file strength. One worker summed up: "I'm a permanent city employee, but I think the CETA workers deserve a break, too. Besides, if they can do this to CETA workers, it's only a matter of time before they do it to us!"

In taking their fight to the streets, city workers defied the city government and their union misleadership. When news of the demonstration first broke out, Philadelphia Managing Director Levinson, acting as Mayor Rizzo's agent, ordered his henchmen in the city agencies to discipline any workers taking off for the afternoon march and rally. But when it became clear that the rank and file momentum of the march was stronger than his threats, Levinson announced that the city government "backed" the march, and that workers would be given "W" days—days to be made up later.

Meanwhile, arch misleader of D.C. 33 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Earl Stout, hated for his sell-out of the AFSCME strike and contract struggle last summer, had broken out these headlines in D.C. 33's newsletter a couple of days before the

march: "D.C. 33 does not support the CETA rally March 22." At a cross-local CETA workers meeting the next week, angry union members demanded to know why Stout wasn't there, why they were paying union dues when D.C. 33 wasn't solidly behind them, and why their union president had

stabbed them in the back!

No labor misleader in this country can possibly ignore 3,500 of their membership out on the streets. So as any "good" misleader would do to save his own skin, Stout jumped in front of the motion itself. Even AFSCME International President, Jerry

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With their jobs getting axed, 3,500 Philadelphia city workers and supporters demonstrated to demand permanent CETA jobs.

# Norris Workers Say "No Way" to Carter's Wage Lid

LOS ANGELES, Ca.—When workers at the Vernon Plant of Norris Industries in Los Angeles walked off the job, their demands focused on an uncapped Cost of Living Allowance (COLA), higher wages, and improved medical and other benefits. This three-month strike by 1,500 workers is just another part of the working class' growing fight against the capitalists' wage controls.

There have been three strikes at Norris Vernon in the past 10 years, each time with little real gains for the rank and file. In the last three years, the workers have *lost* over \$.60/hour in real wages alone. This time the company offered less than 5% for production workers and refused to uncapped the nickel-capped quarterly COLA—a deliberate attempt to "teach the workers a lesson" and weaken the United Auto Workers local. This would mean a staggering decrease in the workers' buying power over the next three years.

The attacks this year were met with a solid 96% strike vote. And the talk on the lines and at the hall was to stay out "til the cap on COLA comes off!" Any thought the union hacks had of openly cooperating with the 7% guidelines were stopped when a group of active rank and filers issued a leaflet and hundreds of workers showed up at a union meeting before the strike to demand that the union ask for more than 7%. From that point on, the union misleaders knew that to accept 7% would mean the end of their cushy

union positions. They were forced to go along with the strike and decided to try to ride out the militant spirit of the strikers. In the end, the workers were sold out with a rock-bottom 1% wage increase and a 6% uncapped COLA.

## Norris Empire Built with Blood Money

Norris Industries started out in the 1930's as a small metal stamping and manufacturing company, and has grown today into a huge conglomerate with interests in everything from dishwashers to surface-to-air missiles. Much of this growth was gotten through war profiteering. Norris Industries was the *single greatest benefactor* (percentage increase in sales) of any U.S. corporation from the Vietnam War. The "Norris Empire" was built with blood money—the lives of many Vietnamese and U.S. people.

Like all big U.S. corporations today, the corporate planners and other bigshots at Norris are worried. They know that the economy is teetering on the edge of another recession. They know that increased prices and credit interest payments are shrinking the buying power of the workers to the bone. They also know that revolutions in Iran, Nicaragua, and other third world countries are further limiting the numbers of markets they can exploit. In order to deal with this situation, big corporations such as Norris Industries are trying to push the effects of the economic crisis onto the backs of the workers. Their "solution"

to the economic crisis is to hit workers in all industries with the double punch of inflation and wage controls. Norris has been clearing 20% a year in net profits, but using wage controls as an excuse to not pay the workers more.

## Labor Misleaders Disorganize Strike

Norris workers had a new spirit of unity and will to fight that just hadn't been seen before. Just as in countless other strikes going on across the country, the workers drew the line in the face of inflation and the economic crisis. At Norris and elsewhere, there is a growing awareness that the enemy is more than their own particular employer.

But it takes more than spirit to win a strike—the rank and file need leadership! But besides organizing a once-a-week picket shift and distributing picket pay, the union didn't do anything to help win the strike. The union's position was to "ignore" the wage controls in negotiations with the company—to not make it an issue—and ask the government to institute mandatory wage controls. This is the AFL-CIO's standard line.

When a group of workers tried to get the union to organize a picket at corporate headquarters to get some publicity, the union leadership resorted to all kinds of legal excuses and bureaucratic maneuvering to kill the idea. Then they turned around and blamed the

workers, saying the membership was "too apathetic" to come out and show some support. When the company got an injunction allowing contractors to cross the line and do construction inside the plant, the union leadership simply shrugged their shoulders and pulled pickets off the special gates reserved for the contractors. Any mention of picketing there brought out the hacks' cries of "but we can't do anything illegal."

The union leadership never prepared the membership for the possibility of illegal mass pickets to stop scabs from entering the plant should it become necessary. Strike bulletins were never issued, and negotiations were conducted in secret. This only shows how much the trade union misleaders are needed by the capitalists for the government's wage cap to get over. But by the very act of striking, the rank and file is showing their resistance, and the misleaders are further exposing themselves. The only way to successfully take on wage controls is to make it an issue among the rank and file, do education on the question and actively try to build support for the strike from other sectors of the labor movement. Communists must take this developing understanding and build a unified political fight against wage controls with the state and the capitalist class as the target. ■

# Baltimore Longshoremens Unload Anger On State Gov't

BALTIMORE, Md.—Infuriated over cargo drivers licensing requirements, and with years of police harassment on the docks burning within them, members of Local 333 of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) boycotted work at all Maryland Port Administration (MPA) terminals on Wednesday, April 4. The Carpenters Local immediately joined, shutting down over 50% of the piers in the port. (The boycott was used because, by contract, the ILA is prohibited from wildcat strikes). Late that evening, District Court Judge Frank Kaufman granted the Steamship Trade Association a temporary restraining order to force the ILA back to work. The longshoremens threw it back in his face and continued the boycott. Determined to make their position clear to the Maryland state government, the character of the struggle became increasingly political. The collusion between the government, courts and companies became clearer and clearer to the men.

Thursday afternoon, as word spread that ships were being diverted to non-MPA piers, the rank and file decided to shut down the entire port. Longshoremens were particularly angry that they were being ticketed for things over which they had no control. Faced with higher insurance rates, suspended driver licenses, and traffic fines, dockworkers decided enough was enough. A longshoreman of 10 years and active leader of the boycott summed it up, "We've got to put more pressure on the steamship companies and the MPA to get the weight off our backs!"

Faced with a \$5 million a day loss of state revenue, the legislature hurriedly reversed themselves and passed a bill exempting all MPA terminals from state driving regulations and promised that port police practices and policies would be "looked into." With their main demands met, the victorious longshoremens returned to work on Saturday.

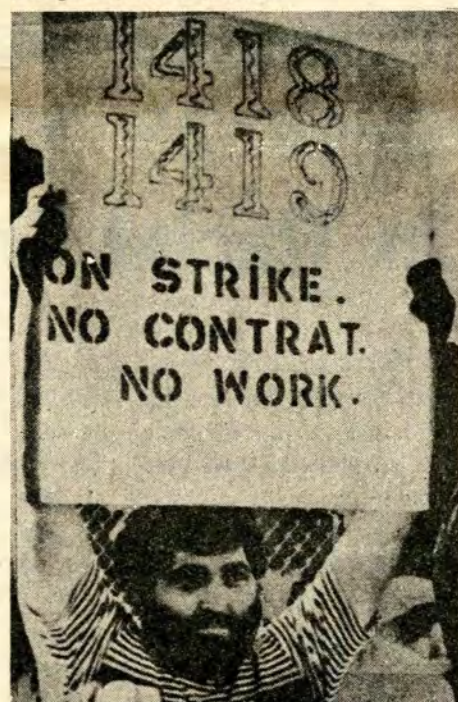
## Longshoremens Organize Against Bill

The boycott had been called in response to the original state legislature bill which would have required company equipment, as well as longshoremens to conform to the state highway code. But then the companies made a deal with the MPA requiring that only dock workers be licensed, and exempting company vehicles to save repair costs. With this, the local's president was pushed to the wall. He had been pushing total reliance on electoral politics, and "his man," Senator McGuirk, author of the bill, had left him hanging. The ex-president of the local, contending for office, could do nothing better. He held the same view as those in office, preaching

reliance on the government and courts.

Meanwhile, the drivers were talking up the issues and organizing to fight. Equipment operators refused to show their licenses to port police when stopped. Others refused to stop before driving on to where large numbers of longshoremens worked. They had been discussing work stoppages, and agreed that anything short of special licenses (which wouldn't reflect on their regular license) and inspected vehicles was unacceptable.

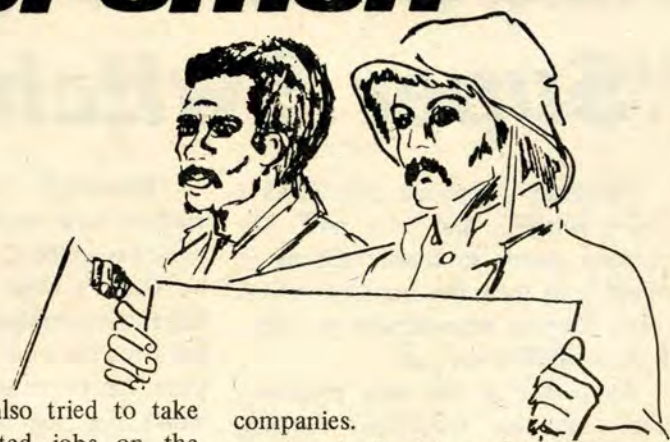
With the fight down to the wire, and only one week left before the legislative session ended, a motorcade was organized for Monday, April 2, by 333 President Joe Cain. They would show the Legislature that the ILA was serious. Once organized, it was hard to turn the men around. The regular Tuesday night union meeting erupted as the men unanimously voted to boycott the port. No longer an issue restricted to vehicle operators, the entire union stood firm in fighting the steamship companies and the state.



Longshoremens organize to "Strike!" and "Boycott!" against companies' collusion with government and courts.

## What's Behind the Licensing Issue?

In the early 1960's, the "container revolution" (a form of mechanization) was introduced in the shipping industry. As a result, many jobs were lost, and the steamship companies started a concerted drive to reduce the ILA to work only on the ships. One way was to pit longshoremens against the Teamsters. For example, in March 1977, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the ILA's jurisdictional agreement with the Steamship Trade Association over the handling of containerized cargo. This opened the way for Teamsters to do the jobs of the longshoremens. The companies could break the backs of the Teamsters while paying them less than they would have to pay the longshoremens.



The companies also tried to take away all vehicle-related jobs on the docks from the longshoremens and give them to the Teamsters. In July 1978 the National Labor Relations Board had handed down a ruling stating that membership in the ILA as a condition for employment was discriminatory to non-ILA men seeking work. Since jobs are dispatched daily through the hiring hall, the senior man qualified for a particular job category bids on it regardless of union membership.

This ruling leaves all vehicle operator jobs open to whoever has a Class "A" license, which most longshoremens who presently operate the equipment don't have.

Calvin, a young longshoreman, explained after the boycott, "If we would have needed a Class 'A' it would have left us open to Teamsters walking in." But the point is the companies are trying to play the Teamsters off against the longshoremens—in fact an attack on both.

## Reformist Road vs. Class Struggle Road

For years, the newspapers and companies have been trying to blame longshoremens for the millions of dollars worth of cargo theft. This has been in preparation for the union-busting attacks over work jurisdiction and the union shop. Within the union, this has been met with two opposite points of view on how to fight the

companies.

Local President Joe Cain and ex-President McFadden represent one outlook, the reformist one. They stand in the way of mass struggle and try to resolve conflicts between labor and capital through negotiations and the courts. For example, summing up their view of the struggle at a special union meeting, they thanked the various legislators and politicians for their help, but completely denied the vital role played by the rank and file.

On the other hand, the active and advanced workers, guided by communists, are becoming increasingly clear that it is only because the workers are organized and struggling that we were able to take on the companies. They are clear on the need to wage struggle to protect past contract gains and to meet current demands. They are searching for the root cause of class exploitation and national oppression and are wide open to communism. It is these active and advanced who are determining the character of the struggle and pushing it forward.

Consolidating our work among the rank and file leaders in the union by raising the larger issues of the role of the state, union-busting and the permanent crisis of capitalism, we are gearing up for the 1980 contract battle and are continuing to raise the level of struggle in response to the companies' union-busting efforts. ■

## ILA Faces Cop Harassment, Takebacks and Union Busting

Police harassment has been a long time occurrence at the MPA terminals. In the past, men have been physically assaulted, many times as punitive measures against the most militant fighters. In 1977, for instance, a man had his arm broken while being roughed up after having been issued a traffic citation. Longshoremens rushed to the rescue of their fellow workers, but they didn't stop there. Fed up, they shut the terminal down for a day.

Recently, police had been enforcing laws which require a Class "A" license to operate equipment such as yard hustlers and forklifts even though there is no state requirement for this. Conviction of failure to have a Class "A" brings 12 points against the operators' regular drivers license and an automatic two-year suspension. Police had also been issuing tickets when drivers cross double yellow lines or exceed the posted speed limit. Yet the equipment has no speedometer, and heavy congestion on the piers makes it impossible to move cargo without crossing the double yellow lines. In reality, MPA

roadways are one vast parking and storage area.

The yardhustlers carry stickers which state, "This vehicle is not manufactured for use on public roads, streets, or highways and does not meet the safety code of the state highway administration." They have poor brake systems, missing lights, and bad tires, and they consistently carry loads in excess of capacity. But it is the men who always get the tickets for poor equipment. For example, on the ACL Line, a yardhustler of 35,000 lbs. capacity carried a 220 ton load onto the ship! Said one longshoreman, "We're being ticketed for not having licenses, yet the companies are not being ticketed or given repair orders for unsafe vehicles. That's grossly unfair!" About 10 days before the boycott, he got five citations and had to post \$500 bond for similar violations. The union officials said, "Let's take it to court." Of course nobody would disagree with this. But the men wanted to do more than go to court, since the situation keeps getting worse. ■

# Hawaiian Telephone Throws "Super Switch"

Hawaiian Telephone calls 4ESS a "super switch". And why not? The company stands to make millions of dollars from their five hundred million dollar, five-year improvement program, of which 4ESS is one part.

But what is the new program's effect on the telephone workers, mostly Native Hawaiians and women? Long distance operators will have to deal with 4,300 additional cables, more countries to handle, and five times the present load. For directory assistance operators, the load of calls also goes up through the shortening of search time. For technicians and repair men, there is too much overtime now. But because the 4ESS is easier to maintain and repair, the chances of future layoffs is greater.

In short, the new "superswitch" is really a "super screw" for the workers. By raising quotas and standards per operator, there will be more pressure from management to be both faster and more accurate. There will be stricter monitoring of the operators. Leaves of absences for personal reasons will be shortened. There will be a crackdown on attendance and work records.

Meanwhile negotiations for the workers' new contract are up. The company has stated it fully intends to abide by Carter's wage cap. So on the one hand, the company is forcing more output from the workers using the new program. On the other hand, the company won't pay for the extra amount of work. And it gets harder and harder for workers even to survive if wages don't even keep up with the ever-increasing cost of living.

## Super-Exploitation in Hawaii, U.S. Colony

For the workers of Hawaii, this difference is felt even more. Being a colony of the United States, there has been an historical wage gap between the U.S. and Hawaii. The controlling hand of the U.S. imperialists is felt in practically every part of life, from the food we eat, the houses we live in, to who raises our taxes and makes the laws. A recent survey revealed that the cost of living in Hawaii is 25% higher than the national average while the average worker in Hawaii earns 8.4% less than the national average.

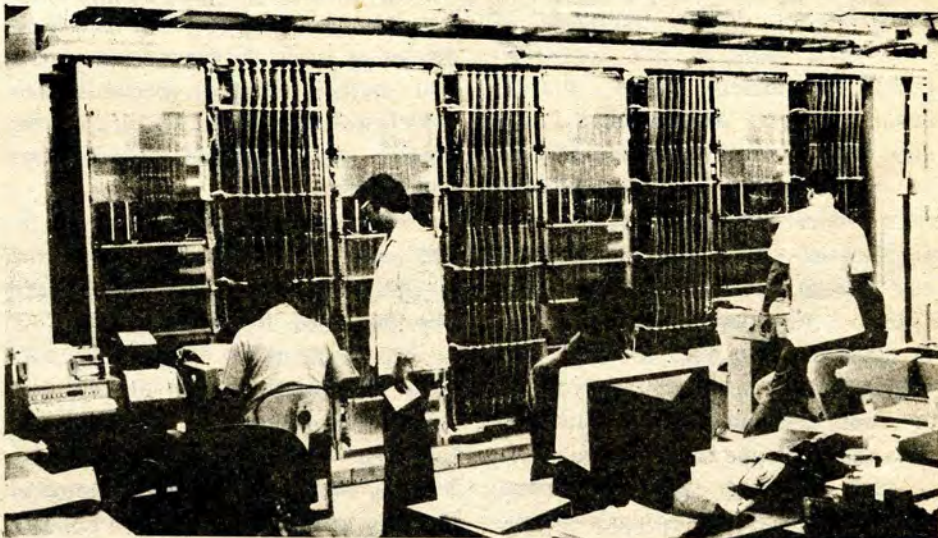
In the past, the Hawaiian economy

was maintained by mainly two crops: sugar and pineapple. The U.S. imperialists developed and encouraged this two crop economy through monopolization of the land. The result was to wipe out farming of other food stuffs. It became necessary for Hawaii's people to import the other necessities from the U.S. and other countries.

For example, lettuce grown in our own Manoa Valley is more expensive than iceberg lettuce grown on the mainland. Tuna caught in Hawaiian

waters goes to the mainland to be canned and is sold in Hawaii at a higher price than tuna caught off the U.S. mainland.

But Hawaii workers aren't sitting still while their standard of living is forced down. United Airlines workers are on strike. Public workers of several different unions have united and rejected a lousy 7% wage increase proposed by the state in their new contract. Hawaiian Telephone workers will continue the fine and militant tradition of Hawaii's workers. As one worker said, "If they (the union leaders and the company) come out with a wage proposal anything even close to 7%, I will vote it down!" ■



Hawaiian Tel's new "superswitch" is a "super screw" for the workers — more forced output, no extra pay.

## N.J. Workers Threaten Strike Against 2.5% Insult



Workers have said: "(Governor) Byrne and the Legislature have increased their own salaries, and those of their buddies in the Courthouses and in the Cabinet. Now they can find the money for us, too!"

Calling a 2.5% proposed wage increase "insulting", members of 3 state employees organizations took their fight for wages to the streets. New Jersey state contracts expire June 30, and workers demanding decent pay increases carried "STRIKE!" signs into the streets of Newark, Trenton, and Morristown on April 30. Workers have made clear through their unions, (AFSCME, N.J. State Employees Association, Civil Service Association) they cannot live with the 2.5% proposed by the State Legislature. New Jersey state law forbids strikes by state employees, but numerous walkouts have occurred in the past few years.

## Terrence Johnson Gets 25 Years in Racist Frame-up

PRINCE GEORGES CO., Md.—Terrence Johnson, the 16 year old black youth framed up for defending himself by shooting two Prince Georges County cops, was convicted on May 3. He got twenty five years — 10 years for voluntary manslaughter and 15 years for a weapons violation.

The day of the sentencing, the Prince Georges County Courthouse was swarming with police. SWAT teams were on the roof of the courthouse and on top of adjacent buildings. Bloodthirsty PG County police marched on the courthouse in formation. Over 150 supporters for Terrence streamed out of the courthouse and down the steps. A band of racist youth screaming "Pull the switch, pull the switch" were cut short by supporters of Terrence.

The judge slapped every Afro-American in the face, when he heaped one racial slur after another during the sentencing. The snake told Terrence to be "thankful" 1) that the police didn't kill him afterward 2) that the jury took pity on him 3) that some one was smart enough to hire him a good lawyer 4) that he was restricted by law from giving him more time in prison. He called him a "walking time bomb" and a "menace to society".

The Afro-American masses will not forget the crime that was committed on May 3rd. The D.C. community will hold Terrence Johnson Day in Anacostia Park on May 26. ■

## Blacks "Initiate" KKKer

Afro-Americans in Decatur, Alabama, gave Robert Bryant a fitting initiation into the KKK! In his white KKK robe Bryant was walking through the black community of Decatur when he was spotted by 10 blacks coming out of a social club at 4 a.m. They beat him to the ground, and then kicked his face in and shot him twice.

Decatur was the scene of the frame-up of Tommie Lee Hines, a 30 year old mentally retarded black man who was tried and convicted for rape. Blacks have been fighting the KKK for over a year in the course of that struggle. ■



# 100'S DEMONSTRATE AGAINST DEATH PENALTY FOR CHOL SOO LEE

## CHOL SOO LEE SPEAKS!

I wish to assure all of you that I am doing well. Because I know no matter what may happen in the courtroom, people's love for justice will continue to bring courage. This experience of injustice with me for the second time will not discourage me. I will not let yesterday's jury verdict weaken me in any way. I understand this verdict of death penalty means that everyone must get stronger to face the upcoming legal struggle ahead of us. The most regret that I have is to letting all of you down. I just wish to say — we better take a closer look at this justice system. This does not serve us. But look forward to the bright future and torturous road ahead.

Sincerely,  
Chol Soo Lee  
March 25, 1979

"That is not true, Your Honor!", Chol Soo protested to the judge who sentenced him to death.

On May 14th, a San Joaquin Superior Court judge sentenced Chol Soo Lee. As the supporters of Chol Soo Lee expected, the judge came up with outright lies, accusing him of committing first degree murder. The judge's lies were so blatant that Chol Soo could not just sit quiet and listen to him.

Over 150 supporters gathered around the Superior Court at 8:30 a.m. and held a militant rally. The court was so scared of the militancy that they purposely took longer in searching the supporters before allowing them to enter the courtroom. Many supporters stayed outside until Chol Soo walked in. As soon as a Defense Committee member reported the decision of the death penalty, a spontaneous chant broke out.

One person shouted, "Chol Soo, the struggle has only begun. We will continue to fight!" And many others started shouting to Chol Soo while he was being taken away by 3 guards. All of a sudden a frantic scream, "You can't kill my son! Let him free now!" by Chol Soo's mother caught everyone's attention. This bloodsucking bourgeois system is breaking families like Chol Soo's everyday by framing them with crimes they did not commit. Everyone's heart was pounding with anger at what this capitalist system has done to Chol Soo and his mother.

At the same time the anger turned into a militant chant of "Free Chol Soo Lee Now!" in the hallway of the San Joaquin Courthouse. The march formed outside the San Joaquin Courthouse. The hot morning in Stockton was getting hotter with the supporters chanting "Free Chol Soo Lee" in English and Korean. The supporters marched around the Courthouse twice and went back to San Francisco, Sacramento, and Los Angeles. The determination to fight harder to free Chol Soo was getting stronger.

Chol Soo's case has become a nationwide issue among Korean Americans. Everybody—garment workers, youth, students, community activists, small shopkeepers, ministers, teachers, parents and grandparents, from the Korean American community and from other Asian American nationalities—is involved. They knew it could just as easily be them.

