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People of the World, UNITE!

On the night of Monday, October 25th, the General Assembly of the United Nations voted to seat the government of the People's Republic of China as the only legal representative of all the Chinese people. This event was a great victory for the people of the U.S. and the world.

The vast majority of the people of the world stand opposed to U.S. imperialist policy on this matter. This was shown by the tremendous margin (76 - 35) by which the resolution was passed. Even such normally staunch allies of the U.S. as Canada were forced by the world situation to break ranks and vote against the U.S.

In 1949 the Chinese people, led by Mao Tse-tung and the Chinese Communist Party, chased the U.S. backed military dictator, Chiang Kai-Shek out of mainland China and trapped him on the island province of Taiwan.

Ever since then, the U.S. government has claimed that Chiang, confined to Taiwan, is the legitimate ruler of all China.

THIS MAKES ABOUT AS MUCH SENSE AS IF GEORGE WALLACE AND THE ROCKEFELLER FAMILY, FACED WITH A WORKERS' REVOLUTION IN THE U.S. SEIZED THE TIP OF FLORIDA AND CLAIMED TO REPRESENT THE ENTIRE COUNTRY!

In the last few months, Nixon and Co. began to realize

that this ridiculous line had stopped fooling most people. But they didn't give up. Instead they tried to make their story a little slicker. Now they say that there are "two Chinas" and both should be represented in the U.N. But this lie can't fool anyone anymore than the old one did.

Taiwan is not a nation. It is an integral part of China and has been for centuries. This "two China" line is just another game. The U.N. vote reflects the fact that the majority of people in the world have rejected this and understand that there is only one government that represents the Chinese people. This most recent defeat for U.S. imperialism is but another burden which Nixon will carry on his visit to China!

LONG LIVE PEOPLE'S CHINA CLOSEST ALLY AND TRUEST FRIEND OF THE U.S. WORKING CLASS AND ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE!

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Meany & Co. Do Bosses Work Labor Lieutenants of the Capitalist Class



How long can Meany stand up to this?

George Meany and his fellow union big-wigs have recently announced their support of Nixon's new economic program and pledged to participate in its enforcement. By doing this, they have exposed themselves even further to millions of U.S. workers as nothing more than the well paid servants of big business. Meany and his friends, who make from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year, are doing everything they can to mislead the working class in the face of an all-out attack on our wages and living standards.

Phase II of Nixon's economic program, supported by leaders of the AFL-CIO, the Teamsters, and the U.A.W., is a desperate attempt by U.S. rulers to protect their profits.

How will this be done?

Two government committees have been established to control wages and prices. Each committee's members are appointed by Nixon and will include company officials, lawyers, economists, etc. Meany and friends made a big fuss over themselves getting 5 out of 15 seats on the pay board. They didn't bother to try and get anyone on the price committee. So, even counting Meany and friends as voting in the interest of the working class, which is a long-shot, we're outnumbered two to one on the wage board and seven to nothing on the price board. And, if for some reason this "fool-proof" system doesn't meet the needs of big business, Nixon and Connally's "Cost of Living Council" can always come to the bosses rescue.

BIG BARK

Meany and Company made a lot of noise about Nixon's program, but their actions speak louder than their words. Talking tough while preparing to sell out is an old tactic of labor "leaders" like Meany, Woodcock and Company. During times when real wages are falling and the rank and file is pushing to strike, it becomes necessary for these sell-outs to get tough, at least in words. This is the only way they can keep their leadership of the rank and file, while at the same time letting off the workers anger in a harmless way (harmless to big business, that is).

For example, in the months leading up to this summer's steel "strike," I.W. Abel was attacking the steel bosses right and left, demanding big raises, more benefits, etc. But what happened during the negotiations? The strike deadline was put off "at the last minute" and Abel and his steel company friends came to an "agreement."

The U.A.W. leadership is the same way. Woodcock started off last year talking about a 96 cent per hour raise, was down to half that by strike time, and settled for even less.

Railroad union officials regularly do what they're told by the government and railroad bosses, except when their rank and file gets so fed up that they threaten to walk out on their own. Then they start talking tough, demanding redress of the workers grievances and, of course, getting the men back to work!

This pattern goes on and on in almost every union in the country. The leaders get "militant" when they have to, then, it's back to sell-out as usual.

