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PAYBACK



Thursday, August 14—The Communist Workers Party crashes the Democratic Convention, inside and outside. *top:* CWP supporter holds high the Party banner within feet of the podium. *Bottom:* Outside the Garden, friends defend the march against 3,000 cops.

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New York's Finest— F Troop at Madison Square Garden

ALL week long we had been hearing about how the security at Madison Square Garden was so tight, you would think it was second only to Fort Knox. But on Thursday, August 14, when the shit hit the fan, New York's Finest looked more like F Troop. Even Cap'n Parmenter of the old TV series would have been proud of the most unprepared group of "soldiers" since General Custer's at the Little Big Horn.

When members, friends and supporters of the Communist Workers Party came marching up 34th Street toward the Garden, the flatfoots got caught flatfooted. Through the first few days of the Democratic National Convention, the cops had been bored with it all, collecting political buttons as a diversion. "A day like this is like a day off. It's like a day in the country," one cop had said to a reporter the day before. Another cop chimed in, "Yeah, yeah, it's very quiet — unusually quiet — too quiet. The picketing is very disappointing." That was on Wednesday. On Thursday at 9:40 p.m. with most of the front line forces sitting in coffee shops,

they heard the chants of "Miami, Greensboro, It's Payback Time." That's when they stopped collecting buttons and started collecting welts.

Cops Turn From Bored to Scared to Death in a Flash

The feeling of the cops quickly went from boredom, to disorganized, to scared to death . . . and with good reason. The actual battle lasted only about 5 minutes, but to the cops, it's a nightmare that will haunt them for the rest of their lives. On Friday's 10:00 O'clock News, WPIX TV interviewed a cop who was at the scene. He was still shook up and when he spoke, he stuttered like Porky Pig (da da da da da not all folks). Mr. Pig: "As I go to get out of the car, this gentleman attacked me with a club." Reporter: "What was he wearing?" Mr. Pig: "He was wearing a black helmet which is better than the helmet that we are equipped with and, aw, he had on regular street clothes, and, aw, he had a three or four foot club that made our nightsticks look like toothpicks."

The tight, disciplined organization of the demonstrators was something the beer bellied cops had never seen in New York. In Friday's *New York Post*, Pig #2 said, "They were very well organized. Every time we tried to grab them they splintered and reformed somewhere else. It was a very dangerous situation."

Pigs Actually Thought They Were Outnumbered

The weakness of Porky and his friends was obvious from their reaction. To them, every demonstrator looked 10-foot tall and had shields and riot helmets and 4-foot ax handles. To the freaked out pigs, 3,000 cops were outnumbered by the hundreds of militant and organized marchers. The fear and frenzy they were in caused their chain of command to break down. On the order to charge, half of F Troop froze right in their boots. Many were seen coming out of restaurant rest rooms after the coast was clear. And inside the Garden, where CWP supporters were putting Peanut Carter on notice and indicting him for the murder of the CWP 5 in Greensboro, N.C., it was his

turn to shit in his pants. While giving praise to past Democratic henchmen, he spat out, ". . . who would have been one of the greatest presidents in history, Hubert Horatio Hornblower . . . Humphrey." The Garden's security, under the direction of the Secret Service, was penetrated with ease all week long. Walter Cronkite had to admit several Secret Servicemen have already been fired. More heads will roll.

Soon after the battle 15 to 20 mullered around inside Bellevue Hospital in midtown Manhattan. Two were on stretchers, four had busted heads, and another was wearing a neck brace. While the cut up pork chops were complaining and trying to drown out the memory of what had happened with a quart of booze in their hands, their crying act was overheard. Pig #3: "They told us in riot training when you charge a crowd they'll run away, but these people ran the wrong way. They ran over me!" When comrades did get busted, it took half a dozen cops to cuff them up. By themselves the police were useless. Pig #4: "I didn't make a single arrest. Every time I tried to collar someone, another one came up behind to hit me over the head." While they were trying to figure out just what it was that hit them, Pig #5 asked, "Did we ever get a confirmation on who they were?" Pig #6: "Weren't they the Communist Party?" Pig #7: "No, they were the Communist Workers Party." A name they will not and cannot soon forget. □

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WE SALUTE YOU, HEROIC FIGHTERS!



Some of the heroic comrades arrested and wounded inside the precinct for defending the Thursday night demonstrators from the fascist pigs' attack.

"The more the cops hit us, the more scared they got."

NEW YORK, N.Y.—On August 14, the bloated stormtroopers of the New York Police Department's Midtown South Precinct were routed. New York City is supposed to have the best crowd-control police in the country, that's one reason why the city was chosen for the Democratic Convention, and Midtown South is supposed to be one of the meanest of the bunch. But that Thursday night, the lightning political strike of the Communist Workers Party reduced this blue ribbon unit into the ragtag pack of yellow dogs that they really are.

The Communist Workers Party and friends marched right up to Madison Square Garden full of ruling class blue-bloods and their representatives, right up to the army of Secret Service, FBI and police assigned to guard the place, and put them all on notice right to their face. "MIAMI, GREENSBORO—PAYBACK TIME!" "I almost crapped in my pants when I heard them coming," one cop was overheard saying later. The boldness of the action stunned New York's "finest," and the pigs could only stand around petrified while fellow oinks scrambled for their helmets. The air cracked with tension, so much that one cop broke and started crying softly, his eyes blank.

Police Riot Routed

Notice served, nailed into their memory, the demonstration turned and rounded the corner onto 34th Street. That's when the pigs lost their cool completely and blew the "professional" image they had been trying to groom all Convention long. The most rabid broke ranks and charged. The police riot was on.

But this was no ordinary demon-

stration. This was the Party of Jim Waller, Cesar Cauce, Mike Nathan, Bill Sampson and Sandy Smith, the CWP 5. The cop attack was punished by the people's defense. Twenty-six pigs found out the hard way what it feels like to take on people prepared to defend themselves. Seventeen demonstrators were arrested—17 heroic men and women who drew the cop rampage to themselves in the spirit of Cesar Cauce so others could get away, 17 who caught the blows from nightsticks raining down on them from five, six cops at a time while telling others, "Go, go, get outta here," in the spirit of Mike Nathan and Sandy Smith.

What They Couldn't Do In The Streets, They Tried in Backrooms

Politically routed from before it even started, the cop attack was also whipped back by the righteous people's defense. But what the fascist dogs couldn't do in the streets, were afraid to do, they tried in the blood-stained back rooms of the Midtown South Precinct. We whipped 26 of the pigs in the streets, what they couldn't do to us. That's why they tried to get us in the backrooms of the station-house. What they failed to do in open street battle—an act of extreme cowardice. And even there they lost.

Instead of taking those arrested to Central Booking, the usual procedure, the desperate pigs took the comrades to their

torture chamber hidden deep in the heart of the Midtown South Precinct house. For the next two and a half hours, the only sound was the repeated thud, thud of sticks against flesh and bone and the ravings of animals in uniform. "They never read us our rights, not that we really expected them to. The only language was the stick and the boot," said one comrade. Some were chained to the wall while five or six pigs at a time beat him. Others had metal chairs thrown at their heads while the swine shouted, "If you fall down, we'll kill you." Still others had bats swung at them to make their heads bounce off the wall again and again.

Disciplined Working Class Fighters Can't Be Broken

But none of these brave prisoners of class war broke—not a word, not one pleaded for mercy. Not one even gave the cops the satisfaction of hearing them cry out in pain. With every blow, desperation grew on the cops' faces and fear swelled up in their stone hearts.

As the comrades' blood splattered the walls and collected in pools on the floor, the pigs screamed, "Sing *God Bless America*, you commie bastard, sing *God Bless America*!" Their ravings were met with a withering cold silence. These fascist goons jumped up and down on one comrade's head, beating his face to a pulp, yet he still struggled to his feet

and refused to pass out, his only words, "Long Live the CWP!" With every strike to the comrades' face, every kick to the groin, every blackjack swipe on the shins, it was the cops who got scared while the heroism of our comrades towered over these sick creatures.

The pigs broke their sticks, picked up another one, broke that, and picked up yet another. When they were exhausted, a new shift of fascists would take their place. One cop pulled his gun and stuck it to a comrade's temple. "I'm going to kill you commie bastard." Silence paralyzed his trigger finger. The comrades' courage and discipline,

One cop broke under the tension and cried like a baby

born of the highest degree of class consciousness, inside the precinct, combined with the CWP's political offensive on the media and legal fronts and the masses' payback actions against five or six banks in the city, forced defeat down the pigs' throats. They admitted it when they pleaded, "You lost, was it worth it, you lost you know, was it worth it?" A silence that seemed to echo off the walls told them that for these heroic communists, it was worth it, and the cops had to take the prisoners to the hospital.

Bellevue Two Clear, Opposing Classes

At Bellevue Hospital, two opposing classes stood in stark contrast. On one

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GOV. HUNT AND WIFE CONVICTED BY PEOPLE'S COURT

NEW YORK CITY — Governor Hunt and his wife were convicted of murder on August 10, 1980 at the corner of 50th Street and Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. The one-day trial was held in broad daylight for all to witness in this exclusive 'Fifth Avenue' area. The Tribunal which found them guilty was composed of 35 people representing a broad range of interests—all fighting for a system run by and for workers (trade union leaders, African Liberation Support Committee members, Revolutionary Youth League members, welfare mothers, and students).

The trial was designed to serve notice to all the lying politicians that their empire is dying. It was held in a hostile camp, where the majority of people live in luxury and their wealth blinds them from admitting capitalism's rapid demise.

But in front of Cartier's diamond store, protected by thick smoked glass and young security guards, hundreds of people stopped and listened to the indictment of the Hunts, the charges and the demands.

Ms. Hunt and Joan Kennedy remained trapped inside Cartier's while the trial was underway. While millions of Americans cannot even afford a decent meal, they were shopping for diamonds—diamonds that are produced in the coal mines of racist South Africa by brothers and sisters who get pennies a day to risk their lives for South African/U.S. monopolies.

Both Joan Kennedy and Ms. Hunt were charged for their role as international monopoly capitalist criminals.

Ms. Kennedy was charged with being married to fascist Ed Kennedy — whose liberal facade was ripped off when he proposed bills like S1, which says all protest demonstrations should be illegal, punishable by arrest.

Ms. Hunt was charged with being an accomplice to the Nov. 3 murders of the CWP 5.

CHARGE #1: Gov. Hunt and wife conspired with local Greensboro police, FBI, Klan, Nazi party and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms to execute five leaders of the working class on Nov. 3, 1979.

CHARGE #2: Gov. Hunt and wife tried to terrorize the people of Greensboro by imposing curfews to prevent them from lending support to the Communist Workers Party.

CHARGE #3: Gov. Hunt and wife have lied and swindled to slander the Communist Workers Party.

CHARGE #4: Gov. Hunt and wife have supported competency tests, jailing of the Wilmington Ten and right to work laws, all of which are attacks on the majority, all of which the CWP opposes.

CHARGE #5: Gov. Hunt and wife are allowing the Greensboro court to free the Klan murderers on \$4,000 bail while people's leaders (Nelson Johnson, Willena Cannon, Rand Manzella) were prosecuted for telling the truth.

WITNESS #1: Signe Waller — widow of Jim Waller who watched the brutal murder of her husband and his comrades on Nov. 3, who attested to the crimes that Gov. Hunt has committed against the Party and against the poor in Greensboro.

WITNESS #2: Dale Sampson — widow of Bill Sampson, gave accounts of how textile workers, doctors, auto workers were jailed, arrested, beat up for or-

ganizing attempts by order of Hunt.

OTHER WITNESSES: included friends and supporters of the CWP who attended the funeral on Nov. 11, at which time Gov. Hunt called out state troopers and National Guard to prevent the funeral march.

VERDICT: Guilty.

SENTENCE: To be haunted by the will of the people as expressed in the promise: AVENGE THE CWP 5, GREENSBORO/MIAMI, PAYBACK TIME. They are not to know when or how it will happen, only that it will happen. Condemned to a life of misery as each day brings us closer to dethroning them and making socialist revolution. At which time, the Hunt & Kennedy families will face execution. □



Dale Sampson, widow of Bill Sampson representing the U.S. people indicts Gov. Hunt and the capitalist class he represents for murdering her husband and four other CWP members who were fighting the capitalist system.

