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## *U.S. People Speak With One Voice*

# WE SERVED NOTICE



Telling the capitalist ruling class and the politicians that the U.S. people are the bosses of this country, the CWP boarded up the front door of the Maryland Democratic Headquarters. The message? Their days are outnumbered.



In San Francisco, Calif. CWP busted up hotel owner Mayor Feinstein's press conference on the strike by Local 2 of the Hotel, Restaurant, Culinary Workers and Bartenders Union. Organized and disciplined, the Party of the U.S. working class, the CWP, exposed her as a union buster and fended off police attack on the demonstrators.

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## From \$200,000 to \$200

# Clumsy Judge Backs Off Nelson's Bail

GREENSBORO, N.C.—The attempt by the capitalists to gag Communist Workers Party spokesman, Nelson Johnson, ended in victory for the CWP. The government was forced to back down on their attempt to detain Nelson and throw him in jail on \$115,000 bail. At issue here is "preventative detention"—a fascist attempt to put away someone for merely speaking the truth and showing contempt for the capitalists and their crooked politicians. The battle against "preventative detention" brought out to the ultimate for everyone to see why this

show up at Governor Hunt's press conference, walk up to his face and accuse him of conspiring to murder the CWP 5. He had the nerve to disrupt the Greensboro City Council meeting. When Mayor Melvin told NJ to sit down, NJ said, "Shut up Melvin." According to the government, these are the actions that make NJ a danger to the Greensboro community. These were the actions that were brought out by the government that day in the courtroom. Summing up his case to the judge, Assistant District Attorney Knight said, "I know this is an

## Greensboro Mayor Melvin: "I was frightened to death by the CWP"

attack on the CWP by the government came from a position of their weakness.

On July 23, five days before the Klan/Nazi trial began, Nelson Johnson was busted for telling the people of Greensboro to rise up and beat back the fascist attacks and overthrow the criminal rule of the capitalists. The government arrested him and slapped a \$15,000 bail bond. After Nelson was freed, the DA tried to have the bail revoked and upped it to \$115,000.

On Wednesday, Aug. 6, Assistant District Attorney Lee Knight presented his case to Judge McLellan, that NJ's bail on his charge of "inciting to riot" on Nov. 3 be upped by \$100,000. The prosecution said it wanted the court to raise bail so high that it would "effectively detain Nelson Johnson until his trial on charges of inciting to riot." Knight, who used to be a Baptist minister, made the most of the occasion. Shouting hell, fire and brimstone, he turned the courtroom into an emotional attack on NJ and the CWP. Pointing his finger at NJ, he shouted, "This man's conduct poses a danger to people in the community, including himself. What he has been doing is agitation—conspiring and encouraging others to the point where people get killed." He said that NJ had a history of starting violence and "backing out," leaving others to be hurt. Speaking of Nov. 3, he pointed at NJ and shouted that NJ is "morally responsible" for the Nov. 3 killings. His tirade brought shouts of outrage from spectators in the courtroom.

NJ tried to speak at least four times, each time being interrupted by the judge. His words were feared by those in power. "This is nothing more but the continuation of the attacks on the CWP, a part of the coverup of the Nov. 3 killings. I'm the one on trial here. I should be allowed to speak." Still sitting in his chair, NJ was surrounded by police who dragged him from the chair. Kicking and sweeping the ground with his face, they dragged him from the courthouse. The police attack shocked many in the courtroom. Even newspaper and TV people present shouted for the police to let NJ go and allow him to speak. NJ was charged with assault on a police officer as a result of this police attack. The prosecution continued presenting its case. What were their reasons behind their claim that NJ is a dangerous man? He had the nerve to

unusual motion I presented to the court, one without precedent. But these are unusual times calling for unusual measures." Shouts of "that's right" and "sure is" came from the spectators.

NJ was taken to jail and held on \$100,000 bond for assaulting an officer. This is in addition to the \$115,000 bail being sought by the prosecution on his charge of "inciting to riot." These pigs showed what was really behind his detention. They tried to make a deal with NJ. They offered to drop the \$100,000 bail and let him out if he would sign an agreement not to associate with any member of the CWP, go to a CWP residence or CWP headquarters, or go near the Governmental Plaza until his Sept. 1 court date.

NJ told them where they could go. Public opinion was explosive on this issue. Throughout the community, everyone was clear. "They're trying to put NJ away." Thursday morning at a hearing on his assault charge, the court was forced to lower his bond to \$200. That afternoon the prosecution called Mayor Melvin to testify against NJ. Melvin walked into the courtroom with his bodyguards. He testified that "he was frightened to death" by the disruption of the City Council by NJ, Dale Sampson and Signe Waller. (Both these widows were arrested at the City Council meeting for disrupting a public meeting.) For once Mayor Jim Melvin is telling the truth. But even more, NJ dared to walk into their sacred chambers and show by his actions he had contempt for their lies and contempt for their authority. To them, this is the biggest threat of all. For the only way they can control all of us is by fear, by forcing the people to have respect for their power. This is why they freak out when we go against their authority. When we refuse to go by their rules, we are forcing them to play the game on our terms. They realize how vulnerable and weak their hold over us really is. They realize that the only thing between the people and freedom is the realization that the capitalists have no power over us. This realization gives us the courage to stand up.

This attack was a testing of the waters. The capitalists used it to test public opinion, to see how quickly they can move to outright fascism. And when they came out of it weaker, they got their answer. Their attacks will be resisted by

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NJ defied all capitalist tricks to silence him. He spoke at the press conference on the first day of the Klan/Nazi trial to denounce the sham kangaroo court. Behind him is Ann Shepherd, one of the Wilmington 10.

## Statement of Tom Clark In Response to Being Subpoenaed to Klan/Nazi Trial

My name is Tom Clark. I have been a long time CWP supporter. I was wounded by the government agent Klan/Nazi assassins on Nov. 3. Since then I have filed charges on my own initiative against the scum murderers. Not only have the police taken no action on my charges, but they have arrested me for trying to protect Paul Bermanzohn on June 16, when he attempted to attend the Klan/Nazi trial. I have been called as a witness in the Klan/Nazi trial today. In my opinion this trial is a coverup to be used to put the CWP on trial. I refuse to cooperate with your upside-down capitalist court system. The jury was chosen after a careful process of political screening. The jury was chosen. Selection excludes all blacks and picked people who are clear pro-Klan Nazi supporters including the Greensboro cops. Their prejudice is clear. The McDuffie case in Miami and the Klan case in Chattanooga shows very clearly how the court system works to protect terrorists who work for the capitalist class. Millions saw the murderers of the CWP 5 on TV. The videotapes can be seen in court. There is ample evidence to convict these murderers without my testifying. The people of Miami and Chattanooga have shown how the American people feel

about the capitalist courts. They are rejecting this kind of justice. They are rejecting a system that forces people to starve because there are no jobs. They are rejecting a system that is leading the American people right to the chopping block by instituting Hitler-type fascism and leading us into World War III. Miami is only a beginning of the American people's resistance. You can be sure of that. The CWP is being repressed precisely because it speaks for the interest of the U.S. people and offers the only real alternative—workers' rule. You know what I mean when I say that the ruling class fears the CWP and will do everything it can to shut it up. When the widows, Marty Nathan and Floris Cauce, are give 30 days each. When Nelson Johnson's bail is being raised to \$115,000 while Klan/Nazi murderers walk around the courthouse, you can see what kind of justice is being dealt out there. The U.S. government, the FBI, BATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms), the Greensboro police and the Klan/Nazis are the ones really on trial before the American people. This trial is a sham. They will acquit the Klan/Nazi murderers. I will not cooperate with this coverup. □



## Prosecution Orchestrates Defense at Klan/Nazi Trial

# Nov. 3 Film Suppressed As Direct Evidence

GREENSBORO, N.C.—With the Klan/Nazi trial only a week old, the courtroom has already taken on a humdrum atmosphere. The truth is being covered up in all the BS legal arguments and maneuvering. In fact, many of the facts drawn out by the prosecution are laying the basis for the defense of the Klan. Should the TV videotape of the murders, seen by millions on TV, be allowed as direct evidence in the courtroom? Or can they only be used to "illustrate" facts that are brought out by testimony of witnesses? This is the main question facing the court this week. Both the defense and prosecution stated that the videotapes were key to the whole trial.

### Judge Long Sides With Klan/Nazi Murderers

Judge Long, fascist sympathizer, decided in favor of the Klan/Nazi murderers. *The TV videotapes will not be used as direct evidence.* Of course he had some fine sounding legal explanation for his decision. He said he made the decision "in the interest of justice," to avoid the whole trial being overturned if the murderers are found guilty and they appeal. But this is a lot of doubletalk. The fact is that he is handing the jury legal loopholes to use to let the murderers off. How will this decision affect the trial? The jury will see the TV tapes, but

they will be instructed by the judge to ignore anything they see that has not been mentioned in testimony. What will this mean?

Take the case of murderer Jerry Culp Smith who killed our comrade Cesar Cauce. More than any of the other six murderers on trial, the TV tapes are damaging to him. Millions watched with scorn and outrage as Cesar, hit over the head with a stick fell on his knees. They saw Jerry Culp Smith run up to Cesar, get into a policeman's crouch, take careful aim and shoot. The TV videotapes showed clearly there is no doubt in anyone's mind that this man, who claims he cannot remember a thing from that day, killed Cesar in cold blood. This was done to protect the other assassins who in the meantime were picking off our comrades one by one. He is now claiming that he was unconscious at the time, had no control over what he was doing, and has since been suffering from amnesia, remembering nothing from Nov. 3. A TV cameraman, George Vaughn, who filmed much of the assassination, took the stand as a witness on Thursday. He testified that he saw a man in a rust colored jacket (TV tapes show that this was Cesar.) hit over the head, while a man was running towards him wearing a jean jacket and pants carrying a .22 caliber long barreled pistol. (TV tapes show that this

man was Jerry Culp Smith.) But he was unable to testify that he actually saw Smith pull the pistol trigger. Vaughn fell down before the shot was fired. So it would make little difference what the tapes showed. The prosecution must still find a witness to testify that they saw Smith's gun smoking. The videotapes also show that the Klansmen/Nazis coolly stopped their cars, calmly took out and loaded their weapons, and methodically picked off the five CWP leaders out of a crowd of 100, with shots to the head and upper body. But the prosecution will find no one to testify to that, so the videotapes may not be used as evidence at all. Because those tapes show the undeniable truth, the truth that the "prosecution" is so desperately trying to hide.

After the judge made the ruling on the TV tapes, the District Attorney said that the decision will have little effect on the trial. According to him, the jury will see the tapes and be influenced by them no matter what they are told to ignore by the judge. District Attorney Schlosser helped the defense handpick an all-white jury of Klan/Nazi sympathizers. This batch of jurors will be looking for technicalities to let the murderers off. Judge Long and the prosecution has already handed them one on a silver platter. This all white batch of fascist jurors will let the terrorists go free just like they did in Miami and Chattanooga.

### Prosecution Does the Job of Klan/Nazi Defense

In another development in the trial, Judge Long accepted the defense motion to subpoena federal agent Butkovich, who infiltrated the Winston-Salem Nazi unit to help plan the assassination. The defense also asked for a copy of the report written by Butkovich to his supervisor after the Nov. 3 assassination. Judge Long ordered District Attorney Schlosser to give the defense any information from the report that could help prove the Nazi murderers innocent. In an opening statement to the court last Monday, the defense stated that it would prove that the six Klan/Nazi defendants were set up by federal agent Butkovich. This is their story. The murderers claim that they thought they would be led to Burke St. Shopping Center where they

thought the march was to end. There they intended to counterdemonstrate. Nothing more. They expected hundreds of National Guardsmen to be there between them and the anti-Klan demonstrators. They claim that a police agent who had spent years in the Klan led the caravan to Morningside where the anti-Klan march was just getting under way. That as they drove up they were attacked from all sides by CWP, they were scared for their lives, and shot back. This is their defense in a nutshell. Testimony this past week by Greensboro police officers only backs up the Klan's defense. The police claim that according to all the information through informants, the Klan/Nazi caravan would confront the demonstrators at the end of the march at the Burke Street Shopping Center. They claim they were surprised that the Klan/Nazi caravan started out earlier than planned. They claimed they were even more surprised when the caravan headed towards Morningside. They claimed they were shocked when the shots broke out. The confusion over the course destination of the caravan was one cause for the lack of protection. All this was brought out in the prosecution witness testimony this week. This Monday, the courts called on Coner, the first uniformed cop to arrive at the murder scene, to testify as a prosecution witness. To further lay the basis for the defense, he claimed that he found a cosmetic case containing a Derringer near Cesar Cauce's dead body. He also said there were other weapons in front of the entrances to the Morningside project. He said these were not among the weapons seized from the Nazi/Klan caravan. According to a press report, the court is going to prove that these weapons belong to the CWP. This is another classic example of the prosecution laying all the groundwork for the Klan/Nazi defense—that it was a shootout between two groups, so the Klan/Nazis are not responsible for the deaths of the CWP 5. This is despite the fact that the demonstrators were armed with nothing but picket signs and one pistol, against a barrage of automatic and semi-automatic weapons—from a gang that was "shocked" when the shooting started. The coverup continues to be played out each day in court. □



## Free Marty Nathan, Floris Cauce, CWP 5 Widows

Marty Nathan, widow of Mike Nathan, and Floris Cauce, widow of Cesar Cauce, were thrown in jail by the same court that is supposed to try their husbands' assassins. On Nov. 3, 1979, five members of the Communist Workers Party, Jim Waller, Cesar Cauce, Mike Nathan, Bill Sampson, Sandy Smith were murdered by the KKK/Nazis/FBI in Greensboro, N.C. At the time of his death, Mike Nathan left behind his wife and a six month-old baby.

On Monday, Aug. 4, at the trial of the Klan/Nazi murderers, Marty Nathan stood up to the jury of secret Klan supporters, "This court is a sham, the real criminals are not being brought to trial here. It is the government that killed my husband and the CWP 5. The government is using this trial to bring in fascism." For speaking out, Judge Long, the presiding judge, had four men pin her arms to the side, gagged her mouth with tape and threw her in jail for 30 days. First the U.S. government murdered her husband and now her baby is left with no mother.

