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Fight for Socialism!

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Fight National Oppression in Chicago

Puerto Rican Masses Smash Cop Attack

Like a thundering volcano, once again the Puerto Rican people have risen up against police brutality and national oppression.

On June 4th, in Humboldt Park, Chicago, the scene of the annual Puerto Rican Day Parade celebration, the Puerto Rican people withstood and forcefully pushed back scores of Chicago cops. They displayed no mercy towards the terrorism by the state.

Working class people, mainly from the Puerto Rican community in Chicago's west side, poured out by the thousands for the Puerto Rican Day celebration that Saturday.

But the city's political machinery and the state had other plans. From the beginning, they tried to take over the parade to suit their own end. They moved the parade date, usually in the third week in June, up two weeks so that the community misleaders and politicians could use it to sell Mayor Bilandic to the community.

In the beginning, the parade looked like a politicians and cops parade, not the Puerto Rican people's parade. But the Puerto Rican community wouldn't stand for it. As one youth told us, "The community took over the front and turned the cops' parade into the people's parade."

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Rising up once again, and saying, "No More!", Puerto Rican youth overturn a police car, while battling the hated Chicago police. Their hatred against brutal national oppression, like unemployment, police repression, and bad housing was unleashed by the rebellion.

FREMONT, CA. STRIKE

G.M. Auto Workers Wildcat

I'm tired of runnin just to keep up with the line
Tired of harassment and that damn forced overtime
Fed up with sellouts by the local union hack
We got to fight to take our unions back!

Strikes, wildcats, slowdowns -- these acts of resistance by workers are increasing daily. In April, the workers at General Motors, Fremont, California, rose up in a weeklong wildcat strike. Fed up with six-day weeks, nine-hour days, forced overtime, speedups on the line that moves so fast that workers have to run after the cars and trucks, and being so mentally and physically exhausted that they had no time to spend with the family, the workers shouted "NO MORE!" And walked out.

The wildcat was triggered by an incident in which a committeeman was pushed shoved, and verbally abused by a foreman while the committeeman was defending the rights of one of the workers he represents. This particular worker was forced to do her regular job on the line after being assigned to light duty because of an injury.

The union leadership was faced with tremendous pressure from the workers who were angered at the daily harassment from this foreman and other foremen in every department of the plant. Unable to back out without exposing themselves as the company lackies that they really are, the hacks were forced to demand that the company remove the foreman from his supervisory position. However, when the deadline for his removal (11:45 a.m.) was not met by the company, a walkout was called.

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SUPPLEMENT - AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY 1977



One Year After Soweto Uprising

Azanian Masses Shake White Racist Regime

Despite the presence of heavily armed South African police trying to intimidate the Azanian people, revolutionary students called a general strike on June 16th to commemorate last year's uprising and those who fell.

Earlier in the week, the struggle was stepped up as two whites in Johannesburg were killed near a downtown police station. The day before, as well as on the morning of the demonstration, explosions rocked the commuter railroads between Soweto and Johannesburg. This is the commuter line that takes Azanians to work in the white areas of Johannesburg, and was obvious support for the commemoration.

Over 60 per cent of the township stayed home from work to observe the day of mourning for those killed last year.

This was a tremendous victory for the Azanian people as the South African police did everything possible to threaten and intimidate the people, to keep them from supporting the commemoration.

In the Black townships of Soweto, Kwanobuhle and Kabah, as well as others, the police used their usual tactics of mass arrests, shows of force, etc. But once again the masses fought back and demonstrated their determination to fight until final victory. Roadblocks were set up to impede the police vehicles and the police were attacked with stones. Scores of Azanians have been arrested and over 100 shot or killed.

Showing that the struggle of the Azanian people enjoys broad international support, the Organization of African Unity(OAU), at the United Nations, called a

commemorative meeting on behalf of the 48 African and Arab member states. Using the event to demonstrate the solidarity of the African and Arab states with the just struggle of the Palestinian people, Israel as well as South Africa were excluded.

Once again, demonstrating that their "support" for the struggle of the Southern African peoples is a sham support, the US imperialist representatives walked out when notified that the Zionist state of Israel was excluded. This was another victory for the unity of Third World countries against the two superpowers.

The Azanian peoples struggle will surely win victory through armed struggle and self-reliance. Attempting to hold back the inevitable doom of the white-minority regime, the South African Police Minister went on television to assure that the Azanian people would never succeed in overthrowing the fascist rule, going so far as to call the idea "laughable".

But the heroic actions of the Azanian masses and the consciousness and determination as reflected by a young Azanian student who said, "In the ultimate end it is violence that will give us our freedom", shows that every passing hour, is an hour closer to the end of the white-minority regime, and an hour closer to the liberation of the Azanian people.

COP ATTACK

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This, the mis-leaders, politicians, and Chicago police could not stomach.

The Chicago police began to provoke the Puerto Rican masses. In their usual style of bullying, and pushing the masses around, they unleashed the Puerto Rican masses hatred of the police and the entire capitalist system. Without arms, but unable to be intimidated, the masses fought heroically and proved that the Chicago police cannot beat and bully the masses at will.



With national oppression intensifying in this worst capitalist crisis since the depression, the Puerto Rican rebellion in Chicago shows that this could be a "long hot summer" for the bourgeoisie.

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SECCION EN ESPAÑOL

But the Chicago police didn't stop there. In a frenzy, they charged into Humboldt Park where young couples with children, the elderly, whole families, and community youth were playing ball and picnicking. The cops began firing point-blank into the crowd, killing 26-year-old Julio Osorio and 25-year-old Rafael Cruz, both shot in the back and neck. They brutally killed a 10-month old baby whose head was smashed in by a cop night-stick. Six others were shot down, 140 were injured by the cops and 154 were arrested.

but even the mounted police, hundreds of cops in full riot gear, and police helicopters failed to turn back the crowd. Numbering several thousands, the masses fought back, overturning squad cars and setting them on fire, destroying hated symbols of national oppression in

the community, and chasing the police out of the park. From that evening to the next morning, the masses controlled the streets, houses and Westown. The cops, unable to do anything, could only stay in isolated outposts in the corners.

That night, the capitalists were desperate. Even police bullets had failed to bully the Puerto Rican masses. Each act of police terror only acted like gasoline poured onto a blazing fire. The capitalists knew that after decades of brutal national oppression, the Puerto Rican community was like a powder keg.

And the police were totally routed. So, as usual, the capitalists switched tactics and paraded a Puerto Rican policeman, Aurelio Garcia in front of the crowd. Speaking in Spanish, this cop tried to sweet-talk the masses into going home

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Breaking the Chains!



MINERS WILDCAT SURGE

Coalminers are wildcatting wave upon wave in the mines of West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Because of the mineowners' brutal oppression of the miners in their lust for profits, roving pickets are shutting down mines over local grievances.

The number of days the miners have been out since January 1 has increased 93% over last year, showing their increasing militancy. The possibility is great for a long miners strike after their current contract expires on December 6.

This has thrown the monopoly capitalists into a panic. The coal bosses of the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association, the bosses' bargaining front, have said that they can't meet Carter's energy goal of exceeding 1 billion tons a year if the wildcats continue.

The government's response has been to attack the miners. The recent decision by the Supreme Court cutting out unemployment benefits to those laid off "because of strikes" is part of the attack on the miners and the whole working class. It is an attempt to create public opinion against the miners in such industries such as steel, which will be affected by a long coal strike.

PALESTINE DAY DEMO IN DEARBORN

On May 15, 1000 demonstrators marched through the Arab-American community in Dearborn, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit.

Under banners proclaiming, "Down With Imperialism, Zionism, and Local Reaction," and chanting militant slogans such as "Long Live Palestine - Democratic Palestine," and "Armed Struggle Yes - Capitulation No" the demonstration marked Palestine Day, the 29th anniversary of the Zionist occupation of Palestine and the oppression of the Palestinian people by U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism.

The political level of the marchers, predominantly of Arab descent but joined by Afro-Americans, white workers, Chicano workers, students, and other anti-imperialist forces such as the Iranian Student Association, was evident as the marchers made clear that they were opposed to any kind of capitulation. This was particularly important in the light of the capitalists' recent attempts to sell their "homeland/mini-state" scheme. The response of the masses was clear - FREE PALESTINE!

In contrast to the march, however, the rally was marked by attempts by politicians and other misleaders to divert and confuse the masses. Even the Mayor of Detroit sent a proclamation about "human rights" and how Arab-Americans contribute to the "cultural and commercial life of Detroit."

This attempt by misleaders to diffuse the militancy of the masses represents a tremendous political victory for the working class and oppressed. Not so long ago, the capitalists refused to acknowledge the question of Palestine in front of the masses, passing it off as "Anti-Semitism." Now, the power of the just struggle of the Palestinian people and the solidarity with that struggle of the oppressed of the world, has forced the capitalists to address it in order to try to corrupt it from within. This means the battle for liberation and revolution is inevitably drawing closer to final victory.



On Monday, June 13th, over 150 multinational working class parents and students rallied in front of the Civic Center in downtown Chicago, and marched to the Board of Education. With "Boston" in mind, parents and students from different nationalities and communities in Chicago are determined to forge multinational unity in the struggle for quality education. Speeches by parents from Altgeld Gardens on Chicago's Southside, the Austin and Little Village communities on the Westside, by a student from Tilden High School, and by a representative of the committee that is leading the struggle, sharply expressed the working class' opposition to the Chicago Forced Busing Plan, and the masses' demands for new school buildings, for the kids to be able to read up to grade level, and no 8th grade failure.

CHICAGO DEMO HITS FORCED BUSING MASSES STRUGGLE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

The working class parents in the city of Chicago are in an uproar, as the ruling class prepares to use another forced busing plan to create disunity and dissension among workers and oppressed peoples, and divert their struggles for quality education.

Working class parents in the Chicago area have a long history of fighting for quality education for their children. In the southwest side, predominantly Chicano, the parents fought hard for four years for a new high school, as the conditions of overcrowding are unbearable. The Chicago Board of Education (CBOE) is threatening

to make the school ninth graders only, and bus kids from all different parts of the city to it. In another predominantly Chicano community, parents also have been fighting for a new school because of overcrowding. The Board, after being forced to come up with the money for the new McCormick school, is now backing out and claiming that there are no available grounds to build it on.

Afro-American parents and school youth fought for years for quality education, staging walkouts, and waging other struggles against the intolerable conditions that exist in their schools.

In the last two years, working class parents in Chicago have resisted the closing of twenty-six schools and the shortening of the school year by 16 days.

CBOE CALLS IN BOSTON BUTCHER

The present capitalist economic crisis is causing the CBOE such serious budget problems that the Board threatened to close schools early this year. But parents, youth, teachers, and entire communities rose to resist these attacks, causing the Board to tremble in fear.

The Board's answer to this resistance is to try to drive a stake into the spirit of militancy and growing unity against the attacks. Forced busing will be their tactic.

The CBOE has hired Dr. Welling, who designed the Boston Forced Busing Plan, to try to dupe the masses into "popping this bitter pill." Welling has devised a scheme of advisory councils made up of parents, students, community organ-

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European Summit and Brezhnev's Visit to Europe

2 SUPERPOWERS' TUG-OF-WAR FOR SECOND WORLD

Both superpowers are pulling more tightly at Europe in their ever-heightening tug-of-war all over the world. Both are not only trying to pull their traditional allies closer to them, but also attempting to tug at the other's allies, in their greed to grab for more.

The European Summit at the beginning of May (which included a meeting of North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries) was the US imperialists' attempt to pull their European allies, Canada and Japan closer together.

US imperialists are running around the world

posing as defenders of "human rights" to try to shore up their position in the face of a rising global threat from the Soviet social imperialists. To do this effectively, they must deal with their contradictions with the second world countries and the growing strength and unity of the third world countries. They need to give the appearance of solving some pressing economic problems to consolidate their allies politically.

SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE SHOWS IRRECONCILABLE CONTRADICTION

But the communique that came out of the sum-

mit meetings clearly shows that the contradiction between US imperialism and the lesser imperialists of the second world is irreconcilable. The most telling thing about it is what's absent from it -- e.g., how to standardize weapons for NATO- who will pay for it, concretely how to deal with trade and currency wars. These are the important issues that US imperialism and the second world countries cannot agree on. The only "agreement" they came up with is some general platitudes about the seriousness of unemployment, especially among youth. The bourgeoisie have known this for some time. It is nothing new. Certainly it does not require a "summit" conference to reach this conclusion. This means that the summit is a failure for the US imperialists in their attempt to consolidate their influence with the western European second world to compete with the othersuperpower, the Soviet Union.

2 SUPERPOWERS USE CONTRADICTIONS TO PENETRATE EACH OTHER

The Soviet social-imperialists will definitely exploit this failure and try to move in on US imperialism's spheres of influence. Following on the heels of the European Summit, Brezhnev's most recent visit to France shows the aggressiveness of Soviet social-imperialism clearly. He was trying to recruit France into Soviet social-imperialism's camp. His next stop is Germany. In recent years, these 2 lesser imperialists have increasing contradictions with US imperialism, and that's why Brezhnev picked them.

At the same time, the Soviet Union is facing increasing opposition from the eastern European countries, which are reacting to its hegemonic rule. US imperialism is trying hard to use these sentiments to penetrate into Soviet social-imperialism's spheres.

This continuous tugging back and forth heightens the contention between the 2 superpowers and increases the danger of world war.

Other international conferences -- like the continuation of the SALT II talks, the final stage of the "North-South Conference" (a meeting between the western capitalist countries and third world countries) at the beginning of June, and the Belgrade meeting in mid-June to evaluate the implementation of the Helsinki Accords -- all show the stepped-up contention between the US and Soviet superpowers.

NUCLEAR ISSUE AND NATO STANDARDIZATION: CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES AMONG IMPERIALISTS

While US imperialism wants to cool down its contradiction with the second world with empty talk of "common purpose and unity" at the European summit, it cannot cover over these fundamental differences. The differences showed up concretely on the nuclear technology issue and the development of standardized weapons for NATO.

US imperialism proposes curbing the spread of nuclear technology and is facing opposition from France, West Germany and Japan. The weaker French and West German imperialists want to protect their markets and investments. They rely on the sale of nuclear technology to third world countries for trade.

The Japanese imperialists are also looking out for their own interests -- they have to develop nuclear energy to overcome their dependence on Middle Eastern oil. But US imperialism fears the third world countries' having access to nuclear material, and wants to have total control of the nuclear market to be better able to carry out political blackmail and bullying.

On the issue of standardized weapons, the other NATO countries want a more equal relationship. US imperialism is forced to concede that it will consider buying weapons developed by its allies to standardize NATO equipment instead of forcing the Europeans to buy mainly US military material.

These events today bear out sharper than ever what Stalin pointed out a quarter of century ago:

"Outwardly, everything would seem to be 'going well': the U.S.A. has not Western (Continued on page 18)



WORLD IN STRUGGLE

COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE
NATIONS WANT LIBERATION

PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION!



Militant Italian youth take to streets and battle police in protest against capitalist crisis.

Italy

In March, hundreds of thousands of youth, protesting the lack of jobs and the oppressive conditions, took to the streets against the capitalists. The revisionists of the Italian "Communist Party," meanwhile, are attempting to divert this revolutionary sentiment into parliamentary election campaigns and thereby aid the collapsing system.

In Rome, Milan, Bologna, Florence, Naples, and Turin, youth took on the police in armed conflicts which left a number of police killed and at least 14 wounded. The tide of resistance raged so high that the capitalists were forced to ban all public demonstrations in Rome as youth began taking up guns, knives, and gasoline bombs against the state.

In Italy, the capitalists are in desperate circumstances. There has been an historic inflation, now reaching as high as 20%, unemployment is skyrocketing, massive corruption by the politicians, all indicating capitalism's deep instability and that capitalists are unfit to rule.

Zimbabwe

The reactionary, white minority government of Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), desperately trying to stem the tide of Zimbabwean liberation, sent troops to invade the neighboring country of Mozambique looking for the base camps of the Zimbabwean liberation fighters. In addition, the fascist troops attacked villages of women and children under the cover of "attacking 3 Mozambican bases" in their unprovoked act of aggression.

The attack comes on the heels of the U.S. imperialists' meeting with the

white minority regime. In a further attempt at combining "soft-hard" tactics, the U.S. imperialists, while clearly aware of the coming aggression, were to travel next to Mozambique to "communicate" with the Zimbabwean liberation leaders. It is clear that the "peaceful transition to Black rule" schemes of the imperialists stand further exposed as a result of this treacherous act.

The only path for Zimbabwe is the path of self-reliance and armed struggle against the white minority regime in Rhodesia. Without doubt, the Mozambican people as well, will defeat these fascist invaders and protect their national sovereignty.

France

The crisis of capitalism is world-wide and the resistance of workers, faced with increased exploitation and oppression is world-wide as well.

In France, where there is over 9% inflation and over a million unemployed workers, nearly all the five million unionized workers went out on a 24 hour general strike on May 24.

They went in protest against the "austerity program" which is an attempt by the capitalists to take away the bargaining rights of French workers by limiting wage increases to the bourgeoisie's "cost of living index."

But French workers were having none of it. Demonstrating the awesome power of the working class, they shut down public services, transportation, communication and heavy industry. In short France came to a complete halt.

MODERN-DAY LYNCHING IN BLACK BELT SOUTH

Masses Fight Reactionary Killing



The shooting of Charles Lee is only one of many examples of national oppression faced by the Afro-American people in the Black Belt South. These militant Afro-American workers, above, will surely win their right of self-determination.

WHITTAKERS North Carolina

On April 19, 1977, Charles Lee, an Afro-American agricultural worker, was fatally shot by Joseph Judge, a white shopkeeper and landlord.