This same tactic was used by Meany and Co. on Nixon's wage/price freeze. The rank and file of the trade unions knew perfectly well that they were getting robbed. So, Meany and Co. come out talking tough, playing the role of "champions of the worker" to the hilt. "If they want war, they can have war," bellowed our courageous "leaders." But their "war" has turned into little more than a friendly skirmish. Meany, Woodcock, and Fitzsimmons have all agreed to sit on the wage board, accepting the 3% to 5% a year guideline on wages and giving legitimacy to Nixon's entire program. Every once in a while, Meany still calls Nixon a name or two to keep up appearances, but what he's really doing is there for everybody to see.

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The Georgia Communist League (Marxist-Leninist) is an organization dedicated to the victory of the working class struggle for socialism.

Our immediate goal is to help in building a new communist party in the U.S. Such a party must act as a vanguard of the working class and oppressed people and be based on the closest ties with the masses on the road to revolution.

The G.C.L.'s world outlook and guide to action are the principles of Marxism-Leninism and Mao Tsetung Thought which sum up the world wide experience of the proletarian struggle.

These ideas are the greatest weapon in our struggle for liberation.

We invite all class-conscious workers and revolutionaries to find out more about the activities of the Georgia Communist League and join us in the work which must be done if the class struggle is to move forward.

Revisionists Slander Revolt

ATTICA: TRAGIC or HEROIC

In the aftermath of the Attica Rebellion, two views of this event became clear. One was the view of the Modern Revisionists, especially the "Communist" Party U.S.A. and their paper the *Daily World*. The other was the viewpoint reflected in the *Red Worker* and held by all communists and revolutionary people.

These two views can be summed up as follows: was Attica a heroic event to be welcomed by the working class; or, was it a big disaster to be mourned over?

The traitorous leaders of the C.P. U.S.A. moaned in the *Daily World* that the Attica Rebellion was a disaster. In all of their articles they focused on the death and suffering of the prisoners and their relatives and on the might of the armed force that Rockefeller used to suppress the revolt.

What was their purpose in trying to make Attica out to be a great tragedy? Their purpose was to discourage the workers and other oppressed people from following the revolutionary example of the heroes of Attica. These C.P. U.S.A. scabs hate the revolutionary violence of the masses and do everything they can to prevent it. They are defenders of U.S. imperialism and try to make the U.S. ruling class seem invincible. Henry Winston, chairman of the C.P. U.S.A. laid out the main line of the Party on Attica in an "analysis" in the *Daily World*. "Attica," he whined, "is the Road to Fascism." In other words he was saying "revolutionary struggle is self-defeating; it will only make the imperialists respond with vicious repression!"

This is exactly the lesson that his masters—the U.S. capitalists—intended to teach with their bloody suppression of the revolt!!

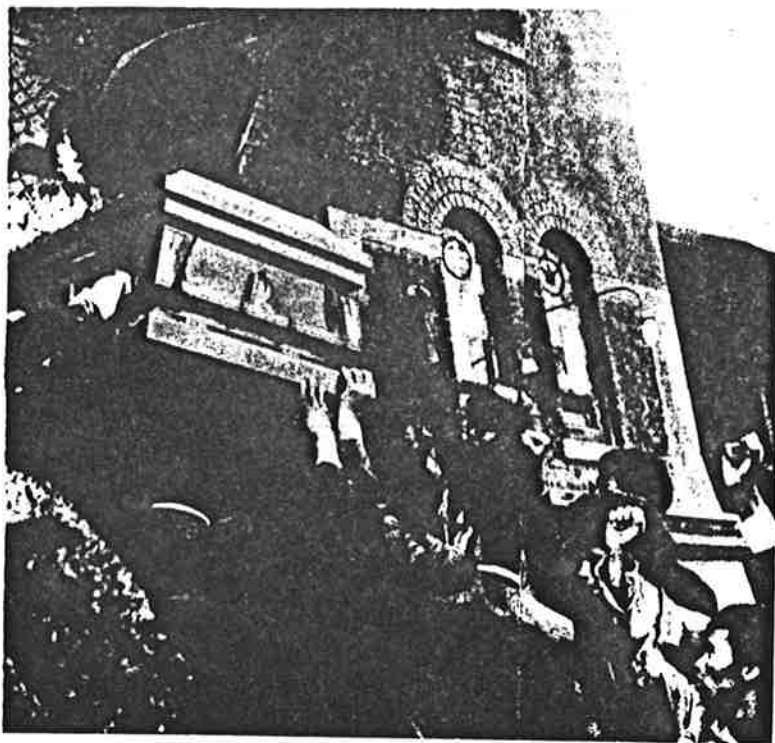
This is a great example of how the C.P. U.S.A. leaders are the mouthpieces of U.S. imperialism behind a "communist" veil.