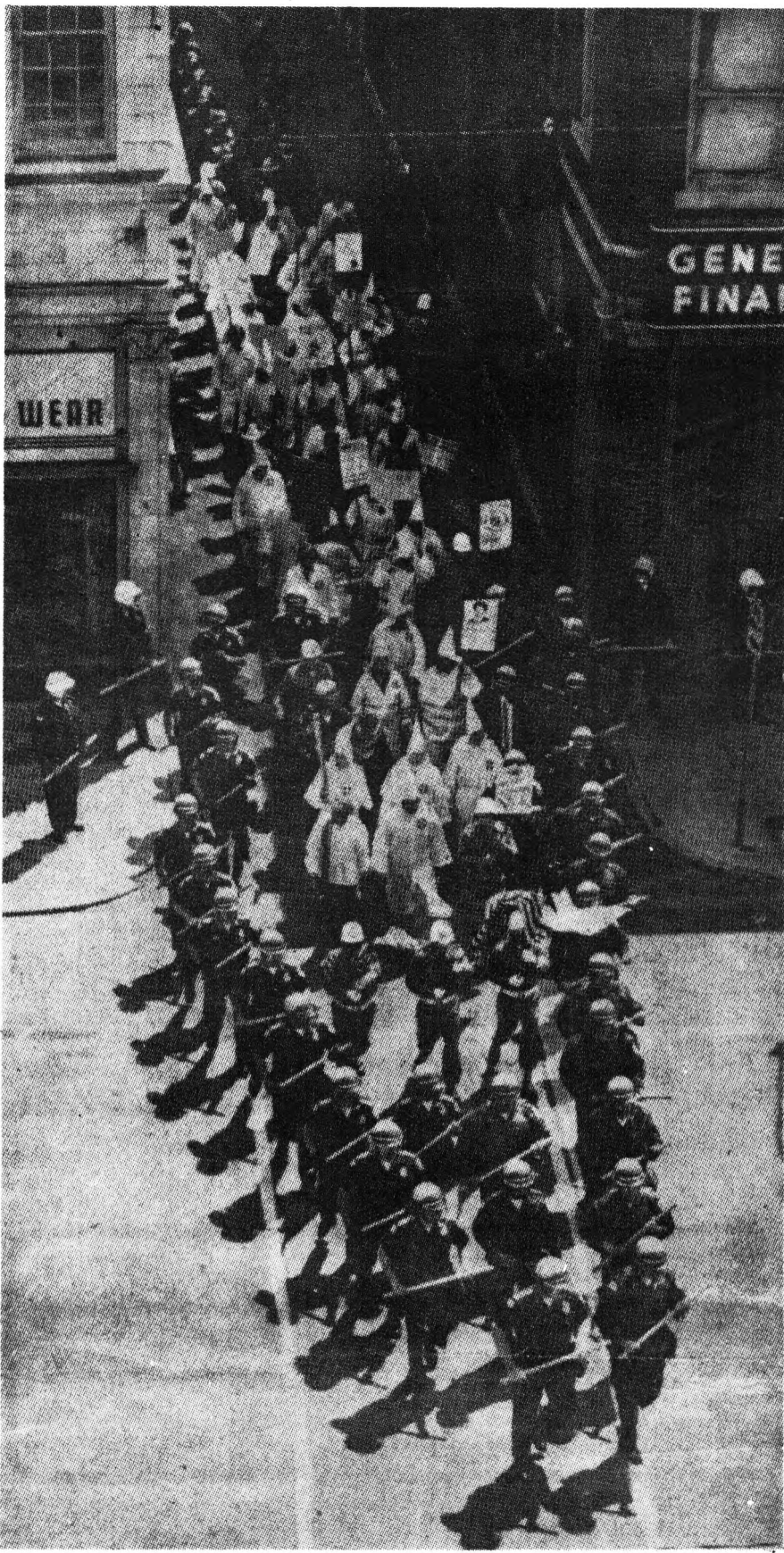
But a gag around Marty's mouth couldn't silence the truth. Floris Cauce faced the court squarely, "There is no justice in this courtroom. All jurors have been convinced that murdering the CWP 5 was no crime." She too, was sentenced to 30 days in jail. The bravery of the widows, who continue to hold high the banner of their martyred husbands has unnerved the whole court.

The CWP has received many calls from friends who would like to show their support to Marty and Floris personally. You can write to them:

Marty Nathan/Floris Cauce  
Guilford County Jail  
401 W. Sycamore St.  
Greensboro, N.C. 27401



# Kokomo Police Chief Admits, "We protect the Klan"



Kokomo police in formation to escort the killer Klan from the people's rage. It showed the Klan as the cowards and scum they are.

## ... Nelson's Bail

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the American people. Many people, progressive lawyers and community leaders came forward to offer their help to the Party. More importantly, the attacks were a testing of the CWP. We hit at the capitalists hard all last week. We hit at Governor Hunt and the Greensboro City Council. Our posters were everywhere. It was a week of intense class struggle. They had no idea what we had up our sleeve for the first day of the Klan/Nazi trial. They came at us with this attack hoping that it would keep us from pushing all out on the first day of the trial, to get us to back off from our political offensive. At the same time they were trying to put away NJ, they were scheming to set ground rules of what could and could not be done that first day of the trial. In so many words, they said, "You all can have your little demonstration if

you are willing to go along with our rules." But we do not play by their rules. We maintain our political offensive around the trial as long as we think its necessary. They had to back down. They had no choice. We must see that this latest attack was from a position of weakness. The capitalists are on the defensive. They are desperate and losing what they've got. The working class, led by the CWP is involved in a power struggle with the ruling class. The question facing the Party and the capitalists is this—who will come out of the next five years having the initiative and the political offensive. On whose side will public opinion be on? Who will be in a position to hold state power? We must see these attacks from this perspective. We must be able to coldly and calculatingly size up our enemy. □

TWO months after the Communist Workers Party victory against the Klan and government in Kokomo, Ind., Kokomo Police Chief Roger Fain has been traveling around the country bragging about the great job his boys did protecting the Klan. This flunky for the ruling class is so proud of the Kokomo Police Department's (KPD) protection of the murdering, racist Klan that he blabbed it across the front page of the June 26 *Kokomo Tribune*. Straight from the horse's mouth, Fain confirms the CWP's analysis of the role of the government in defending and promoting the Klan.

### Fain Admits He's Best in Defending Klan

"We didn't find the idea of bringing them in from another location included in any other city's plan. KPD's plan was to bus the Klan into town from a secret location, start the march in an alley away from the publicized area and surround the marchers with a ring of police." This is the truth behind all the Kokomo City Government's lies about "protecting constitutional rights" that was exposed by the CWP long ago.

While the government and capitalist class lie about "neutrality" towards the Klan, they all reveal themselves as staunch Klan supporters. See what the *Kokomo Tribune* said, "The police chief said his investigation into other areas, including Ill., Calif., and N.C., had revealed that the anti-Klan protestors had provoked the violence." What a beautiful defense for the Klan murderers whose history is built on countless lives and blood of Afro-Americans, working class leaders and progressive civil rights activists, as well as communists, most recently the CWP 5.

Fain went on to boast about his part in the ruling class' nation-wide, coordinated attack on the CWP and other anti-Klan activists. "Other cities like Columbus and Cincinnati helped us prepare for our march giving us a better idea what to expect. We are just returning the favor (and) helping law enforcement in general by keeping everyone abreast as to the different techniques that can be used to avoid trouble."

"Who's making trouble?" Comrade Clarence Dowdy asked a rally in the black community the night before the march. "It's the mayor and the city council who are supporting the Klan by letting them march, by giving them the green light to carry on their campaign to split us up. We've got to fight the Klan and U.S. ruling class who is backing them up under the cover of "constitutional rights." "

### Party's Sharp Leadership Throws Cops into Sweat

The May 12 *Workers Viewpoint* summed up the April 26 demonstration this way: "This small Indiana town, long a stronghold of Klan terror, had never seen anything like it. With ranks tight, over 200 people marched the streets of downtown Kokomo, and the demonstrators led by the Communist Workers Party came into view down Sycamore Street near the courthouse . . . As anti-Klan marchers hit the

street, the police gave the signal and the Klan scrambled down a back alley into a waiting police van." This is just as Fain describes it. "At the first sign of trouble, the march was to be cut short of its planned two revolutions around the courthouse and Klansmen escorted into the same alley where they emerged."

It's clear that to the police the "trouble" was the CWP, not the Klan. As soon as the Party-led caravan unloaded in the black community, the police radioed "Here they come!" and the cops hustled the Klan down a back alley. This is precisely because what the capitalist class fears most is the Party's higher level political propaganda and higher level organization inspiring the black and white people of Kokomo and across the country. They know the Party's sharp communist analysis of why socialist revolution is the only solution for the American people, coupled with the Party's sharp military tactics, are the real danger to their rule in the 80's.

Fain himself admits that the CWP helmeted defensive forces and tight ranks threw the cops into a sweat. He said they made three major mistakes. First, all of one squad scrambled to put their gas masks on at the same time. "The way it's supposed to be done is every other officer in line puts on a mask so only half our force is occupied doing that at one time. They (CWP) might have charged and broken our lines at that time." Another mistake was letting the Klansmen straggle out along the march leaving some unprotected. Third, "we opened up the downtown to traffic too early." But Fain, relieved that no Klan scum were hurt and that his troops managed to stay in one piece, sums it up this way, "The interest other cities have shown in the way we handled the situation shows how good a job we did."

### Kokomo Defines Class Struggle of the 80's

But the truth is the boycott of downtown called for by the Mayor was a complete failure. Because of the broad political propaganda the Party did every step of the way for weeks leading up to the march, to expose the city government's support for the Klan and to rally the community, black and white, against the Klan, downtown was flooded with people. They were ready to take a stand against the Klan and to see what the CWP would do. "By using sticks and helmets we gained 20 minutes of valuable time to do agitation/propaganda to the people on the street. Chanting the slogan 'The only solution is socialist revolution' concludes the lesson of the confrontation with the police (before their own eyes and ears). With the masses on the sidewalk surrounding the marchers, combined with our revolutionary discipline, the police were unable to make any arrests or inflict any injuries. While the police overall had military superiority, we gained the political offensive by our use of these tactics, and exposure of their presence . . ." This is why Kokomo defines class struggle in the 80's.

Oh, by the way, thanks for the tips, Chief! □

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There is no limit to how far the capitalist ruling class' scapegoat politics could go. In Boston, a black businessman was attacked with a flagpole by a racist white who scapegoated blacks for the problems of this country. Recently in Washington, D.C. it was an Afro-American that attacked the Iranians with the same flagpole. Both attackers missed the real target that causes all the misery of the U.S. people—the monopoly capitalist class.



## Setting Up False Target

# U.S. Gov't. Attacks Iranians Celebrating Butcher Shah's Death

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 1—On July 22 a man dressed as a mailman knocked on the door of the Bethesda, Maryland home of Ali Tabatabai. Saying he had registered mail the Iranian had to sign for, he quickly pumped several shots into his stomach from a gun hidden in a handful of letters. The gunman escaped leaving the mail truck two blocks away.

Immediately the *Washington Post* gave half of its front page to the story saying Tabatabai was an anti-Khomeini Iranian living in exile and fighting for a democratic Iran. He had organized the Iran Freedom Foundation and in the last six months he alone had been on more TV and radio shows than all of the pro-Khomeini Iranians combined.

### Typical Opportunist Used by U.S. and the Shah's Regime

Iranians who knew Ali for the last twenty years described him as a complete opportunist who would do anything to be sure he had a new car, fine clothes, and a luxury apartment. As a student at Howard University he worked part-time for *Voice of America*, a radio program which preaches U.S. imperialist propaganda to the world's peoples. He then got his first job with the Iranian government in the U.S. Embassy where he began to inform on Iranian students who were active against the Shah.

He returned to Iran in 1972 and got a high paying job as a government guide to the foreign press in Iran. His job was to be sure these guests had a good time and to keep them away from people and

places the government didn't want publicized. He was fired from this job for stealing money from the department he worked in and he returned to the U.S. in 1973.

Saying that SAVAK had made him leave Iran, he began publishing an anti-Shah newspaper. Iranians in D.C. suspected that he still was working for the Embassy and that the paper was put out by the embassy to confuse the anti-Shah Iranians. By 1975 he was back at the Embassy as a close aid to Zahedi, the hated ambassador who was as close to the CIA as he was to the Shah. Ali was the embassy's liaison to Capitol Hill from 1976-1978, where he bribed and partied the politicians with wild orgies at the embassy and even at his own home which Zahedi helped to buy. These parties were even photographed by the embassy for future blackmailing schemes.

He remained at the embassy even under Bakhtiar's (Prime Minister appointed by the Shah before he left the country) regime and was kicked out when the embassy was taken over by Khomeini's supporters. He returned a short time later with a gang of Iranian soldiers that were being trained in the U.S. and got into the embassy and destroyed many of the secret files they had on student activists as well as the politicians they had bribed. He received political asylum from the U.S. government as a reward for his work.

When news of his death spread, people who knew him clapped happily saying it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy. Tabatabai had become one of

the most vulgar and vicious examples of how the Shah's regime was run and who were the people who worked for the Shah.

### D.C. Cops Provoke Pro-Khomeini Demonstrators

The U.S. ruling class has been desperately trying to build up its sagging anti-Khomeini campaign. With the Shah's death and the hostage situation unchanged, with the economic crisis deepening every day, the national chauvinism that they hoped to fuel would cover these other crises. Tabatabai had been organizing a small anti-Khomeini demonstration by reactionary Iranians for July 27. With his death on July 22 and the Shah's death on July 26, three other Iranian groups planned marches on the same day to support the Khomeini government.

The pro-Shah-Bakhtiar Iran Freedom Foundation, the phony organization funded by the Shah headed by Tabatabai, got full police protection on a march route that began on the steps of the Capitol and ended at Lafayette Park across from the White House. Along the march route bands of U.S. servicemen in street clothes and young Klan sympathizers heckled and picked fights with the pro-Khomeini Iranians who jeered at the marchers. Wishing the revolution would fail, the reactionaries chanted, "Khomeini—we will kill you—Khomeini!" To the others this only meant death to the revolution.

