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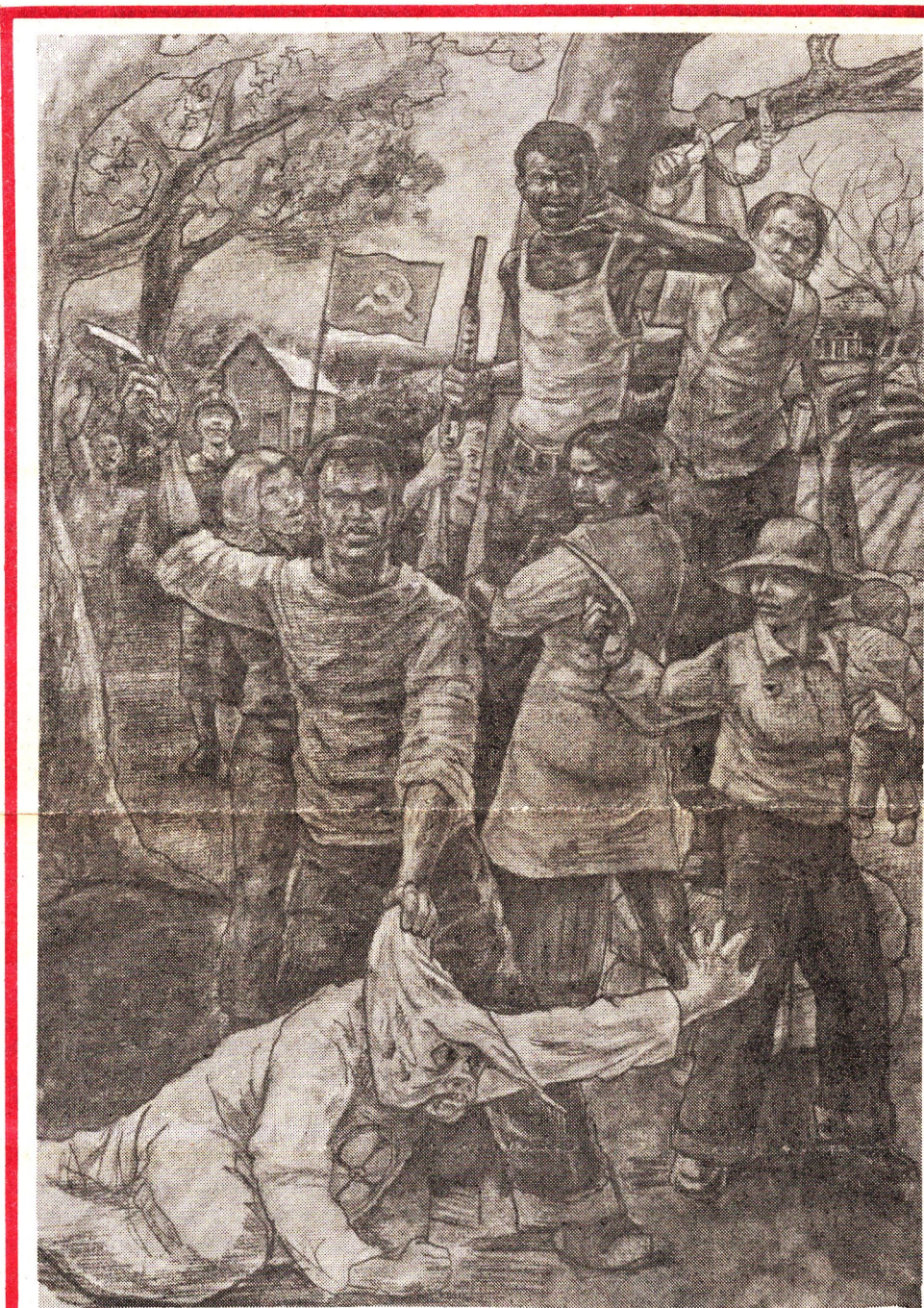
While we begin our annual Negro Nation Day celebrations, it is customary that we expose and condemn to death the USNA state and all its henchmen for their brutal acts of tyranny, oppression, violence and abuse exercised against the Negro People. This is particularly vital since the USNA bourgeoisie is beginning to celebrate 200 years of such acts.

An Atlanta journalist of the late 1800's described the exploitation of the Negro Nation in this way: "I attended a funeral once in pickens county in my state. It was a poor fellow like most southerners. They buried him in the midst of a marble quarry; they cut through solid marble to make his grave; and yet a little tombstone they put above him was from Vermont. They buried him in the heart of a pineforest; and the pine coffin was imported from Cincinnati. They buried him within touch of an iron mine, and yet the nails in his coffin and iron in the shovel that dug his grave were imported from Pittsburg. They buried him by the side of the best sheep grazing country on the earth, and yet the work in wool in the coffin bands and the coffin bands themselves were brought from the north. The south didn't furnish a thing on earth for that funeral but the corpse and the hole in the ground."

This colonial enslavement of the Negro people has been maintained through brutal terror, lynching and forcefully crushing the struggles of the Negro people.

