

# Oakland Youth Fight For Jobs

Raising the demand for Jobs or Income Now and Jobs for Youth, the CYO along with the October League and the Fight Don't Starve Committee, met with the Oakland city council on November 16. This event along with a militant picket line in front of city hall were held in response to the growing rate of un-

employment in Oakland and across the country.

Speakers from the OL, CYO, and FDSC explained that unemployment is an inherent part of the imperialist system. The CYO representative went on to say, "Youth are a reserve labor force for the capitalists. Young people, especially minority youth, are

the last hired and the first fired and are consistently forced into the lowest paying jobs." As fifty or so picketers listened, an OL spokesperson pointed out that the demand for jobs is part of the overall struggle against imperialism. She further described the growing trend of Marxist-Leninist unity throughout the

country as the key to victory in this struggle. "The new communist party will provide the working class with its own political party. A party that will not only lead the struggle for our democratic rights but also for the establishment of socialism and the dictatorship of the working class, where we can control our own  
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## THE YOUNG COMMUNIST

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## CYO CONVENTION SUCCESS

### '77 a year of decisiveness

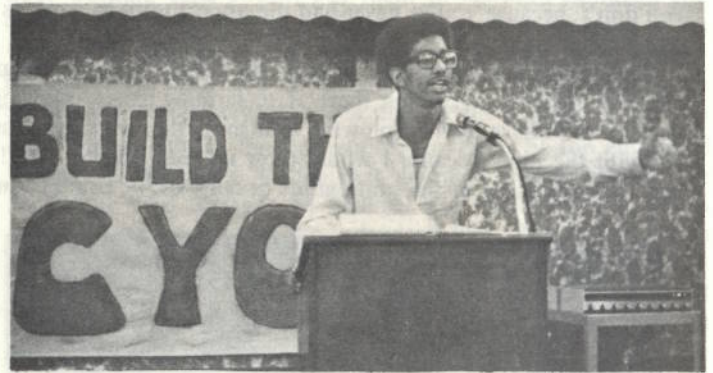
The new year brought together over 200 revolutionary minded youth to attend the Second National Communist Youth Organization conference held here on December 31st, Jan 1, 1977. The young people at the conference represented young workers, students, different oppressed nationalities as well as both men and women. The conference itself pointed to the strong role that youth are increasingly playing the revolutionary movement. This was especially shown in the participation and enthusiasm of all the delegates.

At the conference, Roy Smith, chairman of the CYO, summed up in his opening speech, the main lessons gained by the organization in its first year's work and outlined the tasks facing the CYO in its next year of revolutionary struggle. "We in the CYO have learned that the youth of this country, after 46 years of being deprived of a communist youth organization, are actively looking for revolutionary leadership. It

is our historic duty to build a strong CYO to organize them.

This past year, the CYO has taken up the struggle of Jobs for Youth and to free Gary Tyler. Through these campaigns, the CYO has grown, it has become a national organization, and is flourishing all around the country. New CYO chapters are now being built in the Black Belt South, homeland of the Afro-American nation. In this upcoming year, we must continue to be an organization that is wholly in the service of the working class. We must intensify our work among the youth to win them to Marxism-Leninism and to follow the leadership of a new communist party of which the youth will constitute a great and mighty reserve."

The conference received speeches of solidarity from Marxist-Leninist organizations representing the Organizing Committee for a new Marxist-Leninist party. The youth demonstrated their enthusiasm for



*CYO Chairman, Roy Smith, gives opening address at 2nd National Convention.*

the growing trend of Marxist-Leninist unity with resounding chants of "Build the party!" and "On to the Party!" Chairman of the October League, Michael Klonsky, spoke to the young people on the relationship between the new communist party that is being built and the CYO. He stated that, "The party and the CYO must develop the closest and warmest fraternal relations on the basis of our common ideology, Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought. To the

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# VETERAN FIGHTER ADDRESSES YOUTH

*The following is the full text of Mary Smith's speech at the recently held 2nd National Conference of the Communist Youth Organization. Mary Smith is a member of the Chicago Workers' Solidarity Committee, local chapter of the National Fightback Organization, a fighting organization of the working class. Mary Smith is a veteran fighter of 60 years in the working class struggle. From her rich experience in the Black Belt South and in the ghettos and sweatshops of Chicago, she was able to draw many important lessons for the young people at the conference. She raised the consciousness of many around the need to fight for self-determination for the Afro-American Nation in the overall struggle for socialism. Her speech built much unity at the conference between the young and the old. We are very proud to reprint it and hope that it will be of value to youth around the country as we carry on the struggle against imperialist oppression.*

To those who are not living in the city, I'd like to extend a welcome to you, and I would like to tell you myself I am proud to know we have so many brothers and sisters who I have never met. This really is a surprise to me!