Apparently, Judge had shortchanged Mr. Lee, the way he had done to hundreds of Afro-American people over the years, only Lee insisted that he get his right change.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS CUT

Courts Attack Our Right to Strike

On May 24, a federal judge decided that striking New York state workers can no longer collect unemployment benefits. The judge declared the benefits of up to \$95 a week after the first seven weeks of a strike to be "unconstitutional".

A week later, the US Supreme Court ruled that states can refuse to pay unemployment benefits even in a case where workers are not directly involved themselves, but are laid off due to other "labor disputes" with the boss.

These decisions came at a time when the capitalists know full well that the storm of massive resistance against their attempts to make the working class bear the brunt of their crisis, is coming.

The New York ruling came following a suit filed by the NY Telephone Company. The capitalists at the phone company, billed for \$49 million in unemployment compensation, were bitter at not being able to exploit their workers during the period they had gone out on a 7 month long strike in 1971. But they were outraged at not being able to drive the workers' families into utter starvation and impoverishment--at the mercy of the pack of landlords, bill collectors, and insurance agents--and thereby break the strike.

The judge, predictably, called the payment of benefits to strikers a violation of the "concept of government non-interference and neutrality". This, he pronounced, "is state intervention on behalf of the strikers".

But to any worker who has seen the "non-interference and neutrality" of the

state--when the police harass and attempt to intimidate strikers or when they escort scabs through the picket lines, when the government calls out the National Guard to break strikes or when the courts slap down fines and injunctions--it is obvious that the state is intervening in a thousand and one different ways, and it is as clear as daylight which side the state is on.

Far from being the "neutral" referee that the bourgeoisie would have us believe, the state is nothing but the organ of the rule of the monopoly capitalist class. Asking the state to watch over a strike is like asking a chicken-hawk to watch over the chicken-coop.

As Marx revealed over a hundred years ago, the army and police, the bureaucracy and the courts (from the lowest level to the Supreme Court), are all part of the state machinery, established for only one purpose--an instrument for the exploitation of wage labor by capital.

As the judge admitted, unemployment benefits to strikers affects his "willingness to go on strike, or once on strike, to remain on strike".

The ruling is not just an attempt to strip away benefits and take back the hard won gains of the past (unemployment compensation was a product of the long and heroic struggle of workers in the 1930's), but an out and out political attack on the right to strike.

One of the main targets the high justices had in mind when they decreed a ban on benefits to workers laid off as a
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Judge shot him through the chest and Lee died two days later. This was nothing but a cold-blooded murder. Judge, a member of one of the local ruling families in Whittakers, never spent a day in jail. The chance that Judge will be punished for his crime is about zero. Last year in neighboring Scotland Neck, NC, a close relative of Judge shot and killed an Afro-American man and got away with it scot free.

In the Black Belt South, the most reactionary sections of the white ruling class and their local agents still feel that they can cold-bloodedly murder Afro-Americans at will. Obviously, this reminds them of their "glory days", when they lynched Afro-Americans at will.

But this brutal system of national oppression is bound to be overthrown, because the revolutionary anger of the masses is on the rise. Immediately after the funeral for Mr. Lee, the people of Whittakers responded with a powerful show of force. A mass demonstration of about 500 people marched through the Afro-American community showing their determination to struggle for an end to this brutal treatment by the ruling class.

THIS MURDER IS AN EXPRESSION OF THE BRUTAL SYSTEM OF NATIONAL OPPRESSION.

Whittakers is a typical small town in the Black Belt South. It is populated by sharecroppers, tenant farmers and a growing section of factory workers as northern industries move south to exploit the cheap labor.

The Afro-Americans are in a majority in this town, but live under the rule of the local white oligarchy. Many Afro-American families live on the same farms their ancestors slaved on--and many of these farms are owned by descendants of the same white families that once were slave owners.

The Judge family are descendants of the white slave owning class. Today they own land, slum houses and many of the stores in Whittakers. Several Judge brothers together control the town, and they do what they want. When someone recently went to photograph Judge's home and store, he came out, attacked them and threatened to kill them. Then he went into his store and pulled out his gun.

The police arrived to quell the "disturbance" and said that Judge was insane and that "he'll kill you". Yet this man is still roaming the streets, still tending his store. This ruling white oligarchy lives like kings on the backs of the people, living off the labor of the masses, and served by the "law". They control the police and the courts. But the people are demanding an end to this criminal rule, and that the democratic rights of the Afro-American people be met.

MISLEADERS TRY TO EXTINGUISH THE FLAME

Misleaders have flocked to Whittakers like moths to a bright flame.

Ben Ruffin, once a militant civil rights activist, who sold out and became a flunkey for the state government's Department of Human Resources, came and told the people not to struggle. He said that his staff, "would look into it". Golden Frinks, NC director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), came into town and briefly acted somewhat militant. At least Frinks was in favor of marching. But he preached that people should turn the other cheek, be peaceful and non-violent, as if the white oligarchy that rules will give up anything without a fight. Frinks spends most of his time flying from place to place, preaching pacifism, demoralizing the masses, and collecting money for the SCLC. He called for a march, collected \$150, and left town. He didn't even show up for the march he was supposed to be organizing, and hasn't been heard from since.

These mis-leaders are nothing but agents of the ruling class. They hold peaceful non-violence above the revolutionary struggle to end national oppression, and work overtime to disorganize the mass struggle. They preach "equality and freedom" to get publicity for themselves, and they sidetrack attention from the only effective struggle to reach those goals: the class struggle against the US bourgeoisie and the struggle for the right of self-determination for the
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GRASP LESSONS OF

May Day was a smashing success!

With our red and gold banners blazing "Break the Chains of Wage Slavery and National Oppression! Fight for Socialism", over 1,000 militant working class brothers and sisters marched on May 1st through the streets of the Lower East Side of New York City. That same day, 300 other demonstrators marched through Los Angeles' South Central community under the same revolutionary call: "Break the Chains! Fight for Socialism!"

These two May Day demonstrations brought together the advanced fighters for the working class, from many nationalities, from all four corners of the U.S. and from a whole range of trades and industries, to unite as one and declare war on the U.S. monopoly capitalist class!

Autoworkers and truckers marching alongside oil and electronics workers... steel, chemical and construction workers linking arms and chanting with textile and hospital workers... the uniformed Revolutionary Youth League, marching in spirited, disciplined step... contingents of workers' children shouting "All Out For May Day!" as they marched to the rally... all the marchers together chanting "The Workers' Solution Is Socialist Revolution!" and singing the Internationale, the battle hymn of the international working class!

This tremendously successful May Day under the leadership of the Workers Viewpoint Organization was the fruit of the years of struggle for the most correct ideological and political line among communists in the U.S. The Workers Viewpoint Organization has developed this correct line and guided all our work with it. Now we are tightly grasping the organizational sphere of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought to build the genuine Communist Party, the vanguard of the U.S. proletariat. May Day shows that this Party is on the horizon.

The fighting working-class spirit that made May Day '77 a victory was shown by an elderly Chinese-American worker who refused a ride in a car along the demonstration's route, saying "No, I came to express my support, and that's exactly what I aim to do."



Auto workers and truckers marching alongside oil and electronics workers... steel, chemical and construction workers linking arms and chanting with textile and hospital workers "The Workers' Solution is Socialist Revolution!"

Testifying to May Day's truly multinational character, a 90 year old Afro-American woman declared, "In the old days, the communists led big May Day marches too, but this is the first time I have seen so many different nationalities together!"

Workers who couldn't be with us on the march and rally showed their complete solidarity. At one Midwestern garment factory workers who couldn't make it to New York organized their section to stay out to celebrate May Day.

masses responded by cheering and raising their fists in solidarity. Many older workers remembered past revolutionary May Day celebrations, and younger workers wanted to check the demonstration out. A number joined our ranks and stayed for the rally.

With the Revolutionary Youth League marching in formation in the demonstration's front ranks, the march was tight and disciplined. At one point when a few cops tried to break through our ranks, the marchers pushed them back. No capitalist agents allowed to disrupt the proletarian ranks!

Sharp and spirited revolutionary agitation pointed our arrows straight at the heart of the monopoly capitalist class.

In Chinatown, scene of the 20,000-strong demonstration against police brutality in 1975, agitators exposed how capitalism oppresses immigrant workers in the garment sweatshops, the restaurants and on the block.

As the march reached Gouverneur Hospital, hospital workers laid out the militant history of the workers' and community's struggles against the cutbacks of the monopoly capitalists and the union hacks like Victor Gotbaum of DC 37. Agitators showed how the workers built solid multi-national unity in these struggles.

At the Consolidated Edison generating plant, we thundered against the monopoly capitalists who deprive our families of heat in the freezing winter to squeeze as much profit from us as they can.

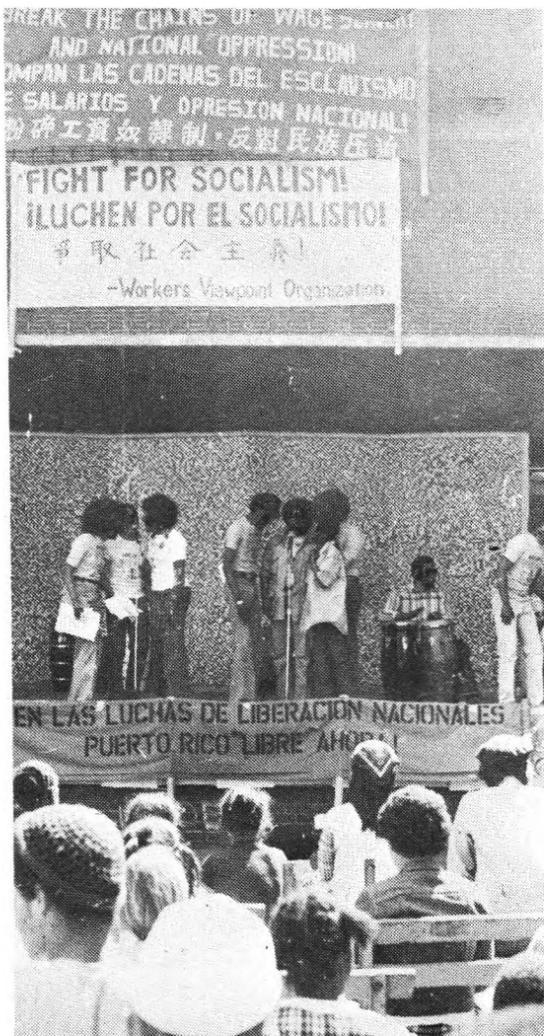
As the march went on, moving like a well-oiled machine, the masses' enthusiasm rose higher.

AUTOWORKERS AND TRUCKERS MARCHING ALONGSIDE OIL AND ELECTRONICS WORKERS ... STEEL, CHEMICAL AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS LINKING ARMS AND CHANTING WITH TEXTILE AND HOSPITAL WORKERS... ALL THE MARCHERS TOGETHER CHANTING "THE WORKERS' SOLUTION IS SOCIALIST REVOLUTION!" AND SINGING THE INTERNATIONALE, THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS!

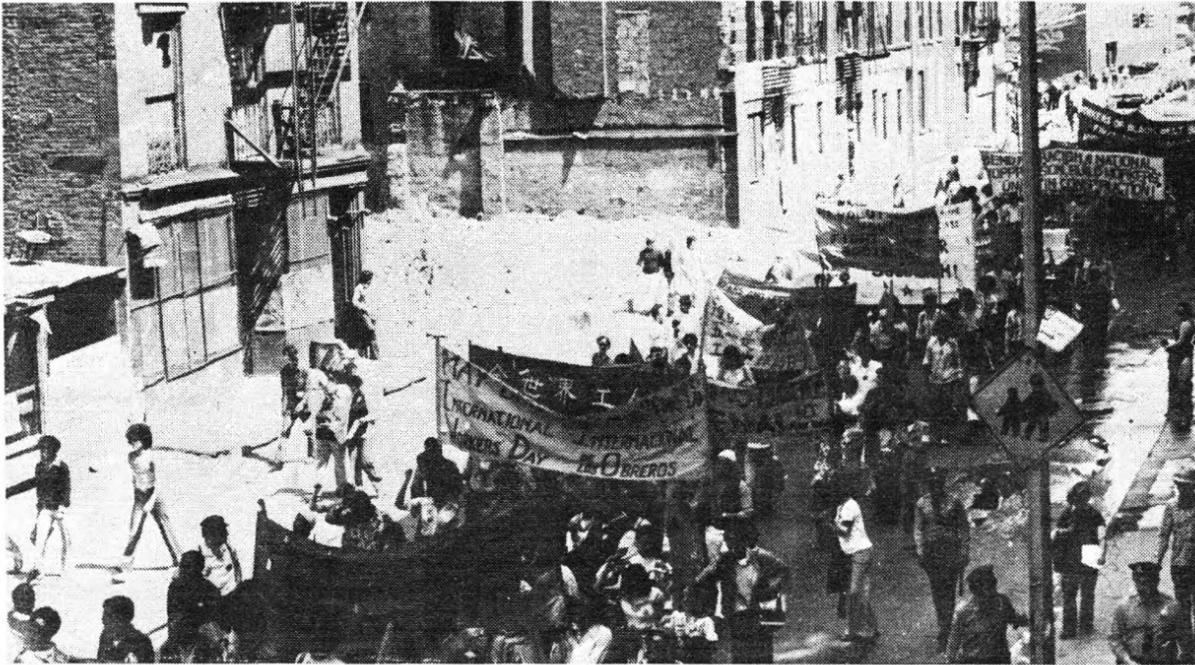
"One Army, One Flag, One Aim" -- May Day's army is the proletarian army, its flag is the red flag of socialism, and its aim is the revolutionary overthrow of monopoly capitalism and the establishment of socialism in the U.S.!

MAY DAY MARCH SHOWED STEEL-LIKE ORGANIZATION

Marching in organized ranks, our proletarian army called on the masses in the streets to join the struggle. The



HISTORIC MAY DAY 1977



Here in New York, marching through the working class communities, the organized and proletarian character of the march was an inspiration to the entire working class.

But there were problems we can improve on. For example, the sound system was in the main outstanding due to comrades' hard work, but when we found out that the sound was not reaching the whole march we should have moved on getting agitators to all parts of the march, as we had planned. In the future, we must not only plan ahead but also make sure that we fully implement our plan.

This is one of the lessons we are grasping to turn our work into an even sharper weapon against the monopoly capitalists.

RALLY INSPIRES FIGHTING SPIRIT

Approaching the site of our rally in New York's Tompkins Square Park, a roaring chant went up: "1, 2, 3, 3, Workers Rising More And More! 5, 6, 7, 8, We Must Prepare To Smash The State!" So high were the masses' spirits that many thought the 2-hour march was too short and wanted to march on.

May Day showed that we grasped the problem of running a tight program that moves with proletarian spirit. Unlike our International Working Women's Day celebration in New York City this year, the May Day program stood out for its liveliness and organization. Speeches were short and sharp, and we combined them with good cultural work, including songs, poetry, posters, buttons and so on.

Delivering a statement for the Central Committee of the Workers Viewpoint Organization, a comrade spoke for us all by

TESTIFYING TO MAY DAY'S TRULY MULTI-NATIONAL CHARACTER, A 90-YEAR OLD AFRO-AMERICAN WOMAN DECLARED, "IN THE OLD DAYS, THE COMMUNISTS LED BIG MAY DAY MARCHES TOO, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE SEEN SO MANY DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES TOGETHER!"

saying that this May Day was a tremendous victory for the working class and oppressed masses in the U.S. He laid out the latest development of the line of the Workers Viewpoint Organization. In this period, he said, communists must pay close attention to their methods of work and methods of leadership, and fight the deviations of intellectual anarchism and bureaucratism. Both make us stray from giving correct leadership to the struggle for socialist revolution.

From the Revolution Mills in North Carolina, a comrade told of the progress in the workers' fierce struggle to unionize the textile plants in the heart of the Black Belt South.

Another comrade from the African Liberation Support Committee denounced the monopoly capitalists who condemned old people in Harlem to freeze to death last winter. He roused the audience to fight these and other attacks on us at home, and to prepare for the ALSC's African Liberation Day on the following May 28th.

A Hawaiian comrade talked from her heart about the jailing of her brother and her family's suffering under capital-

WORKERS WHO COULDN'T BE WITH US ON THE MARCH AND RALLY SHOWED THEIR COMPLETE SOLIDARITY. AT ONE MIDWESTERN GARMENT FACTORY, WORKERS WHO COULDN'T MAKE IT TO NEW YORK ORGANIZED THEIR SECTION TO STAY OUT TO CELEBRATE MAY DAY.

ism. She explained that, in fighting this daily national oppression and eventually seeing through to its causes, she was won to communism and to the Workers Viewpoint Organization.

At the Los Angeles demonstration, an oil worker declared: "Under communist leadership, we've been fighting for one industrial union and closed shop so that the oil bosses -- Rockefeller, etc. --

can't divide and conquer. We're learning through every struggle that only rank and file unity under correct leadership can take back the trade unions from the union hacks!!" The audience erupted into chants of "Break the Chains!"

Showing the blossoming of working-class culture, in New York City the May Day Singers sang "Break the Chains" in two versions (including Blue Grass style). The singers repeatedly brought the audience to its feet shouting "Break the Chains", fists raised high in the air.