The D.C. and Park police were itch-

ing for revenge after being overrun by the anti-Shah demonstrators three years ago during the Shah's visit to the White House. They tried to provoke the pro-Khomeini supporters all afternoon, while snapping at bystanders. In one incident they threatened an American who wanted to join the students that his four-year old child with him would get hurt if he didn't stay away from police lines.

When the march reached 15th and G Street near the White House, the police attempted to pinch off the pro-Khomeini students from continuing on along side the Shah's supporters. The students locked arms in defiance and the police swooped in swinging their riot sticks. Eight to 10 students were taken to the hospital for treatment. When the day had ended 191 Khomeini supporters were jailed. The 150 Iranian reactionaries in their designer jeans and gold jewelry boarded chartered buses as they left and applauded the police for their dirty work.

### Jailed Students Stand Up to U.S. Govt. Like People in Iran

All 191 students refused to give their names when they arrived at the jail. The police were forced to book them all as John or Jane Doe, and keep them all in the jail gymnasium for lack of space. They refused to post bond, choosing to stay in jail for three weeks until their court date. They then refused to go to the cell blocks as room was found for some of them. They began a hunger strike

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## Smash Sell-Out Arbitration In Local 2 Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca., Aug. 2 — Defying picket injunctions, massive arrests and harassment from hotel guests who throw shit at the picketers, the Local 2 Hotel and Restaurant Workers' strike is needling the hotel bosses where it really hurts. Management scabs are complaining about backaches and columnist Herb Caen is humoring on jammed-up toilets at the Fairmount. With rumors of a taxi drivers' strike next week, tourists are checking out of San Francisco en masse. Negotiations resumed for the second time, with Charles Lamb, President of Local 2, Sirabella and Mayor Feinstein busting their asses to channel the contract issues into binding arbitration. A Hilton worker hit it right on the nose: "If that's what we're fighting for, why the hell did we go out?"

"Lamb was forced to go out on strike because of rank and file pressure, especially from the United Hotel and Restaurant Workers [a rank and file caucus with Communist Workers Party leadership]," said Richard Leung. Leung is a former business agent who posed so much threat that Lamb fired him. "Now he is rigging up the sell-out arbitration by dangling a few pennies that don't even catch up with inflation. The fact is people are hurting, with only a promise of \$50 a week strike benefits. Lamb and Sirabella were forced to fake militancy by staging a bust; actually they are working double time to sabotage the strike by letting scab trucks in and signing interim "me too" contracts with the smaller hotels.

"Now they are presenting the binding arbitration as lesser of two evils: either starve out on the picket line or go back with binding arbitration. The hotel monopolies, all of them multi-national corpora-

tions, are willing to take a loss to break one of the most militant locals by taking the union out on a drawn-out strike. That's how Lamb is leading the workers down a blind alley, to give all you've got but end up with a few pennies. These hacks want to prove to the workers that you can't win. Going back to work with binding arbitration is like giving your gun to a thief. With the pressure off, you can bet the arbitrator's decision, based on factors like 'productivity', 'efficiency', etc., is going to mean more speedups, job combinations, harassment and favoritisms. Even

Sirabella had to admit that 'the arbitrator is less likely to agree to many of the tradition-shattering proposals demanded by Local 2.'

"This is how hotel bosses, union hacks and government politicians are using legalistic channels like arbitration to diffuse and divert people's anger under this economic crisis. It's a false choice they are presenting. The only choice is between capitalism and socialism, with the strike as a weapon, and in the course of fighting for higher wages and better working conditions learn how to smash the capitalist class. Only under communist leadership will the workers learn their power as a class and the organization needed to finish the bloodsuckers off once and for all. That's why it is stabbing workers in the back by banking everything on the strike and then offer binding arbitration as the only alternative."

On the picket lines, the initial euphoria is over. With eight-hour picket duties and strike benefits only a promise, people are asking questions. "Some people are feeling demoralized," said Kathy Bibby, a leader of UHRW. "It's like what McDonald (former president of Local 2) said before the strike, 'You're damned if you do (go on strike) and you're damned if you don't (go on strike)'. But it's the best time to do propaganda because people are sobering up. Just the other night when six police cars, with their sirens screaming, charged at our picket line because of a phone call, one of the first things they did was to arrest a picketer. I started agitating 'Here the cops are arresting us when they did nothing about the scabs who threw shit and garbage on us!' Then people heckled the pigs so bad that the guy was let go.

"The hacks are so desperate they send goons to follow me around and attack me when I pass out leaflets inviting people to CWP's forum on the 80's economic crisis. That's why one of the workers became my bodyguard." No wonder workers at Hilton call Kathy "Quiet Thunder".

Physical intimidation couldn't stop Kathy Bibby and UHRW teams from passing out leaflets or workers from coming to a CWP forum seeking answers. At the end of the forum, a maid from the Hyatt Regency said to the May Day Singers, "You guys sing so beautifully, why not come to our picket line!"

# Reporter, Photographer On CWP 5 Story Die Untimely Deaths

SYLVIA Johnson and Steve Daniels were on their way to Stanley, North Carolina in rural N.C. when they met their untimely deaths. They were following up a lead for their stories on the Communist Workers Party 5 and the Klan/Nazi trial, said the editor of their paper, the *Daily-Times News* of Burlington, N.C. They were in the process of writing a series of biographical articles on our five murdered comrades at the time.

They died at 12:56 PM on July 18 just outside Charlotte, N.C. on Highway 27, smashed in a head-on collision. The driver of the second car, Kenneth Mays, was also killed. The official view of the incident is that it was an accident with only the two cars involved.

But among some media people, there is the feeling that there is more behind the accident than what has come out in the official report. Steve and Sylvia were following up a lead on a possible FBI agent inside the Klan, said our sources, and they had the name of the agent and were on their way to talk to someone close to the Klan about it.

What is known for sure is that the death of Sylvia Johnson and Steve Daniels is a great loss for progressive-minded people. Both saw themselves as serving the people by carrying out objective and unbiased reporting. They covered facts, not lies and rumors. They were honest reporters and as a principle, they believed in reporting only what they knew was true. This desire to report the truth led them to write stories on the CWP 5 and Klan/Nazi trial that stood out for being accurate and factual.

When the Nov. 3 assassination came down, they could have gone two ways. They could have towed the capitalists' line, taken the easy way out and written the sensational articles loved by capitalists about crazy communists getting themselves killed as a media stunt. But they took a stand and wrote articles that were honest and true.

Ms. Johnson showed a great deal of compassion and kindness as she interviewed the CWP 5 widows for a special

series she was working on. She was writing personality profiles of each of the CWP 5 and in her articles, she often mentioned the 5 and gave biographical information. This contrasts to the *Greensboro Daily News* and *Record* which leave out anything which might make the CWP 5 appear human.

In her articles on the CWP 5, Ms. Johnson took a stand against the capitalists' attempt to impose fascism. She accepted the press statements issued by the CWP and reported from them. She commented to one of the widows that she was not "political," but she had enough "objectivity" in the capitalist sense of the term to quote what the CWP had to say on matters, to consider who the victims were and to keep the perspective that cold-blooded murder was committed on Nov. 3. As a result her articles presented a more all-sided, factual and accurate picture than the *Greensboro Daily News* and *Record*.

Steve Daniels used his pictures to present an accurate picture of life in this country. In 1979, he won an award for his photo of a migrant farm worker and his son entitled "A Migrant's Hope." With Sylvia, he covered the Klan/Nazi trials. Other photographers have used pictures to serve the capitalists and build up the Klan/Nazi murderers. But Steve tried to present a more truthful view, never forgetting that the Klan/Nazi scum are not heroes but cold-blooded fascist murderers. (Compare Steve's picture of the Klan/Nazis to other pictures in N.C. papers.)

Both Steve and Sylvia were honest professionals whose love for truth led them to take a stand against fascism. They were loved by their families, their co-workers and all who knew them. Both were married and Sylvia left two children. They met their end on a rural highway in N.C. But our fight against World War III and fascism, our fight to lead the American people in making revolution to overthrow the rule of the capitalist class and set up workers' rule, will guarantee that Sylvia Johnson and Steve Daniels will always be remembered. □



Steve Daniels



Sylvia Johnson



# War Preparation Delayed by Todd Shipyard Strike

"WHEN you're making \$21,000 a year, and still can't buy a house—something's gotta be wrong!" (Todd Shipyard worker)

"25 cents for your benefits—that'll only cover the rising cost of the premium on Kaiser/Blue Cross, and they're already lousy benefits!" (International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, Union Steward)

"We can't take 9, 5, 5 percent cuz you don't know what inflation's gonna become next year, the year after."

wants to get over in the 80's, the workers have been ready for a strike for months

The old union hacks and known sell-outs in the old negotiating committee were kicked out and replaced by a new slate of more militant rank-and-file workers. The new negotiating committee had issued the call for rejecting Todd's offer to the membership. As the bureaucrats started the meeting, some workers were still reading the CWP leaflets they got from the team.

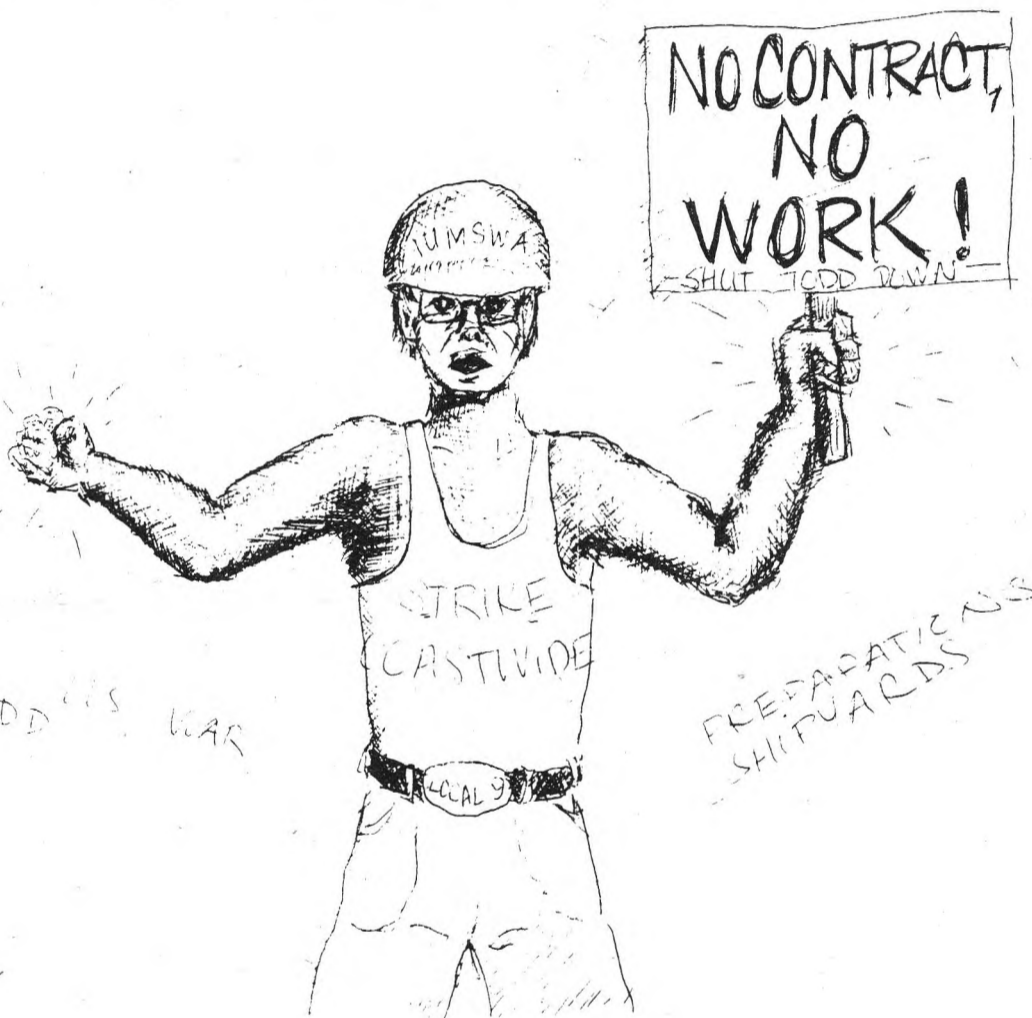
The meeting proved to be a victory

ca, Local 9 (Todd workers) was in 1971. The strike lasted 6 weeks. Looking at the strike now, today's conditions have to be considered. The economy continues downward. War preparations are stepping up as the government has already kicked off draft registration. One hundred percent of the production at Todd, San Pedro is Navy contracts. There has even been rumor among the workers that the government might step in with the Taft-Hartley Act—condemning the strike as "jeopardizing the national security." But

for. While the Todd Negotiating Committee agrees to the need for a coastwide strike and has talked to Seattle workers about taking the lead from San Pedro, the CWP is going to make sure all the Seattle Todd workers hear about San Pedro's strike and are called to enforce "No Contract, No Work." At the same time, CWP is giving warning that because of the overall economic crisis, how good a contract can you really get? What may seem good today could and will mean hitting the dust tomorrow, as the capitalist economy declines downward. Everything around us becomes more and more convincing that the U.S. government does not stand on the side of the everyday American people. The "no-choice" Carter-Reagan-Kennedy-Anderson or KKK/-Nazis is no platform for democratic change in this country.

Some things to think about... Can Carter use the Taft-Hartley Act if the strike lasts, with the elections fast approaching? Can Todd remain competitive for Navy contracts if it gives in to a "good" contract? What is the best thing that can come out of this strike if a decent contract has the whole system going against it?