As you know, I am only a year old in the organization. And I have learned many things. Today, you are teaching me more than I have learned and in the future, I mean to put what I have learned from you to use. I want to begin to try to bring to you a message of my own summing up—from what I have learned.

I was born in the Black Belt of Mississippi. The capitalist system had taken all my parents' possession—the land, the livestock, even down to the chickens in the yard and made sharecroppers out of me and my parents. That's how I grew up—as a sharecropper, many of you understand the word "sharecropper" and many of you don't, because you've never had the opportunity to work as a sharecropper.

This means that I started to work in the cotton fields at 8 years old. I've learned everything there is to farming except plowing. And I would have learned plowing, but my father wouldn't trust me with the plow because I would plow up everything in sight! I had to stop school in the ninth grade because of the death of my



*Young children go to work in the fields at an early age to help their families survive.*



*Mary Smith speaks to youth at CYO convention*

parents. This left me with two young children which I had to raise up myself. This is why I can understand the oppression of young people today.

The imperialist system drove me from my homeland in the Black Belt of the South. I had to come north to Chicago to learn what my answer was. I had been asking myself why did my parents lose their land and all their possessions? Did we owe that much? No. I have learned it was the dueling of the capitalist system's pistol, which my father did not understand. So now I will have to say they stole it from me.

And here I am—your former sharecropper. I worked in the factories and hospitals in Chicago for almost thirty years. What do I have to show for it—nothing but bad eyesight, high blood pressure, a welfare check that's too small for me to live on.

But everything hasn't been bad. I met the Fightback Organization on the unemployment lines. Now I have the Fightback and the Call newspaper, which have answered many of my questions.

For the young people, I'm proud of you today because you didn't have to wait until you were 60 years old to understand what the capitalist system was doing to you also. You have learned to become strong fighters against this system. And you have time during your aging up to change this system and not let it do the same thing to you that it has done to me.

I have found out the only answer to put an end to the capitalist system is socialism. Because of the Fightback, and the Call paper, I know now that the imperialist system is the cause of oppression of Black people and of all working class people. I know that socialism and self-determination for the Afro-American nation is the answer—the ending to oppression.

As Odis Hyde has said: "Every class that ever ruled in the history of mankind has a political party. The working class is no different." We need a revolutionary communist party to lead us to victory. The Communist Youth Organization, under the leadership of the new party, will insure that new blood and new fresh ideas and the enthusiasm of young people will be continually brought into the party."

I say—"On with the Party! Build the CYO!"

# JOBS FOR YOUTH

## CYO FIGHTS FOR JOBS IN STEEL

As part of taking up our National Jobs for Youth campaign, the Chicago CYO has begun a struggle to demand jobs at the steel mills. This is part of the campaign initiated by the October League to boycott the union elections in some of the major industries as well as to fight for the right to strike, end layoffs, unsafe work conditions, and to end discrimination faced by minorities and women.

Young workers are facing a common enemy from both the steel company bosses and the Abel-Sadlowski union bureaucrats. In the Chicago-Gary-Indiana district, the largest concentration of steel mills in the country, 40,000 workers, mainly young, have been laid off and more than 30 have been killed during the two years Sadlowski's been in charge. Young steel workers are denied job security and union representation while on probation and if they're laid off before they put in two years, collect no Supplementary Unemployment Benefits. Minority workers have the most dangerous and dirty jobs in the mills and because of discrimination are denied the better paying jobs.

This oppression is being met by a growing resistance by workers of all nationalities. For example, in 1974, James Jackson, a young Black steelworker, shot a racist foreman in self-defense but was convicted by a jury which included a foreman from another mill. His case was brought to the union by his fellow workers and under the leadership of Marxist-Leninists. The role of the union bureaucrats as defenders of the system was exposed, building determination among the workers to fight not only for James Jackson's freedom but also to kick the bureaucrats out of the union. His struggle, like Gary Tyler's, is seen as a symbol of the Black liberation struggle for democratic rights and self-determination.

