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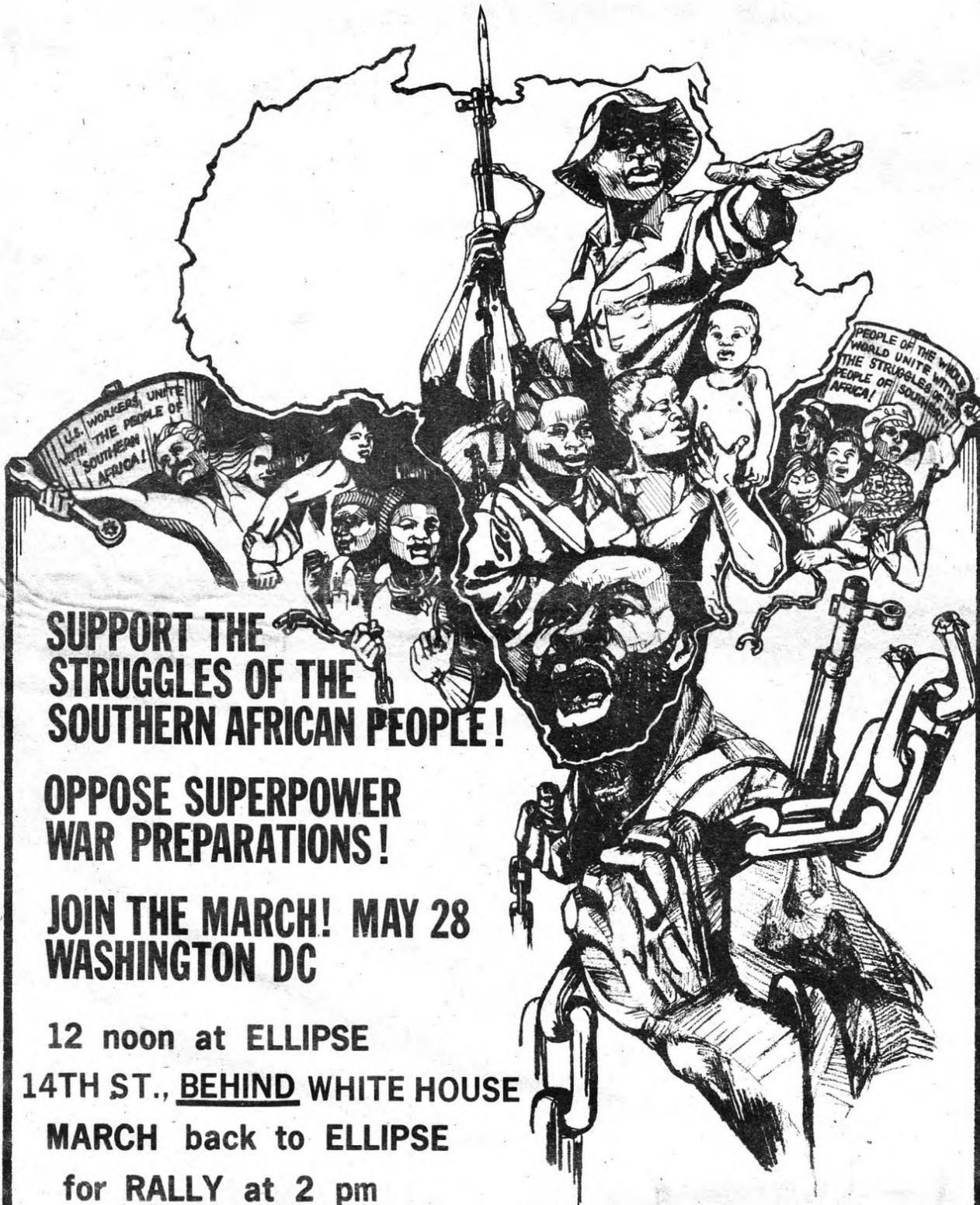
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End the Criminal Rule
of the U.S. Monopoly Capitalist Class,
Fight for Socialism!

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

ALL OUT FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY!



**SUPPORT THE
STRUGGLES OF THE
SOUTHERN AFRICAN PEOPLE!**

**OPPOSE SUPERPOWER
WAR PREPARATIONS!**

**JOIN THE MARCH! MAY 28
WASHINGTON DC**

**12 noon at ELLIPSE
14TH ST., BEHIND WHITE HOUSE
MARCH back to ELLIPSE
for RALLY at 2 pm**

On 125th Street in Harlem, the masses remember and love African Liberation Day (ALD). Passing out literature about this year's ALD, and talking with the masses as they stop for information, many respond, "Oh yeah, brother, I remember that. I'll be in Washington, D.C. Where can I sign up for a bus ride?" and African Liberation Support Committee workers are getting this kind of response all over the country.

On May 28, hundreds and thousands of people from all over the United States will converge on Washington, D.C. to demonstrate their support for the struggles of the southern African peoples against the white minority regimes, U.S. imperialism, and Soviet Social Imperialism. Under the leadership of the ALSC, workers of all nationalities, particularly Afro-American, and people from all four corners of the U.S. are actively building for this year's African Liberation Day demonstration and march.

Under the leadership of the local ALSC committees, workers, students, community activists and other supporters have been mobilizing for ALD through such work as educational forums, seminars, speaking at various college campuses, trade union meetings and community groups, passing out leaflets and literature on the street, explaining why we should support the struggles of the southern African peoples, showing the film "Break the Chains" which describes the very first African Liberation Day in 1972, holding fundraising events to help pay for travel expenses to Washington, D.C. etc. -- in short, going all out, to help make this year's African Liberation Day a tremendous show of support for the liberation struggles in southern Africa.

Under the leadership of the ALSC, thousands of Afro-American and peoples of all nationalities since 1972, have come out annually to show their solidarity for the liberation movements in southern Africa. The very first ALD was a tremendous success, as over 80,000 people in the U.S., Canada, and Caribbean marched and rallied in support of the liberation struggles in Angola, Mozambique, and Guinea-Bissau against Portuguese colonialism, and in support of the struggles of the peoples of Azania (South Africa), Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), and Namibia (Southwest Africa), against illegal white minority regimes. This firm demonstration of proletarian internationalism by the U.S. multi-national working class and oppressed peoples laid the basis for ALD to become an annual event organized by the ALSC. In 1973, the mobilizations were decentralized to provide for more initiative by local ALSC chapters. Seventy-five to eighty thousand people, mainly Afro-American, marched and demonstrated in over thirty cities in the U.S., Canada, and the Caribbean, as it too continued on page 16

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N.Y. MAY DAY: 1000 STRONG, MAJOR SPEECH FROM CENTRAL



May Day marchers on the West Coast (above Photo) and on the East Coast (photo at left) represents the rising revolutionary consciousness of the working class. One Army! One Flag! One Aim!

May Day 1977 was a smashing success! In New York City and Los Angeles, a militant detachment of the U.S. working class, under the leadership of the Workers Viewpoint Organization, marched 1000 strong in step with the proletariat of the world -- as one army, under one flag, with one aim! In boldly proclaiming our lofty aim of the dictatorship of the proletariat and Communism, and making the streets ring with the Internationale, the battle hymn of the international proletariat, we declared war on the monopoly capitalist class.

The militant and spirited demonstrations were overwhelmingly proletarian in character and composition. In New York alone, a thousand workers and their families, led by communists marched through the working class communities of the Lower East Side in disciplined fashion, shouting chants and slogans that burned with anger and hatred for the rotten system of capitalism, and calling out "The Workers Solution is Socialist Revolution!" The rally which followed the march was a rich program of proletarian culture -- songs, poems, dances and speeches -- which helped push forward the militant and lively proletarian spirit of May Day, and which further unleashed the initiative and enthusiasm of the workers and cadre. This, the largest May Day demonstration in the U.S., truly shook the foundations of monopoly capitalism!

In the course of mobilizing for May Day, the Workers Viewpoint Organization has deepened our ties with the masses, and has gained valuable experience in winning and training the advanced workers and ourselves and in rectifying shortcomings in our methods of work. The Workers Viewpoint Organization has truly emerged as the foundation for the genuine Communist Party in the U.S. Following is the speech given by the Workers Viewpoint Organization spokesperson at the May Day rally in New York. A fuller sum-up will follow in the next issue of the newspaper.

Comrades and Friends!

Today, right here, we have won a great victory. We all can feel it, today, right here, **THIS IS** May Day. We can all feel it in our hearts--the tradition, the spirit, the tremendous optimism and hope of the greatest class in the history of mankind and the only class that can free all of mankind--the working class. And, tomorrow, and

the next day, and the day after that when we go back to the factories, to our communities and to the schools, we are going to bring the message back and we are going to organize our class brothers and sisters--**TO BREAK THE CHAINS OF WAGE SLAVERY AND NATIONAL OPPRESSION! TO FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM!** And to tell them that our Party, the Party of the working class is on the horizon because the foundation for this Party has been laid. It is a solid foundation, it is the Workers Viewpoint Organization. And for the bourgeoisie and opportunists (like the Communist Party USA [CPUSA] and the Revolutionary Communist Party [RCP]) that's right, they get a message too because our victory is their defeat. We are reminding them that socialism and communism are inevitable--that the working class and all oppressed people will fight, fail, fight again, fail again, and keep on fighting until we overthrow this rotten dictatorship of the monopoly capitalist class and set up a dictatorship of the working class.

The tradition that we are building on that the bourgeoisie will never take away from us was started back on May 1st in 1886. Hundreds of thousands of workers in Chicago and throughout the country marched triumphantly through the streets demanding the 8 hour day and the right to unionize. At the Haymarket Square in Chicago, the capitalists, with the collaboration of the labor misleaders, issued orders to the police to fire directly into the crowd and planted a bomb in order to frame up the organizers and discredit them. But the workers were not fooled. They were armed and they fired back and several policemen were killed. This incident gave tremendous impetus to the struggle for the 8 hour day and for the right to unionize. The battle cry was taken up by workers all over the world. Monopoly capitalism was shaken at its very foundations. The capitalists were so shook up they sent 6 men to the gallows on trumped up charges. They even erected a monument of the dead policemen at the Haymarket Square. But this didn't intimidate the workers. Instead it made them more angry and made them more eager to continue to organize and fight back. In fact, they couldn't keep the statues in one piece. First the heads were knocked off, then the arms, and so it went on. And everytime the capitalists put the pieces back, it was busted up again. In fact, the only things that took to the statues of the cops were the dogs in the neighborhood. They paid their respects every morning and every night they pissed and crapped at the foot of the monument. This is the

only "respect" that the bourgeoisie is going to get because they belong on and will end up on the dung heap of history. The bourgeoisie finally got the message and removed the monument.

This message rings louder and clearer from May Day to May Day. Year after year, the working class grows in strength and in numbers. We mature through experience and become more conscious as a class--from the 8 hour day, to the end to child labor, to the organization of trade unions, to the May Day in 1934 where half a million workers, under communist leadership, marched under the banner to "Down Tools on May 1st" and "Forward to a Soviet America." And this message echoes, through our voices, through our hands and fists, and through the barrels of our guns, from every corner of the world in our struggle against wage slavery and national oppression here and against colonialism, racism, imperialism, and the hegemonism of the two superpowers--U.S. Imperialism and Soviet Social Imperialism--worldwide.

We are marching in the footsteps of the workers in China, Albania, Korea, Rumania, and Vietnam who have thrown off the shackles of wage slavery and imperialism. And on this, INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S DAY, we salute the struggles of the working class and oppressed peoples and nations of the world who are fighting so hard for their freedom and independence. The just struggles of all oppressed peoples support each other.

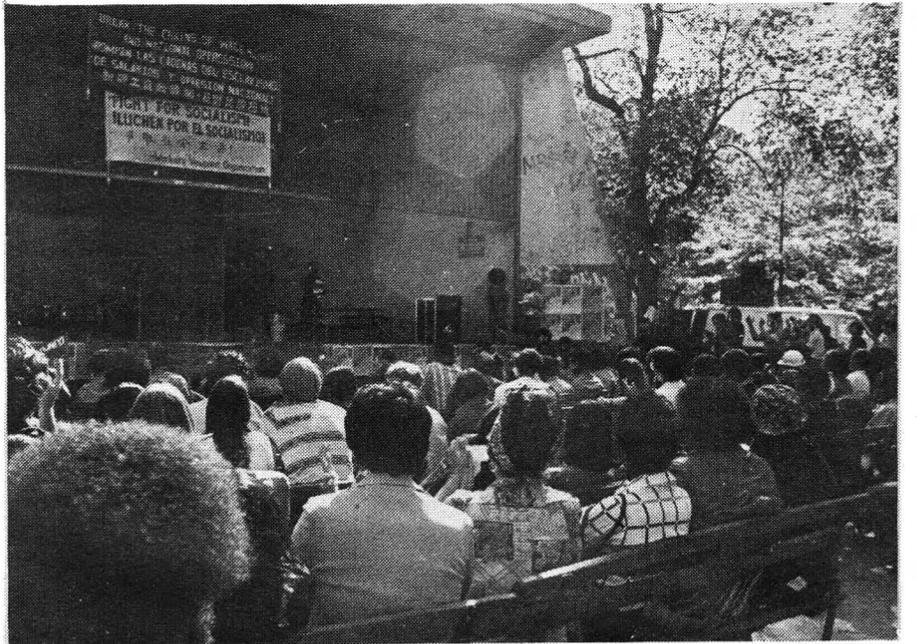
In the midst of the gravest crisis in the history of imperialism, the 2 superpowers are scrambling madly to maintain and expand their control of the world. Their fierce contention is the basis for the growing danger of a new world war. In fact, right now in Nevada, the Air Force and the Army have got this project called Operation Red Flag where they are simulating air combat in Central Europe which is the focal point of contention between the 2 superpowers. They've got styrofoam buildings that look like the buildings in Eastern Europe and styrofoam tanks that look like Russian tanks--they've got the whole works to train their so-called "elite squadrons." What they don't have to simulate is the fact that we, the working class, is paying for it with our sweat, our labor, out of our pockets and no doubt, they expect us to pay with our lives too. What they can't ever simulate is what we are going to do about it. We oppose the war but we're not afraid of it because when they become desperate enough to unleash an imperialist war, we will turn it into a civil war, a class war to overthrow the bourgeoisie and establish socialism.

WORKERS MARCH LED BY WVO

COMMITTEE OF THE WVO



The Revolutionary Youth League, marching in the disciplined and alert style of the proletarian military, headed the march in New York. At Tompkins Square, a revolutionary program of song, skits, speeches, and dances was held, raising the revolutionary spirit and enthusiasm of the masses of workers there.



This growing danger of war means more attacks on our standard of living. It's getting downright impossible to get jobs, to find childcare, to get welfare, or any social service and the bills are getting bigger by the month. What did "casual" Carter come on TV and radio to tell us last week? He told us it wasn't "fair" enough that we were the only ones reaching into our pockets to pay for the use of energy. From now on, the gas company, the electric company, and the oil companies are going to dig into our pockets too. That's what bourgeois democracy is all about--the freedom for the monopoly capitalist class to exploit our labor. The more money they get, the less we get. The more bread on their table, the less on ours. The bigger their offices, the less jobs for us. Everything we produce, they take out of our hands. That's why the only solution is socialist revolution.

SMASH THE ENEMY WITHIN OUR RANKS

But where there is oppression there is resistance and where there is resistance, there are misleaders. Because to keep us down, they have to keep us divided and disorganized. How? By every which way they can think of--by nationality, by trade, by sex, by age, they'll divide the left-handed people from the right-handed ones if necessary. It is the misleaders, the traitors, the running dogs of the monopoly capitalist class that do this dirty work for them. These bloodsucking parasites like Cesar Chavez, Fitzimmons, G. Meany, L. Woodcock, Ed Sadlowski live off the superprofits that the U.S. imperialists rip off from the Third World. These running dogs will use any means necessary to smother our militancy, to disorganize our ranks, to divert our struggle into reformist and liberal channels. These misleaders, the labor aristocracy, are the main hurdle that stands in the way of our smashing the chains. In order to smash the chains of wage slavery and national oppression we have to first smash them and all the opportunists like the "C" P USA and the RCP. For the enemy within our ranks is more dangerous, they are the better defenders of the bourgeoisie than the bourgeoisie themselves. And we will smash them in the course of our fight against the bourgeoisie. We have no interest in polishing the chains or gold plating them or adding a few more links to the chain like "C" P USA and RCP are busy doing. These chains are worn thin already from over 100 years of class struggle. Comrades,

Friends! the hammer is in our hands, we have only one interest--raise that hammer and smash the chains. And we're going to smash anything and anybody that gets in the way. And on the ruins of imperialism, with our freed hands, we will build a new socialist society. That's what revolution is all about.

Besides kicking out the misleaders what must we do? What do we need more than anything else? In all the history of class struggle, through repeated historical experiences, a history paved with blood, we can draw one conclusion--without the Party of the U.S. working class, the Communist Party, we will not have our general staff, we cannot achieve our political independence and we will not be able to overthrow the bourgeoisie and establish socialism. What is the Party? The Party is the advanced detachment of the working class. It can see farther ahead and has a broader scope. The Party is made up of the best sons and daughters who have been tested and proven through the course of class struggle. The Party is the most organized, disciplined, self-sacrificing, and persevering detachment of the class. It must lead the class through all the twists and turns, sudden changes of scenery and great disorders that always and inevitably accompany the great revolutionary changes in the world.

In short, in order for the Party to lead us to victory, we must have the correct ideological and political line.

SHOOT THE ARROW OF MARXISM-LENINISM-MAO TSE-TUNG THOUGHT AT THE TARGET OF THE U.S. REVOLUTION

One aspect of the correctness or incorrectness of ideological and political line is our line towards theory. "Without revolutionary theory, there can be no revolutionary movement." This is the truth summed up by our great teacher, Lenin. A fundamental condition for the success of any political party to serve its class is its ability to retrieve and assimilate the most advanced revolutionary historical experiences of all countries. Theory, the stand, viewpoint, and method of the historical experience of class struggle must be applied in the course of day to day class struggle. Theory must be applied to develop a profound grasp to our particular trade union movement, our particular national movements, and to gauge our particular political situation at any given moment to equip and prepare the masses for the final onslaught against the bourgeoisie.

Another aspect of the correctness or incorrectness of the ideological and political line is the correct political orientation. We must understand the particularity of the classes in the U.S. and the particularity of nationalities in the U.S. and the particular relations among them, and all their relations to the state. In other words, we must solve the fundamental question of who are our friends and who are our enemies? Who is the main force? Who are our stable allies? Who are the buffers that the bourgeoisie uses to shield and divert our attempts to smash them.

Only by developing a profound grasp of these relationships in the course of struggle against the bourgeoisie will we be able to successfully detect the tricks of the bourgeoisie, avoid the hidden reefs amidst the stormy sea of class struggle in order to unite all who can be united to push the great cause of proletarian revolution forward.

But is the theoretical and political orientation itself sufficient? NO, it is not. The Party must be the most organized detachment of the working class. The proletariat, because of their relation to the forces of production (because we work together, side by side, in a socialized way) is the most revolutionary class and the class most conscious and most capable of organization. It is the only class that can appreciate and carry out Lenin's teaching that "...the masses are divided into classes, ...that as a rule classes are led by political parties; that political parties, as a general rule, are run by more or less stable groups composed of the most authoritative, influential, and experienced members, who are elected to the most responsible positions, and are called leaders." The working class, in our fight against the bourgeoisie and through our setbacks can appreciate and are drawn to the correct organized leadership.

"In its struggle for power the proletariat has no other weapon but organization. Disunited by the rule of anarchic competition in the bourgeois world, ground down by forced labor of capital, constantly thrust back to the 'lower depths' of utter destitution, savagery, and degeneration the proletariat can, and inevitably will, become an invincible force only through its ideological unification on the principles of Marxism being reinforced by the material unity of organization, which welds millions of

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TOBACCO WORKERS' STRUGGLE INSPIRES ALL WORKERS!

"They pulled out their billy clubs. There was nothing I could do," were the words of one strikebreaker, after suffering the wrath of striking tobacco workers who were determined to defend their picket line against any and all attempts to cross it.

Injured by a woman strikebreaker, who crashed through the picket line in an automobile, one worker said, "She is hurting pretty bad for a job. I pity her, but it's the company's fault for trying to stir up feelings against the union by advertising for job applications."

These were only a few incidents in the struggle of 17,000 members of Local 176 of the Tobacco Workers International Union (TWIU), and 200 non-members who struck the Liggett and Meyers (L&M) Tobacco Company in Durham, North Carolina. In a powerful show of strength, men and women, Afro-American and white workers at L&M demonstrated their courage and determination to resist the growing attacks of the monopoly capitalist class. Their militance and revolutionary spirit was a clarion call and inspiration to all workers to take up struggle against the capitalist class.

Despite all attempts to break the strike and smash the union, the workers put up a heroic fight against the company, the police, the local newspapers, and scabs, only to have it sold out by the trade union misleaders. But the power of the working class, its bright future, is a lesson that the workers will never forget.

The strike lasted through three definite periods, and in each period the sell-out role of the trade union misleaders, and the lesson of who are the friends of working class and who are its enemies came out clearly.

TWIU MISLEADERS FAILED TO PREPARE WORKERS

The first period was a period of preparation for the strike. On April 17th, the workers walked out as a protest against the company's refusal to give an adequate cost of living increase to keep up with inflation. In the first three weeks, negotiations broke down while the company, the capitalist press and the trade union misleaders all teamed up to make the strike look like a family squabble.