We say, organize, strengthen the union by getting clear on who your friends, and who your enemies are—fight for workers' rule in the union, in the yards, in the whole damned country. There is only one party that really represents U.S. workers and minorities—The Communist Workers Party. You may think the answer is too hard to swallow, but what else is there? □



(Everybody in the Todd yards is saying)

"What Todd is offering us and if we accept, given our present situation, is like slow suicide. The pay scale of 90 cents, 40 and 40 cents and the benefit money of 25, 20, and 20 cents is totally no good. It would leave you and the union broke, in deeper financial problems than ever. There is no real language changes in a contract that had more loopholes than swiss cheese. We need to launch a strong unified strike like the members of Local 2 in the San Francisco hotel strike who have brought the hotel barons to their knees for paying them lousy wages and benefits for decades." (Excerpt from the Communist Workers Party leaflet passed out at Los Angeles Sports Arena on July 28 to Todd Workers)

NO CONTRACT, NO WORK, NO MORE BUSINESS-AS-USUAL at Todd Shipyards, San Pedro, California. On July 28, 2000 of the 3500 workers at Todd came out to the Los Angeles Sports Arena to vote on Todd's contract proposal. As people entered the Arena, they were greeted with agitation by a CWP team on rejecting the sell-out proposal and fighting for workers' rule, to end sell-out contracts and the crummy system we live in. Sick of their sell-out from 1977, and pissed off at the new take-aways Todd

against the whole red-baiting campaign that had gone down before the contract expired. It could not stop the workers from applauding their approval of what Jonathan Newsome, CWP member, had to say. "The issues are clear—we want money and we want benefits. We have to go on strike to show our strength. We must go on strike to show our support to brothers and sisters up North (Seattle). We need to push for a coastwide strike against Todd."

As Jonathan got one of the bigger rounds of applause, speaking straight to the sentiments of Todd workers, the sell-out position of working day-by-day until the contract gets settled got booed in the corner. While Todd workers in Seattle have been working without a contract since June 30th, under the misleadership of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council, Todd workers at San Pedro weren't about to follow suit. The 2 positions on how to move were clear: "Either sell yourself out, or go out." The overriding sentiment was "We have to go out and strike now, and strike as long as it takes to get what we want." The almost unanimous show of hands kicked off the strike.

## Striking in the 80's

The last strike by International Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of Ameri-

workers have stayed out. And it shows that more and more, workers fighting to defend their falling standard of living will be confronted with going against the political aims of the U.S. government, and getting clearer whose side the government is on. "It shouldn't national security mean that workers be able to have a decent living?"

National defense at Todd means extremely dangerous working conditions, working on the sides of ships at 50 feet high, descending wages and crumbling benefits. Todd's competitive edge with shipyards on the East and West Coast in building fast guided missile frigates (FFG's)—"delivered by Todd ahead of schedule and within the budget" (Glenn Anderson, Congressman of California, quoted in *Todd Topics*, Company Newsletter)—is done at the expense of workers lives and families. One worker who's stuck with improver wages while doing mechanics work (improvers make half of what mechanics do) has to do all the overtime he can hustle to pay the mortgage on his new house

## "All Out for a Coastwide Strike!"

Communist Workers Party supporters working at the shipyards are giving the sharpest direction and preparation on what to expect and what we have to fight

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DETROIT, Mi.—Detroit's city council president Erma Henderson was served notice on August 10 right at her home in the Jeffersonian Apartments, a tight-security East side hi-rise. This closet fascist was targeted because she granted the parade permit for an August 23 Klan/Nazi march. A CWP banner was tied to the sidepost of the building, and strung on a pole was an effigy bearing the names of the City Council members and Mayor Young wearing a Klan hood reading "FBI and BATF." The cops went bananas when the effigy burst into flames right in front of their squad cars—they didn't know what to do. "I can't take this anymore," whimpered one cop. □



MADISON, Wi.—The Wisconsin Democratic Party delegates got a CWP send-off on August 7 before leaving for the National Convention in New York. A militant picket line and chants hammered home the message painted on the walls of their secluded headquarters—"Dem, GOP, Fascist Parties=WW III and Fascism! Serve Notice to the Dirty Politicians!" □

## CWP Busts Up Feinstein's Press Conference

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca., Aug. 7—The banner was quickly unfolded across the balcony of Mayor Feinstein's office while inside Communist Workers Party members and supporters busted up her conference on Local 2 and the Democratic convention. The banner read: "Feinstein, Carter, Kennedy, Reagan = Crime, Corruption, Murder. Serve Notice to the Politicians in the N.Y. Democratic Convention. Prepare for Workers' Rule." Seven CWP members and supporters had just gotten away while Secret Servicemen fumed over our successful and quick maneuver that made them look like fools.

Two squads of riot police lined up next to the militant picket at the top of the stairs of City Hall. The commander told one of his officers, "Henry move back." Henry was so disoriented that he attacked prematurely and stepped away from his post. Then in broad daylight in front of TV cameras, the riot police started swinging clubs at the demonstrators.

However, if the government thinks that the cop's clumsy reaction could intimidate us, they are highly mistaken. This time, City Hall wasn't dealing with a spontaneous riot of unorganized individuals that could be dispersed easily. Instead, they are dealing with the advanced detachment, the vanguard of the working class, the Communist Workers Party, U.S.A. For the first time since the 50's the struggles of the working class is turned from one of scattered and spontaneous one into an organized resistance—whether it is serving notice to corrupt politicians or striking in their shipyards where war ships are made. (See article on Nassco shipyard strike on back page.)

### Party Fends Off Police Attack

In the face of this police attack, we stood our ground. Two workers jumped to the front line using their bodies as shields for others and pickets became sticks. One brother zapped the pig in the neck. The helmet didn't help. One newspaper reported that two of the task squad were injured, one in the arm. Our tight ranks and ability to fend off their billy clubs freaked them out. A crowd of 100 onlookers who were neutral before became active supporters because of the blatant police brutality, and they surrounded us as we formed the picket line again. One sister said, "What Feinstein? She is a Frankenstein." Another brother picked up the scattered leaflets and papers and said, "They are shooting women at Chattanooga, Just can't take it no more." Not daring to arrest any demonstrators in front of the masses, the pigs followed the demonstrators to their cars and busted three for alleged "possession of an illegal weapon," i.e. picket signs, and later charged a sister for "disturbing the peace," because she pointed her fingers at the cops. □

### Organized Political Offensive Forced Gov't to Back Down

That night, two major TV stations showed Feinstein being served notice by the CWP in their coverage of the Democratic Convention. A CWP representative was shown saying, "Feinstein is trying to play the role of a neutral mediator in the strike by workers of Local 2 of the International Hotel, Restaurant, and Bartender Workers Union. A hotel owner herself, she is actually trying to bust the union. She is just a replica of all the corrupt politicians; Carter, Kennedy, Reagan and Anderson. All are trying to impose world war and fascism. We want to give them a message. The CWP is going to crash the Garden Party at the Democratic convention in NY." □



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## Swastika Burnt to Honor Fed Bureau Chief Assassin

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 3 — Today the Communist Workers Party hit the government in its gut by burning a six-foot swastika, the hated Nazi symbol, on the lawn of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms director Robert Dickerson. Dickerson's house is in the super-exclusive suburb of McLean, Va. Late Saturday night a Klan effigy hung from a tree in front of his house, and on Monday morning, CWP set up a picket. The cops were waiting out front, with more sitting hidden in the house. They attempted to disrupt our picket and provoke violence by stopping a car in the middle of the picket. We stood our ground, stepped up our exposure of the police and pointed out their role in the November 3, 1979 murder of our comrades. The pig was forced to move his car.

When one neighbor asked why we were

there, we told him that Dickerson is a fascist murderer who carried out the government's attack on the CWP.

The picket moved to the Bureau's headquarters in Washington, D.C. where the police had already blocked the entrances and lined up to protect assassin Dickerson. The CWP talked to government workers, tourists, and unemployed hanging out downtown, hitting the government for planning the assassination and linking the murders to the growing revolutionary anger of the American people.

The militant picket and strong propaganda from the bullhorn grabbed their attention and crowds gathered to listen. Many bought newspapers. While the response was mixed, most knew of the murders and immediately supported the picket, placing the blame squarely on the U.S. government.



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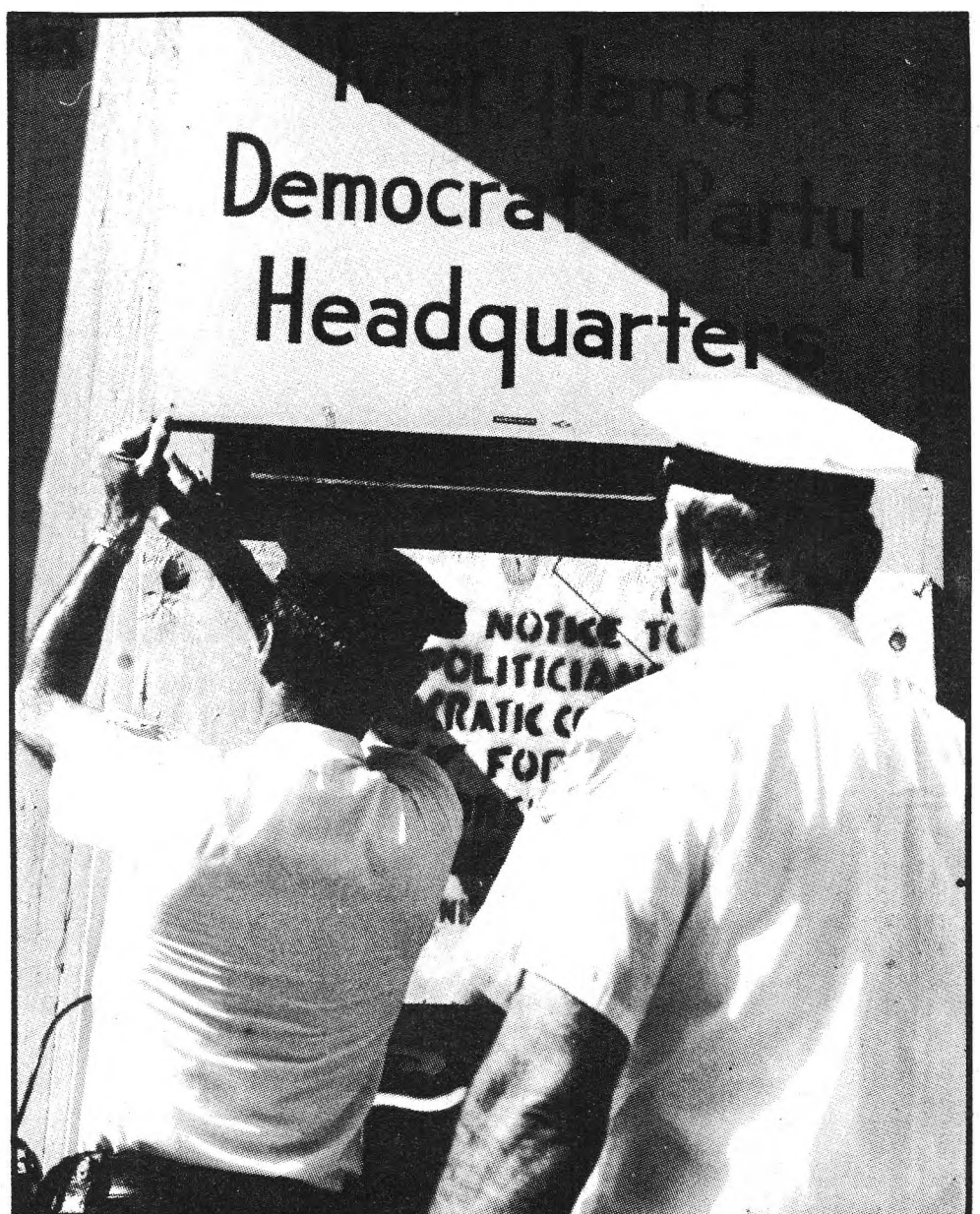
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## Reader: "Your articles are too strong."

FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES

# Our Readers Speak Out!

July 23, 1980

Dear WV,

My friend has asked me for a long time to please take the time to write you, because it's people like myself you want to hear from. And by helping me you will help thousands with the same questions. I hope so.

If possible I am going to try to keep this short and to the point. It will be very hard. I have so much I'd like to say it would take a book. But I know a person working very hard with the party, he had opened my eyes and mind so much, I have talked to him many years. But I am just your average person trying to do what I can which isn't much in comparison to those who give wholly of themselves. But I have off and on read *Workers Viewpoint* and I had many questions. I had someone I could talk to about it even though it was only every year or so that we could get together. I live in Florida and he in Pennsylvania. But there are a lot of people who do not understand the paper, as myself when I started to read it. People get turned off right away when they read *communist*. Now I believe it is a little strong for people who are not educated on the paper. As you all know, we all had these lessons in school, so the word is very misunderstood. If you did away with the word and used something like *The Peoples Party* many more would leave their minds open. And there's some articles that are too strong. I can't get people to listen and understand because they read things like *I killed a pig and I'm proud of it*. Your average person can't comprehend this. I believe now is the *prime time* to talk to people and try to get people to unite. They are ready to listen, and I have talked to all ages. But I find it tiring to try to explain the paper after they have picked out some strong articles to read. The main ages are 16-20 and late 50's, they totally misunderstand the paper. We are all in total agreement about changes and how to do it and to work on it. But if the paper could print some *beginner articles*, for those trying to understand, like myself. I now understand better but would like to learn more and people need to trust someone. I have a little more trust because of the person I am able to talk to. And it is the majority you are after and the way the paper now reads, when someone close picks it up wherever it may be they are gonna lay it back down or throw it away. The little I know, about the people and the *Workers Viewpoint* paper, I like. I am trying to talk to more people and they're eager to listen. I wish somehow we could get a group together in this area. Thank you for your time.

Concerned  
Hudson, Fla.

Your letter raises several crucial points that our Party must deal with if we are to successfully meet the challenges of the 80's. First of all, we would like to unite with your criticisms and thank you for taking the time to let us know about them.

The majority of American people today are waking up to political life, many people for the first time. The working class' indifference to politics and most social questions that was characteristic of the 50's, 60's and 70's has given way to strong positions and opinions in the 80's. Ordinary people, average people are being drawn into politics whether they want to be or not. Iran, the Olympics boycott, Miami, etc. — people today take sides on all these events and very rarely do you hear someone say "I don't care." Values, morals, the family, the American Dream — all these and more are being torn apart and shredded up right before our eyes. For the first time in 30 years, the majority of people are beginning to question their whole lives and wonder what it is all worth.