The imperialist use union misleaders like Abel and Sadlowski to try to crush this growing resistance. Thru the superprofits they

make from the exploitation of third world countries, the imperialists bribe the upper, highly skilled section of the working class. Abel and Sadlowski try to take the union down the path of fighting for a few crumbs in an attempt to pacify and halt the growing workers' movement. Sadlowski poses the greatest danger because his appeal is aimed at the section of the work force most disgusted with the Abel leadership and most open to change. Both Abel and Sadlowski oppose the unity of the national liberation movements and the workers' movement. Their actions have proven they support discrimination against women and the high unemployment among youth. They are the enemies of the masses of youth and the entire working class. The CYO is supporting the OL's labor campaign as part of the struggle to turn these unions into organizations that will lead the masses of workers in fighting the whole capitalist system and take up all the struggles of the working class, minority nationalities, women, and youth.

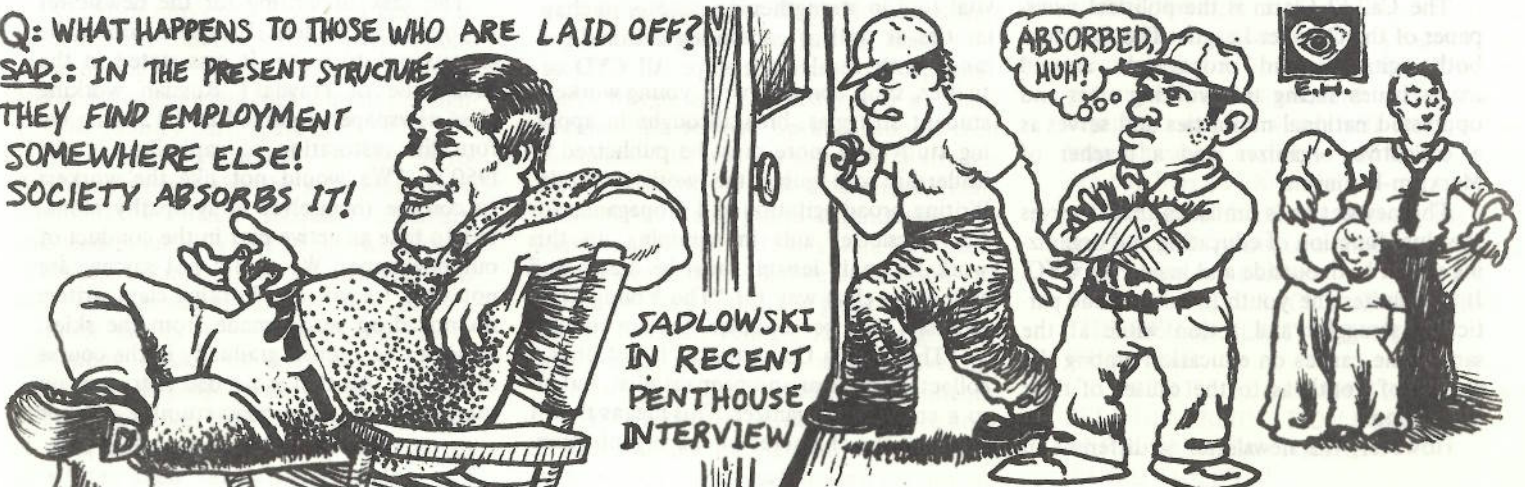
The CYO will be built in the heat of this struggle. It is an excellent opportunity to educate the masses of youth in communism and expose the capitalist system as the cause of unemployment. In the course of fighting for jobs in the mills many youth will also see the role of the labor aristocracy as defenders of the system. We will also be able to win employed workers to fighting unemployment which is used by the capitalists to lower wages and bust unions. The final goal of the CYO's Jobs for Youth campaign is socialism, the only system under which there will be full employment.

Thru leaflets, educationals, study groups, writing for the Call and the Young Communist, along with mass actions, we will attract working class youth, win them to Marxism-Leninism and develop their leadership in the CYO. Commenting on some of the work in the campaign so far, a member of the Chicago local steering committee said, "We're doing work at the high school in the community surrounding the mill, linking the struggle of the unemployed youth in this community to those of the employed workers in the mills. We see that we must expose liberals like Sadlowski who attempt to channel the militancy that youth have to fight the system into a deadend path. The Call-El Clarin and The Young Communist have been at the center of our work in educating youth who are active in the struggle for jobs about all the struggles of the working class and especially to fight our two enemies, the bosses and the bureaucrats.

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# ALL OUT FOR WOMEN'S DAY

On Saturday, March 5th, demonstrations commemorating International Women's Day will be held in New York, Chicago, Atlanta, and San Francisco. This will be the 67th celebration of this workers' holiday which is in support of the heroic struggles of women, both in the past and present, against imperialism. On this day women and men will take militant actions pointing to imperialism as the source of women's oppression.