Today picking up this fascist mantle of USNA imperialism is George Wallace with a new populist appeal. From an Atlanta newspaper: "This is Wallace country. The pines are green with new growth and the fields are swelling with the promise of summer ahead. George Wallace is on his way." Where is he going? The imperialists are seriously considering the benefits of placing the No.1 most vocal, most open fascist in our country in the No.1 position. A recent Gallup Poll finds Wallace the first choice of both Democrats and Independents for the Presidential nomination. The bourgeoisie gave him the platform to flex his muscles in the 1968 Presidential election where he carried every deep South state except Florida and South Carolina.

Wallace has been governing the state of Alabama for 10 of the last 12 years, during which time he has demonstrated to the imperialists his ability and willingness, indeed his eagerness to insure that Alabama remain as colonial as the rest of the Negro Nation. His 1968 campaign slogan was "Keep Alabama Southern". When Wallace took office, Alabama ranked 48th among the states in education expenditures per pupil. Today it ranks 50th. It is still one of the 9 states without a minimum wage law. Unemployment benefits and Workmen's Comp. remain among the lowest in the USNA. Alabama's per capita income has dropped from 47th to 48th since 1963. And even among just the Southern states, its income is 10% below average. While 12% of the USNA population lives below the po-



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verty line, 24% of all Alabamians do, the majority of whom are Anglo-American minority.

In the past Wallace appealed directly to the deeply rooted white chauvinism of certain sections of the population. In fact he helped to root it even more deeply. When Wallace was re-elected Governor in 1963, one of his promises was to lower taxes. One of his first official acts was to raise the state sales tax. When a legislator asked "George, how the hell can you do that?" George replied, "I'll just yell 'nigger' and they'll never know or care a goddamn about taxes." But now of course Wallace says he is a friend to all the people of his state and always has been. According to him, he was a segregationist back in the days when segregation was legal—now that it is illegal he is no longer for it.

Remember when he stood in the school house door and proclaimed, "Segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever." Since then he has been seen in newspapers nation-wide kissing the Negro homecoming queen of Ala. State University. More recently he appointed a Negro as

Coordinator of Highways in Ala.

If Wallace's appeal is now more indirect, it is still based on white chauvinism and his target is still the Negro people. He is supposedly now (in the words of Louisiana's governor) "the ardent spokesman for middle America." These people Wallace says are bearing the brunt of the federal tax load and spiraling inflation while the poor and the rich have gotten by. Wallace's solution to this? Cut the welfare programs. These programs are he says "a mess and are wasting millions of dollars." Wallace thinks it's shameful that these "middle Americans" are forced to alleviate the starvation of the poor!

Attacks on welfare are mounting as unemployment reaches a new high. The bourgeoisie has never had or intended to have adequate protection against unemployment. So now that it is on the rise once again, their solution is, deport the aliens, fire the last hired and cut welfare. This is the same as Wallace yelling "nigger".

In the Negro Nation, unemployment is a way of life for many thousands of people who make up the reserve labor force. The imperialists need

in their colonies.

The imperialists at every turn prove the Leninist thesis that politics is a concentrated expression of economics. While they cannot help but admit that since 1969 the economic "progress" of the Negro people has been steadily declining from an already substandard level, they launch a more vigorous attack on the unemployed workers and those on welfare. It is a fact that the same family in Miss. gets \$60 a month in welfare payments while in Georgia \$160 and in Michigan, \$364/mo. Welfare programs were cut drastically in New Orleans last year. Presently in Atlanta, the same is taking place. 72,500 families have had their monthly payments reduced. One out of every 10 people in Atlanta lives in public housing and thousands are waiting as unemployment soars to over 10%. In Georgia, which is still mostly rural, Anglo-American minorities in rural areas have a per capita income of \$2,500, 80% of the USNA average. Rural Negroes have \$980, only 30% of the USNA average.

One woman in Atlanta was charged with welfare fraud signing and cashing two checks in one month (for \$14.00). She has been sentenced to 2 years probation and fined \$200.00 and ordered to pay back the money. Another woman received welfare for 12 months while working. Her sentence is 10 years probation and payment of \$2,458.

Any democratic minded person would assume since these poor women were given such harsh sentences that surely the doctors, etc., who rip-off millions from the tax payers would receive at least equally harsh sentences. But while doctors and hospitals are making millions in rip-offs none have been prosecuted. One doctor in Twin City, Ga., received \$114,144 from Medicaid patients. He would have had to work 10 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year, and spent less than eight minutes per patient!

Thru out all these attacks, the imperialists and their hirelings in the Negro Nation are simultaneously raising white chauvinism and anti-communism. These two poisons feed each other. Welfare programs are called communist plots. The Arkansas Gazette reports that a group of lawyers are banding together to be the anti-Civil rights fighters to defend the people against the socialist ACLU.

Another group of book burners has sprung up in Georgia to denounce new textbooks as communist books. Busing is denounced as a communist attack on freedom. And to defend the concept of separate but equal a team of jerks at George Washington University has "surveyed the ambitious and varied efforts that have been made to improve pupil performance in the slums." Their conclusion: "There is no proof that integration increased outlays per pupil, more relevant curricula, or any changes have had a wide, rapid and significant impact."