The essence of the matter is that the majority of people are questioning capitalism and are open to alternatives, including communism. This is what the situation boils down to.

But in practice, in life itself, things are not so neat and orderly. The disorder in people's lives — like going from the assembly line to the welfare line, with all the negative ideas that welfare has — and the disorientation that people are feeling doesn't mean that they will automatically turn to communism. Many people snap together and turn to drugs, alcohol and even suicide. Others turn to TV preachers like Jerry Falwell and the PTL Club in order to get grounded and make sense of the world.

People will turn to communism if we can reach the majority of people and explain what is happening to them, to their families and friends and to society as a whole. And we must learn to explain it in a way that people understand. We cannot give a pat answer such as "it's like this because of the economic crisis." We must actually start from what people are seeing and feeling. Then we must use facts, figures to patiently reason and show them what is behind the events and issues and what is the way out.

Right now, the *Workers Viewpoint* does not do this too well. It assumes too much and does not consistently start from where most people are at. The fact is that most people have not had any contact with communist analysis before, and we

have to convince them of the correctness of our analysis with lots of facts and figures. Some of the articles still do not use enough facts, so are not authoritative enough. Then when people read it, they have no choice but to take it or leave it; then it is not controversial and thought-provoking and does not inspire debate.

You said that some of our articles are too strong and you object to some of our language. In certain articles we take a stand with certain responses to oppression (I killed a pig and I'm proud of it). In order to be authoritative, we must not only have facts and figures but must also be a militant voice of the working class. That article draws out the deep hatred of brothers and sisters who have direct experience with police brutality and would like to kill some cops themselves. But we should also be concerned about people's attitude towards death, like "I may not like the police, but I'm sorry for his widow and children." In that sense, we should also explain what cops represent, why this brother killed a cop and why we stand with him. Then the article will be more convincing even to those who don't hate cops as much. Once that's done, readers will take a stand based on our meaning, not on language alone.

We must learn to educate our brothers and sisters in the Party's line through everyday experiences and through life itself. In addition, we run a regular column on the basis of Marxism and publish a theoretical journal, *The 80's*, to give more comprehensive analysis of different issues. We would appreciate your comments on these too.

The *Workers Viewpoint* must be aimed at influencing and winning over the majority, who, objectively, by the whole course of events, are being pushed toward us, but who at the same time have questions and reservations about communism and are sometimes even afraid of us.

Many people have asked us to change the name of our Party because people are afraid of the word communism. One of the most common responses we get to our propaganda is "I agree with everything but the communism part."

We believe that the American people must know from the jump that the "C" in CWP stands for communist. True, people are still somewhat afraid of extreme and radical solutions, and communism is a symbol of this. But as the crisis deepens and people wake up more, they will demand extreme measures. Then the Par-

ty's name will stand out for them to rally around. When push comes to shove, this will be most important.

Thank you very much for your insightful criticisms. We

will struggle in future issues to improve our paper. Please write us again with your comments and criticisms, and to inform us about struggles in your city.



The fascist cops who protect the capitalist ruling class attacked the Iranians (above) and striking workers at Local 2 (below). The capitalist squash all opposition to both Iranians and U.S. people.



## U.S. Gov't. Attacks Iranians

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in protest of their arrests.

The other prisoners saw the double standard of treatment being given out. The guards complained that they couldn't use the force they were accustomed to using on the prisoners. The jail officials covered themselves saying that they feared for the safety of the American hostages if these Iranians were handled in the usual way American prisoners were handled.

The capitalist ruling class through Carter had to use the Immigration Service to rescue the D.C. government from the humiliating position the students had put them into, and to salvage their attempts to fuel national chauvinism. It took three cops for each student to get them on to buses where they were taken to Andrews Air Force Base and flown to New York to face deportation hearings in several weeks. The only way they could skirt around the police riot charges, and defuse the situation at the D.C. jail, was to make an international case out of the arrests. Yet the students will continue to show their support for the Iranian revolution in the jails in New York or in front of the White House where even more students are holding another hunger strike.

On August 5, pressured by the Iranians' uncompromising fighting spirit against U.S. imperialism and condemnation by the Iranian government, the U.S. government was forced to release all of them. The Iranians vowed to continue to fight U.S. imperialist subversion against Iran, to support Khomeini in this fight and to continue the Iranian revolution to make their country politically and economically independent. □



FROM MONROE DOCTRINE TO GREEN REVOLUTION

# U.S. Imperialism's Bloody History In Latin America

Only one year after the Sandinistas kicked out the U.S.-backed Somoza regime in Nicaragua, Latin America is engulfed in the flames of revolution.

\*Revolutionary groups in El Salvador have formed a united front to liberate their country from the clutches of the fascist Christian Democrat government and U.S. corporations. The government has already murdered over 3,000 people this year, and the country is on the brink of civil war.

\*In neighboring Guatemala, liberation groups hold the northwestern part of the country, and the military regime, barely clinging to power, has desperately set up assassination teams to terrorize the people.

\*Last week in Bolivia, tin miners called a general strike, seized the mines, armed themselves and barricaded the roads after the military staged a coup against the results of the presidential elections.

What seems like chaos is actually the birth pangs of a new order and the death cries of the old. Why is the U.S. government and multi-national corporations so hated by the people of Latin America? Why is the U.S. so involved in this area of the world anyway? And most important, why should we, the U.S. people, support these struggles against U.S. imperialism?

## Newly-Independent U.S. Turns To Colonialism

Just like the U.S. fought the War of Independence to shake loose from British colonialism, Latin America fought tooth and nail to kick out Spanish and Portuguese colonialism. Starting with the successful revolution in Haiti of black slaves in 1804, for the next twenty or thirty years the great part of Latin America was liberated under the leadership of men like Simon Bolivar. During the War of Independence the American workers, farmers and small shopkeepers had broken the stranglehold of the British, only to put into power the

American capitalist and big landowning class. Once in power, this class began to turn the country from a friend of the world's people to one of their oppressors. In 1830, the Monroe Doctrine was announced, declaring Latin America the U.S.' backyard and warning the European powers to stay out.

The U.S. grabbed the British, French, Spanish and Portuguese colonies for itself. Through the Mexican-American War, the U.S. seized one-half of Mexico's territory. The Spanish-American War of 1898 turned the newly-independent Puerto Rico into a colony of the U.S. The Marines were sent into Panama, killing thousands and dividing the country in half so the U.S. government could annex the territory needed to build the Panama Canal.

## Rockefeller Seizes Chance

By the 1930's, the U.S. was one of the top imperialist powers in the world. Under Roosevelt's administration, John D. Rockefeller became the Coordinator of the Office of Interamerican Affairs. Taking advantage of the worldwide Great Depression and the Second World War, Rockefeller drove out the smaller capitalists; dismantled the German, Italian and British interests in Latin America and turned it into the exclusive domain of the biggest U.S. monopoly corporations. Consolidated Mining had free reign to exploit the gold, silver and tin throughout the continent. United Fruit reaped all the fruits, sugar cane and coffee, Gulf and Exxon sewed up the oil and fertilizer markets while Alcoa and Anaconda seized the bauxite and copper mines. And Chase Manhattan and Citibank loaned the countries money at ridiculously high interest rates. Heads of corporations became the real rulers of the land and the military regimes they established were to guarantee their superprofits by force of arms. In Honduras and the Dominican Republic, United Fruit not only owns the farms, but also the roads, the electricity, railroad, shipping, telephone and tele-

graph. No wonder that throughout Central America, the nickname for United Fruit is "El Pulpo"—the Octopus.

## U.S. Uses Monopoly Position to Strangle Latin America

The U.S. imperialists squeezed the people of Latin America dry and raped their land. Surplus goods from the U.S. were dumped onto Latin America whether they wanted them or not. By the 1970's, 80 per cent of all U.S. exports were headed towards Latin America. And the return on their investments, the superprofits gained, were tremendous. Citibank received 20 per cent of its total profit from Brazil alone.

Latin America was turned into a gigantic plantation producing coffee, banana and sugar for export by these corporations. Once self-sufficient in food, the countries in Latin America are now forced to depend on imports from the U.S. At the same time, with the monopoly capitalists controlling the worldwide market for produce, Latin American countries are forced to accept whatever price the monopoly capitalists are willing to pay. 70 per cent of the world's banana trade is controlled by three companies—Castle and Cooke (which markets Dole), United Brands (formerly United Fruit and markets Chiquita) and Del Monte. One-fourth of the sugar market is controlled by Amstar, formerly known as the American Sugar Refining Co. and one-sixth of the coffee market is controlled by General Foods.

The U.S. government helps these corporations maintain their monopoly. In 1969, the U.S. refused to renew the International Coffee Agreement until Brazil agreed to impose a tax on exports of Brazilian instant coffee. In this way, General Foods maintained their worldwide control of the instant coffee market. The old Sugar Act only allowed Latin America to export raw, not refined sugar, again protecting these corporations. Unable to develop or market their own products, Latin American countries were at the mercy of the corporations. Besides unequal trade agreements, they were forced to swallow the inflation dumped on them from the U.S. While it cost Latin America the equivalent of 160 bags of coffee to purchase one tractor in 1960, the same tractor cost the equivalent of 400 bags in 1977. Out of every dollar's worth of bananas, only 11 cents stays in the country to go back into the economy.

Even when prices go up for produce, the countries do not see any of the profits. Everyone remembers the coffee and sugar shortages in 1974 when prices rose sky high. The foreign exchange of the Latin American countries rose by a small percentage point. But Amstar, which refines and markets the sugar, had a 420% jump in profit. The next year, worldwide market prices fell and countries like the Dominican Republic suffered a loss of \$350 million in trade. But prices remained the same on the supermarket shelves and the corporations still made a bundle.

This pattern of U.S. imperialist domination applies to other sectors of the Latin American economy. Gulf, Exxon and Texaco pumped the oil out of Venezuela like mad. Since they controlled the worldwide oil market, they were able to set the price. When Venezuela tried to build an oil refinery to process their own crude, Big Oil slammed the door and boycotted Venezuelan oil. Without tankers to market the oil and with the refinery not finished yet, the Venezuelan economy almost collapsed.

## Peasants Crushed While Imperialists Profit From Green Revolution

The imperialists even use so-called economic aid to further their plunder of third world countries. To set up large scale agri-businesses, U.S. imperialism forcibly drove tens of thousands of peasants from the land. Because of the large scale production through mechanized farm machinery, fertilizers etc., the large plantations were able to sell their products cheaper than the peasant could and drove them out of business. Many peasants also lost their land when they rented it to these plantations. At the end of the contract, the plantations demanded the peasants pay for improvements made on the land. Unable to afford the outrageous charges, many peasants were forced to hand over their land. Other peasants had their crops destroyed by chemical sprays and their irrigation waters purposely polluted.

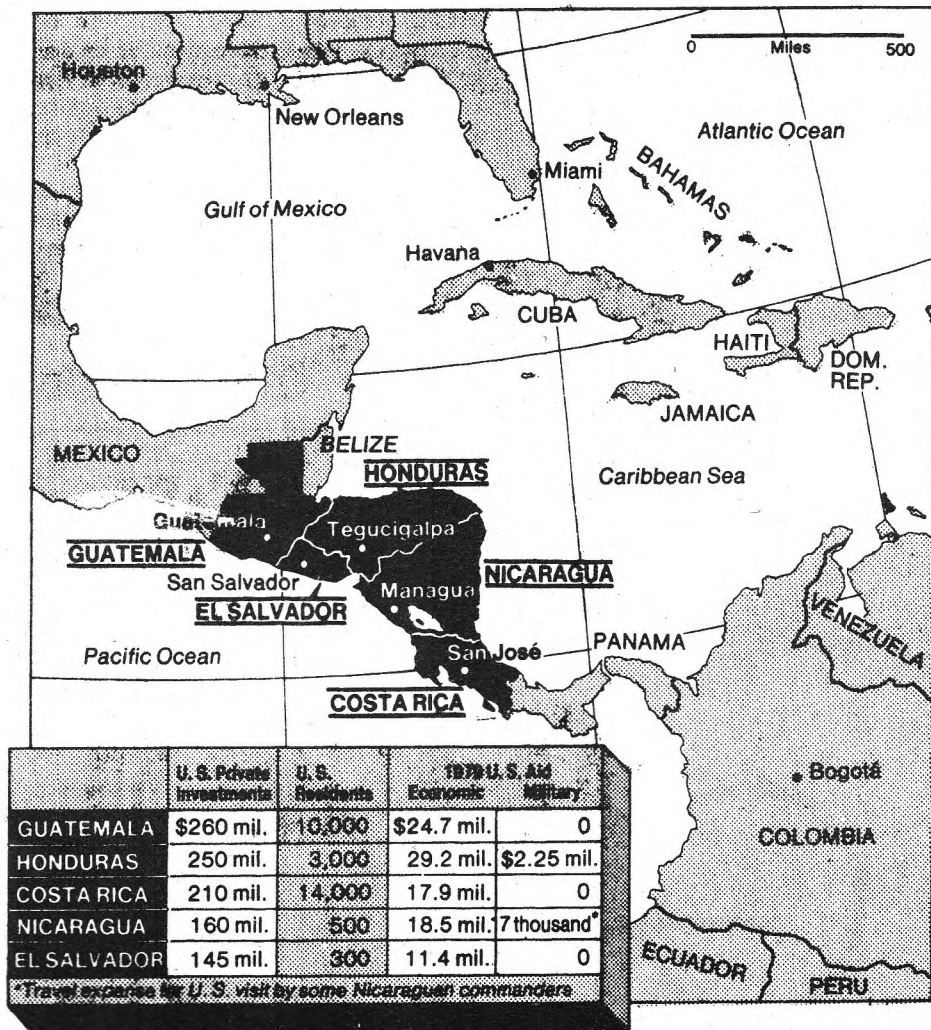
The Green Revolution is an example of how imperialism, in the name of progress and "aid," fattened their wallets and exploited the people. Backed by the Rockefeller Foundation, hybrid seeds were developed in the late 1940's that signalled the beginning of what they called the "Green Revolution." These seeds were supposed to increase crop yield and solve the food needs for the world. But the hybrid seeds could only be planted on irrigated land and required tremendous amounts of fertilizers and pesticides. The small peasants, trying to plant these seeds on their tiny plots of less than five hectares of land, got into debt and lost their land. Only the large plantations lording over tens of thousands of hectares, with their capital could afford these seeds and benefited from it. The peasants were forced to become agricultural workers in these plantations, getting work on a seasonal basis. Each year that these seeds were used, the need for fertilizer and pesticide increased, of course, supplied by U.S. corporations. To continue raising the crop yields, pesticides were applied up to 50 times a year as compared to seven times before. Corporations like Exxon supplied the pesticides, dumping pesticides that were obsolete or proven dangerous. DDT, banned in the U.S. since 1972, continues to be sold and used throughout Latin America.

