

# FIGHTBACK NEWS

# FIGHT FOR JOBS

The National Organizing Committee of the National Fight Back Organization (NFBO) proposes that a campaign demanding JOBS OR INCOME NOW!! be the central focus of the fight back movement, linking it together from coast to coast

The NFBO was created directly out of the struggle against the intense economic and political crisis and government attacks on the masses of working people. During the last four years infla-



Atlanta Workers' Committee marches for jobs

tion has eroded the living standards of millions of working people, and those on pensions, social security and welfare. In addition to the highest unemployment rate in forty years a whole generation of minority youth will grow up without ever holding a job.

Today, with the NFBO, the working class and minorities have a means to fight back in an organized way. The key question facing us is how will we organize against these attacks on our living standards.

For the corporations and a handful of rich there has been a slight recovery. Profits are rising and the stock market recently hit the one-thousand mark. But this has been achieved only through the expense of working and minority people. The federal government has abolished 26 weeks of extended benefits for those out of work for over a year. In Illinois, the state is reducing its welfare budget \$8 million by finding six-thousand people who are "cheating" and cut them off from general assistance. Congress continues debating while people go hungry or turn to crime to feed their families. The \$6.1 billion Public Works bill passed

by Congress and vetoed by Ford would have done

little to alleviate the situation. Its provision for

only 600,000 make-work jobs is a slap in the face

to the 10-12 million unemployed.

And there's more! Arthur Burns, Chairman of the Federal Reserve System is pushing a program on the government to make all unemployed people work for starvation wages. In an article in the Reader's Digest of March, 1976, he proposes that all unemployed people be "offered" public employment to "anyone willing to work at a rate of pay somewhat below the federal minimum wage." And that all unemployment be limited to only 13 weeks for those looking for a job.

His answer is to force unemployed people to "find" a job that pays less than \$2.20 an hour or take home pay of about 55 dollars a week. Unemployed people can't live on the compensation that they already get. In addition, the competition for jobs that pay higher would be so great that the employers could easily get away with reducing everyone's pay in a rather short period of time, thus hurting those still working also.

### THE BOSSES ATTACK, THE PEOPLE FIGHT BACK!

Through these attacks and programs being pushed by fascist-minded people like Burns, the gains of working people over the years are being eroded away. We can and must turn these attacks

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The National Fight Back Conference is being hailed as a great success in building the people's fight back against the present economic and political crisis. Fighters from all over the country, from factories, unemployment lines, communities, welfare offices and many other places, came to Chicago, 1300 strong. Their intentions were to build a national fight back movement that would unite all against the system that caused the crisis—imperialism. And they succeeded

The delegates, of which 75% were workers, voted overwhelmingly to create an organization that will coordinate the work in a unified way—The National Fight Back Organization (NFBO).

The National Fight Back Organization was built to fight against the imperialist crisis, especially as it affects poor and working people. It aims to unite employed and unemployed workers, men and women, and people of all nationalities. The NFBO also recognizes that the cause of the crisis is the capitalist system that, based on profits for the rich, fails to meet the needs of the poor. "The movement," says a brochure organizing for the Conference, " is fighting not only against one company, one city government, or one politician, but against the WHOLE SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION AND OPPRESSION CALLED IMPERIALISM."

### MULTI-NATIONAL UNITY STRENGTHENED

The Conference brought together people of all nationalities. Afro-Americans, whites, Puerto Ricans, Chicanos, Asian-Americans, and others were largely represented. The entire proceedings of the weekend were translated into Spanish for the large number of Latin people who attended. Over one-half of the delegates were minorities.

However, people fighting back realize that unity in numbers is not enough. So, the first resolution discussed by the entire body was the Resolution on National Oppression.

National oppression has been used for many years to divide the people. From the times of slavery up to today in Boston and Louisville where the forces of racism are organizing to keep

### FIGHT BACK CONFERENCE HEIGHTENS STRUGGLE

minority people "in their place," the ruling class has reaped super-profits from the sweat and blood of this country's minority people. Throughout history, national oppression has meant weak labor unions, low wages and unsafe working conditions, police brutality and terror, and all kinds of abuses on minority women. These facts and many, many more were exposed in the workshops of the Conference.

"The stand that the National Fight Back Organization and the nation-wide workers' fight back movement takes on national oppression, is key toward whether or not we build a united, multinational working class fight back," so states the resolution. It shows that the source of oppression lies in the system of imperialism and calls on workers of all nationalities to build principled unity with each other against this system.