From the West Coast came the Family (Marxist-Leninist). This Marxist collective put on a skit which showed the workers' resistance to capitalist oppression on the assembly line. Their paro-

DELIVERING A STATEMENT FOR THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS VIEWPOINT ORGANIZATION, A COMRADE SAID THAT COMMUNISTS MUST PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THEIR METHODS OF WORK AND METHODS OF LEADERSHIP, AND FIGHT THE DEVIATIONS OF INTELLECTUAL ANARCHISM AND BUREAUCRATISM. BOTH MAKE US STRAY FROM GIVING CORRECT LEADERSHIP TO THE STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALIST REVOLUTION.

dy of a foreman and their cutting satire on petty bourgeois nationalist "Stokely Ron Karenga", as well as their dance for African liberation showing the struggle of guerrilla fighters, all raised the audience's revolutionary spirit tremendously.

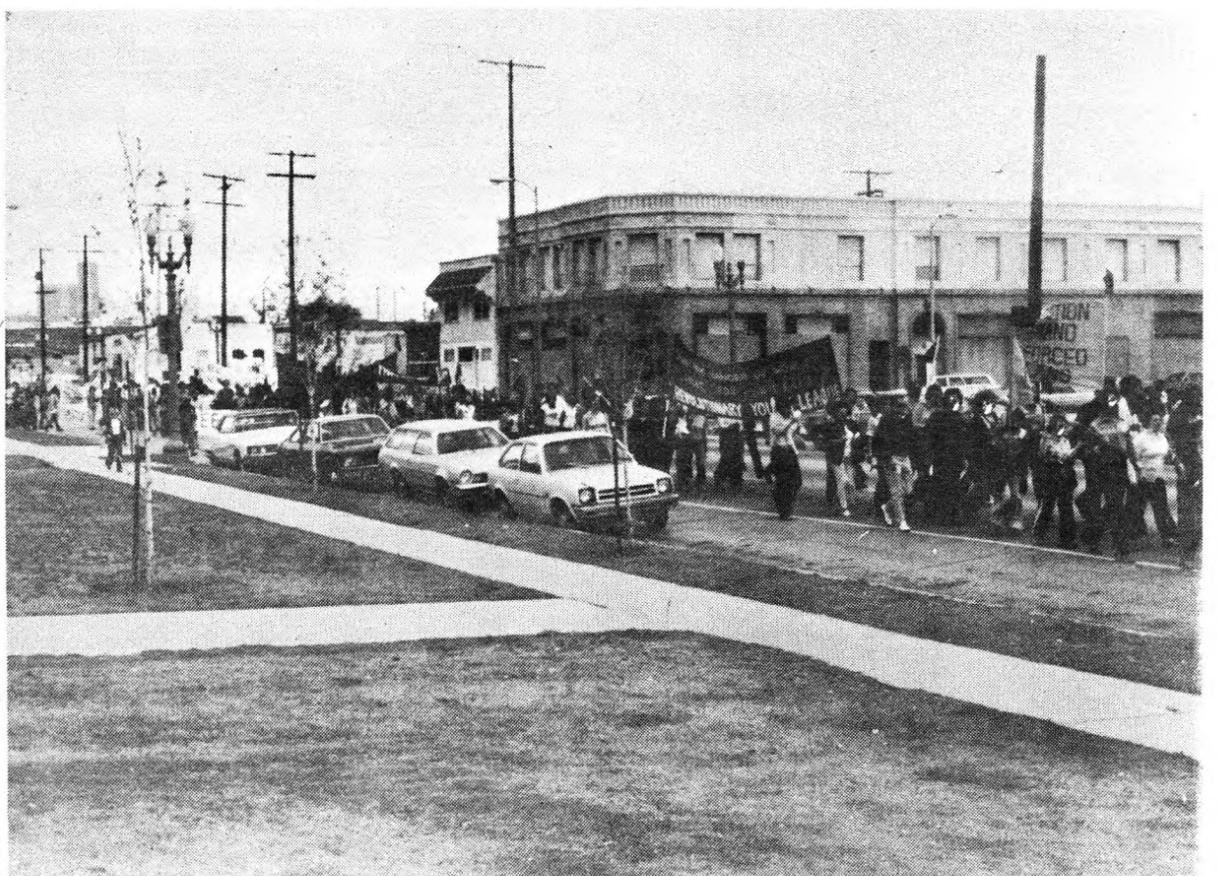
Speakers from the Iranian Students Association and the Group of Khmer Residents in America gave solidarity statements, showing the true unity of the workers, oppressed nations and peoples of the world.

One worker, having experienced this revolutionary May Day, said, "I wasted 30 years of my life in not hooking up with you communists!" She was filled with the feeling that she was not fighting alone, but alongside many working class brothers and sisters.

This was the historic event that was May Day, 1977!

GRASPING THE KEY LINK OF THE ORGANIZATION-SPHERE MADE MAY DAY 77 VICTORIOUS!

Like a mighty army in battle, the most significant feature of our
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Women Hold Up Half the Sky



Working women take the front lines in the Flint auto strike of 1937!

We are introducing a column on working women struggles that will appear regularly in this paper. In the U.S., working women have spearheaded the struggle against child labor in the sweatshops. They have also fought side by side with men for the right to unionize and for the 8 hour day. In these struggles, working women are fighting in the same heroic spirit as our sisters around the world--Africa, Asia, Latin America who picked up their guns to fight against hegemonism, imperialism and racism. Working women are the inheritors of a great tradition of struggles that is part of the struggle of the entire working class for the liberation of all oppressed people from capitalist exploitation.

But in this capitalist society, where the ruling class is purposely perpetuating male supremacist ideas and using all kinds of schemes to degrade women, our heroic struggles are often buried, forgotten or distorted. The bourgeois media makes it appear that women are nothing but passive sex objects. Everyday and every hour the TV ads sponsored by the corporations spread the lie that women are only interested in makeup, in making the home more comfortable and in taking "Geritol" to make us more attractive for men.

In these times of economic crisis, the ruling class also wants us to believe that the fight of working women for equal rights and against discrimination on the job is threatening the jobs and well-being of our fellow men workers.

These are not only lies and slanders, but are sinister schemes of the ruling class to disarm working women as fighters against this bloodsucking capitalist system. The ruling class wants to turn men and women workers into enemies of each other and prevent us from joining our hands in the common fight against capitalism.

Working women, besides being oppressed as workers, are also oppressed as women (and of course sisters of oppressed nationalities and national minorities also suffers under national oppression). This is why we said working women must smash the double yoke of wage labour and domestic slavery.

This column will also serve to educate our class brothers and sisters and ourselves who would also fall into the male supremacist trap of the ruling class. We must concretely expose what "domestic slavery" means and how to fight it. How do we fight ideas such as "childcare is a woman's job?" Or like
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Letters to WVO

FROM THE MASSES - TO THE MASSES

CRITICISM OF "ROOTS" ARTICLE

We welcome the following criticism of our "Roots" article (WV News., Feb., 1977; Vol. 2, No. 2.) Supervision by the masses is important in our struggle to build a genuine communist party and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat in the U.S. Chairman Mao Tsetung, once wrote, "If we have shortcomings, we are not afraid to have them pointed out and criticized, because we serve the people. Anyone, no matter who, may point out our shortcomings. If he is right, we will correct them. If what he proposes will benefit the people, we will

there was to be any theory or philosophy to guide the slave insurrectionaries it was to be necessarily bourgeois. There were successful slave revolts during this period, though none occurred in the U.S. For example, the Haitian revolution under Toussaint L'Overture's leadership, The battle cry of the French revolution, "Liberte, Fraternite, Egalite!" was the same battle cry of the Haitian masses.

Fourth, it was correct for Kizzy to reject her carriage-driver fiance. She was expressing the disdain of the "field slave" for the "house slave." In general, "house slaves were chosen because of their



NAT TURNER REBELLION was only 1 of hundreds of acts of mass resistance to the criminal system of slavery, part of the glorious history of U.S. multinational proletariat.

act upon it." This is the spirit of criticism and self-criticism which we need to promote and build. Only with the correct outlook and practice of criticism and self-criticism can we become "ideologically face-to-face" with the masses, know what is on their minds and in their hearts and win them to communism.

We regret that, due to its length, we are unable to print the letter here. We will summarize the comrade's main points.

The comrade criticizes five points in our "Roots" article.

First, he criticizes our description of the nature of slavery as confusing. The mode of production of the Slave South was not feudal but slave. "The mode of exchange was capitalist; that is, goods were produced for sale on the world market. The feudal aspect... became sharper after the emancipation and reconstruction periods ended, with the growth of the sharecropper system."

Second, the comrade says we fail to explain how the "class alliance of the English colonialists, New England rising Bourgeoisie and the Southern feudal landowners" (pg. 26) was the basis of the Civil War. In the early days of the slave trade there was an alliance between the English commercial bourgeoisie, the New England bankers, ship-builders and ship-owners and the Southern planters. The English maritime bourgeoisie left the alliance in the early 19th century. Later a link developed between the English textile bourgeoisie and the Southern planters through the medium of cotton. Gradually most of the Southern exports went to England and most of the manufactured goods coming into the South were British, was the essential question of the Civil War. Slavery was the birth mark and standard of the South. "And thus the rising U.S. bourgeoisie shaped its struggle in opposition to slavery."

Third, he says it is incorrect to say that slave uprisings in the U.S. failed because of the lack of a "correct revolutionary theory" (pg. 26.) "When the vast majority of these insurrections went on...Marxism had yet to be elaborated... The period of the slave revolts was the period of the bourgeois democratic revolution. Thus if

docility and loyalty to their master." "The correct approach to the house servants was not to try to win them over to any strike for freedom but rather to stay clear of them and when the rebellion erupts, if they wish to fight beside the 'field niggers' then they would be welcomed.

Fifth, it was incorrect for the WVO to imply that there was no difference between American-born and African-born slaves. "African-born slaves were more dangerous than the American-born...Africans born in Africa had not experienced chattel slavery as practiced in America." "The American-born slave had never been free, where the African had. The African had lived free and thus it was no dream, yet to be experienced but a reality stolen from him..." There was a difference between the two and the difference was that the "African-born Blacks were quicker to rebel and more certain of themselves when they did."

"Comrades, these errors are serious and must be addressed sternly."

RESPONSE FROM WVO

1. We accept the comrade's criticism on our presentation of the nature of slave society. Our presentation in the article is eclectic. In one paragraph we say that the pre-Civil War South was a slave mode of production, in another we say it was feudal.

In fact, the mode of production of the pre-Civil War South was slave. With the increasing importance of Cotton as an export the brutality of the slave system intensified. Slavery had its "ancient" character as long as production was for immediate, local consumption. However, with the export of Cotton, the pre-Civil War South was drawn into the international market dominated by capitalism. Thus "ancient" slavery became chattel-slavery. In other words, labor that was physically enslaved and at the same time subject to the more intense demands of capitalism.

FOUNDER OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM

KARL MARX**PROLETARIAN REVOLUTIONARY**

Who was Karl Marx? Why are his teachings loved by the working-class and despised by the capitalists and all who serve their interests? Questions like these are more and more on the minds of workers. Greater numbers of workers are seeking out communist solutions and communist leadership. And everyday, the capitalists grow more haunted by the "spectre of communism" that Marx and his comrade Engels proclaimed over a century ago!

KARL MARX -- FOUNDER OF THE SCIENCE OF PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION.

Karl Marx was born on May 15, 1818 in Trier, Germany. He lived during the great storms of the bourgeois democratic revolution and actively participated in the revolutionary movement. Before his death in 1883 Marx witnessed the American War of Independence and the Civil War, the French Revolution and other revolutionary upsurges in Germany, Belgium, etc. He saw the great advances of industry, such as the Industrial Revolution in England, and of natural science, such as the discovery of the cell, the transformation of energy and the theory of evolution.

Marx systematized and synthesized the correct kernels of the most advanced thinking of the bourgeois democratic revolution in Europe, German philosophy, English political economy and French socialism. He criticized these theories in light of the most advanced revolutionary experience of his time and his own revolutionary practice.

Dialectical and historical materialism is the basic law governing political economy and scientific socialism (as well as the dialectics of nature.)

MARX TURNED THE WORLD RIGHT-SIDE UP.

In his desire to battle the reactionary monarchy in Germany, Marx was attracted to the teachings of Hegel, an influential philosopher among the German intellectuals.

What was revolutionary about Hegel's philosophy was his dialectical method. This view rejected anything that was final, unchanging or "sacred." Marx was won over to this view that everything in the world develops through a process of birth and death, rising from lower to higher stages of growth in leaps and bounds. The reactionary part of Hegel's teachings was his idealism. Hegel believed that nature was the degrading of the "absolute idea." Thinking and ideas were primary to Hegel, and nature (reality) existed only through the idea descending to appear on earth. Marx turned this "upside-down" thinking right-side up-- ideas are a reflection of the real world in the minds of men.

THE AIM OF KNOWING THE WORLD IS TO CHANGE IT!

One philosopher who took the lead in criticizing Hegel's incorrect ideas was Feuerbach. He correctly rejected Hegel's view that ideas exist outside of man. Feuerbach said that reality is independent of any philosophy and that nothing exists outside of nature and man. Feuerbach helped to clarify Marx's thinking and caused him to become a materialist.

But Feuerbach failed to see that man's interaction with nature and other men is also part of reality, and that this exists outside of what man thinks about his actions. Because of this error, Feuerbach's materialism was static not active. Man was what he was due to his social environment. Different men are products of different environments. But isn't it men themselves that change their environment, change nature and society? No, answered Feuerbach, man was doomed to only knowing nature and society but never changing it.

Marx, however, understood that man's activity transformed nature and society, and in the course of this, changed him-

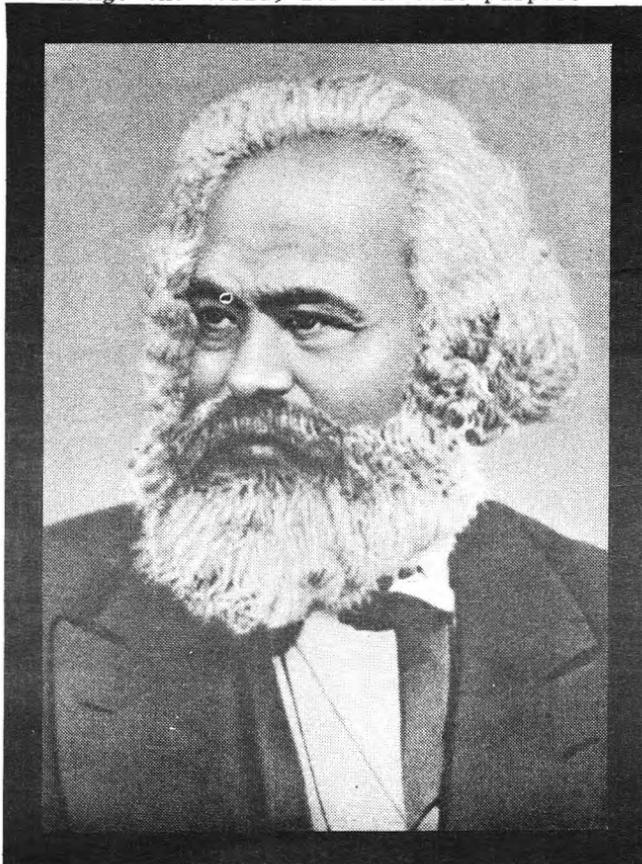
self. Marx criticized Feuerbach's separation of thinking and being (human activity,) and pointed out the fundamental aim of all correct, revolutionary thinking-- to change the world. This was a crushing blow against idealism of the student-type, the idealism of academic "professors."

Can we know the taste of a pear by looking it up in a dictionary? No! The only way to know the taste of a pear is to bite into it! Why do we need to know the role and origin of the trade union misleaders? The only reason we need to know this is so that we can better fight the capitalists!

FOR WHOM IS A FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION OF CLASS STAND

In criticizing Feuerbach, Marx laid out the difference between revolutionary and reactionary thinkers, "The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways; the point, however, is to change it."

Whether we seek knowledge in order to change the world, for the sole purpose



Karl Marx, first great teacher and leader of the international proletariat (1818-1883.)

of changing the world or seek it to appear "wise," to impress others is a question of proletarian stand. For "whom" is the fundamental question we must constantly ask ourselves, for the working class or for ourselves. To change the world is the one and only reason for Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. Communists, Marx said, "have no interests separate and apart from those of the proletariat as a whole."

What is the fundamental interest of the proletariat as a whole? The working class's fundamental interest and historic mission is the overthrow of the capitalist class and the founding and strengthening of the proletarian dictatorship over the capitalists. Furthermore it is to lead all strata oppressed

by capitalist society in the struggle to end all classes and therefore all exploitation of man by man. In short, all that is necessary to establish classless, communist society.

What does this concretely mean for the multi-national U.S. proletariat at this time? Since we do not yet have the dictatorship of the proletariat in the U.S. our task cannot be the strengthening of working class rule. We are in a period of the preparation for the dictatorship of the proletariat.

PREPARATION FOR THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT IS A CONCRETE QUESTION!

Preparation means different things at different times. We are not "free" to prepare any way we please but must prepare according to what is necessary, given the sum total of objective conditions (for example, whether reform or repression is the main form of capitalist rule at this time) and subjective conditions (for example, the strengths and weaknesses of ourselves and our class). Thus we must grasp what preparation for the dictatorship of the proletariat means at the present time.

We have identified that preparation today means that we must grasp correct methods of leadership and work in order to win and train the advanced. In short, we must grasp the correct line on the organizational sphere of the Workers Viewpoint Organization.

CORRECT PRINCIPLES, PLAN, POLICY, COMMAND & ACTION ARE INSEPARABLE.