International Women's Day was originated on March 8th 1910 by Clara Zetkin, a communist vanguard fighter. She called the holiday to commemorate the thousands of working women in the garment and textile industries, who in 1908 marched in the streets of New York demanding an end to sweatshop conditions, child labor, and in support of the right to vote.

This year's International Women's Day events will be taking place in the context of the attacks by imperialism on women. Many of the just gains made by working and minority women are now being wiped out. Using the excuse of no seniority, women who in recent years have been employed in industry, are being laid off in

large numbers. These women are waging a battle for issues such as the ERA, daycare, safe abortions, and ending discrimination against women especially minority women.

Activities on International Women's Day will call for working people of the U.S. to learn from the women of China whose struggle is an example of the path that all women will take in the future. The women of China fought alongside their brothers and successfully secured the rule of the working class in their country, thus laying the basis for the full emancipation of women.

In the third world countries today, women are playing a leading role in opposing superpower plunder and exploitation. The women of Azania are the best witnesses to this fact. Together with the people of their own countries they are fighting heroically for independence and liberation from the brutal rule of apartheid, colonialism, and imperialism. Lenin has pointed out, "the experience of all liberation movements has shown that the success of a revolution depends on how much women take part in it."

The two superpowers the U.S. and the Soviet Union in preparation for war, are intensifying their slander of working and oppressed women in an attempt to hold back their participation in the growing revolutionary movement. While all over the world today the struggle by women of the working class and nationally oppressed peoples to free themselves is on the rise, the two superpowers are trying to lead this struggle astray. The U.S. imperialists push the line that women's problems are a product of natural inferiority. The Soviet Union, under the guise of socialism, says women must wait and beg for peace, detente and disarmament rather than winning emancipation thru the armed overthrow of imperialism and the establishment of socialism.

On International Women's Day, the CYO will point to U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism as the main enemy of women. The CYO will demand:

**FULL EQUALITY FOR WOMEN!  
SUPPORT THE STRUGGLES OF THE  
THIRD WORLD PEOPLES!  
END SUPERPOWER WAR PREPARATIONS!**

## Build The Young Communist

The recent second national conference of the CYO was the scene of strong enthusiasm and unity on the establishment of a regular monthly newsletter and devotion to building the newsletter. At this conference, we held a newsletter workshop to raise the peoples' understanding of the role of "The Young Communist" in building the CYO and to unite them around building "The Young Communist." A point that was clarified was the relation of the Call to the newsletter.

The Call-El Clarin is the political newspaper of the October League. The Call does both agitation and propaganda around many issues facing the working class and oppressed national minorities and serves as a collective organizer and a teacher of Marxism-Leninism.

The newsletter is similar in that it serves the dual function of educating and organizing youth both outside and inside the CYO. It also unites the youth to take up the particular struggles and action while at the same time carries on education among the masses of youth as to the causes of their oppression.

However, the newsletter is different in

that it speaks primarily to youth and focuses on the struggles of youth against imperialism. This does not mean the newsletter is less useful or less important than a paper like the Call, rather the newsletter is evidence of the special tasks of the CYO among youth and also the CYO's organizational independence.

Building "The Young Communist" is especially important as the CYO consolidates local chapters and strengthens the national organization. The newsletter is a vital tool in strengthening chapter to chapter ties as well as combining national guidance with local leadership. All CYO activities, shop conditions of young workers, student struggles, breakthroughs in applying study and more must be publicized so leadership can guide the work correctly. Writing broad agitation and propaganda for the newsletter aids in summing up this work for main lessons must be drawn and stated in a clear way for "The Young Communist" to be popular among youth.

"The Young Communist" is not only a collective agitator and propagandist, but also a collective organizer. This means that it lays out the character of the organization.

gives direction to the national, and enables the readers to view and criticize the progress of each local in their efforts to build the CYO. This was applied in Indiana where a CYO organizing committee, in preparing for the second national conference, mobilized contacts and friends around study of the newsletter article on "Building the new communist party." In this way they understood the need to root the CYO in the working class and to accept the leadership of its new vanguard party.