All these fascists are out to achieve one thing, to drive the Negro people back to the slavery that they have known throughout this country's his-

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Why We Say Negro

People have often asked the CLP, why do we use the term Negro? The word Negro is a product of history and is the most scientific expression to describe the Black Belt area and the people who developed in this section of the USNA state.

The word Negro is used in different contexts and means different concepts depending on history and place. Shortly after the discovery of the Americas, the Portuguese and Spanish probing down the coast of Africa became involved in the already developed slave trade in Africa. At that time the word Negro meant only "black" which is the literal translation from the Spanish. Centuries later, as slavery became a major industry in the USNA, the word Negro began to have a different meaning in fact. The slaves in the USNA had been drawn from a variety of peoples in Africa. Injected into and amongst the African slaves were a number of Indian peoples and of course, tens of thousands of slaves of partial African and partial European descent. However, the slavers' lash soon did away with any distinction between the descendant of the Congo and the light skinned illegitimate son of the driver man. Based on the specific conditions of slavery in the USNA, there arose the Negro people, an historically evolved people, socially and culturally developed from the framework of slavery.

By the end of the 19th century, the word Negro again began to change its meaning. Owing to the specifics of the rise of USNA imperialism and the history of the Black Belt of the south, there arose a nation, oppressed by USNA imperialism, whose social root and base was the aforementioned Negro People.

The Negro Nation is that historically evolved stable community of Negro people, along with the historically developed Anglo-American minority who live in the Black Belt and the economically dependent area of the southern USNA. This nation, which evolved from the specifics

of slavery is an historically evolved stable community of people formed on the basis of a common language, territory, economic life and psychological make-up manifested in a common culture.

The nation is referred to as the Negro Nation because the base of that nation is the Negro people who evolved as a people prior to the evolution of the Negro Nation.

Thus the term Negro developed to include a national meaning. The confusion around the term arises, because nations are not extensions of tribes and are not based on skin color, etc., but on history. So now, on the one hand, we speak of the historically evolved community of Negro people whose common history was slavery. But on the other hand, when referring to the nation we use the term Negro and mean national and definitely not color. In the same manner when one speaks of the French, we do not differentiate between the members of the French nation who are Basque, Lombardi or Góths, or the basic root of the nation, the Frankish peoples. We can only ask our readers to be dialecticians and differentiate when we write Negro as an historically evolved people who were slaves, or on the other hand, when we say Negro meaning national.

The CLP has never been an organization that quibbled over words. It is concepts that we are most interested in. The point is that the oppression of the Negro people, the oppression of the Negro Nation is not a mystical question or simply a matter of ideological cleansing, but is a modern-day national colonial question which can only be solved with the independence of the Negro Nation.

It is in this spirit that we stick so closely to the term Negro. For we understand and our program most definitely reflects, that the Anglo-American working class will never be united and free unless it forever breaks the bondage of the Negro Nation.

FREE JOANN LITTLE

FREE INEZ GARCIA

On February 7, 38 women were arrested at the State Building in San Francisco. They were demanding that Governor Brown grant Inez Garcia reasonable bail, then pardon her and set up a multi-national women's commission to review the convictions of all women now in California prisons for murder and manslaughter. They also want the State of California to "officially recognize the right of a woman to defend herself against a threat to her life or a violation of her person."

Inez Garcia, born of Puerto Rican and Cuban parents and brought up in Spanish Harlem, New York, is a seasonal farm laborer in Soledad, California. She was brutally raped last spring. Only 17 minutes after the rape, and after she had received a telephone call from her two attackers threatening to rape her again or kill her if she didn't leave town, she shot and killed one of them, Miguel Jimenez, well-known in town as a 300 pound bully. Mrs. Garcia was convicted last October 4 of "second degree murder" and sentenced to from five years to life imprisonment. The prosecution's star witness was her rapist! Her companion, Fred Medrano, an unemployed Vietnam veteran on total disability for tuberculosis contracted in the service, was being beaten (for the second time) by Jimenez when Mrs. Garcia shot him. Medrano recently pleaded guilty to being an accessory to Mrs. Garcia's "crime".

In a similar case in Beaufort County, North Carolina, JoAnne Little, a young Negro woman, faces a mandatory death sentence if convicted.

These two women's cases are not isolated. As usual, the bitterest blows fall on the national minority women. Abuse of women prisoners such as JoAnne Little, including Anglo-Americans is nothing new in the Negro Nation. In the Southwest, Mexican women without documents caught by the Border Patrol, are forcibly raped or forced to trade their bodies for entry into the USNA.

Rape is one of the most common crimes committed, yet it is usually the victim who goes on trial. Rape is not a crime that makes one rich. It is nothing but an open act of terror against all women, the ultimate expression of male supremacy.