Thus, whether we have a correct stand with the vast majority or an incorrect stand with the capitalists is a highly concrete question. And this stand cannot be separated from the correct Marxist tactics, forms of struggle and organization, which are also based on a concrete analysis of concrete conditions. Communist principles on strategy and tactics, plan, policy, command and action are integrally linked. Correct methods of work and leadership cannot be separated from correct world outlook. Violation of the Marxist stand, method and viewpoint can occur on tactical questions, policy matters. In fact, this is how the lack of concrete analysis of concrete conditions often shows itself. Though one may appear to be pushing the correct general line and deviating from correct tactics, it is in essence a separation of objective reality from our subjective reflection of the concrete reality. This leads to separating theory from practice by treating problems outside of the proper time, place and conditions.

GENERAL CALL MUST BE LINKED TO CONCRETE CONTENT

Thus, no general line, no general call such as "the immediate and universal preparation for the dictatorship of the proletariat," is complete without understanding its concrete content, concrete practice at this point. It is incomplete without a positive program of action, positive proposals and suggestions, and moreover, without identifying the concrete key link to grasp and implement. For example, preparation for the dictatorship of the proletariat at this particular moment concretely con-

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**'THE PHILOSOPHERS HAVE ONLY INTERPRETED THE WORLD...
THE POINT, HOWEVER, IS TO CHANGE IT.'**

- KARL MARX

Women

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"a woman's place is in the home?" Why does the ruling class only give us day-care when they need women to fill up the places of men workers who were sent to war to fight as cannon fodder for the ruling class? How do these ideas hold back the development of the full potential of working women to become fighters for the socialist revolution? How can we, as working women, take care of our families and take up political work at the same time? How do we defeat ideas such as "free love," "total woman" and gay rights that affect the working class too but are signs of the decadent and dying capitalist system?

In this column, we will not only bring back the glorious tradition of working women but we will also propagate every victory we gain over the ruling class. We know from our own experience as workers, that around the country working women are making great strides in our struggles. Everyday we are strengthening our organization and heightening our consciousness through these bitter struggles in our communities and in the factories. In this column, we will use Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-Tung Thought, the science of the working class to sum up the lessons we learn through these every day struggles. This column will be a declaration of war against the oppression of women by the ruling class.

Under the leadership of the Party of the working class and the guidance of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-Tung Thought, we will develop the strategy and tactics that will take up the special demands of working women.

Our great teacher Lenin said that "the proletariat cannot achieve complete liberty until it has won complete liberty for women". Chairman Mao also pointed out that "women held up half of the sky", "Women comprise of one half of the population. The economic status of working women and the fact that they are especially oppressed proves not only that women urgently need revolution but also that they are a decisive force in the success or failure of the revolution.

Some of the future articles will analyze how bourgeois culture, such as soap operas, spreads male chauvinist ideas, expose Angela Davis and other revisionists and misleaders who serve the bourgeoisie and attempt to coopt and divert the working class women and the rich history of struggles of working women. Other articles will address the family question in winning over advanced workers, childcare and how women are portrayed in the media as sex objects. Analysis will be laid out on how to push different struggles forward, some problems that communist women face in trying to organize the working class, as well as the lives of women under socialism.

The only way the party can truly lead the masses is also to learn from the masses: to learn from their rich experience and be able to breathe and move as one with the masses. This is why we are asking our readers, both men and women, to send in positive suggestions on how to improve the column. We need your ideas, criticisms and questions. Write

us letters and reports on your struggles as workers and as working women. Let your class brothers and sisters share with your victories and setbacks, how we can learn from them and march forward!

SMASH THE DOUBLE YOKE OF CAPITALISM AND DOMESTIC SLAVERY!



These workers at the Sparrows Point, Md., Bethlehem Steel plant, like all US workers are being blamed by the capitalists for the crisis in steel and the entire capitalist economy. But workers are rejecting these lies that are used to push the ENA.

Experimental Negotiating Agreement in Steel

E.N.A.-Attack on U.S. Workers, Second World

Earlier this month, Bethlehem Steel announced that it is closing its mill in South San Francisco, and laying off 300 workers. This is only one of the signs that steel, one of the major pillars of US capitalism, is in deep crisis. Many plants across the country are being closed and those that stay open are producing far below capacity.

In the midst of this crisis, the US bourgeoisie has raised the cry that strikes and steel imports are the reasons that profits are falling and workers have to be laid off. Once again, the steel barons and entire monopoly capitalist class would have us believe that the causes of the workers' misery are themselves or "non-americans". Anything but the capitalist system and the parasitic capitalist class!

ENA AIMED STRAIGHT AT THE WORKING CLASS' RIGHT TO STRIKE.

The steel barons and the trade union mis-leaders like Abel, McBride and Sadowski want us to believe that strikes cause these layoffs and crisis in steel. They say they are forced to stockpile for strikes, especially around contract time. So, after every strike there is a "surplus" and they have to lay off workers.

Every conscious worker knows that these are lies. They stockpile to break strikes. They layoff workers because it protects profits. But they use these lies to support the Experimental Negotiating Agreement(ENA), which forbids national strikes, whether or not there is a contract in force at the time.

Under the ENA, the steel union mis-leaders have worked triple overtime to sell out the workers right to strike, and actively helped the ruling class to prepare for war, by attempting to discipline the working class.

MISLEADERS ACTIVELY FOLLOW THE RULING CLASS' CALL FOR IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

On top of the ENA, the steel barons have started a campaign for limitations on steel imports, like carbon steel imports. The Union mis-leaders of the United Steel Workers have backed them 100%.

The truth is that there is a crisis of overproduction of steel in the imperialist countries. Forced to try to sell this steel in order to maintain profits, the steel monopolies are scrambling to protect their "home markets" and to grab even more fiercely the markets of other countries. It is in this context that the steel union mis-leaders, along with the steel barons raise the bogey of imports.

In fact, the entire capitalist world is in an economic crisis that is the deepest since the great depression. It is a crisis of overproduction. The capitalists have let their machines run wild in their greedy drive for profits. Squeezing the working class for every cent, the capitalists get stuck with warehouses full of goods which none can afford. The only way out of this crisis, in an attempt to save themselves from the growing hatred of the working class and their doom, is for the capitalists to resort to war.

US IMPERIALISTS SHARP CONTRADICTION WITH JAPAN.

On the one hand the US imperialists must make sure that the lesser imperialists of the Second World, such as Japan and Germany, are maintained in power. This is because the US does profit from its dominance over the economy and politics of Second World countries. For example, one-third of the US investments overseas are invested in Europe. This means a lot of profit for the US imperialist, from the exploitation of the workers of the Second World.

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Second world workers, like these in Japan, in their fight against the two super-powers, U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism, as well as their own bourgeoisie, aid the struggles of all workers. Workers of all countries, unite!

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FREE ALL PALESTINE NOW

This past month, the Israeli right-wing Likud Party defeated the ruling Labor Party. The Likud Party's sabre-rattling and open talk about extending Israel "from the Mediterranean to Jordan" already is giving rise to new militancy on the part of the Arab peoples.

But now even the bourgeois press is trying to expose the black history of the Likud Party and its fascist, reactionary terrorism against the people of Palestine. This is because the imperialists want to paint the equally fascist Labor Party as the voice of "reason and sanity" and give Carter's "Palestinian homeland" scheme a shot in the arm.

The Likud Party's imperialist ravings only make Carter's "Palestinian homeland" scheme and other tricks look good. But more important, the Carter administration is speculating on the fact that Menachem Begin, reactionary leader of the Likud Party, as a "hardliner" may in fact help to push Carter's treacherous "peace" plans. One Carter official has said, "It took a hardliner like Nixon to open up to China." In the same light, it may take a hardliner like Begin, because he enjoys the support of other reactionaries, to push Carter's "peace" schemes in the Middle East.

At the same time, the U.S. imperialists will also use the Likud Party to bully and intimidate the Arab peoples into submission. Both schemes play into Carter's "Palestinian homeland" scheme.

LIKUD PARTY AND LABOR PARTY - TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN

Menachem Begin, fascist leader of the reactionary Likud Party, lifelong enemy of the Palestinian people, is bitterly hated by every Palestinian fighter. Every Arab freedom fighter burns for revenge against the man who led the infamous Irgum's raid on the Arab village of Deir Yassin in April, 1948, slaughtering the entire village of 254 (mostly defenseless children, women, and old men) with Sten guns, hand grenades, and long knives, and mutilating and raping scores of women. Menachem Begin's sordid, bloodthirsty career is thoroughly exposed to the Arab people.

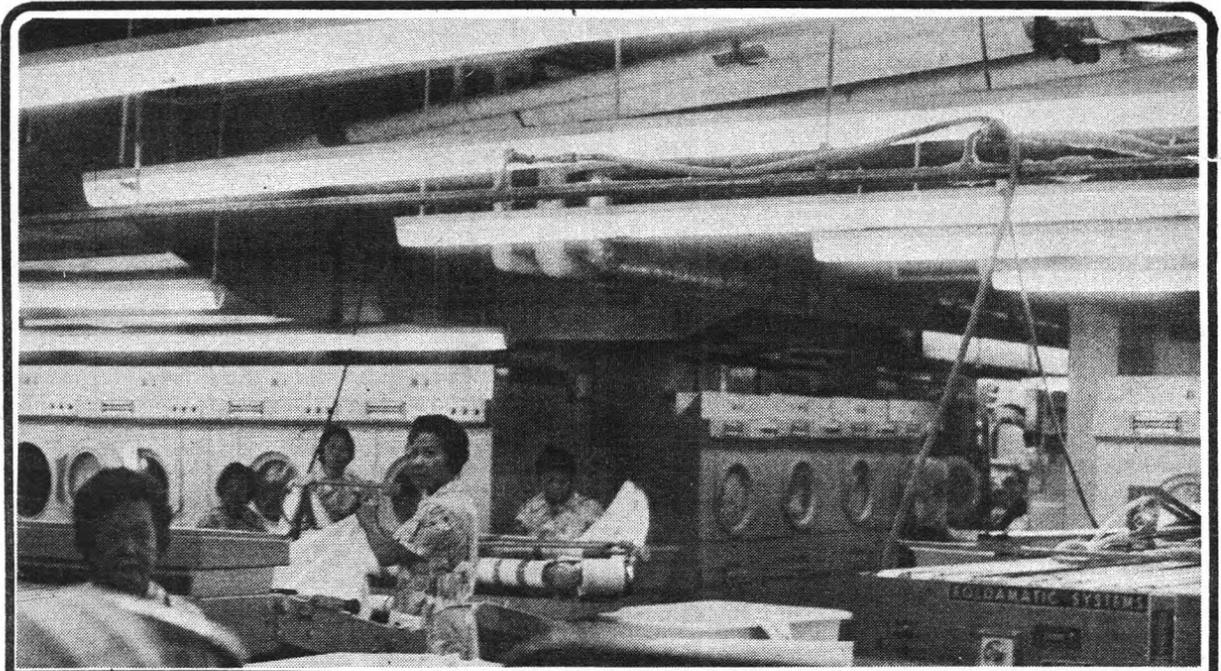
But the bourgeois press is mounting a campaign against the Likud Party in order to hide the real history of 30 years of brutal Zionist rule. By criticizing the Likud Party, the capitalists hope the masses will forget that the ruling Labor Party has always been the spearhead of reaction and terrorism:

- **militarily and economically aiding the racist white-minority regimes in southern Africa
- **militarily supporting U.S. imperialist aggression in Korea in 1950
- **aiding and studying the CIA's torture techniques in Vietnam to use on Arab patriots
- **setting up international assassination squads under the direction of the CIA to murder Palestinian fighters
- **hunting down and torturing thousands of Arabs on the West Bank
- **burning down entire homes of guerrillas in the occupied lands and annihilating entire villages suspected of supporting the PLO. The entire village of Ramallah, with 20,000 people, was totally shut down militarily for 11 days to hunt down youths who staged a militant demonstration last year.

Criticizing the Likud Party takes the heat off the equally fascist Labor Party. Both parties are reactionary to the bone. Even Begin has stated that the only difference between the Labor Party and the Likud Party concerns differences on handling the occupied lands.

CARTER'S "PALESTINIAN HOMELAND" COMES OUT SMELLING LIKE A ROSE

In comparison to the ravings of Menachem Begin, Carter's "Palestinian homeland" scheme (Continued on page 13)



Hotel workers, in the laundry room of one of the large hotels owned by the U.S. monopoly capitalists, will gain victory in their fight for a decent contract by following the leadership of the rank-and-file strike committee.

HAWAII HOTEL WORKERS

MOUNT STRUGGLE FOR NEW CONTRACT

The capitalists call Hawaii the land of paradise, the islands of palm trees and hula girls: "Happy Hawaii." They spread this travel-agency lie far and wide, luring tourists and bringing millions of dollars of tourist cash into their pockets.

Behind this lie of "paradise," hotel maids have to clean 16 or more rooms per day, with more and more check-outs and general cleanings. Cooks and pantry ladies are forced to keep up with hundreds of meals per day, in addition to their preparation work. Dishwashers and janitors work with less and less staff, and then are forced to do each others' work to make up for the staffing cuts.

In the hotels, these big vultures especially prey on immigrant workers, the oppressed nationalities and women. The majority of hotel workers are Filipinos, Hawaiians and other oppressed nationalities. All the hotel maids, who are the bulk of the hotel workforce, are women.

The big bosses who own and run the hotels are these same monopoly capitalists who own and run all of Hawaii and the U.S. I.T.&T., owner of the Sheraton-Waikiki, also ordered the CIA's overthrow of President Allende in Chile and pulled the pay-off strings in Watergate. Laurence Rockefeller runs his Mauna Kea Hotel for his profits and pleasure.

"When the missionaries came, we had the land and they had the Bible; now they have the land, and we have the Bible." The Big 5 families stole Hawaii's land from the small farmers, and now they and other monopoly capitalists like the Dolc Corporation own the giant sugar and pineapple fields and canneries, the condominiums and golf courses. They have turned the islands into a huge military base for U.S. imperialism in the Pacific. They have run bomb tests on Kahoolawe Island. They have forced all the workers and oppressed people in Hawaii to swallow high unemployment, high inflation and low wages.

But the people of Hawaii have always fought fiercely against every attack by the bosses and imperialists.

In the days of the plantations, the beating up of the hated lunas (foremen), and the strikes of tens of thousands of workers were common. The docks as well as the plantations were scenes of heroic acts of resistance to the monopoly capitalists. Blood was shed in fighting for our unions, time and time again. And the Hawaiian masses are standing up for their national rights, their militancy and consciousness rising to higher levels in the course of struggle.

This is the historic legacy that provides the background to every struggle against the US monopoly capitalists! The hotel workers are sure to write another glorious chapter and are sure to be victorious!

WORKERS OF LOCAL 5, JOIN THE RANK AND FILE STRIKE COMMITTEE:

FIGHT FOR A DECENT CONTRACT!
TAKE OUR UNION BACK!

We in the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, Local 5 (AFL-CIO), have a new contract coming up -- it's in negotiations right now.

The way it's shaping up, the bosses and their willing servants in the leadership of our union will once again try to make us tighten our belts, telling us that we have to sacrifice so the company can keep its profits up. They will try once again to force us to swallow the bitter pill of low wages, cutbacks and speedups to "keep the industry going".

And who keeps this industry going? We do! How many times have we busted our humps just to get the work done on time because they kept cutting back our fellow workers? And how many times have we been written up with a C and A -- "because we couldn't do the work"? It's our work and sweat that makes things move, yet the management tells us that we "can't do the work well"!

But we not only make the industry move -- we can also stop it cold.

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MAY DAY



Marching through the Los Angeles South Central Afro-American community, the organized, spirited, and militant march brought

forth clenched fists and other signs of support from the masses that watched the march. Many joined the march and rally.

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victory was the steel-like discipline and organization of our May Day demonstration each step of the way.

The great teacher and leader of the Russian and international proletariat, Lenin, said the proletariat has no other weapon than organization. This lesson was grasped deeply in the course of waging the May Day campaign. Every aspect, from speaker systems to chants, was consciously planned out, tested and retested, and hooked up concretely to become part of the overall campaign.

And through the workers' enthusiasm and hard work, the correct political line became a living, breathing proletarian army, a material force against the criminal monopoly capitalist class!

LENIN SAID THAT THE PROLETARIAT HAS NO OTHER WEAPON THAN ORGANIZATION. THIS LESSON WAS GRASPED DEEPLY IN THE COURSE OF WAGING THE MAY DAY CAMPAIGN.

HOW WAS THE SUCCESSFUL MOBILIZATION FOR MAY DAY CARRIED OUT?

The militant workers drawn to the WVO and the large number who turned out for our demonstrations shows clearly the stunning success of May Day.

At the May Day Organizing Committee and at the build-up dinners beforehand, workers gave short political agitation raps as part of the political education. The excellent May Day slide show gave the history of the working class struggle against capitalism, and showed why socialism is the only solution to capitalist oppression of the workers. Revolutionary songs like the Internationale, the battle hymn of the international working class as well as songs such as "Break the Chains," "Three Great Traditions" and "Mira La."

Seeing the revolutionary spirit and organization of our May Day events, workers were enthusiastic and went all out to mobilize other workers. They leafletted, posterred and talked to others. Hard work such as this brought out the large number of people for our revolutionary proletarian holiday.

We discussed how to mobilize other workers. In the beginning, we set up an "outreach committee," a separate body for mobilization, but soon saw that this was incorrect. We saw that we had to rely on the mass organizations that it was the task of every mass organization to mobilize for the May Day events. This was not a separate task for separate committees, for who was better able to mobilize the masses than the mass organizations and caucuses who knew concretely the people and the concrete situation in each area of work.