### Support for Chol Soo Mushrooming Across the Country

On April 28—after the court convicted Chol Soo for first degree murder in Needham's death, the San Francisco Defense Committee had summed up "the need to continue to organize, and this is only a temporary setback because the state is afraid of our mass movement" at a picnic-rally. Asian Americans for Equality (AAFE), the African Liberation Support Committee, and the

University of California at Berkeley chapter of the Asian Student Union organized over 125 people, mainly American, and this event was especially important as a new Korean American youth group, the Korean Youngblood (their name taken from the May Day Singers' song, "Youngblood"), made its first public statement.

Two days later on April 30, 75 had made the trip to Stockton only to hear the judge postpone the sentencing. At that time one friend steadfastly affirmed, "They are really trying to demoralize us and discourage us from coming up here to fight for Chol Soo. Just wait, next time we'll get even more out here to fight."

On May 11, over 800 people came for a benefit disco for Chol Soo at U.C. Berkeley's Pauley Ballroom.

But it hasn't been just in California. All across the nation Chol Soo Lee Defense Committees are organizing. In Chicago, "Free Chol Soo Lee!" thundered through a rainy downtown as 300 marched from the Civic Center to the courthouse on April 17. Dozens of pigs charged to disrupt the rally but they had to stand there frozen by the people's militancy. Led by AAFE, the demonstrators were mainly Korean American high school students and had organized in less than a month.

In New York City 75 people from four generations, Korean American grandmothers and grandfathers to high school students, including communists and professionals, rallied at the Federal Plaza on April 28. Starting with the song, "Free Chol Soo Lee" by one of the May Day singers, this militant demonstration rang out as speaker after speaker from the Workers Viewpoint Organization, the Revolutionary Youth League, AAFE, New York Working Women, and many more spoke out. A group of students from New York Uni-

versity were so inspired that they wrote up and gave a solidarity message on the spot.

### Death Penalty Verdict Will Inflammate the Struggle

The judge and the state hope to get away with this railroad job. They pray that the movement to free Chol Soo will stop. But the people are already fired-up mad, and giving Chol Soo the death sentence is only going to inflame and spread the fight deeper and wider. ■



Deuel Vocational Institution where Chol Soo Lee is imprisoned

## Two Sides

*Victimized by false testimony  
While curtain is closing symbol of justice*

*Laughter of 12 strangers in the air  
While my own perishes*

*Been pronounced death  
While still alive at 26*

*Alive to take breaths of hope in anger  
While shadow of death lingers*

*Living spirits of Koreans arising  
While justice is yet to come*

*I will embrace you soon with tears of joy  
While a smile to hide thousand bitter tears within*

A Poem by Chol Soo Lee (April 1979) *il*

# "...Now That We Are 100,000 Strong..." Bourgeoisie Grabbing For Anti-Nuke Movement



It was like the old anti-war days. All along Pennsylvania Avenue, from the White House to the Capitol, between 65,000 to 100,000 people rallied at the nation's capital to give a resounding "NO!" to the accidents, the cover-ups, the deaths, and the immense hazards of nuclear power. For miles on end, you could see thousands of housewives, students, professionals, some white workers, and old anti-war activists chanting "No nukes, shut 'em down!", "Hell no, we won't glow!" as they surged through the streets.

It was a mild, sunny day in Washington, but everywhere the shadow of the near-catastrophe at Three Mile Island hung over the events of the May 6th demonstration, a grim reminder of the capitalists' mad, profit-crazed dash to install and squeeze every dollar out of nuclear power. Even as the demonstrators swayed to rock bands and enjoyed the sun, investigatory hearings on the Harrisburg disaster showed clearly that on the second day of the disaster, there would have been a complete melt-down if there was an improper depres-

surization of the core, which would have uncovered the core and caused an explosive melt-down. In such a case, according to government documents WASH-740 and WASH-1400, there was a distinct possibility of evacuation of an area the size of the entire state of Pennsylvania.

### What Did the Rally Show?

But what did the rally, with its festive costumes and bands and almost carnival atmosphere, really prove? First, it proved that the issue of nuclear power

is not a flash in the pan, just another province of a small group of environmentalists, but an issue which deeply affects tens of millions of people. Combined with the movement to end industrial pollution (like Love Canal), it's a movement which cuts across class lines and which will be on the minds of workers for years to come. Even bourgeois polls show that the U.S. people resoundingly reject all the risks, hazards, and dangers of nuclear power.

Second, it showed how the bourgeoisie is making a move to co-opt this rising movement.

### Reformists Like Nader Control Demonstration's Politics

Whenever there are large masses in motion, you will find sewer rats who sniff the air and crawl out of their holes. Gov. Jerry Brown of California, sensing new opportunities to launch his sagging bid for the Presidency, seized the chance to use the no-nuke movement as a soap box to make his sales pitch.

The reaction to Gov. Brown partially revealed the character of the movement. Less than half clapped weakly for Brown, while roughly the same number scowled and began to jeer and hoot him down. Hundreds picked up the chant, "Down with Brown!" Brown became so flustered with the cat calls and heckling that at one point he lost his cool and heckled right back. But how did this crass bourgeois politician get to speak at this march?

It was no accident that Ralph Nader and his pals were able to seize control of the May 6th Coalition and hold a tight grip over who could or could not speak. This small bunch of

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## Capitalists Try to Kill Karen Silkwood Third Time

After murdering Karen Silkwood, Kerr-McGee is paying \$10.5 million to kill Karen Silkwood the third time. Karen Silkwood has been the rallying cry for tens of thousands in the anti-nuke movement and the heroine of workers angered over health and safety conditions. Now the courts and nuclear and oil industry are trying to buy them off and shut them up once and for all.

There is no price tag on the murder of Karen Silkwood! Because Karen Silkwood was murdered and the courts wouldn't even allow the jury to rule on the question of her murder. The

\$10.5 million is for the plutonium contamination of Karen Silkwood, but it's really the price tag to stop and bottle up the further investigation of the oil and energy monopolies. The *New York Times* joked about her death as just "one of 46,402 people who died in automobile accidents in 1974." But the death of Karen Silkwood is killing the bourgeoisie! The ruling came down just at the time when there's a ground swell of her supporters and, more importantly, when the trade union movement against health and safety violations and the community

movement against chemical dumping is linking up with the anti-nuclear movement and with the land question of Chicanos, Native Americans and Hawaiians. This concession does unleash activists in that they see concrete results of years of their struggle. But the capitalists are trying to use it to kill the rallying point and the mass movement, which will cost them infinitely more.

The case could be a legal precedent. But it does not guarantee that any other of the nuclear industry's victims, like the Native American uranium miners

or residents of Three-Mile Island will win or get the same amounts of money. Cases will be decided one by one. Only the masses' fights, not the court cases will force gains from the nuclear industry and for health and safety.

\$10.5 million is a drop in the bucket for the energy monopolies with \$6 billion in oil profits this year alone. It will cost them all those billions and more to make nuclear power really safe for workers and people who live near nuclear plants.

And how much money are a generation of deformed children in Love Canal and Three-Mile Island worth? Is there a price tag to them? The courts are trying to do with Karen Silkwood what the big industrialists did in Japan. These Japanese industrialists paid a few dollars and kowtowed a few times to the deformed and dead children, victims of mercury dumping in fishing waters.

\$10.5 million is nothing next to what Karen Silkwood symbolizes. We must fight not just for her but for the fight that Karen Silkwood died for—to make nuclear power safe for the people. We have to punish the real murderers of Karen Silkwood including the FBI and Kerr-McGee. They killed Karen Silkwood three times—they contaminated her, they killed her in a car accident and now they try to kill her spirit in a flood of cold cash. ■

**OPEN TRIAL FOR THE MURDERERS  
OF KAREN SILKWOOD!**

### Michigan No-Nuke Movement Heats Up

MIDLAND, Mich., April 21—Enraged and forewarned by the Three Mile Island incident, 5,000 people in the Detroit area filled the main street of Midland, Michigan. Organized by many different forces, including two Flint UAW locals, they demanded construction of a twin nuclear power plant be stopped. Faced with people's growing anger and awareness, Michigan's Consumers Power Company shut down its Big Rock nuclear plant because of a radioactive water leak, on the same day as the demonstration. ■



# MAY DAY '79

## Shining Example of Communist Leadership and Masses' Supervision of Communists

May Day is International Workers Day, celebrated by workers and communists the world over. This May Day, the Workers Viewpoint Organization held forums across the country. Warmly received by communists, workers and advanced elements, these forums presented, concentrated and deepened the most advanced lessons of Party building. Following the principle of the Paris Commune, the Party submitted its work to the supervision of the masses.

### The Bourgeoisie Rules By Default

A comprehensive presentation that crystallized the most advanced lessons of how to prepare for the dictatorship of the proletariat under the climate of bourgeois democracy opened up the day. It exposed the fact that the bourgeoisie rules mainly by default.

Look at New York City. Mayor Ed Koch is the most arrogant mayor that the city has seen in years. He calls goons out on striking milk drivers, and uses his personal funds to pay the goons off. He spits on the demands of Afro-Americans and other oppressed nationalities. He boasts how lucky people are since he's only closing down hundreds of hospitals and schools instead of thousands. He slaps Judge Bruce Wright in the face publicly.

The only way he is able to get away with this is because the resistance is scattered and diffused. A communist party and a communist party alone, through its winning and training of the advanced in



May Day 1979: The founding of the party of the U.S. proletariat is closer than ever before!

On the other hand, they must propagate the long-term interests of workers and oppressed in a concrete way, understandable to the broad masses. For that reason, the red banner of the Party of Communism must be constantly in sight to allow the masses to get orientation in our day to day struggles.

### Immediate Struggle Alone Is Not Enough

Day to day struggle alone can never emancipate the working class and oppressed nationalities. The bourgeoisie is not afraid of protest. Comrades all over the country work hard in the struggles that the Party leads or supports. The FBI knows what we are doing, the CIA knows what we are doing, but the masses don't know who we are and why we are involved. There's no way the masses can understand communism unless it starts with the Party openly identified with issues; unless the banner of the Party is held high. Communists have nothing to hide. If we fail to do this, we will be bowing to the separation of economic struggle that is the foundation of the bourgeois rule by default. Failure to do this is capitulation to the pressure of legalism, which is the root cause for the collapse of the Second International and the degeneration of the CPUSA. And this same pressure is operating on us every week, every day and every hour.

During the forum one comrade from a mass organization asked, "We wanted to get a hall from a local YMCA to have a forum, but we weren't sure we would get it if we went up there as communist-affiliated. What should we have done?" The main thing is not to compromise the revolutionary spirit and content of our work. Advanced, active and the progressive masses won't be affected by what place we get.

The Party has led many political campaigns. In addition to stepping up propaganda work, political campaigns that the Party leads must be more hard-hitting and better planned. This means organizing for campaigns can't be individual efforts or a two week deal. If our campaigns are planned out over six months to a year, immediate struggles won't get pitted against our campaigns. It will serve to deepen Party influence in all our work. This way there will be plenty of time to train the advanced workers.

### Militant Self-Criticism and Immediate Execution of Fighting Tasks Fire the Masses' Initiative

There was sharp struggle to sum up and expose the shortcomings in the Party's work. Submitting the Party's work to the masses' supervision and regularly rendering account of its activity is the principle of the Paris Commune and the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. This is one of the fighting traditions of the Workers Viewpoint Organization. This is something the revisionists and the opportunists are absolutely incapable of doing.

Weaknesses in the Party's work were struggled out, the class effects raised to the level of line, and immediate resolutions put forward and swiftly implemented. The Party's friends were so moved by the example of militant communist self-criticism and rectification that several advanced workers asked to join the Party *on the spot!*

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## Best Situation for Communists in Last 30 Years

all these scattered struggles, is capable of uniting the scattered streamlets of resistance into a gigantic torrent for the armed overthrow of the bourgeoisie.

### Hold The Party's Banner High In Day To Day Struggles

The counter-revolutionary dual tactics of the bourgeoisie—cooptation and bribery on the one hand

and repression, like the assassination of revolutionary leaders, on the other—lead to a bourgeois democratic climate for maintaining the separation between struggles for immediate gains and the political struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The response of the proletariat should be to actively participate in all streamlets of resistance, regardless of how diverse, scattered or isolated they may be.



Historic May Day 1977 after the tremendous victory in uniting Marxists-Leninists, 1,300 communists and advanced workers marched in New York City and Los Angeles.

# Youth Give Finger To Uncle Sam's Draft

High school and college students all over the country are saying, "Hell no, we won't go!" to the draft and the Army. The minute the flurry of bills bringing back the draft hit Congress, students began organizing. Several hundred rallied on the Capitol steps. Students opposed to the draft demonstrated in New York University, at Madison, Wisconsin and in a dozen other cities across the nation. One student angered over the draft said, "To hell with the Army. I'm not going!"



Speaking for every high school and college student, youth says "Hell No, We Won't Go!", right on the steps of the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

With SALT II only a cover for both the U.S. and Soviet Union preparing for war, top army generals are just itching to whip the army into shape for the next world war between the superpowers. The Army Chief of Staff, General Bernard Rogers, soon to be the NATO commander, testified before the House Military Personnel Subcommittee, calling for an annual draft of 75,000 to 100,000 men and women for training and six years of standby service in the reserves.

Manpower and reserves are the key questions to the Army. If a world war broke out now, they would fall flat on their faces. They only have 200,000 of the 700,000 reserves they need. And

the volunteer army has fallen short of the recruitment levels they expected, again a question of manpower.

Another key factor to bringing back the draft is a shortage of officers and highly trained specialists in weapons, radar and communications. Major General Robert Sennewald, Fort Dix

commander noted, "There is a greater premium on leadership (qualified sergeants) in this Army." Despite the fact that the Army has made a \$1500 cash bonus or \$2000 in education aid available to those enlisting in any Army National Guard or reserve unit, they still do not have the core of officers they need to enforce their rule over the ranks of the Army.

However, Congress, though it too is hankering for bringing back the draft, is playing it cool since they know that the anti-war movement ended the draft and that thousands today still oppose the draft. They are trying to bring back the

draft piece by piece and so far they've proposed a bill that calls for the registration of 18 year old men beginning in 1981.

The Workers Viewpoint Organization opposes the draft. However, if they do bring back the draft, we will go into the Army alongside of the thousands of working class soldiers to organize them and to bring Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought right into the ranks of the Army. Just like the Army in Iran organized against the Shah, we will turn it into a proletarian army to overthrow the bourgeoisie. ■

## Women Hold Up Half The Sky

### NJ. Politicians, NOW Push Sex at 13

Parents, teachers and students immediately denounced the new law. The New Jersey legislature meekly said, "It was a mistake." They had actually passed a law that made sex legal at the age of 13, lowering the age of consent from 16 to 13 and made sex legal between even younger children if there was less than four years difference in their ages.

But this law was no mistake. It was consciously drafted and pushed through by bourgeois feminists in the New Jersey state chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and the New Jersey Coalition Against Rape (CAR), cooperating with the New Jersey Senate Judiciary Committee.

NOW and CAR claimed they designed the law so that many young teenage men would not be criminally charged with statutory-rape. With this law, angry parents could not charge statutory rape against the young boy-friends of their even younger daughters. The feminists said it would bring the law up-to-date with the sexual habits of youth. Since they push degenerate sexual freedom for adults they figure its okay for youth and children too.

Lowering the age of consent to 13-years old would only legalize the ex-

ploitation of youth and children by bourgeois and petty bourgeois sexual perverts.. The law would make it "legal" for the bourgeoisie to promote youth to the blind alleys of drugs, alcohol, degenerate culture and pornography. It would promote the trend of burned out kids who are wino's and drug addicts at age 10 and young run-aways who become prostitutes. With the law, the New Jersey legislature could say okay to their fellow Congressmen like Fred Richmond, New York State Representative, who got arrested picking up young boys in Times Square and got re-elected and the Washington, D.C. Congressman who molested a 13-year old black youth. They would condone instead of jailing, Roman Polanski, a film director who was convicted of having sex with a 13-year old girl and who is now in France attending film festivals.

That's why outraged parents petitioned in supermarkets and churches. They packed the City meetings held to denounce the bill. Under such an outpouring of angered parents and youth, the legislature had to fix up the bill. The people of New Jersey weren't going to let the Congressmen and feminists get away with exploitation of youth and children. ■

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# A Revolutionary Youth: "I had to find the relationship between the personal and political spheres"

This is a letter (reprinted from Revolutionary Youth) written by a revolutionary youth who has recently joined the Party after he worked out this question in practice. He joined the Party in order to avenge his mother and the countless sufferings inflicted under the criminal rule of the monopoly capitalist system.

March 26, 1979

Dear Comrades,

When I first learned that my Mother was going into the hospital for "tests" I was suspicious at the least. I had almost never seen her sick or even miss a day at the factories. The only vacation she had in 30 years was unemployment.

Her doctor, who was supposed to be a "specialist," kept us waiting in the dark while he mystified the outcome of the tests. As a worker in the (I.L.G.W.U.) International Ladies Garment Worker's Union she had Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The doctor knew that she had medical coverage, so he kept her in the hospital for weeks without a diagnosis. Shit—all he gave her was a drug called Tylenol—you don't even need a prescription to buy it because its just like aspirin!

This same doctor, like so many others under capitalism, knew how to use impressive language to make patients submissive to their suggestions. After failing to convince my mother to have exploratory surgery, he shifted his attention to me. I could tell that this dog was well trained. He began to lie in a vain attempt to keep us confused. He spoke of a test called an I.V.P. and said that this test showed that my Mother needed a *gall bladder* operation. When I was thirteen I had an I.V.P. so I knew that test was for the *kidneys*. When his shit didn't get over he said, "That's not my area of speciality."

From one doctor to the other trying to get that second opinion, it became clear to me that the first doctor was not an exception. From the quack who gave her Tylenol while she bled vaginally for weeks, to the other gynecologist (doctor who specializes in the diseases of women) who advised surgery to remove a tumor that she said was growing in her uterus, to the general practitioner who referred us back to the specialists all over again, Mom's condition grew worse. A gynecologist who had the support of some doctors and women in the area, was going to operate on her.

I began to drop the political work on campus and by now I had substituted taking up the struggle and giving leadership to the campus squad with taking up the responsibility of caring for my Mother. RYL comrades who worked on campus were giving the

best support they knew how. They visited my Mother independently and aided her in the struggle against her illness. But I was lost for orientation. I wasn't studying and I became more and more withdrawn because I thought that the political struggle was separate from the personal struggle. I knew that collective leadership aided the political work, but I fought against collective leadership in the "personal struggle."

**"There is no point where we can stop struggling — not in any area of life. . . If I thought that the struggle was over, I should have just ordered my casket and lied down in it right away."**

After the surgery I waited (in vain) for the doctor to tell of the outcome of the operation. When I finally caught up with the doctor, all I could get in was one question before she hung up. "Your mother's operation was a success"—click.

This doctor saw over 60 patients in her office three times a week (who paid her \$40.00 a visit); over 30 patients in another office downtown and twice a week she was in the operating room. She was so goddamn busy racking in the cash, she didn't have time to give quality care to her patients.

Next there was another doctor in charge of my Mother's case. He was in charge of radiation therapy. I went immediately to his office to find out what the other doctors hadn't told me. Being my mother's closest next of kin, there was absolutely no way that they could justify not telling me the truth but they still tried to be evasive.

"Your mother has a high grade carcinosarcoma." I couldn't even pronounce it, "What is that?" I asked. "I can't explain that . . . why you would have to go to medical school to understand," he said. I told him that we're talking about my Mother's condition and that he had better make some time to explain what the hell that shit he just told me meant. After several minutes of beating around the bush, he just came out and said, "Look, your mother has cancer. What can I tell you?"

He told me that nothing could be done. He wouldn't even explain the principle behind Radium Therapy. Then he got fed up with my questions and said, "Get out! I don't need to listen to this shit!" Dazed, I said, "How professional of you Dr." Taking my time, I began to move, making one last statement about why I was leaving—"It stinks in here," I told him. "The whole system including the medical profession stinks." Then the fool tried to throw me out of the office, physically.

Blocking his attack, I wanted to smash his face in. With my fist about one inch from his nose I could only see my mother's face reacting to pigs carrying me out—she wouldn't understand and she needs me now. His eyes were wide and he said, "But what am I to do, I'm only one person?" "If you really had heart, you and your colleagues could organize and do something about this sytem," then I walked out. Comrades called to find out how I

Through study I began to recognize that the personal and political spheres are inseparably linked. There is no point where we can stop struggling—not in any area of life. Illness is exploited under the criminal rule of monopoly capitalist class. These bloodsucking vultures who control chemical corporations wait hungrily for someone to get ill. They aren't about preventing or curing the disease because profits' their aim!

On March 16th at about 8:15 a.m., Mom died peacefully after a year and a half bout with cancer. But even though I worked in the same hospital (luckily I found a job there), they didn't notify me until 2:30 that afternoon. Not even caring about her death, they had to extract those working hours at any cost.

The question of death brought out the bibles and all kinds of religious reaction from my family. They all came to tell me that my mother is "safe with Jesus." Three of my uncles are ministers and one aunt is a bishop. They all came to the funeral to preach that garbage about equality and justice not being part of the world of the living. This just avoids struggle. Shit—the masses make history! If I thought that the struggle was over, I should have just ordered my casket and lied down in it right away. We have to struggle to make this world a better place for our children and their children's grandchildren. We have to study to gain the correct perspective. Comrades, I thank you for being patient with me.

Yours in Unity and Struggle.  
 Comrade R.

was doing while my mother was in the hospital, but all I did was leave the phone off the hook. They really had patience with me because they could have just said to hell with me. I was trying to look strong, but taking the struggle inside of myself for answers only took me deeper into the problem without seeing the solution. I thought I could convince folks that I wasn't under pressure and didn't really need their assistance. But just seeing my Mother down from 117 to 84 pounds and suffering daily, forced me out of isolation.

I needed a social life; needed something with meaning to involve myself in; needed to struggle. Coming back to political work was a process. I had to find the relationship between the personal and political spheres.

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# "Thatcher the Milk Snatcher" Takes British Election

## The Labour Party Stood Naked Before the Workers

The British bourgeoisie once again used the safety valve of elections to save themselves from the biggest strike wave since 1926. Margaret Thatcher, the leader of the Tory (conservative) Party won 47% of the vote to the Labour Party's 37%.

Thatcher ran under the banner of crushing the trade unions and attacking minority immigrants. Her victory is no chance occurrence.

This past winter the militant rank and file workers' movement once again fought the Labour Party government. The 5% ceiling on wages was smashed by a series of strikes by the truck drivers, the railway workers, the public and municipal workers, and the fuel tank truck drivers. For weeks rank and file workers held rallies in Hyde Park to demand higher wages,

to denounce the sell-out policies of the trade union bureaucrats, and to attack the wage control policies of the Labour Party. Factories were shut down all over. Newspapers all across Britain went out of circulation because printers were on strike. A strike by 600 water supply workers cut water supplies down in northern England affecting 1 million people. A state of emergency was declared in Northern Ireland because of the fuel tank truck drivers strike. Everyday, the British bourgeoisie lost up to 1 million pounds (close to 2 million dollars) in exports alone.

The British bourgeoisie used the crisis to whip up the public, especially the petty bourgeoisie, against workers through sob stories about food shortages, oil and gas shortages, layoffs and blocked emergency ambulance ser-

vice.

### The Electoral Merry-Go-Round

Since 1964, permanent economic crisis has gripped Britain. The government has seasawed between the Conservative and Labour Parties—every change sparked by widespread strikes by the powerful rank and file movement in the British trade unions. The Tories were kicked out in 1974 because of their fierce attack on workers by passing the Industrial Relations Act (*WVO Journal* No. 2). The Labour Party was ushered in with a deceiving "social contract"—meaning wage freezes. This time Callaghan, head of the Labour Party, campaigned using another deal with the union bureaucrats. The hacks promised to work for labor peace and curb their wage demands during the recent election. Fed up and angry, the rank and file refused to turn out the vote for the Labour Party.