While the workers were fed up and wanted to fight, the misleaders at every turn tried to dull their revolutionary spirit and determination to fight. From the beginning of the strike, the TWIU misleaders placed all kinds of obstacles in the path of the militant workers. There was no advance preparation, no consolidation of union members and no financial preparations, so many workers were not ready when the strike began. Financial preparations and strike benefits were handled like the welfare office downtown, as workers had to wait over one and a half weeks for their benefits to begin. Many were given the third degree despite the fact that they had been paying union dues for decades. The misleaders focused all the attention on one demand, the uncapped COLA (unlimited cost of living allowance; for workers making \$5.00/hour, they get 1¢/hour for every .4% increase in the cost of living, which gives us 50% of what we need to keep up with inflation), instead of a complete package in the contract for improvements in health insurance, in sick leave, and in the rotten retirement plan. Uncapped COLA would limit us to 15¢/hour/year and then give us catch-ups after 2 or 3 years, which would keep us years behind inflation. Most importantly, the misleaders failed to focus in on the need for a one year contract and across the board wage increases that could keep up with the cost of living instead of COLA, which is not the answer.



Militant tobacco workers take up clubs to defend their strike by any means necessary. Despite the attempts by the trade union mis-leaders to sabotage the strike at every turn, the tobacco workers displayed the mighty strength of the working class and fought with determination.

During the contract negotiations, the misleaders gave the workers virtually no information on the progress of the negotiations. This gave up the initiative to the company, as it used this to try to weaken the strike. L&M put out a letter trying to make themselves look like the friends of the workers, saying that they were concerned that the workers knew what was going on at the negotiation table. Meanwhile, the misleaders tried to make the whole strike look like a family picnic. Preaching that the workers should love the company and that the workers should try to remain non-violent, the misleaders encouraged the workers to have "no hatred for individuals in the company you have to work for and work with...you must do what you have to do without hatred and violence..." and that "we must behave like ladies and gentlemen." Trying to make it appear as if the law was on the side of the working class, Wilbur Hobby, president of the North Carolina AFL-CIO, told a mass meeting, "We are obeying the law on the picket line and, damn it, they are going to obey the law too..."

ILLUSIONS OF LABOR PEACE COLLAPSED

Despite all the attempts of the misleaders to dull the spirit and determination of the workers to struggle, the workers remained on the picket lines twenty-four hours a day, in the rain and in the scorching heat. At the end of the third week, the illusions of labor harmony, peace, and love crumbled as the company announced that it was going to fire all workers on strike, Monday, May 8th, and rehire a plant full of scab labor.

L&M proved once again that it only "loved" to exploit wage labor. The company took out a full-page ad in the local capitalist press calling for scab labor. The workers determination stiffened, and at a mass meeting on May 6th, attended by over 1,000 workers, they decisively told L&M that the strike would continue and

that the plant would remain shut down. This began the second period of the strike. During this period, the tobacco workers' militancy and determination soared. Though the misleaders tried at every point to sabotage the strike and dull the fighting spirit of the workers, they were forced to bow to the rising tide of the workers militancy. The conflict at L&M became so sharp that the misleaders were forced to try to adopt

a militant act. Previously, the misleaders had allowed the air conditioning workers to remain at the plant to prevent the tobacco from drying out and the cigarette labels from being ruined. Preaching that workers and the company should live in harmony, they said the air conditioning workers should stay on the job to "protect company property." But the struggle was getting so fierce that the misleaders were forced to pull out the air conditioning workers from the plant.

MONEY MEANT NOTHING TO TOBACCO WORKERS, WORKERS JUST WANTED TO WIN!

During this period, the workers took to the streets to defend their jobs against the scab labor that the company tried to hire. With sticks, clubs, etc. the unity and solidarity of the tobacco workers could not be intimidated by the numerous police forces (state and local) Even rumors that the National Guard was to be brought in failed to dull the revolutionary spirit of the workers. Tobacco workers lined the streets by the hundreds. One hundred and nineteen of the one hundred and twenty machinists and electrical workers honored the striking tobacco workers. Other workers from the Duke area, as well as communists, tried to support and join the tobacco workers. Even though the misleaders whipped up a campaign of red-baiting to prevent the tobacco workers from broadening out the base of their support, many workers did take WVO leaflets and

WAR PREPARATIONS HEATING UP ENERGY 'CRISIS' - CARTER'S WAR ON THE WORKING CLASS

When you see your children and family shivering in the cold, just remember that there is no energy shortage. When you see your hard-earned, meager paycheck eaten away by outrageous gas bills, just remember that there is plenty of oil under our feet. In fact, there is so much oil that even the capitalists are forced to admit:

- * there are 50 billion to 100 billion barrels of oil in the Alaskan oil fields
- * 600 billion barrels in the Canadian tar sands
- * 2 trillion barrels in the U.S. oil shale
- * the Gulf of Mexico may have up to a thousand year supply of gas
- * the Dept. of the Interior, before the 1973 energy "crisis" stated that the U.S. had enough oil to last 100 years and enough coal to last 500 years.

There is no energy "crisis." Period. The only snortage that exists is a profit shortage. The capitalists have even admitted that it is not the lack of oil under the ground that is the problem. They say that they lack "incentives" to dig it out and develop it. We all know what they mean by "incentives." The capitalists are simply waiting until the price of oil is so inflated that they rip off greater profits. Sure, there is a crisis - not an energy "crisis" but a crisis of capitalism, which is decaying and getting more desperate and frantic in its search for profits.

PEOPLE STARVE - CAPITALISTS BURN FOOD

And oil is no exception. 1977 has all the signs of being a bumper year in corn and wheat in this country. In a socialist country, this would be a cause for celebration by the whole people as the benefits would be distributed to the masses. But in the Wall St. Journal, bankers are already moaning and wailing that this "glut" will "depress prices" and cut into their profits. In a time when much of the world's people are starving under the heel of the two superpowers, the real criminals on Wall Street are talking about burning corn and wheat to raise prices! The criminal system of capitalism actually has cattle and chicken slaughtered, milk poured out on the ground, produce dumped into the sea or stored in abandoned naval vessels in order to create more profit. We've seen this countless times in the U.S. This is something we should remember the next time we have to stretch the family food budget.

ANOTHER "CRISIS"

In 1973, there was an "oil crisis." Last winter, one of the severest in modern memory, there was a "natural gas shortage." (See WV newspaper, Vol. II, No. 3, "People Suffer - Capitalists Profit: Energy 'Shortage'") Now there is still another energy "crisis." These periodic "crises" are becoming traditions for the bourgeoisie - each one more desperate, each one less credible to the working class, and each one just as phoney as the other.

THIS "CRISIS" IS NOT FOOLING THE MASSES

So what makes this present energy "crisis" any different from the "crisis" of 1973 and the natural gas "crisis" of the winter of 1977? In essence, nothing; however, in the previous "crises" the capitalists hid behind the cover of external events (eg. severe winter) as an excuse to charge outrageous prices. Today, even the capitalists' own polls admit that over 1/2 the American people think the energy "crisis" is a total fake. Out of sheer desperation the capitalists are forced to switch tactics to squeeze profits from an increasingly skeptical, increasingly angry

and class-conscious working class. In order to conceal their thirst for profits, this time around the monopoly capitalists are forced to indirectly raise prices by having their agent, the gov't, raise taxes. Carter was intensively groomed by the capitalists to serve this role. They spent months carefully orchestrating his "just folks" image, his fire-side chats, and his dial-a-prez. Millions were spent doctoring up his image to conceal his real purpose and role: hatchet man for monopoly capitalism. Like Roosevelt before him, behind all the sweet talk and media packaging, he's a sly fox of capitalism. It takes a very sly fox to stomp on our unions and rob our paychecks when one has the image of being a "man of the people."



Under socialism, workers in the US, like these oil workers in China, would enjoy the benefits of their labor. Abundant energy and other resources would be used to raise the well-being of the masses.

BOURGEOISIE DECLARES WAR ON THE WORKING CLASS

Thus for a week, Carter, in an unprecedented media blitz, declared war on the working class. Starting with a nationally televised speech, he laid out the plan of the bourgeoisie to reap greater profits at the expense of the working class. Using the tired, old excuse of the energy "crisis," Carter laid out the following:

- * a higher gasoline tax possibly to go as high as 54¢ a gallon
- * a tax on large automobiles that could go as high as \$2500
- * a triple raise in the price of domestic crude oil
- * a price rise in newly-discovered oil
- * a price rise for natural gas
- * a demand that utilities and businesses convert to coal

Concretely, for the working class and oppressed nationalities, this means \$1 for a gallon of gas, a drastic rise in oil heating costs, a rise in natural gas costs, a rise in utility bills, a rise in food costs, and continued unemployment, particularly in auto.

This new "crisis," the "new" plan by the capitalists is nothing less than a declaration of war against the working class. Carter even called it the "moral equivalent of war." He hoped, of course, that the masses would take this to mean that we must sacrifice for the good of all and buy this "morality" gar-

bage. However, just as each preceding energy "crisis" has proved, we are asked to sacrifice for the good of the bourgeoisie. And the good of the bourgeoisie means the further intensification of exploitation and oppression of the masses of people.

"CRISIS" = MORE SUPERPROFITS

Behind Carter's crocodile tears, behind his phoney oil "rebate" plan lies a bonanza for the oil monopolies. When the price of oil jumps from \$5.17 a barrel to \$15 a barrel, when the price of gasoline soars to \$1 a gallon, then you just know that Exxon, Texaco, Mobil, Standard of Calif., and the other vultures are laughing all the way to the bank. Carter piously says that his \$17 billion tax on the American working class would eventually be given back in the form of "oil rebates." Who is he trying to fool? Where will this tax money really go? Right back to line the pockets of the Rockefellers and other oil barons in the form of:

- underwriting the oil companies' expenses for exploration
- giving them fat oil depletion allowances
- compensating for the anti-oil bills recently passed in Congress
- giving oil companies lucrative tax breaks
- funding their research in coal and nuclear energy

Carter's much-touted shift from oil to coal and nuclear energy is also another rip-off for the oil monopolists. Carter's plan cleverly doesn't mention that the same monopoly capitalists who have a hammerlock on the nation's oil supply are the very same people who own most of the nation's vast coal deposits, and also, for that matter, control the nuclear reactor program. Shifting from oil to coal is not a blow to the oil companies - only a shift on how they will exploit us.

It's no accident that, in a time when workers, students, women, and oppressed nationalities and national minorities are surging forward against monopoly capitalism on all fronts, that the capitalists are forced to rely on increasingly indirect, increasingly more crafty ways of exploiting us. The old scare tactics of the previous "crises" are getting worn too thin, the capitalists' lies are getting too exposed for them to raise prices without a clever cover. Now the capitalists are banking on the fact that Carter's carefully packaged media-image is slick enough and clever enough to fool the American people once more.

SUPERPOWERS GEARING UP FOR WAR

But why now? Why all of a sudden in the last few years does the bourgeoisie try to create so much hysteria over energy when there's plenty to go around? Why the urgency?

The energy hysteria is real. Not because there's no oil - as we've said, there's plenty of that. But because the monopoly capitalists in the U.S. and USSR are feverishly contending and colluding for world domination. The superpowers, with their economies collapsing and in deep political crisis, are forced to redivide the world. They have no choice but to seek world domination to maintain their rip-off profits. Capitalism is doomed - riddled with depression, inflation, corruption it is crumbling and rotting from within. Sooner or later this drive for world domination will inevitably lead to world war between the superpowers.

In the U.S., the Rockefellers and Morgans must make sure that they have a tight, centralized control over the

Smash Dawson 5 Frame-up!

Roosevelt and Henderson Watson, Johnny B. Jackson, James Edward Jackson, and J.D. Davenport -- the U.S. capitalists butchers are now framing these 5 Afro-American youths for armed robbery and first-degree murder of a white in the town of Dawson, Georgia. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the local sheriff extorted "confessions" from 3 of the youths at gunpoint and with threats of castration and electrocution, "confessions" that all of them have since absolutely denied. If convicted, the 5 face certain electrocution at the hands of the U.S. monopoly capitalists--the real and most sinister criminals in history.

This frame-up is a virtual repeat of the notorious Jim Crow persecution in the 1930's of the 9 Scottsboro Brothers accused of raping a white woman in the South. The Communist Party USA, then a revolutionary working class party, led the famous countrywide struggle to smash this frame-up, a struggle which gained the support of revolutionary workers from the then socialist Soviet Union to France and China.

The attempted persecution of the Dawson 5 shows that the same Jim Crow order continues with full force in the Black Belt South. There is no democracy for the masses, particularly Afro-Americans! The U.S. monopoly capitalists thrive on the continuation of the brutal oppression of the Afro-American people.

An attack on one is an attack on all--the collar of national oppression on the Afro-American masses hangs on all workers, both black and white, in the South and throughout the country. It weakens us in the struggle against the monopoly capitalists and drives down all our wages. As a result, the conditions for all workers in southern industries are among the worst in the country. In southern textiles, for example, most workers have no unions, and all suffer



Trying to break the beginning upsurge of the Afro-American movement, and its inevitable merger with the workers' movement, the capitalist have framed the Dawson 5, trying to re-run the Scottsboro case on the US working class. This scheme will surely be defeated. Defend the Dawson Five!

from Brown Lung disease, make an average of \$1.40 per hour less than other industrial workers, and receive little or no sick pay, health or retirement benefits. As recently as 10 years ago, Afro-Americans couldn't even get jobs in the mills, and are now locked into the worst and lowest paying jobs. Northern textiles runaway to the South to exploit this situation, leaving behind worse unemployment and harder times for all workers in the North.

But the vigorous unionization drives of the textile workers at J.P. Stevens in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, at the Cone Mills Revolution plant in Greensboro, and throughout other southern industries, show that the struggles of workers and Afro-Americans in the South are on the rise. The monopoly capitalists will stop at nothing to try to break this upsurge, using both reform and brutal suppression, both the carrot and the stick. The frame-up of the Dawson 5 is another attempt to intimidate Afro-Americans and all workers with the stick

of Jim Crow, and break the struggle's back.

This legal lynching is happening in a town less than 25 miles from Jimmy Carter's hometown of Plains, Georgia, which the capitalist public relations men would like us to believe is the beating heart of U.S. democracy!

This one frame-up alone shows that there is no liberal solution, no Kennedy Johnson, or Carter solution, no Supreme Court of Civil Rights solution to the national oppression of Afro-Americans in the Black Belt South and the whole U.S. Only the revolutionary struggles for the right of self-determination up to and including secession of the Afro-American nation in the Black Belt South, and the struggle for socialism; only the merging of the Afro-American and U.S. workers' struggles can end this national oppression and all exploitation by crushing U.S. monopoly capitalism. ■

BREAK THE CHAINS OF WAGE SLAVERY AND NATIONAL OPPRESSION!

Hawaiian Telephone Workers Taking Back Their Union!

Rank and file workers at Hawaiian Telephone Co., a subsidiary of General Telephone and Electric, are preparing the fight to kick out the trade union misleaders and take back our union.

The upcoming election for shop steward for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 1357, in June, is an opportunity to expose and kick out the trade union misleaders and build a strong, fighting, democratic union, where the rank and file runs the union and makes the decisions.

Already, there is a Rank and File Workers Committee formed with a program of greater union democracy and better working conditions, wages and benefits. The Committee will be setting up meetings with the candidates to demand that they stand with the workers and to get them to state their position on the issues raised in the Committee's program.

Why do these trade union hacks deserve the contempt of the workers at Hawaiian Telephone? In 1974, they sold us out by leading us into a strike disorganized and unprepared. They didn't even set up a strike fund! Instead of relying on the strength and organization of the workers, they counted on the courts to give us unemployment benefits. The only thing we can rely on the courts to do is to serve the interests of the capitalists, which is exactly what it did when it denied the benefits. With this kind of "leadership" is it any wonder that the final contract was the worst of the 3 offered by the company bosses?

Then there was the November '76 contract sell-out. The negotiating committee couldn't (or wouldn't) explain the

terms they had negotiated. They couldn't explain what the optical plan was all about. When the workers found out at the last minute about the wage schedule change clause and demanded a rank and file vote on it, the trade union bureaucrats (TUBs) answer was, "It will be settled between the management and union officials." And after they had negotiated a sell-out contract, they said we better take it because otherwise things might "end up in a strike."

The TUBs made us swallow a lousy contract last November and they don't even have the guts to try to make the company live up to its promises. Hawaiian Telephone workers daily face speed-ups, harassment, and other oppressive conditions. The capitalists use "unsatisfactory attendance" as an excuse to deny us pay raises to get us to toe the line. This has been done to at least 3 workers in one shop alone in the past 2 months. One worker was denied her pay increment for being sick ten days, even though she had a doctor's excuse for each absence. When she took the grievance to the shop steward, she was told, "it's the company's prerogative!"

Where do these trade union misleaders come from? They come from a section of the working class known as the labor aristocracy. This section is a small minority of the working class which enjoys better pay, plush working conditions, and more political privileges such as being sought out by politicians, writing columns for the newspapers and sitting on various boards and councils as a "representative" of labor.

The monopoly capitalist class is able to create this section because of their colonies abroad and the superprofits gained from them.

Superprofits are profits above and beyond the "average" profit gained from the "average" exploitation of the working class in the U.S.

The main source of superprofits for the monopoly capitalists is the plunder of Asian, African and Latin American countries. For example, the average rate of profit for the U.S. monopoly capitalists in the U.S. is 10%, while in the Third World it is 30% or more.

Out of every dollar of superprofits made abroad the monopoly capitalists uses say 10¢ to bribe the labor aristocrats. In return these labor "alibi" (royalty) disorganize our struggle and divert us from the only solution to our daily oppression and exploitation--socialist revolution.

Everyday we workers face oppressive conditions, from lousy wages to harassment by the supervisor. Everyday we are forced to sell our labor and never get back half as much as we produce for the boss. Everyday, every one of us workers fight back against this brutal system in countless ways. In order to strike a death blow against the monopoly capitalists and their organization this resistance has to be organized! Organization is the weapon with which we will end this criminal system once and for all.

The monopoly capitalists know this and that's why they try to divide, discourage and disorganize us. They want us to remember the past two sell-outs and believe that we will never see a fighting union that unites us and leads our struggle. But we can turn this bad experience into a good lesson. We can learn from the past and educate our fellow-workers about how to take back our unions. We are determined to kick out the misleaders and build a fighting union because every time we fail we will rise up to fight again until we are victorious; while the monopoly capitalists and their labor agents make trouble and fail until their doom! ■

1199 HOSPITAL WORKERS ORGANIZE TO FIGHT LAYOFFS

Recently, the management at the Beth Israel Hospital in New York City decreed a 10% cut in employees in every department, blaming Medicaid cuts for their "crisis." But it is apparent to everyone else that Beth Israel, which is building a whole new in-patient facility, is not suffering from a financial crunch, no matter how much they cry how poor they are.

Beth Israel, which is in the heart of a working class and oppressed nationality community, is making so much money from rich patients who have other types of insurance that Medicaid cuts can't be blamed for the layoffs. Although management claims Beth Israel is a non-profit institution, they would be hard put to explain where they're getting all the money to build their new wing. Their business among the rich is so good that there was even talk of closing the out-patient department altogether!

At the bottom of this is that the Beth Israel management wants to cater only to those who can afford the luxury of a \$300 a day bed. In fact, the new wing they are building is exactly to serve that kind of "clientele." But under the cloak of the Medicaid cuts, Beth Israel wants to lay off 10% of the employees and work the rest of us harder. In essence, they are the same as any capitalist - bloodsuckers.

When the layoffs were first announced, the workers at Beth Israel, in the best fighting tradition of the rank and file of District 1199 (National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees) immediately talked of walking out. Yet, at the same time, many felt they were not ready to take on the employers, and knew they would not be backed up 100% by the union misleaders, given that they had tried to smother the rank and file and sabotage their resistance in previous struggles.

The recent string of sell-outs by union President Leon Davis and the rest of the "leadership" of 1199 smothered the fighting spirit of the 1199 members. After withstanding the treacheries of the union leadership, such as selling out last summer's strike by taking the initiative away from the rank and file and resorting to binding arbitration that led to a pitiful contract settlement; losses in prescription and dental benefits; and job combinations, the membership had little faith that the union leadership would actively take up their struggle against this new round of layoffs.

First, the hospital administrators called a meeting with the local union delegates hoping to avert any resistance by having a "heart-to-heart" talk

with them, and they were forced to admit that they intended to use the Medicaid cuts as a pretext to lay off the workers.

The delegates, enraged by the arrogance of the administrators had to push to get the union to take any action. They demanded that the hand-picked 1199 union organizer, Vivien Gioia, a trained professional trade union misleader, explain what had happened to the union's "promise" of no layoffs. (Concretely over the last couple of years, 3000 1199 members in the New York City area have lost their jobs through layoffs, culminating in the recent closing of French Hospital, and what has the union done? Stepped up its organizing campaign but not fight the layoffs squarely!)

The delegates totally rejected this traitor's proposal to set up a negotiating team, and instead forced her to call a meeting of all union members to plan a defense of those who had received pink slips, knowing they could fight the administrators only if all the union members were mobilized.



Fighting hospital layoffs, the 1199 workers are seeing that they must kick out the trade union mis-leaders and fight the immediate layoffs with the longterm struggle for socialism in mind.

The meeting took place after 40 pink slips had been passed out in the Out-Patient Department. 300 members gathered and they and the more class-conscious fighters demanded "NO LAYOFFS!" The union misleader in a sham display of concern, continued to claim that the union was against layoffs.

But she had to respond, and showed her true colors by failing to organize the rank and file to fight the layoffs. Instead, she tried to take the heat off the union and cover-up their sell-out by pushing the utopian demand to, "Lay-off the administrators," playing off the genuine hatred the 1199 workers have for the administrators.

Time in and time out, the administrators work us harder, harass us about sick days and about scheduling our vacation time. But we know that laying off the administrators won't solve the problem. It won't stop them from laying off the rest of us. Only an organized fight can.

The union misleaders don't really want to put up this kind of organized fight against layoffs, so they avoid it whenever possible. But when they can't, as in the case at Beth Israel, they try to divert the struggle down a blind alley.