May Day proved that the working class and oppressed masses have boundless creative power and the most highly developed organizational ability. Workers became powerful agitators that moved the masses. Most importantly, the enthusiasm and initiative of all workers there were unleashed for the class struggle we face everyday and for the struggle for proletarian revolution in the United States. May Day 1977 concretely sharpened the weapon of organization, tempering it like steel, readying it for the final onslaught against the U.S. monopoly capitalist class.

May Day 1977 showed how bright the future is for the working class and oppressed masses in the U.S! It was clear proof that the vanguard communist party of the U.S. proletariat is visible on the horizon. And May Day showed clearly that the fusion of the working class movement and the communist movement has never been higher since the 1950's. May Day, 1977 shows that proletarian revolution is knocking at the door of the U.S. monopoly capitalists and a socialist United States is nearer than ever before!

MAY DAY PROVED THAT THE WORKING CLASS AND OPPRESSED MASSES HAVE ROUNDLESS CREATIVE POWER AND THE MOST DEVELOPED ORGANIZATIONAL ABILITY.

MARX

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sists of grasping and implementing the correct line on the organizational sphere of the Workers Viewpoint Organization, the concrete key link for the foundation of the Party.

The correctness or incorrectness of the ideological and political line is decisive. The correctness of the ideological and political line includes correctness of principles, plan, tactics, policy, command and action. Any break along this chain is bound to have serious effects on the working class; it can sabotage the preparation for the dictatorship of the proletariat.

THEORY IS OUR GUIDE IN DEVELOPING A PROFOUND GRASP OF THE PRACTICAL MOVEMENT!

Theory is the summation and synthesis of the sum total of experience, historical experience in its general aspect. Chairman Mao said that the correctness of generality resides in the particular. To have a correct understanding of theory and shoot it at the concrete target of the U.S. revolution, namely a correct ideological and political line, we must use theory as a guide (and not as dogma) to develop "a profound grasp of the practical movement." The correctness of our grasp and application of theory is revealed in our grasp of the particulars of class struggle and the practical movement, as class struggle is always concrete.

One form that the failure to make a concrete analysis of concrete conditions is book worship. This is an extremely dangerous deviation with important consequences, as Chairman Mao pointed out:

"The method of studying the social sciences exclusively from the book is likewise extremely dangerous and may even lead one onto the road of counter-revolution. Clear proof of this is provided by the fact that whole batches of Chinese Communists who confined themselves to books in their study of the social sciences have turned into counter-revolutionaries. When we say Marxism is correct, it is certainly not because Marx was a 'prophet' but because his theory has been proved correct in our practice and in our struggle. We need Marxism in our struggle. In our acceptance of his theory no such formalistic or mystical notion as that of 'prophecy' ever enters our minds. Many who have read Marxist books have become renegades from the revolution, whereas illiterate workers often grasp Marxism very well. Of course we should study Marxist books, but this study must be integrated with our country's actual conditions. We need books, but we must overcome book worship, which is divorced from the actual situation.

How can we overcome book worship? The only way is to investigate the actual situation."

History has given us notorious examples of such "book-worshippers."

Prior to the October revolution in Russia Marxists assumed that socialist revolution would occur first in advanced capitalist countries (such as Germany or England) or in close connection with the socialist revolution in them. The October revolution raised the question of whether socialism could exist in one or a few countries. Could socialism exist in capitalistically less-developed Russia without the aid of socialism in more-developed Western Europe?

Lenin made a concrete analysis of concrete conditions and soberly summed-up the reality of the October revolution. Not only could socialism exist in one or few countries, concluded Lenin, but the new-born Soviet Russia was concrete, living proof of this! This was due to the specific features of the international situation and concrete class forces in Russia at that time, as well as the Bolshevik's understanding and utilization of these concrete facts. (See Stalin's, "The October Revolution And The Tactics Of The Russian Communists", in the collection, On The Opposition.)

Trotsky, on the other hand, was blind to this reality. He was blinded by his book-worship and the "beauty" of his
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PALESTINE

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land" comes out smelling like a rose. But Carter's sell-out "Palestinian homeland" scheme (resettling 2 million Palestinian refugees on a wretched, miserable sliver of land, most probably the worst areas of the West Bank) is far craftier, far more sophisticated and deadly. Carter, that sly fox, is pushing the "Palestinian homeland" in order to split the ranks of the PLO and create confusion within the united front of Arab and Third World peoples. Like the Soviet Social Imperialists' "ministate" scheme, the "Palestinian homeland" is a sell-out which tries to undermine the determination of the Palestinian people to liberate all of Palestine and smash the Zionist settler state of Israel. Carter's "Palestinian homeland" scheme is no olive branch of peace - it is a poisonous weed. Like the Soviet Social Imperialists' "ministate", it exploits the Arab peoples' genuine desire for the nation of Palestine by pushing a sell-out plan.

So Begin or no Begin, Likud Party or no Likud Party, the imperialists will try to force a "Palestinian homeland" policy on the Israeli government. (Already Begin, knuckling under pressure, is adopting more and more of Carter's line.)

SMASH THE IMPERIALIST POLICY OF "NO PEACE, NO WAR"

Carter's "Palestinian homeland" scheme is a further development of the old U.S. imperialist policy in the Middle East -- talk "peace", but arm Israel to the teeth. Talk tough about "defensible borders for Israel", while offering fake peace plans like the "Palestinian homeland". Try to beat the PLO into submission with scare stories about hijacked uranium shipments to Israeli nuclear plants, at the same time promising to negotiate on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip at the next Geneva conference.

So who wins in this "no peace, no war" stalemate? The superpowers hope to, by controlling both war and peace. "No war, no peace" means brief fighting, followed by a period of truce, with both war and peace under the control of the two superpowers (see WV newspaper, Vol. 1, No. 5). Both superpowers need the existence of Israel to split the Arabs, to reap huge profits in arms sales, to test new weapons for a new world war, in order to grab for control of the area. The Soviet Social Imperialists, a leaner, hungrier superpower, the main source of war, especially needs Israel in order to get into the Middle East. A Palestinian victory would end the Soviet Social Imperialists' dream of dominating the Arab nations and controlling the superprofits in oil.

WHY PUSH THE "PALESTINIAN HOMELAND" SCHEME NOW?

But why push the "Palestinian homeland" scheme now? The superpowers are forced to rely on crafty schemes like the "ministate" and "Palestinian homeland" because of the increasingly powerful resistance of the Palestinian people.

The Palestinian people are unstoppable. Their victory is inevitable. For thirty years, ever since the Western imperialists set-up the settler state of Israel in 1948, the struggle for the Palestinian nation has continued to thrive and grow into a mighty, surging tide. On March 8 of last year, the superpowers were helpless as the Palestinian people on the West Bank rose up against Israeli oppression. Shopkeepers, students, teachers, workers, all rose up as one fist against Zionism and superpower meddling in the Middle East. Starting with a strike in Nablus, it spread into a general strike of the entire West Bank. Attacks by the Zionist police on the strikers were constantly beaten back. And on June 5 of this year, again tens of thousands of Palestinian working people took to the streets and went on a general strike. Fueled by the massacre of Palestinian patriots and outraged by the constant repression of the Arab people on the West Bank, the strikers



Soviet Social Imperialism ENEMY OF THE ARAB AND THE WORLD'S PEOPLES

The stakes are high in the Middle East. The two superpowers know that whoever controls the Middle East controls the vast oil reserves that are the life-line of Europe. The focus of war preparations between the two superpowers. Both superpowers fear the staunch will to fight-to-the-end of the Arab people. That is one reason why both superpowers need, in fact require the existence of Israel, to bust up the solidarity of the Arab peoples and splinter and disintegrate the liberation movement. And the "Palestinian homeland" scheme of the U.S. imperialists and the "ministate" trick of the Soviet Social Imperialists guarantee the existence of the Zionist settler state.

Soviet Social Imperialism, though less exposed than U.S. imperialism and hiding under a "socialist" cover and therefore more dangerous, has actively sought to sabotage the unity of the Arab peoples. In addition to their notorious "ministate" scheme the Soviet Social Imperialists in the 1973 war sold-out the Arab military drive against Israel by calling for a truce, just when victory was in hand. Then Secretary of State Rogers and Soviet ambassador

Gromyko during the war drew up plans for a "peaceful settlement" and cease-fire in the Middle East to preserve the "no peace, no war" policy. During the Oct. war, the Soviet Social Imperialists withheld arms shipments to Egypt and sent only token, decrepit arms on the condition that they be used only after the Soviet Social Imperialists gave "permission." And to further stab the Arab peoples in the back, they demanded immediate payments of debts and outrageous interest.

During the 1970 massacre of Palestinians in Jordan, the Soviet Social Imperialists supported King Hussein's slaughter and even openly stated that it would act on Jordan's behalf if other Arab powers tried to assist the Palestinians. And in Lebanon, the Soviet Social Imperialists have supplied arms to the right-wing Phalangists in Lebanon, which were then directly used against the Palestinians in the last war.

The Soviet Social Imperialists are enemies of the Arab and the world's peoples. They are bloodsuckers bent on profit and exploiting the world's peoples and resources! They are the main source of war!

defied the Zionist police and the superpowers in a great show of solidarity and unity.

Neither the imperialist talk of Menachem Begin, nor the crafty swindles of Carter can derail the historic mission of the Palestinian people to liberate all of Palestine. Each time, the superpowers have proclaimed the death of the PLO and the Palestinian struggle, and each time they have risen to deal blow after blow against Zionism and hegemonism. The superpowers gloated when King Hussein, aided by CIA director Richard Helms, with the approval of the Soviet Union, launched a massive slaughter of Palestinians guerrillas in Jordan. The superpowers figured that they would have a free hand to exploit the Arab peoples without the presence of the PLO. 20,000 Palestinians died in that slaughter in 1970 in Jordan, but the PLO arose up in ever larger numbers and even bolder acts of resistance! And in the recent war in Lebanon, the superpowers again thought that the PLO was broken. But instead, the PLO has regrouped, stronger than ever at their last Congress, and even more determined to liberate all of Palestine.

The working people of the world will lock arms with the Palestinian people, to give unconditional support to the PLO's struggle against superpower hegemonism, Zionism, racism, and imperialism!

SMASH THE SUPERPOWERS' "MINISTATE" AND "PALESTINIAN HOMELAND" SCHEMES!

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GM Wildcat

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These are the immediate developments that led up to the strike. Below the surface, however, it is the oppressive conditions inherent in production under capitalism that led workers to support the strike. It is those conditions -- the forced overtime and speedups -- that led the workers to militantly express their hatred for the monopoly capitalists like General Motors. It is these capitalists who make it absolutely clear that the workers count for nothing if we stand in the way of greater profits for the capitalist class.

TURNING THE CORNER PUTS FORWARD POSITIVE PROGRAM

From the first union meeting, the afternoon the wildcat began, workers and communists from Turning the Corner, a rank and file caucus within the Fremont plant, took the lead in putting forward a positive program of demands for the strike, and exposing Mays' attempts to straightjacket the struggle into an issue of just one foreman.

The members of Turning the Corner (TtC) actively sought out the views of their fellow workers. Summing up discussion with many workers, it was clear that the victory the workers sought in the wildcat was an end to forced overtime, speed-ups, and harassment in every department in the plant. They wanted the local contract (expired since last September!) settled, with these demands met! The workers, angered by the arrogant actions of the foreman, wanted him fired. It is these sentiments of the workers that TtC formulated into demands -- demands that spoke to the daily oppression and exploitation on the job by the monopoly capitalists:

- *NO FORCED OVERTIME
- *NO SPEEDUPS, JOB COMBINATIONS OR ELIMINATIONS
- *END HARASSMENT IN EVERY DEPARTMENT IN THE PLANT
- *FIRE THE FOREMAN WHO HIT ONE OF OUR COMMITTEEMEN

These were the demands, the deepest felt demands of their fellow workers, that TtC raised consistently throughout the strike.

MISLEADER SELLS WORKERS OUT

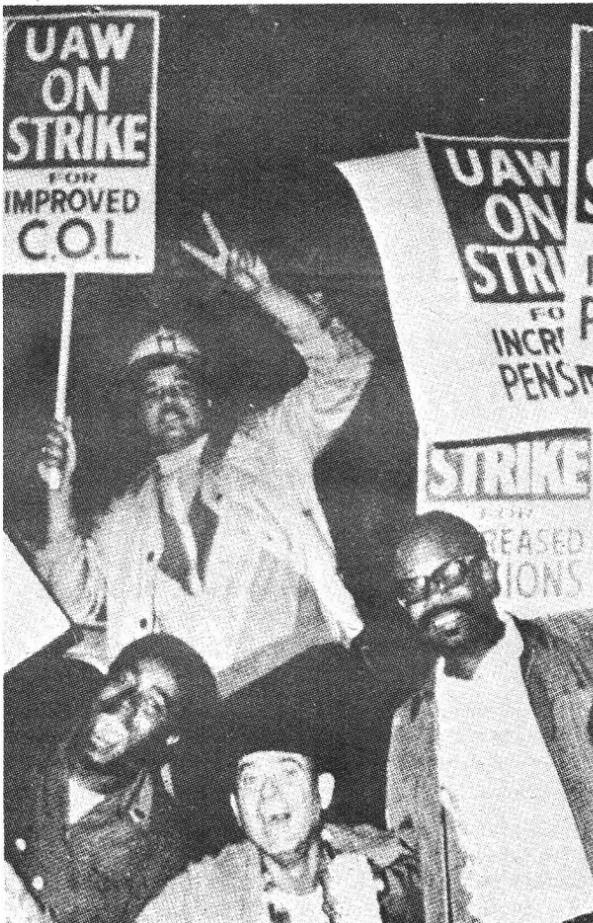
But shop chairman, Earlie Mays would only raise one demand in the strike, that one lousy foreman be removed from supervisory position. However, to be victorious, the workers had to do more than just replace one lousy foreman with another. The job of all foremen is to serve the capitalists.

The nature of misleaders like Mays is well known. They're the kind who will pat you on the back in the morning, consult with the boss, then come back and stick a knife into it that afternoon! This nature stood out more clearly as the strike unfolded. Constantly trying to divert and confuse the struggle, he attempted to weaken the strike at every turn. From the first union meeting when three of his henchmen physically stopped a worker from speaking into the microphone, to the first night when he limited the number of picketers to four and then closed down the picket line at ten o'clock. This, in the face of hundreds of workers volunteering for picket duty. This, in the face of workers who staunchly stayed on the picket line for 24 hours at a time in defiance of his orders. But feeling was running so high among the workers that on the fourth day of the wildcat representatives from the International flew in from Detroit to try to end the strike. They were met with cries of "Go back to Detroit, we don't need you!" When a vote was taken at the end of the meeting it was unanimous to stay out until the demands were met.

Mays was getting nervous by this time. His "militancy" was beginning to wear thin as his true colors as a servant of the capitalists began to show through. Seeing the need to move quickly, he dug deep into his bag of tricks and using demagoguery,

social ties, taking advantage of every opportunity to distort the struggle, he was able to temporarily confuse enough workers to enable him to sell-out the strike.

His ability to win temporary support pointed to the increased need to step up exposure work and consistent day-to-day work to win over those workers who still could not see through all the lies and distortions.



Saying "No More!" to speed-ups, forced-overtime, and harassment, GM auto-workers wild-catted for a week, before sold-out by Mays.

WILDCAT GREAT STEP FORWARD

Despite the sellout, there were tremendous gains made by the workers in the struggle against the GM capitalists.

First, it deepened the understanding of many workers as to what the strength of workers consists of: That it is the working class who are the real masters of society. That it is the workers who control and produce everything. It deepened the understanding of many workers as to the power of organization and that they were not alone in their anger. Many militant workers came forward in the strike and met each other. This makes it possible to unite to work toward a common goal and form a core of leadership to take back the union from hacks like Mays.

Second, and even more important, it provided invaluable training in class warfare for many workers. The great revolutionary Lenin called strikes "a school of war, a school in which workers

learn to make war on their enemies for the liberation of the whole people, of all who labour, from the yoke of government officials and from the yoke of capital."

The wildcat provided invaluable training in leading immediate struggles through the twists and turns, in exposing the treacherous role of misleaders and in becoming increasingly clear on their disgusting nature and deceptions. Part of the requirements for waging revolution is the political education of the working class to see through all misleaders and all their tricks. The experience of the workers at GM Fremont provides valuable experience in doing just this sort of exposure work.

This training in the heat of class struggle, in the struggle around immediate demands, is preparation for socialist revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat when the working class will take control of industry and resources and use them to serve the working class and oppressed.