The task of writing for the newsletter is yours, the readers. Everyone should be encouraged to write. It was stated in the first issue of Pravda ( Russian working class newspaper, founded in 1912, long before the restoration of capitalism in the 1950's), "We would not like the workers to confine themselves in sympathy alone, but to take an active part in the conduct of our newspaper. We would not say we are not used to writing. Working class writers do not drop ready made from the skies; they can be trained gradually in the course of writing. All that is needed is to start on the job boldly. You may stumble once or

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# OUR CULTURE SERVES THE PEOPLE

## Eternal Glory to Chairman Mao

The October League has recently published the 6th issue of its communist journal "Class Struggle," titled "Eternal Glory to Mao Tsetung" and dedicated to the memory of Mao Tsetung who died on September 9, 1976. The issue has the goal of turning our great sorrow at the passing away of Mao Tsetung into strength by summing up and commenting on his many immortal teachings so as to popularize the study of his works among U.S. revolutionary fighters.

Chairman Mao Tsetung was the great leader and teacher not only of the Chinese people, but also of the working class and oppressed peoples of all countries. He founded the Communist Party of China and led it thru more than 50 years of revolutionary struggles. He also founded the Chinese Peoples' Liberation Army, led its historic Long March of 25,000 li and guided it to victory in the war against Japanese imperialism and Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang reactionaries. In 1949, Mao Tsetung founded the Peoples' Republic of China leading the Chinese people out of the yoke of imperialist bondage and into socialist construction. In 1966, he person-



Chairman Mao-Tsetung-1938

ally initiated and led the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in order to continue the revolution under the leadership of the Chinese proletariat dictatorship thus further developing Marxism-Leninism and offering the workers of the world a brilliant example of combatting revisionism and preventing capitalist restoration.

In the opening article of the journal, Hua Kuo Feng, Chairman of the Communist Party of China, in a speech at a mass memorial meeting, sums up the great signifi-

cance of Mao Tsetung's life and work to the masses of people in China and throughout the world. He said, "It was under Chairman Mao's leadership that the Chinese people who had suffered from oppression and exploitation, won emancipation and became masters of their country. It was under Chairman Mao's leadership that the disaster plagued Chinese nation rose to its feet. The Chinese people love, trust, and esteem Chairman Mao from the bottom of their hearts. The international proletariat and progressive mankind all deeply mourn the death of Chairman Mao." On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China he called for the continuation of the struggle to implement Chairman Mao's instructions to "Never forget class struggle," "practice Marxism and not revisionism, unite and don't split, be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire."

Some of the other articles in this issue include Mao Tsetung's teachings on the questions of party-building, the class struggle under socialism, orientation of the youth movement, the international situation, and on revolutionary culture. They link Mao Tsetung's teachings to the current struggle of Marxist-Leninists in the U.S. and the rest of the world against revisionism on these questions. The authors also connect these lessons to the class struggle against the "gang of four" in China today.

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## CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

The CYO in Boston has recently taken up building for Black History Week at Boston State College. February is Black History Month, which began as a dedication to Carter G. Woodson, one of the first Black historians in the U.S. Black History Week takes place during the second week of February, and many colleges and high schools throughout the country participate in it.

The heroic resistance of the Afro-American masses plus the achievements of hundreds of Black scholars, scientists, and leaders are all a part of the rich history of the Afro-American nation that the CYO will commemorate during this month.

Since slavery, it has been the policy of the ruling classes to deny Black people their own language, culture, and history. They try to keep the Black youth ignorant of their nations proud history in the hopes of stifling their revolutionary energy and

desire for equality. But Black people have always fought national oppression and taught themselves their own history through literature, music, and artwork.

In the 60's, Black youth in the millions raised the demand of Black Power and were in the forefront of the fight for Black studies. They won their demands through militant struggle and sparked youth of many nationalities to take up and support their demands. This was a revolutionary struggle but because of the lack of a genuine communist party and youth organization, the demands for Black studies were not linked to the demands for self-determination and socialism. As a result, the gains which were forced from the ruling class are largely being erased and many schools have dismantled their Black studies departments.

CYO activities during Black History Month will link the fight to develop Black history with the struggle against the mount-

ing attacks on Afro-American education, exposing imperialism as the cause of this oppression and calling for working class youth of all nationalities to unite against it. At Boston State College, the CYO is leading the fight to end cutbacks, rebuild the Afro-American studies program, implement the Affirmative Action Program, get more financial aid, and to stop the reorganization plan which will make a four year education available only to those who can pay over \$1200 a year!

During Black History Month, the CYO in Boston is planning a picket line at the state house demanding:

**STOP THE CUTBACKS AND REBUILD THE AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM!  
CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY WEEK!  
SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE AFRO-AMERICAN NATION!  
BUILD THE CYO!**

# China Smashes Gang of Four

The CYO and revolutionary youth throughout the world hail the recent victory of the Communist Party of China over the "gang of four." This gang was a group of hidden counter-revolutionaries in the Party who opposed Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and oppressed the masses of people. The struggle against them provides rich lessons in continuing class struggle under socialism.