The victory of Thatcher sent a clear message. In Britain, Canada and other western European countries like Austria and Italy, the liberal and social democratic parties get exposed naked with the deepening economic crisis and the rising rank and file movements.

With the workers fed up with the Labour government and the petty bourgeoisie whipped up against striking workers and the unions, Margaret Thatcher pushed for a confidence vote against the Labour Party and

the racist Smith regime in Rhodesia. When she was Minister of Education under Heath she was hated by the workers and poor parents for chopping the free milk allowance in schools. The masses haunted her with the slogan, "Thatcher, Thatcher, milk snatcher!", wherever she went.

The center-piece of Thatcher's program is to attack the trade unions. She proposed a series of laws that would bar secondary picketing on a mass scale, restrict unemployment compensation to strikers, attack the closed shop, and provide for government-sponsored strike balloting instead of the open rank and file vote.

Riding on the fascist motion of the National Front in attacking the immigrants in Britain, she came out as the staunch defender of racism. She said whites in certain cities and towns in Britain were "swamped" by Indians and West Indians. Thatcher pushed a quota system to restrict the minority immigrants.

She also lured the vote of the upper petty bourgeoisie, promising to lower the basic tax rate from 33% to 30%, and particularly to cut the top tax rate from 83% to 60%. At the same time she proposed a sales tax hike from the present 8% to 12.5%, an attack on the working class and poor.

### Labour and Tory Are Both Crooks, British Workers Need Communist Leadership

But Margaret Thatcher will have a hell of a time pushing through her program. The British workers will take to the streets to strike down her program and her government just as they did to the Tory government in 1974. The two million minority immigrants will also join the powerful rank and file movement to defend their rights against the fascist attacks.

## WORLD IN STRUGGLE

COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE

NATIONS WANT LIBERATION

PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION!

### GERMAN WORKERS SUPPORT BRITISH WORKERS STRIKE AGAINST LONDON TIMES

The *London Times*, hit by a strike called by the National Graphical Association, tried to start publishing again by moving to Frankfurt, Germany. The strike has kept the *Times* shut since November over automation and layoffs. The IG Druck und Papier, the German printing union, warned the *Times* that it would block distribution of the paper. 300 demonstrators kept an all-night vigil outside the plant to stop the paper from coming out on April 29. The *Times* abandoned their plans to publish in West Germany.

### POLICE STATION IN SOWETO RAZED BY GUERRILLAS

Three guerrillas stormed the police station in Soweto, on the outskirts of Johannesburg. Lobbing grenades and firing AK47 assault rifles, they razed the building to the ground. South African officials admitted this was the boldest raid by the guerrillas in South Africa. Despite roadblocks and house-to-house searches, the guerrillas could not be found.

### PALESTINIANS DEMONSTRATE AT BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY

Palestinian patriots demonstrated at Bethlehem University, an

all-Palestinian school on the West Bank five miles south of Jerusalem. They were protesting the continued occupation of their homeland by the Israeli Zionists and against the Egypt Israeli peace treaty. Israeli troops fired tear gas into the university and closed the school.

### IRAN CELEBRATES MAY DAY

Hundreds of thousands of Iranians poured into the streets to celebrate International Workers Day and to commemorate revolutionary martyrs. In past years, the Shah had violently suppressed May Day celebrations.

A coalition of left forces including Marxist-Leninists called a rally to celebrate this year's May Day. The Islamic Republican Party also held a separate May Day rally. The left forces are gaining strength as over 100,000 people attended their rally compared to 30,000 attending the other demonstration.

### FRENCH WORKERS MARCH ON MAY DAY

Marching in a heavy downpour, thousands of Paris workers celebrated May Day and protested the government's cutting back of the depressed steel industry, boosting the already high jobless rate in France. In the steel town of Longwy, steel workers demonstrated against unemployment and the closing of several steel mills in the area, clashing with the riot police.



British Leyland auto workers struck down 5% wage ceiling.

won.

The *New York Times* and the *New York Daily News* played up Thatcher as the first woman Prime Minister in Western Europe. They built her up as a self-made woman who believed in hard work and "individual responsibility." She campaigned on a promise "to reward hard work, responsibility and success." This is nothing but the same old wine in a new bottle.

### "Thatcher, Thatcher, Milk Snatcher"

Thatcher is married to a retired millionaire and has represented a well-off petty bourgeois neighborhood in Finchley, northern London, for the past twenty years. During her years in Parliament, she voted for the notorious Industrial Labour Act, for capital punishment and for supporting

The working class in Britain knows now that the Labour Party is just as bad as the Tories. *They are both crooks!* The Labour Party, controlled by the trade union bureaucrats, was dumped by the workers themselves. But this does not mean the rank and file workers in Britain are clear on the indirect rule of the bourgeoisie, of the sinister nature of the bourgeois election that gives the appearance of a change without real change. What the British workers need is to overthrow the criminal rule of the capitalist system. And to carry out this historic task the British working class needs the leadership of a genuine communist party. Without it in the lead of every strike wave, every election will only lead to changing faces in the bourgeois government—not a change in state power. ■

# Popular Revolutionary Bloc Takes Embassies, 23 Murdered By Gov't El Salvador: 20,000 Condemn Massacre

Sixty members of the Popular Revolutionary Bloc took over the French and Costa Rican embassies, as well as the Metropolitan Cathedral in downtown San Salvador last Friday, May 7th. This coalition of trade union, student and peasant groups, with more than 30,000 members, demanded General Carlos Humberto Romero, President of El Salvador, set free five political prisoners who are leaders of their group. By Tuesday, the bold act of the Popular Revolutionary Bloc (PRB) had ignited the masses and 500 people came out demonstrating their support of the PRB against the brutal rule of General Romero, a known butcher who massacres and tortures people at will.

At the demonstration, the police opened fire without warning, killing 23 people in cold blood. Six long hours went by before the government allowed the bodies to be removed and the wounded to be treated.

The next day over 1,000 people attended a mass for the patriots who gave their lives. Red and yellow flowers, the colors of the Popular Revolutionary Bloc, covered the cathedral. At the funeral procession, 20,000 people came

out to mourn these revolutionary martyrs. Thousands of people came out of the markets and behind stalls, chanting and shouting their hatred for the present regime. The pressure forced General Romero to give in and release three of the five political prisoners. With the support of the people, the Popular Revolutionary Bloc took over the Venezuelan embassy, and further pressed their demand to include repatriation of exiled members.

## Long History of Struggle

El Salvador is a small country in Central America, not far from Nicaragua where Sandinista guerrillas threaten the feudal dynasty of Somoza. The U.S. has dominated El Salvador for almost a century. The masses live in dire poverty while the U.S. monopolies control their one-crop (coffee) economy.

El Salvador is ruled by a 14-family oligarchy known as "la sociedad" whose interests are tied directly to the U.S. and German coffee processing industry. This ruling class has viciously suppressed the working class, peasantry and especially those of Indian origin. They are notorious for their use of torture and the suppression of all



Masses turned out to witness the bodies of 23 revolutionaries who were killed in cold blood in front of the Metropolitan Cathedral.

political liberties.

The imperialists' attitude towards "la sociedad" is clearly expressed in a statement by John Kennedy: "... governments of the civil-military type of El Salvador are the most effective in containing communist penetration in Latin America."

But despite the lackeys of "la sociedad," the heroic struggle of the people of El Salvador will not bow to imperialism. The native people waged fierce struggle against Spanish colonialism. The nation of El Salvador was forged in struggle against the aristocratic empires of Mexico and Guatemala which sought to "integrate" them. In 1932, a volcanic uprising known as "Matanza" led by the Communist Party nearly toppled "la sociedad" and their imperialist masters.

## Repeal of "Public Order" Law Touches Off Storm

General Romero instituted the "public order" law two years ago in an attempt to smash the growing revolutionary tide and destroy the masses' fighting organizations. But the law became a symbol of Romero's repressive rule keeping the country enslaved to U.S. interests. The struggle against the law united and focused the opposition to Romero.

Earlier this year, guerrillas took three foreign capitalists hostage and demanded an end to the "public order" law. Trade unions took a stand against the law and the union busting it repre-

senting further disruptions.

Referring to the U.S. as a "defeated and wounded snake," Khomeini told the U.S. to delay sending an ambassador to Iran, saying "We don't need America; it is they who need us. They want our oil." Furthermore, the Revolutionary Court in Iran summoned the Javitses to appear in court to face charges and stated they would be subject to immediate arrest if they ever set foot in Iran. The U.S. responded with added police protection for the Javitses in New York City. ■

# Iran Cuts Diplomatic Ties with Egypt, Executes Zionist Multi-millionaire

Iran has cut diplomatic ties with Egypt, and denounced Israeli Zionist aggression, strongly standing with the Palestinian Liberation Organization and Arab countries in condemning Sadat and the sell-out Camp David treaty. This has further strengthened the unity of Arab countries against both super-powers and Israel.

The Revolutionary Court in Iran recently executed a notorious Zionist, Habib Elghanian, for spying and raising money for Israel. Known as the "plastics King" in Iran for his control of the industry, Elghanian conspired with Abba Eban, former Israeli Prime Minister, and Moshe Dayan, former Defense Minister and present Foreign Minister of Israel against the Iranian and Arab peoples. Under the Shah's rule, the Israeli intelligence service was instrumental in helping set up the hated SAVAK, the Shah's secret police. The World Zionist Organization was shaken up when their close friends in Iran were given revolutionary justice at the hands of the masses.

At the same time, the Revolutionary Court also executed multimillionaire Rahmin Ali Khorram for operating gambling casinos and maintaining a prostitution ring. Khorram, who owns an asphalt company, a hotel and an amusement park, had built a secret morgue where the bodies of his enemies were hidden. He was described as a "first class corrupt on the earth."

The U.S. lashed out instantly against these executions. Jacob Javits,

Senator from New York and a Zionist, immediately cried persecution of Jews and introduced a resolution condemning the executions. But the fact is that the majority of the 65,000 Jewish people in Iran actively participated in the revolution to overthrow the Shah. Javits and his wife were close friends of the Shah and she was paid close to \$70,000 for being a "consultant" by the Shah.

A sector of the national bourgeoisie in Iran, capitulating to imperialism, also protested the executions. They defended these servants and agents of imperialism under the guise of stabilizing the Iranian economy and preventing

## The Dual Power in Iran Cannot Hold on Long

Recently, agents of the imperialists assassinated two leaders of the Iranian government and the Revolutionary Council. First, General Mahammad Vali Qarani, a former chief of staff under the Shah, was killed. A few days later, Ayatollah Motahari, a leading member of the Revolutionary Council, was shot. Responding to these assassinations, Khomeini ordered the formation of a special armed forces responsible only to the Revolutionary Council.

According to an interview by Khomeini with *Le Monde*, the French newspaper, he said the assassinations were products of the "agents of imperialism" and not by the leftists. The job was done by remnants of SAVAK to pro-

voke sharper fights between the left forces and the national bourgeoisie.

But the funeral for Ayatollah Motahari was turned into a rally of anti-communism by certain national bourgeoisie. A number of religious leaders, including Ayatollah Rafanjeni in the Revolutionary Council, fiercely attacked the left in their funeral orations. These forces also pasted anti-communist posters all over the gate of Teheran University where the left forces regularly have held their activities.

The key question is: if the SAVAK assassinated General Qarani and Ayatollah Motahari why did some of the national bourgeoisie turn the funeral into an attack on communists instead of an attack on SAVAK? Why didn't the

national bourgeoisie unite with the left to crush SAVAK and agents of U.S. imperialism, but turned against the left?

To understand these questions we have to grasp the dual character of the national bourgeoisie. As we said in the last issue, the national bourgeoisie, determined by their class nature, will always try to strengthen its hold and attack the genuine communists and mantle the power of workers, peasants and soldiers, and to the extent they can, halt the advance of the revolution to the dictatorship of the proletariat. The present dual power in Iran — with the workers and peasants sharing power with the national bourgeoisie — cannot last long! ■

## 1800 March, 7000 Rally on Both Coasts

# ALD 79: The Party and ALSC Put Bourgeoisie on Notice

On the East Coast 1,500 marched, 4,000 at Malcolm X Park. A busload of vets were blocked by the bourgeoisie on the way to D.C. Two ALSC members on the West Coast arrested and driven around 3 hours by police to intimidate them before they got released. On the West Coast 300 marched, 3,000 at Arroyo Park. It was dedicated to Melvin Black, 15 year old Afro-American youth who was murdered by Oakland police, shot in the head and back several times.

1,500 demonstrators chanted "The only solution is socialist revolution!" in unison as they left Washington, D.C.'s Malcolm X Park on African Liberation Day '79. Communist agitation rippled out of the demonstration as they marched down 16th Street. *Workers Viewpoint* newspapers were sold left and right as people came out of apartments, cars and stores to get a copy.

As the march approached 16th and "K" Street, the pace quickened and the ranks tightened. The permit was supposed to take us down 16th Street all the way to the White House. This year the police were definitely more prepared for the march after we burned an effigy in front of the White House at the November 11th demonstration. The cops reserved Lafayette Park, across the street from the White House, for us "because we might need it." Two years ago, at ALD '77, they offered us walkie-talkies for the march. This year they jammed our walkie-talkies all day long. But in the face of the militant and spirited masses, their preparations didn't matter one bit.

The march changed directions. The cops who tried to direct the march down the approved route faced a steamroller. The Revolutionary Youth League led the way. The line of cops was broken so cleanly that the police didn't know what hit them. Deak's, the biggest dealer of the hated Krugerrand in the country was in sight. Agitators on bullhorns and on trucks began to identify the target. The hatred of the masses just poured out.

There was a big crash as a brick sailed through Deak's window.

After we left Deak's, we were at the White House before we knew it. At the White House, rows of cops with tear gas out, trembled as the march approached thundering. "The only solution is socialist revolution," with so much power that Rosalynn could hear it in the East Room.

### ALD '79 Skillfully Combined Legal and Illegal Tactics

The big difference between this year's ALD and last year's ALD was the skillful combination of legal and illegal tactics. This is one of the most important guarantees to maintain the militancy of revolutionary holidays like African Liberation Day.

In a bourgeois democracy like the U.S., talk alone is cheap. If our communist propaganda is not backed up by militant action, the masses and the advanced would not see they have a

fighting chance. All that the misleaders in the trade unions and the communities have got is their mouth. Their job is to yap and to confuse the masses. And they would never take decisive action against the bourgeoisie. That's why the misleaders are indistinguishable from the bourgeoisie. This kind of practice would lead to ALD becoming a routine and eventually reformist day because the bounds of bourgeois reformism have not been broken. This would turn ALD into its opposite and stifle the initiative of the masses. The skillful combination of legal and illegal tactics, taking action that break the bounds of legality will make the Party's and ALSC's line concrete to the masses.

The militant character of ALD was not only in the actions that were taken, but in the brisk pace of the march. This really touched the revolutionary sentiment of the masses who know what this fight is all about and what it takes. This was one of the main differences between ALD '79 and ALD '78. One of the weaknesses was the fact that we did not sufficiently prepare the masses for the militant action before the demonstration and the whole march was not consolidated on the victories right on the spot. Not doing this hampered our ability to use the successes to consolidate the masses on the fighting tradition of the Party.

### Preparation for ALD; A Victory for a System of Collective Leadership and Individual Responsibility

To be able to have a major demonstration like ALD with a pre-rally, march, main rally, and a forum that night, take care of children, provide food, coordinate security, and meet the needs of thousands of people in every respect, and to do it all well involves a tremendous number of tasks that have to be carried out. There is no way that all of this can be done without a system that combines collective leadership over major questions of line and the direction of the work, and individual responsibility, strict division of labor.

In the ALD '78 campaign and the November 11th campaign, there was no system of collective leadership and individual responsibility, and as a result no one was in charge of anything, which is an impossible situation for the Party to exercise its leadership.

In this campaign there were some problems in implementing this system. This was why things like the poster came out late, the ALSC paper came out late and the chant sheets were not out until the last minute. Despite these weaknesses, the day as a whole was better organized than ALD last year. There was much less last-minute running around like a headless chicken. In this way, the implementation of a system of collective leadership and individual responsibility directly aids unleashing the masses' enthusiasm and aids accumulation to the Party.



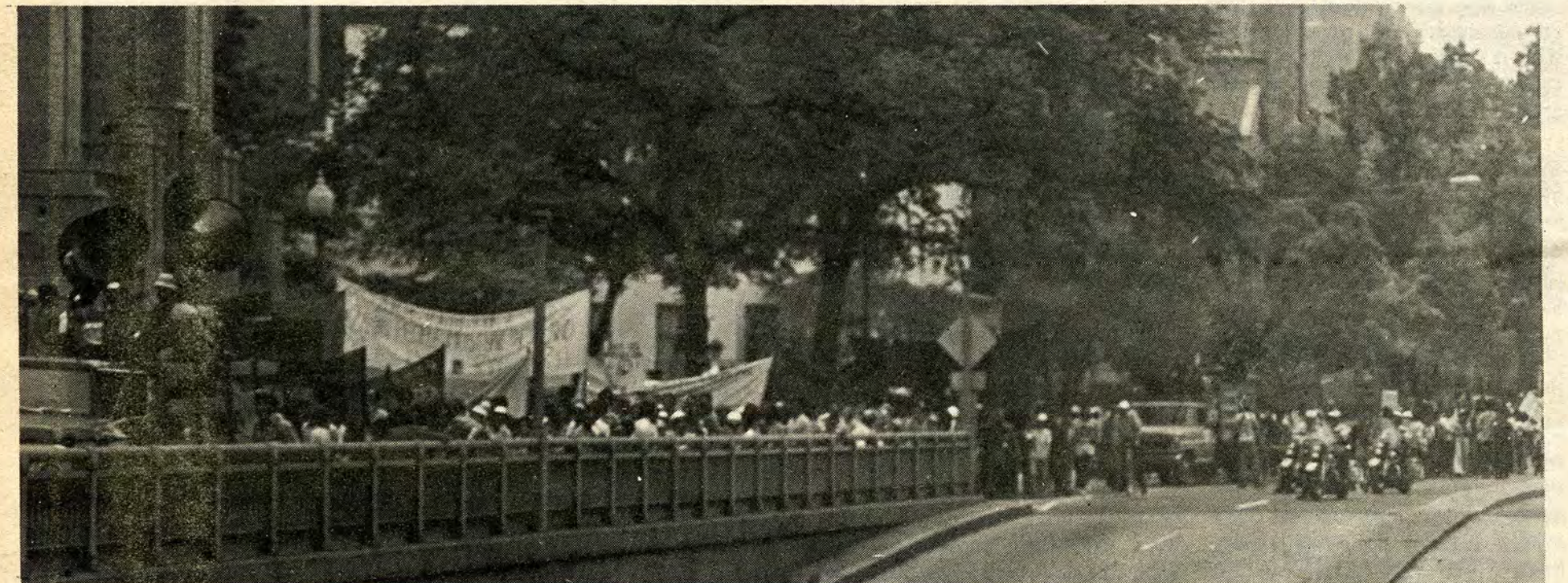
### Opportunists Get Crushed At the Pre-Rally

As the day began, buses and car caravans from all across the country streamed towards Malcolm X Park. Banners were unfurled everywhere while a band played African music. As the speeches began, scum belonging to the "Revolutionary Communist" Party, the League of "Revolutionary" Struggle, both petty bourgeois nuisances, and the Progressive Labor Party, a trotskyite sect, began to peddle their trash in the park, trying to pimp off the months of hard work that had been done by the WVO, ALSC and the National Coalition to Support African Liberation. The masses whipped them but good. The opportunist scum were

run out of the park with roaring approval. One brother said, "It serves them right, they cause trouble wherever they go." These opportunists were so isolated that the only friends they had that day were the police.

### Party Sets the Pace At the Rally

At the rally after the militant march, the high point was unquestionably the Party speech delivered by comrade Phillip Thompson. His powerful speech ripped the covers off the capitalist parties in their dash for the 1980 elections, when the crooked political swindlers will try to dupe the people and sidetrack the anger rising all over the country into the elections.



Dealers of the Krugerrand beware! (Left); Above, 1500 marching on the most militant African Liberation Day ever!; Comrade Phillip Thompson delivering a thundering Party speech. (Below Right); The Party's banner stands out for all to see at African Liberation Day. (Below Left)



The speaker from the African Liberation Support Committee denounced both superpowers for the maneuvers on the African continent. The Revolutionary Youth League exposed misleaders like Jesse Jackson, who is blaming black youth for "lack of discipline and motivation" to cover up for the attacks in education like the competency tests that are coming down.

The comrade from the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) tore apart the bogus elections in Rhodesia, and asked the support of the American people to stop the lifting of economic sanctions and the opening of diplomatic relations with the illegal government. David Sibeko of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania stressed the need to use the 1980 elections to force the U.S. government to break diplomatic and economic relations with South Africa. Representing the Group of Kampuchean Residents in the U.S., comrade Phobo pointed out that the struggles of the Afro-American people and the working class and the Kampu-

chean people serve each other. She denounced the aggression of the superpowers, especially the Soviet/Vietnamese revisionists against Kampuchea. Nelson Johnson of the National Coalition to Support African Liberation summed up the day and brought the rally to a close.

The day was brought to a fitting conclusion with a forum by the Workers Viewpoint Organization on the theme of Black Liberation and Communism. Comrade Dwight Hopkins of the WVO, and the National Chairman of the African Liberation Support Committee, gave a comprehensive presentation on the origin, current state and the future direction of the Black Liberation Movement. He stressed that the origin of the oppression of the Afro-American people, can only be understood in the context of the development of the capitalist mode of production taken as a whole. This is the historical materialist basis for the common origin and destiny that the Afro-American people share with white workers. This historical



perspective is especially important in a period when the bourgeoisie is stepping up its splitting tactics to divide the working class and the Black Liberation Movement. He drew the conclusion that the movement of Afro-American people is bound to merge with the working class movement to overthrow the U.S. bourgeoisie.

### Conclusion

African Liberation Day was a tremendous success! Without a doubt this was the most militant and politically conscious ALD ever. The leadership of the Party stood out from beginning to end. More advanced and active

elements came forward through this campaign than any other ALD before it precisely because of the militant character and the uncompromising communist propaganda carried out through the whole campaign. And this work of training the advanced workers must continue. As we have stressed many times before, ALD comes and goes, but our ability to win and train workers out of every campaign and skirmish we pick up is an irreversible step toward our final victory. ■



# NYC Hospital Closings Hit List Hit by 10,000

NEW YORK, NY—Do you know how it feels to expect to lose your job in the next few months? How many nights' sleep would you lose if you were the sole support of 3 young children? What if you just got the job after waiting for over a year, and you are "last hired, first fired"?

Do you know how it feels to be a Harlem resident and to have to travel 45 minutes to the nearest emergency room? What if your mother was diabetic and lived in the South Bronx, and the nearest hospital is across the bridge in Manhattan?

These are some of the consequences of Mayor Koch's plan to close hospitals in poor and working class communities in New York City and lay off thousands of hospital workers, overwhelmingly Afro-American and Latin and overwhelmingly women. You could have discussed these questions and many more at a noontime demonstration in front of New York City Hall on May 1st. For several hours, 10,000 municipal hospital workers belonging to District Council 37 (AFSCME—American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees), patients and community supporters marched to protest closings of city hospitals. Busloads of workers came from all over the city.

## Hospital Cuts Draw Masses' Anger

They took a day off from work to



10,000 municipal hospital workers challenge Mayor Koch's plan to eliminate 3,000 more beds in New York City and lay off thousands of hospital workers.

protest Mayor Koch's plan to close 3,000 more hospital beds in New York City. This could amount to half of the municipal hospitals and many of the voluntary hospitals. A "hit list" of targeted hospitals is supposed to be announced by June 15th. The hit lists and bed closings have become an annual ritual in New York City, a never ending thing. In the past two years alone, over 3,000 beds have been eliminated.