This plus the fact that rape has been sanctioned by the state, has the effect of keeping women in their "place", frightened and hiding in their homes. This is why the capitalist class, whether in their movies, or courts, tolerate and encourage rape. As one of the male jurors in the Garcia case said, "When I leave here, I'll have less fear of raping a woman now than I did before...if she shoots me she'll get hers anyway!"

As the capitalist crisis deepens, the bourgeoisie must further push the inferiority of women and separate their interests from the working men's interests to extract more profits from the class.

The vileness of capitalism has no bounds. Women, especially national minorities trustingly go into a hospital to have a baby or surgery, only to be deceived and coerced into sterilization against their will or knowledge. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare is proposing new rules that will rule out Medicaid for women receiving abortions, and rule it in for sterilizations. In 1972, Ronald Reagan,

former Governor of California, proposed a law that would take a woman's "illegitimate" child if it was her third, if she was 16 or younger, or if she refused to identify the father. It is clear that in their rush to fascism, the bourgeoisie will frantically pull strings and try to treat us like puppets dangling from a thin rope; telling working women when to have children.

While they pass laws that would make Hitler smile, they snatch the hard fought reforms we have won. "Affirmative Action" programs are under attack as "reverse discrimination", the protective legislation is endangered, and those women and national minority men hired by the capitalists under existing programs are getting laid-off first due to their lack of seniority.

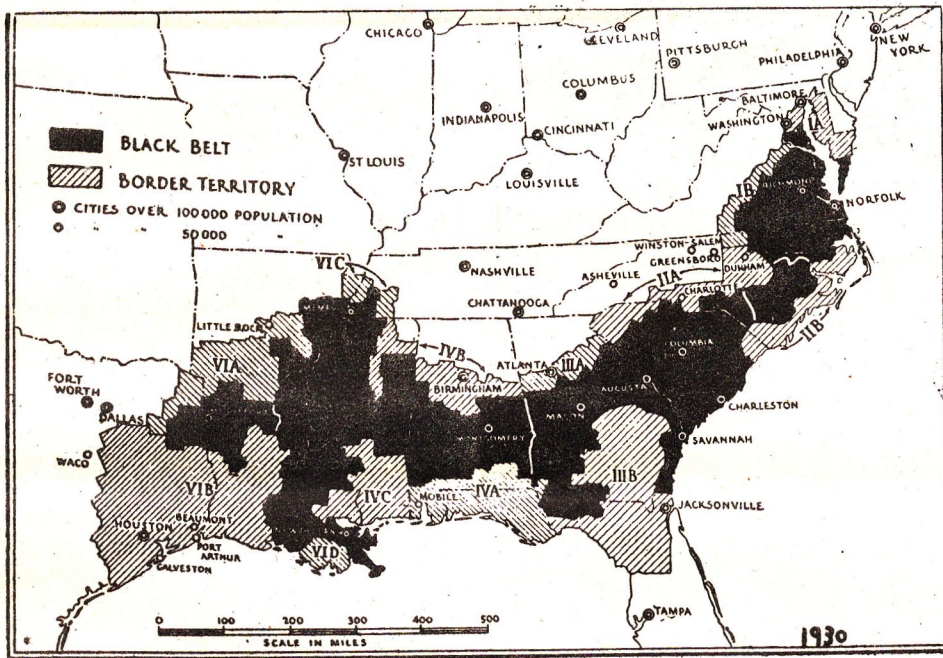
At this pace, what recourse do women have! These heartless bourgeois brutes offer war for our men and prostitution for our women. This is no idle threat! Already, the "skin flicks", massage parlors, "X" rated motels, and all forms of prostitution are booming, a growth industry in a recession economy! On TV and in the movies, it is portrayed as just another job option. Prostitution is, or soon will be, legal in a number of states. In Nevada, where it is legal, a Madame actually ran for state representative in the last election. As prostitution, both open and disguised becomes legalized, women on welfare, of which there are more every day, could be forced into prostitution by "welfare reform" programs which force a woman to take any job offered or lose her welfare payments. Prostitution degrades its unfortunate victims, but even more it degrades the whole of society. This is the ugly face of fascism.

We want no part of it! We want jobs that will build things to improve our lives such as day care centers, not jobs that will build weapons to destroy workers in other countries. We want to control our own lives. We don't accept the decadent and degenerate solution the fascists offer.

The bourgeoisie will not accept our rejection quietly. Through Inez Garcia and JoAnne Little they are sending a message to women, to the Mexican national minority, to the colonial peoples of Puerto Rico, the Negro Nation and the Philippines to "SUBMIT, YOU HAVE NO RIGHTS WE WILL RESPECT. THOSE WHO RESIST WILL BE RAPED, JAILED, DEPORTED, AND LYNCHED" We must answer that threat by uniting all workers, men, women, employed and unemployed, Anglo-Americans and national minorities in a fierce struggle for a better life where rape and all other affronts to the dignity and rights of women will be only memories from a dark and bitter past.