When the rank and file members forced their traitorous misleaders to call a meeting of the membership, the Beth Israel administrators figured they had a real fight on their hands. So together the administrators and the 1199 misleaders, both under fire from the rank and file, collaborated and bargained down the number of layoffs in the Out-Patient Department from 40 to 5. But even 5 layoffs means 5 families must suffer!

This reduction in layoffs is only temporary. Layoffs and unemployment are inevitable under capitalism. This is becoming clearer in this current period when capitalism is in its most severe economic and political crisis since the Depression. Layoffs are hitting hard at New York's hospital workers, most of whom are oppressed nationalities and women. However, layoffs aren't unique to just this industry. They are hitting every single industry in this country. Everyone of us has a father who is getting laid off from his factory job, an uncle whose shop is closing down, an aunt who lost her clerical job, a friend who's on Welfare, or a son who can't even find a job.

The ruling class has to keep a large body of unemployed workers - the reserve army of labor - to keep competition for jobs high, and threaten us with unemployment when we go out on strike or walk out to protest speedups or dangerous working conditions. To increase their profits, the monopoly capitalists, at the drop of a hat, lay off people who have suffered years of exploitation and oppression from the company. These

profit-seekers have no concern for the families of these workers who are laid off. They have no concern for the miserable conditions the rest of us face at work with speedups and job combination. That is why more and more workers, fusing with the growing communist movement, are beginning to see a need to replace this rotten system with socialism. When the working class and oppressed nationalities rule and run the country in our interests, when we overthrow and have dictatorship over the ruling class, then the problems of unemployment, of layoffs, of inflation, will end.

The workers at Beth Israel must continue to organize ourselves and prepare for the upcoming battles against layoffs which are bound to come. Through our own experiences, and the work of Workers Viewpoint Organization in exposing the class character of the misleaders, we are learning increasingly more about the treacherous role of the trade union misleaders and of the capitalist state.

We must keep the initiative in our own hands, and expose these traitors at every turn when they fail to serve the interests of the working class. We are seeing more clearly the need to kick out the present 1199 half-steppers and replace them with real revolutionary working class fighters with communist leadership. In organizing ourselves now to fight some of these skirmishes with the bosses over immediate layoffs, we will be much better prepared to put an end to layoffs and unemployment, by fighting to overthrow the capitalist state and building the fight for socialism. ■

NO LAYOFFS, MAKE THE CAPITALISTS TAKE BACK THE PINK SLIPS!

NO SECRET DEALS OR ARBITRATION!

ORGANIZE THE 1199 MEMBERSHIP TO FIGHT THE LAYOFFS!

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DEFEND FOREIGN-BORN WORKERS!

'HUMAN RIGHTS' CARTER MOUNTS ATTACK

How many times have we seen the immigration cops raid factories, our communities and homes, to track down, lock up and deport our foreign-born brothers and sisters who don't have residency papers? How many times have we seen them handcuff and carry away the foreign-born like criminals, sometimes singly, sometimes by the vanload? How many times have we heard the government, the companies and union leaders chime in together to tell us to "Buy American" and fight the "threat of the illegal aliens"?

We are seeing and hearing it all again now: this time from that great liberal and great defender of human rights, Jimmy Carter. Carter has recently announced his planned crackdown on immigrant workers and the whole U.S. working class: he wants to make all fo-

Latin-American in New York, Arab in Detroit, and so on, it's legal to question and harass you. In this light, the bill's limited amnesty offer for those who have been in the U.S. for 7 years, who have no criminal record and meet other requirements, is a joke!

What Rodino and Kennedy want to give us, Carter wants to give too -- and more. His plan not only includes all these provisions, but with his ID system, also creates the means to enforce it everywhere.

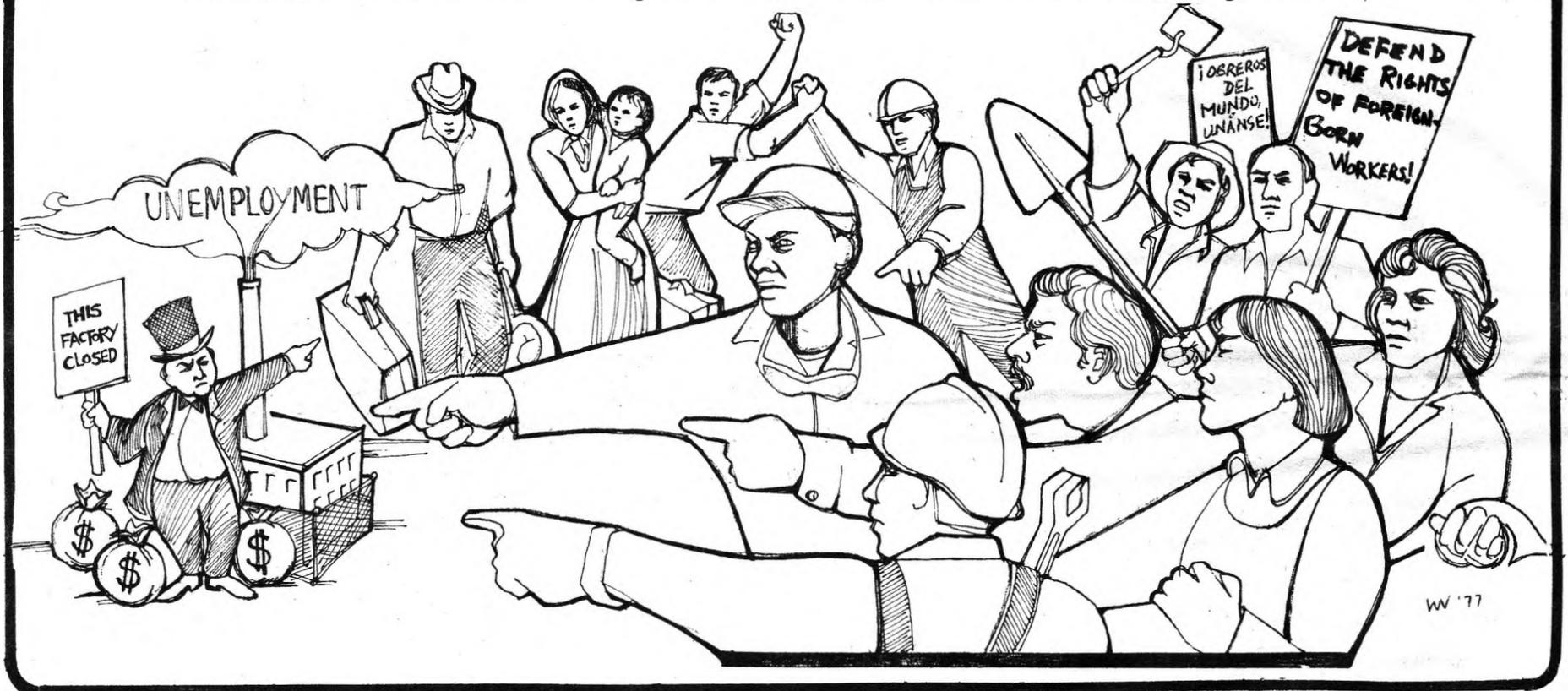
This is not the first time Carter has had to blow his carefully contrived, "human rights" and "just folks" image. This sly fox is now demanding that his energy program be given the "moral equi-

valent of war" -- meaning that the U.S. masses are "morally" bound to pay \$1.00/gallon for gasoline and a 3-fold rise in the price of domestic crude oil for the sake of the profits of Exxon, Mobil, Gulf and all the rest.

Carter has no choice. He must launch these vicious attacks on the U.S. masses because the U.S. ruling class is now preparing to wage world war against the other superpower, the Soviet Union. In southern Africa, the Middle East, in Cyprus and all corners of the world, the U.S. imperialists and Soviet social-imperialists are stepping up their contention against each other, preparing for a world war whose main spoils will be Europe.

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Workers Unite! Capitalists Cause Unemployment!



reign-born workers carry identification cards, South African style. These cards would include signature, photo, and fingerprints, and computer-coded information about the person. This, too is only the beginning: to make his system really foolproof, he wants to eventually force all workers, whether US or foreign-born, to carry these cards. These ID cards will be a regular requirement for anybody in this country who wants to get a job! "Human rights" Carter wants to import this fascist technique direct from the racist Vorster regime of South Africa!

CARTER, RODINO, KENNEDY: THREE OF A KIND IN PREPARING FOR WORLD WAR AND FASCISM!

Carter's plan is nothing but a stepped-up version of the Rodino bill now in Congress. This bill is sponsored by 2 other great liberals: by Peter Rodino and Ted Kennedy. The Rodino bill too is an unbridled attack on the foreign-born and the whole U.S. working class. It clears the way completely for factory raids by letting the "migra" enter without search warrants, thus wiping out the last pretense of "legal protection". It cuts all immigrant workers without papers from welfare by making the Health, Education, and Welfare Department report their names and addresses to Immigration. If you just "look" Mexican in Los Angeles,

UNION BOSSES DEFEND U.S. CAPITALISTS Misleaders Call Rallies To Attack ALL Workers

"Save American Jobs!"

"Stop Exporting Jobs -- Limit Imports!"

"The Job You Save May Be Your Own!"

So want the call of rallies held this last April 13 by the misleaders of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, in Herald Square in the center of New York City's garment district and in many other cities across the country. Aimed on the surface at reducing unemployment in the U.S. textile and garment industries by reducing imports ("Stop Importing Unemployment!"), the demonstrations were actually an attack on the workers of Taiwan, South Korea, Haiti and all other countries, including the U.S. They were an attempt to bust the unity of the workers of the world.

Senator Daniel Moynihan of N.Y. issued the call to limit imports at the New York City rally. As U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, this dog of U.S. imperialism was notorious for his chauvinist attacks on the Third World. Meanwhile, Presidents Murray Finley and Sol Chaikin of the two unions were down in Washington D.C. along with George Meaney of the AFL-CIO, making the same pitch for limited imports to Jimmy Carter.

Under these misleaders, union leaflets and speeches gave examples of the 15¢-30¢/hour wages paid to garment workers in Haiti, South Korea, India and other countries, charging that the low wages of these workers are "threatening our jobs" and that "we can't live on 20¢/hour".

Whether Chinese, Puerto Rican or Greek garment workers in New York, San Francisco and Boston; or Mexicans and Chicanos in

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REVOLUTION SURGES AHEAD- FASCISTS FACE SURE DEFEAT

EXCERPTS FROM COMMUNIST PARTY THAILAND

Excerpts from the text of statement issued on the occasion of the 34th Anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Thailand, "Unite all patriotic and democracy-loving forces, totally expand the people's war, and overthrow the fascist, reactionary and traitorous administrative clique":

The 34th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Thailand (CPT) on 1st December comes at a time when the situation is absolutely excellent - the revolution is developing progressively and the enemy of the people is struggling desperately. In the vast rural areas the People's Liberation Army and various revolutionary forces are growing bigger and stronger amidst the struggle to overcome all difficulties; they have engaged more frequently in fighting the enemy, wiped out the enemy in greater numbers, extensively mobilized the masses, expanded the national front as well as new guerrilla areas and expanded and strengthened the revolutionary strongholds

In the zone under the reactionary administration, the struggle for legitimate rights and interests, the resistance against the fascist dictatorship and the struggle for independence and democracy among the workers, peasants, schoolchildren, students, intellectuals, people in all walks of life and patriotic and democratic persons are being successfully, vigorously and fiercely carried out to the point of causing total confusion among the enemy of the people.

The struggles of the two above-mentioned areas have surged against and severely shaken the administration of the US imperialists, feudalists and bureaucratic capitalists. The major feudalists, major capitalists and warlords - fascist ultrarightists - are afraid of the enthusiasm and the struggle for independence and democracy of the Thai people - which is expanding everywhere - and are concerned about the development and expansion of the revolutionary struggle in the neighbouring countries, particularly the victories of the people in the three Indochinese countries. As a result, they have colluded with each other to create a pretext for engineering the 6th October bloodshed in accordance with the instructions of the US imperialists, their masters, barbarously and frenziedly suppressing the movements of schoolchildren, students and people in all circles and staging a fascist dictatorial coup d'etat in all fields, thereby leading Thailand into an unprecedented dark era.

The 6th October bloodshed has once again taught another profound lesson to our people that the independence, democracy, justice, interests and happiness of the people can be attained only by totally overthrowing the administration of imperialism, feudalism and bureaucratic capitalism, and can never be gained through peaceful means.

The enemy of the people will make an all-out effort to keep its reactionary administrative power. So long as the political apparatus is in its hands, the enemy will resort to all possible means, including the most brutal and barbarous means, to repress and smash the people. The Sangat-Thanin traitorous clique of fascist reactionary gangsters hope that an all-out bloody and brutal suppression drive coupled with an all-out fascist dictatorial rule would make it possible for the clique to protect its crumbling throne, stop the people's struggle and delay its doom.

However, the facts are contrary to what it expects. The 6th October bloody incident created by the clique has drawn strong indignation from all patriotic and democracy and justice loving people. The clique has been vehemently condemned by world public opinion. It is the most vicious enemy of the Thai people. It is being faced with more violent and vigorous resistance by the people throughout the country.



BOTH SUPERPOWERS ARE THE MAIN ENEMIES of the oppressed masses of the world. Here, Laotian people denounce the U.S.-backed October 6th military coup in Thailand.

Developments have proved the correctness of our Party's policy. In keeping with the present situation, which has undergone changes and developments, we have adjusted our 10-point immediate policy. The policy is as follows:

(1) Consolidate the forces of workers, farmers, small capitalists, national capitalists of all nationalities, as well as all patriotic and democracy-loving political parties, organizations, and people. Expand the people's war, get rid of US imperialist influence, overthrow the reactionary, fascist and nation-selling Government. Set up a government of the people composed of representatives of all revolutionary forces. Build a new Thailand with independence, democracy and prosperity.

(2) Abrogate all anti-popular laws, announcements, orders, rules and regulations. Release all patriotic and democracy-loving detainees. Grant the people freedom of speech, writing, printing and publication, holding demonstrations and rallies, striking, choosing their religion and setting up associations and political parties. The people should be entitled to vote and to stand for election at the age of 18.

(3) Confiscate the property of the US imperialists, the notorious traitorous reactionaries and the hooligan landlords, distribute it for the benefit of the people and country and punish the counter-revolutionaries and reactionaries who have committed crimes against the country and people in accordance with their crimes. Those who have committed crimes and come to realize and correct their misdeeds will be shown leniency.

(4) Implement the foreign policy of independence and sovereignty; abrogate all unjust and nation selling treaties, pacts and agreements, oppose imperialism particularly the hegemonist stand of the two super-Powers; establish friendly relations with all countries on the basis of equality, mutual respect for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity and mutual interests and unite, co-operate with, support and assist the just struggles of all oppressed peoples and countries throughout the world.

(5) The people of various nationalities in Thailand should have equal rights; should respect, support and assist each other; should have the right to use their own language and script and preserve their fine traditions, customs and culture. We oppose any discrimination against and oppression of the nationalities.

In nationality regions, autonomous administrations will be set up under the big family of Thailand. Economic, education and public health development must be carried out thoroughly.

(6) Do away with the feudal-style oppressive system. Carry out the revolution carefully and gradually in accordance with the situation in each locality, allow all peasants and planters to own their land to make their living, oppose all loansharks, annul all debts and unjust loan contracts, develop agricultural production and raise the living standards of all farmers.

(7) Safeguard national resources; develop the industry, commerce and other enterprises of the State; protect the industry and commerce of the national capitalists; and assist manufacturing and retail trading beneficial to the people.

(8) Guarantee employment, wages and welfare of workers and office employees. Equal wages will be paid to all persons for the same work with equal production, regardless of sex, age or nationality.

(9) Women and men have equal rights in political, economic, cultural, education and working opportunities. The role of women in carrying out the revolution and production, the welfare of women and children and the education and employment of young people will be promoted and guaranteed; young people will be encouraged to love the nation, democracy, people and labour, and to participate energetically in the revolution and the building of a new society; welfare will be provided for disabled revolutionary soldiers and persons, the families of those persons who have sacrificed their lives for the revolution, and the families of revolutionary soldiers.

(10) Do away with the culture and education of the imperialists and feudalists; promote revolutionary culture and education which is national, democratic and scientific; carry on the culture of the Thai nation and selectively adopt foreign culture; and thoroughly expand medical and public health work, particularly in the rural areas.

Since our beloved nation has now become a hell and a dark concentration camp as a result of the action taken by a handful of the ultra-Rightist fascist clique composed of the big feudalists, capitalists and warlords, all the Thai people must therefore rise up and struggle to save the country from danger and secure for it a bright future. Our Party is willing to join with any political parties, organizations and people who are patriotic and democracy-loving in order to fight against our common enemy. We believe that the time has now come for all popular forces to join together and form a broad revolutionary joint front because this will help us to strengthen the force of our struggle and to achieve victory in a short time. It is the duty of our party organizations at all levels to expand and consolidate our Party. Party members and cadres must firmly grasp the Party guidelines and policy. They must take the front line in the revolutionary struggle and set an example in all kinds of work. They must expand and consolidate the armed forces, they must push forward the revolution.

The enemy's present frantic efforts are only its last-ditch struggle to save itself. It has been isolated unprecedently. It has already dug its own grave. If only the people would strengthen their unity and make an all-out effort to intensify the flame of the revolution everywhere, the people would accelerate the approach of the enemy's last day and certainly achieve victory in a short time.

(signed) The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Thailand, 1st December 1976. ■

'BROTHERS' CANNOT CONFINE GEORGE JACKSON'S LEGACY

"He was a nobody. A black man in a white prison. She was a somebody. A notorious, beautiful, radical, black professor. Their love story shocked the nation. This film is that story." BROTHERS

For once, the ad is true to the thing it is advertising -- the movie BROTHERS only mentions racism in the prison system ("A black man in a white prison") and the love relationship between David Thomas (George Jackson) and Paula Jones (Angela Davis) ("Their love story shocked the nation"). It lays out certain already well-known facts to give it an appearance of credibility but twists the essence of Jackson's life and distorts the truth to serve the sinister purpose of the bourgeoisie.

WITH "BROTHERS", BOURGEOISIE IS ONLY "LIFTING A ROCK TO DROP IT ON ITS OWN FEET"

The truth is that capitalism is the root cause of all oppression and exploitation for black and white prisoners, for black and white workers, not racism. And the truth is also the fact that the bourgeoisie is forced to admit to some of these facts, which is a sign of their weakness. It is the strength of the masses' struggle, particularly the Afro-American movement that has forced the capitalists to this slicker, more deceptive and higher form of counter-revolutionary propaganda.

As we said in our exposure of the Roots TV series:

"But the ruling class is only lifting a rock to drop it on its own feet. The single fact that they had to try to appeal to the masses' revolutionary sentiments is already a victory for us... We will sift out the revolutionary sentiments and traditions that Roots/Brothers evoked, from its reactionary shell, and turn those kernels of resistance into a further commitment and weapon against the bourgeoisie." (WV II.2 Feb. '77)

"BROTHERS" HOPE TO EXPLOIT PROLETARIAN SEEDS OF RESISTANCE OF THE MASSES

The revolutionary sentiments and traditions are clearly evident among the audience responses as we cry over the death of the young revolutionary Josh (Jonathan Jackson, Jackson's brother), giving up his life in armed struggle for his brother's freedom. And when the prison guards brutally beat Jackson's cellmate to death for demanding the right to have a mattress, blanket, etc. in the hole, our anger rises with each blow and kick at this criminal repression. We rejoice at the prisoners' triumph in putting out an underground newsletter, exposing the racist tactics of the prison warden and calling for the unity of all prisoners.

It is precisely these proletarian kernels of resistance that the bourgeoisie wish to exploit -- to narrow them to reformist ideas, to divert them down blind alleys of frustration and pessimism in order to subvert our struggle. This they do not only by hiding the truth but also by twisting the facts.

WHIPPING UP BOTH RACISM AND NARROW NATIONALISM

One of the main themes of the movie is racism. The spontaneous reaction of the oppressed nationalities and national minorities to white chauvinism/racism takes different forms. One is anti-imperialism which is progressive. Another is petty bourgeois nationalism which today has become reactionary. But both are in reaction to the imperialist ideology of racism and chauvinism. The bourgeoisie -- the very ones responsible for the continuation of racism and chauvinism -- wants to exploit the genuine feelings among Afro-Americans and all oppressed nationalities against national oppression and whip up petty



The new sophisticated bourgeois trends in movies tries to directly play on the revolutionary sentiment of the masses, in order to promote all types of bourgeois trash. Events like the attempt of Jonathan Jackson (above) to free his brother George is the material the bourgeoisie has to use, due to the revolutionary sentiment and consciousness of the masses.

bourgeois nationalist feelings. Racism is rampant in this rotting capitalist system, particularly in the prisons. It is one of the main ideological weapons of the capitalists to break the militant unity of the multinational working class. And in the prison system, it is a special and favorite tactic used by the wardens and guards to keep the inmates divided. Promoting the principal contradiction in the prison system, not as one between the entire prison population and the capitalist class, but as one between black and white prisoners, BROTHERS shows that white inmates should resist their oppression by "get the nigger", evoking a response from the black inmates, as well as from the audience, to "get whitey". Only 2 very quick scenes hint at some striving for unity -- when one of the underground newsletters talks about the need to get together; and when one of the white inmates who was blackmailed by the warden to testify against Jackson, said after Jonathan was killed, "I think he was talking about us too [referring to the underground newsletters]."

SAN QUENTIN & ATTICA -- MASSES SEE THRU RACIST LIES AND ACHIEVE MILITANT MULTINATIONAL UNITY

But in reality, prisoners do see thru the racist lies and slanderous rumors spread by the wardens and fight hard to build unity. This was clearly shown in the political demonstrations at San Quentin after the '67 racial riot, climaxing in the Unity Day in Aug. '68. It was an example of the inmate solidarity -- a widely publicized protest, with nearly all of the San Quentin prisoners remaining in their cells over the weekend to prove that they spoke with one voice about prison conditions. Even the warden, in his report, had to admit: "...The age-old dissatisfactions of the convict were transformed into a well-planned and sophisticated attack on state laws and policies, operations of the paroling agency, the limitations on legal rights of parolees, the indeterminate sentence, and other issues far removed from the usual minor food grievances."