The large number of people who came out indicates the masses' anger at Koch's cuts. In the past few months, spontaneous demonstrations broke out at various hospitals and there was also a one-day protest strike by the Committee of Interns and Residents.

## Misleaders Use Masses To Play Politics With Koch

However, the demonstration itself lacked fighting character. It was, in reality, a political rally designed to remind Koch of his electoral debts to District Council 37.

The main reason for this is the leadership provided by the trade union misleaders—particularly Victor Gotbaum, president of D.C. 37. Notorious for making deals with the city and selling out his rank and file, Gotbaum is long on lip and short on action. When Koch first announced hospital closings, Gotbaum did not support the spon-

aneous demonstrations which broke out.

## Trade Union And Community Misleaders Cuddle Up To Cut Each Other's Throats

At the same time, Gotbaum pushes the sinister line of closing the voluntary hospitals before the municipal. In New York City, the hospital system is divided into municipal hospitals, voluntary (so-called "nonprofit") hospitals, and proprietary (private, for profit) hospitals. The first are represented by D.C. 37, the second by District 1199, and the third by Local 144 (SEIU). The bourgeoisie is consciously pitting these 3 sets of hospitals and their unions against each other. They do this through misleaders like Gotbaum of DC 37 and president Leon Davis of 1199. Instead of uniting the unions to fight all hospital cuts, Gotbaum and Davis are intent on fighting for their own share of the crumbs.

Also jockeying for his share was Rev. Herbert Daughtry, misleader of the Black United Front, a community organization in Brooklyn. Several thousand people from Brooklyn's Afro-American community demonstrated, showing their resistance to hospital closings in working class and national minority communities. Gotbaum and Daughtry hate each other's guts, but

both showed up wearing their militant masks to jack up their credibility and get what they could out of the day.

Because of this, these protests do not make the bourgeoisie tremble. The demonstration on May 1st allowed the masses to blow off steam while they continue the illusion of "freedom of speech." In fact the U.S. bourgeoisie even used that demonstration in its superpower contention with the Soviet Union. During the demonstration, two recently arrived Soviet dissidents, who were lunching with Mayor Koch at City Hall at the time of the demonstration, marveled about how they'd never seen such a demonstration in the Soviet Union and how it was such a great example of the "free world." Well, the two will soon learn, it's no better over here. Capitalism is the same everywhere, no matter what mask it wears. ■

## No Song and Dance About Layoffs

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Workers dropped their mops and brooms and let their food carts stand idle at Beekman Downtown Hospital on May 4th. They stopped work and demanded to know the state of their jobs. They knew that Beekman and another hospital, New York Infirmary, are scheduled to merge. These are just two of the hospitals in New York City faced with mergers or closing due to budget cuts, which the workers also know will only lead to thousands of lay-offs of hospital workers like themselves. They wanted some quick answers from management.

At first, the hospital administrator refused to talk to the assembled workers. However, the threat of no lunch for the patients was too much for him to take, and quickly changed his mind. But knowing from bitter experience the lies and tricks of management, the workers refused to accept his song and dance that he knew nothing, and his calm assurances of no planned lay-offs. They knew the joker himself was running away to Florida to get another job.

Spearheaded by members of the District 1199 Hospital and Health Care Employees Union, the work stoppage drew the support of large numbers of non-union workers. But the union bureaucrats failed to provide any leadership to the work stoppage. Instead, they stood on the sidelines while workers ignored their call to "Don't rock the boat" and "Let's wait and see."

These kinds of actions are an important step in fighting the lay-offs. The determination and organization forged through the day-to-day shop floor skirmishes are necessary together with and in preparation for larger actions. ■

## 20 Bus Loads 1199Cers Told: Lobby Pa. Capitol

Dear WVO,

Twenty bus-loads of 1199C members went to the Pennsylvania state capitol to let the Governor and state government know that we won't let the state push its budget crisis onto us. The 1199C members demanded that the state increase its reimbursement to nursing homes (to pay the workers). The state has given just \$27/day/person to pay for skilled nursing care since 1974. There has been NO increase or cost of living adjustment.

We also demanded that the government allocate money for Temple University to keep the hospital open. The

present contract at Temple runs out in June, and the 3,000 workers there are gearing up for a big contract battle.

The demo was held on the day the Governor presented his budget. Faced with the growing economic crisis, the state is cutting back money for social services like education, welfare, and health care, and also cutting back money for public workers. These cuts are part of the general attack on our standard of living and hit oppressed nationalities and national minorities especially hard.

When we got to Harrisburg, we were already mad about the potential

for massive layoffs at Temple, and for wages that don't keep up with inflation. But when we heard that the Governor's budget gave more money for highways and for District Attorneys and NO money for nursing home workers, NO money for Temple, less money for education and welfare, we were really fired up. The predominantly Afro-American workers saw these all-rounded attacks intensify national oppression, and are also an attack on the entire working class. The deep resistance to national oppression broadened the scope of the rally to include issues like quality ed-

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# NYC Bus Drivers Run Over Board, Win Job Security

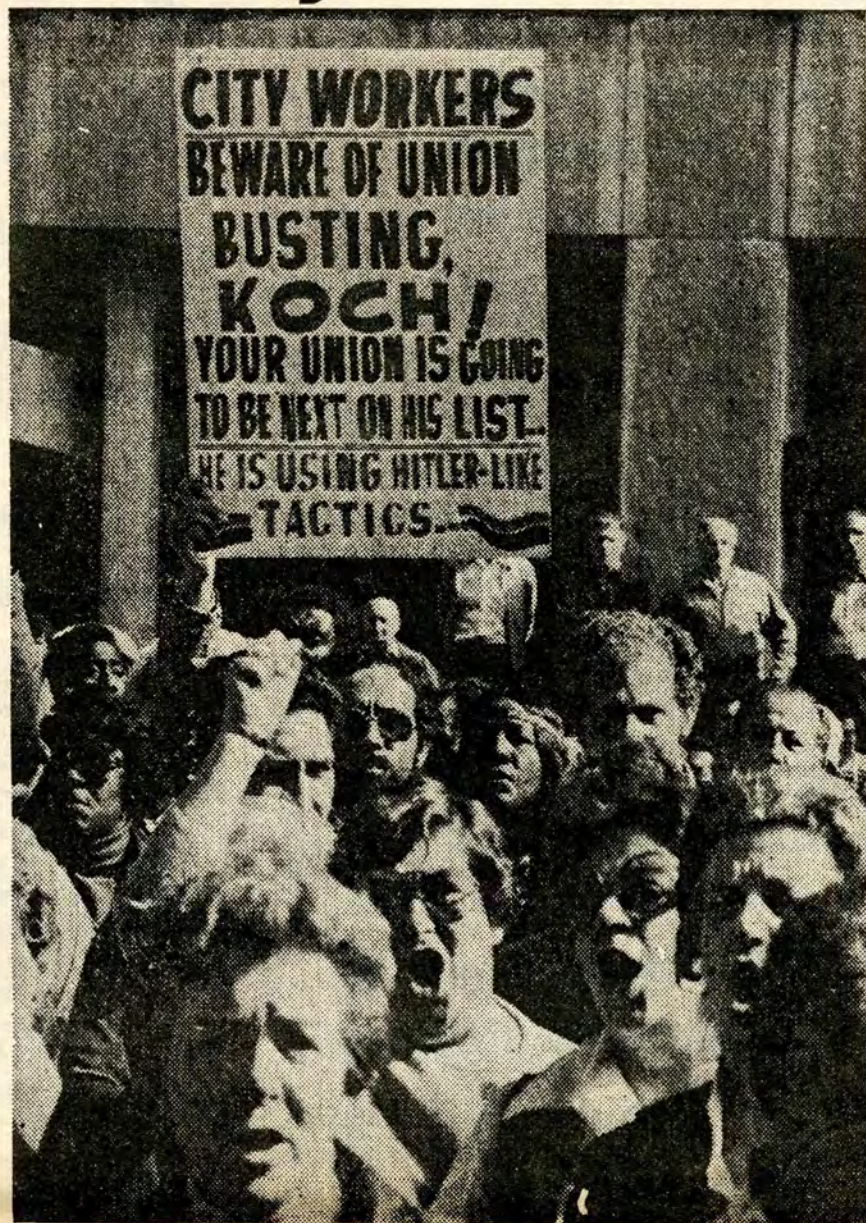
NEW YORK, N.Y.—“We were tough!” shouted a bus driver after their victory over the New York City Board of Education. More than 3000 drivers and matrons of the Amalgamated Transit Union, locals 1181 and 1061, wildcatted 13 weeks over the key issue of job security. The wildcat was sparked by the Board of Education’s plan to open up bidding for bus contracts. This would mean lay-offs because the Board was looking for low-cost, non-union companies.

The drivers and matrons fought to defend their union and their jobs. Mayor Koch’s tough words, court injunctions and threats of arrests only made them fight back harder. And then, at the eleventh hour, just as the 3,000 drivers and matrons gathered to vote on the contract, the Board reneged on the job security clause. In fact, they dared to claim they had never even heard of the clause before and that the union was trying to sneak it through. That was enough! The union members, up in arms, forced the vote to be called off. The next morning, they were back on the picket lines.

Sticking by their original demands, the striking drivers and matrons forced the Board of Education to back down.

In a tremendous victory the following evening, the new contract was ratified unanimously, with the job security clause as the cornerstone. Specifically, it demands that all bus companies changing their names (a common yearly practice, for financial reasons) be considered new companies and hire from a master list of union members, based on seniority, and provide pensions and other benefits as well. This met the workers’ central demand: “Year in and year out, we don’t know whether we have a job in September. We want to get some kind of job security once and for all!”

The drivers’ strike drew the support of other New York City unions. During Easter week, the New York City Central Labor Council held a support demonstration in front of City Hall. 2,500 union workers chanted “Every worker has a right to job security” and “New York City is a union town!!” They condemned the city government’s union-busting, which blames union workers’ wages for the New York City financial crisis. Several unions (including the milk truck drivers and sanitation workers) said it was a threat to not just the bus drivers but also other unions—breaking the bus drivers would serve as an “example” to bust other unions. ■



New York City school bus drivers and matrons fought for and won precious job security after 13-week wildcat that Mayor Koch used every trick in the book to try to break.

## Guild Strikers Take on Guns and Goons

ELIZABETH, N.J.—Hired goons dressed in riot gear lined up against the wall behind the barbed-wire fence. Hands thrust in their leather jackets, they took a macho stance. Picketeer: “Hey! You see that yellow stripe on your pants? It runs right up your spine!” Attack dogs snarled, and shotgun bearing goons came in newspaper delivery trucks. A group of professional scabs huddled like sick dogs jeering at picketers. One put on a riot helmet, and stood alongside the goons. Picketeer: “You think you’re all so high and mighty. Step on our side of the fence, and we’ll even the score!”

This scene from an industrial city in New Jersey is where 98 members of Local 3 of the Newspaper Guild are striking against a union-busting campaign. Nationwide the media bosses have been carrying on unionbusting in the newspaper industry, forcing strikes like the New York City pressmen’s last fall. By uniting their separate unions, crossing craft lines the newspaper workers have beaten back some of these attacks.

The *Daily Journal* is a local paper run by an Idaho-based owner. When the new owner took over, he cut the staff, lowering the quality of local news coverage. Automation also claimed more jobs. The old contract expired last September, and the new one was being negotiated. The main reason behind the April 17 walk-out was the company wanted to put provisions into the

contract allowing management to perform union work. This would take more union jobs and further cut into the union’s strength.

With a 24-hour picket line at the main delivery gate, the rank and file commitment to winning the strike is strong. Members of the Local are putting out a union-produced paper called the *Community Paper*, working out of a makeshift office—borrowed typewriters, and tables salvaged from garages. Living on \$70 a week from strike funds, and working 50 hours on the paper and the picket lines is rough,

but they are determined to win.

### Workers From Different Trades Support Strikers

Support from other trade unions has been unanimous. The UAW, Teamsters, and Union County AFL-CIO, and its 52 affiliated locals representing 40,000 members have endorsed the strike. A rally of 100 supporters and strikers was held May 5 where all the unions sent representatives to walk the picket line. At the support rally workers crossed their specific trade lines to back

up the newspaper workers’ struggle. Workers in cars passing the picket line raised their fists and honked their horns in solidarity.

The spirit of unity between the strikers and the residents of Elizabeth is strong. Many community residents have cancelled their subscriptions and advertisements to the *Daily Journal*, and endorsed the *Community Paper*. Deliveries of the *Daily Journal* by shotgun-toting goons are refused. The picket line has so far been peaceful. Because of the tremendous community support, the mayor of Elizabeth and even the Elizabeth police have come out against the newspaper owners’ tactics. ■



Elizabeth newspaper workers greet scab delivery truck, which is backed up by goons like the one above. But many Elizabeth residents have refused deliveries by gun-toting scabs.



## REFERENCE MATERIAL

# They Said It...

### Cronkite Criticizes Newspapers

... "60 to 70 per cent of the people... say they get most of their news on television."

"If the people are to be adequately informed to exercise their franchise in this democracy, you are going to have to flesh out the news — give them greater details on the stories we do cover and cover the stories we do not," Mr. Cronkite told more than 1,000 members of the American Newspaper Publishers Association who are holding their annual meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. "The continuation of our democracy demands no less, and yet our readership surveys indicate that the job isn't getting done."

Mr. Cronkite also expressed concern that newspapers were not reaching the poor and the unemployed, the residents of the central city and those between 18 and 30. He said that to ignore these groups would be "both irresponsible and foolhardy" because "we must help break through their alienation, we must somehow bring them into our society."

(New York Times, April 26, 1979)

### UAW Asks More \$ for Electoral Politics

... UAW Vice-President Irving Bluestone said union demands during contract negotiations this summer will include a new payroll deduction to divert funds to its national political action committee.

If the ideas of a political checkoff is accepted, the union hopes to double its \$1 million political fund, which is used mainly to support Democratic candidates...

Last January, the Federal Election Commission calculated that the nation's political action committees raised \$77.3 million and spent \$75.6 million during 1978. The 812 registered corporate committees spent \$14.9 million, while 275 union committees spent \$18.7 million.

(Detroit News, April 23, 1979)

### Unemployment Guidelines Change

Washington — Government estimates of state and local jobless rates, which determine how \$10 billion a year in federal money is disbursed, often are "grossly misleading" and should be overhauled, a presidential commission says...

One change proposed by the panel would include 1.35 million military personnel stationed in the country as part of the labor force, which currently is limited to civilians. Since all the military people have jobs, their inclusion in the employment figures would produce a lower overall unemployment rate.

Another change still under consideration by the panel is the elimination of 16 and 17-years-olds from the labor force. Since the unemployment rate among that group is about 20 per cent, their exclusion from the labor force would lower the jobless rate.

A third change also under continued review is the inclusion of "discouraged workers" — those who have

given up looking for work — among the unemployed, which would increase the jobless rate.

(Baltimore Sun, February 3, 1979)

### Machinist Union Pres. Sues OPEC

When an antitrust suit was filed in Los Angeles last December against the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), it may have seemed a little unreal...

The suit accuses the 13-nation OPEC cartel of fixing petroleum prices. Price-fixing is a violation of U.S. antitrust law...

The suit was brought in federal court last Dec. 28 on behalf of the 900,000-member International Assn. of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM). Others, including possibly some municipalities, may join as co-plaintiffs...

Los Angeles attorney James H. Davis, special counsel of the IAM, said the idea of a suit first came up at a dinner last December at the San Bernardino home of an IAM official. Davis was present, as was IAM President William Winpisinger.

"Winpisinger was carrying on about OPEC and the price rises then projected," Davis said, "He said to me, 'Jimmy, isn't there something we can do about those bastards?...'"

(L.A. Times, April 26, 1979)

## Farm workers...

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### Strikers Taking Aim At Wage Controls

Following in the footsteps of the Teamsters, rubberworkers, and others, they are also taking aim at Carter's wage controls. The 4,300 striking farmworkers are the first minimum wage workers to demand, not the 7% a year increase offered by the growers, but a one-year contract with a 40%, or \$1.50 an hour, increase. They are demanding parity in wages and benefits bringing them up to the level of other unionized workers in the food-processing industry.

The farmworkers' strike is also struggling against union busting, since giant agri-business is trying to bury the union, won after 30 years of struggle, in the valleys made fertile by the blood and sweat of the workers. In the face of this menace, half-hearted sell-outs like UFW President Cesar Chavez become unglued and go begging to different sectors of the bourgeoisie for help. At the same time, he tries to split the growing unity of the class, pitting workers with documents against those without.

Another issue in the strike is the maintenance of the hard-won union hiring hall. Before the hiring hall, company labour contractors could arbitrarily choose who would and wouldn't work, preventing any job security. Some workers would mow the contractor's



The bright red flags of the United Farmworkers flapped proudly in the wind at a spirited rally in support of the farmworkers' lettuce strike.

lawn for free on Sundays and buy him liquor, hoping to buy his favor. The hiring hall ended that.

### Other Workers Show Solidarity With Farmworkers

Some unions supporting the rally were the Machinists, Communications Workers, ILGWU, and IBEW, along with union members representing the TUEL.

Several workers from the Sbicca shoe factory, where undocumented workers have been trying to form a union for over a year, also drove 7 hours to demonstrate their solidarity.

The Sbicca workers, like the farmworkers, are fighting for the rights of oppressed minorities, including those without documents, within the trade union movement. Overcoming great

odds including the greedy, capitalist Sbicca brothers and their schemes, the capitalist state (particularly the Immigration and Naturalization Service), and some reactionaries within the trade union movement, the Sbicca workers continue to inspire workers of all nationalities with their bravery.

They touched the hearts of the striking farmworkers on April 28 as

## Gas...

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nant women cut in front a man on a gas line and he ended up trying to choke her.

So who's to blame? On top of the 150% profit increase already recorded this year, the oil companies are preparing to make a lot more by taking the working class to the cleaners, using the excuse of a "gas shortage" to jack up prices. And Jimmy Carter, still using the big lie that the Iranian revolution and OPEC are the cause of less gas and higher prices, stands hand in hand with the oil companies in their insatiable drive for profits.

But workers aren't buying these lies. Various opinion polls show workers simply don't believe in the "energy crisis." And workers are finding it harder to believe when they hear the oil from the Alaskan pipeline pumped to California is being sent to Japan for refining because it is more profitable to do this rather than construct new refineries able to process Alaskan crude right in California. Workers find it hard to believe when they hear that U.S. refineries are producing at 84% capacity, which is down from 92% from just last January. Clearly the oil companies and government are out to make the masses pay, not for an "energy crisis", but for a profit crisis due not to any absolute shortage of oil, but due to a shortage of cheap, high-quality, easily plunderable third world oil.

### Hopping Mad

A direct attack on the masses' standard of living, the shortage of gas and higher prices is getting people hopping mad. The New Jersey UAWs are organizing angry protests against Exxon. In California, car owners clipped their gas credit cards in half in a mass rally. Independent Gasoline Retailers Associ-

ation (small gas station operators) are threatening a complete four day shutdown on Memorial Day weekend to protest cuts in monthly allocations of gas made by the oil companies. Unable to compete with large company-run service stations, these small gas station owners face bankruptcy if they cannot keep their sales at least up to last year's levels.

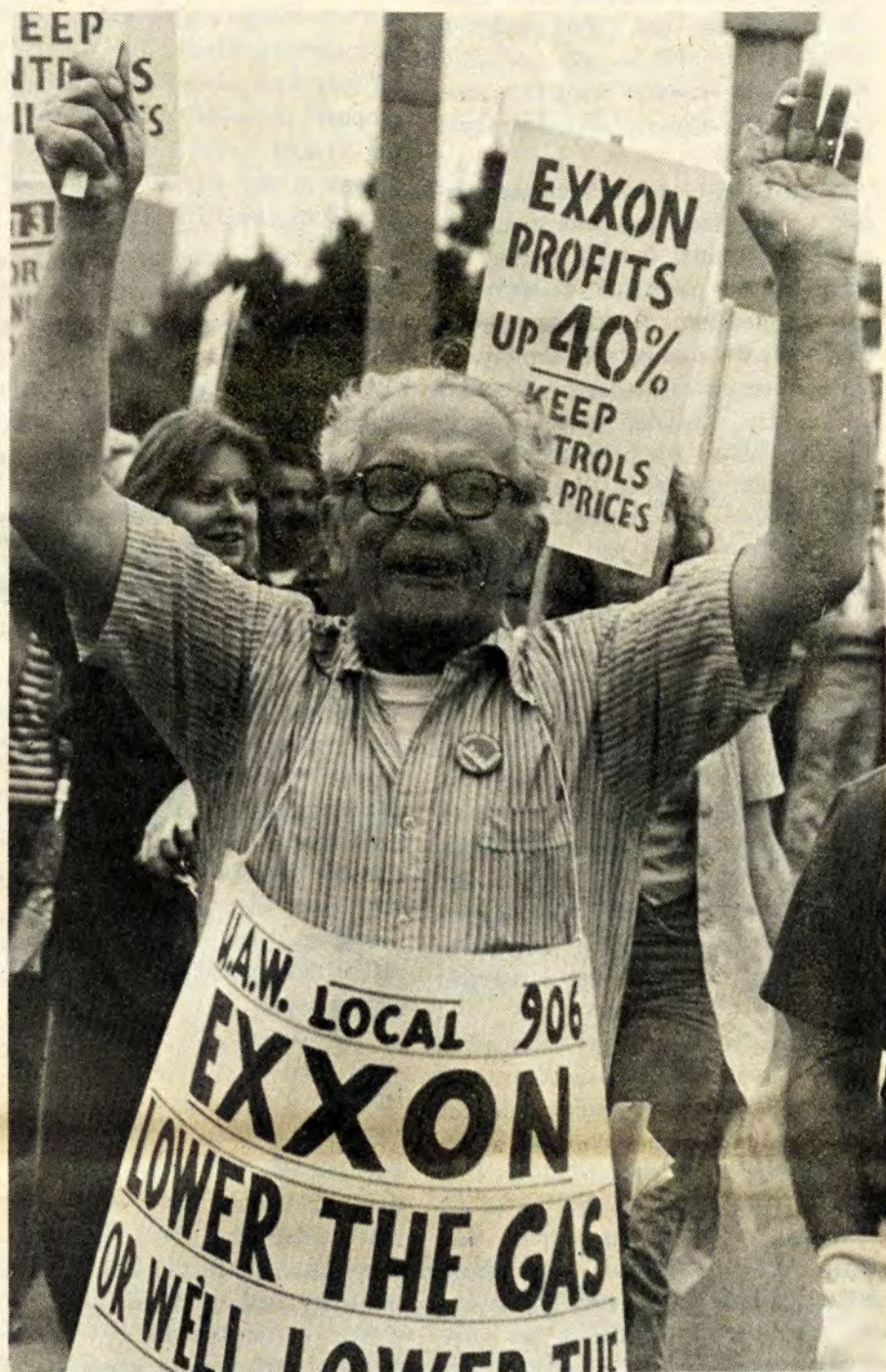
### Nationalize the U.S. Oil Industry

Carter's attempted gas rationing plan would have been even more devastating on workers' lives. The plan, which would have limited motorists to 1.7 gallons per day per car, was voted down in the House. After 3 quick revisions in an attempt to placate the needs of Western states where gas consumption is historically higher, Carter was unable to satisfy Western monopoly interests who stood to lose if gas allocations were cut. Southern and Western congressmen argued the plan had to provide stronger assurances that farmers, energy producers, food processors and distributors (i.e. agribusiness) would get all the fuel they needed. Because the various monopoly groups and politicians they control are unable to agree, Carter's plan got thrown out the window.