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WIN THE VANGUARD TO COMMUNISM

June 19, 1975 marks the 113th anniversary of the 1862 Presidential proclamation that abolished slavery in the territories of the United States. Over this past century, the Negro masses have celebrated "June 'teenth" as the day of liberation, even more so than the January 1, 1863 Proclamation that freed all slaves held by persons in rebellion against the United States. Although this 1863 Proclamation freed some 3,120,000 slaves, the June 19th Proclamation made complete emancipation possible and inevitable. This proclamation was the legal instrument that defied the reactionary Supreme Court's Dred Scott decision which held that the Federal government could not regulate slavery in the territories.

The Negro people responded immediately to this democratic turn of the government and wholeheartedly joined in the Civil War. Over 200,000 Negroes fought in the Civil War and well over 40,000 of these soldiers were killed in action.

The Negro people emerged from the Civil War and to this day have remained the key to social progress in the USNA. There is ample evidence to show that any attempt to deny the Negro people rights, that are granted others, inevitably results in such rights being denied all. The political spokesmen for the capitalists recognized this fact long ago. A basic tactic of the politicians is to attempt to bribe the Anglo-American section of the working class with privileges denied to the Negro worker. But history has shown this is a trick used against the working class as a whole. For example, the percentage of Anglo-Americans living below low income levels declined from 18% in 1959 to 9% in 1972. During this period the percentage of Negroes living under the low income level fell from 56% to 31%. However, in actual figures 16,200,000 Anglo-Americans and 7,000,000 Negroes live below the low income level. The position of the Negro people, and especially the Negro worker dramatically shows that an injury to each is an injury to all.

The political struggles of the people in this country are rich in lessons concerning our approach to the Negro question. The first lesson is that every single reactionary law, every reactionary movement is first directed and tested against the Negro people. Therefore, serious revolutionaries, serious progressives take the defense of the Negro people as the first line in the defense of peace and social progress.

Many noble individuals, many groups with lofty ideals, who have made an effort to organize a defense of the Negro people have come to grief because they have incorrect subjective concepts of the Negro people or because they attempt to organize apart from them. The massive proletarianization of the Negro people in the past 35 years has created the conditions for the resolution of this question.

Today, there is hardly a shop in the country that doesn't have Negro workers. The key political and economic questions facing the country has at its center the Negro question. The future of the trade unions, the question of democracy or fascism, the questions around education, jobs and social progress all have as their line of demarcation the Negro question. Hence, an understanding of the Negro question and the Negro people is indispensable. Some militants, steeped in their own chauvinism, romanticize the Negro people and end up working against them. They see the magnificent, epoch-making militancy of the Negro people and confuse this with the subjective factors that result from the specifics of the history of the Negro people.

The Negro people are very advanced politically. At 10 years old, the Negro child already knows quite a

bit about the state as an organ of the ruling class. Billy clubs and jails have already taught that lesson. However, militancy and political sophistication are one thing and a revolutionary outlook is something else. The former indicates a knowledge and skill in the practical and daily struggle, the latter means acceptance of the dictatorship of the proletariat and communism.

The Negro people fight and fight hard. The Negro worker is in the vanguard of the proletariat. The Negro people are also religious, patriotic and in the specifics of the political struggle conservative. How could it be otherwise with a people that the government has paid out millions to confuse and mislead? How could it be otherwise with a people who have been subjected to four centuries of unprecedented isolation, segregation and unheard of wholesale terror? Revolutionaries, Negro and Anglo-American, will never be able to deal with the real world without an objective estimate of it. Revolutionaries and especially the Negro revolutionary has to learn to rely on the objective aspects. That is to say, the capacity and eagerness for militant and sustained struggle that the Negro masses have so often exhibited. Relying on this objective aspect, they absolutely have to learn to struggle with the subjective aspects, the heritage of the church leaders, the maneuvers of the Negro politicians that create a tendency to rely on the government and appeals to the ruling class. After 113 years of "June 'Teenth" it is clear that the Negro people are at an historic crossroad. It is also clear that because of this the whole working class and the entire country also are approaching this crisis.

What we are saying is that the revolutionary can no longer afford to take the Negro people for granted.

NEGRO YOUTH FRAMED

On May 21, 1975, in Flint, Michigan, Kenneth Nard, a 17 year old Negro national minority youth was arrested and charged with the murder of two Anglo-American boys, ages 11 and 12. Their bodies were found in Lapeer County, Mich., 15 miles east of Flint. Further attempts were made to link Nard with the murder of another 12 yr. old Anglo-American boy which occurred in Oakland County, 20 miles south of Flint. It was alleged that Nard, all 5ft. 4in and 100 pounds of him, killed the two boys by strangling them. One of the boys was found hung by his shirt from a tree branch seven feet off the ground.

The local daily press seized upon this incident to mount a wholesale campaign of white chauvinist fascist demagoguery. Nard was charged, tried, convicted and sentenced on the front pages. He was described as an illiterate and attempts were made to dispel doubts that he could have committed these crimes due to his small size and the fact that he had virtually no police record. Articles were printed pointing out how the "peaceful tranquility of the area was shattered by tragedy." Brutally hounded by hate mail and phone calls, the Nard family was forced from their residence into hiding.