R.A.R. Fighters Drowned Out by Protest "Noise"

NEW YORK, N.Y.—“We say No to world war, We say No to fascism.” People cheered and clapped as Signe Waller, widow of CWP 5 Jim Waller, stood on the flatbed truck addressing the young crowd in front of her.

Demonstrators Penned In

People had come to the Rock Against Racism concert to protest the politicians

leading the American people toward the agony of fascism and world war. There were punks with safety pins in their

ears, Yuppies who had staked out Sheep Meadow in Central Park to camp in for the four Democratic Convention nights, and workers who passed by and stayed listening intently. The emcee told the

crowd about how Rockefeller ruled, running three candidates, Bush, Carter and Anderson and their connection with Werbell, the CIA assassin who had trained Rhodesian mercenaries.

The audience, about 75, were penned into the little sidewalk space between police barricades and the stone fence of the General Post Office, and cops kept telling people to “move along.” Right across 8th Avenue at Madison Square Garden, the politicians at the Democratic Convention had all the room in the world to lie and scheme.

Capitalists Use “Democracy” To Drown the Truth

The capitalists had actually encouraged “protest” from those who favor the Equal Rights Amendment to small farmers crying out against being squeezed from their land. Down the street from the Rock Against Racism rally, in another corner blocked off by more barricades, were the evangelists criticizing Carter for his lack of “morals,” and further down in another little space were the Zionists knocking the government's policy in the Middle East. The variety of protests, the ruling class said, shows that “democracy works.” But the hollowness of capitalist democracy was only too clear. Isolated into corners away from each other, demonstrators canceled each other out—all with different messages for the American people.

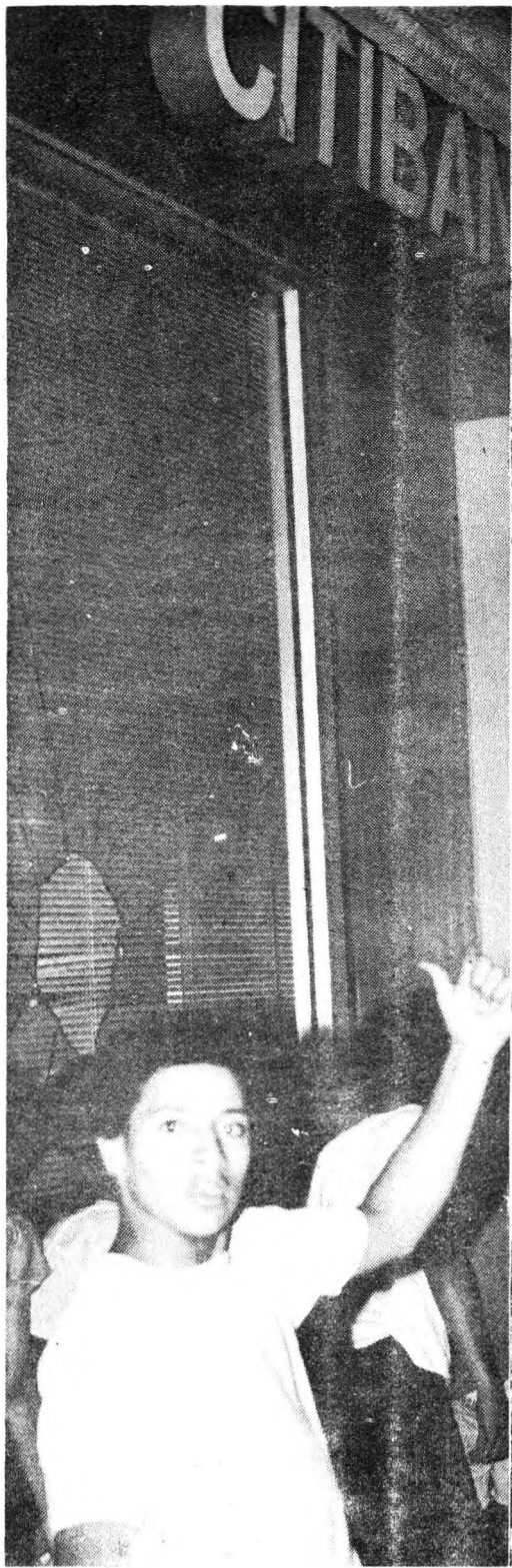
This orchestrated confusion prevents the U.S. people from speaking with one voice, from telling the real leaders from the fake, and from uniting into a single fist. The capitalists continue to rule by default. This is how the ruling class drowned out honest fighters like the Rock Against Racism with a jumble of noise the press called “protest.” □

Rock Against Racism demonstrated outside Madison Square Garden.



CWP Nails Killer KKKops

Payback Time For Brooklyn/Bronx



NEW YORK, N.Y.—On the corner of Utica Avenue and St. Johns in Brooklyn, an explosive force had ripped out the corner phone long ago. The paint hung, peeling off Ronson Drugstore's blue walls, and the cracked sidewalks hadn't seen a road crew for 20 years. Just a few blocks away from this shopping and transportation center, block after block of buildings are emptied of their tenants, some buildings with windows nailed up

with tin, some with brick fronts ripped out, so the chill smell of decay and rats wafts onto the sidewalks. Here in Crown Heights, people fight tooth and nail for life against the open and the veiled violence and the systematic poverty.

On the second night of the Democratic Convention, while Kennedy was addressing the delegates in cute red, white and blue hats about the economic state of the country, the A&P supermarket on St.

Johns Street was raided, its plate front glass window smashed, completely gone with its edges blackened by fire.

Twenty cop cars and two firetrucks converged upon the A&P with cops fanned out on the street the length of the block, only their presence holding back the 200 people who pressed in on the sidewalk across the street. They were shouting to the pigs, "Go back to the 77th Precinct so we can go in and get some food."

Winding back up the street from a militant, jubilant picket at the 77th Police Precinct, a Communist Workers Party picket stopped and stood on the corner. "The only solution is socialist revolution!" "Right on," said an older black woman. "Let's go get some meat!" For her, revolution is a necessity to put food on her table.

(Right) In Brooklyn this young man showed what he thought of the banks. (Below) In front of a police precinct in the Bronx, people cursed out the pigs all they could. So accustomed to being harassed by the cops, people hardly get a chance like this.



People Demand Strong Leadership

As the CWP stood catty-corner to the A&P, the first community woman pushed her way through to speak. "When someone wants something to eat," she yelled, "they put you in jail." She had seized the bullhorn and boldly broken the ice. From where they had been watching warily on the other side, 30 youth rushed to the CWP. They jumped into the demonstration, yelling with joy and screaming "Yay!" There was no "us and them." Their message was "If you are willing to lead and sacrifice, we will follow you!"

Police Brittle

"Wow," said an 8-year old kid from his

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Tired Powerbrokers' Message to Peoples Convention:

"Please don't be mad at Capitalism"

BRONX, N.Y.—Charlotte Street in the bombed out South Bronx had never seen anything like it as the striped tents, some made of parachute silk, went up. Five hundred people from all walks of life, from as far away as Minnesota, fighters from a wide range of struggles, anti-draft, women's rights, daycare, housing conditions and gay rights, attended the 3-day People's Convention, on August 8-10. Billed as an "alternative" to the Democratic Convention, people came looking for answers—all wanted to discuss which way forward for the American people in the 80's.

Instead of serious discussion and sharp, clear direction, all these activists got was

an endless merry-go-round of isolated issues. Under the pretext of American pluralism, the supposed "coexistence and right-to-speak for everybody," the sponsors of the Convention (Puerto Rican Socialist Party—PSP, "C" PUSA, Lucius Walker, recently discarded by the Citizen's Party) tried to lock each participant into their own things and block anyone from raising the questions that would have linked all the different struggles.

"I'm Glad I Got To Meet The CWP"

Only the strong presence and persistence of the Communist Workers Party and the determination of other fighters to

be heard saved the Convention from being a complete fiasco. Dale Sampson, widow of CWP 5 Bill Sampson, was blocked from speaking and only got to address the audience after people fought for an open mike. Yet countless folks wanted to hear her, and she drew the biggest ovation of the day. "The politicians don't give a damn about us. They make us starve. They make us suffer. They make our kids go to war. We are our own bosses—fight for workers' rule!"

Talking with Dale and Signe Waller, widow of CWP 5 Jim Waller, at the Convention, Rafael Cancel Miranda, one of the four Puerto Rican Nationalists said, "When I die, I hope I die like your

husbands." Whether people agreed with the CWP or not, everyone heard the Party's views. "Out of everything that happened this weekend, I'm really glad I got a chance to meet the CWP," concluded a woman as she rushed onto the bus leaving the Convention.

Hidden Convention Agenda Jumps Out

The real hidden agenda of the Convention sponsors, these burned-out, tired powerbrokers, came out at the march and rally at the Garden on Aug. 10. Out of nowhere came William Winpisinger, top International Association of Machinists bureaucrat and professional politician, as the keynote speaker. "They didn't listen to you in '68, they didn't listen to you in '72, they didn't listen to you in '76. But we're going to go into the elections one more time, and don't be mad if we're not successful," said this loyal agent of imperialism. (Read: March peacefully to the gas chamber.)

It was no accident that PSP and Co. linked arms with the cops to try to block the CWP from marching. Throughout the Convention we and honest fighters had foiled their scheme to create a network for their bankrupt "give capitalism another chance" brand of reformist politics. They were afraid we would throw a wrench in their careerist finale as well. □



CWP marched with 5,000 others to demonstrate against the crooked politicians at the People's Convention.

What!

No Income Taxes Under Socialism

MARK Twain supposedly said that two things in life are certain: death and taxes. He was referring, of course, to life under capitalism, but the point remains, that under capitalism taxes are a sure thing. But income tax has not always been.

Capitalism Becomes Imperialism and Discovers Income Tax Robbery

Aside from the Civil War period, the U.S. government collected no income taxes during the first one hundred seventy-five years of her history. In fact, after the Civil War, the Supreme Court specifically said that income taxes were unconstitutional. The U.S. government made all of its money off of inheritance taxes and import duties.

At this time capitalist democracy was still progressive as the ruling class was completing the bourgeois democratic revolution to break the stranglehold of the Southern slaveowners and the remnants of British colonialism. The ruling class used import duties against foreign competition to protect new-born American industries and preserve the U.S. home market for themselves.

But in the forty years after the Civil War, the capitalist economy of the old type (free competition) changed rapidly into a monopoly economy (which we have today, a few large groups controlling everything). In order for monopolies to continue to grow, they now had to expand overseas looking for places to invest their "excess" capital and sell their "excess" products. In 1914, the first inter-imperialist war broke out.

The development of monopoly capitalism, imperialism, brought tremendous suffering for the millions of workers and small farmers. The people's response was the great Homestead and Pullman strikes of steel and railroad workers, and the Grange, Greenback, Free Silver and Populist Party movements that grew out of the agony

of small farmers. More important, capitalism's decay into imperialism brought a growth of communist consciousness among the working class movement.

It was in this context, that the so-called "Progressive Movement" raised the demand for income taxes, among other things, as early as 1890. They argued that a progressive income tax (one which is supposed to tax more the larger the income) would ease the tax burden of the poor. This was so because import duties raised the price of all goods made in the U.S. If the government could raise money in another way, then import duties could be eliminated, prices would fall, and life would get better. Or so they argued.

But the fact is, with the rise of imperialism, trade barriers of any kind became obstacles to the imperialists' grab for world domination. Income taxes have always squeezed working people dry while letting the capitalists off the hook.

In 1909, the Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution was passed. Since then there have been income taxes.

Income taxes are a sinister way for the government to rob the people, all under the guise of "helping" people. It is just one example of the reactionary heart of the "Progressive Era," whose spokesman was Teddy Roosevelt. Behind the sweet words of the "Progressive Era" were the realities of child labor, the exploitation of women workers, union busting and wage cuts.