TtC PROVIDED LEADERSHIP

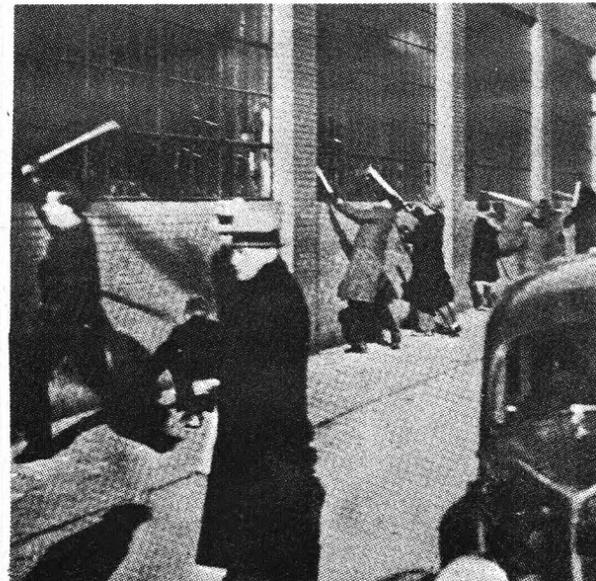
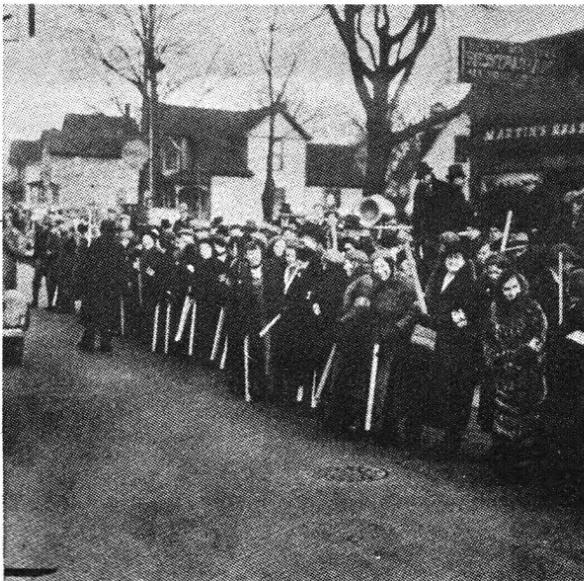
All the caucuses and organizations played a role in the strike and looking at the role of each is a good way to judge who really has the ability to give leadership to the struggles at Fremont.

Members of TtC consistently supported the picket lines and spent dozens of hours on it. TtC put forward a concrete, positive program and began to build a rank and file committee based on contact with the active workers on the picket lines. Members consistently and clearly exposed Earlie Mays throughout the strike and predicted his sellout, thus providing real political training and education for workers. In only one leaflet did TtC soften this exposure. When Mays was riding high and a large number of workers were temporarily fooled by him, TtC,

failed to criticize him in one leaflet. When Mays finally did sell out the struggle, TtC did open, bold exposure during the union meeting inside and outside on a bullhorn, before and after the meeting.

Summing up the error later, members of TtC turned the experience into a valuable lesson through practicing criticism-self criticism. TtC came to a deeper understanding of the fact that the more seemingly militant a misleader is, the more dangerous he is. As Mays' popularity grew due to his ability to play on the workers' revolutionary sentiments only to gain his own ends, the exposure of him should have been sharpened and stepped up. But not grasping tightly that the masses of workers would see the correctness of TtC, we at one point were not consistent in his exposure. Consequently, this left some workers open to Mays' slick talking. Because of this deeper understanding, TtC is confident that the next time a similar situation comes along, they will carry through to the end the exposure of all misleaders, who would strangle, smother, and divert the struggle away from the monopoly capitalists.

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Auto-workers have some of the richest history struggle of the US working class. The above scenes from the "Great Flint, Michigan sit-down strike" in 1937, shows the staunchness and solidarity of working women, like this "Women's Emergency Brigade" on the left, and on the right workers applying pressure on the company to settle.

GM Wildcat

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OPPORTUNISTS DID NO EXPOSURE!

Another rank and file caucus at the plant, On The Line, led by the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), objectively collaborated with Mays during the strike. They abandoned their major responsibility to warn the workers that Mays is and always will be a sell-out careerist bought and paid for by GM and serving them only. They abandoned political leadership in exposing the role, nature, tactics, and interest of misleaders like Earlie Mays by doing no exposure work in their leaflets during the wildcat. Instead, they tailed Mays and helped prepare the masses for a sell-out. On the Line did absolutely no self-criticism for their lack of exposure work, but instead attempted to use their line that workers can simply "roll on and rollover" misleaders, to cover their rearward lack of exposure during the strike.

Building on the advances made in the wildcat, the workers at GM Fremont are becoming clearer on the role of misleaders like Mays. In fact as a reward for his betrayal and consistent history of selling out, Mays was given a position in the International! This is just the sort of guy GM and the misleaders of the International want in higher positions in the union to serve as a shield between workers and the company. And since Mays can't be voted out of his new position it is certain that he'll even be a more faithful servant to his GM capitalist masters than he was when he was shop chairman! When Mays ran for shop chairman in 1973, trying to appeal to the workers' revolutionary desire to be represented by a militant fighter, Mays mouthed a lot of nice-sounding words.

He talked about "people power", "dignity on the shop floor", and "union democracy". But for all his militant talk, it became clear after the election that he was a loyal servant of the GM bosses.

During last year's national contract struggle, the rank and file members voted for no forced overtime during negotiations. This was to ensure that GM wouldn't be able to stockpile in preparation for a strike. Mays was instrumental in vetoing this rank and file decision, calling it "unconstitutional".

In the last local contract, the workers won "early out on Friday" (i.e. no forced overtime), but Mays and his pack let the company take this away without even putting up a fight. While the contract is supposed to limit the amount of work the company can put on jobs, job combinations and eliminations are forced on the workers all the time, meanwhile Mays and his gang try to keep them from filing grievances.

BENEFITS CUT

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result of a strike, is to attack the right to strike of workers in the coal mines.

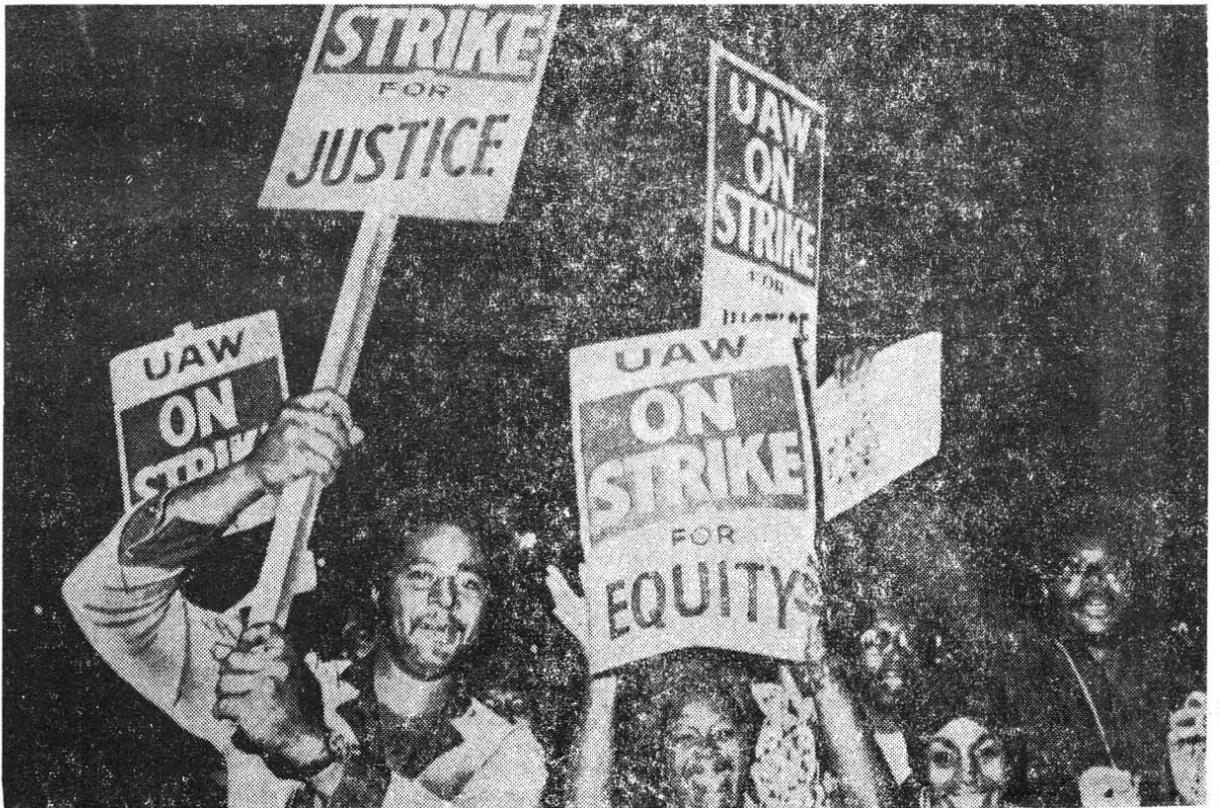
When an Ohio worker, Leonard Hodory, was laid off from his job as a millwright apprentice at the Youngstown plant of US Steel, in November 1974, he was denied unemployment pay. Along with 1250 other workers, he was laid off after a strike took place by the United Mine Workers at coal mines supplying US Steel. The strike had cut off fuel supplies and crippled production at the steel plant.

The coal monopolists are well aware of the power of the miners to paralyze other industries, especially steel and railroads. And they are frantic over the unprecedented upsurge of wildcat strikes -- which none of their lackey union misleaders are able to stop. They are in a panic at the fact the mineworkers contract struggle is coming up soon.

By cutting benefits to workers in other industries when they strike the same company, the bosses hope to turn

TAKE BACK LOCAL IN '78

But workers don't strike and learn nothing. Workers don't take up the banner of class struggle to be defeated by misleaders like Mays. Elections for top union officials in the United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 1364 in Fremont are still one year away but already workers have launched a campaign to take back the local. A year goes by very quickly and one concrete lesson in the struggle for a fighting democratic union has been that planned, organized, consistent work is the only way to build a movement representing the true demands and sentiments of the 5600 GM workers at the Fremont plant. Although Mays will not be running, there is still a great need to build a powerful campaign. His political machine will put a new face who will have to also be exposed.



The GM wildcat was a continuation of the militant tradition of the auto-workers, like these Chrysler workers in the above photo. Under the banner of "Make our union a fighting democratic union", and "Kick out the sell-out mis-leader Earlie Mays", GM workers are on the road to taking the union back.

Other misleaders are sure to crop up as GM and the International look for a new "leader" to do their bidding by posing as a representative of the workers while diverting them from struggle.

This campaign was kicked off by Turning the Corner under the banner of "Make our union a fighting democratic union for the workers! Kick out the sell-out misleader Earlie Mays!" Because they actively talk to, listen to, and have confidence in the masses of workers, -- because they base their stand and positions on summing up the workers' real sentiments, because they criticize and correct their mistakes, TtC's monthly newsletter has already received an overwhelming positive response. They plan

steelworkers against mineworkers. Through the Supreme Court, the monopolists hope to pin the blame for layoffs on fellow workers.

But this latest scheme of divide and conquer is bound to fail. Mineworkers and other workers have already proven time after time their determination to defend the right to strike against a whole range of attacks by the state, and the tricks of the lackey union mis-leaders.

These two rulings are only a continuation of the stepped up attacks on the US working class, by the monopoly capitalists. But the working class is more and more realizing, that in unity and organization there is strength. The rank and file, across industries, are pointing their fingers at the real class responsible for layoffs and unemployment in the first place--the monopoly capitalists and their courts.

DEFEND THE RIGHT TO STRIKE !

WORKERS UNITE IN OUR STRUGGLES AGAINST THE BOSSES!

to build the struggle by giving leadership in day to day struggles, having activities such as fundraisers, and getting around to talk to workers in every part of the plant.

One worker summed up the revolutionary desire to take back the union by writing a song called "GM Blues".

I got the blues, G-M-A(ssembly)-D(ivision) Blues

I got the blues, G-M-A-D Blues
Well, cause I ain't got me no union

And still I got to pay the union dues.

(From "GM Blues" written by a worker in the Fremont plant)

"EVERY FACTORY A FORTRESS"

Under communist leadership, this

plant will become a fortress as we struggle for immediate demands, and link them to the necessity to overthrow this rotten capitalist system which is the root of all our oppression -- once and for all!

As the great Lenin taught:

"The main strength of the movement lies in the organization of the workers at large factories, for the large factories (and mills) contain not only the predominant part of the working class as regards numbers, but even more as regards influence, development, and fighting capacity. Every factory must be our fortress."

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KILLING

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Afro-American people in the Black Belt South. But the ALSC and the WVO are working to provide correct leadership to the struggle in Whittakers.

STRUGGLE FOR THE RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION OF AFRO-AMERICANS IN THE BLACK BELT SOUTH.

The Afro-American people are an oppressed nation inside the Black Belt South. The police and their jails are used to crush the Afro-American people and faithfully serve the ruling minority class. This is why scum like Judge can spend their lives robbing the masses in their stores and fattening from the rent for their rotting houses, protected by the police and the courts. This rotten system must be overthrown to win equality for the Afro-American masses.

One pillar that keeps the system standing is that a small exploiting handful of landlords own the land. This is one of the many remnants of slave and semi-feudal relations that were part of the developing capitalist system in the US.

Afro-Americans still work their lives away on land their ancestors farmed, turning over 1/3 or 1/2 of their crops to the owner of the land, renting a house the landlord owns and sinking deeper into debt and poverty as they buy in his store.

We must struggle to end this system of land ownership, and struggle for the demand of "Land to the Tiller".

The masses of people still remember the betrayal of Reconstruction, when every slave family was promised 40 acres and a mule. Promises that the capitalist government never kept.

The demand for land is still on the minds of the masses, a demand of the sharecropper and the tenant farmer. This is a powerful demand that brings fear into the hearts of the white landlords.

The most basic demand is for the right of self-determination of the Afro-American people in the Black Belt South.

This means that not only must we fight for the Afro-American masses to have equal rights with the whites in the Black Belt South (as well as in the North), but we must also fight to uphold the right of self-determination for the Afro-American people in the Black Belt South. Upholding their democratic rights, means



Like the 500 who marched in protest of the murder of Lee, the masses have always fought against the likes of Judge and the U.S. monopoly capitalist class, responsible for the national oppression of Afro-Americans.

up to and including political secession, for the right to secede and form their own country is a democratic right of an oppressed nation.

This right must be upheld even if the Afro-American people decide not to do so, the same as the right to divorce.

Political secession would mean the right to self-government in the entire region of the Black Belt South, to control the courts, legislatures, law enforcement, etc. All this power is now in the hands of the bourgeoisie, whose rule must be smashed in a revolutionary struggle for self-determination and socialism.

Only by struggling against the US imperialists, against the power of the Wall Street capitalists and their government agents in Washington, D.C., can the Afro-American masses in the Black Belt South win their struggle for self-determination and equal rights. For it is the power of the monopoly capitalists who support the local oligarchy on whose power the Judges and their type rests.

THIS DEMAND IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF WHITE WORKERS.

The demand for self-determination of the Afro-Americans in the Black Belt

South is in the best interests of the white workers as well, since the enemy is the same. **Only by overthrowing the bourgeoisie, emancipating labor of all colors and nationalities, will white labor be freed from wage slavery.** White workers must take up the demands of the Afro-American masses in the Black Belt South as their own, and fight side by side for these demands.

It is through a joint struggle for self-determination and equal rights that the unshakeable unity of the entire working class will be forged.

Guided by the science of revolution, Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, and led by the genuine vanguard Party, we will overthrow our common enemy-imperialism.

Communists must be in the forefront of this struggle against class exploitation and national oppression and work tirelessly to assure that the anger of the workers and oppressed people take the revolutionary path against the bourgeoisie. Every spark of resistance will be fanned into a bright revolutionary flame to destroy this rotten system. The struggle at Whittakers is an important part of this growing revolutionary struggle in the Black Belt South.

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Japan produces the most steel internationally, but can only sell it by having a large export market. The US is the main buyer of Japanese steel. Why? Because, in order for the capitalists to be maintained in power, the US must help these economies and governments, amidst the rising storm of working class resistance. Therefore, the US imperialists must absorb some of the steel from Japan.

On the other hand, there is also the factor that Japanese steel is cheaper than steel produced in the US. The Japanese steel industry has more modern equipment and plant, while the US imperialist stagnation has made it unable to invest in new machinery and plant and therefore able to produce steel as cheaply.

SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALIST ATTEMPT TO DOMINATE SECOND WORLD COUNTRIES ALSO.

The Soviet social-imperialist (SSI), latecomers to the imperialist feast, and more hungrier than the US imperialist, also attempt to dominate the eastern European countries of the Second World.

Under the Soviet Union's hegemonist "international division of labor", they restrict the development of industry in Eastern Europe so that they will have a dumping ground for their excess industrial products, and as a sphere of investment.

For example the Bulgarian steel market gets 98% of their high quality steel from the Soviet Union. In addition, raw materials of the steel mills in Bulgaria are supplied by the Soviet Union (85% of the iron ore and 90% of the coke). The Bulgarian government, which is tied into the Soviet dominated Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA), can hardly consider the price of imported steel, which runs as high as 78% higher than domestic Soviet prices, "mutual assistance" (Peking Review, #51, 1976).

But the Soviet social-imperialists cannot carry out their oppressive policy in eastern Europe for long, without meeting the stiff resistance of the working classes in those countries.

SECOND WORLD COUNTRIES RESIST US DOMINATION AND HEGEMONY.

The antagonistic contradiction between imperialist bourgeoisies is absolute, as each tries to find its place in the sun, at the expense of the other.

In their true dog eat dog manner, the Japanese imperialist have stepped up their penetration of the US steel market. Striving for more trade agreements with the European countries, that is to restrict imports into Europe, and step up imports into the US, the Japanese and European imperialists are attempting to keep the world capitalist crisis from falling the hardest on their backs, as all the other imperialists are doing.

SECOND WORLD RESISTANCE TO DOMINATION WEAKENS BOTH SUPERPOWERS.

The two superpowers, US and SSI, are stirring up a lot of dust in their con-

tention over the juicy Second World Countries. They desire more than ever to keep the Second and Third World countries within their spheres of influence, but are finding the goings increasingly more difficult.

The Second World countries are turning to the Third World countries such as the Middle Eastern countries, South East Asia and China to sell their products. Japan, for example, is considering building a steel mill in Brazil. These trade relations are still imperialist in nature, an attempt to carry out unequal trade relations to benefit the imperialists, and exploit the working classes and oppressed peoples in those countries. But these relations do strike a blow at Superpower hegemony.