Communists and other revolutionaries and class conscious workers took the opposite view to the Modern Revisionists of the C.P. U.S.A. We welcomed the heroic rebellion of the Attica prisoners and were encouraged by it.

We welcome it even though it meant the deaths of dozens of militant anti-imperialist fighters. This capitalist system causes thousands of deaths every day from imperialist wars, from unsafe working conditions, from bad health care, etc. But as Lenin said,

He who prefers death in the open struggle against those who defend and protect this horrible system, rather than the lingering death of a crushed, broken-down and submissive nag deserves the title of hero a hundredfold.

Revolutionary communists saw Attica as a great advance for the mass movement, not a setback. It was a notable lesson in the importance and necessity of revolutionary violence in our struggle. It was a magnificent example of the determination and courage of the oppressed people of the U.S., no matter what the odds against them.



The Feeling Is Mutual-- BOSSES HATE Red Worker

At many places where the *Red Worker* has been passed out to the workers the security guards and straw bosses have been scared stiff. When the first issue of the *Red Worker* was distributed at St. Regis, a supervisor (Arthur) came out to see what was happening. He was shaking from fright and tried to take papers away from the workers—but they wouldn't let him! He said things like, "You don't want to read that, BOY!" This made the workers want to read it even more. One workers said, "Just let him try to take one from me!"

When the *Red Worker* was distributed at Mead (Container Division) several straw bosses came out to hassle. They were so frightened that they closed the side gate which workers were using, forced them to go out another gate. We just went over to the other gate and finished distributing the *Red Worker* there. The workers laughed at the Foremen. We told them to read the *Red Worker* and find out why the bosses were so scared. The result of the whole incident was that the workers were much more interested in the paper when they saw that the straw bosses were scared out of their wits by it.

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The Communist View:

DEMOCRACY and

The majority of American people want an end to the Vietnam war, but the war drags on. Is this democracy?

Workers, who bear the brunt of taxes and inflation, are the hardest hit by the Wage Freeze. Yet big business gets handouts and profits continue to soar. Is this democracy?

The capitalists rob millions of dollars from workers through exploitation, high rents, high prices, etc. Yet workers are attacked by troops and thrown in jail when they strike. Is this democracy?

The cops brutalize Black people at the slightest opportunity—all in the name of protecting the capitalists' property. Is this democracy?

Capitalism means democracy for the rich handful of billionaires—the Rockefellers, the Kennedys, the Fords—who live off the labor of the working class. It means dictatorship over the millions of workers and oppressed peoples.

How do the capitalists (the bourgeoisie) maintain their rule?

The capitalists use the whole apparatus of the state—the prisons, the cops, the courts, the army, and the government bureaucracy—to exercise their domination over the working class. In V.I. Lenin's words,

According to Marx, the state is an organ of class domination, an organ of oppression of one class by another. . .

All of the institutions of government serve to enslave the workers. Of these the two main ones are the military and the government bureaucracy. The military gives the capitalists the **POWER** to forcibly suppress the working class. The

bureaucracy of government workers gives the capitalists an army of professional servants dedicated to capitalism. These two institutions are tied to the capitalists by a million threads.

No matter which party—Democrats or Republicans—holds office, the state institutions ensure that the *capitalists* will stay in power!

All of the trappings of democracy are a shield to hide from the people the true nature of capitalism. Even the right to vote is only meant to cast the illusion that the majority rules. Behind the veil of democracy stands the armed might of the bourgeois state. In countries such as Germany under Hitler the veil of democracy was dropped, and the capitalists ruled by open, armed terror. They will never hesitate to use force against the working class and oppressed peoples, if they feel their rule is threatened!

ARMED STRUGGLE OF THE PROLETARIAT

Working people can never have democracy as long as the capitalists hold state power. Only when the working class with the leadership of its vanguard party seizes power and smashes the bourgeois state can democracy for workers be ensured.

Can workers do this by electing their representatives to power?

No! As long as the capitalists exist they will never give up their power voluntarily. They won't even give a nickel an hour voluntarily. They didn't hesitate to use violence against the inmates at Attica. If and when the working class poses a



Russia, 1917 V.I. Lenin proclaims birth of new world . . .