The Federal government's moves to aid the oil monopolies, from price deregulation to gas rationing to help reap the over 150% profit increases, shows that in the short run nationalization of the U.S.'s oil industry can benefit workers' using the billions of energy profits. Anything short of the nationalization of the oil industry, like the "windfall profits tax" or any other such scheme, means that the workers will still not see any more money or changes in prices or programs workers need. Only through nationalization can we direct all the demands for lower gas prices, lower utility bills, and against the profit hungry oil companies, directly at the state and raise the economic demands to a political demand.

On one hand, this concrete program of nationalization would expose the "Communist" Party USA's nationalization plan, which views the road to socialism peacefully paved by a series of nationalizations of various industries.

But only by getting to the root of the problem—the system of monopoly capitalism—can the energy crisis be solved. As long as the capitalists rule, the people will be victims of their every attempt to squeeze more and more profit out. ■



## UFW...

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well, when their representative presented the union with money raised by the Sbicca Workers Support Committee and TUEL. He told the overwhelmingly Mexicano rally, "We come in solidarity with your struggle as it is the same as ours," and "We don't make very much money but we brought you \$85." And when he declared to the rally "We're undocumented workers!" there was a loud and enthusiastic cheer from the strikers, many of whom also are without documents.

### Chavez Works Hand in Glove With INS...

This really struck a chord with the people's hearts and minds, especially since Cesar Chavez recently renewed his old call for the INS to "do their job"—deport undocumented workers. Chavez has even gone so far as to report to INS the names of hotels where undocumented workers are staying.

For years, Chavez has untiringly collaborated with the capitalists to break the unity of the Chicano and Mexicano workers. He has consistently pushed the chauvinist lie that "illegals" are nothing but scabs and strike-break-

ers and must be driven out of the fields. Chavez thus helps shield the monopoly capitalists and growers by blaming everything on the "illegals." But as soon as undocumented workers learn of the strikes taking place and why they have been transported across the border, many undocumented workers stand with their brothers and sisters in the fields and support their strike. And La Migra knows that too. One striker commented that when the INS raids the fields, they attack the picket line first!

One Mexicano worker who had come all the way from Los Angeles to support the strike knew that Chavez once represented the just aspirations of the oppressed farmworkers and Chicanos and was a leader of the Chicano-Mexicano people. When it came time for Chavez to speak, he worked his way through the crowd to the stage so he could see and hear him clearly. Afterwards, he was very disappointed. "He's a weak man—I thought he was strong," he said. And when he found out how Chavez was serving the INS, he could only shake his head.

### ... And Democratic Party

Communists and all progressive people support the just demand "Full Rights for Undocumented Workers." But by calling on an arm of the bour-

geois state, La Migra, to enforce racist laws on immigration, Chavez has once again exposed himself to the most progressive, especially within the Chicano national movement. In fact, he has always relied upon Jerry Brown, Edward Kennedy, the Democratic Party and other representatives and sectors of the bourgeoisie while outright opposing Communists, other revolutionaries and progressives. Chavez is eating right out of the capitalists' hands, and whenever things get tough, instead of relying on the workers, he jumps into the laps of the ruling class. Chavez would rather rely on La Migra, two-inch ads in local union papers promoting the boycott, and the endorsements of Ted Kennedy and George Meany. In fact, within the UFW bureaucracy, Chavez allows no dissent and no politics at all except Democratic Party politics. The only exception is the thoroughly revisionist, sell-out Communist Party, U.S.A. which raises only reformist politics anyway.

Just a few days after the current strike began, Rufino Contreras, a farmworker and UFW activist, was murdered by a grower's foreman when he and fellow strikers went into the fields to beat back some scabs. The next day, the Court set free the murderers on \$7,000 bail because they couldn't find the bullet. Over 7,000 angry farmworkers and

supporters marched in a 3-mile funeral procession, more determined than ever to win the strike. Appropriately, California's Governor Jerry Brown showed up, too, shed a few crocodile tears, and cozied up to Chavez, all the while wooing the Chicano vote for the 1980 elections.

### Farmworkers Forcing Bourgeoisie To Terms

Chavez has time and time again said that the boycott is a more powerful weapon than the strike. This is a common view of half-hearted reformists who actually fear the unleashed fury of the workers and try to smother it. It is true that the boycott is a very powerful weapon that can serve the struggles of the working class. And, historically, the boycott and the strike have been used successfully to build support for the farmworkers, both in their long struggle for union recognition and in subsequent battles. But the boycott can never be a substitute for the major weapon the workers hold in their hands—the strike—their ability to withhold from the monopoly capitalists the labor power they need to make their profits.

This is exactly what the farmworkers are doing right now: squeezing the fat capitalists' bankroll and forcing the bourgeoisie to terms. ■

## Philly CETA...

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Wurf perked up his ears when he heard of the Philly demo. Together with a couple of local Presidents from Philadelphia, Stout and Wurf went to Washington to visit Secretary of Labor Marshall and to lobby for jobs in Congress. Once again, they came back empty-handed.

Instead of educating their membership on the issues and preparing them for future actions, instead of using the organizational power of the union itself to mobilize the ranks, Stout, Wurf, and Co. had gone to the capitalists' government itself begging for jobs! To this day, AFSCME members are in the dark about what deals were made behind their backs in those Washington meetings. But even in the face of this treachery more and more CETA workers and civil service workers are organizing themselves to pressure the union to fight.

Following the March 22 demonstration, an on-going organization was set up to fight for the CETA jobs. The workers, with support from the First Things First Jobs Coalition, the Trade Union Educational League, the Philadelphia Unemployment Project and several local presidents and business agents, set about putting out newsletters and planning for upcoming actions.

CETA workers were ready when Labor Secretary Marshall came to town April 19 to run a slick public relations campaign about the wonders of CETA in helping the "unemployed." City workers picketed outside his press conference, and demonstrations that night told a different story from Marshall's lies. As Marshall was telling the press that "only CETA can solve unemployment," over 250 angry CETA workers were rallying: "Stop the lay-offs, Stop the cuts!" Everyone could see the gigantic gap between what the CETA program says it will do, and what it actually does.

### CETA Issue Exposes Trade Union Misleaders' Jockeying for Power

As CETA workers mobilize to fight for their jobs, Earl Stout declares he wants to get rid of the CETA program all together. He is trying to spread the illusion that a new mayor will bring back jobs to Philly. He has stayed up nights trying to think of ways to wriggle out of concrete support for his membership and new angles on how to lick the boots of his capitalist masters. Instead of taking a firm position on fighting for the extension and permanent jobs under CETA, Stout limits his "support" for the CETA jobs struggle to private conversations with government officials. Instead of standing with the CETA workers, he denounces CETA wholesale. Stout is deliberately trying to confuse and sell out the struggle.

The trade union misleaders are faced with having to appease an increasingly angry rank-and-file. This is why a number of local heads in D.C. 33 have supported the actions of their membership. Besides calling for the March 22nd demonstration, they have been trying to mobilize support around a nation-

wide demonstration to fight the CETA cuts. This would aid the fight tremendously, besides giving a boost to trade union solidarity nation-wide, and must be supported. Besides this, workers and officials have united behind a TUEL proposal to solicit concrete aid from the Central Labor Council and other unions in the city, and revitalize the First Things First Jobs Coalition.

One local president who has been "supporting" the CETA struggle is John Dykes, head of the 4,000 member sanitation workers Local 427. He brought his membership out in force for the March 22nd demo. He also has his eye on Stout's seat as union president and has been trying to "out-militant" the al-

ready exposed Stout. While he has been jetting around the country trying to build support for the national demonstration for CETA jobs, his support for the Philly struggle has cooled. He is spending very little time mobilizing his own membership, and didn't even show up for the April 19th rally against Labor Secretary Marshall.

How can people like Dykes have the interests of the workers at heart when they do things like overturn a decision by their own membership to charter a bus to New York to support an AFSCME demo there on May 23? Membership complains that they are not getting word of the CETA actions, that literature is being thrown away, and that they are being warned by top-level bureaucrats to "keep away from the CETA fight!"

### CETA Workers Must Fight on Their Own Terms

The fight for CETA jobs is a political issue. But the misleaders' program is to fight it on the capitalists' own terms, through the bourgeoisie's own government channels and electoral politics. But, every major political concession the working class has won has been gained only when the workers were willing and able to take the fight to the streets — on the working class' terms — and use any tactic and means necessary to win. We have started to train our own leadership from the ranks to replace the misleadership of our unions, and the field of class struggle is open wide. With the power and strength of the unions in the hands of the rank and file and communist working class leaders, this exploitative system is doomed ■

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ucation, the SEPTA contract, and police brutality. The rise in the Afro-American movement in Philadelphia has helped raise the consciousness of the Black masses and this helps push the trade union movement forward as workers see the need for the union to take up issues that affect us outside the workplace, and address questions of union misleadership and discrimination within unions.

In contrast to the workers who were fired up and ready to fight, the union leadership tried to cool out the workers and keep people confused and disorganized. Before we got to Harrisburg, we weren't really clear what the issues were. The union reps from our shop weren't informed either. But people went because, "I need my job, and a wage I can live off of." The union provided "all-purpose, reusable" signs. The slogans on the signs were, "Help, quick action is required", and "Be fair to those who care." These are not fighting slogans, but empty meaningless phrases. We are not asking for help, but demanding the state give us money so that health care workers can make a decent wage. Who is the union telling to be fair? With the recent police murders of handcuffed youth (like Winston Hood and Cornell Warren) on people's minds, we know the state isn't fair or just. But the union is trying to make people believe that the state can be fair or be our friend. This is impossible, because its very existence is based on exploiting working people, and super-exploiting national minorities.

At the rally, union president Harry Nicholous gathered together all the black politicians he could (including co-chair of the BUF) to speak to us in order to tap people's national sentiment. These were primarily state reps from areas the workers lived in and they spoke to the many issues facing us, which further shows the interrelation of the national and trade union movements.

Another example of the union's attempt to cool out the militancy of the workers is when we were marching to the capitol building. The union president told us to be quiet going into the capitol building. When we got inside,



Pa. District 1199C members marched on the state capitol against the cuts.

people started milling around waiting for the Governor to finish his budget address. Henry Nicholous told us to go lobby our state legislators!! What a sell-out solution. One worker said, "This is ridiculous, we came up here to fight. Lobbying won't do anything." Instead of relying on the masses and seeing our strength in almost 1,000 angry union members, Henry Nicholous told us to break up and go talk to individual state legislators and rely on them to veto the Governor's budget. The only way we will win anything from the state, especially in these times of economic crisis, is to organize and rely on the masses of working and oppressed people, not rely on the legislators to veto the Governor's budget. A veto won't give us decent wages or quality education for our children. The union needs a positive program with clear demands and goals. We need political leadership that will help move the struggle forward, not hold it back, and keep us on the level of a silent vigil. What a joke! But the joke is on them, because we have to organize ourselves and kick out misleaders like Henry Nicholous and force the union to fight in our interests and take progressive stands.

R.L.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Further, Trice was in fact hit in the arm by the butt of a shot gun as he blocked the officer's swing. Trice did not scuffle with any pig. Using this kind of slant can easily cause his probation to be lifted and him sent to the penitentiary. Two or three other brothers were also assaulted and we'll probably be filing suits.

Bluntly stated, everyone was arrested because they chose to march in opposition to the existing oppression of blacks in Okolona. After everyone was slated we reassembled and marched back to Pack's house. People pledged to march again the 28th.

S.N.  
Tupelo, Miss.

P.S.:

I've included an article from the *Tennessean* as a possibility in the "They Said It Themselves" section.

Also included is the play this recently formed Concerned Citizens Committee has been getting. The Establishment has used it to try and split the black community. But at every step this committee of petty bourgeois preachers and teachers have been exposing themselves. The latest out on them is that they sat down with the mayor and told him to use any means necessary to stop the Okolona March.

# Autoworkers...

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Now, with U.S. capitalism in a state of permanent crisis, these economic gains are harder and harder to win. The auto companies are talking about "take-backs" on medical care in this contract and the government is clamping down with wage controls. The bourgeoisie is calling on its bribed strata of labor lieutenants, like Fraser, to do all they can to stem and sidetrack rank and file anger over the worsening economic situation. And Doug Fraser, UAW president, and the top UAW leadership are responding to their call.

Revealing of the UAW International's attitude was a report in the November 1, 1978 issue of *Solidarity*, magazine of the UAW International:

The UAW president noted that Carter's guidelines, in any event, pledge to accept wage increases in excess of the guidelines if they reflect changes in work that improve productivity.

"Our union has supported for years efforts to improve productivity through use of appropriate new technologies and automation," Fraser said, "The result has been and will continue to be high productivity that fits the situation described by the President."

In other words, Fraser intends to continue to allow the auto companies a free hand in intensifying the exploitation of the workers. This is in spite of the fact that work standards and forced overtime have been among the top grievances of autoworkers in the last 10 years; that this year alone literally hundreds of resolutions demanding tougher language on work standards came up from the shop floor and were passed by locals up to the International. His position to not hit wage controls head-on and pitting COL on pensions

major industrial unions came out saying they would "ignore" them, and negotiate as usual. This lets the government off the hook, dooms the workers' fight to remain at the level of wages, and puts them at a disadvantage even as far as wages are concerned, for there is no way you can "ignore" the government.

But last November Fraser supported Carter's wage guidelines. In the past month, though, he criticized the government's role in the Teamster negotiations, and at the Special Bargaining Convention he told the government to "stay the hell out" of the auto talks. Has he suddenly seen the light? In a way, yes. He's seen the light of scores of locals, conferences, and sub-councils pass resolutions denouncing Carter's guidelines. There was no way he could keep openly supporting the government's program and maintain any support among the UAW rank and file.

In part Fraser is playing bourgeois politics. He knows that the UAW taking a strong stand against Carter's plan could hurt Carter's reelection chances. And since the UAW contract is the last of the major industrial contracts this year, he can wait and see if the plan fails in battle with other unions, and if so come off unscratched and owed some political favors to boot. This is part of the game he is playing with the so-called "Progressive Alliance," trying to build himself up as the "loyal opposition" to the government. This exposes Carter as an individual personality and not as the political representative of the bourgeoisie that he is, keeping the workers chained to the same old bourgeois politics.

## Hit Wage Controls and Government Intervention Head-On

Don't be fooled by Fraser's new

guideline was broken, the government has still managed to drag the settlement below the inflation rate thereby guaranteeing a wage cut for workers and higher profits for the capitalists.

The TUEL and the Workers Viewpoint Organization are aiming work around the contract straight at the government. Fraser is hiding behind the government's plans of wage controls and intervention to skirt the demands of the rank and file and to make excuses for a weak economic package. So now it is not enough to just fight for a better contract. Especially with mandatory wage controls threatening, we must try to raise the level of struggle and educate the workers as to who are our friends and who are our enemies. The economic crisis struggles of the workers are becoming more political as the government union-busting is a growing trend and that the UAW is one of its prime targets.

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STRIKE-BREAKING AND  
UNION-BUSTING!  
FIGHT THE CAPITALISTS'  
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# El Salvador...

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sented. Even the national bourgeoisie called for the law's repeal and a return to "stability."

This kind of pressure forced Romero to repeal the law three months ago. He hoped to quiet the opposition and diffuse the revolutionary movement. But instead of restoring "stability" and bolstering Romero's rule, the repeal has sparked a greater will to fight and unity among the revolutionary and patriotic forces.

A month ago workers at two bottling plants in San Salvador occupied their plants. They demanded the immediate reinstatement of workers fired in violation of their contract. The strike was aimed at the Meza Ayau family who own the plants and are members of "la sociedad." The government tried to make an example of the bottling plant workers. They sent in security forces to drive the workers out. In the armed confrontation seven workers were killed.

The murderous acts of the government unleashed even more resistance throughout the country. Electrical workers declared a national strike also demanding that fired workers be reinstated. The strike brought industry to a halt and seriously disrupted communications. Romero declared both strikes "illegal" but the workers laughed at this. In addition there were acts of solidarity in at least ten other plants in San Salvador.

Today a powerful revolutionary and patriotic movement is being forged against Romero's repressive regime. His acts of terror and puny attempts to stem the masses' anger now only further intensify the struggle to do away with him once and for all. As a supporter of the Popular Revolutionary Bloc said, "We don't let go until we win." ■

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happen here. I saw China as a model to better ourselves. I was impressed about people in the countryside living better. China became a proud people, which is against the grain in this country.

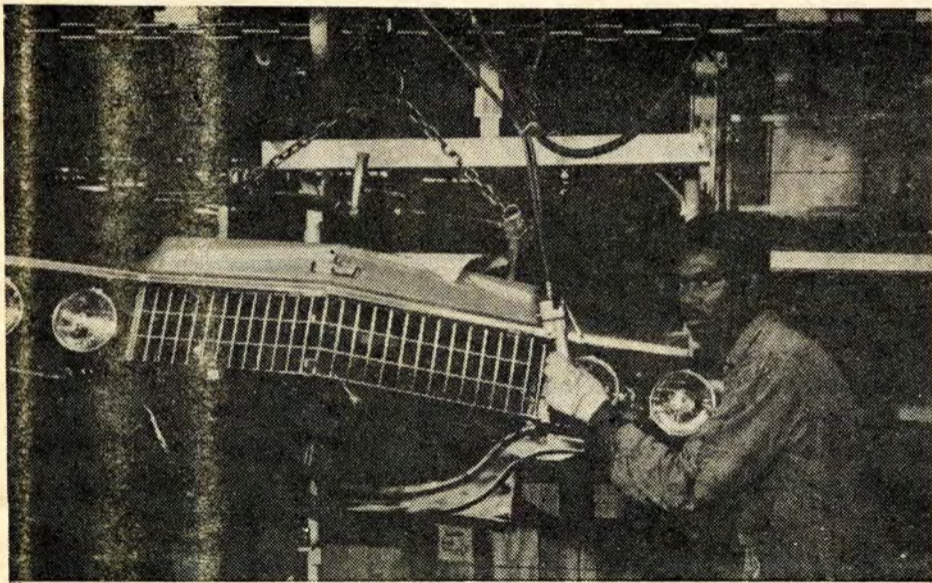
## On Capitalism Being Restored In China Today

I am not against modernization but against westernization, Americanization. I don't know whether it was bourgeois media or it really happened—when signs started being put up saying Mao was 70% or 30% right. That hurt. Where would China be today without Mao. . . Another thing—how men and women are allowed to hold hands in the street—this media is pushing lust—I was under the impression that before, you had a common goal, and people were attracted to each other because of the common goal, and it wasn't that physical thing the way it was in the western world. (The media) They're holding hands, they degraded it so much to me. I was upset.

## On Iranian People's Revolution

What turned me on about the Iranian revolution was that it was a people's revolution. It wasn't like the soldiers went in there with guns and overthrew the Shah, it was people's revolution—Unity! All the terrible oppression that went on under the Shah. I can't remember any revolution where they didn't have to clamp down on the violence. The bourgeois people, Kate Millet—I was so angry—to pick all that up about the women's shroud—that was what they picked up out of the whole revolution. Out of all the oppression that went on over there. Under the Shah, if you didn't wear the Christian Dior fashions, you were discriminated against. I see them going back (to the chador) and I'm glad. I hope they continue. They're thumbing their nose, saying "we don't want to be westerners!" Now they look down on western fashions.

I remember when the Afro came in, I was very proud. I feel they are saying the same thing. I can't relate to these upper class bourgeois women talking about being able to go into the workforce, I was born in the damn workforce. ■



against the other issues in the face of rampaging inflation show he is not going to fight for the substantial economic benefits demanded by the membership. Yet to do a good job for the bourgeoisie, he has to pull off this sell-out while at the same time look like he is winning a victory. The developments around this year's contract are an advanced example of "liberal" misleadership trying to do exactly that.

## Rank and File Motion Against Wage Guidelines Makes Fraser Shift

In response to Carter's 7% wage guidelines almost every head of the

stand on government interference. What he said is that the guidelines have "self-destructed" and that therefore we can't be expected to follow them. With prices announced as rising at 15%, a 25% increase in profits, and any public support for the guidelines evaporated, this is somewhat true. But this happened with no help from him or any other labor "leader." To stop government union-busting, the wage controls hit head on. Letting them pass by themselves leaves the rank and file disorganized and does little to reduce the power of the government to intervene later. We can see this in the Teamsters' settlement where even though the 7%

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# May Day '79...

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## Significance of this May Day

Two years ago, on May Day 1977, the Party pointed out the main significance of May Day 1977 was the tremendous victory in uniting the Marxist-Leninists from all corners of the country. And the firm foundation for the Party of the U.S. proletariat was laid. The Party also pointed out four of the most significant indicators of the rise in the working class movement: 1) the increasing exposure of trade union misleaders showed that replacing the old line leadership has become a trend in virtually all the basic industrial unions. New and young rank and file leadership is taking over. 2) strikes and job actions of record breaking length 3) strikes (like the wildcat of 80,000 miners) were increasingly aimed at the government, and 4) the rise of proletarian internationalist support for the struggles in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

On May Day 1978, with the Party leading many fronts of struggle in the working class movement and oppressed nationalities, we stressed the absolute need to raise communism and class consciousness in our day to day struggle, to overcome the inevitable inertia of legalism that separates economic and single issues from political struggle. It must be fought by skillfully combining legal and illegal, superstructure and base, mass and parliamentary political tasks in the working class. In 1978 we gave particular stress to placing the Party's work on a comprehensive footing to conduct systematic and all-rounded preparation for the dictatorship of the proletariat, to serve the basic line of the Party. The May Day Editorial (*WV*, April 1978) stated: "Historical experience around the world has repeatedly shown, again and again, that without a Communist Party, the proletariat cannot emancipate itself. While the masses are the motive force of history, the Party, the headquarters of the proletariat makes them conscious. . . and that we must push out our concrete tasks in the different fronts along the basic line of the

Party and constantly forge Partyism in the course of the struggle."

### To Welcome the Excellent Situation Ahead By Redoubling Our Effort to Found The Party of the U.S. Working Class

In the recent years there has been a qualitative change in the state of consciousness of the masses. On no May Day in the last 30 years have the conditions for communist work been better. The historic lever of economic crisis has shaken the broad masses out of routine immediate survival and political in-

## Anti - Nuke..

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reformists tried to shut out those who wanted to talk about disarmament or capitalism. They shut out all those grassroots organizations who have mobilized their communities over the years. Because of the national network set up by Nader, and because of the organizational primitiveness and ultra-democracy of the anti-nuke movement, it was not hard for a well-organized bunch with little grass roots support to walk in and put Jerry Brown in front.

Even Carter, not to be out-manuevered by Brown, consented to speak with several demonstration organizers after the demonstration, trying to seem as if he's concerned and doing something. It made Carter look like a good guy compared to Schlesinger, energy czar, when it's the \$1 billion investment sunk into nuclear energy, not just one person that makes the difference. And Ted Kennedy, who is always never running for president, and had declined to speak, sent a message to the demonstration.

Now every politician on the make is coming up with nuke legislation like crabgrass on a new spring front yard.

Proposals from a "symbolic" moratorium on licensing new nuclear power plants to closing nuclear plants that fail to come up with an evacuation plan within six months are all too slow, too little and ineffective. Already the Salem nuclear reactor, which was shut down in a feverish attempt to get the plant in shape for inspections, was discovered to have a total of 29 defective fuel assembly support grids.

Afterwards, the sentiment ran high against this swindle. One veteran anti-nuke activist said, "Frankly, I feel betrayed by the May 6th Coalition. I didn't bust my butt and leaflet every day just so the jokers like Jerry Brown can claim the credit." Another bitterly said, "That's politicians for you. They see the votes and jump right in and try to take over for their own ends." And another said, "I guess it was inevitable. I mean, for years the politicians ignored us. But now that we're 100,000 strong, they come crawling out and try to co-opt us."