Secret Robbery of U.S. People

Since that time, income taxes have become one of the three major ways that the government robs the people and future generations, printing money and expanding the public debt being the other two. As we all know, the income tax hits working people the hardest. In 1979, for example, individual income taxes made up 46% of

government receipts, while corporate taxes made up only 15%. Customs duties and estate taxes and so on still existed and made up 5%. Taxes on cigarettes and such, excise taxes, made up 7%. And the remainder of government income came from contributions to social insurance like Social Security. (Source: 1976 U.S. Fact Book) Overall government taxation has increased 16 times from 1940 to 1970, from 20% of the GNP to 35% of the GNP, squeezing the U.S. people dry. That's why people grab onto any movement for tax-cuts to alleviate their burden. Politicians use that sentiment to falsely polarize people into supporting issues like Propositions 9 and 13 in California (see last issue of *Workers Viewpoint*). All the while the poor lose the most.

Everyone knows most individual income taxes are paid by working people. The higher your tax bracket, the more deductions of various types you can claim and the less tax you'll pay. And of course the very rich hardly pay any taxes at all, simply because most of their expenses are paid for by some corporation or other and then deducted as expenses.

No Income Taxes Under Workers' Rule

Only socialism can eliminate income taxes. In China under Chairman Mao, there were no income taxes; and yet rent was low (10% of a worker's income), medical expenses were low or free, as was childcare. In fact, up until this year, China had no inflation. Now that the capitalist revisionists have seized power, China has inflation. But socialism can eliminate inflation and taxes.

This is because under socialism, every major corporation is owned by the people through their government, the dictatorship of the working class. The profits made by the corporations are turned immediately around to serve working people. That means incomes will go up, taxes will be eliminated, and better and more services will be provided. Not all money will go to pay for increased services. Unless there is world-wide socialist revolution simultaneously in all countries, we will still need an army. But the army will be much cheaper because we won't have to pay for bases all around the world and a gigantic fleet to bully the people of the world.

Also, as the richest socialist nation in the world, our internationalist duty to give material support to the people of the world will be quite great. Even today, the people of the world are giving us a great deal of support by weakening the U.S. imperialists. When we seize power, we must repay this debt and also help other nations to develop their independent economies. Then they will be in a better position to fight other superpowers like the Soviet Union. This will also help us consolidate power in socialist S.A. and build socialism. □

NEW YORK CITY — Members and supporters of the Communist Workers Party served notice once again to Smilin' Jimmy Carter (who's not smilin' too much these days) at the Urban League's National Convention. Held at the ritzy New York Hilton, the silly Secret Service stood dumbfounded as the CWP interrupted Carter's speech four times.

"Carter, you're a liar and a murderer! You killed the five and now you've jailed their wives!" OI' Jimmy, not knowing how to react began to stammer and stutter, finally saying how he'd like to continue after the 'Communist speaker.' As soon as he began to lie real good, he was interrupted once more, "Chattanooga and Miami have spoken for the whole U.S. people." Again Jimmy began to crap in his pants.

After being interrupted the fourth and last time, Jimmy had to try to clean up for the U.S. capitalist system. "At least you don't see Americans leaving for Cuba or the Soviet Union!" The grand game plan of the U.S. ruling class had come to fruition. He tried to fool people into believing that the Soviet Union and Cuba are communist countries when they are actually as capitalist as the U.S. The U.S. government has used the flight of Cuban refugees and Soviet dissidents to try and tell the U.S. people that this is the greatest country in the world. Meanwhile the Cubans are tearing these lies apart as they rebel against inhumane treatment in the concentration camps of the U.S. government. The Afro-American people's raging fire is still smouldering in cities like Miami, Chattanooga, Orlando, Key West, etc.

Not once did the liar Carter speak to the



Comrade denouncing Carter drew the attention of delegates attending the Urban League Convention.

real situation here in the U.S. Not once did he speak on unemployment, inflation, the draft or any of the burning questions that are on the minds of the American people.

Instead he was trying to conjure up the long dead dreams of Eugene McCarthy. But times have changed. The U.S. capitalist system is rotten and decaying.

The U.S. people are searching for answers. The lies of the politicians do not wipe away the daily oppression and exploitation of the American people. □

Condemning Chief Hangman Carter

Todd Shipyard Strike Continues— Sell Out in Seattle

The sell out of Seattle Todd Shipyard workers was clinched last week. The International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America's misleaders were able to swing the vote to accept Todd's contract proposal for 90¢, 40¢ and 40¢ wage increases, and 25¢, 20¢ and 20¢ for benefits for the next three years. This is the proposal that was soundly rejected by San Pedro (near Los Angeles) workers and resulted in the Todd strike at San Pedro. Throughout the negotiations for Seattle Todd, the workers were left in the lurch from the 'git' as the union misleaders got them to work day by day for close to two months without a contract. Seattle had rejected Todd's first proposal of 70¢, 30¢ and 30¢ by 91% and now with the device of mail-in ballots and the counting of the ballots at the International headquarters in Oakland, the 90¢, 40¢ and 40¢ was accepted by a narrow margin of 700 out of 8,000 workers in Seattle. This contract also includes workers in the Northwest area, at Bethlehem and Lockheed shipyards

and Todd repair yard in Alameda, California. The San Pedro shipyard workers are mad as hell that this sell out went down on brothers and sisters up North and there is no chance for a coast-wide strike now. Todd had refused to even negotiate in San Pedro until Todd Seattle had settled. San Pedro is ahead of schedule in their ten-ship contract with the Navy. Todd will try to sit it out until they can sell their contract through while San Pedro is still out. The union misleaders have not supported the strike in any way. All they have done is refused to give strike benefits, told people what other places are hiring and how to get unemployment benefits. The workers still want to stay out but are not sure what to do. Since shipbuilding is linked to the U.S. ruling class' war preparation, the struggle will not be an easy one. It is the task of communists to give that leadership, both politically and organizationally — to set an example for workers in other shipyards on how to correctly fight the capitalist class. □

Garlic Workers Strike for Union and End to Child Labor

GILROY, Ca., Aug. 3 — Estelle is 13 years old. She is one of the 11 Pasillas on strike against the garlic growers. All of the nine Pasillas children, ages nine to 20, work as fieldhands in the garlic fields of Santa Clara and San Benito Counties, where 90% of the nation's garlic is produced. "During the summer harvest (July-August), we can average from \$120 — \$140 a day with all of us in the fields. We are only making \$3.20 an hour or \$2.20 for a 34-pound box, that's why all of us work."

1,200 garlic pickers have been on strike for over two weeks demanding an hourly increase from \$3.10 to \$5.00. At the Christopher Ranch, the largest in the area, 100 out of 360 workers who voted for the union were under 16. Only the sweatshops in Chinatown, where women of all ages slave 10-12 hours a day at 30¢ per shirt, parallel the super-exploitative practice of child labor in the fields. Another 800 workers struck in sympathy at neighboring farms that produce tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers, squash, strawberries and onions.

Garlic workers returned this summer to find that the growers had lowered the piece rate from \$2.20 for 34-pound box last year, to \$1.80 this year, they not only walked out, but voted to bring the union in. United Farm Workers (UFW) organizer Marc Grossman admitted that the strike caught them by surprise because the UFW had been concentrating its organizing efforts in the Imperial Valley and the nearby Salinas Valley, where the farmhands make a base pay of \$5.65 an hour. Grossman was shocked to find that the garlic workers make only half the wages of those in Salinas Valley under UFW contract and that there is rampant child labor. "It's a throwback to what we saw ten years ago," Grossman said.

Growers like Christopher are lying through their teeth when they refuse to bargain citing difficulty in meeting the \$5.00 hourly wages. A small pear grower near Gilroy just signed an interim agreement with the UFW to pay \$5.00 an hour. At the second annual garlic festival on August 2, the striking garlic workers and children came with picket signs, informing the 20,000 festival participants that it is no celebration when there is still child labor because the grown-ups don't make enough to support their families. □



Children farmworkers picket the garlic festival and fight for unionization and an end to child labor.

Five Communist Workers Party members — Jim Waller, Sandy Smith, Bill Sampson, Cesar Cauce, and Mike Nathan were assassinated last year, Nov. 3 at a Death to the Klan rally in Greensboro, North Carolina. The fascist Ku Klux Klan/Nazis under the direction of the FBI had fired point blank into the crowd, isolated the leaders and murdered them. It was a bloody day in Greensboro for the masses. But it was also the beginning of a fiery hell for the U.S. monopoly capitalist class.

The U.S. government is attempting to cover up the assassinations by trying to put the CWP on trial. It has indicted six members and supporters of the CWP on trumped-up charges that they rioted on Nov. 3.

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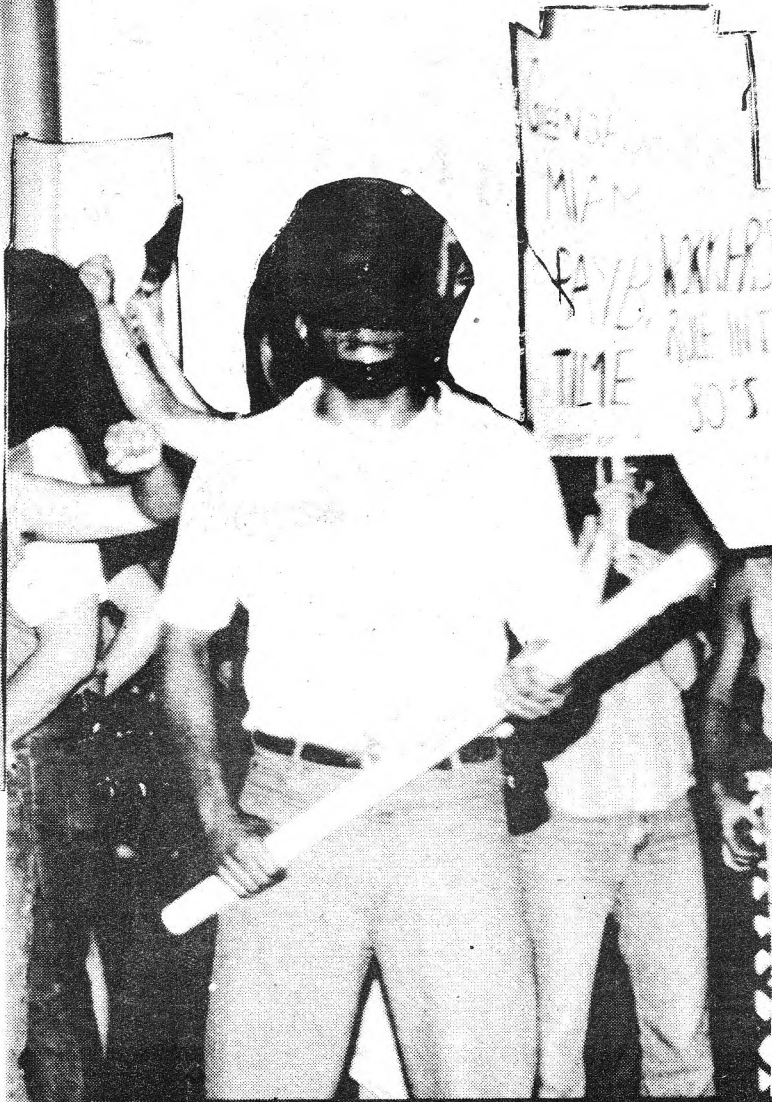
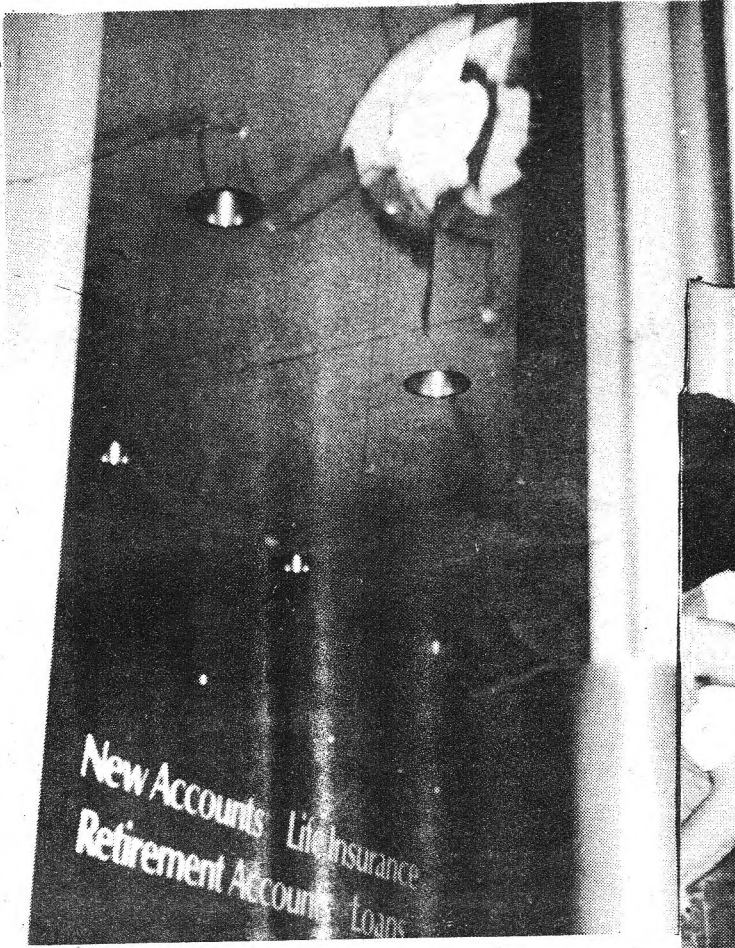