The "gang of four"—Wang Hung-wen, Chang Chun-chiao, Chiang Ching and Yao Wen-Yuan conspired to seize the party and state power in China in order to restore capitalism. How can members of the leadership of the Communist Party turn out to be nothing more than a bunch of bourgeois careerists? Chairman Mao pointed out: "You are making the socialist revolution and yet you don't know where the bourgeoisie is. It is right in the Communist Party—those in power taking the capitalist road. The capitalist roaders are still on the capitalist road." Inside the Communist Party is an ideal place for the bourgeoisie to nestle. Especially under socialism you can't get away with saying "we want to bring back capitalist exploitation." But under the guise of Marxism, revisionists put forward all kinds of bourgeois theories and in the Party, they have the power and a broad influence. This shows the need for the Party and the masses to firmly grasp Marxism-Leninism and to take class struggle as the key link.

Chairman Mao had criticized and opposed the "gang of four" for a long time. He told them: "Don't function as a gang of four. Don't do it anymore. Why do you keep doing it?" In 1975, he pointed out about Chiang Ching, "After I die, she will make trouble." True to his words, as soon as Chairman Mao died, the gang of four moved to seize party and state power. Chairman Hua Kuo Feng and the Party Central Committee moved decisively to smash their plans and to lead the whole country in criticizing the "gang." The masses of people rose up to celebrate this great victory.

The "gang of four" had worked very hard to promote their revisionist line. In every way, they opposed the advances of the dictatorship of the proletariat. They especially attacked Tachai and Taching, China's red banners on the agricultural and industrial

fronts. They attacked the workers and peasants saying that their theoretical level was too low and they undermined socialist production. They showed their contempt for the masses in their indifference to the earthquake recovery work and reconstruction.

Like the bourgeoisie everywhere, they especially sought to divert the young people off the socialist path. They discouraged young people from learning scientific and technical skills by saying "study is useless." In this way they denied the need for the working class to become masters of their own country which means that a group of bourgeois "experts" could just take over. They also tried to drive a wedge between the masses of youth and older workers.

The "gang" called these older workers empiricists—which means just relying on fragmented practical experience and not using theory. But this was just a way to slander the workers and peasants who through years of practical experience in the class struggle, the struggle for production, and scientific experiment had learned to apply Marxism-Leninism to the concrete problems "of building socialism and preventing capitalist restoration." Of course the "gang of four" was deathly afraid of the youth learning to distinguish Marxism-Leninism from revisionism by learning from these veteran workers.

Using Chairman Mao's teaching: "Practice Marxism and not revisionism; unite and don't split; be open and aboveboard; and don't intrigue and conspire," Chairman Hua Kuo Feng and the Central Committee moved decisively to smash the "gang of four" and mobilizing the masses to criticize this gang of revisionists and conspirators. The whole country is being mobilized to intensify its study of Marxism to be able to combat revisionism and to promote production.

The CYO supports the wise decision of Chairman Hua and the Chinese people in their firm stand to fight revisionism. The struggle provides us with an excellent opportunity to deepen our understanding of Marxism-Leninism and to rally the masses of youth to support revolution in this country and throughout the world.

## Youth In Countries Where Capital R

(Albanian Telegraph Agency—)

In the conditions of the further deepening of the general crisis which has gripped the capitalist countries, the situation of youth is becoming more and more difficult. According to admissions of the western press, the young men and young women are the first to be dismissed and the last to be employed. The number of unemployed is higher than the general average of unemployment in those countries. In the U.S.A. for instance, the number of the unemployed youth last August was about 4 per cent higher than the average of unemployment in that capitalist country. The number of the unemployed among British youth is more than 500,000, while 1.5 million youth in Italy are unemployed. Misery and insecurity are permanent co-travelers of the youth in all the capitalist countries. The youth who attend schools in those countries have to pay heavy taxes and come across with scores of other difficulties. In the U.S.A., a pupil needs \$1,600 to \$2,000 a year to graduate the university. A student in Italy has to pay a 40-60 thousand lira a month for the dormitory alone. The university students have to pay an annual tax to the tune of 8-120 thousand lira to attend studies. Fat bribes are needed to pay the managers and professors of the university to pass the "entry exams" in the Soviet universities.