The increased ties between the Second and Third World countries weakens both US and SSI. In the conflict in the Middle East, the Japanese and French governments were forced to take a stand to support the independence of the Arab countries from the Zionist expansionism of Israel. This concretely weakened the US and SSI attempts to dominate the Middle East, with their "no war, no peace", policy (see article in *Workers Viewpoint*, August 1976, "Lebanon: Arab People's Unity Hits Superpowers and All Reaction").

TROTSKYISM JUMPING OUT ON THE SECOND WORLD.

Some forces argue that agreement between the Second World imperialists is an attack on the working class in the Second World and therefore such agreements (for example, steel agreements between Europe and Japan) should be opposed.

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Our error is due to our failure to do a more in-depth analysis of the laws of political economy in that period and our lack of clarity on this aspect of history. Under the pressure of press deadline, there was a lack of meticulousness toward this and other aspects of the article, reflecting our shortcomings in the organizational sphere.

2. The comrade's point on the Civil War being fought over markets is incorrect. Although we did not explain it clearly, in the final analysis the Civil War was a struggle mainly between the Northern industrial bourgeoisie and the Southern planters over what form of labor, slave, or "free wage-labor" was best. It was no accident that slavery became the main issue of the Civil War. The destruction of slave labor was in the interest of the Northern industrialists, independent of their will (they vacillated for a while before recognizing this). Rising capitalism needs a vast pool of "free" labor and slavery was a great obstacle to its development.

The American Civil War was of tremendous importance for the developing international and U.S. proletariat. It was the pressure of the U.S. proletariat along with the Afro-American masses who forced the Northern bourgeoisie to take up its mission of advancing the bourgeois democratic revolution. And it was the English proletariat who carried out their internationalist duty by preventing the British capitalists and landlords from interfering in the war on the side of the South. The birth of the 8-hour day movement after the Civil War proves the revolutionary effect of the struggle against slavery on the development of the US labor movement. The revolutionary Lenin spoke of the "immense, world-historic, progressive and revolutionary significance of the American Civil War of 1863-65!" If we narrowly view the Civil War as a struggle over "national market" we miss its true meaning.

3. The dominant revolutionary philosophy during the period of slave revolts was bourgeois, and it was incorrect for us

to say that they failed in the U.S. due to the lack of a "correct revolutionary theory", Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. This was an error of idealism, of taking ideas and theories outside of the context of time, place and the material conditions that give rise to these ideas. Why did the Haitian insurrection succeed and those in the U.S. fail? The answer lies in analysing the leadership of the various revolts, what trends within the bourgeois democratic movement they represented, what relation they had to other class forces at the time, etc. In addition, when we look at the success



Harriet Tubman, an organizer of the underground railroad, that carried slaves out of the South, is a symbol of Afro-American people's struggle.

of the Haitian revolt, we must take into account that the French Empire was in the midst of collapse, trapped by various internal and external contradictions.

4. We disagree with the comrade's position on house slaves vs. field slaves.

House slaves as a strata played a revolutionary role. There are numerous historical examples of house slaves poisoning their masters, of passing information between plantations, of spying on the plans of the plantation owners, of aiding in countless other ways the slave insurrections. It is incorrect to view the house slaves as a bought-off strata as the labor aristocracy is today. Whether to unite with a particular strata or class depends on the objective class position and interests of that strata. If there is a basis for unity, as there was between house and field slaves, then true revolutionaries actively strive to unite. We cannot take a passive, wait-for-the-revolution-and-see approach.

5. Kizzy's role and its concrete effect on the "Roots" audience was not that of a "field slave" rejecting a "house slave". One aspect of "Roots" distortion of Afro-American history lies in the fact that it plays up the more sensational aspects of slavery such as the whippings and rapes, but downplays the more fundamental oppression of slaves--the daily toil in the fields.

Comrade, you are speculating on the "differences" between African-born slaves and American-born. This only serves the bourgeoisie. You totally disregard the fact that there are also classes in Africa, which gives rise to different responses to oppression.

What are the class effects of such academic speculation? To talk about the "differences" between the two is to compromise with bourgeois nationalists like Stokely Carmichael, who would like nothing better than to make the Afro-American masses forget about class differences and split Afro-Americans who remember their "Africaness" from those who don't. Academic speculation such as this provides the bourgeoisie with a theoretical justification to split the Afro-American masses in the hopes of putting off their inevitable doom.

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This argument aides the US and SSI, the two main enemies of the peoples of the world. This argument is also clearly Trotskyite, and traitorous to the working class and the Russian Revolution, for it sees world revolution as made by the international proletariat together and simultaneously in one fell swoop, one single act.

They do not see world revolution as consisting of decades of hard struggle, consisting of movements of countries want independence (which includes Second World countries' attempts to safeguard their national sovereignty against the two superpowers), nations want liberation, and peoples want revolution. In seeing this simultaneous, one single act, world revolution, they deny the real struggles to weaken the main imperialists, and the objective mutual support these movements lend each other--with all their natural unevenness and development.

Governed by their petty-bourgeois workerist morality, they do not put the working class struggle in the real international context: that whatever weakens the Superpowers in this period, weakens the bourgeoisie in the Second World countries, and therefore creates favorable conditions for the working class to overthrow the bourgeoisie in the Second World. This dialectic also applies to the Third World's struggle against the Superpowers and the oppressed peoples struggle against all reaction.

That is why those same forces that come out opposing the Second World's struggles with the Superpowers (the First World), will inevitably come out opposing the Third World's struggle against the US and SSI.

US IMPERIALIST WANT TO AVOID TRADE WARS

So the U.S. imperialists are caught in a bind. They have to support the lesser imperialist countries, to tighten up alliances in preparation for war with its main threat, the Soviet social-imperialists. At the same time they are locked in a fierce war for markets with these lesser imperialists.

If they put up trade barriers, it would be destructive to the profits for both sides and obstruct the policy of tightening up the alliance in preparation for war. But the Second World countries are uniting against them and threatening their markets.

The U.S. imperialist policy has been one of clearly avoiding trade wars by seeking compromises and stepping up the attacks on the working class. This was shown clearly by the Carter administration's handling of the demand for stiff quotas on textile imports.

IMPORT CAMPAIGN A CHAUVINIST CAMPAIGN TO PREPARE US MASSES FOR WORLD WAR

While the U.S. imperialist policy is one of clearly avoiding trade wars, to attempt to unite with the Second World to deal with the Soviet Union, another Superpower, the steel barons and misleaders campaign to restrict steel imports aid the bourgeoisie in carrying out its blood-thirsty preparations for war.

The campaign is another attempt to get the U.S. working class to believe that the cause of our layoffs and wretched conditions is due to other workers around the world. That we, the working class, and the bourgeoisie should unite in our "common" interest to save America.

To this the working class has historically said that "we have nothing in common with our oppressors." By attempting to turn the working class against Japanese workers, the U.S. imperialists are trying to divert us from fighting the

real cause of the crisis -- them! Through the lie that we have common interests in saving America, they are trying to get us to fight their wars of aggression to ensure their profits and markets.

But the working class must support each other's struggles, like the United Auto Workers supported their fellow workers in Canada, or like the Hong Kong garment workers supported the Texas Farah strikers in 1974.

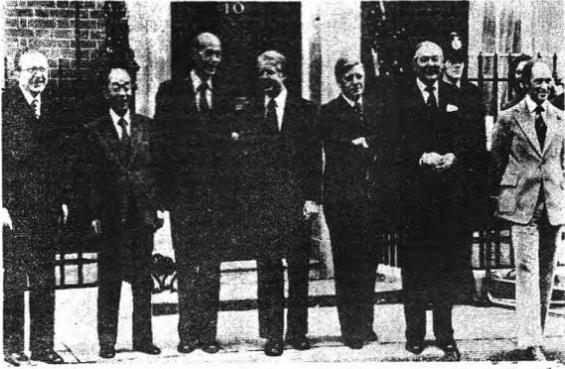
Through the Bicentennial campaign to "love America," that is to love the criminal rule of the U.S. bourgeoisie, and the various "buy American" and import restriction campaigns aimed at workers of other countries, the U.S. ruling class is trying to strengthen national chauvinism among the U.S. working class. This national chauvinism, though not aimed directly at the Soviet Union, but at Japan and other workers, can easily be transferred. The Soviet social-imperialists are the chief threat to U.S. imperialist domination, and the imperialist power that the U.S. is gearing up for war with.

U.S. WORKING CLASS REJECTS THE BOURGEOISIE'S CHAUVINIST PROPAGANDA

The rank-and-file steel workers have soundly rejected the ENA and everyday are preparing to carry on greater struggles against this attack on the working class' right to strike. The conscious workers will also reject the "buy American" and import restriction campaigns designed to whip up national chauvinism against our class brothers and sisters struggling against the two superpowers and their own bourgeoisie, for our struggles aid each other.

SUMMIT

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The smiling faces of the European Summit participants, can't cover over the irreconcilable contradictions between US imperialism and the 2nd World.

Europe, Japan and other capitalist countries on rations; Germany (Western), Britain, France, Italy and Japan have fallen into the clutches of the U.S.A. and are meekly obeying its commands. But it would be mistaken to think that things can continue to 'go well' for 'all eternity', that these countries will tolerate the domination and oppression of the United States endlessly, that they will not endeavor to tear loose from American bondage and take the path of independent development." (Economic Problems of Socialism in the U.S.S.R., 1952, Peking edition, p. 33)

The same kind of contradiction exists between the Soviet social-imperialists and their eastern European allies. The 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia and the suppression of Polish workers' uprising last June are examples of attempts by the Soviet Union to force the eastern European countries to obey its commands. But as Stalin said, "these countries will not tolerate the domination and oppression...endlessly"

The Soviet social-imperialists continue and will continue to face opposition from their eastern European allies.

SUPERPOWERS PREPARE FOR WORLD WAR--THE MASSES MUST PREPARE!

With the European Summit and the NATO meeting, US imperialism is trying to build its muscles economically, politically and militarily, preparing to grab the eastern European countries and undermine the hegemony of the Soviet social-imperialists. It has already launched its political offensive against the other superpower with certain sections of the Helsinki Accords, the "human rights" campaign (see "Human Rights" -- Cover for War Preparations, WV March-April '77), and plans to keep up the pressure with the Belgrade meeting on June 15.

However, both these meetings have failed. The contradiction among imperialists (between US imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism, between US imperialism and western Europe, and between Soviet social-imperialism and eastern Europe) cannot be resolved and are sharpening everyday. The contention between the two superpowers over Europe is leading to world war.

The masses of people around the world are raising their vigilance against the aggression of the two superpowers. The U.S. proletariat must be prepared to turn an imperialist war into a civil war against the bourgeoisie, to make socialist revolution and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat.

BACKGROUND

Imperialism & War

Why does the conflict among imperialist powers inevitably come to a head in world war? What should the response of the masses of people against this reactionary aggression be in order to turn this bad thing into a good thing?

Under capitalism, free competition, which means the sharks swallowing up the smaller fish, gives rise to the concentration of production and capital. When developed to a certain stage, this inevitably leads to monopoly.

Monopoly and the law of uneven development of capitalism are the two reasons for the inevitability of war under imperialism. As long as imperialism exists, wars break out continually.

At the stage of imperialism (monopoly capitalism), the monopoly capitalist class having centralized the ownership of whole industries among a few companies, like the Big 4 in auto, must grab and gobble markets and raw materials in other countries in order to expand profits. They must export not only goods, but capital itself, to take over industries in other countries, coming to dominate their economic and political life as well. One example is the US domination of Puerto Rico. Soon the world is divided up into spheres of influence dominated by one or another imperialist power.

Once this division of the world takes place, the intense contention among the imperialist powers for markets, sources of raw materials, outlets for investments and spheres of influence and territory inevitably lead them on the warpath to redivide the world.

Monopoly makes the uneven development of capitalism in different countries sharper. New, rising imperialist powers can develop rapidly and overtake old, weakening imperialist powers. With the world already divided up, these formerly less-developed imperialist countries challenge the old imperialist countries and take away their colonies. The new redivision of the world cannot be a peaceful exchange. It must take the form of a bloody, violent war.

At present, the two superpowers -- US imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism -- contend with each other everywhere. They are engaged in a bitter struggle for oil resources and spheres of influence in the Middle East and Persian Gulf, in southern Africa and the Indian Ocean. Soviet social-imperialism, the new, rising imperialist power is the more aggressive and less exposed superpower. Therefore it is the more dangerous and is the main source of war. Although both superpowers are the main enemies of the people of the world.

Europe, the heartland of capitalism, has become the major strategic point of contention between the 2 superpowers. They have enormous economic and military interests there and directly confront each other. Both are doing all they can to consolidate the positions they have acquired. Both are trying to pull the carpet from under each other's feet.

US imperialism has carried out infiltration and subversion in the Eastern European countries mainly through ideological propaganda agencies like Radio Free Europe and Voice of America and public opinion campaigns like the "human rights" issue. It makes use of the Warsaw Pact countries' opposition to the hegemonic rule of the Soviet social-imperialists. It also tries to win them away by giving loans, broadening trade and granting the most-favored nation status.

Soviet social-imperialism makes use of the economic crisis in Western Europe to try to overcome its own growing economic difficulties. It lures their capital, equipment and technology to build up its economic strength in contending with US imperialism.

The focus on Europe once again proves the correctness of Lenin's thesis:

"The characteristic feature of imperialism is precisely that it strives to annex not only agrarian territories, but even most highly industrialized regions, because 1) the fact that the world is already divided up obliges those contemplating a redivision to reach out for every kind of territory, and 2) an essential feature of imperialism is the rivalry between several Great powers in the striving for hegemony, i.e., for the conquest of territory not so much directly for themselves as to weaken the adversary and undermine his hegemony." (Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism)

The struggle between imperialist powers to be top dog (hegemony), as it sharpens, will result in war against the opponents. We saw this in World War I and World War II. The history of imperialism is a history of contention and war. As long as there is imperialism, there will be war.

But WWI gave rise to the first socialist state in the Soviet Union. After WWII, more countries took the historic path of socialism. This is the dialectic of the situation. Either world war will give rise to revolution or revolution will prevent world war. If there is proletarian revolution in one or the other superpowers, world war can be prevented.

But under the present circumstances, the more likely path is that world war will give rise to revolution, because of the undeveloped nature of communist leadership in the 2 superpowers. This means that the Party of the US proletariat must expose the dangerous war preparations of the imperialists and lead the masses in making preparation for the overthrow of the bourgeoisie. We are against predatory imperialist war, for it will cause heavy suffering to the masses, but we are not afraid of it. If the imperialists dare to unleash a new world war of aggression, we will turn it into a civil war. We will turn our guns around to aim at the imperialists, make socialist revolution and set up the dictatorship of the proletariat. A third world war will only lead the imperialists to their graves sooner and bring on more victories of socialism!

North-South Talks:

The growing strength and unity of the Third World countries forced the imperialist countries (mainly US and W. European countries) to agree to a "North-South dialogue". Ended just a couple of weeks ago in Paris, this 18-month Conference was supposed to deal with unequal trade between the imperialists and Third World -- a usual means used by the capitalists to exploit and oppress the Third World. The imperialist countries for their part, only want to get assurances for stable oil prices from OPEC countries (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) and refuse to get into the real issues that can affect their relationship with the Third World countries.

In fact, the imperialists tried to split the militant unity of the Third World and pit the OPEC countries against the rest -- first by trying to make the line of division between oil-producers and oil-consumers (putting themselves "on

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the side of the Third World" vs. OPEC). Then failing that, they tried to label the OPEC countries as "rich" and therefore on the side of the imperialists.

The imperialists tried to use the Conference to create the illusion of serious negotiations, to raise the expectations of the Third World to cover their real acts of aggression. US imperialism wanted to use the meeting to project an image of being a "friend" of the Third World. It hopes this will win them away from Soviet social-imperialism's influence. It also hopes to nip the revolutionary movement in the Third World in the bud. They hope that their liberal rhetoric about an "international New Deal" can cool off the just demands of the Third World. Their concessions to give a \$1 billion increase in aid, a \$1 billion special fund to reduce debts and to stabilize some raw material prices is a joke.

The demands of the Third World countries are: moratorium on debt repayments (which has accumulated to \$200 billion due to intense exploitation of the imperialists), permanently higher raw material prices, a firm commitment by the imperialist countries to give at least 0.7% of their wealth in aid each year, and involvement in global policy-making on a continuous basis.

They are sticking firm to these demands despite all the maneuverings by the imperialists to divide and divert. They exposed the double-standard used by the imperialist countries in wanting to negotiate a stable price for oil but not one for the other raw materials. They clearly saw through the "divide and rule" tactic used by the imperialists and staunchly upheld their unity with the OPEC countries. This was a great victory for the Third World countries.

MARX

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unreal theory of "permanent revolution." He pit the general line of continuing world revolution against the particular reality of socialism in Russia, and this led him to oppose in practice the dictatorship of the proletariat. Trotsky failed to see that the general truth of the world revolution lived in the concrete, particular truth of socialism in Russia.

Another book-worshiper was Wang Ming in the Chinese Revolution. He failed to make a concrete analysis of the concrete conditions of semi-feudal, semi-colonial China. Dogmatically looking at the historical experience of the October revolution, he pushed the line of taking the cities first before the countryside, a view that was incorrect given the situation in China. The consequence of his deviation was that the Chinese Communist Party suffered 90% losses in the red base areas and 100% losses in the Kuomintang-held areas. Though this line was defeated by the correct line of Chairman Mao, it was at a great price and after much bloodshed!