In the ever thirsty drive for profits, crop dusting planes are used without regard to the people's health. Toxic chemicals are sprayed while workers are in the field and the fumes also descend on their homes. A recent UN study showed that in Guatemala and Nicaragua, the average DDT content in human blood is 520 parts per billion as compared with 46 in Dade County, Florida, one of the highest levels in the U.S. These pesticides have caused hundreds to die from poisoning, uncounted number of aborted pregnancies, sterility. All that the "Green Revolution" did was increase the greenbacks stuffed into the pockets of the Rockefellers.

## People Forced to Eat Junk, Imperialist-Style

The dislocation of the peasants from their land and increasing mechanization have caused 60, 70% unemployment. Those that have work in the plantations or the mines, risk their lives for starvation wages. Peasants and workers stay in the same position at work from sunup to sundown, causing them muscular disorders and circulatory diseases. The chemicals and dust from the mines cause lung and neurological diseases. On the average,

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# U.S. Military — Colossus With Feet of Clay

SINCE the end of World War II, the U.S. government has amassed one of the largest arsenals in history. It has spent over \$2 trillion in the people's taxes. But on any given day, only 13% of all U.S. combat fighter planes are in a state of readiness as a recent Pentagon study showed.

\* The XM-1 tank, the first new American tank in 20 years, rolled off the assembly line in February. But when the tank was shifted into reverse, it got stuck in that gear.

\* May 1980, the U.S. launched its military commando raid against Iran. Two of the RH-53D helicopters malfunctioned, another one crashed and, abandoning all the helicopters and leaving eight dead men, the commandos beat a hasty retreat.

\* In Germany, the front line of Europe in the event of war with the Soviet Union, many GI's don't even have bullets in their guns. The reason? The officers are afraid of being shot by their own men.

How ready is U.S. imperialism to wage a world war with the Soviet Union?

## Scenario for a World War

With the recent establishment of the Rapid Deployment Force, the Pentagon strategy is to be ready to fight one and a half wars — a major war in Europe and another smaller war, probably in the Middle East — at the same time. Under this plan, the 4,000-man Division Ready Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C. will be the first unit sent out to the Middle East in the event of war. Within this unit, a 1,000-man battalion, ferried by C-5 and C-141 transport planes, will be in position and ready to fight in 18 hours. The other 3,000 will be ready in another six hours. In two more days, the entire 16,000-man division will be in place.

But the 82nd Airborne lacks tanks, artillery and armored personnel carriers to dig in for a long war. Even if the U.S. Army had these heavy support weapons to spare (which it doesn't), lack of transport planes would prevent them from reaching the 82nd Airborne. The largest transport plane available now can fit only two of the new XM-1 tanks. The closest supplies are in Europe but any shipment of arms from Europe would drain stocks to dangerously low levels. And if Europe is embroiled in a major war, supplies from there would be out of the question. The only alternative would be to mobilize the 12,000-man 3rd Marine Division and the 1st Marine Air Wing, based in Okinawa and the Philippines. Even if these forces were mobilized immediately along with the 7th Fleet, it would still be two months before the arrival of reinforcements. By that time, the 82nd Airborne would be completely routed — their supplies would have run out after three days.

And what would happen in Europe? The Pentagon in 1978 conducted a world-wide military-readiness exercise, code named Nifty Nugget, to find out the answer. The exercise found that 600,000 men will die in a European battle. Thousands more wounded will die because of inadequate supplies. Soldiers will run out of bullets. Communications systems will be in total disarray. The draft mobilization center computers will break down, snarling the draft program. Uniforms will run out for the new recruits, and even if they get miraculously equipped, there will be no way to rush them to the battlefield quickly.

## Stagnating Economy Makes It Impossible to Rearm Fast

U.S. tank crews are lucky if they get to

fire one anti-tank missile practice round a year. Costing \$3,000 apiece, there simply aren't enough to be spared for practice. The Pentagon not only wants more helicopters, tanks, missiles, ships, submarines and planes to throw away in a war to redivide the world with the Soviet Union, but they also need to stockpile ammunition and spare parts for all their weapons. The U.S. economy, stagnating and dying because of the inherent contradictions of capitalism, simply cannot rearm quickly.

The economy has been irreversibly poisoned by militarization. To get itself out of the Great Depression, U.S. imperialism went to war. During World War II, auto plants were converted to make tanks and planes. Steel mills churned out the specialty steel needed for armor-plating and other military needs. Shipyards worked overtime to build battleships and aircraft carriers for the Navy. The lead time for the development of a new weapon, from drawing board to mass production, was about 90 days.

After the war, this bailout of the economy not only continued, but was stepped up. More than 20% of the labor force now depends on armament orders from the Defense Department. Fully two-thirds of the total U.S. scientific and technical manpower is related to armament and space research. To finance all this, the U.S. has gone on deficit spending — buy now and pay later. As the deficit grows, the economic crisis deepens.

Instead of money pumped into building better cars, to make steel for construction, to develop better health care, etc., money goes to make tanks and other weapons. Half these weapons are obsolete by the time they are produced as another generation of weapons is already in production. Billions of dollars are wasted, literally like pouring cars and steel into the ocean while the people get more impoverished.

The companies, with guaranteed profits from military contracts, lose the initiative to invest in new plants, new machinery, etc. Cost overruns in the millions are accepted by the government. Chrysler, which makes the new XM-1 tank, got millions from cost overruns. And still it was on the verge of bankruptcy. The government steps in once again to give it a loan and bail it out. This results in even more stagnation, of the economy to the point where technology for new weapons outstrips the capability of the industries to produce them.

The same plants that were making planes in the 1940s are supposed to produce the weapons today. Most of them are half a century to a century old. Even if they could handle the new requirements of this generation of weapons, production will still not step up: most of these plants are already closed because of the economic crisis. Lead time for development of a new weapon is at least five years.

The new A-10 attack plane for the Air Force is a perfect example of the quandary that U.S. imperialism faces. The A-10, equipped with 30-mm rapid-fire anti-tank gun and an arsenal of bombs and missiles, will be the mainstay of the Air Force in providing air support for ground combat troops. The Air Force wants at least 733 of these new planes. But there are only three forging companies in the U.S. with presses big enough to make the forgings for the plane's main frame. These three companies also make the forgings for other military planes as well as commercial planes like the 747. To increase production of the forgings for the A-10 means sacrificing other projects. For the wings of

the plane, only two U.S. companies have presses big enough to make the extrusions of the wing plank and they are already working at full capacity.

The titanium armor for the A-10 must be ordered two years in advance because of a titanium shortage. The bearings, fasteners and electrical connections must be ordered from 30 to 90 weeks ahead of time. And the engines for the plane, made by General Electric, need the same titanium, high-temperature alloys and forgings that are in short supply. In fact, some planes are being built without engines because of a strike by GE workers. Even without the strike, it takes two years for GE to order and get the materials they need and at least another year before it is developed for the A-10. If a new plane is designed and production starts up right away, it will take another two years just to build the machine tools necessary for production. These same shortages plague all the weapon systems that the U.S. military wants. The new XM-1 tank uses an airplane engine. With these problems, it will be no surprise if the Air Force has a fleet of planes that don't fly and the Army has a division of tanks that don't run because they don't have engines.

## Third World Struggles Lessen Danger of World War

A big reason for these shortages is the need for raw materials like titanium, chromium and cobalt. Most cobalt comes from Zaire and most chromium from Zimbabwe and South Africa. As third world countries kick U.S. imperialism out and become independent, it is harder for the U.S. to exploit them and get the raw materials it needs to wage a war. Zaire stopped shipping cobalt to the U.S. in 1978 and the same may happen with Zimbabwean chromium. Also, OPEC countries threaten to cut back production if

the U.S. or any other imperialist country tries to use oil as a strategic stockpile. Unable to build an oil reserve, U.S. as well as Soviet tanks will quickly run out of gas in a war.

Besides cutting off raw materials, third world countries are kicking the superpowers and their military bases out. The U.S. has already lost its bases in Viet Nam and Iran. The Soviet Union is finding it hard to keep military bases as the Eritrean people and Afghanistan people are fighting hard. Without military bases and a stockpile of different weapons around the world, both superpowers are unable to gear up quickly for war. The more the third world countries rise up in struggle, the fewer areas are left for the superpowers to contend over and the harder it is for them to start a new world war.

## U.S. People Won't Stand for Another World War

Even if the Pentagon had all the weapons they need to throw away in a war, they would still need manpower to operate the weapons, manpower willing to sacrifice their lives for U.S. imperialism. The Pentagon doesn't have that either right now.

After the Vietnam War, the U.S. military began its Volunteer Army program. Boosting pay scales and promising skilled training and college education, the military tried to lure people into the armed forces. But the pay raises in 1972 have been eaten up by inflation. The \$448 a month basic pay is less than the federal minimum wage. Close to 20% of the Air Force qualifies for food stamps. The lack of jobs due to economic crisis makes many youth join the army as a last-ditch alternative. They still hope to receive some of the

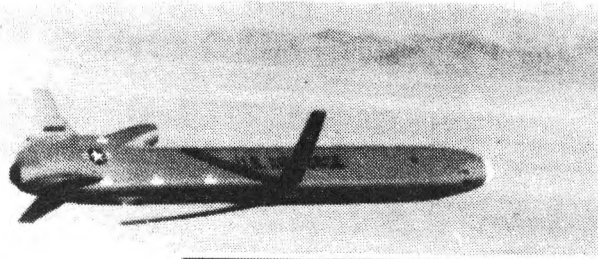
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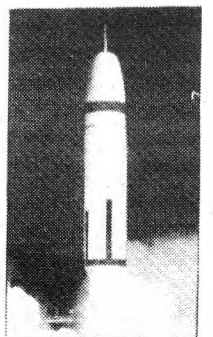
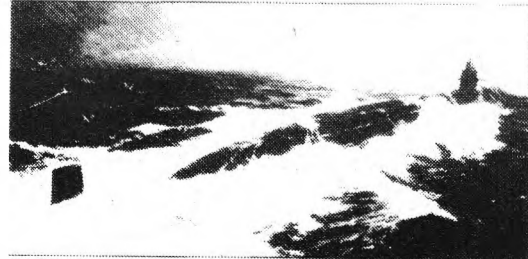
**XM-1 Battle Tank**  
Cost: 12.1 Billion



**F/A-18 Jet Fighter**  
Cost: 25.3 Billion



**Cruise Missile**  
Cost: 8.9 Billion



**Trident Submarine and Trident-1 Missile**  
Cost: 28.7 Billion





Despite the U.S. military's appearance of strength, in essence it is shot through with weaknesses as the helicopter foul-up during the raid on Iran showed.

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benefits that are promised. Once in the army, they find that to be eligible, they have to sign up for another tour of duty. GI's are bounced from base to base, making family life ridiculous.

Youth respond by leaving the army in droves. Fully one-third of the enlistees leave before their first three-year term is up. Of those who remain, morale is low and sabotage of equipment is rampant. The army cops out by saying the enlistees are "mentally incompetent", that they are not intelligent enough to work all the sophisticated weaponry. But the truth is that enlisted men refuse to follow the orders of their commanding officers. They pretend they can't understand the orders to get out of the work and if the situation is intolerable enough, they'll frag their commanding officers. Beetle Bailey is more ready to fight a war than the army is right now.

Besides the problems of keeping the enlisted men in line, the military has a problem in maintaining its officer corps. The army needs a strong, lean and stable officer corps so that in case of war, these officers can train thousands of new recruits. But even the officers, some with ten and more years in the army, have decided to call it quits. The Air Force estimates that it needs to retain 60% of its pilots and 54% of its navigators with 12 years of service to maintain its strength. Right now, only 27 pilots and 40 navigators out of 100 are re-enlisting. The Navy is 35% short of pilots and it estimates it will be short by half in two years. The Navy, short of 21,000 petty officers, can't even maintain its ships at sea because of the lack of personnel. The traditional drill sergeant in the army is being replaced by a drill corporal, who has just completed basic training himself, because there aren't enough sergeants re-enlisting. In other words, the military won't have a flight crew to fly their engineless planes.

But the main reason the U.S. can't go to war now is the U.S. people won't allow it. The Vietnam War, Watergate and the phony energy crisis have exposed U.S. imperialism. Before Carter could even get the draft legislation passed, thousands of people rose up in protest, vowing they will not register and fight Exxon's war. Weeks before the registration began, the draft registration center in New York City's Times Square was firebombed, signalling actions to come. On the first day of registration, picket lines and demonstrations filled post offices around the country. Thousands stayed home and didn't bother to register. The message of the U.S. people is clear — we will not be sacrificed to maintain U.S. imperialism.

### U.S. Must Institute Fascism to Go to War

With no bottom in sight for the downward plunge of the economy, U.S. imperialism has no alternative but war to conquer new markets and redivide the world. To this end, the government is pumping even more money into the military. After a short drop in defense spending after the Vietnam War, the defense budget has skyrocketed again. In 1972, the defense budget was \$78.3 billion dollars. This year, Carter submitted a defense budget of \$250 billion. But even this won't be enough. A *Business Week* report this year estimated to prepare for war with the Soviet Union, the U.S. needs to spend \$1 trillion by 1985 — fully half of all the money spent from the end of World War II to the present.