It was clearly a political protest -- militant multinational unity and aiming decisively against the state apparatus, particularly the prison power structure. A more dramatic example is the famous Attica takeover in 1971. The organizing committee of the inmates was multinational because they recognized the source of their common oppression -- the class of Rockefellers and not racism.

"BROTHERS" TRYING TO BREED PESSIMISM AND REFORMISM

But the capitalists cower and shiver at displays of unity and strength like

these, and they try their damndest to split this unity by pushing the reactionary "race theory". If the genuine struggle of oppressed nationalities and national minorities was limited to one against racism, it will lead only to reformism and pessimism which is exactly what BROTHERS wants to instill in its audience.

Malcolm X was clear about how the "race theory" is a dead-end road, how it leads only to reformism. He pointed out that: even when Afro-Americans can sit next to white folks on a toilet, they're still suffering exploitation and oppression everyday. The "race theory" serves the bourgeoisie well. It promotes pessimism by saying that the oppressed nationalities cannot unite with white workers in struggle against our common enemy -- monopoly capitalism.

The final scene of the movie shows black and white inmates integrated in the dining hall which is supposed to signal that all problems are solved and that Jackson did not die in vain. But the telling thing about that scene is that all the prisoners, black and white are still in prison! And the scenes of the cold-blooded murder of Jackson by the guards are intended not to move the audience with the heroic self-sacrifice of this revolutionary, but rather, to get across the idea that he finally found "freedom" in death. It is clear the bourgeoisie wants to breed pessimism and cynicism. This is the exact opposite of Jackson's outlook, which is one of proletarian optimism. He sought freedom for all the oppressed, not just himself and liberation in revolution, not in death, while recognizing the necessity of giving up one's life in the course of struggle.

His cellmates testified that he had sacrificed his own life to save them from an official massacre. But what's more significant is that the state had set up a trap to kill him, just as they did to Malcolm X, out of fear of the tremendous influence he was gaining among the masses through his writings. Writings like: "To the slave, revolution is an imperative, a love-inspired, conscious act of desperation. It's aggressive. It isn't "cool" or cautious. It's bold, audacious, violent, an expression of icy, disdainful hatred!"

BOURGEOISIE HIDES THE TRUTH -- JACKSON "TURNING THE CORNER" TOWARD MARXISM-Leninism-MAO TSE-TUNG THOUGHT

In portraying the political development of Jackson, only Stokely Carmichael, Nkrumah Kwame, Frantz Fanon and Malcolm X were raised, but not Marx, Lenin or

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CAPITALISM THROWS YOUTH OUT ON STREET

Early this April thousands of young people, mostly Afro-Americans and other oppressed nationalities, gathered around the country in early morning, in freezing weather, in lines that eventually stretched city blocks. They were standing in line for a job.

Some waited from as early as the day before, as jobs were on a first-come-first-serve basis. Cold and tired, many could not leave the lines to get something warm to eat for fear of losing their place, and once the centers did open, they were herded like cattle to be "processed."

Many were sent home angry and disappointed. Not because they didn't wait from early morning, not because they weren't willing to work, but because there were no jobs! On top of this, some were told they couldn't even apply because they didn't have the "right" forms; the working papers, the social security cards, the "special forms," the correct "information" about family finances, etc. and no second chance to get them.

What kind of jobs were these youth applying for that the government and capitalists were handing out as if they were gold-plated? Part-time jobs! Part-time jobs, paying \$2.30 an hour, for about 24 hours of work. \$55-a-week jobs, before taxes!

Some centers even ran out of forms for the youth to fill out to apply for a waiting list because of the crush of young people needing jobs to help support the family. Thus even those who went through all the bureaucratic red tape and the hours of waiting were left high and dry.

In New York City alone, there are an estimated 500,000 youth that will need jobs for the summer. And how many jobs are available? 60-70,000! That means about 440,000 youth will not have jobs this summer in New York City and the hardest hit will be Afro-American and oppressed nationality youth. Multiply this by figures nationally and you have millions of youth with no jobs this summer. Unemployment among youth is already staggeringly high - over 40% for Afro-American, over 20% for white youth - according to bourgeois statistics. The figures are probably much higher.

This is how capitalism treats working class youth. It forces them into schools which treat them like cattle and ultimately out into the streets without jobs. Then it attempts to pit working class adults against them by saying that the "trouble with young people is that they are out on the street with nothing better to do than mug old people." Then the bourgeoisie uses this to intensify their repression against the entire working class and oppressed nationalities - laying the groundwork for fascism by beefing up the police and passing all types of more repressive laws.

But these young workers will remember the "summer of '77" when in the midst of Carter's "road to recovery," the bourgeoisie's "human rights campaign," oil companies crying because the trillions of dollars of profit that they rip off is not enough, Nixon's \$1,000,000 payoff for his corruption, budget cuts in schools, etc., etc., they were forced to beg for not even a decent job. Chairman Mao once said that youth "are like the sun at eight or nine o'clock in the morning," and that, in the final analysis, the world is theirs. As these



youth increasingly fight against the exploitation by the monopoly capitalists on the job, in the schools, and on the street, the doomsday hour for the bourgeoisie ticks closer and closer. ■

JOBS FOR YOUTH!

WORKERS, YOUNG AND OLD, UNITE AND FIGHT AGAINST THE CRIMINAL SYSTEM OF MONOPOLY CAPITALISM!

JOIN THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH LEAGUE!

COLORADO STUDENTS RESIST CUTBACKS

In the 1950's and 1960's, the century old oppression of the Afro-American oppressed nationality broke out in an unprecedented wave of spontaneous resistance and defiance which shook monopoly capitalism to its very foundations and signaled a new era of struggle -- this was the Civil Rights Movement and was followed by waves of resistance in other national minority and working class communities. Quick on its heels, campuses across the country were shaken by the Black Power and Free Speech Movement, the Columbia revolts, and others which merged with the powerful antiwar movement of the late '60's and early '70's.

Throughout this entire period, the U.S. bourgeoisie, confronted with one of the largest challenges yet to its rule and shaking in its boots, used outright force and violence against the mass struggles, all the while searching for ways to buy off the leaders of the spontaneous movement or otherwise cool us out with all types of tricks, like the Ford Foundation's New York "community control" plan. Or they hoped we would be satisfied with the few concessions they were forced to make to our powerful movement, like Black Studies or Open Admissions. Anything to put a brake on the powerful upsurge, and to keep us from turning on the road to socialism. From turning onto the road of socialism.

But as the crisis of capitalism deepens and intensifies, the democratic rights of all classes and intermediate strata in the U.S. are coming under attack. The monopoly capitalists are less able to dish out concessions as they could a decade before, and in fact are forced to take many of our hard-won gains back.

One such concession which was wrested from the ruling class as a result of mass struggle, and which is coming under attack -- being viciously slashed and

cut out and hitting national minorities, women, and the working class as a whole -- is the variety of Educational Opportunity Programs set up at hundreds of universities. These were originally set up because revolutionary students demanded special programs to meet the needs of national minority students coming out of the rotten public schools in oppressed nationality communities who require additional preparation for college-level English or Math.

The University of Colorado at Boulder is no exception. In the spring of 1976, the English Department initiated a so-called investigation of the content of its courses in order to "standardize" them. But in the process of the investigation the department "incidentally" concluded that the academic content of the English EOP courses was below department "standards". So they called them remedial (!) and reclassified English 100 as English 099, meaning it earned only add-on credit and could not be counted as credit towards graduation. The College of Arts and Sciences approved this change. In March 1977, courses in the Math EOP followed suit. These were a blatant attack on student rights and especially on national minority students.

Students at Boulder responded immediately, and 300 demonstrated at the Board of Regents, demanding that the decisions be reversed and an end to the attacks on EOP. And then all the mass organizations in the multinational Student Coalition -- the Asian Students Union, Black Student Alliance, Migrant Action Program Students, OYATE (an organization of Native Americans), and the United Mexican American Students -- closed ranks and, along with progressive white students and faculty members, broadly supported and united around the demands. They also built unity with striking workers at the Coors Brewery in nearby Golden.

The English Department responded with a "compromise" offer -- to restore credit for EOP courses, but retain the sub-100, or 099, title -- i.e. remedial! This was clearly a racist insult to the nature of the EOP courses and the whole struggle that went down to win them in the first place, and was totally unacceptable to the progressive students and faculty. The administration's response was to take more time to reevaluate -- hoping that this stalling tactic would lead into finals and summer vacation, and that the students would go off and drop the whole thing, or just "forget", come next fall.

But the students did not forget, nor did they let up their struggle. In early May, progressive students seized the Arts and Sciences offices -- a symbol of where the attacks on EOP were engineered -- and held them for 17 hours, with the broad mass support of 500 students rallying outside the building, continuing to raise the demand for full credit for EOP courses and a 100 classification as well as full legal and academic amnesty for all demonstrators and participants.

Building a broad base of multinational support for the struggle, linking up with the struggles of the working class, and standing firm on their resistance to the attacks on the EOP program, the students were able to force the administration to back off -- stopping the re-classification of EOP courses, and granting amnesty to those students that seized the building.

The contradictions that gave rise to the tremendous student upsurges in the late 60's and early 70's have not disappeared, but instead have intensified. This is sure to give rise to great struggle in the future, as students of all nationalities will inevitably resist the attacks on their educational standards and democratic rights. The struggle at the University of Colorado, at Boulder, is an example of this. The multinational coalition that led the struggle tried to link up their struggle with that of the working class and to guide their struggle with the theoretical basis of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought.

In the next issue of the *Worker's Viewpoint*, we will draw lessons from that struggle, and its implications for the inevitable coming upsurge of students around the country. ■

Speak Bitterness, Fight Police Brutality!

MAY 12/19, '75: CHINESE-AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE STANDING UP!



Under the correct leadership of AAFEE (Asian Americans for Equal Employment), the Chinese-American masses, 20,000 strong, demonstrated its outrage at police brutality on May 19, 1975. The historic demonstrations of May 12 and May 19 are important pages in the history of the Chinese-American people and the U.S. working class!

Two years ago, on May 12, 5,000 angry Chinese-American garment workers, restaurant workers, and students came out to demonstrate against police brutality. A week later, on May 19, 20,000 Chinese-Americans took to the streets, virtually shutting down the Chinatown community in New York, and appeared in full force to march defiantly against police brutality. With all the major garment factories and restaurants closed, this was a political strike against police repression, and represents spontaneous resistance against the capitalist system. Organized by a broad coalition led by Asian Americans for Equal Employment (AAFEE), the march, fifteen people wide and over a mile long, surged into the streets and completely besieged New York City Hall for nine hours.

Chinese-Americans have suffered from brutal national oppression ever since they first arrived in the U.S., driven out of China by imperialism during the mid-1800's. Capitalists have always tried to whip up racism and mob violence against Chinese-American workers to split the U.S. working class. For example, in the 1880's, the capitalists incited mobs to burn down entire Chinatowns and hang scores of Chinese workers in Colorado, California, Wyoming, and elsewhere in the West. One hundred years of brutal oppression and heroic resistance were concentrated in the historic marches of May 12 and 19, the largest Chinese-American demonstrations in U.S. working class history.

Trigger-happy cops have always declared open season on working class and national communities. Doing the dirty work of the capitalists, they shoot up our homes and use our people as target practice. A few months before the May demonstrations, on Dec. 3, 1974, two drunk N.Y. cops challenged some Chinese youths to a fight, making racist slurs, and shot up the Jade Chalet Restaurant. After terrorizing the Chinese-American people, seriously injuring one worker and killing another in cold-blood, the cops were let off the hook by the Grand Jury after only three days hearings, because of "conflicting testimony."

On April 26, 1975, a minor car accident on Elizabeth and Bayard Sts. in N.Y. Chinatown touched off this thunderous volcano of anger and protest against national oppression. The cops at the scene began insulting and bullying the Chinese people, knocking a 15-year old youth to the ground. When Peter Yew, a bystander in the crowd, rose up to protest, one cop grabbed him from behind

and three others beat him with night sticks. They dragged him by the neck to the 5th Precinct where they clubbed and bloodied him until he had bruises over his face and body. Then they arrested him for assaulting a police officer!

The news of this outrage spread like lightning. The smoldering hatred and bitterness against national oppression erupted into a storm of protest! 500 workers gathered at mass protest meetings, demanding concrete action against this act of police brutality. Worker after worker took the microphone to denounce the do-nothing misleadership of the CCBA (Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Assoc.) composed of wealthy Chinese-American petty bourgeoisie, and some KMT members (the Kuomintang, the reactionary Chiang-clique oppressing the people of the Chinese province of Taiwan).

"THE TIME FOR PATIENCE IS OVER!"

One 60-year old worker got up to say, "I've been here for 30 years. I've seen our kids beat up by the cops. I've seen the cops strut around Chinatown acting like kings. And what does the CCBA do about that? For 30 years, they've been saying we should have patience. The time for patience is over!"

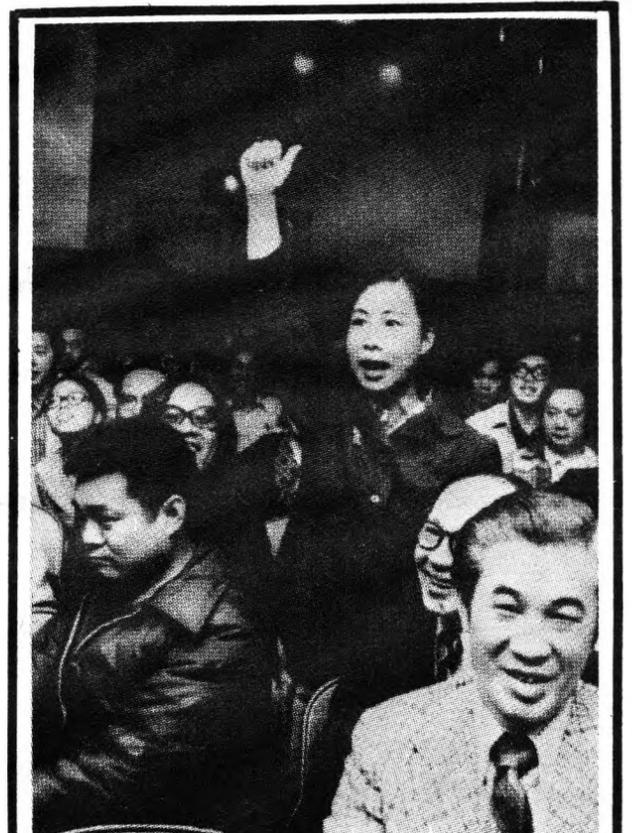
One garment worker grabbed the microphone to say, "We all know what the CCBA stands for. The rich. What do they care about the working people in Chinatown? What do they care about the safety of our children and families? They're too busy counting their money!" And when one AAFEE worker got up to demand that M.B. Lee (president of CCBA) answer these charges, the whole crowd began to chant "Where's M.B. Lee? Where's M.B. Lee?" Then the workers found out that he sneaked out in the middle of the meeting! The masses' simmering anger was boiling over! That night, over 100 workers signed up to volunteer to help AAFEE lead the struggle.

AAFEE ORGANIZED THE STRUGGLE

AAFEE began a full, immediate mobilization. On all major street corners, teams were set up with bull-horns and began soap boxing to the hundreds of workers who gathered and who were demanding action against the police. AAFEE went directly into the garment factories and restaurants, winning scores of workers

who vowed to close their shops the day of the demonstration, and workers contributed hundreds of their hard-earned dollars for the struggle. AAFEE workers went to the high schools, where students at Seward Park High School eagerly volunteered to march for the May 12 event and hundreds said they would come out. (AAFEE is no stranger to working class struggles in N.Y. Chinatown. The year before, on May 1974, AAFEE successfully mobilized 3,000 working class Chinese Americans to protest the construction industry's virtual shut-out of hiring Chinese-Americans. In the process of fighting for the equal rights of Chinese-Americans and exposing the monopoly capitalists' stranglehold over the construction industry, AAFEE sunk deep roots into the Chinese-American community and built solid ties with Afro-American and Puerto Rican construction workers' organizations.)

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At mass meetings of up to 500 workers, worker after worker rose up to denounce police brutality and the sell-out misleadership of the CCBA (Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association).

From the Masses - To the Masses

Correctness of WVO's Lines Is Winning Over the Masses

Dear Comrades,

I would like to order:
WVO paper, Vol. I, #1-8
WVO Journal, Vol. II, #1 (#3)

I've been reading, discussing, and studying WVO for three months now, and it's really changed my mind about a lot of things. Before that, I had read some Marx, Stalin, and Mao, and they all sounded good to me (especially the science of dialectical and historical materialism). But then when I saw how it was being applied in this country by Trots, the OL, and the RCP, I thought -- well, either there's something wrong with them, or there's something about them I'm adding up wrong.

Then I read your article, "The Boston Forced Busing Plan: the Dialectics of Bourgeois Formal Democracy and Fascism." Well, I was impressed. It sounded so true. Living in Boston, I had been confused about the issue for 2 years -- what the heck is going on here? Since I read that article, I've participated in the IWW and May Day coalitions up here, and read several papers of yours. It's really been an education for me, and it's all been adding up to help me see the correct line. Like Chairman Mao said: "The correctness or incorrectness of the ideological and political line decides everything."

The main thing that impressed me, at first, about WVO was the methodology of the Harriet Tubman-Nat Turner collective, who took part in the coalitions. They were patient, open and above-board, willing to struggle deeply over every line. I saw right away that this was dialectics in action -- the development of a clear, correct line in opposition to the incorrect. Many of my incorrect thoughts (and my incorrect world outlook) looked very raggedy in a relatively short time through this process. I kept going back to the saying about "ease of mind and liveliness" in ideological struggle. And I realized that only in the honest search for truth from facts can this happen. If you have the truth, or if you want to find it, you don't have to go around beating people over the head with it. All you have to do is explain it the best you can, and deepen your own understanding in the protracted struggle. We really have nothing to fear in struggle when we're armed with this realization. I've been proud to take WVO's lines to people -- my friends and my co-workers and even people I talk to on the bus, because I know either the lines are correct, or they're on the way to being correct, through struggle. And I can see that I'm only one of many people who are being won over to WVO. And there will be many more, because "If the line of a party is correct, then even if it does not have any soldiers, there will be soldiers."

An example of this is what happened when I took the correct line, and its corresponding methodology to my mother last month. We had several lively discussions. We talked about the dictatorship of the proletariat, the need for security, the scientific reason for the inevitability of proletarian revolution, and proletarian optimism, to name a few. So I got this letter from her last week, where she says:

"I have been thinking recently about so-called youthful idealism, rebellion, etc. So many of us adults have decided that no matter how screwed up capitalist society is, it's the only society we have, so we have to make the best of it. And that means making it in a capitalist world. And Dad and I did that a lot of the time. But I'm glad that we have you, our children, to reflect back on us some other image that we must have been projecting, something

better than just 'surviving,' whatever that is. I don't think that rebellion, goal-seeking, and all that good stuff, should be only for the young. Let's let adults get into the act, too. That's what practice, theory, practice, and so on, means to me."

Well, this is the most optimistic letter she's written me in years! Now I'm taking up the struggle with my brothers and sister. I know it'll be protracted, but I'm ready for it. I expect the most resistance from my brother in the RCP, but if he's honest he'll be won over sooner or later. It's kind of a contradiction, because he's 5 years older than me, a lot bigger (about 90 pounds), and more experienced in ML struggles. But, with the correct line, I have nothing to fear, except my own deviations, which I hope to boldly self-criticize when they crop up.

I just want to say one more thing, since I went down to the May Day march and rally in New York with the Boston contingent. As we marched, just being among a truly multi-national group of men, women, youth, children, and families, I was, really, moved to tears. How many times I had thought, if only this could be, if only I could see it in my lifetime. But now I see that the masses are arming themselves with the science of MLMTTT, and that the struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat is intensifying each day. Under the correct leadership of the WVO, the genuine communist party in this country, the future is surely very bright! On to May Day in Chicago next year, when our army will be stronger still!

Comradely greetings
from Boston,

S.L.

Proletarian Character of May Day 1977

Dear Comrades,

You are to be congratulated for making May Day 1977 a tremendous success. It was a well planned and well executed event from beginning to end.

This is the first time I have been to a demonstration that had a proletarian character. The high consciousness and discipline displayed by workers and communists indicates that WV is indeed building the party on ideological plane. The spirit of militancy and devotion could be felt in the air. We who are struggling every day to be worthy of the name of communist feel deep gratitude for the leadership and guidance given by WV and look to WV as the genuine party of the proletariat.

WVO is taking the lead in furthering a new surging proletarian creativity and cultural vitality of the class. The skits, music and poetry readings helped to teach us and unite us. These efforts are truly indispensable for our struggle to win the advanced and the masses of people to communism. May Day also revealed that WV can handle not only propaganda correctly -- which I knew from reading your paper -- but agitation just as correctly and the relationship between the two. The agit-prop done on the march amidst chanting was excellent. I think this is how we will win people, by explaining, teaching in a popular style, by putting out the correct analysis and linking all aspects of the problems together, showing deep faith in the masses and not belittling their capacity for political growth and understanding -- their capacity for truth.

With all the work you had to do to make May Day a success, that you also found time to give us travel-weary North

Carolinians 2 suppers was greatly appreciated. In every detail, it was shown that WV has the well-being of the masses at heart.

May Day 1977 under the leadership of WV has pushed the whole struggle forward, just as you did a year ago here by developing the polemics of the two line struggle and winning folks away from revisionism and opportunism.