DICTATORSHIP



Red workers and soldiers arrest capitalist government.

serious threat, they will react even more viciously. The experience of every socialist revolution teaches us that the capitalists will fight to the last breath, to the last man to prevent the working class revolution.

Unless the working class uses force they can never overthrow the capitalists!

Why does the capitalist state have to be smashed?

As long as the capitalists' army, courts, prisons, etc. exist they will use them to prevent the working class from making any real changes. In countries like India, Sweden, or Britain the so-called Socialists or Laborites were elected; in reality the capitalists are still in power.

This is where the renegades and traitors like the C.P. U.S.A. sell out the working class. They spread the lie that the working class can vote its way to power. They say armed struggle isn't necessary. They refuse to prepare the working class to make revolution. Why?—because they don't really want a revolution! They sold their souls to the capitalists a long time ago!

THE REVOLUTIONARY DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT

What will the workers build to replace the capitalist state?

The state, i.e., the proletariat organized as the ruling class, this theory of Marx is inseparably bound with all he taught on the revolutionary role of the proletariat in history. The culmination of this role is the proletarian

dictatorship, the political rule of the proletariat.

V.I. Lenin, *State and Revolution*

After the workers smash the capitalist state, they must replace it with a proletarian state—the revolutionary dictatorship of the proletariat! This must be a government run by the armed workers, to insure the widest possible democracy for the working class and oppressed peoples. Instead of democracy for the few it will be democracy for the many.

Why is dictatorship over the capitalists necessary?

While dictatorship of the proletariat is democracy for the majority, it means dictatorship over the old capitalist class. They are deprived of political liberties—but mainly they are deprived of the right to continue exploiting and oppressing the vast majority of the people. As Lenin says,

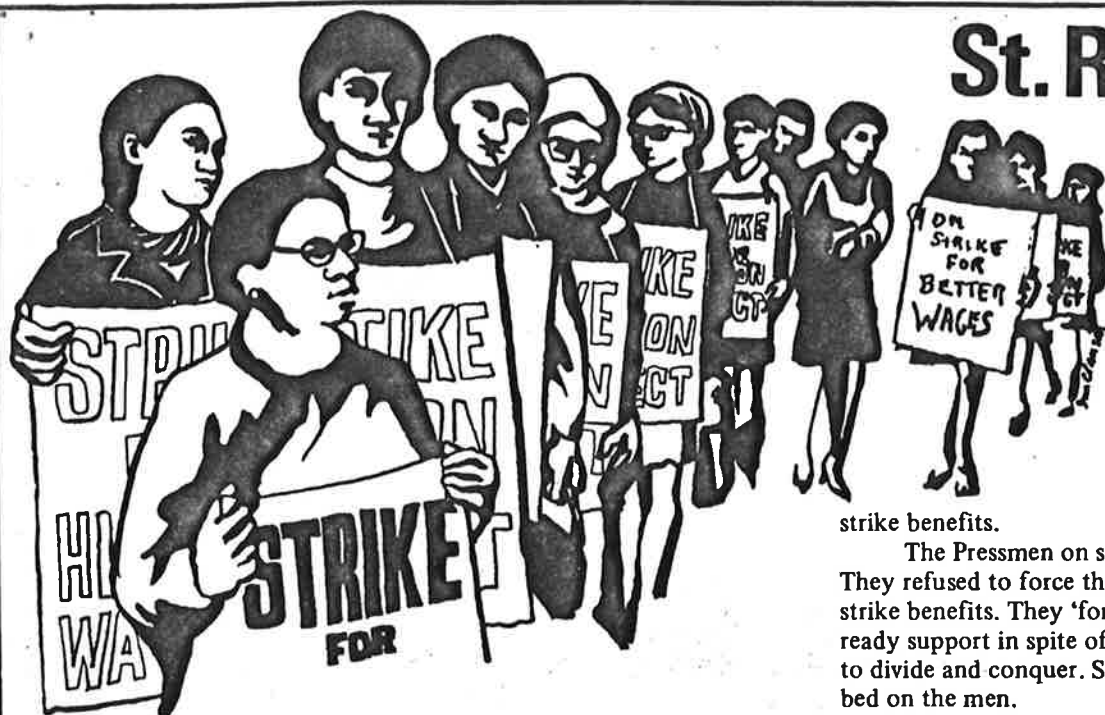
The dictatorship of the proletariat produces a series of restrictions of liberty in the case of the oppressors, the exploiters, the capitalists. We must crush them in order to free humanity from wage slavery; their resistance must be broken by force. . .