To finance this scheme, more money will be printed, driving inflation out of sight. Money will not be invested in anything else except the military, furthering the economic stagnation. The U.S. economy could start looking like the Soviet Union — a military giant but an economic dwarf. Because of the militarization of the Soviet economy, the whole Soviet agriculture was destroyed. With no money left to reinvest in seeds, fertilizers and new tractors, the land was left to rot. In the Soviet Union, agricultural production between 1962 and 1972 dropped six times.

This means the U.S. people, just like the Soviet people, will be left to starve. There will be no cars and no gasoline. Schools and hospitals will be closed as social services are cut. Plants will shut down right and left as the economy grinds to a dead stop. Forget about social security, unemployment benefits, welfare and food stamps — there won't be any. For those who still have jobs, there will be overtime to churn out war goods and no time to see their families. Speedups and cutting corners will cause more industrial accidents. Without regard for anybody or anything, U.S. imperialism will concentrate on the single purpose of war.

To get the U.S. people ready for war, the government must and will impose fascism. The ruling class can't afford any resistance at home. They will set up a police state just like the Soviet Union. Strikes by workers will be illegal. Curfews will be common. Shoot to kill will be the orders as the imperialists try to quell the inevitable upsurge. To carry this out, U.S. imperialism will try to whip up patriotism and use scapegoat politics to fan chauvinism. Calls to defend the country will be made. Anti-communism will be whipped up to wipe out the genuine leader-

**"I'm for tax cuts but,  
price is too high"**

## Californians Reject Prop. 9 Trap

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.—"Wanna give yourself a pay raise? Yes or no? Yes? Vote for 9!" Messages like this blitzed Californians before the June 3 vote on Proposition 9, which would have cut state income taxes in half. In addition to 9, other propositions such as 5, a city-wide initiative to tax the corporations, and 11, a state-wide initiative to tax the big oil companies, were also voted on. But no one really believed the government would hike taxes for the big capitalists or that the corporations wouldn't find a loophole. One oil company official even admitted, "If you believe they (oil companies) won't pass the tax on, you believe in Santa Claus." No, all the heat was really around Proposition 9.

### Like 13 Before It, Proposition 9 Was No-Win Situation

The main proponent of Proposition 9 was Howard Jarvis, the same demagogue who brought us Proposition 13 two years ago. Proposition 13, which cut California property taxes to a 1 per cent ceiling, was voted in by a 2-1 landslide, and Jarvis was hailed as the father of the "78 Tax Revolt". Proposition 13 passed on people's hatred for oppressive property taxes. But after the smoke cleared, the capitalists got off the hook, and homeowners were pitted against welfare recipients and others who depend on government services. And if you were both, you lost either way.

Like 13, Proposition 9 promised to do the same, except this time with income taxes. On the average, the Federal government takes a whopping 20 per cent of people's income through income tax alone. And as if this isn't enough, if all taxes are totalled, including sales taxes, state and city taxes, the government can milk you for up to 40 per cent of your income. Sure people are fed up with taxes, but while Proposition 9 would have cut state income taxes, it would also have drained the state budget for schools, health and welfare programs, and libraries.

### Politics Today is Life or Death, Directly Affecting Everyone

Everyone in the country today is being forced to have opinions on political issues and take political stands. No one can afford to be indifferent anymore and say, "I don't care" or "I'm not interested". Questions like property and income tax, chemical pollution, nuclear power plants, jobless-

ness, and so on, are becoming a matter of life or death, directly affecting our lives and the future of our families.

Through the proposition system and a media barrage of demagoguery, the capitalists and their politicians are trying to trap the people into a false choice. Propositions are purposely presented so that people must choose between a home or eating, between eating or sending the kids to a decent school. And they call this "democracy" and "freedom of choice". In essence, this is freedom of choice for the ruling class to viciously pit one group of people against another, and in the end all of us suffer while the capitalists gain.

### Proposition 9 Fails, Cynicism Toward Capitalist System Rampant

But things have changed a lot since 1978. Where Proposition 13 was overwhelmingly passed, Proposition 9 fell flat on its face. Californians refused to flock to the polls to cut their own throats. "I voted for 13," said one San Mateo man. "I'm like everybody else. I want to see taxes cut. But the price may be too high with this one."

The failure of Proposition 9 shows the cynicism people have toward government and the whole capitalist democratic process today. Everyone senses that there's nothing good in it for us—why bother voting if we only get to pick our poison. And the same goes for the elections.

In the 1970's, 15 million regular voters dropped off the voting lists. Political analysts are predicting an even bigger turn-off rate this year. "As a bartender," said John H. Carroll of Concord, "I talk to a lot of people and everyone is of the same opinion. We're going to get screwed no matter who's in there. I'm bitter."

Another reason why Proposition 9 fizzled is because people are sick and tired of half-baked, single-issue solutions. Lower state income taxes won't solve losing your job because the plant closed, and it won't even dent the stack of bills piling up because of the fact that the dollar doesn't go as far due to today's inflation. Partial, half-assed solutions like Proposition 9 that only make the problem worse, just won't do. What's needed is a comprehensive solution.

These are extreme times. And extreme times require extreme measures to save the country. □

ship of the Party. Blacks will be pitted against whites, unemployed against employed. Thousands will be forced to give U.S. imperialism another gasp of life.

### U.S. People Will Rise Up in Revolution

But the U.S. people will not take this lying down. Food riots will erupt across the country. The jobless will demonstrate for jobs. Those working will strike. Uprisings will sweep the country. GI's, ordered to shoot their own kin and friends, will refuse. When Miami exploded, the government had to concentrate the local

police, state police, National Guard and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife just to maintain control. Faced with 10, 20, 50 and more Miamis, the government will be unable to concentrate their power and the military might will disappear into thin air. Desertions and outright mutiny will further disintegrate the imperialist army. With the leadership of the CWP, all these uprisings will be focused to a point — the quick amputation of imperialism and the establishment of revolutionary socialism, workers' rule. Only this can prevent fascism and more years of capitalist exploitation and hell. □



# NASSCO Wildcat Shuts Down Shipyard

## "Defend Our Leaders!"

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leave. They waited to see what was the next move the pigs would make. It took the pigs about 30 minutes to move the strikers up about two blocks, each time marching up a few feet—the strikers inching back slowly. The sentiment was not to run, not to leave, but to go back to the main gate and picket. Everytime the pigs retreated back a block, thinking the masses of workers would break up, workers came back down the street—all the time calling them all the scum names they deserve.

Not clear how to resolve the situation of just going back and forth without being able to break through the police lines, strike leaders suggested the demonstration move down to hit the mayor's office. The response was mixed, while the sentiment was to stick it out with the pigs. One worker said, "we pay taxes, we have a right to be here, let's do it here!"

Everytime the pigs got closer, a rash of spontaneous agitation came down on the pigs. One white worker yelled: "You Nazi pigs! This is Nazi Germany all over again! All they want is war, so they can redivide the world. They're going to declare war on us before they can go to war in the world. You can't strike under fascism! Hitler's army!" Another Chicano worker shouted: "Yankee go home!" The white worker said, "Yeah, Yankee go home," knowing the Chicano worker wasn't talking about him.

After about an hour of this back and forth, each time the workers getting up closer to the pigs to curse them out, the pigs finally decided to clear everybody out. They started charging into the people with their billy clubs used as butts to shove people out. Breaking up the demonstration into three sections, people marched out of the area. The pigs were so

scared, they had blocked off the freeway exit to NASSCO. They followed groups of dispersed workers, checking out to see where they were going. Many were taken into the homes of supportive neighbors. Even though some people broke off, about 200 people regrouped back at Chicano Park to develop sharper plans for the strike.

The negotiations with NASSCO have resulted in them exposing even more what their aims are. The two main demands of the strike are 1) Rehire all the 17 people fired and 2) Total amnesty for the strikers. The Company wants to split up the two demands—saying they would give partial amnesty to the strikers, but they won't rehire the 17 fired. Trying to split up the workers, setting the body of workers against its fighting leadership—they have to try and cut off the head in order to control the body.

The strike continues—the yard is still shut down.

The situation is forcing NASSCO workers to deal with what's at the bottom of this whole situation. They know that if the union gets busted, there's no talk of getting a decent contract in '81. They got a taste of worker's rule when they took over the ship launching and put the Navy and NASSCO in their place. They've got 300 pigs to contend with, just to maintain their picket lines. And they know through their own sweat and blood that it's workers who build the ships and make the yards move. They got a good taste of what fascism will mean in this country, but the alternative has to be clear. Workers' rule is the only thing that can beat back this inflation, war preparations, fascism, and cut-off the money-grubbing hands of the monopoly capitalist class. One worker had part of the answer, as he chanted, "We are the working class" to the pigs. The more crucial part of the answer is "the working class has to fight for workers' rule."

**We Are The Working Class,  
Fight for Workers' Rule!**



**Socialism, Not Fascism for the 80's!**

As of Aug. 10, two negotiators of the strike, Miguel Salas and Renaldo Inchaurregui, both ironworkers and business agents of Local 627, were fired by NASSCO. A total of 20 workers were arrested who if convicted would be fired. Pressured by the court injunction and the lack of support from the International which sent a letter urging everyone to go back to work, and the San Diego Building Trades Council which refused to endorse the strike, workers voted on Thursday to go back to work on Monday. The spirit of going back is to "take the war back inside." The situation is still so hot that the workers could go back out anytime.

The company seized the opportunity to lay out two conditions in exchange for the demand for amnesty for all workers on strike. One, the company does not want the scabs to be prosecuted and two, the union can only meet with its members on a one to one basis, thus prohibiting the union from holding lunch time meetings in the parking lots and in the yards. This is the clearest example of union busting. Both conditions were rejected by the union. Furthermore, the Local is seeking the International's promise to sanction all future strikes. Meanwhile, a lot of spontaneous activities of sabotage are being conducted by the workers inside the yard to show NASSCO where the workers are at. NASSCO responded by beefing up security in the yard. □



NASSCO shipyard workers served notice on the ruling class by disrupting the traditional christening of the ship, U.S.S. Cape Cod they built: "We make the ships and it cost us our lives!"

## Latin America . . .

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every worker has one accident a year and after 12 years are permanently disabled and unable to work.

The pay is no way enough to feed a family. As a result, 80% of the children in Guatemala suffer from malnutrition. Six per cent of the children die before their first birthday in El Salvador. The food the people need is owned by the imperialists. Ralston Purina, famous for making dog food in this country, owns an egg and poultry plant in Colombia. But the cost of a dozen eggs and a kilo of chicken meat costs as much as a week's pay. Unable to afford nutritional food what can the people fill their stomachs with? U.S. imperialism again provides the answer.

Kool-aid (General Foods), candies (Beatrice Foods), soda (Pepsi and Coca-Cola), gum (Wrigley), imitation cheese (Kraft), Heinz ketchup and Pillsbury cookies are pumped in and advertised. The only food that people can afford to buy is junk food, without a shred of protein or nutrition.

**For First Time In 30 Years U.S.  
People See Capitalism's  
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The U.S. government and monopoly

corporations have filled the pages of Latin American history with blood. It's no wonder they are hated. The U.S. government committed these crimes in the name of the American people and for the benefit of the capitalists. The people of Latin America are saying enough is enough, and are taking destiny into their own hands. They are crushing the old order of oppression and exploitation and building a new order of political and economic independence.

The people of Latin America are weakening the same Rockefellers and Morgans who've made life for the American people a living hell. No longer can the monopoly capitalists export economic crisis and inflation abroad. No longer can the ruling class trick us into believing that economic crisis is something outside of capitalism, that it can be avoided forever.

What we are seeing today — our lives, families, our whole society being torn apart by the economic crisis — is the true face of capitalism. For 30 years, ever since the Great Depression and World War II, the ruling class has been able to keep us asleep and in chains with a spell of temporary and illusory "prosperity." Today the spell is broken. □

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# Olympic Boycott: U.S. Athletes Learn Hard Facts of Capitalist Politics



Athletes on line for their "gold medals." Many went as a matter of courtesy but with a bitter feeling against the boycott.

WHILE the Summer Olympics, weakened by super imperialist rivalry, limped along in Moscow, Olympic-bound American athletes were wined and dined by President Carter, attempting to use them to win support for his hypocritical boycott. Many went for the Olympic Medals Ceremony out of some feelings of being honored by a Presidential Reception. But nobody clapped during Carter's speech.

In fact, many of the athletes openly defied the President's boycott. Some wore T-shirts reading, "Jimmy Carter's Threat of National Security," under the 5-ring Olympic logo. Others wore badges reading, "I'm Here to Make Sure This Never Happens Again." Many, including 27 of the 30 women rowers, refused the "honor" of standing in the reception line to shake the President's hand.

Expressing the feeling of many athletes, one woman rower said they were used by the President as part of his election campaign. "All the remarks he made today were directed to voters," she said. "If he had any compassion for us, he wouldn't have made political statements."

Levi Strauss donated more than \$500,000 of merchandise to dress the athletes in "American Western Wear" for the carefully orchestrated four-day Olympic Honors Program.

The President pulled out all stops, amassing a range of entertainers (billed as "frustrated athletes"), including Andy Gibb of the Bee Gees, Leonard "Spock" Nimoy, and Patti Labelle.

Yet, the trip to the White House for gold-plated medals by "act of Congress" was little consolation for athletes who trained long and hard for years with many sacrifices for the usually one-time chance to compete with the world's best athletes.

As one athlete pointed out, "If we had gone to the Olympics, we would have been here anyway. This trip is just two weeks earlier."

In spite of the widespread anger and frustration, none of the rumored open protests took place. Yet, the athletes took a stand in spite of pressure from the Olympic Committee and the intimidating "respectability" of the White House.

"I was feeling a bit just a little bitter," said Linda Dragan, one of the two Washingtonians among the Olympians, "when all of a sudden the President appears in his blue suit. You see him and hear him. Then, I felt more bitterness. Even though I'll like to show some respect for him."