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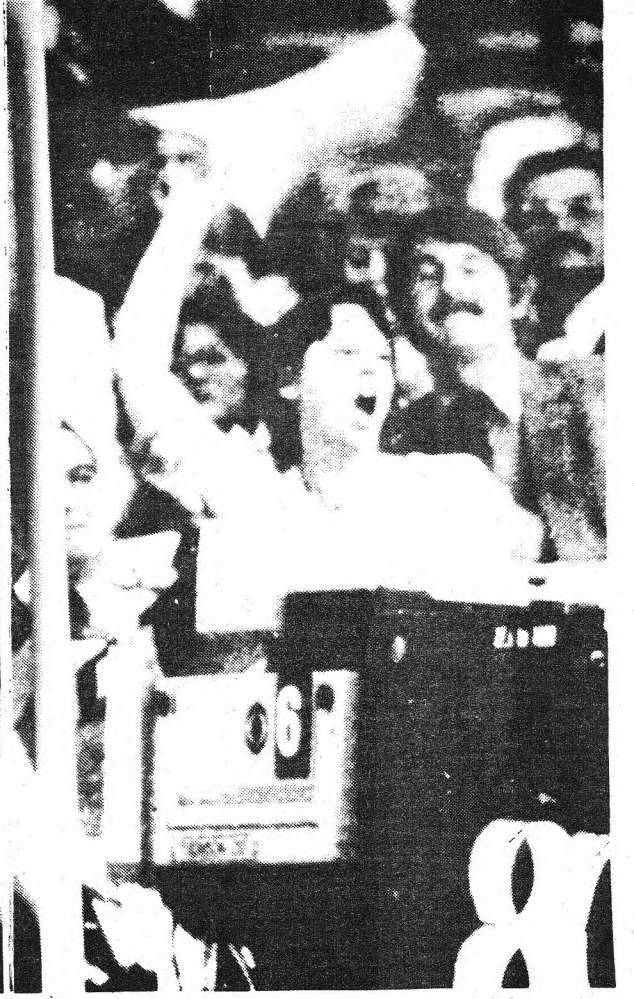
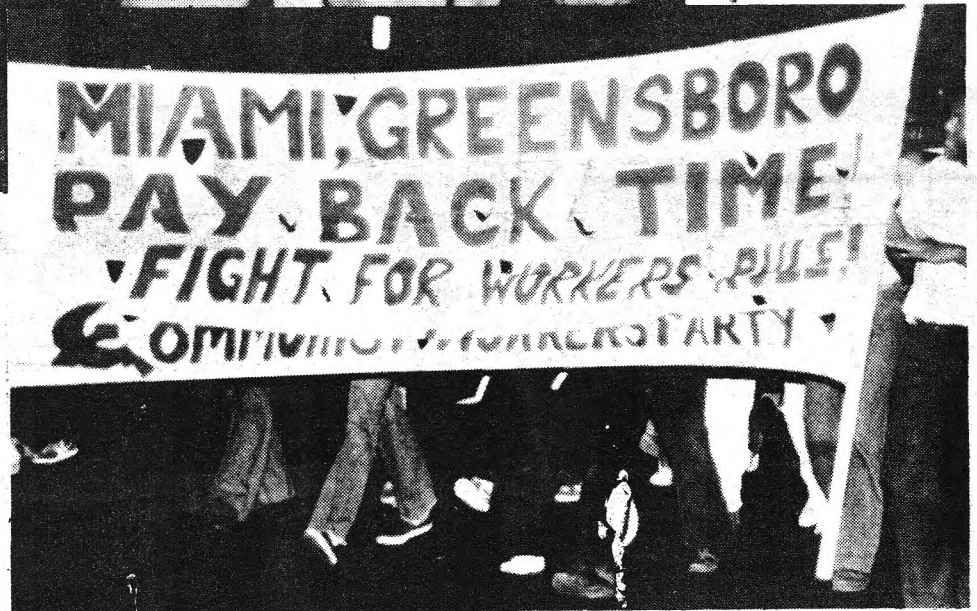
The Communist Workers Party, Party of the U.S. working class slapped the face of the monopoly capitalist ruling class and its representatives—the politicians, left and right. Their family reunion to conspire on how to mess up the U.S. people for another four years was sabotaged both from within and without the convention hall. Inside Madison Square Garden a firecracker exploded right in front of Peanut Carter while Signe Waller, widow of Jim Waller, assassinated on Nov. 3, in Greensboro by the Klan/ Nazis and the government shouted, “Long Live the Communist Workers Party!” Carter was so scared that “Humphrey” became “Hornblower” in his acceptance speech. Before he could recover, Dale Sampson, widow of Bill Sampson stood on top of a media desk, held high the portrait of her husband and shouted, “Avenge the murder of the CWP 5!” These actions sent the clumsy Secret Servicemen into a frenzy. But this is not the end of the story. The spectre of CWP kept haunting these slimy politicians and their dogs. Outside Madison Square Garden, hundreds marched ready to storm the convention. When the pigs attacked the demonstrators, we fought back, sending 26 of them to the hospital. Picking up the slogan of the CWP, masses made the bank “payback” by making a hole in their thick glass window.

This year we served notice to these crooked politicians. Soon, it will be eviction. □





TIME



FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES

Our Readers Speak Out!

See You in Six Months

Dear Workers Viewpoint:

I am sorry to have to cancel my subscription to WV, but June begins our six month migrant tour in the orchards. I will greatly miss your coverage of international developments and the ongoing analysis of events at home, and even more will miss the reports about your practice and organization against fascism and for working class organization and Party leadership.

As a migrant worker who

works with undocumented workers both in the orchards and in tree planting contracts in the Northwest, I can only say that I hope CWP develops a greater understanding and a leadership role in the organizing efforts among us migrants — we need help as do so many others during this time of impending economic crisis. Forest and orchard workers in the Northwest represent an excellent case of the international proletariat and the difficulties work-

ers of different nations face in organizing against governmental repression and fascist attacks. Hopefully, CWP will develop an analysis of our work which eventually will help us overcome this repression.

Keep up the good work. We'll resubscribe when the season is over.

C.K.
Sandpoint, Idaho

One Farmworker's Story

June 20, 1980

The month of June marks the beginning of the fruit harvest season in the orchards of the Northwest in the states of Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana, a time when workers from three countries and several Indian Nations converge to harvest the world's largest fruit crop of cherries, apricots, peaches, pears and apples. For the next five months, thousands of sleepy rural towns will awaken with the hum of activity from this great display of productivity by the representatives of the international working class — Mexicans, Canadians, Indians, Chicanos, blacks, and whites who come together to accomplish this task. But for these workers, the bountiful harvest will be a time of mixed blessings. As poor living conditions, unhealthy safety conditions, pay discrimination, and the high cost of travel and living expenses will extract a high price from each worker before the season is through. Lacking any organization or labor representation, these workers will often live without clean water or sanitation facilities or a roof over their heads. They will work long hours in chemically infested orchards, slaves to the whims and fancies of the growers, packing sheds, and chemical distributors. This article, and others following throughout the season, will cover the plight and the progress of conditions in the orchards throughout the season, hopefully shedding some light on the structure of the rural proletariat in this country.

June—Apple Thinning and Cherry Picking Time

The work, orchard work in June, covers two areas—thinning apple trees and picking cherries (this article covers apple thinning, the following one will discuss cherries). The apple orchards are expansive, covering thousands of irrigated desert land from Northern Oregon to Central British Columbia in Canada, mostly family-owned and operated in 20-100 acre ranches, though the last 10 years have seen a dramatic rise in corporate orchards. When the workers begin to arrive in early June, the orchards have already been chemi-

cally thinned — sprayed with a combination insecticide/herbicide which causes much of the fruit to fall prematurely from the trees. The job they come to do is to finish the thinning process, to remove "cull" or misshapen apples, to pick off or thin fruit so that the branches will not break under the weight as the apples grow larger, and to space the fruit so that it will be easier to pick in the fall. The work is not highly skilled though it requires constant mental attention to be done well. Years ago, when the number of orchards was much smaller, this work was done by local students for summer employment, but the rapid development of the orchard industry in the last 20 years, encouraged by the growth of overseas markets in the Mid-East and Asian Pacific, has swelled the need for more workers. Indians from Canada and Washington, Mexicans, and "tramps" or "hobos" have come to fill the vacuum. More experienced pickers generally follow the cherry crop instead of thinning where the piece work pays better, though the fewer number of cherry orchards limits the number of workers there.

The Hazards of Thinning—Low Pay and Chemical Intoxication

Thinning represents anywhere from 1/2 to 1/10 of the labor costs to a grower for his crop, depending on their personal tastes. Some thin a lot, others very little. Thinning reduces the overall tonnage but improves the quality and size of the fruit, and also tends to lead to more even production year by year instead of a heavy-light crop cycle. Wage pay is usually \$3.50 per hour—dirt cheap by any standards and a wage which has not changed for four or five years in spite of the 10-20% inflation capitalism has inflicted on the workers of the U.S. lately. This drop in real wages has led many American workers to seek other June employment, opening the job market to undocumented Mexican nationals, without whom the work could no longer be completed. This has led to the false conclusion by middle and backward workers that Mexicans have lowered the wage scale. The fact is that the capitalist crisis we

are facing is rapidly cutting our living standards, and the capitalist growers continue to squeeze workers more as they face growing competition with corporate orchards. This mistaken accusation, against Mexican workers who find steady employment in the U.S. a great improvement over the gross poverty of 50% peasant unemployment in Mexico, will be a continuing thread in following articles covering the progress of the crop this summer. Ultimately, the resolution of this contradiction between American and Mexican field workers will be vital to the formation of labor organizations in the orchards.

The special and difficult nature of the Mexican workers—"illegal" yet absolutely necessary status comprising 40-60% of the orchard labor force—is nowhere more evident than in the area of chemical intoxication. American apples are doused with chemicals of every kind from bloom to storage. So are the fieldworkers. Armed with the scientific knowledge that warm weather brings insect and fungus activity, the warehouses and grower co-operatives order periodic crop fumigation whether the danger of infestation is apparent or not. Without warning the workers, the growers man their spray machines and head into the orchards spraying everything—including workers on their ladders. White American workers are allowed to walk out of the orchard for the afternoon—Mexicans are expected to stay and continue working!

Coughing and hacking along, the Mexicans earn the right to work; refusal will probably lead to firing and possibly a call to immigration authorities by the grower—an occurrence which happens often enough to keep undocumented workers in line. Regardless, both American and Mexican workers are expected to continue work the next days in trees covered with compounds that will retain their toxicity for at least three weeks. The chemicals may be a more significant factor than low pay in driving many Americans away from thinning work in June.