The stand of the NFBO is clear. We are militantly opposed to national oppression in any way, shape or form. The Conference called on all people to defend the right of national minorities to an equal education and to oppose the racist, segregationist, anti-busing movement. And by demanding an IMMEDIATE STOP TO ALL DEPORTATIONS, hovering over the heads of many of the foreign-born workers in this country.

Time did not permit discussion of all the questions and resolutions facing the Conference, including the role of women in the fight back, the world situation, the role of the trade unions in the fight back, and others. However, the two highlights of the Conference and the workshop discussions provided the basis for developing these questions in the near future.

Crowd cheers as the Fight Back Conference is convened.

### RESULTS PROVE SUCCESS

The success of an event can only be judged by the results that it provides. In this respect, the Fight Back Conference was most successful.

Reports from all over the country indicate that those attending the Conference have become more consolidated behind the fight back movement and are organizing much harder. Generally, the size of meetings have swelled, and the actions of many cities have taken on more and more a broad mass character.

The Conference advanced the work of the Boston Workers United to Fight Back. They brought 80 people to Chicago, but many more were interested in what happened there. Their first meeting in January drew over 100 people.

The New England Region led by the BWU-TFB recently held their regional conference. It was a total success, with over 300 people attending. They once again renewed their efforts to (continued on page 3)



### FREE GARY TYLER NOW!!

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A mass movement is growing to FREE GARY TYLER, a Black youth framed on a murder charge in rural Louisiana. From as far away as Belgium, a student group is planning to demonstrate on May 5th, the day scheduled for Gary's execution.

For more information on how you can help, write SCEF, 3210 W. Broadway, Louis-

ville, Ky. 40211.

On October 7, 1974, I was arrested and charged with fatally shooting a white youth. This white youth was one of many who were throwing bricks, stones and bottles at the bus I was riding.

These racist attacks by white youths and adults had been going on for weeks. The authorities did nothing to stop these brutal attacks, and many Black children were harmed and feared for their lives.

So, when I was arrested and charged with this murder that I did not commit, everyone involved in the stoning of the school bus should have been arrested as accessories to the crime. It was they who were at fault for whatever happened that day. That includes the authorities, since they did nothing to stop the attacks. What happened was caused by those who were attacking the school buses, and those who permitted these attacks.

Black people have been brutally attacked and killed by racist whites since the day we were kidnapped and brought to this country of theirs. Look back into the past, at the four little Black girls who were killed as they prayed in a church in Birmingham; four innocent lives taken by

Now look at the present situation in Boston. Every day Black children are attacked in some form as they ride school buses, and their lives are in constant danger. Yet no one, North or South or even in Washington, is trying to put an end to these brutal attacks.

In Destrehan, Louisiana, we faced the same violence on our school buses.

On November 14, 1975, I was found guile, while degree murder by an all-white jury and sentenced to die in the electric chair. It is a known fact that no Black can get a fair trial from an all-white jury, especially in the South.

There is no doubt that these white jurors were in sympathy with the parents of the slain youth. We can even speculate that some of the jurors must be friends of the slain youth's family since they all live in the same small towns in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. What kind of justice could I get from such a jury? Only injustice.

Are the Black community and the Third World going to let a young Black man become another victim - another statistic - of the racism of this country? I had a right to the education I was trying to obtain, and no one had the right to



Gary Tyler

stop me from trying to receive that education.

On December 15, I was secretly transferred to the Louisiana State Penitentiary and placed on Death Row! I am scheduled to be executed on May 5. My case is an important one considering all the trouble that is going on with busing to achieve school desegregation.

We have all rallied to the defense of Angela Davis, Joanne Little, the Attica Brothers, the San Quentin Six. Now is the time for us to rally to the aid of Gary Tyler, a Black youth who has been railroaded by hatred and racism.

Let us not let a Black youth die in the electric chair or spend the rest of his life behind bars because of some sick people's hatred and racism. Because if we do let them victimize me, we are telling these people to do with our brothers, sisters, sons and daughters anything they want to

I need all the legal help I can get, because it's going to be very hard to get the Louisiana courts to overturn my conviction, a conviction I should not have received at all, a conviction full of hatred and racism. Let's not abandon a young Black brother when he is in need. Anyone wishing to contact me and give moral support can do so at my address.