Forward to the Founding
of the Vanguard Party of
the Proletariat!

Follow the Correct Leader-
ship of the WV!

Comradely greetings,

L.D.
Greensboro, N.C.

P.S. Enclosed is a donation for WV; included in that is money for 2 or 3 sodas I said I would pay for and then forgot.

May Day Was Dynamite

Dear Comrades,

This past May Day was my first, and although I didn't have any well-formed preconceptions of what it would be like, it certainly was better than anything I expected. In a word, it was simply Dynamite. Several aspects impressed me that I don't know where to begin. So I might as well start my commenting on the Revolutionary Youth League, which led the march. Their appearance, dressed in uniform and marching in well co-ordinated steps added more militancy to the march. The discipline they exhibited did not stop with this contingent but was carried throughout the entire march. The spirit of the marchers was high from the very beginning prodded by the agitational speeches, propaganda and songs that characterized the militant nature of the march. The main speaker is to be commended.

At the program, the spirit of the crowd grew to new heights. Everything was timely and well organized. The speeches of solidarity were moving, but were also geared to raise the political conscious-

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WVO CALLS FOR LETTERS

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

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

Write to: Workers Viewpoint Org.
GPO Box 2256
New York, N.Y. 10001

The Wilmington 10 and Assata Shakur Must Be Free

'...YOU CAN'T JAIL A REVOLUTION!'



Hundreds demonstrated their hatred for the capitalist system, and its attempt to frame the Wilmington 10. The masses have shown that they refused to be intimidated by this attack.

The fanatical persecution of Afro-American liberation fighters continues in the frame-up of the Wilmington 10 and Assata Shakur. Both cases, in spite of the most glaring holes in the prosecution's "evidence," show the extent to which the capitalist state harasses and hounds those who dare to fight against injustice and oppression.

The case of the Wilmington 10 grew out of the equal rights struggle in that North Carolina city in February, 1971. The Ten -- nine young Afro-American men and one white woman -- have been sentenced to a total of 282 years in prison, on charges of arson and conspiracy in the firebombing of a white-owned Wilmington grocery store.

Last week, in a hearing for a new trial, all three of the prosecution's key witnesses stated that their previous testimony had been lies invented by the prosecution. One of the witnesses, Allen Hall, told of how he had been bribed and threatened into testifying against the Ten -- how the prosecution had forced him into lying, that one of the defendants, Rev. Ben Chavis, had planned, incited, and carried out the firebombing when Hall had not even been near the scene of the alleged crime.

Another key witness, Jerome Mitchell, stated flatly his previous testimony was "false," that he had been "harassed" into testifying at the trial, and that District Attorney Stroud, knowing that he faced an armed robbery and murder rap, had promised him a sentence of "no more than 6 to 7 months." Mitchell described how Stroud, along with a Wilmington detective and a federal agent, used a beach cottage furnished by the local head of the KKK to drill him and Hall, over a period of several weeks, in what to say.

The third witness, Eric Junious, only 13 at the time of the trial, stated that Stroud, in return for his false testimony, had given him "a minibike and a job at the service station."

These statements reveal only part of a long list of blatant acts by the state to railroad the Ten at all costs.

Yet, despite all this, on May 20th, a North Carolina state judge rejected the Wilmington Ten's appeal for a new trial claiming that no "constitutional rights" had been violated.

A look at what was happening in Wilmington in 1971 reveals the reason for the frameup. Just like many other towns and cities across the Black Belt South in the late 1960's and early 1970's, Wilmington was the scene of an intense struggle against Jim Crow segregation and for equal rights. In the spring of 1971, Black high school students were demanding and demonstrating for equal and relevant education. The local white vigilantes organized into the fascist Rights for White People Organization, with the active support of the local and federal police, responded by terrorizing the Black community. These night riders conducted a series of armed assaults into the Black community, shooting and wounding over 70 and leaving an unconfirmed number of dead.

The Afro-American community organized for self-defense. And as they began to unite and organize the community, they began to link up their history of continuous oppression, from the "1898 Wilmington Massacre," to the present-day system of imperialism. One such organization, the African Peoples United Front, unmasked the large corporations in Wilmington, such as Du Pont, General Electric, and Gulf Oil who financed the white vigilantes; it exposed the fact that these same corporations who rip off the labor of the Black community at substandard wages are the "same corporations that are exploiting and oppressing our brothers and sisters in Angola and all of southern Africa."

The Wilmington Ten had been in the forefront of the movement for equal rights; all were active members or supporters of the community organizations; and they were taking the lead in fighting the "racist and imperialistic companies...in control of the political socio-economic power structure in Wilmington."

This is the reason why the state arrested and trumped up charges against them.

FREE ASSATA SHAKUR!

Like the frame-up of the Wilmington Ten, the case of Assata Shakur is another example of the systematic attempt by the ruling class to brutally repress the Afro-American peoples' revolutionary struggle.

Assata Shakur (Joanne Chiesmard), a former member of the Black Panther Party, was recently convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment on charges of murdering a New Jersey state trooper.

The charges stem from a May 2, 1973 shoot-out on the New Jersey Turnpike, in which state troopers attacked a car carrying Shakur and two companions, Zayd Shakur and Sundiata Acoli (Clark Squire). During the attack, the cops murdered Zayd Shakur; but the assassination attempt didn't come off as smoothly as the troopers had hoped -- one trooper was killed and a second, James Harper, wounded.

From the beginning, the state went all out to railroad Shakur. As she declared, "I am a Black revolutionary woman, and because of this, I have been accused of every alleged crime in which a woman was believed to have participated..." Found guilty of nothing, she sat in prison for almost four years; while she awaited trial for the shoot-out, the state threw every charge it could fabricate against her -- from bank robbery to kidnapping to murder. Each time, it was overwhelmingly clear that the state had no case, and each time she was acquitted.

This time the prosecution's "evidence" was just as flimsy. Tests run on the guns found at the "shootout" and in Shakur's hands prove that she fired no gun. The statements of the doctors at the trial about the nature of Shakur's wounds confirmed what she had stated all along -- that she had been shot as she got out of the car with both hands raised in the air. These statements directly contradicted the lone testimony of state trooper Harper, upon which the government's case completely rested, and who had admitted to significantly changing his story over the years.

To obtain its guilty verdict, the government and media conducted a deliberate campaign of racist hysteria in the New Brunswick, N.J. community where the trial was held, focusing on Shakur's alleged membership in the Black Liberation Army. Nearly every member of the all-white jury admitted that they thought Shakur was guilty even before hearing the evidence.

Even after the conviction, the state is still hounding her. In an unprecedented maneuver, Shakur has been forced to transfer to an all-male prison where she is confined in a tiny cell with no privacy, the only woman in a prison of 870 inmates.

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Assata Shakur, Black Liberation fighter, is being framed by the capitalists.

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But to wage world war at these fronts abroad, the U.S. ruling class must hold down their rear area, and that rear area is us, the U.S. workers and masses. And that is what fascism is for, and why they are preparing for fascism now.

Fascism means strangling the working class' resistance, breaking its back and splitting it up to impose the terroristic dictatorship of the monopoly capitalists. The capitalists don't try to bring in fascism because they are strong; on the contrary, they are forced to try because they are extremely weak, because

the strength of the workers' struggle is beginning to threaten their very rule. Carter's deportations crackdown, his ID cards and his energy plan with the "moral equivalent of war", are all steps towards fascism and world war.

That is why this "human rights" fox must blow his cover at every turn by launching the most vicious attacks on the U.S. people. False talk of "human rights" abroad goes hand in hand with stepped-up deportations and more false talk at home! ■

Historical Background :

US Capitalism and Immigration

US CAPITALISM GREW UP AND FATTENED ON SLAVERY, COLONIALISM AND IMMIGRANT LABOR.

Mexican and Filipino workers in California agriculture, Arab autoworkers in Detroit, Puerto Ricans, Dominicans, Haitians and other Latin Americans and Carribeans in New York City, Cape Verdeans in Boston -- these are only a few of the many immigrant nationalities across the U.S. today. In Western Europe, too, 20% and more of the workforce is from Africa, the Middle East, Asia and the Carribean.

Why do people pick up and emigrate from one country to another? Because of imperialism and colonialism, which divide the world into a handful of rich exploiting countries (the U.S. and Soviet superpowers, Western Europe, Japan) and the vast majority of undeveloped, exploited countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. Imperialist exploitation and domination of the Third World countries destroys their economies, driving the peasants off the land and into the cities, growing single cash-crops on the imperialist-owned latifundia (giant plantations) and allowing only raw-materials industries to grow. Agricultural workers find work only during the harvest season and pour into the cities during the off-seasons. Because the imperialists strangle all industry, urban workers also face permanent high unemployment. Misery, hunger and unemployment grow in both the cities and the countryside, forcing millions to pack up and migrate.

In Puerto Rico, Domino Sugar and the United Fruit Company daily exploit in agriculture, while Exxon and other U.S. oil companies are trying to build the superport for their private use, and the U.S. imperialist government is trying to complete its stranglehold by incorporating Puerto Rico as the 51st state. The situation of other Latin American, Asian and African countries is similar. Even the lesser developed capitalist countries of the Second World suffer at the hands of the two superpowers, and Sicilians, Greeks, Portugese and others are forced to move to the U.S. and northern European countries.

Once in the U.S., immigrants are forced into fruit and vegetable fields, into garment, electronics and service industries, where they face harsh exploitation. Often non-unionized and denied democratic rights at work and in the communities, they daily face national chauvinism and racial discrimination from the police and bosses.

U.S. capitalism grew up and fattened on the slavery of Afro-Americans in the South, on colonialist exploitation and on the sweat and blood of waves of immigrants from all countries of the world. Forgetting this history, and influenced by the bourgeoisie and labor mis-leaders who promote chauvinism, some U.S. born workers look down on the foreign-born, and see them as a threat and as competitors for jobs. This is national chauvinism, the view of the imperialists and exploiters which only serves them and breaks up working-class unity. It forgets that immigration is a built-in product of imperialist exploitation, and that if you are not an immigrant yourself in the U.S., then the chances are that your father was, or his father or his father's father. It forgets that 50, 100 or 200 years

ago, they suffered and bled and fought for the U.S. working class just as today's waves of foreign-born workers are doing now! To unite us all, we must defeat this chauvinist thinking in our own ranks in the course of fighting the bourgeoisie and its agents, defending the rights of foreign-born workers. Only by building the tightest unity of U.S. workers and oppressed nationalities, and of the U.S.- and foreign-born, can we bring capitalism down with the victorious socialist revolution!

HISTORY SHOWS US IT IS AN OLD TRICK

The national oppression of immigrants and oppressed nationalities being such a fundamental feature of U.S. capitalism, the U.S. capitalist class learned long ago how to exploit this for their own ends. In the 1800's, they and their bribed agents in the workers' movement, the labor lieutenants of the capitalist class, mastered the tactics of deliberately withholding legal status to a large section of immigrant workers, to make them easy prey for the capitalists and weaken the whole workers' movement.

When business is booming, the capitalists open the border to immigrants, press them into factories and fields, lock them in shacks and ghettos, strip them of all democratic rights and discipline them with deportation. In times of crisis, they reshuffle their laws and ship them "back to where they came from". The "illegal aliens" are illegal in all ways except to be exploited legally when needed!

Beginning in the 1850's, thousands of Chinese workers entered the West Coast to workers during the Gold Rush. Mostly ruined peasants who were forced to leave because the European colonialists were gobbling up China, they came when U.S. business was booming. They were also used as "gang labor" to build the railroads in the West in the 1870's. But when the boom collapsed in the 1870's and thousands of U.S. workers lost their jobs and were beginning to unionize, the capitalists launched the vicious anti-Chinese campaign to break the back of the workers' movement. "The Chinese must go!" was the capitalists' chauvinist slogan, and anti-Chinese lynching and massacres were their method. Out of this, the capitalists put through the first immigration exclusion act in 1882 against the Chinese.

The ruling class' labor lieutenants faithfully carried out this chauvinist campaign. As early as 1869, one of them named A. C. Cameron ranted: "Bring them along, Chinamen, Japanese, Malays, and monkeys, make voters of them all; acknowledge them as men and workers, mix them all up together, water down the old Caucasian race."

Later on, Sam Gompers, the bribed misleader of the old American Federation of Labor, echoed the same: "The more recent immigrant employees from southern and eastern Europe and Asia... have been a constant menace to labor organization and have been directly and indirectly threatening their influence."

Today, we still have a whole layer of these labor lieutenants running around, carrying on the same sabotage against the working class like their forefathers. We have I.W. Abel of the

United Steel Workers of America, who just recently came out demanding "stiff quotas on foreign-made goods" because they are supposedly "costing Americans jobs and undercutting American industry" In other words: "Buy American"!

We've also got Cesar Chavez of the United Farmworkers who, echoing Gompers' "The Chinese must go!", has called for the deportation of "illegals" and has even turned over these undocumented workers to the Miopa. And this Chavez parades himself as a progressive labor leader, and heads a union which was spearheaded by the militant struggles of Mexican, Chicano and Filipino workers!

THE WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE WANT INTERNATIONALISM!

Chavez and his fellow lieutenants are not part of the workers' movement; they are used against the workers' movement to bust it from the inside. But at the Second Convention of the United Farm Workers last year, the union rank and file gave a firm and definite answer to Chavez' treachery when they pushed through a resolution which held that, "If growers can bring illegal workers here for the purpose of exploiting them... we can organize illegal workers to liberate them!"

The UFW rank and file are carrying on the best traditions of the U.S. working class, the traditions of internationalist unity between workers of all nationalities in the U.S. and with the workers of all countries of the world. In 1903, Gompers refused to admit Japanese workers into the A.F. of L., but their Mexican co-workers stood by them firmly and rejected Gompers' charter.

In Boston, Massachusetts 5 years ago, the Polaroid workers demanded that the company stop manufacturing the pass-book photos for the fascist Vorster regime in South Africa, in firm internationalist support for the liberation of Azania. Such heroic internationalism will live forever! When "human rights" Carter today tries to force these same pass-books on immigrants in the U.S., then not only the Polaroid workers but the whole U.S. proletariat will again show its internationalist solidarity, meeting this attack head-on and uniting our entire class in the great struggle against capitalism! ■

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ALD, 1972. 30,000 people demonstrate their support for the African liberation struggles, in Washington, D.C., in front of the Washington monument. 80,000 people in total demonstrated their solidarity that year, under the leadership of the ALSC.



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was a resounding show of solidarity. In 1972 and 1973, the ALSC mainly carried out work in support of the liberation movements in Africa, but in 1973-74, the ALSC began to actively take up issues that affected people and the entire working class in the U.S., as the ALSC adopted a domestic program. During that period the ALSC took up the issues of police repression, welfare, the energy crisis rip-off, the Watergate corruption, etc., broadened its base and expanded to over 50 chapters in the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean. In 1974, the march and demonstration were again centered in Washington, D.C., as the ALSC organized the historic conference "Which Way for the Black Liberation Movement?", to facilitate a higher level of clarity on some of the burning questions which emerged out of the practical work of the ALSC. Fifteen thousand marched in Washington, D.C., and many participated in the conference, culminating a weekend of solidarity with the African people, and unity and struggle over the task of workers and oppressed people in the U.S.

The historic 1974 conference was organized to debate the questions that were emerging inside the ALSC and throughout the entire Black Liberation Movement. ALSC was one of the first mass organizations that was able to unite just about all the various forces inside the Black Liberation Movement into a national organization, and consequently many different views emerged as to how to carry out support work around the liberation movements. Some wanted to limit ALSC's work to support for African struggles only, and were against ALSC's supporting and taking up struggles in the U.S., or taking positions on the struggles of other people like the Palestinian or Southeast Asian people's struggle against imperialism. These more backward forces were also saying that the enemy of the Afro-American and African peoples were all white (European) peoples, which obviously meant that ALSC's work could not be taken out amongst white workers, and other oppressed people in the U.S. In the Conference, the backward Pan-Africanist views represented by forces like Stokely Carmichael were soundly defeated and rejected by the progressive forces who were trying to "turn the corner" from Pan-Africanism to Marxism and struggling to base the program of ALSC firmly in the concrete reality of the U.S., and unite with peoples all over the world struggling against imperialism.

In 1975, once again local marches and demonstrations were held in numerous cities across the U.S. as ALSC continued to carry out its program of linking the struggles of the southern African peoples with the struggles of the working class and oppressed in the U.S. In 1975, the ALD demonstrations were clearly multi-national.

In 1976, opportunists tried to wreck and split ALSC, and prevent it from carrying out its program and continuing to mobilize thousands in support of the liberation movements and against imperialism. Very little work toward the annual mobilization was carried out, as the ALSC was racked by internal differences and the attempts of some groups to wreck and split the ALSC.

Last year, groups such as the All African Peoples Revolutionary Party (AAPRP) led by Stokely Carmichael attempted to take advantage of the temporary setback in the work of the ALSC by organizing their own ALD's to spread confusion and incorrect ideas amongst the Afro-American and U.S. people. For example, with no ALSC leading the way in 1976, Carmichael's group called an ALD demonstration in Washington, D.C. in the same park that the ALSC had traditionally used. Over 5,000 people spontaneously responded, as many thought that the march and demonstration was the one annually organized by the ALSC. But when people got there, they were served Carmichael's bourgeois nationalist trash, that all white people were the enemy of Afro-American people, that ALD was for Afro-American people only, and that the main struggle for the Afro-American in the U.S. should be the liberation of Africa and not against our own U.S. exploiting and ruling class. This was precisely the trash that the overwhelming majority of Afro-American activists and revolutionaries had rejected at the historic conference in 1974. Not surprisingly, many progressive people were completely turned off by the event organized by Carmichael, and his attempt to "pimp off" the historically good work of the ALSC.

But in 1977, the ALSC has weathered the attempts to split and wreck it, and to prevent it from leading the U.S. people in supporting the liberation struggles in southern Africa. Today the ALSC is healthy, vigorous, growing, and leading the U.S. people in showing their solidarity with the liberation struggles, and in making ALD a day that will continue to sink deep in the hearts and minds of the Afro-American and entire working class and oppressed people. All Out for ALD, under the leadership of the ALSC!

Southern African Peoples Struggle On Rise

1976 and 1977 have been years of victorious advance for the liberation struggles in southern Africa. A forefront of struggle against white settler colonialism and against U.S. and Soviet social-imperialism, the struggles of the southern African people have dealt these reactionaries serious setbacks and have provided lessons and inspiration for workers and oppressed people the world over.

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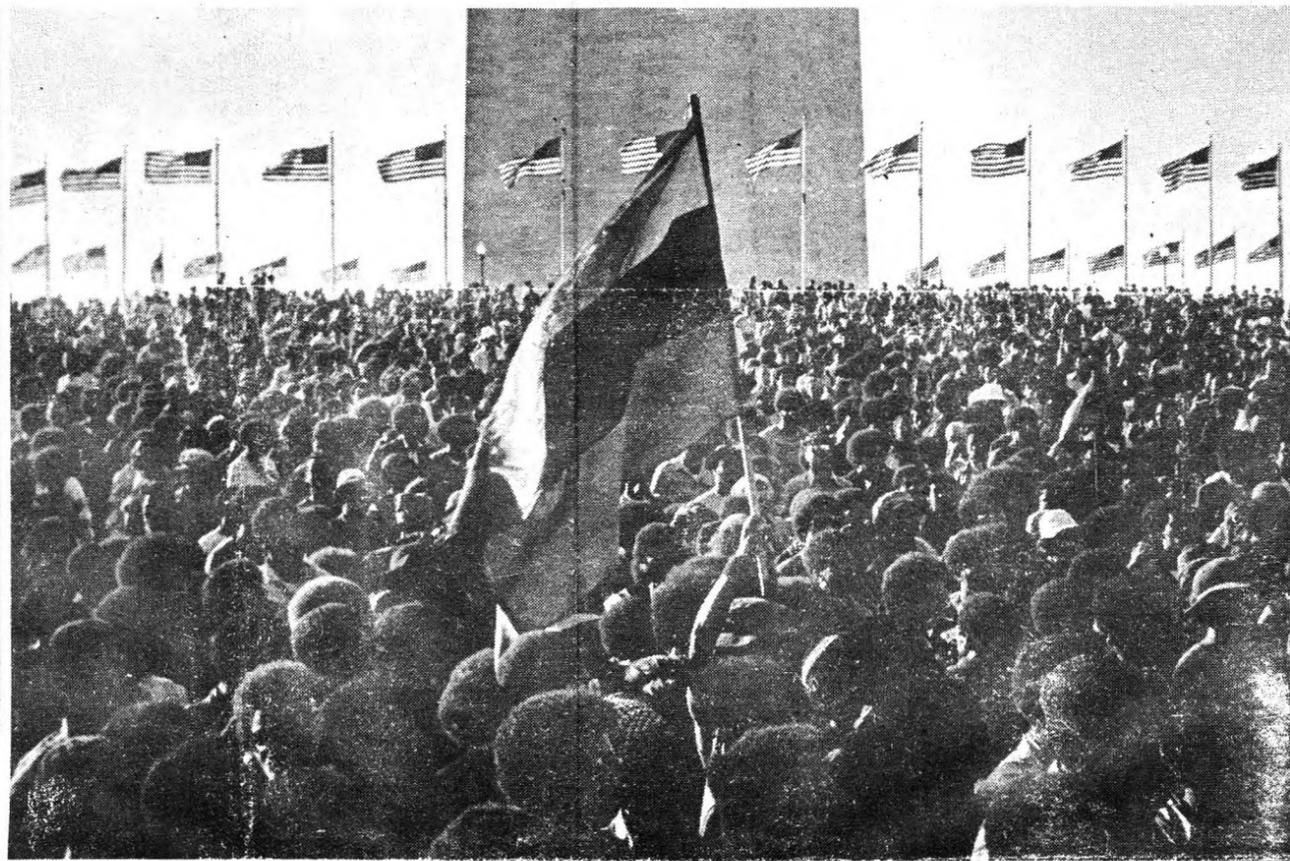
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Revolutionary war!
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Labor there comes cheaply
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1976-77 has been a great year of advancement for the liberation struggles of the southern African peoples. African men, women and children have united more firmly in their determined struggle to win liberation through self-reliance and armed struggle. Their struggle will surely triumph!