In comradely struggle,
B.W.

Revolution is not the color of a person's skin

Dear editor:

Last week, two supporters of the CWP and myself, a Party member, were out in a sound truck doing propaganda and letting people know about our 1980 forum that evening. Most of us are Blacks. We had just passed the Capitol grounds when a motorcycle pig pulled us over, saying we could not use an amplifier on Capitol grounds. We said we were not on the grounds, as he could see, but he took the driver's license and radioed for other pigs. Four cars, each carrying two pigs, an unmarked car and a police van came.

We were stopped near a park full of people, so we kept agitating, exposing what the pigs were there for — to intimidate us and stop us from speaking out against the monopoly capitalist class and pointing out the only two roads in the 80's — fascism and world war III or revolutionary socialism.

By that time, a lot of people in the park were watching and listening. A white man came out of his house and told the pigs that he didn't like them or what they represented and they were just trying to stop us from telling the truth. Another white man brought us water.

As the economic crisis deepens, national oppression intensifies as well as white workers' growing revolutionary sentiment. Revolution is not the color of a person's skin, but the conditions which make a revolutionary and with the conditions of the 80's, white workers as well as Black will rise up in armed revolution and overthrow the capitalists. The police definitely did not want to hear the propaganda coming off the bullhorn. We let the people know we were the CWP and supporters. As we kept explaining the Party's line on all issues from Iran to Soviet social-imperialism in Afghanistan to everyday problems in the U.S., the cop, trying to shut us up, told us we were under arrest for using vulgarity on the bullhorn — saying "bullshit." We refused to get out of the car, so they threatened to arrest the driver, impound the car and take the kids to a detention center. We got out and kept agitating. All of a sudden, we saw another CWP supporter — look like she just popped up out of the ground. We were really glad to see her, and though she had never done agitation before, she started exposing the cops on the spot. The people came across the street from the park and stood behind the cops, some carrying sticks.

When the cops saw the people were getting angrier, they handcuffed us and hustled us out of there. I weigh 120 lbs. and the other sister stands 4'11". We couldn't beat them physically, but we were beating them with the line, and that's why they were afraid.

We just kept putting out the Party's line and showing strong leadership by standing up to the cops and the people responded. Also, the conditions of the 80's are acting on people. Before, the people might just have stood around and said nothing, or went home and later thought they should have done something. But, today, the people took a stand right there and supported us. They were ready to deal. Black and white were supporting us.

At the precinct, one cop started choking me and then another grabbed the other sister, threatening to break her m-f arm. I told him they had already killed five of our comrades and that didn't stop the Party. It's different from when they killed Malcolm X or the Black Panthers, and that was the end of the struggle. I told him they don't know who they are dealing with. We are the CWP, and we have a Marxist-Leninist analysis and are strong in the Party's line and they could not intimidate us — though they threatened to beat us up, lock us up or get us fired.

We kept putting out the propaganda saying they are "whores" for the capitalists who come in our neighborhood to kill us and go into the oppressor's neighborhood with hat in hand, bowing, asking what can I do for you today, Master? It shook the pig up because I saw the pig had a .38 hooked on his side and he knew he had one, but he could do nothing. When they couldn't intimidate us, they called us violent animals who need to be in cages. Finally, they charged us with disorderly conduct and fined us \$20.

That evening at the forum, I drew out how this example shows the correctness of the Party's line on the changed temperament of the masses, both Black and white. No one from the park came to the forum, but they took a stand against the cops and with the Party. Also, it shows propaganda is concrete and that's why the people responded. People make revolution out of necessity. It is up to the Party, with sharp line and strong leadership, to lead this spontaneous resistance to armed uprising for workers' rule.

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Washington, D.C.

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U.S. Gov't Blames Iranians — Hide Repression of Americans

An embarrassed U.S. government was forced by Iran to release 192 Iranian students held illegally with no charges in New York prisons for more than a week. At the same time, the government continues its anti-Iranian chauvinist campaign to cover stepped-up repression of the American people.

Iran, taking a firm stand against the U.S. government, made it clear that jailing the students would affect the fate of the hostages. The students were beaten and arrested (disorderly conduct charges later dropped) by Washington, D.C. police at a demonstration supporting the Iranian revolution. Reportedly, one woman's hand was smashed, and others were unconscious with broken ribs.

seen so much antagonism and intensity of spirit by Americans since World War II. What is he referring to? It was during the war hysteria days of World War II that more than a hundred thousand Japanese Americans were herded into federal concentration camps with no charges.

The *Washington Post* published an article claiming the Iranian government has sent \$5 million to the U.S. to fund student protests. Quoting an unidentified law enforcement official, the article states, "It's obvious there is a hell of a lot of money going around to support these demonstrations. You've got professional demonstrators without jobs travelling around the country, getting cars, buying property, and paying for their living expenses."

flags and drinking beer, surrounded the mosque where the freed Iranians were staying and blocked buses attempting to carry them to D.C.

While pretending to encourage the people to go home, Mayor Edward Koch, appearing on the scene trying to inflame the people said, "They (residents) are angry and frustrated and they have an absolute right to stay on that corner," adding, "the Iranians are creating an incident."

Yes, the residents of the Queens working class neighborhood are angry and frustrated by the economy and the effects on their lives. Itching for a fight, the people lash out at the most available target — the Iranians promoted as scapegoats.

ended supposedly when Congress "cleaned up the FBI."

This charter would legalize the infiltration of government agent Bernard Butkovich in the Nazi party and legalize his participation in the meeting/planning of the assassination of the Communist Workers Party 5.

Communist Propaganda Defeats Chauvinism: Targets U.S. Govt.

Communist propaganda blows away the chauvinist wind stirred up by the government to hit the capitalist government as the real target of the American people. The question the American people have to ask is, did the Iranians lay us off from our jobs? Did Iranians ever evict us from our homes? The U.S. government and their capitalists who own them want to manipulate us. To cover up their own crimes, the capitalists want to make us hate Iranians.

In the name of the American flag, they have committed crimes. The capitalists always wave the flag just when they are about to do something dirty. They waved the flag over Viet Nam and they waved the flag over Watergate when they pardoned Nixon of his crimes.

In the name of the flag, they ruled Iran through the Shah. And while he did their dirty work for them, murdering and torturing hundreds and thousands of Iranian people, Exxon and Rockefeller pocketed billions of dollars in profits because they owned the oil wells, the oil refineries and the oil tankers. The Iranian people didn't get the profit. We didn't either. The greedy oil companies did.

We have to look inside this country for the root cause of the problems. If things are unfair it's because the capitalist system is based on cheating you. It's the capitalists who want the draft; it's capitalists like GM and Ford closing down the plants and it's the capitalists who profited from militarizing the country while we paid for the inflation.

We will not fall for the capitalists' old trick of divide and conquer. For if they can make scapegoats out of Iranians, they will make scapegoats of you next, blacks, Jews, Chicanos, and workers on strike for better wages.

The American people must differentiate between genuine national pride and defending imperialist interests. The U.S. is no longer top dog in the world. But, it is the U.S. capitalist class being humiliated, not the American people. The oppressed peoples of the world, like Zimbabwe and Nicaragua, are regaining control of their land and natural resources after years of exploitation by brutal regimes backed, funded and kept in power by U.S. imperialism. But because of the dirty work of the U.S. government and the U.S. monopoly capitalist class around the world in oppressing the world's people, American people who want no part of it also bear the blame. As long as our government remains the way it is, everywhere Americans go will be met with the chants of "Yankee Go Home" from revolutionary people around the world fighting for their freedom from U.S. imperialism. Under the rule of the present government and the existing capitalist system, decent Americans feel ashamed to be Americans to the peoples of the world.

Our pride in being American will come only under a socialist government which does not invade other countries and earns the goodwill and respect of other peoples through practicing principles of peaceful co-existence and equality and supporting just struggles against imperialism and all reaction. □



Construction workers burned the banner seized from Iranian students as a way to release their day to day frustration living in a capitalist U.S.A.

Iranians demonstrated in Teheran in support of the students and in protest against the U.S. government. Ayatollah Khomeini condemned the torturing and mistreatment of the students, held handcuffed and in leg chains. President Bani-Sadr, the general staff of the Army and the Red Lion and Sun Society (Iran's equivalent of the Red Cross) sent solidarity messages to the students.

To protest the arrests and beatings, the students refused to give their names and went on a hunger strike. After 10 days of threatening deportation, the government backed down. The Immigration and Naturalization Service admitted that they were all students legally in this country.

After the students were released, the INS tried to blame the Iranians for their own arrests. An INS official, redfaced at producing no "illegal Iranians," claimed the whole thing was planned by the Iranians to embarrass the government.

Media Whips Up Anti-Iranian Chauvinism

Days before the Democratic convention, the government was whipping up a wave of anti-Iranian chauvinism in the media. Daily, tourists were shown on television jeering and cussing Iranians (members of the Moslem Students Association) demonstrating at the White House; and singing "America, the Beautiful," to drown out their traditional prayers.

The conflict between the Iranian and American peoples is carefully promoted. One veteran police officer said he had not

This same article claimed the money is going, in part, to recruit black American Moslems. It claims the Afro-American who allegedly assassinated the pro-Shah, CIA-linked Tabatabai was paid \$500-\$1,000 a week by the Iranians.

This vicious propaganda shows how far the government wants to go to trick the American people into blaming Iranians for the problems of U.S. society.

Some Strata of U.S. People Fall For Govt's Scapegoat Politics

On Aug. 2, in Sacramento, California, 150 Iranian students from nearby campuses rallied at Capitol Park to protest the "fascist acts of Washington police" in the brutal arrests of the Iranian demonstrators. A group of lurching construction workers hurled pieces of fruit and obscenities. Then they marched into the rally, tore up the demonstrators' picket signs and burned their banners shouting, "America, America."

Construction workers historically have been among those most susceptible to the scapegoat politics pushed by the U.S. government. In 1975, during the construction slump, these workers in New York City burned an effigy of immigrant workers, blaming them for the problem. George Meany, the capitalists' former lieutenant in the labor movement came from the construction workers union. This time around, they again fell into the chauvinist propaganda of the U.S. government.

In New York, reportedly, more than a thousand residents, waving American

But, the chauvinism is superficial. The crowd, which the police numbered at 1,500, dwindled to 50 in a few hours. One Iranian, running to the subway, was chased by some in the crowd, but protected by others.

Most Americans know the CIA put the Shah in power by force; and the Shah was a hated, ruthless dictator. When the Shah was overthrown, the world's people rejoiced in the just Iranian revolution.

But, most Americans are confused by the hostages. The U.S. government covering for the spies in the Embassy and the CIA attempts to overthrow the Iranian government, project the Iranians' just demand for the U.S. to get out of its internal affairs as anti-American.

A speedy trial for the hostages to punish the spies and release the innocent will take the wind out of this chauvinist ploy.

Govt. Orchestrated Anti-Iranian Chauvinism to Attack U.S. People

But, the orchestrated anti-Iranian chauvinism covers a more sinister aim — the systematic steps to bring fascism on the American people. For example, the proposed FBI charter allows the government to spy on, infiltrate and disrupt any organization that "may be engaged" in activities for a foreign government. The wording is intentionally vague and general to serve as a catch-all for any organization the U.S. wants to destroy. The charter would legalize the illegal acts of the notorious FBI COINTELPRO of the 60's that was

Chattanooga People Learn From Miami

"We get the cops before they get us."

Wherever you find people who have to compete with rats and roaches for their supper, who live in projects with broken windows, no fans, broken doors and elevators, who have no jobs, whose children have no jobs, no recreation centers, you will find sparks of revolution. Whenever you find a highly industrialized city yet unemployment is over 50%, you will see those sparks become ignited. Whenever you have the KKK able to come inside the community, shoot four elderly women, then get off scot free, you will see those sparks develop into a permanent flame of revolutionary fervor, gaining more momentum with each blow of the winds of reaction.