Gary Tyler Death Row -- C-127 Angola, LA 70712

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The issue of unemployment should be brought into the shops. Today's punch-press operator may be on the unemployment line tomorrow. In

our fight back program we have to bring to the forefront discrimination against minorities and women. The lower pay, last hired first fired policy of the bosses means higher minority unemployment and lower unemployment benefits.

Our program in doing unemployment work and participating in broader coalitions should consist of:

1) To demand an end to all cutbacks in unemployment benefits, welfare, medical cards or any other social services.

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# JOIN THE NFBO

About one year ago, many citywide fight back committees grew in response to the present political and economic crisis. These comittees were founded on the fight around three slogans: JOBS OR INCOME NOW, END TO DISCRI-MINATION AGAINST MINORIT-IES AND WOMEN, and JOBS NOT WAR. These committees fought against the growing unemployment, welfare cutbacks, speed-ups and lay-offs in factories, against police brutality and terror, the oppression of women and the preparations of the two superpowers for a new world war.

But, as these committees grew, people began to realize that they were not fighting alone. They could see that the crisis affected not only them, but millions of people around the country. And they began to demand that a national organization be built that would unite all the struggles together into one "mighty fist" against the system that was attacking them.

Initiated by the October League, 65 organizations and many individuals began organizing for the National Fight Back Conference. The Conference, attended by over 1300 people, established the National Fight Back Organization (NFBO).

The NFBO is dedicated to fighting the economic and political effect of the imperialist crisis. In particular, the NFBO is concerned with the effects of this crisis on poor and working people. We seek to unite in an organized fight back the employed and unemployed workers, men and women, poor and working people of all nationalities. We recognize the cause of the crisis is the capitalist system which is based on profits for a few and exploitation and misery for the vast majority.

If you are in general agreement with the slogans of our fight and our purpose and are willing to work with us in a democratic manner to actively build the fight back, then please join the NFBO now!

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nationalities about how to fight ROAR and everything it stands for.

In early February, a Black woman on welfare with seven children, moved into a white section of Dorchester. She was subjected to eight days of harassment, broken windows, and insults. When we heard about it, we sent a delegation from the Fight Back to talk to her, and offered to help. The family decided to move, and we organized a force of over 20 people to help them do this. had they wanted to stay, we would have helped in that too.

This situation occurred in a section of the city where all the people are poor, and where the racism stirred up by ROAR only keeps whites and Blacks from fighting together against the forces that oppress them both.

Recently, a member of the Gary Tyler Defense Committee from New Orleans came to Boston. We organized a house party around the Gary Tyler case. Close to \$100 was raised in that way. The Fight Back then agreed to take up the Gary Tyler case in our shops and communities, collecting signatures on petitions and asking 25 cents for each signature. We wrote Gary Tyler a letter of support. This work is continuing today, and we hope to by part of a nation-wide movement that will not stop until Gary Tyler is out of jail!

We have understood the connections between what's happening in South Boston, what happened in Dorchester, and what's happening with Gary Tyler. As part of our Regional Conference, we plan to have a morning-long discussion on the segregationist movement, the Fight Back Resolution on National Oppression and how to take the struggle to our shops and communities.

We plan to put forward a concrete plan for anti-repression and anti-segregationist work at the Regional Conference.

Fred Hampton Continues nt

Carson Beach was the focus of the fight against discrimination last summer in Boston

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### **WE'RE GROWING**

fight the anti-busing movement in Boston. They have also been doing work in factories. Recently two communist organizers, trying to get a union in at St. Regis were fired, sparking a wildcat at the plant. The BWUTFB immediately took up the issue, participating in a demonstration demanding the re-hiring of the activists and the right to organize a union.

Atlanta saw its Fight Back Committee organizing a contingent within the march honoring Martin Luther King. The march was led by various liberals and presidential candidates, who were trying to get the 10,000 people who attended to follow their policies and promises for jobs. The Fight Back Contingent however united 600 workers who opposed these policies and raised their own demands of JOBS NOT WAR, MAKE THE BOSSES PAY. They called on all working and poor people to fight back against the rulers through their own strength. They have weekly demonstrations numbering 70 people at Sam Caldwell's (the Commissioner of Labor) office.

The Atlanta Workers Committe to Fight Back was also instrumental in organizing the defense of Cheryl Todd and Desi Woods against their racist frame-up. In Alamo, Ga., they have initiated another fight back committee geared around the repressive conditions in that town.