THE US PEOPLE HAVE CONDEMNED US IMPERIALISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

In 1972, when Harvard University refused to divest itself of its shares in Gulf Oil stock, Afro-American and other students seized Massachusetts Hall, a top level Harvard administration building. Aware that Gulf Oil's holdings in the oil rich Cabinda province in Angola provided the Portuguese regime with 50% of the revenue needed to continue its colonial wars of oppression against the African people in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau, the students moved on Harvard and chanted slogans such as "US out of South East Asia, Harvard out of Gulf!" Afro-American and white longshoremen refused to unload chrome from Zimbabwe in solidarity with the struggles of the African workers; Afro-American and white workers rallied against the Southern Georgia Utility Company because it attempted to import cheaper coal from South Africa, and condemned the Southern Georgia Co. for attacking the jobs of US workers and participating in the super-exploitation of African workers. Auto workers in the US demonstrated and rallied against Chrysler, Ford and General Motors plants in South Africa that exploit the labor of their class brothers and sisters. Polaroid workers condemned the Polaroid Company for making the pass cards used by the South African white-minority regime to maintain its fascist system.

The US working class has always condemned and struggled against US imperialist exploitation and oppression of the southern African peoples. This is the reason why the main objectives of the 1973 ALD were to raise funds for the liberation movements and "raise the question of the US's involvement and participation in relation to Africa". In 1974, the ALSC chairperson said at the annual ALD

demonstration that "We can take pride in our ability to link up the struggles against imperialism and colonialism in Africa, with those against monopoly capitalism and racism within the USA and North America."

It is the rising consciousness of the US workers and oppressed peoples themselves, along with the developing revolutionary struggles in southern Africa, and the US imperialists' contention with the Soviet Social-imperialists, that have forced the US imperialists to attempt to change their tactics. Parading as friends of the liberation struggles and seeking a "just settlement" and "majority rule", the US imperialists have pushed the likes of Andrew Young to the fore to carry their mantle for them. But the "outspoken" Young can neither fool the African, nor US peoples, as they know that only self-reliance and armed struggle will carry them onto the road of genuine liberation and independence.

Expose Soviet Social-Imperialism

The fierce liberation struggles in southern Africa have been part and parcel of the exposure and defeat of U.S. imperialism by the people of the entire world, such that today, U.S. imperialism is no longer the undisputed, top dog, imperialist power in the world, but instead, a declining imperialist power.

While the US imperialists are being kicked out and have been exposed in southern Africa, the Soviet Social-imperialists have tried to sneak in the back door. Operating under the signboard of socialism, this once mighty socialist country which has turned capitalist, is trying to spread its influence in southern Africa.

The Soviet Social-Imperialists are the main danger to the independence and liberation struggles of the African peoples. Because they are a new rising and more aggressive imperialist power, they today are the main source of world war. The Soviet Social-imperialists, after the Angolan people dealt the Portuguese colonialists a severe defeat, instigated a split among the various liberation groups, incited a civil war in Angola, imported Cuban mercenaries, and proved to all that they are in no way "friends of national liberation struggles", but in fact a new superpower colonialist and war mongerer. Trying to establish a base in southern Africa so that it too can exploit the African peoples and

RCP EXPOSED!

The RCP has lately been running a campaign of slander against the WVO and the ALSC to cover over their own opportunism and instability of principle - from spreading lies that the WVO wanted to turn ALSC into an organization of the "advanced only," a forum for "debate only," that the WVO was opposed to a broad coalition, etc., to such low-life gossip that the WVO won't even have a speaker from Africa at the ALD march and rally. But the slogans from the two RCP leaflets below clearly show what are real differences over how to carry out ALSC work.

A full ten months ago, the RCP began to reverse, step-by-step, the verdict on Soviet Social Imperialism, covering up its danger, until they finally stopped exposing it in their work and slogans. The leaflet on the left is one example of this: a Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB) coalition leaflet (endorsed by the RCP and the same participants in their current ALD coalition) passed out in Atlanta last February (RSB is the youth branch of the RCP). This leaflet was no accident, but carried the line of their southern-wide mobilization in February. This leaflet opposes U.S. imperialism only, under the slogan "U.S. Out of Southern Africa."

Opportunists that they are, the RCP tried to use its bumbling lackies, the Revolutionary Workers Congress (RWC), to maneuver this line into the ALSC. The WVO called them both out, exposed them, and won over a majority of the ALSC steering committee to oppose this treachery and threw the RCP/RWC out of the national steering committee!

**MARCH FOR FREEDOM
FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA**
U.S. Out of Southern Africa!
Down With the Apartheid System!
**Victory to the Liberation Forces
of Southern Africa!**

After this, the RCP tried to take on a new look. The leaflet on the right is a current ALD coalition leaflet of theirs opposing the superpowers under the slogan, "Superpowers Hands Off." Here again, they also include their slogan to "Fight Imperialism and National Oppression from the Union of South Africa to the United States of America," which says nothing against Soviet Social Imperialism. And the text of this leaflet also has not one word exposing the Soviets' role in southern Africa. All the same, with the Soviet Social Imperialists' current aggressions in Africa smacking them squarely in the face, and with the all-round exposure by the WVO, the RCP suddenly must begin opposing both superpowers to cover their own opportunism.

Whether to oppose only U.S. imperialism, or to oppose both superpowers -- this is a question of principle! These are two opposing lines on the international situation -- yet here we see how the RCP flips from one to the other according to their own needs! This shows that they never based their line on the interests of the African peoples' or the U.S. peoples' struggles. All along, their only interest has been to build and promote the RCP at the expense of these struggles. And now exposed, their only other tactic open to them is to resort to the gossiping and slanders against the WVO, which they are today trying to spread far and wide. ■

All Out For African Liberation Day

Victory to the People of Southern Africa

Down with White Minority Rule

US Out of Southern Africa, Superpowers Hands Off
Fight Imperialism and National Oppression

From the USA to the USA

(Union of South Africa) (United States of America)

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contend with US imperialism, the Soviet Social imperialists have armed mercenaries to invade and undermine the sovereignty of Zaire, and in general "opened a front" on the African continent. Trying to step into the shoes of the US imperialists, the more dangerous Soviet Social-imperialists will only suffer the same fate -- exposure and defeat.

It is this superpower contention that is the root cause of intransquility on the African continent, and the cause of the danger of a new world war today. The African peoples and the peoples of the entire world must combat both superpowers and their preparations for a new world war. This is why one of the major themes for this year's ALD demonstration in support of the liberation struggles will be to "oppose superpower war preparations".

OPPORTUNISTS TRYING TO SPREAD CONFUSION- THE RCP AND THE AAPRP

Opportunists of all stripes are going all out to try to spread as much confusion as possible around ALD. One such group is the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP). This group has formed a bogus ALD coalition which is also sponsoring a demonstration in Washington, DC on May 28th. Unleashing a barrage of slander against the ALSC and the WVO, the RCP is only continuing to expose themselves as splitters and wreckers, as a thoroughly opportunist petty-bourgeois trend.

This is the same RCP, formerly the Revolutionary Union (RU), which opposed the ALSC in the beginning (1972), calling it bourgeois nationalist. The RU's chauvinism blinded them to the tremendous potential and revolutionary role that ALSC could play (and which it has demonstrated) in building a powerful anti-imperialist support movement for the liberation struggles in southern Africa, while at the same time raising the political understanding of US workers, particularly Afro-Americans. It

was only after the ALSC was able to mobilize thousands of people to demonstrate against US imperialism and in support of the liberation struggles, and only after the developing revolutionary forces in ALSC began to lead the struggle for greater clarity around the correct way to support the liberation struggles, that the RU then said that "this is something we'd better get hip to".

The stand of the RU was no different than that of the CPUSA (Communist Party USA) who also condemned ALSC as being bourgeois nationalist. After ALSC was able to mobilize thousands, the CPUSA dressed up their "star" Angela Davis, sent her to Africa to get some credentials as a supporter of the liberation struggles, and tried to push her forward with a bogus liberation support committee, which the masses rejected.

Ever since the formation of the ALSC, the RU-RCP has done absolutely nothing toward building it, but instead has "hung around", waiting for an opportunity to ride on the mass movement that only the ALSC was able to build. Is there any wonder why in the last year the RCP-RSB has suddenly sponsored a rash of demonstrations and conferences around southern Africa? Is there any other reason than that the RCP has seen this as the chance to ride on the revolutionary sentiment of the masses, in order to spread their poison? Of course not!

The WVO exposed how the RCP was attempting to take over the ALSC through their front group the Revolutionary Workers Congress (RWC). And they now stand naked in their philistine fear of struggle, and opportunism, exposed to everyone. In the ALSC National Steering Committee the RWC maneuvered a steering committee member off, obstructed the work at every turn, and changed the original ALSC principles of unity (reversing the verdict on Soviet Social imperialism) in order to push ALSC into the "jive" ALD coalition led by the RCP. The WVO member fought their maneuvering at every turn, but always upheld the decisions of the Steering Committee until a national conference could be held to let the membership decide once and for all which line is the correct line to lead ALSC. After the RWC majority

bloc began to disintegrate as their opportunist maneuvering became more and more arrogant, and other steering committee members were able to keep the RWC from paving the way for an RCP take over, the majority of steering committee members rejected all of the proposals pushed through by the RWC. But what did the RWC opportunists do? Rather than uphold the decisions of the National Steering Committee, and struggle out the lines at the National Conference, they joined the RCP ALD coalition and had the audacity to put the names of ALSC chapters on the list of endorsers of the coalition. This was concrete proof that the RCP had only one intention-- to split and wreck the ALSC. When the RWC steering committee members were told that the support for a counter-demonstration was in violation of the National Steering Committee, and that they had to choose one or the other, they chose to go with the RCP. Consequently, they were purged. This is the actual explanation of what went down. One Steering Committee member who had historically voted along with, and still supported the position of the RWC, but who also rejected the maneuverings of the RWC and RCP, voted to uphold the decisions of the Steering Committee as binding, since they were upheld when the RWC temporarily dominated the line and policy of the ALSC.

Now the RCP is going around spreading that it is the real ALSC and that it has the majority of "active" ALSC chapters, which anyone who knows anything about ALSC knows that the chapters that have endorsed the RCP coalition are those inactive chapters of the RWC. Going all out to mobilize for the event the RCP may be able to bring its same motley crew to Washington, the UWOC (Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee), RSB-RCP, etc., and may be able to confuse a few honest people momentarily, but the masses will surely reject this attempt to ride on the mass movement and sentiment that the ALSC did so much to mobilize.

Another group that is sponsoring an ALD march in Washington, DC on the 28th is the All African Peoples Revolutionary Party (AAPRP), led by Stokely "come-back" Carmichael. A much more significant danger than the RCP, particularly among the Afro-American people, Carmichael continued on page 21

AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY - OAKLAND RALLY DRAWS 5000

Workers Viewpoint will have full coverage of the Oakland and the Wash., D.C. African Liberation Day events in our next issue.

All Africa's Standing Up! The African Peoples Struggle Will Surely Triumph! Both Superpowers Out Of Africa! This was the sentiment of 5,000 people as they participated in the African Liberation Day rally on May 21st in Oakland.

This shows the tremendous revolutionary solidarity of the U.S. working class and oppressed nationalities with the liberation struggles of Southern Africa, and the ability of the African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC) to unleash this enthusiasm and organize it.

1,000 strong marched through the East Oakland community on their way to Arroyo Park, the historic site of African Liberation Day on the West Coast. The militant spirit, the soul-stirring chants, and lively leaflets drew many onlookers from the street, and the housing projects, swelling the ranks of the march.

The African Liberation Day organizers demonstrated their skill in making use of a variety of forms to raise the consciousness of the masses, from the speeches of the ALSC and the Workers Viewpoint Organization to the exciting skits of the Family (a collective), from the militant solidarity speeches of the Iranian Students Association and the Organization



The Oakland ALD march and rally supported the African peoples struggle, like these Zimbabwean militants struggling against the illegal Rhodesian regime.

of Arab Students to the dances of the African Dance Ensemble, from bands to poetry.

The West Coast ALD was held on May 21st so that the masses could also attend the national ALSC's African Liberation Day demonstration in Washington DC

on May 28th.

This smashing success shows that ALSC has made a good start in rebuilding itself, something which the US monopoly capitalists and all the scab-like opportunists fear in the depths of their hearts!

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But this latest effort to break the spirit of Assata Shakur will fail. As she answered the attempt to brand her a criminal, two months after her arrest:

"They call us bandits, but it is not us who are robbing Africa, Asia, and Latin America of their natural resources and freedom while the people are sick and starving. The rulers of this country and their flunkies have committed some of the most brutal, vicious crimes in history. They are the bandits. They are the murderers. And they should be treated as such."

Recently, the case of the Wilmington Ten figured in the superpowers' bid to one up each other, when they traded charges of violating "human rights." When Carter charged that the massive repression within the Soviet Union was a violation of "human rights," the capitalist rulers of the Soviet Union counter-charged, shamelessly using the political repression of the Wilmington Ten as an example.

But the whole affair was nothing more than a case of the liar and the hypocrite calling each other dishonest -- and the name-calling just ended up exposing both of them.

The "C" PUSA, for its part, promotes the same slick catchwords of the bourgeoisie, calling the "struggle of the Wilmington Ten" as one for "human rights." These traitors to the working class and their celebrity spokesperson, Angela Davis, speak of fighting for a "free" and "just" society, but never once mention the necessity of fighting against the monopoly capitalists and for the dictatorship of the proletariat. The reason political prisoners are put in jail in the first place is because they are doing just that -- struggling against capitalism. As long as the criminal rule of the monopoly capitalist class exists, there can be no "freedom" and "justice" for the working class and oppressed nationalities. And as long as class society exists, there can be no such thing as "human rights" in the abstract.

But no matter how much the capitalist state tries to murder, jail, intimidate and repress liberation fighters, and despite all attempts by their willing accomplices, like the revisionist "C" PUSA to sidetrack the movement, the Afro-American peoples' struggles will certainly triumph. As Fred Hampton said,

"...You can jail a revolutionary, but you can't jail a revolution!" ■

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The contrast between the CCBA and AAFEE was clear! CCBA put up a few posters in the fancy tourist restaurants of Chinatown. AAFEE went deeply among the masses, setting up leaflet teams which handed out over 10,000 leaflets per day to workers who eagerly grabbed the leaflets and who offered to donate money or volunteer their time for the struggle. AAFEE set up telephone chains of hundreds of garment workers to mobilize workers for the demonstration. The CCBA tried to defend the police, saying that all we really need is more Chinese cops! AAFEE's 9 point program concretely linked up the 5th Precinct as agents of monopoly capitalism. The CCBA tried to appeal to narrow nationalism by raising the slogan "Great Unity Among Chinese." AAFEE called for multi-national unity, calling for stronger links with other working class struggles, such as with Afro-American and Puerto Rican construction workers organizations who had fought side-by-side with AAFEE and the Chinese-American people at the Confucius Plaza site the year before.

At the mass meetings, militant workers demanded that a demonstration be called on May 12, before the arraignment date for Peter Yew, in order to pressure and expose the courts. In front of hundreds of angry workers, the CCBA didn't dare oppose the May 12 event. But after the mass meetings, the CCBA announced in the garment factory radios that the May 12 event was "called off," that people should demonstrate later (after the arraignment date) and that only "troublemakers" were behind the May 12 event. When AAFEE went into the factories to expose this open sabotage designed to confuse and splinter the community, worker after worker denounced the CCBA and vowed to demonstrate on May 12.

MASSES DEMONSTRATED AND SHOWED THEIR HATRED FOR THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM

On that date, 5,000 Chinese-Americans from all sectors of the working class community, garment and restaurant workers, the elderly, high school students, etc. marched onto the City Hall and showed their contempt of both the CCBA and the state. They marched onto the park with total disregard to the orders of the police. Fearing neither the police horses nor the four-foot long clubs of the tactical squad, the workers planned to storm the

police barricades that separated City Hall from the working class' wrath. When young people moved to the front to storm the barricades, several workers yelled out, "That's not right. Our children shouldn't be in the front where they can get hurt by the cops. Let me stand in the front line. Let me contribute my life for the good of the next generation!"

For two hours, in "speak bitterness" sessions, worker after worker poured out their anguish and deep hatred for the capitalist system through microphones set up by AAFEE. One worker got up to the mike, crying as she spoke, and told her story of bitterness, "I came to this country, speaking no English. We worked so hard in this country, for so little. Then they told me my 8-year son was retarded. But he spoke no English! They told me he was stupid. I told them, 'He speaks no English. He speaks no English! But they wouldn't listen to me. They were cold. For years, they kicked him around from place to place." As she spoke, her tears of grief became tears of bitterness and hatred. "My son was treated like an animal. Finally, they came to take my son away. You see, after all this, he finally went crazy!" Thousands of workers rose and shouted out their hatred for the capitalist system as she spoke!

News of the May 12 demonstration spread quickly and raised the spirit of the masses. Mass meetings were called to build an ever bigger demonstration on May 19. The CCBA was trapped! If it boycotted or sabotaged this event like the last one, the CCBA's "credibility" would further erode. If it joined the event on May 19 with AAFEE, AAFEE would work with them, at the same time exposing their decades of sell-out treachery and collaboration with the monopoly capitalists, and win over workers still unclear about CCBA's true role as a supporter of capitalism against the interests of workers and the oppressed masses. The CCBA was forced to join in with AAFEE for the May 19 event. AAFEE set up first-aid teams and brought gallons of tea and hundreds of sweet rolls for the people, especially caring for the needs of the elderly on the march.

On May 19, AAFEE had organized 100 marshalls to act as first-aid teams and to protect the masses from the police (hundreds more joined the AAFEE teams during the march itself). Almost all 200 garment factories in Chinatown emptied out for the march.

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MAY DAY 1977 CELEBRATED AROUND THE WORLD



May Day, International Workers Day, was celebrated throughout the world. In socialist countries, where the proletariat is in state power, millions upon millions rallied under the leadership of their respective Communist parties. And in other countries where the prole-

tariat and oppressed people are not yet in state power but are striving to overthrow their bourgeoisies, fight imperialism and achieve independence and liberation, massive rallies were held -- many were militant, but peaceful; others were held in spite of vicious attempts

by the state and its agents, the police, to ban May Day demonstrations or to crush them.

In Turkey, snipers atop a government building fired into a giant May Day crowd of 150,000 workers, peasants and patriots gathered in Istanbul's Taksim Square and rammed armored vehicles through the crowd, spraying them with automatic weapon fire. At least 39 were cold-bloodedly murdered, 200 wounded, and 400 detained. This was a direct provocation by fascist gunmen to spark a confrontation and spread confusion among the crowd, who answered the gunmen's shots tit for tat with armed struggle. In New York City, the Turkish Students Association promptly called a rally in front of the Turkish Consulate to call on all workers and freedom-loving people to protest the mass murders and the fascist dictatorship of the National Front Government in Turkey.

In Spain, where trade unions had just been legalized the week before, the state hoped to stamp out May Day by banning all May Day demonstrations. Scores of demonstrators were injured as mounted police in riot gear in several cities used rubber bullets, teargas and clubs to break up huge demonstrations called by major trade unions in defiance of the ban. Demonstrators hurled firebombs back at police and successfully barricaded off parts of major cities for several hours. The bourgeois press reported that in Madrid, mounted police charged full-speed through parks and brutally lashed with leather whips, bystanders gathered for

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toilers into an army of the working class." (Lenin, One Step Forward, Two Steps Back)

It is unlike the petty-bourgeois intellectuals (the professionals and professors) who by force of habit are intellectual anarchists because of their relation to the forces of production--their worth is the worth of their "off the wall ideas." That's why they are diametrically opposed to the proletariat in gravitating away from authority, organization, discipline and will forever try to place themselves outside the Party or above the Party.

Another petty bourgeois sickness which goes hand in hand with intellectual anarchism is bureaucratism. Bureaucracy is for us more a product of routinism based on a dogmatic and doctrinaire state of mind in approaching tasks. A doctrinaire state of mind approaches tasks through book formula and rules and routines. It divorces our practice from reality, for the task takes on its own relative independence, separate from the reality which is what our tasks are supposed to address themselves to in the first place. Anarchism and bureaucratism both separate our understanding from the real situation, that is, to separate the objective from the subjective. This is a form of doctrinarism or dogmatism. While intellectual anarchists are a product of the "squeezing the brain juices" approach to know the reality rather than "seek truth from facts," bureaucrats seek truth from established tasks and rules rather than the reality itself. Both are "lazy bones" approaches to revolution for they do not need to exert themselves to "seek truth from facts" and constantly keep up with the complicated and rapidly changing reality.

Revolution is neither an intellectual speculative game nor bible reading, nor an exercise in bookkeeping. We must struggle hard, very hard, to have our feet firmly planted on the ground. Chairman Mao taught us to shoot the arrow at the target--we must shoot the arrow of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung-Thought at the target of the U.S. revolution. To have a firm grasp of reality, in the U.S. society, we must develop a profound grasp of the practical movements. This is essential in leading the masses on to victory.

This is the question of how? A question of method--methods of work and methods of leadership. Mass line

is the approach to combatting both intellectual anarchism and bureaucratism in the party and to shoot the arrow at the target of U.S. revolution. From the lessons of the Communist Party of China as summed up by Chairman Mao--"Take the ideas of the masses and concentrate them, then go to the masses, persevere in the ideas and carry them through, so as to form correct ideas of leadership--such is the basic method of leadership." Comrades, the mass line--"from the masses, to the masses" is the basic method of work and leadership. We must strive to develop the proletarian style of study, of integrating theory tightly with practice and always strive to check out and integrate the generalities with the concrete and living reality.