Only by grasping that generality resides within particularity, that truth is concrete, that the "living soul" of revolutionary theory is a concrete analysis of concrete conditions can we know the world in order to change it.

And this is precisely what Marx's example teaches us.

LEARN FROM MARX'S REVOLUTIONARY EXAMPLE!

With dialectical materialism as his scalpel, Marx dissected a simple commodity exchange and drew the conclusion that the value of every commodity is determined by the degree of socially-necessary labor time spent on its making. More important, he learned that the source of the wealth of the capitalists, profits, is surplus value created by labor. As Lenin said, "Marx traced the development of capitalism from embryonic commodity economy, from simple exchange, to its highest forms, to large-scale production."

This provided the materialist foundation for understanding the motion of classes and class society.

Marx's whole life was filled with great revolutionary deeds as well as important contributions to revolutionary science.

Marx worked on numerous revolutionary newspapers, the Rheinische Zeitung (1842), the Paris Vorwärts (1844), the Deutsch-Brüssler-Zeitung (1848-49) and the New York Tribune (1852-61.)

From 1844-45 he was active in the revolutionary movement in Paris. In 1847 both he and Engels joined the Communist League, an international revolutionary organization and the forerunner of the German Social-Democratic Labor Party. Marx and Engels wrote many things for the League, such as the Communist Manifesto, a basic text of communist thought.

Marx was banished from Belgium for his participation in the Revolution of February, 1848. He went to Germany where he was involved in various revolutionary activities. After the May uprisings of 1849 in Dresden and the Rhine Province, the German government forced him to leave. From there he went to Paris. After the June 13, 1849 demonstrations protesting the sending of French troops to suppress the revolution in Italy, Marx was banished from France. He went to London where he spent the rest of his days.

In 1864, as the working-class movement in Europe was again on the rise, Marx took the lead in founding and guiding the International Working Men's Association (the First International.)

THE PARIS COMMUNE--THE FIRST PROLETARIAN DICTATORSHIP!

Months before the Paris uprising Marx warned the workers that to overthrow the government would be an act of desperation since conditions were not favorable. But when in March, 1871, the revolt was forced upon the workers and they seized Paris, Marx praised their "Heaven-storming" courage. Although the revolution failed, Marx saw the Commune's experience had great historic importance for the course of the proletarian revolution.

Before the Commune, Marx had applied his dialectical materialism to the history of society and had

concluded that history moved forward due to the struggle of classes, the slave and the slaveowner, the serf and the lord, the worker and the capitalist--in short, between the oppressed and the opp-

ressor. He had learned that the working-class was the product of the development of industry, how it was trained, educated and organized to overthrow the capitalist class, and how the proletariat would end the existence of classes altogether:

"The advance of industry, whose involuntary promoter is the bourgeoisie, replaces the isolation of the laborers, due to competition, by their revolutionary combination, due to association. The development of Modern Industry, therefore, cuts from under its feet the very foundation on which the bourgeoisie produces and appropriates products. What the bourgeoisie, therefore, produces, above all, are its own grave-diggers. Its fall and the victory of the proletariat are equally inevitable." (Communist Manifesto.)

After the experience of the Paris Commune Marx knew how this was to come about. The working-class must "smash" the capitalist state-machinery (the army, the courts, the legislature, etc.) and not take hold of it ready-made. The working-class must replace the capitalist state with a rule of its own, the dictatorship of the proletariat!

This profound lesson, the greatest of Marx's contributions to the working-class, was the end-result of his entire life of revolutionary thinking and practice.

LONG LIVE THE LEGACY OF KARL MARX!

At Marx's graveside, Engels said that Marx was "before all else a revolutionist. His real mission in life was to contribute, in one way or another, to the overthrow of capitalist society and of the state institutions which it had brought into being, to contribute to the liberation of the modern proletariat which he was the first to make conscious of its own position and its needs, conscious of the conditions of its emancipation. Fighting was his element. And he fought with a passion, a tenacity and a success such as few could rival."

Is it any wonder that Marx's legacy is cherished by the working-class and hated by the capitalists?

HAWAII

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In the Sheraton-Waikiki, the boss suspended one of the pantry ladies for 3 days. Why? Because when he had purposely under-estimated the predicted meal count so as to avoid assigning her any help, she protested. Tired of the day-to-day grind without help, she started "cutting corners" and just stopped doing some of the work.

How many of us have "cut corners" to fight the overwork? Everywhere you turn in our union's rank & file, you see some kind of resistance against the bosses' abuses. "Cutting corners", slowdowns, sabotage and absenteeism are just the tip of the iceberg!

What this one pantry lady did shows her strong desire to fight the speedups and cutbacks, a desire we all share. But she was trying to fight the abuses by herself, and this sort of individual struggle is easy for the bosses to handle and hold down.

More and more workers are realizing that there is only one way to fight and win: we must wield our most basic weapon -- our union -- and rely on the strength of its 10,000 workers to really fight for what we want and need.

The rank and file's demand is: **FIGHT FOR A DECENT CONTRACT!**

We know that a decent contract won't just jump into our hands. We have to prepare and be united and ready for a real fight. We must prepare to strike. Only by being ready and willing to fight for what we need will we be able to force the bosses to come across with it! Prepared and united in our thousands, we will bring IT&T all the other hotel bosses to their knees!

KICK OUT THE TRAITORS IN OUR RANKS!

But just now, when we most need our union's strength, we find a bunch of traitors in the heart of our organization. We find traitors who have been bought and paid for by the hotel bosses and who do everything for the capitalists. Art Rutledge and his son Tony, who head Local 5, are doing anything and everything to kill a hard fight for a decent contract.

At the Local's recent General Meeting, we challenged his total failure to prepare for a strike, and he answered: "Well, that's something we have to discuss sometime." We have to prepare now, so that if the negotiations break down we will be ready to take the offensive against the capitalists. Rutledge even added: "It is too early to talk about striking." This is sabotage!

When we ask Rutledge about a good wage increase, he says: "If we ask the boss for a big increase in pay, they will raise the prices to the tourists, and we will lose jobs if the tourist industry goes down." Even though our last wage increase was only 5%, which didn't even keep up with rising food, clothing and rent prices, the bosses never stopped raising their prices to the tourists even for a minute! If we don't get a wage increase, they'll still cut us back -- they'll just find another excuse. But if our wages can't keep up with inflation, how are we going to feed our families and pay the bills?

And when we ask about the cutbacks, speed-ups and harassment on the job, Rutledge answers: "It's your fault if you get cut back because you show the boss you can do the extra work; just don't do it." This is a lot of crap! The only way we can stop the bosses from loading work on us is to fight for guaranteed staffing levels in the contract, and back it up with the threat of a strike if they break it.

Rutledge and his lackeys won't even tell us what will happen when the contract runs out on May 31st. If we're forced to work without a contract, what's to stop the bosses from laying us off?

At the Local's general meeting, Rutledge was even bold enough to say: "It's too early to put forward our demands, we have to see what management has to offer." He wants us to crawl to the bosses even without any definite demands, and swallow whatever they give us!

In other words: "Anything but a strike! Anything but a strong fighting union!"

No matter how many years Rutledge has been head of our union, no matter how much experience he has, he is still a misleader who has been bought and paid for by the capitalists. He doesn't stand with us but with the enemy.

RANK AND FILE STRIKE COMMITTEE: FIGHT FOR A DECENT CONTRACT! TAKE OUR UNION BACK!

Inside Local 5, the Rank & File Strike Committee is fighting for the workers against the misleaders sabotage, under the slogan: **FIGHT FOR A DECENT CONTRACT!** The Strike Committee demands:

*NO LESS THAN 15% ACROSS-THE-BOARD WAGE HIKE!
Any less than this is a loss because of inflation.

*GUARANTEE OUR STAFFING LEVELS!
We have to make sure that the bosses don't raise our pay a little, only to take it back by cutting our staff, doubling up our work and laying off our friends and ourselves. We need an end to cutbacks, speedups and layoffs.

*WRITE AND ENFORCE JOB DESCRIPTIONS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS!
Hotel management has used the lack of job descriptions to force workers to shoulder the extra work resulting from cutbacks and layoffs. We must have job descriptions to help fight this form of speedup in the hotels.

*FULL MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR ALL UNION MEMBERS!
All union members have health needs; all union members should be covered by the health plan. Stop victimizing part-time workers!

*GET RID OF THE SELLOUT CLAUSE IN THE CONTRACT THAT GIVES MANAGEMENT THE RIGHT TO APPROVE SHOP STEWARDS!
Since when should management have a say in who we workers pick as our representatives? The union is one of our weapons against management -- how can we let management tell us who we can pick to fight for us? Management hands off our union!

Under the leadership of the WVO, the Rank & File Strike Committee is fighting to kick out the misleadership that is now busting our union from inside. The Strike Committee is not fighting against the union itself or against the rank & file -- on the contrary, it is fighting for both by struggling to put the union back in the rank & file's hands.

Only the Strike Committee's positive demands can mobilize and lead the workers to victory against both the capitalists and the union misleaders. Compare this leadership by the WVO to that of fake communists like the Revolutionary Communist Party. For example, at the Local 5 general meeting, the RCP did nothing to prepare and educate the workers about Rutledge's role. They didn't even advance any demands we workers should be fighting for; all they did was ask questions like "Don't you think there should be a minimum demand for wages?" Enough questions! Real communists lead the workers' struggle; they don't drag along at the rear!

Now is the time to prepare for a strike, and show the capitalists and their lacky Rutledge that we're determined to fight the lousy wages, layoffs and all the other attacks. Now is the time for fellow rank and file workers of Local 5 to fight to take our union back!

BUSING

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izations and "civic leaders" to study how best to upgrade "quality education" through forced busing.

The first phase of this plan is a public campaign to make everyone believe that "the whole world is behind forced busing" as the road to quality education. Creating hysteria, riding on the masses' genuine anger that the public schools do not teach working class children, several administrators in two districts on Chicago's west side (mainly Afro-Americans) have stated that eighth graders who don't read at the sixth grade level won't graduate this year. This means that 50% of the school children will be flunked "for their own good." Capitalist propaganda clearly is to make people believe that forced busing is the only answer to end such inferior education.

WHAT HAPPENED IN BOSTON IS WHAT WE'LL GET IN CHICAGO!

The Boston Forced Busing Plan was in no way an attempt to meet the working class' and oppressed nationalities' genuine desire for quality education. It was an attack on us all under the cover of "meeting the people's needs." By shifting students from the city's worst schools in the Afro-American community to bad schools in the white working class communities, the ruling class used the Plan to antagonize the two communities and break up their common struggle against the severe capitalist economic crisis. The capitalists have brought in the local police and federal troops, turning the high schools into the current "armed camps" that they are today, while slashing the budget for the entire school system. In addition, national oppression against Afro-Americans has taken a great upswing, especially in the form of KKK and state troop attacks.

Where is the quality education that has come about as a result of the Plan in Boston? You can't find one ounce of quality education in Boston today!

THE MASSES ARE GETTING ORGANIZED!

The working class and oppressed people across the country learned a bitter lesson from the ruling class' Boston Forced Busing Plan. Their ability to see through this trick and their determination to struggle against it is much higher. Every time Welling or the advisory council has come out in public, parents have loudly opposed him.

Given that the parents are only just beginning to get organized, and given the relative centralized strength of the Board, the struggle will be a difficult

one. But the correct working class leadership is growing rapidly in Afro-American and Latino communities, under the slogans, "End the ruling class' forced busing plan to divide and rule the working class,"

"Fight against national oppression - support the right of minority students to go to the school of their choice." The committee is beginning to take the necessary steps to unite with the white working class communities under these slogans to forge a militant multinational unity and take the offensive against these attacks.

IMPORTANT STRUGGLES AHEAD FOR THE WORKING CLASS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE

The monopoly capitalists are preparing forced busing plans for New York City, Los Angeles, and numerous other cities. Sharp struggle this fall is sure to break out in many areas as the ruling class, using its experience in Boston, attempts to step up its offensive. But the working class has also learned from Boston, and will surely fight these attacks blow-for-blow.

The two classes (the working class and the bourgeoisie) are getting prepared. The busing struggle is sure to bring forth many important lessons for the working class and the oppressed people, lessons that, when summed up will greatly prepare us for overthrowing the entire criminal monopoly capitalist class. The Workers Viewpoint newspaper will attempt to stay on top of these struggles, and bring forward these important lessons for our struggle.

CHICAGO

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peacefully. Instead, they threw rocks and bottles at him, driving him out of the community.

Then the capitalists got their running boy, Mayor Bilandic (successor to the hated king pin Mayor Daley) to try to cool down the crowd. Visibly sweating (even from behind the scores of burly body guards protecting him from the masses), Mayor Bilandic nervously tried to calm down the crowd. Instead, he was hooted and jeered right out of the community, running with his tail between his legs.

PUERTO RICANS IN THE US ARE FED UP WITH SYSTEMATIC NATIONAL OPPRESSION.

This heroic spontaneous resistance of the Puerto Rican community in Chicago is the result of decades of burning hatred for the oppression of this capitalist system which daily tries to beat us into submission. Hardly a week goes by in the Puerto Rican community in Chicago without reports of children being bitten by rats, of workers thrown out of their jobs, of drugs being pushed on the youth.

On the job, Puerto Ricans are among the last hired and first fired. In the schools, Puerto Rican children are treated like prisoners. In Roberto Clemente High School, 4 cops patrol the halls and harass the students. Conditions are so oppressive, 3/4 of the youth in the community drop out.

In the Puerto Rican community, row upon row of gutted, abandoned apartment houses stand as monuments to capitalist oppression. And unemployment is sky-high.

When the Puerto Rican community threw rocks at the cops, and set fire to the stores on Division Street, they were responding to this day-to-day oppression.

CAPITALIST PRESS COVERS UP POLICE RIOT.

As usual, the bourgeois media wasted no time in covering up this police riot. The bourgeois media tried to blame everything on "troublemakers" like the youth gangs and the terrorist FALN, completely whitewashing the role of the cops. No mention of the wretched conditions in the Puerto Rican community. Not one word on the millions of dollars bled from the community by the monopoly capitalists!

Initially, the capitalist newspapers, reported the police lie that the Puerto Rican youth "shot themselves" during a fight, which the police, as "public servants", were trying to break up. Only when this lie was so totally exposed, were they forced to admit the facts--that both Puerto Rican youth died from the bullets of the hated Chicago police.

Like the assassination of Fred Hampton (Chairman of the Illinois Black Panther Party, shot in his bed by the Chicago, state and federal police), the capitalist press, twisted and distorted the truth in order to blame the Puerto Rican masses, and make the police appear as "victims of an unprovoked attack".

Since the days of the Haymarket massacre of 1898 in Chicago, the Chicago cops have a long bloody history of oppressing the working class and national communities.

MISLEADERS -- DEFENDERS OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS

And whenever there is resistance, there are misleaders. Right on schedule, the misleaders began to come out of their holes (where they had ducked for cover when the masses began to strike back at the police). On the Monday after the police riot, Mayor Bilandic opened up his offices so that the Puerto Rican misleaders of all stripes could parade through City Hall and denounce the masses. Like bugs crawling out of the wall, these bootlickers jumped at the opportunity to defend the cops and make a name for themselves. ON TV, the bourgeoisie lavished prime time on any Puerto Rican misleader who would blame the whole thing on the youth gangs and sympathize with the cops.

But the Puerto Rican people are seeing through these misleaders. The members of the families of the murdered Puerto Ricans, disgusted at these traitors, said they would refuse to allow them in the funeral home.

PUERTO RICAN COMMUNITY -- RICH HISTORY OF STRUGGLE

The Puerto Rican people have a rich history of resisting class and national oppression. Just 11 years before in Chicago, on the same day, the Puerto Rican people also rose up against national oppression.

Also, on July 16, 1972, even 200 cops armed with pistols, clubs, and police dogs could not turn back 5,000 Puerto Rican people who gathered in Boston for a cultural festival. Fifty arrests by the cops sparked two full days of rebellion in Boston's South Side.

On Aug. 21, 1974, 500 cops, some on horses, were again beaten back by a crowd of 10,000 in Newark, N.J. at another cultural festival. One woman with her four-year old child was trampled by the mounted police, killing the young child. Thousands demonstrated at City Hall the next day. When the cops once again tried to attack the march, they were turned back with a hail of cans and bottles.

And on the Puerto Rican Day parade in New York City on June 12 this year, over half a million working class Puerto Ricans lined the streets. Reacting to the intense

national oppression of Puerto Ricans in New York and seeing that the same enemy oppresses

the Puerto Rican people in Puerto Rico, tens of thousands of bright Puerto Rican flags were waved right in front of the cops. So afraid were the police, they didn't dare try to attack the masses. Instead, they relied on their henchmen in the community, who routed the parade on posh Fifth Ave. from 43rd to 86th street, rather than through the Puerto Rican working class community. These bootlickers tried their best to take the guts out of militant slogans and contingents, and pushed instead bourgeois floats advertising monopoly corporations, beer, cars, food, etc.

The Puerto Rican masses have a long history of striking back. They have never taken oppression lying down! Like their brothers and sisters on the island, heroically fighting for a free Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rican masses in this country will continue to strike back at imperialism, national and class oppression!

And what lies ahead? Most likely, the capitalists will be reeling from more Humboldt Parks throughout this long, hot summer. The long simmering hatred of the capitalist system will again burst open. The smoldering anger of the working class and oppressed nationalities will again erupt in the face of the capitalists! This will one day overthrow them and establish socialism, the only solution to the oppression of the working class and all oppressed masses.

Sum-up of N.Y. Puerto Rican

Day Parade will appear next

issue. WATCH FOR IT!