These sufferings and privations, this oppression and discrimina-



Young people of Albania play an

tion arouses revolt in the fold of the youth. It is these that make them a reserve of the revolution in the countries where capital rules. Numerous are the demonstrations and clashes of the youth, who have clashed with the fascist police in the streets of the Spanish, South African, American cities, in Brazil, Uruguay or Colom-

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party, the youth organization of communists is a mighty reserve and a training school for young communists to fill the ranks of the party and become successors in the great communist tradition of our class."

The conference also received many other comradely greetings and messages of solidarity. Guests such as Mary Smith from the National Fightback Organization, the Peoples' Defense Coalition, Ronnie Long Defense Committee, etc. gave inspiration to the conference and CYO delegates pledged to continue the struggle for the freedom of Gary Tyler and Ronnie Long. From his prison cell Gary Tyler sent a message, supporting the CYO and its second national conference.

The spirit of proletarian internationalism was strong and a high point of the conference. A member of the Canadian Communist League received a stormy ovation as she spoke to the conference in her native tongue, French. On behalf of the working class and oppressed nationalities of Canada, she talked of the friendship and solidarity between working people of Canada and the U.S. She presented the CYO with a gift and extended full support to the organization in its efforts to build the revolutionary youth movement.

Internationalist greetings were also received from activists from Mexico, the Red Youth Organization of Norway, and the Communist Federation of Germany. At the conference, the CYO took a strong stand denouncing the two superpowers as the main enemies of the worlds' peoples and pledged support for the socialist revolution in countries throughout the world. Particular support was given to the struggle of the Azanian people in South Africa and in other Third World countries. The CYO also gave firm support to the Chinese people and Chairman Hua Kuo Feng in their struggle against the "gang of four."

The conference held workshops which did Marxist-Leninist education on a variety of topics such as the current international

situation, organizing students, the struggle of women for full equality, the struggle of youth for jobs, and developing proletarian culture. In the workshop on party-building, conference delegates learned about the relationship between the new communist party and the CYO and united around the CYO being a mass organization of advanced youth in the service of the working class and its vanguard party. Another workshop discussed the role of the CYO's newsletter, "The Young Communist." Members rallied around building the newsletter as the national organ of the CYO. The conference welcomed the news that the newsletter will be coming out on a regular monthly basis.

Discussion was also held around the proposed program of the CYO. Although the program was not fully adopted, the discussions laid the basis for deepening the CYO's understanding and continuing to develop the program in the next year.

One of the highlights of the conference was the election of the CYO's national leadership. Roy Smith, chairman, and Marja Wesels, vice-chair, were re-elected and a new National Steering Committee was chosen. The leadership which was elected was chosen from those who had emerged and been strengthened thru the struggles of building the CYO. It is the task of this new leadership to organize the next year's mass campaigns, study of Marxism-Leninism, and debates around the CYO program.

The conference illustrated the enthusiasm and eagerness that young people have for revolution and socialism. The CYO in the next year will continue to build itself in the heat of class struggle and go wherever youth are struggling against imperialism in order to rally them around the CYO, raising their understanding of Marxism-Leninism and involvement in the struggle for socialism and socialist revolution! As the conference drew to a close, delegates from around the country pledged to redouble their efforts in building the CYO and in making 1977 a year of revolutionary success!

## les - Great Reserves Of Revolution



important role in their socialist society.

ia. Recently thousands of youth, pupils and students of New York, Boston, etc. pitched into the stern class struggle to defend their rights. The French youth too have taken an active part in the strike struggle. More than 200,000 young men and young women of Paris, Nantes, Marseilles, etc., took to streets chanting

many slogans, condemning the capitalist system.

In Italy, among hundreds of thousands of strikers are a great number of youth who are more and more raising their powerful voice as a result of the increase of their class consciousness. Wherever there is oppression and exploitation, the class struggle has extended and the youth actively fights on its barricades.

The struggle of the youth is interlaced more and more frequently with the struggle of the proletariat and is directed ever more forcefully against the very bourgeois order which is responsible for all the sufferings and miseries of the youth and the entire working people.

The bourgeoisie, stresses the newspaper, knows the force of the youth therefore, it leaves no stone unturned to disorient it, to divert it from the barricades of struggle. But the savage economic, political, and racial violence the youth is subject to in all the countries where capital rules arouses a strong legitimate revolt which the bourgeoisie cannot stamp out. Life itself in the bourgeois countries proves that a great revolt against social injustice is seething among the youth. "It is up to the Marxist-Leninists," comrade Enver Hoxha stressed at the 7th Congress of the party, "to unite the enthusiasm of the youth, its revolutionary aspirations with the drive and aspirations of the working class to lead it on the correct course towards the liberation of all society from the yoke of the big capital."