FORWARD TO THE FOUNDING PARTY CONGRESS!

As comrades witnessed last year, the Workers Viewpoint Organization has developed tremendously. We are truly a spectre of communism haunting the bourgeoisie and their bootlickers, the RCP and the spineless October League (OL) and countless other sects and bugs. Numerous Marxist-Leninist collectives have liquidated themselves to the WVO and declared their intention to join and there will be many more to come. To deepen and broaden our movement since the degeneration of the "C" PUSA and the beginning of the spontaneous movements of the 60's and 70's, our main task consisted in uniting the Marxist-Leninists and the advanced elements from the national and student movements, uniting them based on the correct theoretical and political lines. Based on the task ahead, in this period, since the question of party building is a settled question, to deepen and broaden our work we must turn our attention to the question of how to win over and to train the advanced as a concrete step in the preparation for the dictatorship of the proletariat--the winning of the vanguard of the working class to its Party.

To deepen and broaden our movement in the next period, in winning over and training the advanced we must improve our method of work and method of leadership and mainly through them to improve our ability to rally the middle around the Party as supporters of the Party.

We must improve our propaganda. Not only more propaganda, but more focused propaganda. Last year we started to print a national monthly newspaper, mainly to unite the Marxist-Leninists. Now we must push forward this task more boldly, to put out better and more regular propaganda for the winning over and the training of the advanced. Along

the same lines, this period does not consist of less theoretical work, but more focused theoretical and practical work. Both will be at a higher level. In our theoretical work, comrades will see publications ranging from a position on the Afro-American National Question to our Party Programme. This more focused theoretical work will allow us to provide more timely guidance and improved methods of leadership which will aid the winning over and the training of the advanced elements.

We will improve our leadership in immediate struggles; we must intensify the learning and training of the wave upon wave of advanced by learning warfare through warfare.

Last year the WVO led many struggles. Our work in the industrial front is broadening and deepening. We are sinking deeper roots in the working class from the East Coast to the West Coast, to the Pacific West--from heartland of the industrial proletariat in Detroit and Chicago in the North, to the Black Belt South.

Comrades and friends! Based on our correct political line and grasping the correct methods of leadership, the WVO is flourishing like the cherry blossoms in the springtime--reflecting the strength, vigor, the vitality and the invincibility of the rising proletariat.

Today, a year ago in New York City, we had a demonstration of over 300 strong. Today our demonstration is at least 3 times larger. And this is only the very beginning. Next year, we'll see you all in the industrial heartland of America, the birthplace of May Day, Chicago, and you can be sure there will be many thousands more. Let the bourgeoisie and the opportunists tremble day and night at the sight of this rising and irresistible force. Let the proletariat rejoice at the coming into being of the Party of the U.S. proletariat! ■

FORWARD TO CHICAGO!

WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES, UNITE!

LONG LIVE THE UNITY OF THE WORKERS OF ALL NATIONALITIES IN THE U.S.!

LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTIONARY TRADITION OF MAY DAY!

LONG LIVE INVINCIBLE MARXISM-LENINISM-MAO TSETUNG-THOUGHT!

LONG LIVE THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT!

FORWARD TO THE FOUNDING PARTY CONGRESS!

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 May Day rallies. They tore through outdoor cafes and used their horsewhips against those who refused to chant reactionary Fascist slogans or give the Falangist salute. The uprisings sparked on May Day continued on into the week, with the determination and resistance of the masses fired by the May Day events.

In Athens, Greece, May Day demonstrations were held in defiance of a ban on street marches. Police attacked demonstrators who hit back, resulting in the injury of at least 12 police.

In Sri Lanka, police shot into crowds making their way to several May Day rallies.

In the Philippines, police turned high-power water hoses on more than 1,000 anti-Marcos demonstrators. They were marching to commemorate May Day and to protest the suspension of civil liberties under the fascist imposition of martial law.

All these are shining examples of the heroism of the masses of workers around the world who are determined to uphold our revolutionary tradition of May Day, the International Workers holiday. They reflect the strength and unshakeable stand of the international working class in resisting and beating back all attempts by the bourgeoisie and its fascist goons to muffle our cries for freedom and independence, for an end to wage slavery, national oppression, and imperialism, and for proletarian revolution and socialism. The class struggle is intensifying and our ranks will swell and multi-

ply year after year, as the working class prepares to make war on the capitalist class. Workers of the world, the proletariat have nothing to lose but our chains -- we have a world to win! ■

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 chael is using the ALD demonstration to make a comeback. Once a leading Black Power advocate and progressive force in the Black Liberation Movement, Carmichael was unable to "turn the corner" and keep up with the developing revolutionary movement of the Afro-American people. As the revolutionary struggle of the Afro-American people developed, it became increasingly clear to the more conscious forces in that movement that the main enemy of the Afro-American people is the U.S. monopoly capitalist ruling class and not, as Carmichael says, all white people in general; that the overwhelming majority of the Afro-American people are workers and that they are part of a single U.S. multinational working class, and not, as Carmichael says, Africans in America who just happen to not be at home in Africa; that white workers are part of the single U.S. multinational working class, the only revolutionary class in the U.S., and not, as Carmichael says, an appendage of the capitalist class and just as much the enemy of Afro-American people; that the main struggle of the Afro-American people is to make socialist revolution in the U.S., instead of, as Carmichael says, the main struggle for Afro-American people being focused in Africa. This is the trash that Carmichael is promoting and organizing his ALD around. This is the same trash that was defeated in the 1974 ALSC Conference in which Carmichael's line was rejected.

Trying to lead the Afro-American people backward and promote his own career, Carmichael has called a demonstration for Afro-Americans only, and openly in support of Soviet social-imperialism, one of the two main enemies of the people of the entire world today, claiming that it is a friend of the African peoples. Stooping to such low tactics, Carmichael is even saying that it was he who started the original ALD.

Both these opportunists, the RCP and the AAPRP, are staking their ALD's on confusing the masses. The RCP is attempting to wear the mantle of ALSC and listing endorsements of Afro-Americans to give it the appearance of having some influence in the Afro-American movement. Stokey's AAPRP is hoping that the masses will not know the difference between the bogus ALD sponsored by him and the ALD sponsored by the ALSC. Both are attempting to ride on the history, tradition, and confidence in the ALD built up in their hearts and minds by the ALSC. Confusion is in their interests, but clarity is in the interests of the masses and ALSC.

The U.S. masses have taken a clear stand against imperialist exploitation and oppression, as shown by the massive demonstrations against U.S. imperialist aggression against the Vietnamese and entire S.E. Asian peoples, and by the mobilizations in support of the liberation movements in southern Africa. Once again, on ALD 1977, the masses under the leadership of the ALSC will show their solidarity with the struggles of the southern African peoples, and their opposition to both superpowers. ■
ALL OUT FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ALSC!

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 Los Angeles and throughout the Southwest, or white and Afro-American textile workers in the South -- all garment and textile workers in the U.S. suffer the minimum-wage and lousy piece-work pay. They work 10-12 hour days, even taking work home with them at night. Just to survive, many have to carry two jobs, and in rural areas even have to maintain a farm in addition to their garment work. All suffer dangerous working conditions, like the Brown Lung disease of textile workers. Many have no unions. Many are immigrants from the very same countries that Finley and Chaikin are attacking. And many lose their jobs altogether when the garment bosses runaway with their sweatshops from northern U.S. cities to the South, or leave the U.S. to set up shop and squeeze the workers in the Phillipines, Taiwan and other Third World countries.

In the Third World, garment workers suffer even more miserable conditions, because on top of the superexploitation on the job is piled the imperialist oppression of these nations--military, political, cultural, economic oppression. And the same garment bosses who pay sub-minimum wages in Los Angeles and New York, who force workers to take work home with them just to be able to eat, who are trying to bust the unionization of the J.C. Penney and Revolution Mills factories in North Carolina, and who runaway with their sweatshops to the Third World -- these are the same bosses who pay 15¢-30¢ to garment workers in Hong Kong and Puerto Rico. Isn't it clear that the interests of garment, textile and all U.S. workers are identical with those of the workers and oppressed people in the Third World?

So when Finley and Chaikin tell us that "we" can't live on 20¢/hour, we answer: neither can workers in Hong Kong, Haiti or anyplace else! Like our brothers and sisters abroad, we are also making an unlivable minimum wage, and we back them 100% in their fight for better wages and in all their struggles against imperialism, just as they support us. So when Finley and Chaikin say "we", they are really talking about themselves -- they, like all the other union bosses in this country, are eating very well on their \$30,000-and-up salaries. They are trying to turn us against workers abroad because they are in the pay of the monopoly capitalists who exploit us all.



April 13, New York City: Under the slogan "Save American Jobs", Sen. Daniel Moynihan of N.Y. ganged up with union bosses Sol Chaikin and Murray Finley of the ILGWU and ACTWU to attack workers overseas -- all blamed Third World workers for unemployment here! As U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Moynihan was notorious for his chauvinist attacks on the Third World, while for several years Chaikin has run ads and radio jingles telling U.S. workers to "Buy American". We say: Workers of All Countries, Unite!

Finley, Chaikin and all the rest are not workers and do not serve the working class -- they are the labor lieutenants of the capitalists, the capitalists' servants in our ranks.

During the unionization drive at the Farah Mfg. Co. in Texas in 1972-75, Hong Kong garment workers selflessly supported the struggle by refusing to finish garment work coming from the U.S. In the same spirit, supporting the Zimbabean liberation struggle, in 1973 U.S. longshoremen refused to unload chrome being shipped from the fascist regime of Rhodesia. Such examples of workers' support for each other around the world show our only real interest, which is: the unbreakable unity of workers and oppressed people of all countries!

SUPERPOWERS PREPARE AGGRESSION AGAINST THIRD WORLD, AND WORLD WAR

The reason the U.S. monopoly capitalists and their labor lieutenants are grinding out their garbage against workers abroad is to whip up national chauvinism among U.S. workers against the Third World and split our worldwide ranks. The U.S. is preparing for new aggression against the Third World, and for a 3rd World War against their superpower competitor, the Soviet Union.

No imperialist power can go to war without preparing the masses ideologi-

cally to accept that war, to fight and die in it. But since their crushing defeat in Vietnam and their thorough exposure before the whole world, the U.S. imperialists do not dare to launch new aggressions at the moment. Before they can try this, they must start whipping up renewed national chauvinism against the Third World countries.

In Carter's energy program, for example, all the measures to turn down thermostats, thicken home insulation and so forth, will have little or no effect on the country's fuel consumption. But they can have a very great effect in preparing the U.S. masses to accept price hikes from the oil corporations, fuel rationing as well as the invasion of Arab countries, which are all measures the capitalists are likely to need in preparing for and waging an imperialist war.

All-round preparations for new aggressions against the Third World and for a 3rd World War, including the ideological preparation of national chauvinism -- this is what the U.S. monopoly capitalists are up to. Against them, we say:

OPPOSE U.S. AGGRESSION AGAINST THE THIRD WORLD!

OPPOSE SUPERPOWER WAR PREPARATIONS!

THE PROLETARIAT AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE AND NATIONS OF THE WORLD, UNITE! ■



The masses are not intimidated! After the May 12 demonstration, the Chinese-American masses angrily swarmed around the 5th Precinct House, hated symbol of one hundred years of national oppression.

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in front of the largest Chinese-American demonstration in history, proclaimed, "We've proved our point. Go home! Go back to work!" Outrage and anger burst out from the masses, thousands strong. Worker after worker shouted out, "We've been sold out!" Immediately, AAFEE seized the moment and got on its sound system to denounce the traitorous tactics of the CCBA. AAFEE had carefully prepared a noose for the CCBA. And the CCBA graciously put its neck right in.

(Using united front tactics of "unite to hang," AAFEE called on the CCBA to support the May 19 demonstration. AAFEE was clear that the CCBA would try to mislead the masses, holding a short, strictly legal demonstration to let the steam off the issue, to smother the agner of the masses and to make excuses for the bourgeois state. On the other hand, AAFEE was also clear that there were some workers that still had faith in the CCBA, who still thought that the CCBA was fighting in their interests. Telling the masses before hand the truth about the CCBA's diversionary tactics and how they would sell-out the struggle, AAFEE invited the CCBA to join the event. If the CCBA boycotted the event, they would be further exposed in the eyes of the masses for not supporting the issue. If they did join, they would build up the demonstration, which was clearly under AAFEE's leadership. This would help to build up AAFEE. Either way, the CCBA couldn't help but to hang themselves and push the masses' struggle forward! This showed the correctness of AAFEE's united front tactics.)

With worker after worker shouting the CCBA off the speaker's stand, the demonstration was now solely led by AAFEE. The workers, thousands of them cursing the CCBA, burst through the confines of the police barricades as if they were cobwebs. The crowd cheered, "Take the street!" and surged past the cops, taking Broadway and sealing off two blocks right near Wall St., the heartland of U.S. monopoly capitalism. Even the 20 marshalls recruited by the CCBA, disgusted at the stab-in-the-back by the CCBA, joined the AAFEE marshalls to denounce police brutality and the CCBA.

The AAFEE speaker blasted the CCBA and the capitalist system, "Look up and you see shiny office buildings and skyscrapers. Look all around you and you see hundreds of banks. Rockefeller. Morgan. Every day of our lives, we work to keep these bankers fat. And look over there. Cops! Horses! The Tac Squad! The cops don't protect us! The cops are protecting the bankers from us!"

One 70-year old woman joined AAFEE in denouncing the police, "There are so many of us! Thousands of us! The cops can't touch us now. When someone yelled out to take the street, I got all my friends from the factory to go with me to take

Broadway. Such a good feeling, taking over Broadway! Then one cop grabbed me from behind. But then my friends came running over and saved me! Those cops can't keep us down forever. Look around, we're too strong!"

One young kid said, "I snuck out of the house to come to this demonstration. I wouldn't miss this for the world. I thought my parents wouldn't understand how the cops are always harassing and messing around with us. But now I found out that the people chanting and yelling right in front of me were my parents!"

Restaurant workers, garment workers, whole factories, most of Seward Park High School, contingents from Boston and Philadelphia Chinatown, the elderly, and whole families came out on May 19 to express their outrage. The march was multinational. Construction workers organizing among Afro-Americans and Puerto Ricans came out in large numbers. Chinese-Americans cheered loudly when an Afro-American construction worker got up to the mike and spoke about the burning need to link up arms in the common fight against class and national oppression.

At 6 pm, after 9 full hours of chanting, shouting, and denouncing national oppression, the crowd marched triumphantly back to Chinatown, swelling the narrow streets and greeted by loud cheers and gongs from working class families looking down from their slum dwellings. Family after family came out of their tenement buildings to wave at the demonstrators and join the march. The crowd then marched to the 5th Precinct House on Elizabeth St., where AAFEE led the crowds in militant chants. (The cops, powerless before the power of the masses, could be seen inside the building with rifles and shotguns.) But nothing can intimidate the masses! Right in front of the noses of the police, the masses joined AAFEE in denouncing the police and their masters, the capitalists.

Right afterwards, the masses marched onto the CCBA building on Mott St., demanding answers for the CCBA's traitorous acts. The CCBA's blood ran cold when they saw the people of Chinatown marching on its doorstep. CCBA President M.B. Lee and his cronies slipped quietly out of the back door, hoping that no one was looking.

The state, of course, had no intention whatsoever of serving true working class justice. But so overwhelming was the militancy of the thousands of Chinese-American working people, so clear was the eye-witness accounts, that the Grand Jury, to take the heat off the system, had to find Peter Yew innocent. The courts naturally tried to stall the case of the two cops who beat up Peter Yew. They waited two years, until the issue "blew over", before they acquitted the two cops on all charges. This is bourgeois justice!

Building on the tremendous momentum of the May 12, 19 demonstrations, AAFEE has

expanded its areas of mass work to sink deep roots among the masses and provide concrete leadership in all struggles. From the hundreds of workers and students who signed up the help AAFEE build up the struggle, AAFEE has initiated organizing in the garment industry and in youth work. AAFEE has consistently led the fight to expose the scab tactics of the ILGWU (International Ladies Garment Workers Union) misleadership, especially in Local 23-25, which has 5,000 Chinese-American workers. AAFEE's youth work has also surged forward, mobilizing the boundless energy of youth! Concretely, AAFEE has led struggles against the massive cut-backs in the city budget, directed especially at the national minority communities, against rezoning ("urban removal"), against cut-backs at Gouverneur Hospital, against the sell-out tactics of the misleadership of Local 23-25.

Meanwhile, the CCBA is dying. It's lying and sabotage during the May 12 and May 19 demos did much to discredit it to the masses. (It has to bribe to get people to attend its "anti-communist marches," at \$20 per head. And even then, only 40 people show up!)

Led by AAFEE, the Chinese-American working class took the offensive against centuries of national oppression. Almost all strata and sections of Chinatown followed the lead of the Chinese-American working class. The small garment owners, themselves being crushed by the capitalists who control the Garment District on Seventh Ave., closed down their shops to protest national oppression. Many family associations, historically organized for the self-defense of Chinese-American communities, pulled out their membership for the march. In fact, the only groups who actively tried to sabotage the struggle were the CCBA and also I Wor Kuen (another scab group, made up of petty bourgeois elements calling themselves "communist"). The CCBA tried to sabotage the event from within but in fact spent all their time trailing and running after AAFEE's leadership. And I Wor Kuen, an opportunist organization made up of scabs, didn't lift a finger in the struggle, in opposition to the masses and the correct leadership of AAFEE, and sat on their butts, only to be bowled over by the surging vitality of the masses. The only running that IWK did was at the mouth! Unable to face the Chinese-American masses, they wrote a slanderous letter to the petty-bourgeois Guardian to cover for themselves by saying that CCBA forced the working class to appear at the march with gangster tactics! For the IWK, the CCBA forces the masses to make history, not the masses themselves!)

And in the last two years, the U.S. bourgeoisie, the police, the CCBA, and opportunists like the IWK and "RC" P (who covered the struggle but purposely did not mention AAFEE's leadership in the struggle, a typical "RC" P chauvinist distortion of the struggles of Chinese-American workers and other oppressed nationalities) - all try hard to forget the May 12-19 struggles. They hope that the masses will forget their own history and their correct leadership. This goes concretely to show that their interests and the capitalists' interests are the same.

For the multinational working class and oppressed peoples in the U.S., May 12 and 19 is another glorious page of its struggle. Under its correct leadership, the WVO, it will always promote the multinational spirit of the May 12-19 struggles. For the Chinese-American people in this country, May 12-19 is not only a page of its history of resistance. It is also a stepping stone towards its future struggles and its eventual victory!

May 12 and May 19 are cherished by the masses. Never has the Chinese-American peoples' anger been sharper and the issues clearer than for May 12 and May 19. Like Aug. 29 for the Chicano people, the Ponce Massacre for the Puerto Rican people, Feb. 1, 1960 for the Afro-American people, May 12 and 19 symbolize some of the finest struggles of the Chinese-American people - their oppression and resistance crystallized into one blow against capitalism. More clearly than ever, May 12 and 19 also demonstrates the necessity for clearly working class leadership, like AAFEE. Under AAFEE's leadership, the Chinese-American people will link up with the multinational proletariat in its struggle against capitalism! ■

TOBACCO

continued from page 4 encouraged our support. Meanwhile, the local capitalist press collaborated with the company to spread all types of hysteria against the tobacco workers to undermine community support. One worker, expressing the sentiment of the majority of the tobacco workers, said, "We just want to beat them. Money is not the thing. If we let them beat us now, when the contract comes up again in 1980 and we mention a strike, they're just going to laugh at us."

The third period began when the company got an injunction against the striking workers. The misleaders, fearful of the workers' militancy and willingness to go beyond the bounds of legality to defend their strike, caved in like a house of cards to the injunction. It was at this time that the misleaders' treachery reached its peak. The misleaders called a mass meeting, and by spreading pessimism, convinced the workers that they could not win against L&M. They forced the workers to settle for exactly the same contract they had before they went out on strike. It was a sell-out!

DESPITE SELL-OUT, WORKERS GAINED VALUABLE LESSONS

Despite the sell-out by the trade union misleaders, and their attempts to promote pessimism, portraying the company as strong and the workers as weak, the tobacco workers through the strike learned just the opposite. They learned that they are the most powerful class and without their labor, all else comes to a standstill.

Through their own experience and the work of communists, the tobacco workers are summing up the lessons of this strike in order to prepare for future battles. Among the many lessons that must be drawn out of the strike and their heroic struggle, a few stand out sharply.

First, the role of the trade union misleaders throughout all periods revealed that the main reason that the strike failed was that the misleaders attempted to lead the strike down the wrong path from the beginning. Preaching "love" and non-violence, the misleaders tried to shackle the tobacco workers and prevent them from drawing revolutionary conclusions about the nature of their struggle against the capitalist class. Through red-baiting the misleaders tried to keep the workers separate from the communists (the WVO), and other Duke area workers. Through their own experience, the workers must draw the conclusion that the misleaders must be driven from our ranks.

Secondly, the workers could clearly see the role of the state, for as the struggle intensified the company called on the police and the courts to force upon the workers what the misleaders had been unable to do at that time. Whereas the workers were certainly unable to get an injunction to keep the company from hiring scab labor, the company was able to get an injunction to break the strike of the tobacco workers. The role of the capitalist press, the courts, and the police, as tools of the capitalist class, stood out clearly in this strike, as each played a role in defending the capitalists.

Thirdly, the tobacco workers, through their own experience and the exposures by the WVO, can clearly see that the misleaders failed to take up the fight against the discrimination of the Afro-American workers.

TRADE UNION MISLEADERS AID THE COMPANY IN THE OPPRESSION OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN NATION IN THE BLACK BELT SOUTH AND HELP DIVIDE THE WORKING CLASS.