They have a gut feeling about the sell-out nature of the Democratic Party and how they are jockeying for the 1980 presidential elections. Though most were unable to make the link to bourgeois democracy and the two forms of capitalist rule (reform and repres-

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### MAKE SYSTEMATIC PREPARATION FOR THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT, BUILD THE PARTY OF THE U.S. PROLETARIAT

On our side stand 160,000 battle-seasoned veterans of bitter coal strikes and wildcats, who have shut down the nation's coal mines, showing the power of the working class. On the other side, Carter and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association are scurrying in the shadows, squabbling among themselves, hesitating on whether they should knuckle under to the miners, call in the National Guard, or invoke Taft-Hartley.

On our side, the miners are openly defying the state after Carter's intervention. "You can't mine coal with bayonets!" they say proudly in Harlow County. On the other side, the BCOA is nervously counting its lost millions in profits, breaking out in a cold sweat when the miners talk about taking up arms to keep the mines closed and the scales out.

On our side, support for the miners rolls in like a thundering tide. Farmers and all progressive sections of the society show their struggle brought forward trade union unity rarely seen in recent memory. The bourgeois side's reaction to this struggle is like putting a fire with gasoline. Invoking the Taft-Hartley Act escalated the miners' economic struggle against individual bosses into a direct political confrontation between the bourgeoisie as a class and the proletariat as a class.

May Day 1978 is International Workers Day. The 12-day miners' strike has special meaning for us today, remembering that May Day was born out of the struggle of U.S. workers, out of the struggle for its class emancipation. With this historical perspective, we must answer the question: what is the significance of the miners' recent struggle in relation to this noble tradition—the fight for class emancipation.

Like Marx put it over a hundred years ago:

...every movement in which the working class comes out as a class against the ruling classes and tries to coerce them by pressure from without is a political movement. For instance, the attempt in a particular factory or even in a particular trade to force a shorter working day out of individual capitalists by strikes, etc., is a purely economic movement. On the other hand the movement to force through an eight-hour, etc., law, is a political movement. And in this way, out of the separate economic movements of the workers there grows up everywhere a political movement, that is to say, a movement of the class, with the object of enforcing its interests in a general form, in a form possessing general

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### Wilmington 10: Broad Struggle Serves to Build the Party



Wilmington 10 March  
The Party's correct leadership in the thick of class struggle.

### Resurgence of the National Movement in the Black Belt South

The indignation and outrage at North Carolina Governor Hunt's decision to keep the Wilmington 10 in jail spilled into the streets of Raleigh, North Carolina, on Saturday, April 1st. Over 3,500 strong, the crowd assembled from all four corners of the state, from tiny hamlets like Whitakers to small towns like Henderson, to the larger urban centers like Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Durham and Greensboro. They represented church groups, community organizations, student groups, women's organizations,

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sion), most said flatly that they want no part of the 1980 circus that the Democrats and Republicans put on every four years.

### Nuclear Weapons and Power For the Third World

Because of the tight lid put on the demonstration by Nader, there was absolutely no mention of the progressive role of third world countries. Instead, many speakers echoed the imperialist line about "proliferation" and keeping nuclear weapons out of third world countries. None of the speakers mentioned the example of how China under Chairman Mao's line broke through the nuclear blackmail of the superpowers and developed nuclear weapons for defense through self-reliance, which was a victory for all third world countries. None mentioned that in the U.S., nuclear power is run for sheer profit by the big oil companies and banks, which is why there are so many spills, leaks, cancers, and partial meltdowns. No one mentioned that third world countries should have the right to develop nuclear power or any form of power on their own, independent of superpower meddling, which won't be run for superprofits like in the U.S. but for national development, to make them strong against imperialism.

Fitting to the chauvinist line of Nader and Brown, Winpisinger of the International Association of Machinists, one who has recently filed a suit against the oil-producing third world countries for "black-mailing" the U.S., also spoke as a "radical" in the rally.

But even though the reformists gained a small victory in putting their men in front of the march, over all it's a good thing. It's good because now the question of bourgeois politicians is first on the agenda for hundreds of anti-nuke groups. It's good because the anti-nuke movement, which is characterized by its looseness, amorphousness, and eclectic ideologies, will be forced to confront the burning question of capitalist rule. Out of the struggles of the next few months, many will emerge with a sharpened understanding of how the Democratic Party and the 2-party system of bourgeois democracy co-opts, absorbs, and buys out genuine resistance.

These lessons were learned painfully 10 years ago during the disastrous electoral campaign of Sen. McGovern. Now, a whole new generation of students will have to confront this question of who will control the movement, the people or the bourgeois politicians? ■

# Malcolm X..

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una marcha. Se convirtió en un pasadía, un circo. Yo sé que no te agrada lo que te voy a decir. Pero te lo voy a decir de todas maneras. Eso fue una traición, una redada. . . La controlaban tan cerrada, que le dijeron a los negros a que hora podían venir a la ciudad, como venir, donde parar, que canciones a cantar, que letreros iban a llevar, que discurso iban a hacer y cual no podían hacer; y le dijeron que salieran de la ciudad a la puesta del sol.

La marcha a Washington es una profunda y más oportuna lección en el efecto producido por la capitulación de Lewis a la burguesía nacional afroamericana y a la estadounidense, y ciertos elementos que se vendieron, traicionando así la causa. Al no poner una posición independiente dejó a las masas arrulladas para dormir y dejar que la marcha llegue a ser un día de elogiar el proyecto de derechos civiles que saldrá el próximo año.

## Malcolm X Propagandista: Ir Contra La Corriente

Malcolm X y solamente Malcolm X, llevó a cabo propaganda, expuso como la marcha fue vendida a los imperialistas, en su discurso, "Mensaje a la Gente Popular," pronunciado en Detroit, November 4, 1963. Después de la marcha, la burguesía había intensificado la campaña de difamación y deformación, describiendo a Malcolm como un "supremacista negro," "alborotador," "demagogo," "fanático." *Esquire* lo difamó como el "Negro Rojo Chino Americano," para tratar de combatir la influencia creciente de la línea de Chairman Mao. ¿Suavizó Malcolm X su tono por el interés de la popularidad? No!!! Fue precisamente su firme determinación de ir contra la corriente y propagar las soluciones más avanzadas a la opresión del pueblo afro-americano que lo hizo ser una señal luminosa para los nacionalistas militantes negros en el movimiento de liberación negra.

Ser comunista no es un concurso de popularidad. Uno no puede ganarse el respeto de los avanzados sin incurrir en el odio más rabioso de el enemigo. Cómo trataron a Malcolm no era nada nuevo. Lenin lo puso bien, "Durante la vida de los grandes revolucionarios las clases oprimidas constantemente los acosan, reciben sus enseñanzas con la más salvaje malicia, el más furioso odio, y las campañas más inescrupulosas de mentiras y difamación".

En noviembre de 1963, Kennedy fue asesinado. El revisionista CPUSA llamó esto un "acto nefando" y siguió de cerca la orgía de patriotismo que siguió después. La respuesta de Malcolm X en aquella ocasión a un reportero fue: reportero fue:

"Siendo yo mismo un hijo del campo, el que los pollos vengan a su gallinero nunca me ha entristecido, siempre me han alegrado." Los medios de comunicación fomentaron esto como "odio racista." Elías Mahoma usó esto como una excusa para "silenciar" a Malcolm y luego expulsarlo.

Las dos líneas en la nación se estaban poniendo extremadamente antagonistas. El plan oficial de la Nación de "abstenerse" de la lucha de masa significaba la matanza a sangre fría de siete Muslims lo que sirvió de chispa para una protesta amplia de la comunidad organizada y dirigida por Malcolm y que fue convertida en una lucha legalista por orden ejecutiva de Elías Mahoma. Malcolm estaba siendo sistemáticamente sacado del periódico *Muhammad Speaks*, antes de la "fractura" oficial. Su expulsión de la Nación fue lo mejor que pudo haber pasado. Libre de las cadenas ideológicas y organizacionales de los muslims él podía comenzar a tomar parte en la lucha inmediata del pueblo afro-americano y buscar las respuestas a las preguntas más fundamentales con que se enfrentaba el movimiento negro de liberación.

## En Medio de la Rebelión, Malcolm Intensifica la Línea

El año del 1964 iba a ser el más acalorado en los movimientos de los derechos civiles. Fue el primero de los "largos veranos calurosos." Harlem fue la escena de la primera rebelión en el norte. Habían muchas preguntas sin contestar dentro del movimiento. ¿Cómo Malcolm respondió a esto? ¿Corrió en círculo como un pollo sin cabeza? ¡No! Malcolm aligeró sus estudios y propaganda para organizar el Movimiento Negro de Liberación.

Malcolm arruinó la ilusión de que podía haber libertad para la gente afro-americana sin una revolución violenta. Tomó una posición clara anti-imperialista y anti-capitalista. El expuso las tácticas dobles de la democracia burguesa, el papel de los líderes engañosos de mantener los movimientos nacionales bajo el zapato del imperialismo. El demostró que la lucha del pueblo afro-americano es parte de la lucha de los países del tercer mundo.

Su trabajo fue una expresión concentrada de toda una capa de revolucionarios nacionalistas quienes en el año 1964 estaban leyendo *Revista Peking* y *China Reconstruye* regularmente, los cuales estaban haciendo contacto unos con otros a través de magazines o revistas ilustradas tales como *Liberacion* y *Revolucion* (ambas producidas en París y seguían la línea correcta de Chairman Mao). El movimiento de Acción Revolucionaria en su conferencia en Nashville, donde asistieron algunas 70 personas, hizo un llamado para la eliminación del capitalismo en una de sus resoluciones. El liderato de la militante sociedad UHURU en la Universidad de Wayne State habían dado comienzo al estudio de los escritos de Chairman Mao.

## Conclusión

¿Que es la contribución histórica de Malcolm X? Esta es una pregunta muy importante. Algunos recuerdan a Malcolm por su encendida agitación, otros lo recuerdan por su intento de poner la cuestión del pueblo afro-americano en la agenda u orden del día de las O.N.U. para divulgar el orgullo y respeto en la gente negra. De que Malcolm X hiciera todas estas cosas. No hay lugar a dudas pues son hechos. Pero la contribución histórica de Malcolm X al movimiento de liberación negra fue que él



La marcha a Washington fue convertida en una jira pacífica por la capitulación de los líderes engañosos afroamericanos.

desvió el movimiento del pueblo afro-americano de la senda del gradualismo, reformismo, e integracionismo—que estaba siendo vendido de puerta en puerta por la burguesía y los líderes engañosos en el movimiento de los derechos civiles—a un movimiento políticamente despierto. ¿Como lo hizo? No fue por ser más militante que los reformistas de aquellos días. Fue solamente a través de una propaganda militante, consistente y firme, a través de una lucha intrasigente contra las ideas que lo tenían atrasado.

Malcolm tenía un profundo conocimiento de las necesidades, anhelos y sentimientos de las amplias masas, que todo comunista y revolucionario debe tener. Pero él no se limitó a si mismo a las necesidades de las hermanas y hermanos que no podían ver más allá

del derrocamiento de Jim Crow. El dedicó su tiempo y energía a contestar las preguntas que estaban en las mentes de los elementos mas avanzados. Esta fue la esencia de su línea de masa.

Por sus grandes contribuciones, el espíritu revolucionario de Malcolm vivirá para siempre en los corazones del pueblo afro-americano y gentes revolucionarias alrededor del mundo.

Por eso es que la mejor manera de conmemorarlo es dominar en la práctica su espíritu de ir contra la corriente, contra la popularidad revisionista, y las tácticas maniobradoras que traiciona o vende los principios revolucionarios y el objetivo común en ganar y entrenar los avanzados. La mejor manera de conmemorarlo y vivir de acuerdo a su alto criterio hoy, es ser un comunista propagandista y un comunista organizador. ■

## EL MUNDO EN LUCHA

¡PAISES QUIEREN INDEPENDENCIA

NACIONES QUIEREN LIBERACION

LOS PUEBLOS QUIEREN REVOLUCION!

OBREROS ALEMANES APOYAN  
HUELGA DE OBREROS  
BRITANICOS CONTRA  
EL LONDON TIMES

El *London Times*, enfrendado por una huelga llamada por la Asociación Nacional Gráfica, trató de resumir su publicación mudándose a Frankfurt, Alemania. La huelga cerró al *London Times* desde noviembre, por la automatización y despedidas. Pero la IG Druck und Papier, la unión de imprenta alemana, le avisó al *London Times* que ésta bloquearía la distribución del periódico. Más de 300 manifestantes mantuvieron una vigilia toda la noche fuera de la planta para parar que la publicación del *Times* saliera de la imprenta. El

*London Times* abandonó su plan de para publicar en Alemania occidental.

CUARTEL DE POLICIA EN  
SOWETO DESMANTELADO  
POR GUERRILLEROS

Tres guerrilleros atacaron el cuartel policiaco en Soweto, en las afueras de Johannesburg. Tirando granadas y disparando rifles AK47 ellos desmantelaron el edificio al suelo. Oficiales de Sudafrica admitieron que éste fue el ataque más temerario por los guerrilleros en Sudafrica. A pesar de bloquear los caminos y buscar a los guerrilleros de casa-en-casa, ellos no pudieron ser encontrados.



# Revolucionaria de Malcolm X!

imperialista derrotado, los imperialistas yanquis se vieron forzados a hacer concesiones para mejorar su imagen y desviar estos movimientos anti-coloniales. Con todo los imperialistas yanquis no pueden ser el patron de la democracia burguesa y guardian de los nuevos estados independientes si hay una segregación molesta en su casa.

Esta fué la razón para la decisión "histórica" de la Corte Suprema en el año 1954. Esta tuvo elogios sin fin por el reformista de fondo NAACP. La decisión fué traducida a 40 lenguas para dejarle saber al resto del mundo que los Estados Unidos estaban negociando con el "problema negro."

La estrategia integracionista de los grupos de derechos civiles y el CPUSA, que iban cogidos de la mano al poner toda nuestra fé en las cortes burguesas, era un callejón sin salida. El brutal linchamiento de un adolescente de 14 años de edad Ernest Till en Mississippi demostró sin duda alguna que la decisión de la Corte Suprema no había cambiado nada.

La realización de que nada había cambiado estaba destinada a producir una respuesta encolerizada entre los afroamericanos. En diciembre del año 1955 una mujer obrera afroamericana rehusó dejarle su asiento a un blanco y fue arrestada. La rabia y la cólera latente del pueblo afroamericano hizo erupción con el boicot de Montgomery bus.

La lucha para integrar las escuelas y los colegios se hizo más vigorosa. Cuatro estudiantes de Carolina del Norte A & T se sentaron en una Woolworth segregada en Greensboro, Carolina del Norte. A diferencia del final de la década de los 40, cuando se puso en práctica la táctica de ocupar asientos en un local sólo para blancos en protesta contra la discriminación racial en Chicago y Baltimore, la situación se extendió a través de la Correa Negra del Sur como chispa en un cañaveral. De ciudad en ciudad la juventud revolucionaria desafiaba todos los inconvenientes para persistir en la lucha contra Jim Crow. Una nueva ola de combatientes templados, confrontándose con las mangueras de agua, perros policías y balas. Estos jóvenes militantes nacionalistas estaban escandalizados con el gradualismo, legalismo o rigorismo y el total arruinamiento de la filosofía de Martin Luther King de "si te dan en una mejilla, pon la otra."

En el 1959 Robert Williams asestó un golpe eficaz a la filosofía de "cambiar la otra mejilla" cuando él organizó un club para rifleros para practicar defensa propia armada. Williams fue denunciado y condenado por el revisionismo absoluto del CPUSA, demostrando su odio, por todas las cosas revolucionarias. Él fue incriminado con estratagemas y acusado de un cargo de secuestro por la burguesía de E.U. Y lo precipitaron al exilio forzosamente.

Para el año 1963, toda una categoría de elementos adelantados estaban buscando soluciones más avanzadas y

demandando el uso de tácticas más militantes.

## La Marcha A Washington

La sublevación en Birmingham fue la primera principal de los años 60. Fue la primera vez que los límites de la legalidad burguesa habían sido debilitados y esto demostró que los elementos avanzados estaban empezando a determinar el carácter del movimiento.

A través de todo el país, la noticia del día era de marchar a Washington, paralizarlo y ponerlo bajo llave para dramatizar la lucha por los derechos civiles. Citaremos a Malcolm extensamente, como Malcolm resumió la marcha a Washington, porque es la lección más instructiva y más oportuna para llevar a cabo una propaganda oportuna y sacar conclusiones revolucionarias de las experiencias de las masas.

"Tan pronto como King fracasara en Birmingham, los negros se salieron a la calle... estaban hablando de cómo iban a marchar a Washington. Precisamente para ese tiempo Birmingham explotó, y los negros de Birmingham recuerdan que ellos también estallaron. Empezaron a apuñalar a los blancos en la espalda y golpeandolos haciendoles hendiduras en la cabeza—sí lo hicieron. Esto fue cuando Kennedy envió las tropas a Birmingham. Después de esto Kennedy se presentó en televisión y dijo que era un tema moral. Enseguida dijo que iba a poner fuera un proyecto de ley sobre los derechos civiles (Civil Rights Bill) y los blancos sureños empezaron a hablar de como ellos iban a boycotear u obstruir su aprobación."

"Entonces los negros comenzaron a hablar, ¿de que? De que iban a marcha a Washington, marchar a la Casa Blanca, marchar al Senado, y atarlo, atarlo, y no dejar que el gobierno prosiguiera. Hasta dijeron que irían al aeropuerto se acostarían en la pista de aterrisaje y no dejarían que ningún avión aterrizara. Les digo lo que ellos dijeron. Eso era revolución."

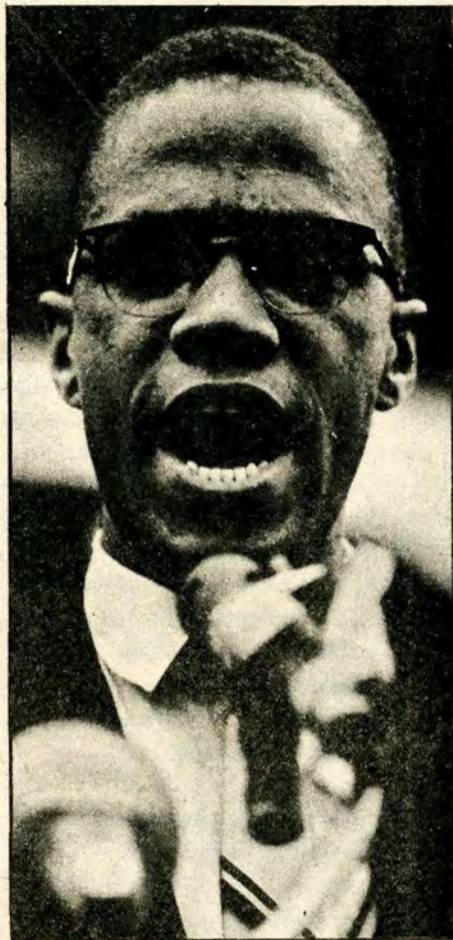
"Esto era el poder de la gente común allá afuera en las calles. El hombre blanco se moría de miedo; asustó la estructura del poder blanco con miedo de muerte; yo estaba allí. Cuando ellos averiguaron que éste negro arrollador iba a caer sobre la capital, llamaron a Wilkins, ellos llamaron a Randolph, ellos llamaron aquellos líderes negros nacionales que tú respetas y le dijeron, 'denlo por terminado.' Kennedy dijo, 'Miren, ustedes estan dejando esto ir muy lejos' un Tom viejo dijo: 'Jefe, yo no lo puedo detener, porque yo no fuí quién lo empecé.' Le estoy diciendo lo que ellos dijeron. Ellos dijeron, 'que yo no estaba en ello y menos todavía a la cabeza.' Ellos dijeron, 'estos negros están haciendo las cosas por su cuenta. Se nos estan adelantando y ese viejo sorro astuto el dijo, 'Si ustedes no estan en ello, yo los pondré. Los pondré a la cabeza de ello. Lo endorsaré. Le daré la bienvenida. Lo ayudaré. Me uniré a ello.'"

Kennedy fue uno de los más mañosos, más avanzado de los representantes del imperialismo yanqui que se haya sentado en la Casa Blanca para hacer frente a las exigencias del momento.

## Chairman Mao Ayuda a Sembrar Semillas del Comunismo en El Movimiento Afroamericano

Hubo una fiera lucha de dos líneas políticas entre los organizadores de la marcha sobre cual sería el carácter de la marcha. El Comité Coordinador de Estudiantes de No Violencia (SNCC) en particular estaba en posición para influenciar el carácter de la marcha por su sólida base entre la juventud revolucionaria. Tres semanas antes de la marcha, Chairman Mao emitió su primera declaración apoyando la lucha del pueblo afroamericano.

La declaración de Chairman Mao fue hecha a la altura de la controversia entre marxismo-leninismo y el revisionismo moderno. Chairman Mao había estado acercandose a los revolucionarios de los países del tercer mundo durante los años 50 cuando ellos comen-



## Mao Sobre la Lucha del Pueblo Afroamericano y la Doble Táctica de la Burguesía Estadounidense

"El rápido desarrollo de la lucha de los negros americanos, es una manifestación del constante crecimiento de la lucha de clase y lucha nacional dentro de los Estados Unidos; ha estado causando una enorme y grave inquietud al clique gobernante de los E.U. La administración de Kennedy recurrió a la maña de las tácticas de dos caras. Por un lado, continúa disimulándolo y toma parte en la discriminación y persecución contra los negros; hasta envió tropas a reprimirlos. Por otro lado hace alarde de ser un defensor de la "defensa de los derechos humanos" y la "protección de los derechos civiles de los negros" y está llamando a los negros para que practican el "refrenamiento" y está pidiéndole al Congreso la tal llamada "legislación de los derechos civiles," en un esfuerzo por entumecer la voluntad luchadora de la gente negra y engañar las masas a través de todo el país. Sin embargo, éstas tácticas de la administración de Kennedy han sido vistas de un lado a otro por más y más negros. Las atrocidades fascistas cometidas por los imperialistas de E.U. contra la gente negra deja al descubierto la tal llamada democracia y libertad en los Estados Unidos y revela la conexión interna entre las tácticas reaccionarias que sigue el gobierno de los Estados Unidos en casa y su tácticas de agresión en el exterior. ("Declaración en Defensa de la Lucha Afroamericana," Mao Tsetung, 1963)

zaron a levantarse contra la gran lucha anti-imperialista. La Conferencia de Solidaridad afro-asiática Bandung en el 1955 fue la primera reunión que se hizo o que se haya hecho de los más finos representantes de las naciones y gentes oprimidas. La burguesía estado unidense salió en su totalidad a parar este evento histórico, saboteando dos aviones chinos, matando 100 de los mejor entrenados comunistas en el campo de asuntos extranjeros. Según los representantes de ésta tendencia irreversible le hizo frente a los Estados Unidos, Chairman Mao vigorosamente llevó a cabo su deber internacionalista de ayudar a sembrar la semilla del comunismo en los E.U.

## Los Efectos de la Capitulación

El gobierno de E.U. estaba tan atemorizado que buscaron a Marvin Rech, Director del Desarrollo de la Comunidad de CORE para que a través

de la voz de América (Voice of America) le dijera al mundo que ésta no era la clase de apoyo que el negro andaba buscando. En el día de la marcha, John Lewis, cabecilla de SNCC, hizo una declaración criticando el proyecto de ley de los derechos civiles (Civil Rights Bill) como "muy poco, muy tarde." Los organizadores de la marcha le dijeron que su declaración era muy militante, y que cierta gente se retirarían si él daba el discurso. A última hora Lewis cambió el borrador, comprometiendo su deber a llevar a cabo propaganda independiente en el nombre de salvar "la unidad".