Chattanooga's Been Struggling

So it was in Chattanooga, Chattanooga has a history of struggle and a history of spontaneous riots. In 1955 a local school board meeting erupted into a riot when a court ruling imposed integration on the black and white communities. Again in 1971, the masses took to the streets in three days of rioting when Wilson Pickett, a noted musician, cancelled his performance at the Municipal Auditorium because he wasn't guaranteed payment. This outraged the youth who attended, because they didn't get refunded and they had saved and scraped to buy the tickets. Unemployment among Afro-American youth in Chattanooga as in the rest of the nation has always been the highest of any sector of the population.

1980 Riot Cops Get Whipped

But, this particular riot in Chattanooga which started on July 23 and is still in motion is different from its past riots and different still from the first Miami riot although the underlying causes are basically the same.

This was shown when the people of Chattanooga peppered nine cops with shotguns and drove out the entire police department in the first night of rioting. They proved that the ruling class is not as almighty and powerful as it pretends to be.

The uprising showed the extent to which the masses are willing to go, the risks that they'll take in order to beat back the attacks that are coming at them from all directions. By rioting against the court ruling that let three Klansmen go free, they were rioting against 400 years of oppression under capitalism. They were rioting against the whole system, which intensifies its attacks on all Americans with each day. They were not asking for integration or equal opportunity. They were demanding a change... a new way of life and they know that the present system would never give it to them. So they took to the streets prepared to get killed or go to jail, and they didn't wait until the state troopers or local swine penetrated their community. From the onset, they jumped on the police. This was different from the riot that they had in May 1971. Chattanooga was able to absorb the lessons of its past riots and the lessons of the first Miami riot in which many of the rioters themselves were shot or injured. This time there were no casualties among the people themselves. The only form of attack came from curfew violation arrests. The police suffered a great physical beating and moral embarrassment. They got their asses kicked at once even though they were armed with riot gear. They got their egos deflated when the Mayor called for a retreat. They

had lost and more importantly the ruling class that they defend had lost this battle.

The Battle of Chattanooga was won by the masses. They whipped the police. But then came Jesse Jackson, shipped in from Chicago to save the ruling class in its desperation to hold on to its dying empire. Jesse Jackson is nothing but a traitor, a Hollywood image of peaceful resistance, pushin' some backward ideas that Malcolm X proved ridiculous 15 years ago. Right after the police get beat back, Jackson comes up with the great idea of replacing riot-gear pigs with unarmed civilian patrols led by ministers, in an attempt to reverse the verdict of the people's victory.

So in comes a new breed of unarmed pigs, waving their arms, sporting white armbands. Jackson is thanking God that he wasn't kicked out of Chattanooga himself and he's running around talking about how he stopped the people from making trouble. But what was the pur-

pose of the 'peace patrol' and who is making the trouble?

Deal Ushers More Attacks

The effect of the black peace patrols was to take the tension off of the police and allow them to run on a rampage, arresting people for violating the curfew. That's what the traitor Jackson did. He paved the way for more attacks. He took advantage of the lack of organization in Chattanooga and applied a riot-trick.

Whereas in Miami the NAACP, PUSH, CORE, and even Muhammed Ali and Carter were told to drop dead, Chattanooga's doors were left open to misleaders because there was no organized body to stand at the threshold and say—"You don't speak for us—We will decide matters that affect our community—We stand for organized armed self-defense not a peace patrol—you have to go!"

But despite Jackson's scheme the masses are still fighting! Even the Mayor

knows the idea of peace patrols is a joke. He knows the people of Chattanooga are not going to back down without a fight he and Jackson both carry their own personal revolvers and walk with bodyguards.

Jesse Jackson is parading around the streets of Chattanooga, dressed in a khaki outfit, acting like he's 'down' with the masses. While people are out in the streets, risking their lives to demand some justice, some changes, some fundamental alternatives to 400 years of oppression under capitalism, Jackson can be seen standing on street corners, sweet-talkin' the police.

As firebombs explode all around him, as virtually every factory and business in the area goes up in smoke, as sirens blast the news of the riot to all of Tennessee, Jackson is begging people to find another means to express their anger. He wants to pimp off of the revolutionary spirit of the people of Chattanooga. That's why he flew in to Tennessee from Chicago. He wants to put down the people's rebellion, because he's no fighter. He's a scab, a paid agent of the enemy.

To Ensure Victory

How can the people of Chattanooga guarantee that their historic advances will improve their standard of living? How can they be ensured that even more cops will be dealt death blows? The times are calling for a tightly organized body to lead all the Chattanooga's throughout the nation to overthrow the system of monopoly capitalism. People will not settle for anything less. The CWP is preparing to meet the challenges of the 80's. We salute the people of Chattanooga for their relentless struggle against racial discrimination, their victory and embrace them warmly in our ranks to overthrow this brutal system of rule. □

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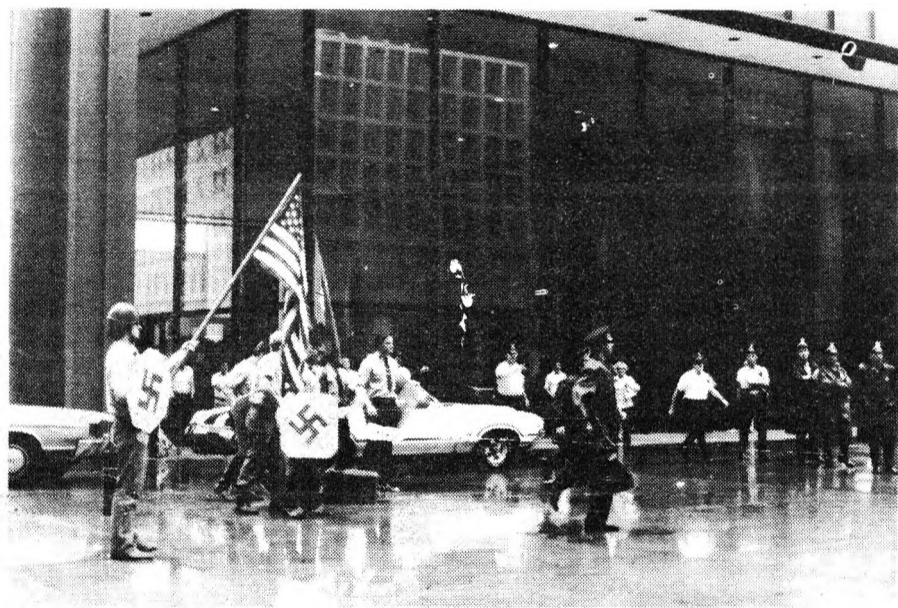
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CHICAGO PEOPLE SHUT DOWN NAZIS

CHICAGO, Ill. — On Saturdays the Daley Center is usually a scene of people just milling around, detouring to State Street to shop, or couples sitting down to take in a little sun. But today the CWP turned the center into a forum on the 80's — world war and fascism or socialist revolution, which side are you on? Agitating on the bullhorn and selling *Workers Viewpoint* newspapers a full hour before the scheduled Nazi demonstration, we linked up the economic hardships everyone faces with the murders of the CWP 5 and the rise of the Nazis/KKK. This stinking capitalist system is the source of all three. And socialist revolution is our only way out of world war, fascism, and this poison of capitalism!

Nazis Work Hand in Hand," "No to Nazis/KKK. No to fascist U.S.A., No More Greensboros, Socialism is the Only Solution!!!!"

The Nazis (all six of them) couldn't put out any of their anti-communist junk! Their slogans of "Six Million More," "More Greensboro," and "We showed the CWP what we think of communists on November 3" — could barely be heard. The people taught these scum what they thought of them. One 45-year old white man went right up to their faces and yelled, "You Dirty Cowards!" Another shopper, a young black woman with her daughters, screamed out "Death to the Nazis!" along with the rest of us. So we forced those Nazi cowards to quit after 20 minutes! The

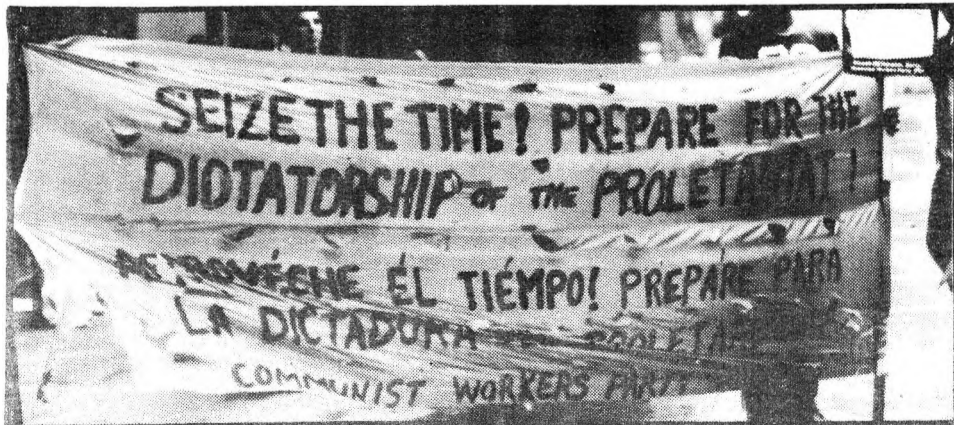


Without the protection of the Chicago cops, this handful of Nazi scum would not be able to walk out of their demonstration in one piece.

Shoppers stopped to ask, "What's going on?" "Why are the Nazis marching?" "How are you going to solve this crisis?" A few told us to go back to Cuba or Russia. But the majority rallied to our side against the Nazis. The Communist Workers Party, Revolutionary Socialist League, Chutzpah, a Jewish anti-fascist organization, and Study and Struggle led the people in drowning out the Nazis and their cop-protectors with "Nazis are Cowards," "Smash the Nazis Now, Cops and

Nazis' next stop is the black and white working class neighborhood of West Englewood on the South side of Chicago. This won't be the last time we'll greet the Nazis — they'll see hundreds more of us when they try to march through West Englewood in October!

**DEATH TO THE NAZIS!
AND DEATH TO THEIR
CAPITALIST MASTERS!**



A socialist society, like Mao's China, cares for children as precious beyond value. The story of Arneatrice Shaw's dead child exposes capitalism's chase for profit, even to the grave.

Capitalism Holds Dead Child For Ransom

A welfare mother's dead child was held for two weeks without burial by a funeral director because she couldn't come up with the cash to pay him. The mother, Arneatrice Shaw, a young Afro-American from Gary, Indiana, was accustomed to the assaults capitalism makes on the living, but wasn't prepared to have her dead child held for ransom.

When one of the premature triplets born to her in June died after a few hours, she told the hospital to send the body to the Andrew Smith Funeral Home, where her mother had once worked. She thought the body of her dead child would be treated with some consideration there. She quickly learned, however, that the profit motive is merciless.

After Arneatrice was released from the hospital, she was forced to put aside her grief to struggle with the red tape and greed that blocked her attempts to bury her child. Her welfare caseworker told her that because the child hadn't applied for and been found eligible for welfare, they wouldn't pay for the funeral. All she could get was a township trustee voucher. Andrew Smith, the funeral director, told her how much that was worth. "I haven't taken one of those damn vouchers in years," he said. "Don't come to me with any wild-ass lies that township or welfare will pay. I'll bury your baby when you bring me cash." To Arneatrice, the goal was clear, although she was in a maze. "All I want is to bury my baby." She would do whatever it took to get this done, and hope that it would not happen again to someone else.

No Dignity for Living or Dead Under Capitalism

Arneatrice sought a solution through the channels of favoritism and influence. After finding someone with the influence to threaten Smith with legal action and publicity, she found a funeral director who would accept the voucher. Although a recent class action lawsuit had obtained a federal court order requiring the county to pay off vouchers promptly, it was still taking eight and nine months for vouchers to be paid off. This is one reason why

Smith — who lost a bid for the trustee position a few years ago — would not take the voucher. The trustee referred Arneatrice to the Guy and Allen Funeral Home, which the trustee's cousin operates. After finding her way through these twisting trails of local politics, Arneatrice could see her goal within reach.