If we don't forcibly suppress them, they will ceaselessly plot to overthrow the workers' power.

How will the working class exercise this dictatorship?

Lenin says that after the capitalist state is "crushed and wiped off the face of the earth. . .the proletariat then substitutes for all this a more democratic, but still a state machinery in the shape of armed masses of workers. . ." The armed workers, with the leadership of its vanguard communist party, will control and run the state.

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St. Regis Strike

A PAINFUL LESSON

strike benefits.

The Pressmen on strike would not support the women. They refused to force the union to include the women in strike benefits. They 'forgot' that the women had shown ready support in spite of the union and company attempts to divide and conquer. So the women went back in and scabbed on the men.

Who won? The company!

TO WIN WE MUST BE UNITED!

This incident is just a variation of an old story. Women—especially Black women—are given the lowest paying, worst jobs. Black women are discriminated against. Women are at the bottom of the totem pole, with Black women even lower than white women. Because of this they often see oppression more clearly and fight back harder than the men.

With the St. Regis workers divided and weak, additional pressures from the union bureaucrats took its toll. When Nixon announced the Wage Freeze, the men walked back in and the strike was busted.

The Pressmen of Local No. 8 let themselves be fooled by the oldest trick in the book. By siding with the union opportunists and the company against the women—they sold out their own strike!

Workers have *nothing* in common with the capitalists or the union hacks! We must fight back every step of the way against *all* attempts to divide and confuse us!

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But why are the bosses so afraid? Mao Tse-Tung, chairman of the Chinese Communist Party has said, "IT (THE MONOPOLY CAPITALIST CLASS) BECOMES PANIC-STRICKEN AT THE MERE RUSTLE OF LEAVES IN THE WIND." This means that this small class of people, these super-rich capitalists who own and control the big banks and corporations, these dogs who steal the products of our labor every day, are deathly afraid of millions of working people rising up to seize what belongs to them. This is what socialist revolution and communism are all about. They know this! This is why they are scared stiff!

They don't want the working class to become aware of the fact that socialist revolution is needed and possible. One issue of an eight page newspaper may not seem like much at first, but it is one step of many towards bringing the truth to the working people. It is just a "rustle of leaves in the wind." And look how panic-stricken they are by it!

The experience of the working class all over the world is full of lessons we can use in our own struggles. We should learn from the experience of the St. Regis strikers.

Why did the recent strike at St. Regis fail?

Several years ago the Pressmen (skilled workers) at St. Regis asked for a raise. The company agreed to give them 17 cents an hour on one condition—that they pull out of Local 527 and form their own union.

Local 527 included almost all of the workers at St. Regis—70% women, most of them Black. The majority of the workers were unskilled.

The company knew that if they could *divide* the workers by giving only the men a raise and getting them into a separate union, then it would be easier to break strikes and smash workers' struggles in the future.

The Pressmen fell for the trick and accepted the company's offer! They formed Local No. 8 of Pressmen and Printers. Almost all of the men in the plant, skilled and unskilled, joined this new local.

This past July the contract ran out and the Pressmen went on strike. Coming to the union meeting of Local 527, the International told the women that they didn't have to support the strike because it wasn't their strike. Besides, who likes to eat commodity foods? But the women knew that this was an old tactic of the union misleaders, that the union was feeding *itself* out of the workers' union dues and at the same time siding with the company to try to break the strike.

The purpose of the unions originally was to help *unite* the workers in an organization to fight and protect their interests. But having different unions for men and women was just what the company wanted. Now, union could scab on union, and what the workers lost, the company would gain.