Malcolm hizo un resumen de la "marcha" de este manera—

Al ellos cogerla, perdió su militancia. Cesó de ser airada—porque hasta cesó de ser caliente, dejó de ser intransigente. Porque hasta cesó de ser

# ¡Continuen la Tradición

Este es el decimocuarto año de el asesinato a sangre fría de Malcolm X por la burguesía nacional estadounidense. Cada año su talla crece dentro del pueblo afroamericano y gente revolucionaria alrededor del mundo. Su silencio ahora habla más que las palabras. Su voz todavía hace temblar a los reaccionarios alrededor del mundo. Hasta esta fecha sus grabaciones están prohibidas en el África Meridional. La burguesía estadounidense está tratando con todo su poder para degradar su tradición revolucionaria hasta la "legal oposición" que no se diferencia en nada de los líderes de los "Derechos Civiles", cuya vacilación y capitulación a la burguesía ha sido desmascarada en todo punto. Ellos están tratando de matar su espíritu revolucionario con "respectabilidad", matar su tradición revolucionaria con "popularidad." Por eso es que hoy, la más despreciable reforma burguesa se puede vender de puerta en puerta en el nombre de Malcolm.

La opresión nacional se intensifica cada día de un cabo a otro. Los asesinatos cometidos por la policía y que son legalizados, de una ruindad sin precedentes y que van en aumento en los años recientes ha traído varios Frentes Unidos de la raza Negra a su formación, la demanda por justicia y tierra en la Correa Negra del Sur ha sido levantada desde la pequeña Whitakers, Carolina del Norte hasta Tupelo, Mississippi.

Una joven mujer afro-americana, Wilma Jean Stephaney fue empujada al borde por las condiciones que la rodeaban y defendió su hogar y sus hijos por cualquier medio necesario.

Hay mucho desorden en el mundo. Los hermanos y hermanas del Templo del pueblo (People's Temple) andaban buscando un arma para luchar, 900 o más de ellos hicieron el sumo sacrificio por la causa que ellos creían.

La conmemoración este año de Malcolm X es más importante que nunca antes precisamente porque la subida repentina en el movimiento Afro-Americano demuestra en su práctica que no se han aprendido las lecciones de los años 60, que las enseñanzas de Malcolm X han sido tiradas por la ventana. El liderato del movimiento ha sido hipnotizado por los políticos burgueses electorales. Los políticos negros sólo se han limitado a abandonar las reuniones de la Casa Blanca y a levantar críticas sin ánimo o interés, mientras Jimmy Carter afila sus tacones en el cuello de las masas afro-americanas. Los oportunistas han tratado de alcahuetar el movimiento del pueblo, sin decir una palabra de propaganda comunista. Sólo el Partido ha asimilado la mayor parte de las tradiciones de Malcolm X, pero para verdaderamente cumplir con sus normas elevadas, debemos de criticar a fondo y derrotar la derecha, línea revisionista que desprecia el papel que desempeña la propaganda comunista, y que es tolerante con respecto a la organización aficionada y se rinde a la burguesía nacional. Con demasiada frecuencia cuando

se discuten las vidas de los grandes revolucionarios, nos limitamos a elogiar su valor y su dedicación, y contemplamos con admiración su prudencia y su consistencia revolucionaria.

Nos maravillamos de sus profundos conocimientos de las masas y su habilidad de tocar a las gentes en lo profundo de sus corazones. Este acercamiento a sus vidas inevitablemente evade la tarea más dificultosa de dominar en la práctica las luchas teóricas y políticas que ellos libran, aprendiendo sus lecciones en la práctica, de como llevar a cabo su trabajo, y comprender en la práctica los veredictos políticos que ellos encierran, y las enseñanzas revolucionarias que ellos hacen populares o públicas. Para poder continuar su tradición revolucionaria, éste trabajo debe llevarse a cabo seriamente, contra la espontaneidad, de otra manera caeremos en las manos del enemigo, que está tratando constantemente de distorsionar o deformar la esencia revolucionaria de sus enseñanzas, y que no esperan nada mejor para nosotros, el que esperemos con desesperación a que venga otro "mesías" a que nos saque de este aparente caos o desorden.

## Por Qué Malcolm Se Afilió Al Islamismo

Nacido en mayo 19 del año 1925 en Omaha, Nebraska, el cuarto hijo de un ministro seguidor de la doctrina de Marcus Aurelius Garvey y de una madre de las Indias Occidentales. Su padre fue asesinado en el 1931. Su madre fue impulsada a la locura por agentes del welfare, que separó su familia como arvejas en su vaina. Malcolm creció en las calles de los ghettos de Boston y de Harlem ganándose el sobrenombre de "Detroit Rojo" (Detroit Red). Fue arrestado en el 1946 e hizo 10 años en prisión. Mientras en la prisión, la Nación Islamica (a través de su familia) se le acercó con contestas que él estaba buscando y un arma para luchar contra la opresión nacional y las mentiras racistas que sofocaban o confundían cualquier clase de orgullo nacional o respeto propio. Para el tiempo que el Islamismo se acercó a Malcolm, no había ninguna otra organización que defendiera el orgullo y respeto de la gente afro-americana y su historia.

El Partido Comunista de Estados Unidos de América (CPUSA) tenía una línea revisionista a principios de los años 40 y nunca se recuperó, dentro de otros principios revolucionarios, los propósitos del Partido Comunista Internacional del 1928 al 1930, elaborando con detalles el derecho a la auto-determinación o auto-determinismo para los afro-americanos en la Correa Negra del Sur. Las organizaciones de lucha de masas bajo sus guías tales como el Congreso Nacional Negro, Congreso de la Juventud Negra del Sur, y la Unión Nacional de Colonos fueron interrumpidas. El CPUSA limitó sus trabajos a desvergonzadamente seguir de cerca el rigorismo del NAACP (Asociación Nacional Para el Adelanto de la Gente de

Color). Muchos movimientos se visten de aspecto religioso. Karl Marx indicó que la angustia religiosa es la expresión de la angustia real y la protesta contra la aflicción real. Las enseñanzas de

Elijah Muhammed, aunque completamente en la bancarrota, según Malcolm resumió más tarde, si que proveía un sistema teórico para luchar contra el enemigo. El Templo del Pueblo tenía la misma atracción para los hermanos y hermanas que se unieron y fueron a Guyana y que murieron en un suicidio masivo. Aquellos hermanos y hermanas en Guyana no estaban locos por haber seguido a Jim Jones, así como Malcolm no estaba loco por

Y es su determinación para la búsqueda del arma para luchar que será decisiva, y no líderes engañosos apareados de una que otra clase.

## Subida del Movimiento De Liberación Negro

Al final de la Segunda Guerra Mundial comenzó un nuevo período en la historia de la gente afro-americana. Empezando con la liberación de China de Estados Unidos y del imperialismo japoneses, naciones oprimidas y pueblos a través del mundo se levantaron uno tras otro en una lucha anti-imperialista y anti-colonialista. El alza del movimiento contemporáneo de la raza negra es una parte componente



La rebelión de Harlem 1964 — La propaganda de Malcolm ayudó a desencadenar la iniciativa de los elementos avanzados en el Movimiento de Liberación Negro.

haberse unido a los Muslims. Ellos andaban buscando respuestas así como Malcolm andaba buscando respuestas. Nosotros debemos respetar y acariciar la determinación de los más avanzados quienes inevitablemente agarraran la primer arma que encuentren. Si usted no puede comprender el por qué los hermanos y hermanas se unieron al Templo del Pueblo, entonces usted no puede comprender realmente el por qué Malcolm se unió a la Nación Islamica.

## "Malcolm X Propagandista: Yendo Contra la Corriente"

La burguesía y los oportunistas enfocan a un líder engañoso y enfermo, Jim Jones, de la misma manera que se enfocan en ellos mismos como los hacedores de la historia mundial. Ésta gente, limitados por su postura y punto de vista, no pueden ver que las fuerzas que mueven a las masas a la búsqueda es la condición en que se encuentran.

de éste proceso global. La traición del Partido Comunista de Estados Unidos dejó a la clase obrera abierta de par en par al efecto entumecido del rabioso anti-comunismo de McCarthy.

Pero ninguna cantidad de anti-comunismo ni la fábula del "Sueño Americano" pueden esconder la pesadilla de "Jim Crow" (ley que segrega a los negros de los blancos en lugares y vehículos públicos) y la justicia de la soga en la Correa Negra del Sur, y las desmanteladas habitaciones infestadas de ratas que eran sus "casas," y comodidades del gobierno que era su "alimento" para los afro-americanos de los ghettos norteros. "Una educación colegial para todo niño" era una patraña y un fraude para los negros que eran recibidos con perros policías y vigilantes cuando trataban de asistir a las escuelas de su predilección.

Para poder consolidar las colonias que luchaban ferozmente por su independencia y sacudirse del bloque

# Intrèpidamente Reclute Para el Alistamiento Mao Tsetung

Camaradas y Amigos,

La Organización Punto de Vista Obrero está en posición excelente para reclutar y entrenar a obreros avanzados. Adheridos firmes a las enseñanzas del marxismo-leninismo y especialmente al Pensamiento Mao Tsetung, hemos forjado la fundación para el Partido Comunista de la clase obrera de los E.U. El trabajo del Partido se ha ampliado tremendamente y ha extendido nuestra influencia anchamente porque hemos estado activos en las luchas inmediatas de nuestra clase contra los capitalistas en el trabajo, comunidad y escuelas, y porque nos hemos entrenados para luchar en muchas diferentes maneras y en muchos diferentes frentes. Nuestra habilidad de dirigir a la clase obrera para romper las cadenas de esclavitud salarial y luchar por un gobierno de los obreros es mejor que nunca.

Estamos dedicando la ola de reclutas combatientes a Mao Tsetung, el marxista más grande de la presente era, quién murió en el 1976. Las enseñanzas de Mao Tsetung educaron a millones de sólidos y leales comunistas a través del mundo, muchos de ellos en la China hoy que, aunque viciosamente perseguidos por los revisionistas en el poder, están dirigiendo al pueblo chino en su lucha para derrocar la pandilla de Hua y sus secuaces. Nosotros somos un destacamento de éste ejército proletario que representa el futuro brillante para los pueblos oprimidos a través del mundo. Abajo está una aplicación de un obrero para miembresía al Partido.

**¡Únete a la Organización Punto de Vista Obrero!**

**¡Lucha por el Gobierno de los Obreros!**

Cuando a mi me pidieron que escribiera un resumen de "Como yo vine a entender el comunismo," yo pregunté que si con un poquito más de trabajo, esto podía servir como mi aplicación de admisión al Partido. Yo recibí resonante apoyo. Yo espero que este artículo pueda servir para ayudar a otros camaradas en mi posición.

"Levantando una roca solo para arrojarla en el pie de uno mismo" es un dicho chino para describir el comportamiento de ciertos idiotas. En este caso la roca es el carapacho de la "democracia" que acorrala la decadencia del monopolio capitalista en los E.U. hoy.

Esa roca esta siendo picada más y más, solo para despertar la conciencia política de las masas para entender de una manera más profunda la verdadera naturaleza del capitalismo. Un ejemplo de esta roca que esta siendo despedazada se puede ver en la vida inactiva de una familia militar como la nuestra.

Muchas personas que nunca han estado en el servicio militar siempre hablan de los "beneficios" que una familia militar tiene. Pero esos "beneficios" representan la deteriorización de vida en el servicio, no el mejora-

miento. Pobres condiciones de viviendas, servicios inadecuados medicos, bajos salarios, severas condiciones de trabajo y separación de familia por largos períodos de tiempo. Ninguna alternativa o curso para mejorar esto son los "beneficios" con que las familias militares viven a base de día a día. Y estas condiciones solo sirven para paulatinamente dismantelar las muchas fábulas de este gran país 'democrático' de nosotros.

Estas condiciones conducen a muchos síntomas de una sociedad capitalista: divorcio, suicidio, asesinato, raptos, adulterio. La lista es infinita y creciendo más mala. Y es conocimiento común entre las masas que después que una esta dentro, a menos que no salga en el primer plazo, es casi imposible de salir a menos que tenga la suerte de obtener un buen entrenamiento que pueda usar para un trabajo afuera. Y por la naturaleza del servicio,

**"Para las masas, las semillas de revolución están sembradas al nacer, y viviendo una existencia de opresión de día a día . . . que atiza el odio de la clase burguesa."**

especialmente en el Ejército y Marines, esto casi nunca le sucede a la mayoría.

Sin embargo para los hijos esto no termina aquí. Para muchos, para el tiempo que seamos de suficiente edad para asistir a la escuela superior, nuestros padres se han retirado o mudados fuera de la base a comunidades de la clase obrera. Asistimos a escuelas de la clase obrera que son verdaderamente áreas de detenciones hasta que uno tenga la edad suficiente para ir a trabajar.

Muchas horas del día son malgastadas en enseñar datos y figuras que son inútiles en la vida. Sin liderato correcto las masas se pierden y se confunden. Los resultados para muchos es una vida de drogas y crimen. Y cuando completan la escuela, muchos todavía están sin preparación para cualquier trabajo, así proveyendo a los pequeños capitalistas con un nanantial de mano de obra no calificada, no organizada y barata.

La decisión de que clase de carrera tomar viene a ser un cuento de hadas para los muchos enfrentados con la realidad existente de día a día. Algunos van a la universidad, pero muchos otros van a las industrias o al servicio militar. Por eso las masas se enfrentan con una diferente clase de educación, una educación de vida o muerte.

Es la primer vez para mucho que venimos frente a frente con la hediondez de pura opresión capitalista. Sobre-tiempo forzado, salarios bajos, hostigamiento, aumento de producción (sin aumento de salarios), despedidas, poco o ningún plan de salud y seguridad en el trabajo. Estos son los datos y figuras de nuestras vidas hoy.

**Las Masas Hacen Historia**

**El Partido las Hace Conciente**

Sin el liderato correcto del Partido y la guía concreta del marxismo-leninismo-pensamiento Mao Tsetung, muchos de nosotros estaríamos perdidos. Sin el Partido, la tradición y liderato combatiente de la clase obrera estaría perdida para siempre a los líderes engañosos y otros traidores de clase.

Para las masas, las semillas de revolución están sembradas al nacer, y viviendo una existencia de opresión de día a día que crece peor con cada crisis económica que atiza el odio de la clase burguesa. Pero el odio solo puede llegar a ser una fuerza real y comprendida en lo concreto a través de trabajo duro de comunistas armados con la línea correcta. Yo no estuviera escribiendo esta aplicación ahora si no fuera por la paciencia de algunos camaradas y su voluntad de entrenarme guiado por la línea del Partido.

Todavía habían muchas montañas que tenían que ser escaladas. Mi dependencia en diferentes drogas tenía que ser entendido y tratado. Cuando yo comencé a realizar ya se me estaban olvidando las cosas que había aprendido y llegue a la situación del trabajo donde tenía que aplicar lo que había aprendido y no podía, comencé a ver que las drogas no eran la repuesta. Estas ni obstaculizaban en comprender las cosas en lo concreto y mi disciplina vino a ser relajada. Y en la batalla en la cual estábamos envuelto la falta de disciplina podía sabotear el duro trabajo de todos.

Mi entrenamiento no fue sólo una cuestión de política pero también consejo personal y financiero. Pero una parte igual era ver al Partido de una manera comprensiva. Los camaradas que me entrenaron pueden estar orgulloso de su habilidad de firmemente empuñar la línea del Partido de ganar y entre-

nar los elementos avanzados.

**La filosofía marxista contiene que los problemas más importantes no se encuentran entendiendo las leyes del mundo objetivo y así poder cambiarlo, pero en aplicar el conocimiento de estas leyes activamente para cambiar al mundo.** (Lenín, "Problemas de Guerra y Estrategia," *Obras Escogidas*, Vol. II, pg. 225)

Yo siento que estas eran las dos contradicciones que yo tenía que resolver antes de pensar en unirme al Partido.

Es un gran compromiso dedicar su vida para llegar a ser un verdadero comunista y elemento revolucionario. No es una decisión que se debe tomar ligera. El camino a la liberación será rocoso y con mucho sacrificio. Yo no creo que ningunos de nosotros, aunque, cuando logrando una verdadera perspectiva marxista, pueda hacer cualquier otra decisión.

Yo me siento orgulloso de ser un marxista, porque yo se las victorias que nos esperan al final del camino. Yo estoy mirando hacia adelante para ayudar a otros a ser marxistas. Mi vida por primera vez tiene un significado verdadero. Tengo una tradición para estar orgulloso, con el marxismo-leninismo-pensamiento Mao Tsetung como mi compaz, una dirección para seguir.

Humilde y respetuosamente pido mi aplicación para ser aceptado a la miembresía del Partido Comunista de los E.U. hoy, la Organización Punto de Vista Obrero.

**¡Viva el Partido . . .  
El Partido es PVO!**

Pero eso fue sólo el comienzo.

## Precio de Gasolina. . .

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ción total, manejó hasta la pompa al frente de una larga fila de carros, sacó una pistola y mantuvo a raya a todo el mundo mientras que llenaba su tanque. Una mujer con 8 meses y medio de embarazo le cortó al frente a un hombre en la línea y éste terminó tratando de estrangularla.

¿Así, quién tiene la culpa? Encima del 150 por ciento de aumento en ganancias registradas este año, las compañías petroleras se están preparando para hacer mucho más ganancia dejando a los trabajadores arruinados, usando la excusa de la "escasez de gasolina" para aumentar los precios. Y Jimmy Carter, que todavía usa la gran mentira de que la revolución de Iran y la OPEC sean la causa de que haya menos gasolina con precios más altos, se pone de acuerdo con las compañías petroleras en su afán de lucro.

Pero los obreros no se están dejando engañar. Varios escrutinios de votos demuestran que los obreros simplemente no creen en la "crisis energética." Y se les hace más duro creer cuando oyen decir que el petróleo del oleoducto de

Alaska con su vertedero en California está siendo enviado al Japón para refinarlo porque es más lucrativo hacer esto antes que construir nuevas refinerías capaces de elaborar el petróleo crudo en el mismo California. Los obreros encuentran duro creer cuando oyen decir que las refinerías de Estados Unidos están produciendo a un 84 por ciento de capacidad, que está más baja del 92 por ciento de éste mismo enero que pasó. Está claro que las compañías petroleras y el gobierno se han propuesto hacer que las masas paguen, no por una "crisis energética," pero por una crisis lucrativa debida no a una escasez absoluta de petróleo, pero debido a la escasez de petróleo barato, de alta calidad, fácil de saquear en los países del tercer mundo.

### Las Masas Están Enfurecidas

El ataque directo al nivel de vida de las masas, la escasez de gasolina y los altos precios están enfureciendo a las masas. Los Obreros de Auto Unidos (UAW) de Nueva Jersey están organizando airosas protestas contra la Exxon. En California dueños de automóviles

cortaron en dos sus tarjetas de crédito de comprar gasolina en una reunión masiva. La Asociación de Detallistas Independientes de Gasolina (operadores de pequeñas gasolineras) están amenazando un cierre completo de cuatro días el fin de semana de *Memorial Day* para protestar los cortes en la repartición de gasolina hecha por las compañías petroleras. Incapaces de competir con las gasolineras se enfrentan a bancarrotas si ellos no pueden mantener sus ventas por lo menos a los niveles del año pasado.

### Nacionalizar la Industria Petrolera de Estados Unidos

El atentado plan de ración de Carter hubiera sido aún más devastador en las vidas de los obreros. El plan, el cual hubiese limitado a los automovilistas a 1.7 galones por día por carro, fue derrotado en la Casa de Representantes. Después de 3 semanas revisando el plan en un intento de apaciguar las necesidades de los estados del oeste donde la consumación de gasolina es históricamente más alta, Carter estuvo incapaz de satisfacer los intereses del monopolio del oeste que prefirieron perder si las distribuciones eran cortadas. Congresistas del sur y del oeste indicaron que el plan tenía que proveer garantías fuertes para que los productores agrícolas,

productores de energía los procesadores y distribuidores de alimentos obtengan toda la gasolina que ellos necesiten. Porque los varios grupos de monopolios y políticos que ellos controlan no estaban de acuerdo, el plan de Carter fue derrotado.

La movida del gobierno federal para ayudar a los monopolios petroleros, desde el control de precios hasta la ración para ayudar a coleccionar más de 150 por ciento en ganancias, demuestra que en corto tiempo la nacionalización de la industria petrolera, como el "impuesto de ganancias caída del cielo" o cualquier otro esquema, significa que los obreros no verán más ningún dinero o cambios en precios o programas que los obreros necesitan. Solo a través de la nacionalización podemos dirigir todas las demandas para precios más bajos de gasolina, pagos más bajos en utilidad y contra las ganancias de compañías petroleras, directamente al estado y elevar las demandas económicas a demanda política.

Pero sólo yendo a la raíz del problema — el sistema del monopolio capitalista — puede la crisis económica ser resuelta. Mientras los capitalistas gobiernen, el pueblo será víctima de sus atentados para esprimir más y más ganancias. ■

## Huelgistas Agrícolas. . .

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mentos contra esos que no tienen. Otro tema en la huelga es el mantenimiento de la oficina de empleos de la unión, que fue ganada duramente. Antes de la oficina de empleos, los contratistas laborales de la compañía arbitrariamente podían escoger quién podía y no podía trabajar, previniendo cualquier seguridad de trabajo. Algunos obreros cortaban la césped del contratista gratis los domingos y le compraban licor, esperando comprar su favor. La oficina de empleos terminó eso.

### Otros Obreros Demuestran Solidaridad Con Obreros De Fincas

Algunos sindicatos apoyando la reunión fueron los Maquinistas, los Obreros de Comunicación, la ILGWU, y IBEW con otros miembros de uniones representando al TUEL. Varios obreros de la fábrica de zapatos Sbicca, donde los obreros indocumentados han estado tratando de formar una unión por más de un año, también guiaron siete horas para demostrar su solidaridad.

Los obreros de Sbicca, como los obreros de fincas, están luchando por los derechos de las minorías oprimidas, incluyendo a esos sin documentos, dentro del movimiento sindical. Superando grandes desventajas incluyendo a los avarosos y capitalista hermanos Sbicca y sus esquemas, el estado capitalista (particularmente el Servicio de Inmigración y Naturalización-SIN), y algunos reaccionarios dentro del movimiento sindical, los obreros de Sbicca continúan a inspirar a los obreros de todas nacionalidades con su valentía.

Ellos inspiraron a los obreros de agrícolas en huelga el 28 de abril,

cuando su representante presentó a la unión con dinero colectado por el Comité de Apoyo de los Obreros de Sbicca y la TUEL. El le dijo a la reunión abrumadoramente mexicana, "Venimos en solidaridad con su lucha porque ésta es nuestra lucha," y "no hacemos muchos dinero pero le traímos 85 dólares." Y cuando él declaró en la reunión "¡Somos obreros indocumentados!" hubieron aplausos fuertes y entusiasmados de los huelguistas, muchos quienes también están sin documentos.

### Chavez Trabaja Uña Y Carne Con SIN

Esto realmente evocó a las mentes y corazones del pueblo, especialmente ya que Cesar Chavez recientemente renovó su viejo llamado para que el SIN "hiciera su trabajo"—deportar a los obreros indocumentados. Chavez ha ido hasta el extremo de reportar al SIN los nombres de hoteles donde los obreros indocumentados residen.

Por años, Chavez ha colaborado constantemente con los capitalistas para romper la unidad de los obreros chicanos y mexicanos. El ha consistentemente empujado la mentira chauvinista de que los "ilegales" son nada más que rompeshuelgas y canallas y tienen que ser sacados de las fincas. Así Chavez ayuda defender a los capitalistas monopolistas y a los cultivadores por culpar todo a los "ilegales". Pero tan pronto que los obreros indocumentados adquieren conocimiento de las huelgas teniendo lugar y porque ellos han sido transportado a través de la frontera, muchos obreros indocumentados apoyan a sus hermanos y hermanas en los campos y apoyan su huelga. Y La Migra sabe eso también. Un huelguista

comentó que cuando el SIN invade los campos, ¡ellos atacan la línea de piquetes primero!