R. Meth, the Lapeer County prosecutor, immediately raised the struggle against a change of venue for the trial, claiming that "Nard will get a fair trial here". Anyone with the faintest knowledge of this area knows that this is an outrageous lie. Lapeer County is a staging area for the KKK and the Wallacites. The major annual event of the businessmen there is a blackface minstrel show. Recall that it was in Oakland County (Pontiac) in 1967 that the KKK dynamited

The Negro toilers represent the point of attack for the growing fascist danger in this country. But in no way does this mean that the real target is the Negro workers. No! The goal is to drive the Anglo-American worker down to the level of the Negro worker and to drive the Negro worker to the level of the semi-slavery of the 1940's.

To take the Negro workers for granted, to say that we can proceed with assurance that the Negro is going to fight and does not need careful political preparation is to go completely over to the side of spontaneity and counter-revolution. It is precisely because of the decisive position of the Negro worker within the vanguard of the proletariat that we must wage the most determined political and ideological struggle with him. It is precisely because the Negro masses cannot move without directly confronting the state apparatus that we must, without vacillation, exert all our strength to imbue the Negro masses with the spirit and knowledge of socialism.

It is high time that the revolutionaries criticize and repudiate the chauvinism. It is high time that the revolutionaries criticize and repudiate the chauvinistic tactic of talking to the Negro worker only in the sense of his social and national oppression. He is well aware of that. Where he is weak or lacking is in his class consciousness, theoretical and ideological clarity as to his position as a worker and member of the working class. The Negro worker very well understands that the revolutionary is trying to use him (and understands the insult) when all he hears is what 400 years of oppression has already taught him. The heroic Negro worker must be approached not simply as an oppressed nationality, but a worker whose interests are world-wide and

class wise. Only when we approach the Negro worker in this manner will he feel that we want to unite and not simply use.

It is clear that the Negro people are undergoing a profound political frustration. The self-seeking opportunism of the leadership of the Negro mass movement is becoming clear. The legal and extra-legal forces bear down more heavily. The Negro people are looking for alternatives to the so-called "charismatic black" misleaders and the "liberal" social fascists in Congress.

It is because of this crisis that the revolutionary must look carefully at any projection that says "What is needed now is more struggle in the streets." That is important, but what is really needed is the ideological preparation for the coming battles. On this "June 'teenth", we have to convince all honest people, Negro and Anglo-American, that no

further progress of the Negro people is possible, and consequently no further progress for the working class as a whole is possible without the conscious and united struggle of the working class against the fascist danger and for peace, jobs and equality. Such goals are only possible with socialism.

On this anniversary of a victory for the entire toiling strata, we note the continued struggle of the Negro Nation for its emancipation. Especially, we note with revolutionary joy the political maturity of the Negro workers. Today, our demand to free the Negro Nation is most concretely expressed in our slogans: Imbue the masses with the spirit of Socialism! Win the Vanguard of the Proletariat to Communism! Each of these slogans are intertwined and each dependent on the other.

and burned 10 school buses. No, the real intent of the fascists is to use Kenneth Nard as a rallying point for KKK recruitment, as a scapegoat for the spreading of white chauvinist venom to further split the Anglo-American working class along national lines, as one more link in the blood, soaked chain of the fascist offensive of the USNA imperialists.

The militant sections of the working class of the Flint area along with their progressive allies arose immediately to the challenge posed by the fascists. Seizing the initiative the

FREE THE NEGRO NATION

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tory and thereby drive everyone down. Wallace has openly said for the world to hear that we fought on the wrong side in World War II.

But the Negro people will not be driven back to slavery without a fight. Everywhere the resistance to these fascist attacks is rising. The Welfare Rights Organization of Atlanta and Coalition for Human Dignity of New Orleans are making an attempt to defend welfare recipients against attacks, cuts and insults. At a recent Feminist rally in New Orleans a Klansman appeared wearing his white sheet and hood. He was immediately dehooded, cursed out and kicked out.

Last year in Destrehan, La., following a "racial" incident in which an Anglo-American youth was killed, the klan members from different parts of the state hit the highway toward Destrehan to help the citizens take their revenge on the Negro people there. To their shock, the Anglo-American minority citizens of Destrehan met them at the city line and turned them around. They did not even allow them

workers have formed a multi-national SUPPORT NARD legal defense fund and committee.

Our party must seize hold of every fascist attack upon the USNA working class such as the Nard case and utilize them to educate, organize and mobilize the working class into a broad, fighting united front against the growing fascist offensive. Only in the furnace of such concrete day to day struggles against the tyranny and brutality of the imperialists will the unity of the working class be forged.

in the city. The recent transit strike in New Orleans was another example of the fighting spirit of the Negro people. The citizens of the tiny town of Byhalia have shown the imperialists and the local lackeys that they will not let another police murder go by. They have been boycotting local businesses for 10 months demanding that the guilty cops be brought to justice.

Garbage workers on strike in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, have been holding out against bourgeois strike-breaking efforts like hiring prisoners and mentally retarded people in their place.