But Smith had tortured her for weeks, and wouldn't give up the body with even a false show of decency. He called Arneatrice's mother and snarled, "You come take this baby tonight! I already called the sheriff, and if you don't get it out of here by tonight I'll drain the embalming fluid and have your daughter arrested for abandoning it and letting it rot." Not content with this vicious threat, he twisted the screw once more by claiming he wouldn't charge anything for releasing the body, then hit her up for ten dollars when she had arranged the transfer. Only after enduring all this was she able to lay her dead child in the ground.

Even the quality of death depends on the quantity of money under the capitalist system, and no reforms by the "New Deal" and "Great Society" will ever change that. All traces of humanity have been scourged from Smith by the whip of profit, and a dead child who had never even seen the world had to go begging for a decent burial. The inhuman exploitation of capitalism cannot be stopped or made "less bad" by liberals or conservatives, by welfare or reform. It can only be stopped by smashing and completely destroying its state machinery in a socialist revolution. A society that won't let the dead of the poor be buried without grabbing political points and money is a *criminal society*. It is not a mistake that put Arneatrice through this hell; it is standard operating procedure under capitalism. This intolerable system must be ruthlessly crushed under the rule of the working class, rising up in armed anger to make a better world for all oppressed people. In a socialist U.S.A. the system of exploitation from cradle to grave will be smashed and the lives of the people will be treasured. □

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D.C. Budget Crisis: Gov't Borrows More \$ to Stay Afloat

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 24 — Like all U.S. cities today, Washington, D.C. is in the grip of economic crisis. Every month, the mayor, like Carter and his economic advisor Alfred Kahn, rewrites his predictions on when the crisis will be over and how much deeper it will get. In January he said the budget deficit was \$28 million. In March it was \$172 million, and by September 30 it will be \$409 million. Unveiling four rescue plans in the last six months, Mayor Barry offered another one this week to meet the \$409 million deficit and called it a "comprehensive rescue plan."

Rescue Plan for Business — Workers Will Pay

The mayor promised more layoffs and cutbacks for the future. With 2,000 city workers already laid off, his current plan calls for 6,000 city employees out of a total 35,000 to be laid off by 1982. There will be no cost of living raise for the second year in a row. Three hundred teachers who were to be laid off with another 500, gave up two weeks pay in order to keep their jobs "for now."

Programs like in-home nursing care for the elderly have been cut. Day care centers, health clinics and recreation centers have been closed. The training course for new firefighters has been cut from 50 days to 6 days to rush new workers into service in an effort to save money spent on overtime for older workers.

"We know where the money goes in this town," challenged a city sanitation worker as he confronted the mayor at a rally earlier this spring. They're putting up a new \$100 million convention center and the city is putting up half the money — and what's it used for? Business and political conventions! You say you've got no money to spend, but you found the money to unleash the police on the people of 14th street!" He was referring to the fact that after a cop was killed on 14th St. this year, scores of cops were sent to occupy the area for several weeks and harass the neighborhood people who fully supported having one less cop around. The only department that will have no layoffs is the police department.

Pennsylvania Ave. near the Capitol is being redeveloped with fancy parks, hotels, expensive shops, condominiums and office buildings — meanwhile the public housing projects are falling apart. Bus fares have been raised 10% and an 8¢ a gallon increase was added to the city gasoline tax.

The new rescue plan, winning "quick and enthusiastic support from leaders of the city's business community," relies on attacking the city workers' pension fund to reduce the deficit, and borrowing millions more for operating cash.

Workers' Pensions — Paper Promises

The federal government ran D.C. until 1975. Having used it as a Congressional kingdom, and seeing that its financial condition was decaying and the people's demand for self-rule was rising, Congress unloaded the city on its residents under the guise of "home-rule."

Congress set up a pension fund for the city's police, firemen, teachers and judges at the turn of the century, but made no provisions for funding these benefits. Earned for each year of service, these benefits are payable on retirement. The current pension liability, or the amount owed to future retirees, is \$2.7 billion.

The mayor's rescue plan claims that the city is only responsible for the \$700 million owed since 1975 when the city gained home-rule. The federal government is re-

sponsible for the remaining \$2 billion. But the federal government refuses to take this on.

A federal bail-out of the city's pension fund would set a precedent that Congress cannot allow because every city in the country would demand to be bailed out. The mayor is trying to blame the federal government for the fact that he will have to levy higher taxes when the federal government reneges on the retirement fund benefits, instead of admitting from the beginning that the pension fund is broke. By some sleight of hand, he is trying to foster the illusion that the city doesn't even owe the money so its deficit is that much lower, while the retirement benefits to be paid off are of no real importance. While the city and the federal government try to blame each other, the people relying on pension for retirement are the ones really losing.

Quick Cash Means Quick Fix

The rescue plan also calls for raising \$215 million in cash through selling bonds, or money will run out in 1981. The proposed sale of \$215 million in bonds will cost the city \$600 million over 30 years. Unprepared to face the scrutiny of the private bond market which would real-



ly examine the city's credit rating, the mayor wants to sell the bonds to the Federal Financing Bank, a branch of the U.S. Treasury Department.

The bank is authorized to lend money only to federal agencies or to organizations whose borrowings are guaranteed by a federal agency. Federal officials say the city falls in neither category. The mayor argues that since the city was treated like a federal agency for so many years, it should be able to borrow like an agency. Without Congressional approval for the loan, and unable to sell on the private bond market, the city will run out of money unless a new plan is drawn up that literally prints money like the federal government does to cover its deficits. The only real out of the crisis

for D.C., as for all other major cities, is more taxes, layoffs and cutbacks as they plunge deeper into crisis — or massive federal aid which will only increase the federal deficit and fuel inflation that much more.

In the 80's we have the permanent crisis of capitalism where the whole economy, like the cities, is poisoned by deficit spending, riddled with debts coming due and no one with enough credit left to risk investment. The politicians like Mayor Barry, Carter and Kennedy, speaking for the monopoly capitalists, point to increasing workers' productivity and cutting costs as the only way out. Meanwhile they gear up for the world war they see as necessary to get them out of their crisis. □

BROOKLYN...

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spot across from the A&P. "These kids came up and smashed the windows. Then they set an alarm and the store caught on fire. They even got away on bikes. I saw the whole thing."

Brooklyn's 77th Precinct cops used to move through Crown Heights like an occupying army. With loaded .38s on their hips, they had a license to kill blacks and Latinos. They killed Arthur Miller right on that corner for nothing. Just across Eastern Parkway, cop after cop shot into Luis Baez a year ago, watching his flesh rip until his body had 23 pieces of pig lead.

The people began picking up on the brittleness of the cops. The cops couldn't be everywhere. "You know cops," said one brother to another, "Take away his gun and he's just a scared man."

Swinging their clubs, the pigs had charged at people standing around who stared hungrily at the A&P. They were aiming to bust heads and ran after one Chinese. After beating him in the car and beating him in the precinct bathroom, dislocating his finger and putting a gun into his mouth, they charged him with inciting to riot. The pigs told him, "Why do you pick this spot to threaten our life? Don't kill us in Brooklyn, kill them in Madison Square Garden!"

Revolution Means Death to Killer Cops

For two nights running, during the Convention, the CWP had led 150 people and marched on a South Bronx precinct. Carter and Reagan had dropped into that neighborhood with pretty words but just a week later, the courts acquitted a cop from that precinct of the murders of two Puerto Rican men, Morales and Martinez. Confronted with the ferocity of the people, the cops had retreated into their fortress-like station. A shotgun barrel nose could be seen, poised from a precinct window.



Brother from the Bronx community welcomes CWP supporter.

A 20-year old guy who had an off-and-on job as a delivery driver was asked what he thought about the demonstration on the first night. "It meant revolution," he said,

Lightning Strikes Democratic Convention

On the last night of the Democratic Convention, CWP supporters and members struck like lightning in front of Madison Square Garden. For three long minutes, the CWP confronted the cops at the Garden. Five abreast, every fist going up in time, chanting, "Greensboro, Miami, It's Payback Time!" Cops were stunned, they stood for minutes wishing it was a nightmare. Then they charged the back of the demonstration, and jumped, 10 pigs to one protester, nighsticks going up and down. With 3,000 pigs all around the Garden, they made 17 arrests. But that day 26 pigs got injured.

"Man," said one black worker in his blue maintenance clothes, "I can really appreciate this." "Boy," said another man, "That really took guts. I couldn't do it myself — but I'm sure glad someone did."

Later that night, 300 cops swarmed all over 8th Avenue alone, slowing it down with cars, scooters, and horses. And a lone African man stood screaming, pouring the anger out of his heart, as he faced all those cops highlighted by the glow of the floodlights. "I'm not rich, I'm poor, I'm not protected by Jimmy Carter or KKK Koch. You are Hitlers, that's what you are."

The CWP that week gave people a taste of what the future holds and inspired them with a vision. It means death to killer cops, and food on the table. The CWP is beginning to speak for all the American people. □

Never on the Sabbath: Aimless Victim With Nowhere to Turn

To be young and talented, talented enough to make a major league baseball club, is a dream many kids have had since Babe Ruth was whacking a ball around in the South Bronx back in the 20's. Danny Lee Thomas was just that only a few years ago. In 1976, Danny was the minor league Player of the Year, the Most Valuable Player in the Eastern League, and the future Henry Aaron for the Milwaukee Brewers. In college, he was on *The Sporting News* All-American team. So why, only a few years later, on June 12, 1980, did he tear up his jeans, tie the strips together and hang himself in his jail cell in Mobile, Alabama? Why, for that matter, was this young man even in jail in the first place?



Danny Lee Thomas, dead at 29.

Old Authority Gone And New Religion Couldn't Fill the Void

For all the talent Danny had and all the fame and glory that lay ahead, he felt there were more questions to be answered; so he searched. What he found was the World Wide Church of God, a fundamentalist cult religion. There is mass disorientation in this country today caused by the lack of

leadership, the lack of moral authority, and the feeling of no way out of the turmoil of the worst economic storm to ever hit the U.S.A. The old ideas and morals have been ripped away suddenly, leaving a vacuum for leadership and moral guidance. The new "Born Again Christian" religions have grown tremendously by feeding on the desperation and panic of the people caused by the absolute crisis they face in their lives today. According to a recent Gallup Poll, one out of every three

Americans says they are "born again."

When Danny became entangled with his cult, his questions still never got answered. Everything went downhill from there. He began drinking, taking drugs, and would even show up at the ball park drunk or half stoned out. After a brief stint with the Brewers major league club, he couldn't cut it and was sent back down to the minors. His religion forbid him to play on the Sabbath, between sundown on Friday and sundown on Saturday, which took him right out of the competition for a steady spot on the team. The competition in any big league sport is tremendous, and not making it can shatter a man's dreams in a flash. His many comeback attempts all fell short, leaving a bitter taste in his mouth he thought only a good stiff drink could wash away.

Danny Lashed Out At Everyone, And Finally Himself

Alcohol and drugs are pretty much commonplace for those who feel they've failed in life. People turn to them looking for an escape from the miseries and aimlessness of life under capitalism. Not having a job can make you feel out of touch with your

own destiny, causing heavy stress and the need to lash out at anything or anybody, even yourself. Danny Lee Thomas, once a seemingly happily married man with a kid, lashed out at everything. He was running around with other women and finally wound up in jail on a rape charge. While Danny was in jail, he finally sobered up and took a long look at his life and didn't much like what he saw. After all that searching, the answers to why life was so miserable under this capitalist hell, seemed foggier than ever before. Danny Lee Thomas, one of the best young baseball players in the country only a few years back, lashed out for the last time—at himself.

Danny is just one victim. Untold tragedies lie ahead in the 80's unless we understand now that it is the system of capitalism that is killing the sons and daughters of this country. The system that lets its people starve and wander and go berserk over its effects, while its rulers, the monopoly capitalist class, grow fat on our blood and sweat. Only by aiming at the correct target, that bloodsucking class, can we turn this nightmare of suffering and aimlessness around. □

Payback...