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This memorial issue is of special importance to members and supporters who attended the CYO's second National Convention on January 1, 1977. The issue can serve as a guide for deepening the understanding of revolutionary-minded youth on many political points discussed at the conference and contained in the CYO's Draft Program currently being studied in CYO local chapters. For example, one of the high points of the conference was the spirit of proletarian internationalism and militant solidarity with the Communist Party of China shown by the conference participants. Dan Burstein's article "The World is being Turned Upside Down" provides an excellent opportunity for youth to deepen their understanding of Mao Tse Tung's line on the question of "who are the friends and enemies of the worlds' peoples, what the Marxist-Leninist basis of the concept of the three worlds is and why Mao's analysis of this question is currently under attack from revisionists and opportunists of all stripes. It also explains Chairman Mao's line on the questions of war and peace, strategy and tactics, and China's foreign policy. In addition, it serves as a tool for the CYO in its work of doing revolutionary education among young people about many of the important lessons learned at the conference.

Chairman Mao's teachings are of great significance to the youth in the U.S. Mao Tse Tung had many years of personal experience in the anti-imperialist youth movement of China. He always paid particular attention to the development of a correct orientation for the youth movement so that it could play its proper role as a reliable ally and sometimes, vanguard fighter for the working class. In the article "Youth

are the Most Active and Vital Force," the CYO discusses why, based on the successes and failures of the youth movement in China and the world, it is decisive for all revolutionary minded young people to guide their work by Chairman Mao's analysis on this question. "How should we judge whether a youth is truly revolutionary? How can we tell? There can be only one criterion, namely, whether he is willing to integrate himself with the broad masses of workers and peasants and does so in practice." The article brings out the revolutionary role the youth in China have played, armed with this line, in fighting the oppressors and exploiters of the Chinese people. This role was shown in both the struggle to liberate China as well as in the continuing struggle under socialism against bourgeois elements in the Communist Party of China itself.

Overall, one of the memorial issues most important features is the lessons it draws concerning Chairman Mao's never-ending spirit of love and concern for the well-being of the masses and selfless devotion to the cause of their liberation. Chairman Mao experienced many personal sacrifices in the course of his revolutionary work. Most of his family was killed by reactionaries or foreign invaders, including his first wife, his two brothers, his mother, and one of his sons. Chairman Mao never divorced himself from the masses of oppressed people and will always be remembered as their staunchest servant. He was truly the greatest Marxist-Leninist of our time. ETERNAL GLORY TO MAO TSE TUNG! LONG LIVE MARXISM-LENINISM MAO TSE TUNG THOUGHT!

# YOUNG COMMUNIST

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twice, but in the end you will learn to write." This also includes cultural articles and art work. We must develop good proletarian culture by writing from a communist point of view about the conditions of life and struggle of the proletariat.

The newsletter also has a Spanish section, "La Juventud Comunista." This should not just be a translation of the English text, but a living voice to the Spanish speaking strata of the proletariat, bringing Marxism-Leninism in their own native language. "La Juventud Comunista" must be developed into this living voice in taking up the principle of equality of languages. In taking a firm stand against national oppression, "La Juventud Comunista" speaks to the needs of the Spanish speaking community. English speaking as well as Spanish speaking youth should take part in building "La Juventud Comunista."

The CYO cannot be built without a national organ. Building the newsletter builds the CYO and builds for rallying the masses of youth around our correct line and program. We call on everyone to study the newsletter, to raise their political level, write for the newsletter to share their knowledge with everyone, and sell the newsletter to give youth the truth in all the day to day struggles and conditions of life here and around the world.

# Oakland

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destiny." On this note, the protesters marched into the council chambers and demanded jobs for the 50,000 unemployed people of Oakland. At this point Mayor Reading, showing his total disrespect for working people, blurted out, "You are a bunch of ignoramus! You need to take an economics course! You don't deserve \$25.00 a month from this government!" A Latino brother from the Fightback told the mayor and his lackeys, "This council represents the imperialist system and only acts in the interests of the big banks and corporations. We don't have to take an economics course to know that we need food, decent housing, and a job! We know this system isn't giving us any of these things! We want jobs and we want them now!"

As they left, the members vowed to continue their fight for jobs for the people of Oakland, especially the large minority population which has been hardest hit by unemployment."

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