In South Carolina, JoAnne Little defending herself against rape, killed her attacker, an Anglo-American minority prison guard and has been charged with murder. Thousands of people both in the Negro Nation and in the Anglo-American nation have expressed support and contributions to her defense.

The Coalition of Black Trade Unionists met last month in Atlanta to make many progressive demands on the bourgeoisie. This and many other organizations throughout the Negro Nation demanded the renewal of the

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INDEPENDENCE FOR THE PHILIPPINES

On June 12, 1975, people around the country will celebrate the 77th anniversary of the independence of the Philippines. Emilio Aguinaldo, the "leader" of the Filipino revolution, on June 12, 1898, declared the Philippines free from Spanish colonial domination. But, at the same time, he declared that his country would be under "the protection of the Mighty and Humane North American nation." Thus, June 12th in reality does not mark Filipino independence; it marks the beginning of the domination and enslavement of the Philippines by USNA imperialism. Since that time the Philippines has been granted "independence" twice—on October 14, 1943, by the Japanese imperialists who then controlled the archipelago, and again, on July 4, 1946, by the USNA imperialists.

Despite these declarations, the Philippines today are as "independent" as Puerto Rico or the Negro Nation. The state structure is completely under the domination of the USNA state. The USNA imperialists have installed the dictator Marcos in order to protect over 2 billion dollars in investments, over 60% of total USNA investments throughout Southeast Asia. The Philippines, in fact, remain a direct colony of the USNA.

What does this mean for the workers of the USNA?

First, we should remember the teachings of Marx and Engels on the British colonization of Ireland. They showed how the oppression of one nation by another lays the basis of reaction within the oppressor nation. For decades the imperialists have been reaping superprofits from the Filipino

workers. Imperialist enterprises such as Ford, Chrysler, GM, Wells Fargo, and the Chase Manhattan Bank, conduct large scale business in the Philippines, while wages paid to the workers are about 5% of wages in the USNA. The average hourly wages for a carpenter (in US currency) is 22 cents; for a driver, 26 cents; for an electrician, 29 cents; for a painter, 28 cents.

The superprofits from this brutal exploitation are reaped by the imperialists, and a portion is paid into the pockets of the Meanys and Abels, the "labor lieutenants of capital", who, in return, whip up national chauvinism within the USNA working class, turning them against the Filipino workers and peasants abroad and the Filipino national minority at home.

They tell us that the Filipinos

suffer because they just didn't fight as hard as we did for their basic rights. This grotesque lie is refuted by the 600,000 Filipino lives lost fighting for freedom during the first 2 years of US domination. The truth is that the workers of both countries fought but only the workers of the Anglo-American nation were allowed to "win" anything at all!

Next we are told that the Filipino immigrants are "stealing our jobs". Thus, the capitalists divide us and set us against our fellow workers. But our common enemy is the imperialists themselves. Never do these traitors point out that the Filipinos are driven here because of the miserable conditions in their homeland and never do they make any attempt to organize the immigrant workers into trade unions and other mass organizations. As class conscious workers we must not allow our class to continue to be divided along national lines. We must unite the Filipinos and all national minorities with the rest of the Anglo-American workers. The "answer" of deportations, whether of Mexican nationals or Filipinos, is a criminal and chauvinist solution we must reject.

The latest trick of the Meanys and Abels and other traitors to our class, is to build a campaign against the multi-national corporations and foreign imports under such slogans as "Save American Jobs." But the content of this campaign is reactionary chauvinism designed to split the international working class.

The so-called multinational corporations are only multi-national in the sense that they reap profits from workers of many nations. But the capitalists and their agents in the labor movement make it seem as if these profits somehow benefit other countries. This is an outright lie! In fact, these corporations have left millions of workers and peasants around the world destitute.

The demand of the union misleaders—"Don't Buy Imports"—is fruitless and reactionary and has as its basis the concept that capitalism can be turned backward. But no nation any longer lives exclusively on its own production or sells only to its own market. Capital today is international and knows no national boundaries. Within the capitalist world there is only one market—the international market, dominated by USNA imperialism.

There is a reason that Ford Motor Co. can shut down production here and expand its operations in the Philippines; or that Dole can shut down its pineapple plantations in Hawaii and set them up in the Philippines. This reason is the direct colonial oppression of the Philippines.

But more and more workers are beginning to realize the hard way that the answer to unemployment is neither war nor fighting against imported commodities. The Anglo-American working class has two choices: either to be reduced to the level of the Filipino worker, or to unite with the Filipino workers and peasants in the struggle for national liberation and socialism!

The Anglo-American working class must make the fight for the real independence of the Philippines its own fight. We must do this by supporting all progressive people who are fighting the Marcos dictatorship. We must do this by demanding that the workers in the Philippines receive the same wages we do. We must welcome immigrants from the Philippines into our own ranks and join together in the fight against capital! History will prove that the fight waged for the real independence of a colony like the Philippines is in fact a fight for our own independence, a fight for the control by the working class of all society!

LEGAL STARVATION

"The purpose of the food stamp program is to raise the nutritional level among low-income households whose limited food purchasing power contributes to hunger and malnutrition among members of those households." Thus begins the Food Stamp Manual. But reality contradicts this lofty sentiment; the food stamp program has become a means of denying the foodstamps it was created to give.