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Capitalists' Weight on Elections Used Against Them

The Democratic Convention, a class/family reunion for the ruling class and their politicians every four years, where they meet to lie and conspire against the American people, was especially important for them this year. The whole election process is the capitalists' chance to shore up the U.S. people's crumbling faith in elections and politicians and most important of all in capitalist democracy.

To stir even a flicker of interest in the election, the ruling class had to throw all its media weight behind it. Turning their fanfare around into an indictment against the whole system, we knew it would begin to expose them for the assassination of the CWP 5 and the countless other crimes the ruling class has committed against the people. As the capitalists were reaching out to the American people with lies, we were reaching out too with the truth. Posters went up and slogans were spraypainted everywhere. Bold actions like "eggrevating" the candidates to their face and skillful operations like penetrating the Justice Department office of chief spy, Attorney General Civiletti, served notice to the politicians and the ruling class they represent.

While the politicians were sending out advance men to beat the bushes for support, we too drove whistlestop tours, spreading the word through small towns, country and city.

Success Achieved Even Before Convention Began

Scandals like Billygate, mild compared to the latest soap operas, boiled up and over as the capitalists peaked their media barrage just before the Convention began. Our effort peaked then too. For three nights in a row our militant actions—against Carter's speech to the Urban League Convention in New York, against the sham Klan/Nazi trial in Greensboro, and against Anderson at the National Governor's Convention in Denver—broke through the national TV network blackout. Over 20 cities popped like a nationwide string of firecrackers as our militant actions streamrolled.

Thus, even before the Convention started and the ruling class clamped down tight on the news, the CWP's call got out and success was already achieved.

By the end of the first day, the Monday session, the Democratic Convention was over. Carter won the vote on the rules by outmuscling Kennedy, and the last three Convention days were a stale, anti-climactic ritual.

Besides the media blackout, the capitalists took other measures to prevent their election fanfare from being spoiled. The government pumped \$19 million to protect both the Democratic and Republican Conventions from the American people. The top brass of the Secret Service personally supervised the security plans for Madison Square Garden. New York City was picked as the Democratic Convention site because it has the largest (25,000 plus) police force in the country and with a reputation for being the best at crowd-control. What the CWP did was the biggest embarrassment to them. Our message to the ruling class is clear. The Party's ability to skillfully combine all different forms of class warfare freaks them out, seeing that the U.S. people know that the Communist Workers Party is invincible.

For the U.S. people, they know we speak for their interest. Why? When we throw an egg at Anderson, we mean we are going to turn the enemy out for creating a society where our kids can't afford to go to college. When we burn an effigy of all the candidates, we mean we are going to amputate the source of butcher inflation, which kills old people and cripples the average working man's family. When we spraypaint inside their hallowed halls, we mean we are going to take this society away from their claws which steal our jobs and shoot our children on the streets. The payback is people's revenge for the crimes of the real criminal, the bourgeoisie. And the final payback is the victory of workers' rule, when we take society into our own hands and boot out the capitalist criminals forever.

"We Are More Worried About Them Than Any Other Group"

The New York *Daily Challenge* summed up, "The battle late Thursday was in stark contrast to four days of quiet protesting by various groups that advocated causes ranging from the Bible to legalized prostitution."

All Convention long there had been numerous protests against the politicians.

HEROIC FIGHTERS...

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side were the noble representatives of the great U.S. working class. On the other were the disgusting servants of the rotting capitalists. Shirts soaked with blood, heads cracked open, arms broken, our comrades stood tall and proud. Half-drunk pigs littered the hospital corridors and everything they touched smelled of beer, whiskey and vomit. These were the dogs injured at the Garden, moaning and groaning over every little bruise. And the doctors of this prison hospital fussed everytime a pig sneezed, while for the prisoners only the scantiest attention.

Since they couldn't stop people from protesting, the capitalists had used one of their most sophisticated tricks—American pluralism, allowing a coexistence of different, isolated voices so that each canceled the other out, so that the American people could not speak with one, clear voice. We were able to rise above this capitalist trick.

Rufus Edmisten, North Carolina Attorney General and vice chairman of the Security Committee for the National Democratic Convention, was quoted in a *Greensboro Record* article, "We are assisting the demonstrators every way we can, by making sure TV is there, that they have all the room they want, and that the streets are properly blocked off to accommodate them." Someone asks what the CWP is up to, and his grin becomes a frown, "Nothing so far, but we are more worried about them than any other group."

The capitalist parties, the Democratic and Republicans, come to life only around election time. Between elections they don't exist, held together by social ties and political patronage. But the CWP is here to stay, 365 days a year, every year. We will continue to reach out to the American people and continue to set the pace for class struggle in the workplace, communities and schools. We've served notice—eviction day will come. If our five murdered comrades, Jim Waller, Cesar Cauce, Mike Nathan, Bill Sampson and Sandy Smith were alive, they surely would be proud of us. □

Those comrades who were able to leave the hospital were kept locked up. The pigs refused to process the comrades, holding them for hours in the tank. No one could go to the bathroom or even get a drink of water. But if torture couldn't break the comrades, this petty harassment was futile. Our comrades used the time to rap to other prisoners about what the CWP stands for and the fighting chance of workers' rule that the CWP offers. "No whistling in the cells," the guards shouted, as the sounds of the Internationale, the song of communists the world over, soared through the bars.

To other victims of capitalist justice, the beaten down and oppressed in the jails and in the courtroom, when they heard what we had done it was like a fresh breeze, lifting their spirits and giving them a ray of hope. "Our Party is here, now we have someone to lead us," the prisoners knew in their hearts.

At Arraignment More Shell-Shocked Pigs

At the arraignment the next morning the pigs still hadn't recovered from the shock of the night before. Two paddy wagons and busloads of riot police surrounded the courthouse. Everyone entering the court was searched, even kids. Guards in the courtroom carried helmets and riot sticks nervously. Everytime a comrade came up for arraignment, a sea of fists welcomed him as people showed their solidarity. Comrades, despite bandaged heads, arms in casts, and barely able to walk, saluted back, ignoring the pain.

One by one, the comrades were released but only after the freaked out government delayed the proceedings with two bomb scares to clear the room.

From Carter at the top to the lowest cop on the beat, they are haunted by the spectre of the CWP. They thought that by assassinating five CWP members in Greensboro last Nov. 3, they could intimidate the Party. But instead thousands of Jim Wallers, Cesar Cauces, Mike Nathans, Bill Sampsons and Sandy Smiths are joining up to continue the fight for the cause the five died for. The ruling class never learns. □

"The Communist Workers Party Stormed the Democratic Convention"

NEW YORK CITY—1980: The year the U.S. ruling class' criminal, sacred Democratic Convention was crashed open inside and out in a conscious, methodical way by the Communist Workers Party. Deep inside the very guts of the paper tiger, the U.S. people are beginning to speak with one voice, "You cannot escape the wrath of the American people—it's payback time."

Thursday, August 14, 9 p.m.: Among the crowds on the streets all over midtown Manhattan we walked, breaking off in twos or threes to converge quickly at one point. In a few short minutes hundreds formed a tight brigade, running in formation. Rounding the corner off 34th Street, we moved onto 8th Avenue, stopping traffic and sending the pigs scrambling. The Secret Service jammed their walkie-talkies: "The CWP is coming, with helmets and clubs." But it was too late, we had taken them by surprise.

Brilliant in the glare of Madison Square Garden, the site of the 1980 Democratic Convention, lit up brighter than Yankee Stadium, the demonstrators stood for three long minutes, raising fists, banners, and ringed by helmeted defense teams with sticks. Passersby stood riveted and the air snapped as the chant grew: "Greensboro, Miami, Payback Time!" "WHAT IS THIS?" people were stunned. "This is something. They are ready. Their people got killed before and they are ORGANIZED."

The pigs swarmed to lock the Garden doors, clambering for their own helmets. Convention television coverage was interrupted to show this demonstration, a march like no other mere protest. Our troops about-faced and stepped out to depart. Some pigs went mad, broke ranks and charged, clubbing demonstrators

including women and children. They drew .45 caliber revolvers, chasing people for blocks. A news photographer was beaten up, and a woman bystander kept screaming, "fascist pigs, fascist pigs." But the pigs were outmaneuvered as the demonstrators organized to fight back. "Some of the demonstrators struck policemen so hard that their riot helmets cracked," described a *New York Times* article. One cop from the 114 Precinct was quoted by the *New York Post* as saying, "They were very well organized. Everytime we tried to grab them they splintered and reformed somewhere else. It was a very dangerous situation." "I didn't make a single arrest. Everytime I tried to collar someone, 3 or 4 came up behind to hit me over the head," complained a cop at the hospital later.

After several minutes 26 pigs were downed, injured. Seventeen demonstrators were arrested, the rest dispersed into the night, prepared for another battle. As we kept on going, half of the police from the Midtown South precinct were paralyzed, and we pursued our victory. Some of our actions lasted late into the

Outside Madison Square Garden, cops tripping over each other to pick up one of their own.

early morning hours of the next day. The whipped cops, the capitalists' first-line enforcers, one who was seen to be bawling as he stood face-to-face with the militant demonstration, tried to get even. They arrested comrades, all who were seen to be standing and almost unmarked as they entered paddy wagons. After several hours inside Midtown South precinct, the comrades were sent to hospitals with head injuries and some broken bones. What the sick pigs couldn't do on the streets, they had tried to do behind closed doors, beating comrades with blackjacks and clubs, putting guns to their heads trying to get them to sing "God Bless America." But even inside their own fortress they were defeated.

When the pigs, in a frenzied exhibition of the lowest form of cowardice, tortured our arrested comrades with chairs and clubs—yet another trait of the CWP shined. "The more they hit us the more tired they got. The more they hit us the more scared they got, because they couldn't comprehend our strength, why we wouldn't break. There was not a whimper, not a cry from us. They couldn't escape the payback," said one arrested comrade.

We Didn't Just Take On The Politicians, We Slapped Them In The Face

While the CWP demonstration was

electrifying the atmosphere outside, the CWP served notice inside the Garden, haunting Carter's acceptance speech. As the speech began, Signe Waller, widow of Jim Waller, one of the murdered CWP 5, was standing within 50 feet of Carter. As a string of firecrackers went off, exploding his lies, she called out the truth, "Long Live the Communist Workers Party." So unnerved was Carter he muffed his climactic line, "honoring the great man who should have been president, Hubert Horatio Hornblower!!!... erh... Humphrey!" Minutes later, Dale Sampson, widow of Bill Sampson of the CWP 5, stood on a news desk and raised high her husband's portrait, shouting, "Avenge the Murders of the Communist Workers Party 5!" As a Secret Service agent pulled her down, she fell on top of him, then walked off to hold a six-minute press conference right in the Garden. Then she moved out untouched into the street.

This was not the only time the Secret Service security was left scratching their heads, blaming each other for the busted up defenses. Politicians and delegates gazed dumbfounded as elevator doors in their hotels opened, revealing the spray-painted message: "Carter, Reagan, Kennedy = Corruption, Murder, Crisis." Our supporters penetrated the Garden arena at will. Using the highest security-clearance passes obtained by our sup-

porters in high places, we breezed past the security. On Wednesday, a CWP supporter put the politicians on notice just before Ronald Dellums spoke, unfurling a banner at the top of the podium inside the convention hall. So disorganized was the Secret Service she spoke uninterrupted for two and a half minutes. Motioning to the crowd, she declared, "All of you people here—this is a charade and you're voting in World War III and fascism."

This same CWP supporter shook the politicians again the very next day. Carter's entrance to a fundraiser at the Plaza Hotel on Thursday afternoon was already delayed two hours by CWP actions. Then, after a ten-minute appearance inside, this comrade called him out as he rushed through the hotel. Another CWP supporter stood a foot away from Carter outside, and wiped the phoney smile off his face, spitting, "Jimmy Carter, you killed the CWP 5. It's Payback Time for Greensboro."

National Security Advisor Brzezinski couldn't even go to the bathroom at the Convention without getting called out by the CWP. As he walked by, surrounded by seven Secret Servicemen, a CWP supporter called, "Brzezinski, hey Brzezinski." Turning around for what he thought would be a handshake, instead a finger, "You suck!" shot into his face.

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