Un obrero mexicano que había llegado desde Los Angeles a apoyar la huelga sabía que Chavez una vez representó las aspiraciones justas de los obreros de fincas oprimidos y chicanos y fue un líder del pueblo chicano-mexicano. Cuando vino el tiempo para Chavez hablar, él abrió por el gentío a la escena para poder verlo y oírlo claramente. Después, él quedó muy desilusionado. "El es un hombre débil—creí que era fuerte," dijo él. Y cuando supo como Chavez estaba sirviendo al SIN, él sólo pudo menear la cabeza.

### . . . Y El Partido Democrático

Los comunistas y todo pueblo progresista apoyan la demanda justa "Derechos Completos Para los Obreros Indocumentados." Pero llamando a un arma del estado burgués, La Migra, a reforzar las leyes racistas sobre inmigración, Chavez se ha expuesto otra vez a los más progresistas, especialmente dentro del movimiento nacional chicano. En realidad, él siempre ha confiado sobre Jerry Brown, Edward Kennedy, el partido Democrático y otros representantes y sectores de la burguesía mientras oponiéndose a los comunistas, a otros revolucionarios y progresistas completamente. Chavez está obedeciendo dócilmente a los capitalistas y cuando las cosas se ponen duras, en vez de confiar en los obreros, él brinca en las faldas de la clase gobernante. Chavez prefiere confiar en La Migra, avisos de dos pulgadas en los periódicos locales de la unión promoviendo el boicot, y los endosos de Ted Kennedy y George Meany. En realidad, dentro de la burocracia de la UFW, Chavez no permite ninguna disidencia y ninguna política excepto la política del partido Democrático. La única excepción es el total revisionista, traidor Partido Comunista de los E.U.

que sólo eleva política reformista de todos modos.

Sólo unos pocos de días después que la corriente huelga empezó, Rufino Contreras, un obrero de finca y un activista del UFW, fue asesinado por un capataz del cultivador cuando él y compañeros de huelga fueron a los campos para repelar a los rompeshuelgas. El próximo día, la corte liberó a los asesinos con 7,000 dólares de fianza porque no podían encontrar la bala. Más de 7,000 obreros de fincas y apoyantes enfurecidos marcharon en una marcha fúnebre de 3 millas, más determinados que nunca a ganar la huelga. Apropiadamente, el gobernador de California Jerry Brown apareció, también, lloró con sentimiento fingido, y trató de caerle bien a Chavez, todo él tiempo buscando el voto chicano para las elecciones de 1980.

### Obreros De Fincas Forzando A La Burguesía A Llegar A Acuerdos

Chavez ha por muchas veces dicho que el boicot es una arma más poderosa que la huelga. Esto es un punto de vista común de reformistas indiferentes que actualmente temen la furia desencadenada de los obreros y tratan de sofocarla. Es verdad que el boicot es una arma muy poderosa que pueda servir las luchas de la clase obrera. Y, históricamente, el boicot y la huelga han sido usados exitosamente para construir apoyo para los obreros de fincas, ambos en su larga lucha para el reconocimiento de la unión y en subsiguientes batallas. Pero el boicot *nunca* puede ser un sustituto para el arma principal que los obreros tienen en sus manos—la huelga—su habilidad de retener de los capitalistas monopolistas el poder laboral que ellos necesitan para hacer sus ganancias.

Esto es exactamente lo que los obreros de fincas están haciendo ahora: exprimiendo los fondos gordos de los capitalistas y forzando a la burguesía a un acuerdo. ■

## De Las Masas, A Las Masas

# ¡Nuestros Lectores Hablan!

### Prohibir Energía Nuclear Bajo El Capitalismo

Camaradas:

Yo he estado leyendo y discutiendo el artículo sobre Harrisburg con amigos y no estoy de acuerdo con la oración que dice "energía nuclear bajo el capitalismo debe ser prohibida *por ahora*." (mi énfasis) En mi opinión la energía nuclear nunca será segura bajo el capitalismo. No hay solución para la crisis de energía nuclear bajo el capitalismo *excepto suspenderla*. El problema del desperdicio radioactivo puede ser resuelto. Críticos de la energía nuclear pueden ser permitido a hablar en el establecimiento científico (bien dudoso). Pero el frenesí por ganancias más y más altas nunca cesará. Y con el deseo por ganancias de las plantas nucleares continuarán siendo construidas con materiales de mala calidad (¿Recuerdas el accidente en West Virginia donde 40 personas fueron muertas?) Eso fue un horno de refrigeración que falló principalmente por la rapidez por producción. Los obreros que corren las plantas continuarán a ser extendidos, sobre trabajados, entrenados malos y expuesto a masivas dosis de radiación. Equipo defectuoso será usado. Y "errores humanos" (un chivo expiatorio para

los capitalistas) serán como uds. correctamente señalaron, continuando.

Detrás de esto, como ya sabemos, esta la ganancia rápida y fácil para los capitalistas. En realidad, la energía nuclear no es esencial para llenar nuestras necesidades de energía. Es sin embargo, una de las maneras más rápida y exclusiva para mantener las ganas en el monopolio de la energía. Otros muchos tipos de energía pueden ser fácilmente obtenido pero estos no dejan altas ganancias.

Yo no estoy contra la energía nuclear, pero la pregunta continua, "¿bajo qué sistema social será la energía nuclear desarrollada y cuidadosamente utilizada?" Claramente ese sistema no es y *nunca será* el capitalismo. Debemos de apoyar las luchas para cerrar las plantas nucleares como también exponer las mentiras de los capitalistas y el gobierno sobre la escasez de gasolina. Claramente hay una abundancia de energía en este país y nosotros debemos de forzar a los capitalistas para tocar a esos recursos por los beneficios del pueblo.

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Virginia

### "Cortina de Tortilla" Término Chauvinista?

Apreciado PVO:

Yo tengo algunos comentarios sobre el artículo de la protesta-marcha en San Ysidro contra la nueva pared de Berlin que será construida en San Ysidro y El Paso.

Primeramente, quiero decir que el artículo tiene algunos puntos para elevar la conciencia entre los elementos honestos y avanzados quienes estan buscando una solución contra la opresión. El punto sobre la ilusión de "juego de ajedrez" tuvo bueno. Muchos latinos, chicanos y mejicanos en verdad creen que Portillo ayudará a los obreros indocumentados en su lucha. Nosotros apoyamos la posición del tercer mundo contra los robos imperialistas de las riquezas naturales. Pero por razón a las particularidades de opresión nacional entre los chicanos; ejemplo, muchos de nosotros teniendo enlaces familiares, culturales y lingüísticos estamos orgullosos en decir que somos mejicanos. Por esta razón es muy fácil creer en la posición de Portillo sobre el petróleo nos ayudará. Yo creo que más investigación es necesario sobre esta cuestión.

Cuando yo por primera vez oír sobre la "Cortina de Tortilla" fue cuan-

do un grupo de chicanos estaban tratando para que un representante de la legislatura local de San Diego tomara una posición en contra o a favor de la "Cortina de Tortilla."

Cuando la OPVO escribió sobre esto yo estuve que pensar más sobre el asunto, porque mi primera reacción fue de que las gente no estan tomando este asunto seriamente. ¿Cómo puede uno estar serio sobre una pared de "Tortilla"? Por supuesto, muchas gente en la marcha estaban usando este término pero sólo porque todo el mundo lo usa no quiere decir que es correcto. ¿Cuáles son los efectos de clase en usar éste termino?

Para mi éste termino traerá más división entre los latinos, chicanos y mejicanos. Estamos hablando de una pared de diez pies en altura hecha de concreto y alambre de púas, la cual causará más muertes y heridas. Yo también creo que el termino "Cortina de Tortilla" le da a la Gran Nación una bofetada chauvinista a Méjico. Vamos a tratar éstas cuestiones con más seriedad.

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## El Salvador...

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Pero la ley (orden público) vino a ser un simbolo del gobierno represivo de Romero que mantiene al país esclavizado a los intereses yanquis. La lucha contra la ley unificó y enfocó la oposición contra Romero.

A principios de este año, las guerrillas tomaron como rehenes a tres capitalistas extranjeros y demandaron que se le diera fin a la ley "orden público." Las uniones sindicales tomaron una posición firme contra la ley y la ruina de la unión que ella representaba. Aún hasta la burguesía nacional pidió por la abrogación de la ley y el retorno a la "estabilidad." Esta clase de presión forzó a Romero a abolir la ley tres meses atrás. El esperaba callar la oposición y apagar el movimiento revolucionario. Pero en vez de restaurar la "estabilidad" y apoyar el gobierno de Romero, la revocación ha servido de chispa para que haya una mayor voluntad de lucha y unidad entre las fuerzas revolucionarias y patrióticas.

Un mes atrás los obreros de dos plantas embotelladoras en San Salvador las ocuparon. Ellos demandaron la inmediata reinstalación de obreros despedidos en violación de sus contratos. La huelga iba dirigida a la familia Meza

Ayau que son los dueños de las plantas y que también son miembros de "La Sociedad." El gobierno trató de dar un ejemplo con los obreros de las fábricas embotelladoras. Ellos enviaron fuerzas de seguridad para hacer salir a los obreros. En la confrontación armada 7 obreros fueron muertos.

Los actos asesinos del gobierno han desarrollado más resistencia a través de todo el país. Obreros en la electricidad han declarado una huelga nacional demandando también que obreros despedidos fueran reinstalados. La huelga llevó a la industria a un alto y seriamente interrumpió las comunicaciones. Romero declaró las dos huelgas ilegales pero los obreros se rieron de ello. Además hubo actos de solidaridad en por lo menos otras 10 fábricas en San Salvador.

Hoy un poderoso movimiento revolucionario y patriótico está siendo forjado contra el régimen represivo de Romero. Sus actos de terror para intimidar a las masas sólo sirven ahora para intensificar la lucha y deshacerse de él de una vez y para siempre. Como dijo un partidario del Bloque Popular Revolucionario: "No lo dejaremos hasta que ganemos." ■

## WVO SOLICITA CARTAS

Organizaciones y partidos comunistas alrededor del mundo tienen que obtener las gran tradiciones de un partido Marxista-Leninista genuino resumidos por el Partido Comunista de China: integrando la teoría con la práctica, manteniendo relaciones con las masas y practicando la critica y auto-critica. Nosotros creemos que una manera en que WVO empiese ha obtener esta tradiciones es através de la correspondencia a nuestro periódico.

Le pedimos a camaradas y amigos alrededor del país que nos manden cartas, criticas, reportes sobre las luchas, criticas sobre nuestros articulos y otros temas en los movimiento comunistas y el movimiento obrero, la situación internacional y nacional, los movimientos nacionales, el movimiento de las mujeres, etc. Esta correspondencia directamente ayudara a nuestra lucha común de construir el partido comunista anti-revisionista de los EEUU y a establecer la dictadura de el proletariado.

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Las masas en San Salvador contemplan los cadáveres de los 23 mártires que fueron tiroteados por la policía durante su demostración para apoyar la acción del Bloque Popular Revolucionario.

## 20,000 Desfilan Para Condenar Masacre

### El Salvador: Bloque Popular Revolucionario Ocupa las Embajadas

Sesenta miembros del Bloque Popular Revolucionario se apoderaron de las embajadas francesa y costarricense, como también de la catedral metropolitana en el centro de San Salvador el día viernes, mayo 7. Esta coalición de grupos sindicales, estudiantiles y del campesinado, con más de 30,000 afiliados, le demandaron al General Carlos Humberto Romero, presidente de El Salvador que libertara cinco prisioneros políticos que son líderes de su grupo. Para el martes, el acto audaz, del Bloque Popular Revolucionario (BPR) encendió las masas y 500 personas salieron a la calle demostrando así su apoyo al BPR y contra la brutal dictadura del General Romero, un conocido carnicero que masacra y tortura a la gente a su voluntad.

En la demostración, la policía abrió fuego sin previo aviso, matando 23 personas a sangre fría. Seis largas horas pasaron antes que el gobierno permitiera que los cuerpos fueran removidos y los heridos atendidos. Al día siguiente, se celebró una misa por los patriotas que ofendieron sus vidas, y sobre mil personas asistieron a los servicios. Flores rojas y amarillas, los colores del Bloque Popular Revolucionario, cubrían la catedral. A la procesión fúnebre asistieron 20,000 para lamentar la muerte de estos mártires revolucionarios. Millares de personas salieron de los mercados y de detrás de los mostradores, cantando y gritando su odio por el régimen actual. La presión forzó al General Romero a liberar tres de los

dinistas están amenazando la dinastía feudal de Somoza. Los E.U. han dominado al El Salvador por espacio de casi un siglo. Las masas viven en una pobreza deplorable mientras los monopolios estadounidenses controlan la economía (cosecha del café). El Salvador está regido por una oligarquía de 14 familias, conocida como "La Sociedad," cuyos intereses están ligados directamente con Estados Unidos y Alemania en la industria elaboradora del café. Esta clase gobernante ha suprimido viciosamente la clase trabajadora, el paisanaje y especialmente aquellos de origen indio. Son notorios por su uso de la tortura y la supresión de todas las libertades políticas. La postura de los imperialistas para con "la Sociedad" está expresada claramente en una declaración de John Kennedy: "... Los gobiernos del tipo civil-militar de El Salvador son los más efectivos en el refrenamiento de la penetración comunista en latinoamérica."

Pero a pesar de los lacayos de "La Sociedad," la lucha heroica del pueblo de El Salvador hará que no se sometan al imperialismo. El pueblo nativo emprendió una fiera batalla contra el colonialismo español. La nación de El Salvador fue forjada en la lucha contra los imperios aristocráticos de Méjico y Guatemala quienes procuraron "integrarla." En el año 1932, una sublevación volcánica conocida como "Matanza" dirigida por el Partido Comunista casi derribó "La Sociedad" y sus amos imperialistas. Hoy, la lucha aún continúa.

#### de la Ley "Orden Público"

#### Desata Tormenta

General Romero instituyó la ley "orden público" dos años atrás en un intento de aplastar la creciente corriente revolucionaria y destruir las organizaciones luchadoras a favor de las masas.

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# ¡Rompiendo las Cadenas de Esclavitud

## OBRERAS DOMESTICAS DE SAN DIEGO ORGANIZAN NUEVA UNION

San Diego, Cal.—La convención fundadora de las Obreras Domésticas Unidas de América estuvo lugar en San Diego, el 29 de abril. Miembros del Comité Organizador de Obreras Domésticas estuvieron repartiendo ojotas sueltas en el área para alcanzar a las obreras domésticas que están casi completamente sin organizar. Más de la mitad de las 15,000 obreras domésticas en el Condado de San Diego viven en Tijuana, y muchas son mujeres que mantienen a sus familias. El salario promedio es \$3 la hora. Las cuestiones del contrato son salarios, beneficios y condiciones de trabajo.

## DESPEDIDA DE OBRERO NEGRO COMBATIDA EN PITTSBORO, C.N.

Marchando a través de Pittsboro, Carolina del Norte, 150 afroamericanos protestaron la despedida de un obrero de sanidad pública por haberle pegado a su jefe en el trabajo. La demostración fue organizada por el Comité de Chatham County por Derechos Humanos, el Comité de Apoyo para la Liberación Africana y la Organización Punto de Vista Obrero.

## MUJERES OBRERAS GANAN \$1 MILLON EN SALARIOS ATRASADO

Nutley, N.J.—Cuatrocientas mujeres obreras de una compañía farmacéutica ganaron más de \$1 millón en pagos atrasados por su pasada discriminación. Hoffman, La Roche Inc. también cambiará sus clasificaciones de trabajo, incentivos, notificación de empleo y programas de entrenamientos y promover a algunas mujeres a trabajos de agilidad más alta. La demanda por discriminación fue investigada por el Departamento de Labor precedente a un contrato de \$9 millones otorgado por el Departamento de Defensa a la compañía.

## PADRES Y ESTUDIANTES CRITICAN SEVERAMENTE PLAN "VOLUNTARIO DE INTEGRACION" EN PITTSBURGH

1,100 estudiantes de la escuela superior Westinghouse boicotearon las clases el primero de mayo en protesta al plan "voluntario de integración" que amenaza en cerrar su escuela, que es la escuela de más negros en Pittsburgh. El boicot fue respaldado por el piquete establecido en la escuela. Más tarde, ese mismo día, los padres fueron a la junta de educación para continuar el piquete. En abril 125 padres se apoderaron de una reunión de la junta de educación para denunciar el plan. Una escuela negra ya ha sido cerrada por este plan.



## LA SOLIDARIDAD DE UNION EN N.Y.C. INDIGNA A INQUILINOS DE ALTA-SOCIEDAD

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Obreros de apartamentos (porteros, guardias, conserjes y servientas) de la Unión Internacional de Obreros de Servicio de la Local 32B-325 terminaron su huelga de una semana el 2 de mayo. La solidaridad de los obreros de sanidad con los huelguistas puso presión a la administración de apartamentos. Los obreros intercambiaron saludos de victorias cuando el personal de sanidad se marcharon y dejaron las calles de una vecindad afluyente en la Ciudad de N.Y. llena de basura. Leonard Bernstein, Lauren Bacall, John Lennon y sus vecinos miraron con incredulidad como sus calles fueron declaradas "zonas de emergencia." La ciudad de los obreros fue hecha clara—¡La "Alta Sociedad" de Nueva York tendrá que recoger y botar su basura!

## NEWPORT NEWS: DELINEANTES TODAVIA SIGUEN CAMINANDO LA LINEA

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—1,200 delineantes de astilleros, en huelga contra Tenneco por más de dos años, votaron para continuar en las líneas de piquetes en la gigantesca astillería de Newport News. Los delineantes están representados por los Obreros del Hierro Unido, la misma unión que el 13 de abril suspendió la huelga de los 15,000 obreros en la astillería después de 14 semanas. Los delineantes demostraron el apoyo sólido hacia sus compañeros de trabajo en huelga por reconocimiento por una unión.

## OBREROS MUNICIPALES DE MASSACHUSETTS VAN A HUELGA POR AUMENTO EN SALARIOS

WORCESTER, Ma.—El 10 de mayo—1,800 miembros de la Unión Internacional de Obreros de Servicio salieron en huelga por el segundo día, desafiando una orden de la corte que prohíbe acción en el trabajo. Negociadores de la unión han reusado un 5 por ciento en aumento de salario ofrecido por la Ciudad. En pocas horas, 600 miembros de la unión establecieron líneas de piquetes en el aeropuerto de la ciudad, hospitales y el Departamento de Trabajos Públicos.

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## “¡Bajen el Precio del Gas o los Castigaremos!”

“Oh, hay suficiente petróleo. Las compañías petroleras sólo mienten,” era el comentario corriente en el trabajo. “Siii, es un fraude, solo estan tratando de subir el precio del petróleo. Y, ¡escasez de gasolina! ¿Que ha pasado con el oleoducto de Alaska?”

Mientras tanto, es duro tratar de obtener gasolina para ir a trabajar y más duro aún conseguirla para regresar a la casa. Los obreros en la industria automotriz de Nueva Jersey, que manejan 20 millas sólo para ir a trabajar, tienen que poner gasolina en sus tanques dos veces en su ruta al trabajo porque sólo le venden \$3.00 en el turnpike. Aquellas vacaciones de placer por automóvil se han opacado con la preocupación de la escasez de gasolina y con la brega de encontrar una gasolinera que esté abierta.

Y en California, donde el carro es una necesidad de la vida, la gente esperó por alrededor de cinco horas para comprar gasolina sólo para que al llegarle su turno encontrar que la gasolina se había acabado. Un hombre, en una desespera-

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Obreros militante y jubilosamente tomaron la Ruta 1-9 de Nueva Jersey en su ira contra los altos precios de gas y gasolina. A pesar de todos los esfuerzos por los burocratas laborales para controlar la manifestación, los obreros transformaron esta ira en acción en la demostración contra el Grupo Experimental de Exxon. Los 300 obreros vinieron de la parte norte de Nueva Jersey desde UAW a IBEW y IUE para expresar su oposición al robo de las compañías petroleras.

## Huelguistas Agrícolas y Obreros Indocumentados Luchan de Hombro a Hombro

SALINAS, Cal.—Más de 1500 huelguistas y partidarios de Los Angeles, incluyendo miembros de la Liga Educativa Sindical (Trade Union Educational League), El Comité de Igualdad, y obreros del Comité Organizador de Sbicca, organizaron una reunión breve pero con mucho espíritu en Salinas el 28 de abril, en apoyo de la huelga de lechuga de los Obreros Unidos de Fincas (United Farmworkers—UFW). A pesar de la escasez de gasolina, miembros de la unión y otros partidarios guiaron siete horas para llegar al lugar a donde se iban a reunir que estaba 10 millas al sur del pueblo agrícola al norte de California. Entonces, con banderas rojas brillante de los obreros de las fincas flotando violentamente en el viento, ellos formaron una caravana de autos de una milla de larga a Salinas, donde fueron recibidos calurosamente por obreros aplaudiendo, cantando y gritando ¡“HUELGA! ¡HUELGA!” El periódico *Punto de Vista Obrero* se vendió como pan caliente y se vendió completamente.

Los obreros agrícolas en huelga estaban ansiosos de recibir a los apoy-

antes, pero el liderato engañoso de la unión estaba igualmente ansioso a mantener a los partidarios y a los obreros separados. Los partidarios fueron rápidamente escoltados por el pasillo cercado con soga a una área frente del escenario separados de los huelguistas. Cuando se terminó la reunión, los partidarios fueron escoltados rápidamente para atrás por el pasillo y los huelguistas animados a irse para sus casas.

A pesar de este esfuerzo para sofocar la unidad entre los obreros y los apoyantes, la reunión demostró el apoyo extendido para ésta lucha histórica. Los huelguistas están determinados a ganar y replar los ataques de los capitalistas monopolistas como Sun Harvest, los cultivadores de lechuga más grande en la nación, que han estado usando todo truco en el libro para tratar de romper la huelga.

### Una De Las Luchas Más Importantes En La Nación Hoy

La huelga del UFW es una lucha para la igualdad de las nacionalidades oprimidas en los sindicatos. Los obreros de fincas, especialmente los chicanos y

mexicanos explotados, están luchando para mejorar su nivel de vida a nivel a otros obreros industriales. Los obreros de lechuga sólo obtienen el salario mínimo, y la mayoría trabajan horas largas a destajo por sólo 57 centavos la caja.

### Huelguistas Apuntan A Los Controles De Salarios

Siguiendo los pasos de los Tronquistas, los obreros de goma, y otros, ellos también están dirigiendo su lucha contra los controles de salarios de Carter. Los 4,300 obreros agrícolas en huelga son los primeros obreros que reciben salarios mínimos demandando, no el aumento de 7 por ciento al año ofrecido por los cultivadores, pero un contrato de un año con un 40 por ciento o \$1.50 la hora en aumento. Están demandando igualdad y beneficios trayéndolos a otros obreros unionados en huelga de comidas preparadas.

La huelga de los obreros está también luchando contra el control de la unión, ya que el movimiento agrícola gigante está tratando de en la unión, ganada después de 30 años

lucha, en los valles hecho fértil por la sangre y el sudor de los obreros. A pesar de esta amenaza, los traidores indiferentes como el presidente del UFW Cesar Chavez se despegan y se van a rogar a diferentes sectores de la burguesía por ayuda. Al mismo tiempo, él trata de dividir la creciente unidad de la clase, oponiendo a los obreros con docu-

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