At L&M, the capitalists attempt to divide the workers by paying Afro-American workers a lower wage. To unite all our working class brothers and sisters, we must understand why the capitalists do this, and how to overcome it.

The Afro-American people played a large role in building the tobacco industry into what it is today. As slaves on the tobacco plantations, as sharecroppers and tenant farmers in the fields and as preparatory workers in the factories, the Afro-American masses labored to build the tobacco empires.

The tobacco monopolists have always made great profits from the exploitation of the Afro-American nation. From the rise of the tobacco monopolies until the 1930's, over two-thirds of the tobacco workers were Afro-Americans. Afro-Americans were kept in the most difficult and lowest paying jobs, in the preparatory areas, leaf handling and stemming, and in janitorial work. In the 1920's, Black workers were paid \$4-5 for 56 hour weeks. Afro-American labor was kept so cheap that the tobacco companies didn't have to mechanize the preparation work because it was cheaper than machines. White workers were kept to \$13-20 per week because the value of Black labor was so degraded.

In the 1930's, the great union drives forced up the minimum wage in the U.S. and the tobacco companies found it cheaper to mechanize the preparatory work. Thousands of Afro-Americans were thrown into the streets. From 1930 to today, the percentage of Afro-American workers drop-

ped from 70% to 20%

The greater exploitation of the Afro-American people in the Black Belt south affects all workers. Oppression of the Black Belt nation is why all workers' wages in the south are kept so low. And as long as Afro-Americans can be fired and replaced by machines, this fate will threaten all workers. Today, many white machine operators in tobacco are being threatened by the new high-speed cigarette making and packing machines.

The TWIU misleaders have helped the tobacco tycoons exploit the Afro-American nation. Until the mid-1960's, the Afro-American workers were in separate all-Black locals in the TWIU. In the L&M plant, the Afro-American locals negotiated on a joint basis with the white local. But Jim Crow-segregation and the trade union misleaders prevented Afro-Americans from having a decisive voice in the bargaining, even though they were the vast majority. In the 1960's, when Afro-American workers became the minority, the government and the courts forced them into the white Local 176. Afro-American workers opposed this because they lost years of seniority and because some of the local leadership were said to be in the White Citizen's Council, a Klan-type organization. The TWIU misleaders opposed Afro-American workers retaining their seniority and consistently appeared in court siding with the company.

Using racist ideology, the capitalists and their henchmen, the trade union misleaders, have promoted all types of chauvinist attitudes and prejudices amongst white workers towards the Afro-American workers in order to maintain dis-unity. Because of this kind of oppression and the treachery of the company and the misleaders, some of the strongest Afro-American fighters have reacted against this oppression and don't want to join the union. Some even advocate unions for Afro-American workers alone, thereby keeping some of the best Afro-American fighters of the working class divided from their white class brothers and sisters, thereby weakening the common struggle against the capitalist class. This is why we say that the misleaders do the job of dividing the workers even better than the company itself.

This is why all workers must take up the demand for the right of self-determination for the Afro-American nation in the Black Belt south, up to and including political secession. Only by fighting for this demand, and for all equal rights, side-by-side, can white and Afro-American workers build militant unity in the struggle against monopoly capitalism.

The struggle of the tobacco workers was a great struggle of the working class. Through assimilating the above lessons and many more, despite all attempts of the trade union misleaders in our ranks, we will drive them out and sweep the whole class of monopoly capitalists away like pests!

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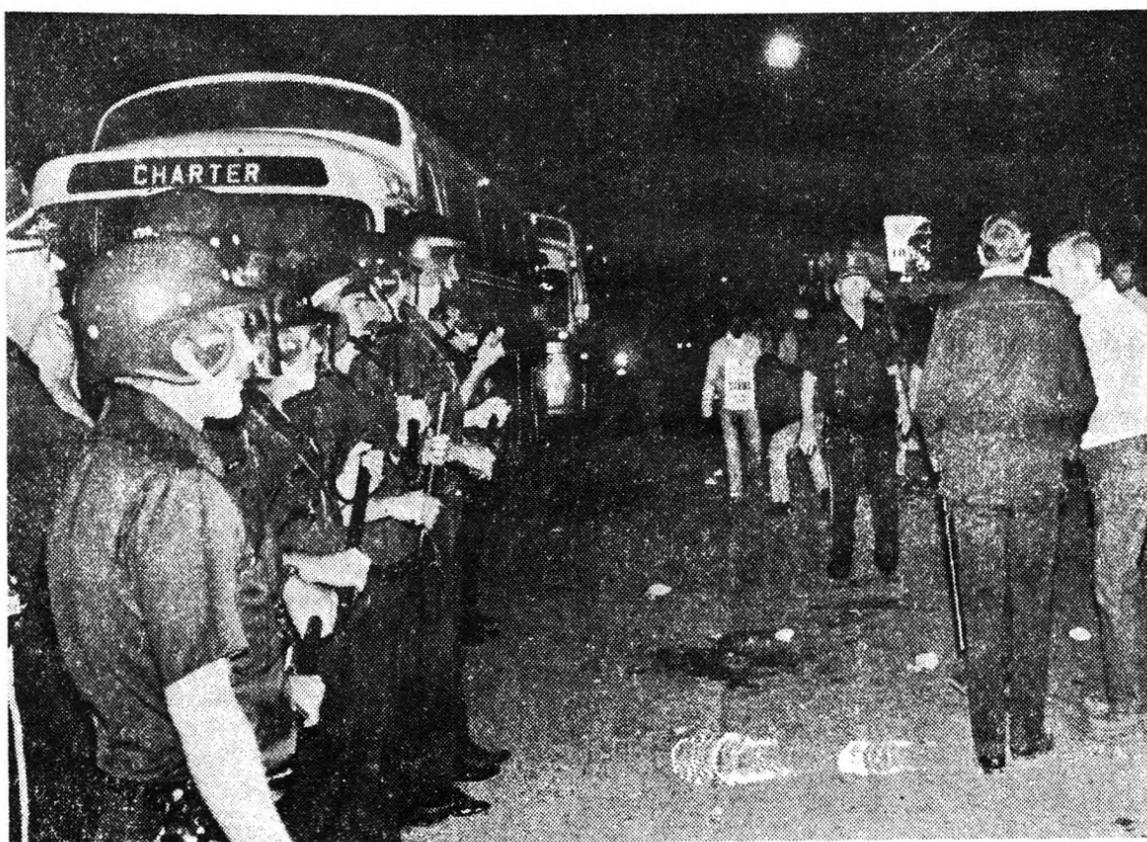
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The police, courts and capitalist press clearly exposed themselves as tools of the capitalist class. L&M threw all of them at the striking workers, but only the mis-leaders were able to sabotage the workers' militancy and determination to fight the company to the very end.

ENERGY

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country's energy supply, as well as, greater superprofits, in order to more effectively fight the Soviet social-imperialists. When Carter gives us that phoney talk about making the U.S. "independent of foreign oil," and being "energy self-sufficient," what he is really saying is that capitalists must have strict reign over the nation's energy in the eventuality of war.

When Carter declares his "moral equivalent of war" against the American people, he is also directing a war of ideas, an ideological war to prepare for world war and fascism. When Carter drapes himself in the red, white and blue, he is whipping up imperialist patriotism and national chauvinism. No nation can go to war unless the ruling class ideologically prepares the people for that war. That's why it is so essential for Carter to use war rhetoric and war hysteria.

His appeals for less gas consumption, better insulation in houses, less unnecessary appliances, will have little effect on the nation's conservation of energy, but they will have an impact in ideologically preparing the masses for world war with the Soviet Union.

NOTHING REVOLUTIONARY ABOUT "CP"USA

In the midst of this war preparation, the tricks and maneuvering of the ruling class, as well as the masses' steady march toward socialism and revolution, along comes the "Communist Party" USA. Like skunks stinking up the forest, these traitors are trying to cloud the vision of the working class and pollute the revolutionary atmosphere by offering two proposals to deal with this attack on the working class.

First, they say that the "energy complex" should be nationalized. The "CP" instead of calling for the overthrow of the state, wants to strengthen and centralize the bourgeoisie's control over energy by putting it directly in their hands! Who controls the government, the courts, the laws, etc.? The bourgeoisie, of course, and nationalizing the "energy complex" will only consolidate their control even further.

After the nationalization of the "energy complex" is completed according to these renegades, the money should be turned over to "social welfare programs." Yes, fight for every gain in our standard of living, but let's have no illusions: These programs were never intended or designed for the benefit of the masses. They were intended only as tokens, crumbs, to cool off the anger of the masses. Capitalism would not be capitalism if it could channel money from the oil barons' profits to the masses' benefit.

So fight for every gain, but fight so as to educate and prepare the masses for revolution. But the "CP's" solution to the evils of capitalism is simply more welfare programs, more "poverty" agencies, food stamp programs -- under capitalism. The "CP" wants capitalism without its built-in evils; they want to end its evils without revolution! This is no revolutionary party! They are nursemaids for the capitalist system.

Their second "proposal" is to cut off the "military establishment" from oil. What?! They are actually attempting to peddle to the working class that a solution to the "energy crisis" and the attack on the masses of oppressed is to beg the bourgeoisie to cut off their military arm in the midst of their preparations for world war with the Soviet social-imperialists (who are faithfully supported by these so-called "Communists")! If the "CP"USA wasn't so dangerous and disgusting, they would be downright comical. However, they are dangerous to the working class.

They are pushing to the masses that imperialism can exist without war - without wars of imperialist plunder or the armed rising of the masses against imperialism! This slimy "detente" line attempts to disarm the proletariat ideologically, to think that "imperialism can exist without war," and that "socialism will come through peaceful evolution so that the task

of the proletariat is not revolution but 'disarmament.'"

These upholders of the bourgeoisie, under the signboard of socialism are trying desparately to sidetrack the revolutionary strivings of the masses and have jumped on the energy "crisis" to push their despicable line. There is absolutely nothing revolutionary about this party!

EXPOSE ENERGY "CRISIS" SHAM

This latest attack on the working class must not go unopposed. In every union, the proletariat's voice must be heard to expose the misleaders who want us to march to the tune of the capitalists' "energy lament." In every factory and workplace, layoffs which come under the guise of "energy related" layoffs, must be exposed and fought against. Every utility hike, every increased bill, every degree colder in the winter must be bitterly struggled against. And, we must prepare everyday for the final assault on the monopoly capitalist system itself and bring it crashing down and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat - the society where all is run by the working class in the interests of the vast majority of society and not for the private interests of the few.

The bourgeoisie has cried "energy crisis" once too often, they have yelled "emergency" too many times. Each sham crisis that the capitalists fabricate, exposes them more and speeds the day for the last real crisis of the bourgeoisie - their overthrow - and all the "moralizing" in the world will not save them from the revolutionary energy of the aroused masses. And there is no shortage of that. ■

LETTERS

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ness of the audience. The same was true of the performances of skits, poems and songs. Everyone there was involved and I could feel an immense sense of unity with and among all the comrades from all over the U.S. This total involvement of the masses was what impressed me most. May Day was truly a success!

A Comrade

OL, RCP Exposed to the Masses

Dear WVO,

You say in February 1977 WV: "We therefore call on all genuine Communists to rally to the correct line of the WVO and liquidate themselves, joining the WVO directly."

In response, I am hereby doing just that. As I work part-time, I am sending \$20. I have my own electric typewriter and know how to Varitype also. I don't have a car but I do have a large house, if that would ever be any use.

Having read your papers the past year, I have noted how "meaty" what you write is (like Lenin) compared to The Call, "Class Struggle," and RCP's Worker, or whatever it's called.

Where does "Pragmatism, Philosophy of Imperialism" come from?

OL calls you "agents", yet their bookstore sold me your paper twice. I pointed out that, if they really believed you were agents, how could they possibly carry your paper. They stammered and flushed and then said, "We carry all kinds - we don't keep people from reading what we disagree with." And sure enough, they do carry anybody. I kept pointing out the books of revisionists and bourgeoisie - and they said they "didn't know" and would check on those! (They carry the stuff of the Filipino traitors, Aptheker, and the old CP "ideologists.") They

WVO SELF-CRITICISM

In the May Day article in our last issue (Workers Viewpoint, May 1977, volume II, number 4), we said:

Nor are we interested in just getting a little more money for the work we do--we are not, in the words of V.I. Lenin, the great Russian revolutionary, interested in bargaining for better terms for the sale of our labor power. We say no bargains! No deals! Put an end to wage slavery altogether! We have no interests aside from this.

In trying to put forth as clearly and as strongly as possible the need for the political independence of the working class, we made a left deviation of saying we were not interested in fighting for immediate demands, but only in abolishing classes. But it is clear from the rest of the article and from our practice that we do take up the fight for immediate demands in the struggle for socialist revolution. The basis for the error was lack of meticulousness in checking the speech, a lack of grasping the key link of the organizational sphere.

bring not only their own revisionism to the Chicano "barrio" and explain that "Here in the barrio, they really go for nationalism on these issues, even though we have a different line, so we have to carry it and have slide-shows by groups like PSP (where they mentioned The Call and OL and revolution as a 5-minute burning-faced apologetic afterthought) to unite with them." But they are such unquestioning "party hacks," you might as well argue with those people (Zen?) who go "OOM-M-M-M" all day long.

RCP just says, "You're off the wall" to any criticism and tells people "She isn't doing anything in the mass movement. If she worked in a factory, we might have some respect for what she says, but she's just a closet communist." I said this was cute but trying to brand people with a dirty word instead of dealing with them. They say, "You don't even belong to any organization, just because of your bad experiences with 4 or 5 in the past! What are you doing that we should listen to your criticisms!"

I hope to remedy that.

Comradely yours,

N.D. Calif.

ATM SPREADS CONFUSION

May 18, 1977

Dear Comrades,

Have been following your polemics with the October League and August 29th Movement. The right errors of both these opportunist organizations have misled many people here in the southwest. Particularly the A.T.M. with its petty bourgeois nationalism has caused much confusion. Your supplement on A.T.M. helped further to expose their opportunism. Would like to see an expansion of your Spanish section, particularly translations of line struggle polemics.

In Struggle,

S.W.

Los Angeles, CA.

P.S. Please send me 4 copies of "The Formation of the Party is a Settled Question!", 1 copy of "African Peoples' Struggle Will Surely Triumph!" and 1 copy of "Fight for the Real Emancipation of Women;" also 1 subscription to your newspaper.

BROTHERS

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Mao. This is consistent with the rest of the movie in trying to exploit and stifle genuine nationalist feelings against white chauvinism. The bourgeoisie would never dare to show the truth -- that Jackson was actively striving for scientific socialism, for the theory of Marx, Lenin and Chairman Mao. Jackson was also clear about the need for theory (need for action guided by a certain system of views, certain world outlook). In a letter dated March 28, 1971, Jackson wrote:

"We have finally arrived at scientific revolutionary socialism with the rest of the colonial world. I was hoping that you wouldn't get trapped in the riot stage like a great many other very sincere brothers. I have to browbeat them every day down here. They think they don't need ideology, strategy or tactics. They think being a warrior is quite enough. and yet, without discipline or direction, they'll end up washing cars, or unclaimed bodies in the city-state's morgue.

We have the foundation of our strategy. We have studied Marx and Lenin for a description and history of the modern industrial state. We've organized our thoughts and trained our bodies for the ordeal of 'grave-digging.' Our vanguard elements understand the simple importance of winning consciousness. Of course education and familiarization with the core issues on a broad basis precede hard revolutionary violence. If people are to understand and relate to revolutionary violence they must first be educated into an acceptance of the fact that there is no alternative,..."

But in the movie, he was told by his cellmate to "get his head together" and that's how he got politicized. This is a typically petty bourgeois, self-cultivational attitude towards changing one's ideas and changing the world which is definitely not that of Jackson. The movie never raises the question -- for what and for whom do we acquire knowledge, and seek truth from facts? Not just to change our own ideas, but more important, to change the world, to carry out socialist revolution in the interest of the masses.

The revolutionary, Jackson, his ideas and his actions are a product of the entire history of the Afro-American peoples' and working class' struggles in general, and in particular, a product of the eclectic period of the late 60's and early 70's, out of which emerged the anti-revisionist communist movement in the U.S., when advanced elements are beginning to grasp certain aspects of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought. Following in the best tradition of Malcolm X, the Black Panther Party of which Jackson was a member, was among the best representative of such elements. They had no illusion about the nature of the state and promoted the necessity for armed struggle. They recognized monopoly capitalism as the root of all oppression and thus the need to completely overthrow this system and to set up socialism. They were clear about the reactionary dual tactics of the bourgeoisie and the treacherous role misleaders play in holding back the struggle of the working class and oppressed nationalities. As inheritors of Malcolm's legacy, the Black Panther Party and Jackson were definitely "turning the corner" toward Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought, although they were not yet Marxist-Leninists. Coming out of the spontaneous struggles, the Panthers saw the need for organization, for leadership to direct the revolutionary activities of the masses. They put forth the idea of a vanguard Party for the Afro-American people but they had not yet reached the understanding of a multinational vanguard communist party to lead the multinational working class. Nevertheless, the understanding of the necessity of organization and leadership, and the study of Quotations from Chairman Mao (the "Red Book") were definite contributions by the Panthers to the revolutionary movement in the U.S.

This development of the Panthers and Jackson was deliberately left out in BROTHERS. Instead, it only showed his consciousness suspended at the level of revolutionary nationalism. This is only partially correct, and is another attempt by the bourgeoisie to distort the truth.



GEORGE JACKSON

SEPTEMBER 23, 1941 - AUGUST 21, 1971

ADVANCED NOTICE ON ANDREW YOUNG:

...These are the really dangerous people. When we leap to destroy the "owner" we'll have these kinds of niggers to fight. They will use the tactic "white left-wing causes" to protect their bosses' "white right-wing cause."

George Jackson 1971



MALCOLM X

MAY 19, 1925 - FEBRUARY 21, 1965

ADVANCED NOTICE ON ANDREW YOUNG:

"What will they give us in 1965? I just read where they planned to make a Black cabinet member. Yes, they have a new gimmick every year. They're going to take one of their boys, Black boys, and put him in the cabinet, so he can walk around Washington with a cigar -- fire on one end and fool on the other."

Malcolm X, 1965

"BROTHERS" DISTORTS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JACKSON & ANGELA DAVIS...

The other main theme of the movie is the worship of petty bourgeois romantic love based purely on physical attraction at first sight and good vibes. This apolitical, individualistic outlook is what the bourgeoisie always try to promote. Again this is a distortion of reality. Jackson never sacrificed his political principles but placed things in proper perspective:

"The only woman that I could ever accept is one who would be willing to live out of a flight bag, sleep in a coal car, eat milkweed, blood-root, wild greens, dandelions, a rabbit, a handful of rice. She would have to be willing to run and work all night and watch all day. She would bathe when we could, change clothes when we could. She would own nothing, not solely because she loved me but because she loved the principle, the revolution, the people." (Soledad Brother, letter dated March 24, 1970)

...BUT PORTRAYS DAVIS AS SHE REALLY IS

Contrast this with the portrayal of Angela Davis. Paula Jones in BROTHERS is a thoroughly petty bourgeois professor who places her faith in the bourgeois legal system. When she went to visit the prison to see how bad conditions were, who did she bring with her -- a black senator. And afterwards, she appealed through the legal system to get the Black and Latin inmates the right to go out to the exercise yard with the white inmates.

Knowing how dehumanizing the prison system is, how even such an ordinary and basic thing as a shower is denied, she pimps off the pent-up emotions of frustration and anger of the inmates which are as explosive as powder kegs. The struggle for democratic rights in the prisons, particularly among the oppressed nationalities is a very powerful movement. But it can be used by demagogues like Paula Jones in BROTHERS who only want to make the conditions more tolerable and do this through purely legal means, instead of abolishing the rotten system altogether, i.e., socialist revolution.

By relying solely on legal procedures and by putting herself in the spotlight, in the center

stage, she helps to promote the reactionary idea that "heroes make history". Legal procedures can at times be used as tactics to promote the masses' struggle, but we never rely on them to win our struggles. Reliance on the masses is fundamental and always principal. By not relying on the masses outside and inside the prison, by not using the issue to mobilize them, and in the course of struggle educate them about the root cause of oppression and the only solution to it, she cannot and did not build a firm foundation of unity. Unity must be based on clear, conscious understanding, not good intentions and emotionalism.

And that's exactly what Angela Davis in real life is like and worse. Pimping off the revolutionary sentiments of the Afro-American masses against national oppression, shown in their support for her fight against the state's attempt to frame her, this star and spokesperson for the class-traitor "Communist" Party USA helps to maintain this criminal rule of monopoly capitalism. She promotes relying on the bourgeois state, promotes the absurd tactics of "writing your congressmen to free all political prisoners"! She speaks of fighting for a "free and secure" life without mentioning once the necessity of fighting against monopoly capitalism and for the dictatorship of the proletariat. In relying on the state, she prettifies bourgeois rule, and aids the bourgeoisie by spreading illusions of peaceful transformation to socialism. In this way she serves to disarm the working class ideologically and politically to prevent revolution and pave the way for fascism. It is therefore, not surprising that she and the "Communist" Party USA did not raise a word of protest against the distortions and lies spread by the movie BROTHERS.

"BROTHERS" -- ONE STEP IN BOURGEOISIE'S PREPARATION FOR WAR AND FASCISM

BROTHERS is another step in the bourgeoisie's sophisticated liberal fascization process and all-round preparation for world war with the Soviet social-imperialists. By appearing to glorify the struggle of the Soledad Brothers, and in attempting to appeal to the profound feelings the masses have for the murders of Jackson and other Panther revolutionaries -- Fred Hampton, etc., BROTHERS is a liberal tactic to deny us our true history of struggle, to put us on the wrong road, to divert us from Marxism. But the masses carry this history in our bosoms. We will not stand for it. We will

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