The Conference had an effect on the Houston Fight Back Committee by showing them the national mass character of the movement. It prompted them to step up their unemployment work by going to the offices regularly. They have set up a table at the unemployment commission with fight back literature, translating for Spanish-speaking people, and fighting for people's checks.

In Detroit, the Motor City Fight Back has taken on Great Lakes Steel Company, where some rank-and-file caucus organizers were recently fired. MCFB has been leafleting and picketting the company in an attempt to re-hire the steelworkers and build the caucus.

These are just a few examples of the progress that the Natinal Fight Back Conference gave to the fight back movement. Overall, people can already see the effects of national unity, and we have just begun! If we all work hard to build the National Fight Back Organization, we can in no time at all become a force to be reckoned with in the U.S.



# NOTICIERO DE LA LUCHA

# A LUCHAR PARA TRABAJOS

El comité organizador de la Organización Nacional de Contra-ataque propone que la demanda ¡TRABAJO O INGRESO YA!! será tomada como campaña principal del contra-ataque a traves de toda la nación.

El comité del contra-ataque fue creado directamente de la lucha en contra de la crisis económica y política y los ataques del gobierno a los trabajadores. Durante los últimos cuatro años la inflación ha rebajado el nivel de vida de millones de trabajadores y aquellos pensionados o colectando "welfare." Con la alta tasa de desempleo toda una generación de grupos minoritarios crecerá sin haber trabajado en su vida.

Hoy con el contra-ataque, la clase trabajadora y las minorías tienen un arma poderosa con que luchar de un modo organizado. La clave del problema es, de qué modo nos vamos a organizar en contra de este ataque a nuestro nivel de vida.

Para las corporaciones y sus dueños ha habido cierta recuperación pues sus ganancias han aumentado. Pero esto ha sido logrado a costa de un aumento en la cantidad de trabajo para aquellos que todavía tienen empleo. Estas corporaciones siguen produciendo las mismas mercancias o más, con mucho menos trabajadores.

El gobierno por su parte no se queda atrás. En Illinios el gobierno decidió que si encuentran a 6.000 familias haciendo trampas al "welfare" y las eliminan de los beneficios, podrían ahorrarse 8 millones de dólares.

El Congreso pasó una ley autorizando 6.000 millones para trabajos públicos, pero fue vetada por el presidente Ford. De todos modos esta ley sólo hubiera producido trabajo para 600.000 trabajadores cuando hay entre diez y doce millones de personas sin trabajo.

Arthur Burns, el director del Sistema Federal de Reservas, está empujando un programa en el cual los desempleados puedan trabajar por ¡menos que el salario minimo! Además quiere recortar los beneficios para los desempleados a sólo 13 semanas. En otra palabras pretende que la gente trabaje por menos de 2.20 por hora o apróximadamente 55 dólares a la semana.

Así los empleos que pagan altos salarios serán tan competidos que los jefes fácilmente podrán contratar gente por menos dinero—estos perjudicaráa los que aún tienen trabajo.

#### LOS JEFES ATACAN EL PUEBLO CONTRA-ATACA

Estos ataques en contra del pueblo, perpetrados por personas de mentalidad fascista como Burns, eroden las pocas ganancias que la gente había obtenido a través de años de lucha. Podemos cambiar el sentido de estos ataques y empezar a luchar! HACIENDO QUE LOS JEFES PAGUEN! Con el contra-ataque que podremos lanzar una ofensiva en contra de estos ataques. Este es el momento para que todos los comites se unan para luchar activamente por trabajos y en contra de los recortes.

Ejemplos recientes son como en Atlanta—el contraataque con varias organizaciones de la comunidad formó una coalición para poner fin a programas de "trabajo forzado," en el "welfare" y en los beneficios del desempleo. Otra coalición similar se formó en Baltimore. El ataque del gobierno va en contra de trabajadores empleados y desempleados. Por esta razón todos los trabajadores debemos luchar hombro a hombro.

El problema del desempleo debe ser llevado a los talleres y fábricas—los que están empleados hoy pueden no estarlo mañana—tambien debemos luchar en contra de la discriminación en contra de las minorias y mujeres.

Como estos últimos empleados son los primeros que despiden, esto se convierte en beneficios de desempleo bien bajos y un promedio de desempleo mucho más alto.

El programa debe incluir:

1) Demandar un fin a los recortes del desempleo, "welfare," y servicios médicos.