During recent months new rulings have been handed down which further increase the difficulties in obtaining foodstamps. The first, which concerns what bills can be deducted from the cost of the stamps adds only confusion to an already overbearing mass of red tape. Bills already paid are no longer the basis for deductions; rather, the deductions are based on bills to be paid during the period of certification, but recipients must also prove themselves capable of paying these bills. In addition, the caseworkers gain added leverage in granting, refusing and setting the price of food stamps. On the other hand, unexpected bills such as medical expenses are often pro-rated or divided over the entire period of certification, providing no appreciable lowering of the cost of the stamps.

These rulings were handed down in the midst of an extreme economic crisis, when more and more people are forced to apply for food stamps. It is clearly an attack on welfare recipients, senior citizens, and the swelling ranks

of the unemployed, especially in the Negro Nation where, for example, 13% of the heads of Negro households in Mississippi earn less than \$1000/yr!

Every food stamp recipient is allowed a house and lot "normal to the community." But another new ruling limits the "normal" lot to 10 acres. This is a direct attack on the rural areas, particularly in the Negro Nation where rural residents, small farmers and sharecroppers, are already starving. Because of this ruling they can now be denied foodstamps even though they cannot even afford fertilizer to plant their usual gardens!

And yet, while unemployment grows, in the midst of the worst recession since the depression of the '30's, the swollen military budget continues to grow. On the one hand the imperialists rant that social security must be cut, food stamp programs must be cut, that the government is overspending; on the other hand they are willing to starve the working class to finance atrocious wars against the Cambodians and Vietnamese and eventually against the entire Socialist world. But there is only one way to war abroad, and that is fascism at home! Thus, the new food stamp rulings are not isolated instances; but integral parts of a growing, all-out offensive against our class. To finance the gigantic arms stockpiles and bankroll US military aggression, the imperialists must beat our class into submission, exploit every

ounce of labor from us, and when they can no longer provide us jobs, starve us!

We cannot permit this handful of billionaires to grind our class under the iron heel of fascism! Already the heaviest blows are falling on the Negro Nation, where wages are lowest and starvation is highest; then on the national minority workers throughout the USNA; and ultimately upon our entire class, employed as well as unemployed. What is not accomplished openly by fascist gangs like the KKK—is accomplished in legally disguised forms of starvation, cutbacks in welfare, food stamps and other social services, in order to finance military expenditure, weaken the resistance of our class, and drive us to war.

The state must be forced to give foodstamps to all who need them! We cannot allow our class brothers and sisters to starve! Every instance of fascist terror, overt or covert, must be answered with our cry: Stop fascism now! Jobs with peace! Free the Negro Nation!

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Voters Rights Act and its expansion to include other national minorities. This was opposed by many southern politicians, notably the head of the New Orleans City Council. But with so many proletarian feet in their tails, the house passed it and sent it to the Senate on June 5.

As communists, our hearts beat proud with excitement at this developing fight back of our class and the Negro People's Liberation Movement. All these acts of resistance are fronts of struggle in the intensifying class war.

On this Negro Nation Day, we dedicate ourselves together with all the peoples of the world who are striking blows against this USNA imperialist state to smash the fascist offensive and go over to the offensive to overthrow the seed bed of fascism and the enslaver of nations - USNA imperialism itself!

CHILD LABOR

As the economic crisis deepens and the drive towards fascism grows, the imperialists are stripping away the democratic rights our class has fought and died for. They have used the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to circumvent protective legislation for women. Now a House subcommittee on migrant labor has approved a bill making it legal for children ages 5 to 12 to do field harvest work. Children under 16 harvesting by hand do not have to be paid minimum wage. For adult farm laborers, the minimum wage is only \$1.80/hr.

According to the Washington Post, April 19, "Much of the pressure in support of the bill came from Oregon where, according to former Gov. Tom McCall, 54% of the state's multimillion dollar bean and strawberry harvest usually picked by children under 14, and 16% of them are under 12. There was also pressure from the state of Washington."

Under capitalism, the wages of workers continue to fall, both in terms of what a worker can buy and relative to the profits squeezed out of him. It becomes necessary for whole

families to work in order to earn the wages once paid to the man.

As the Migrant Legal Action Program testified before the House (Washington Post, 4/19, p. A2), "We need adults to earn sufficient money so they won't have their kids in the fields." Meanwhile, in the State of Washington, the number of jobs for migrant laborers has decreased from 90,800 in 1950 to 61,363 last year. Since there are many more laborers now than in 1950, the large reserve army of unemployed will see their children's lives bled white by the agricultural monopolies.

This legislation is an attack especially on the Mexican national minority who are forced into the fields of the USNA by imperialist exploitation of Mexico, and on the Negro workers, who comprise a large section of migrant labor, especially in the South. We must fight to stop such laws and to provide productive jobs at living wages at the expense of the military budget. We must demand the prohibition of labor by children under 16!

STOP CHILD LABOR!