This shows the questioning and breaking down of the conditioned response of respect and awe for the President, though for some it is still there. This is the necessary process of political

ization and alienation of the majority of Americans from the government. Under the quickly changing political situation of the 80's, sparked by the economic crisis, all classes and strata are being drawn into politics and polarized for or against the government.

For this strata of dedicated athletes whose lives are necessarily limited by total involvement and dedication to athletics, this was a lesson in politics they won't forget.

## Communist Propaganda Exposes Superpower Rivalry

Reasons for opposing the boycott among the athletes varied. Some saw it as an election ploy. Many more saw it as just a continuation of the government's un-supportive attitude towards amateur sports.

Few, if any, saw the boycott as a tool to whip up national chauvinism against Russia as part of the superpower rivalry.

Sharp communist propaganda is needed to take the spontaneous opposition to the boycott to the larger political significance and danger for the American people. The bourgeoisie, the capitalist class, through the U.S. government, is whipping up chauvinism, trying to swing the American people into supporting a world war against Russia to temporarily stabilize the economy under the well-worn guise of "fighting communist danger to the Free World."

The government is playing on the American people's genuine sense of national identity and honest hatred of the Soviet government's bullying and aggression. They try to twist this into support for an imperialist war.

Yes, Russia is an imperialist power hiding behind socialist cover. But, war between the United States and Russia will be a war between two world thieves. For both American and Russian people, it will mean tremendous suffering.

## U.S. Boycott: Maneuver to Prepare For War

The boycott is an empty, hypocritical maneuver to influence the people ideologically behind war.

Why didn't the U.S. boycott the

Olympics in 1976 when African nations refused to participate with the illegal, colonialist South Africa? Why were John Carlos, Tommie Smith and Larry James sent home from the 1968 Olympics after they raised their black-gloved fists in protest against racism and national oppression in the U.S.? Why didn't the U.S. boycott the 1936 games held in Nazi Germany, when both fascist Hitler and so-called liberal President Roosevelt refused to greet black gold-medalist Jesse Owen?

Why did the U.S. slander the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as terrorist for seizing the Israeli athletes' campsite in the 1972 Munich games? The PLO was demanding the release of political prisoners in illegal, Zionist Israel.

Until now, the U.S. claimed sports must be kept "free from politics." But, now that it is to their advantage to whip up war hysteria against Russia, sports no longer are separate from politics, and the American people and this time especially the athletes have to sacrifice.

Internationally, the U.S. is trying to paint an image as defender of human rights, and capitalize on Russia's growing exposure as an aggressive superpower. But, both the U.S. and Russia are imperialist superpowers, competing to control the world's natural resources and markets to feed their own capitalist economies. This competition is played out politically in smear campaigns against each other and with military preparations. As Russia smarts under third world condemnation of the Afghanistan invasion, the U.S. hopes to squeeze out political mileage by boycotting the Olympics in "protest."

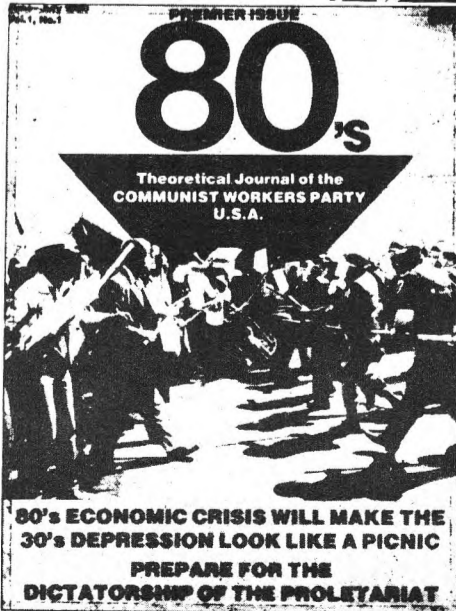
While the two superpowers fight to sway world opinion with their imperialist games, the people of Afghanistan are fighting to kick out the Soviet aggressors.

And, at home, the American people are once again witnessing the hypocrisy of the American government, controlled by the interests of the small capitalist class. The process of polarization, amplified by the Communist Workers Party's sharp propaganda and strong leadership, is continuing. □

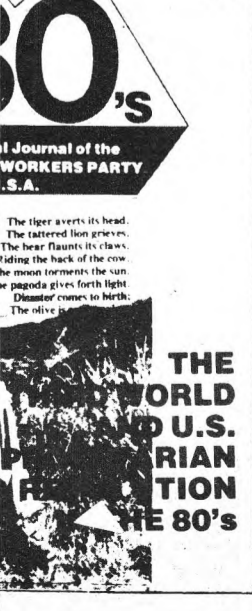
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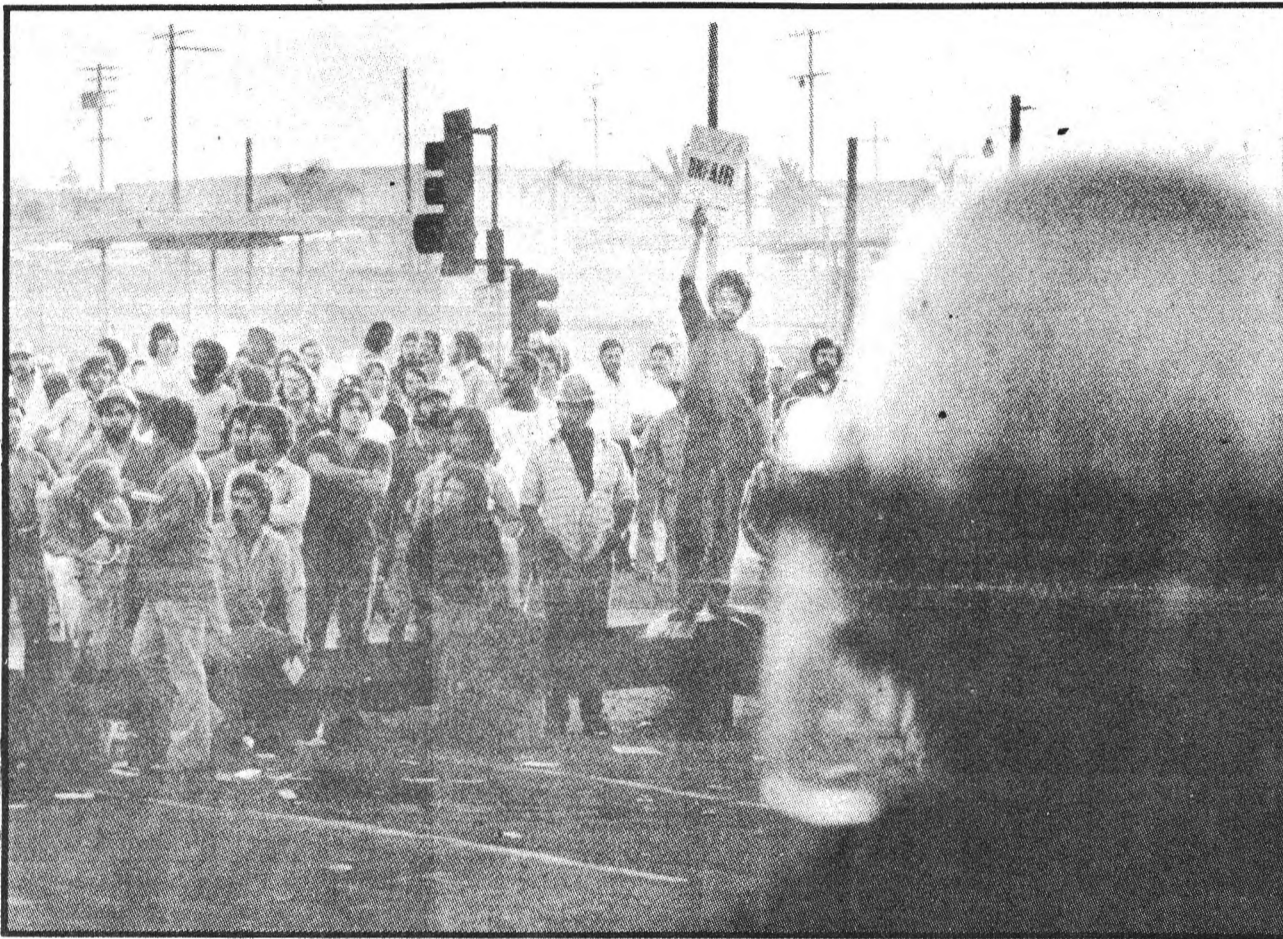
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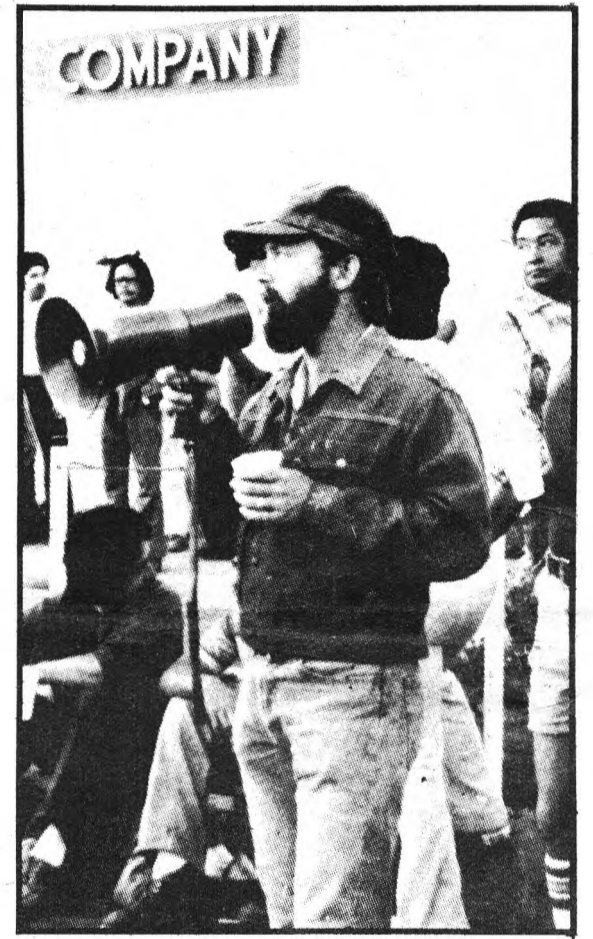
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## Nassco Wildcat Shuts Down Shipyard "Defend Our Leaders!"



"Strike Now or Starve in '81" is the call from Ironworkers Local 627. The wildcat strike against NASSCO is to keep the union from getting busted for the '81 contract struggle.



Workers gather to head off the scabs from the main gate. Assistant chief steward Frank Holowach calls, "Rehire all the fired people" and "Total amnesty for all the strikers!"

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—The wildcat strike is on at National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO). No work is being done in this San Diego shipyard. The U.S. military war machine is suffering another delay in the capitalists' war preparations. With a huge allocation of San Diego police and SWATs, growing in numbers from 100 the first day of the strike, to 200 the second—close to 7,000 NASSCO workers are out and ready to take on all odds to protect their unions against NASSCO, the government and the pigs. Included in the strikers are pensioners who are still working, taking a strong stand with the younger workers against the company's attack of union leadership.

### So-Called "American Patriotism" A Flop

The wildcat was sparked off by a quick series of events taking place since last week. Wednesday, July 30, union steward Steve Crain, of International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, Local 627, was suspended indefinitely for cussing out a foreman. That weekend followed up with a demonstration at the "christening" of a newly finished Navy ship—

with Navy brass and all sitting center stage. Since the audience was mostly NASSCO workers and their families, NASSCO and the U.S. Navy were hoping to get over the message that you may be eating sh-- working in the yard, but it's for good old American patriotism. Instead, Undersecretary of the U.S. Navy, Murray, got repeatedly interrupted by demonstrators shouting about the piss-poor working conditions at NASSCO and calling for the reinstatement of Steve Crain. As workers started shouting "We make the ships!", the Navy and NASSCO brass tried to continue as if nothing was happening.

The demonstrators decided there would be no business as usual at this ship launching and were determined to be heard. Marching down the center aisle, straight up to the podium, the brass on center stage scattered like a bunch of loose marbles for fear of getting too close to "workers." The podium was deserted and NASSCO workers took over the program. They let everybody know that the ship behind the stage was made under downright slavery conditions—working down in the bottom of ships where it gets as hot as 120 degrees, and nothing to breathe but hot air and paint

fumes. Workers headed on up to the ship and kept on agitating from the top of the ship, cursing out NASSCO for its outright robbery of their lives. In a hurry to get the program over with, tainted with the glimpse of workers' rule in the 80's, the ship was launched without the usual champagne bottle.

### Strike Now or Starve In '81!

The kettle boiled over Monday afternoon. Seventeen active union stewards and workers were fired for "disrupting the ship launching." A majority of the 17 are union stewards of Ironworkers 627 (the strongest union in the yard with Communist Workers Party sympathizers in union leadership positions) and a local of the International Association of Machinists, including the Chief and Assistant Chief Stewards of Ironworkers, and the Chief Steward of IAM. NASSCO's target was clear—get rid of the fighting leadership of the strongest unions in the yard to prepare for the worsening conditions NASSCO has planned for the workers in the 80's. Bust the union so NASSCO can compete for Navy contracts at lower costs than shipyards up the coast.

Using the disruption of the ship launching as an excuse to fire 17 of the

most outstanding fighters in the yard, NASSCO didn't know they dropped a match into a powder keg. Tuesday morning after the firings, a picket was set up and the yard was shut down. As foreman and salaried employees reached the picket lines, the workers' favorites got what was coming to them before they were kept posted near the gates, even though there was no legal injunction against the strike. An "unfair labor practices" strike, NASSCO has been unable to get a court injunction against the strikers.

Tuesday, the situation heated up between the workers and the pigs—as the pigs carried out their job like paid thugs for NASSCO. As 7 A.M. neared, when the workday begins, and as small droves of scabs tried worming their way past the pickets, the pigs moved in to disperse the main gate picket. Close to about 400 or 500 workers from the main gate area were cleared out as pigs called the picket "an illegal assembly." Mad as hell, but not prepared to beat back the army units of pigs, workers slowly moved up across the street, where throngs of strikers cursed them out. The workers would not

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