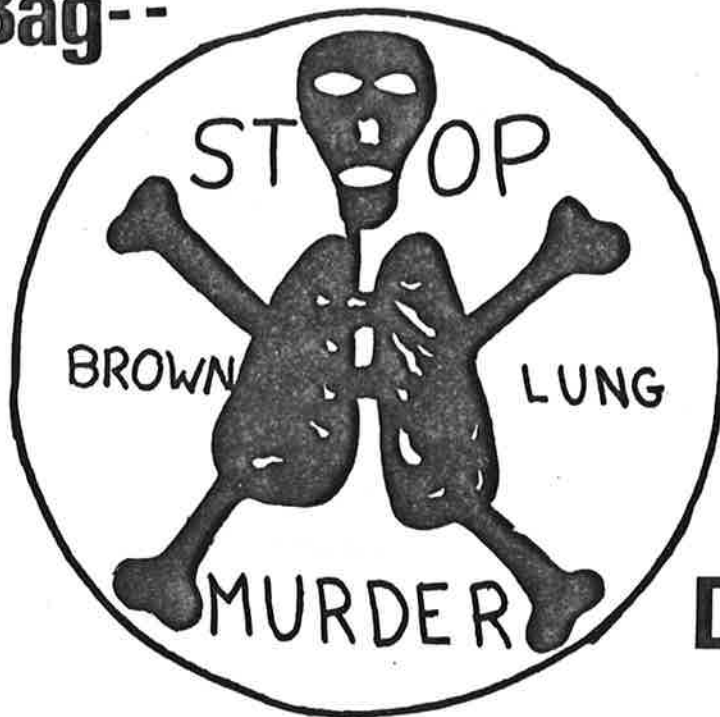
The women of St. Regis *rejected* this attempt to divide the workers! They walked out with the men!

IT ALL COMES BACK HOME!

The company and the union worked hand in hand to break the strike and get the workers back to work!

They used injunctions, lies—every trick in the book. Finally the union officials, mad at the loss of a \$5,000 APPEASEMENT settlement, refused to give the women any

Fulton Bag--



DEATH TRAP

All over the Mill we see posters urging us to "Work Safely" and telling us that 'everybody' loses from accidents. The Textile Kings would like us to think that they are our friends and have the cotton mill worker's best interests at heart—but only a very few of us actually believe their lies.

Sure, it is in our interests to work safely, and it does cost the company owners some money if we have an accident. But these rich rulers want to have their cake and eat it too! They want us to 'work safely' and still speed-up production more and more. They try to shift the burden of accidents to the workers, but the only safety devices to be found are the ones that protect the machines. If they protect us, it is only an incidental side-effect. Just look around. Everywhere there are exposed gears, belt pulleys, and rollers to get caught in, to get a finger or hand smashed in. And these old wooden floors are so slick, they are dangerous to walk on.

Aside from these hazards, of which we are constantly aware, what about the air we breathe? We can't live without it—but inside Fulton Mills it seems like we can hardly live with it!

Cotton dust can cause a serious disease called *brown lung* (Byssinosis). It is similar to the "blacklung" which coal miners get from coal dust. It makes you short of breath and produces coughing. It can, after some years in the Mills, make you unable to work and even cause death by heart failure. Some people who have brown lung simply think that they are getting old or that they have asthma. It has been estimated that nearly 50% of cotton mill workers in the South have brown lung!

The cotton mill bosses have stopped any investigation of brown lung for a long time. In fact, at one North Carolina university—run by the Textile Millionaires—a student wanted to write a paper on cotton dust disease. Her professor told her, "Please write about the coal mine thing in West Virginia. What do you want to get me in trouble for?" This is how far they will go to promote our safety!

And what about what you can't see in the air! What about all the other dusts and fumes that are invisible? Textile workers are constantly exposed to a variety of dusts and fumes which irritate the eyes and throat and some of which are even deadly poison. Bleachers come into regular contact with at least seven such chemicals; finishers, with three; and the worst—textile printers—come into contact with 21 such chemicals, one of which remains in your body and builds up over a period of time.

All of these problems could be reduced by the installation of various safety devices, such as guard covers around gears and pulleys, finger guards over rollers and an adequate ventilation system which would remove cotton dust and poison chemicals from the air, and not just blow them around.

But all of this is not going to come about through the goodwill of the Capitalists, *because there is no such thing*. It will only happen if textile workers expose these conditions in articles such as this and conduct a militant struggle against these abusive conditions—like the miners have done against blacklung.

Look around as you walk through the famous "gates" of Fulton Mills. Look at your fellow workers—at the missing fingers. Listen to the wheezing and coughing. *And when you are looking at the cotton dust remember: the company took out the cigarette machines to 'protect our health'!*

The question is before you: to live and fight like working men and women or to be beaten down and die like slaves.

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The treacherous leaders of the C.P. U.S.A. cannot destroy the revolutionary essence of Attica no matter how hard they try!. Attica will serve as a great inspiration and example for years to come!!