2) Los comités de contra-ataque deben desarrollar programas concretos para trabajo—incluyendo programas de trabajos públicos y cantidades de trabajo especificas (por ejemplo; que la ciudad produzca 10.000 empleos). Estas demandas se deben hacer a los consejos municipales y estatales.

3) En la primera reunión del Comité Nacional se hará una propuesta para crear un movimiento nacional para demandar al gobierno federal y al Congreso la creación de un número de empleos (10.000.000?). El programa debe incluir una demanda para finalizar trabajos forzosos (para los que reciben "welfare"), que los trabajos paguen salarios de uniones y el derecho a sindicalizar.

4) ¡TRABAJO O INGRESO YA! Esta campaña la debemos llevar a los talleres y fábricas con la consigna de "6 horas al día sin recortes" y en contra de sobretiempo siempre que hayan despidos. Nuestra estrategia debe ser tomar la ofensiva. Y las campañas y consignas deben basarse en HACER QUE LOS JEFES PAGUEN POR LA CRISIS.

Nostros del contra-ataque tenemos la herencia de las luchas de los años '30—durante la depresión mundial—cuando el consejo nacional de desempleados se reunió con 1.500 delegados la primera vez. Un año más tarde hubo una manifestación nacional en donde más de un millón de personas participaron.

Las masas de gente pobre y oprimida están buscando la dirección que nosotros podemos dar—unidos tendremos grandes victorias.

TRABAJO O INGRESO YA!
QUE LOS JEFES PAGUEN!
A FORTALECER EL CONTRAATAQUE!



El Comité de Obreros de Atlanta marcha para trabajos

# INFORME POR EL CNO

El Comité Nacional Organizativo (CNO), instruido con la tarea de realizar la Organización Nacional del Contra-Ataque, se reunió el 16 del enero. En la reunión, el CNO trazó planes para consolidar la Organización Nacional del Contra-Ataque.

El CNO pidió a los miembros de Chicago formar la oficina nacional en Chicago y conseguir voluntarios para manejarla. A la vez la oficina nacional publicará noticias (al menos trimestralmente) para enlazar los programas, campañas y lecciones del contra-ataque por todo el país. (Articulos alrededor el país deben ser enviados inmediatamente—deben incluir resumenes de trabajo, articulos educativos del programa del contra-ataque, lecciones de varias campañas, etc.)

Sugerimos que los comités del contra-ataque locales empiezen campañas reclutar miembros usando carteles, tarjetas de miembros, y botones. La oficina nacional hara estas cosas aprovechables a los miembros y los comités

locales deben producirlos localmente tambien.

### NORMAS PARA LAS CONFERENCIAS REGIONALES

El CNO notó el alto nivel de unidad a la Conferencia Nacional del Contra-Ataque. A vez, se dijo que la discusion politica y la contienda de opiniones deben continuar en las conferencias regionales. Pedimos que las conferencias tener lugar antes que la primera reunión del Comité Nacional Dirigente (CND) que será el 3-4 de abril. Sugestiones para los temarios de las conferencias fueron discutidos y enviados en una carta a los comités locales el mes pasado.

Propusimos que se discuto en estas reuniones las resoluciones sobre el desempleo, la situación mundial, los sindicatos y la resolución sobre la mujer.

Uno de los más importantes tópicos que el CNO

peinsa que se debe discutir a las conferencias regionales es la campaña principal del contra-ataque en todo el país. El CNO cree que la lucha por trabajos y contra las reducciones es la más importante lucha para el trabajo político a través del país. El CND organizará un programa nacional demandando Trabajo O Ingreso Ahora!, a los gobiernos federal, del estado y de ciudades. A la vez, el contra-ataque debe continuar su trabajo contra represión, "busing" y exponer las preparaciones de guerra de los superpotencias.

Estas conferencias tendrá lugar en los 19 regiones que ha levantantado el CNO. Regiones nuevas serán hechos a medida que se extiende el trabajo.

El CNO propone que el nuevo CND llame a manifestaciones en todas las ciudades el Dia Primero de Mayo con respecto a las demandas del contra-ataque, especialmente las del trabajo y reducciones.

Además el CNO sugiere que las reuniones regionales discutan el levantamiento de fondos por la oficina y la organizacion nacional necesitamos mucho dinero para la oficina, el noticiero y el personal.

Con estos pasos realizados y con la primera reunión del CND el 3-4 de abril, el Comité Nacional Organizativo cree que adelantaremos en la lucha contra la crisis y los ataques de las superportencias.

A La Lucha!
El Comité Nacional Organizativo!