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## EDITORIAL

### THE REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE AND OUR TASKS

The most fashionable word in our movement is "fusion". But of course, communists can never be satisfied with catchwords and fads. We are realists, able to make a sober appraisal of things and to chart a direction for our work, and the concrete methods for organizing that work. A sober appraisal of our movement reveals the following:

1. The economic and political crisis of imperialism is rousing the masses to struggle on a growing scale. For example, we have the recent wildcat strike by 120,000 mineworkers, the growing organized rank and file resistance to the trade union bureaucrats among steelworkers, autoworkers, etc., the spreading movement against police repression of the oppressed nationalities, (Joann Little, Gary Tyler, Coalition Against Police Abuse in Los Angeles, etc.) While these movements have not yet revealed the scope and intensity of the mass movements of the 1960's, it is only a matter of time before they do. Communists are only providing leadership to these struggles to a small extent.

2. The opportunists are stronger in certain respects than the Marxists-Leninists.

The CPUSA, PSP, CASA, the

RCP and the OL undoubtedly have more mass influence than do Marxist-Leninists. They are also much bigger, much stronger financially and organizationally than "our side". We are aware that this is a temporary phenomenon in an historical sense. Nonetheless, we cannot let historical perspective blind us to contemporary realities. This would be like an adolescent boy trying to knock out Muhammad Ali because "historically speaking" he is on the "ascendant" while Ali is on the decline.

3. The Marxist-Leninist trend is growing but has some very serious weaknesses. Most serious is the lack of a real base in the working class movement. We have had occasion to observe the work of many comrades and to discuss this work with them, large organizations as well as collectives. Almost without exception they have only a minimal base, if that, among the industrial proletariat. The industrial midwest, the heartland of U.S. capitalism, for example, has very few Communists doing work there. Those that do are often young, inexperienced, untrained and with little influence. One small evidence of the truth of our assertion is provided by the communist forums. They are notable for the lack of calloused hands in the audience. Let's not kid ourselves.

4. The level of actual fusion of Communism with the working class and national movements is low. Although the League for Proletarian Revolution correctly criticizes the movement for failing to analyze the extent of this fusion, they too fail to do so. They merely state that the lack of a party is evidence of a low level of fusion. This is not an ANALYSIS. One could have made the same statement in 1960. Are we to suppose therefore that no change has occurred in the past 16 years, and that no change will occur until the party congress? We think it is better to judge the level of fusion also by the political demands and slogans raised by the working class. Where

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The USWA rank and file want democracy IN and the class-collaborationist Abel/McBride (left) machine OUT. For this they get shot at and beat up (see inset taken at convention). Sadlowski (right) cashes in on the steelworker's desires by assuming a militant pose to win the union presidency - \$70,000 a year!

## SADLOWSKI, AN INSIDE-OUT ABEL

### Social Props in Steel Elections

Next February the United Steelworkers of America will hold union-wide elections to select a new international president. The \$70,000 a year post is being sought by Lloyd McBride and Ed Sadlowski. McBride represents the present reactionary leadership headed by I W Abel, while Sadlowski purports to represent the "rank and file". Let's take a look at the policies and actions of both camps to see exactly whose interests they ACTUALLY represent.

#### MCBRIDE RUNNING ON ABEL'S LABEL

I W Abel was originally elected president of the Steelworkers in 1964 as a "reform" candidate, opposed to the class-collaborationist policies of then union president David J. McDonald. Since his election Mr. Abel and his colleagues (e.g., Lloyd McBride) have brought Steelworkers the following:

1. The Experimental Negotiating Agreement (ENA). This agreement contains the infamous "no-strike" clause which bans strikes in basic steel unless they are approved by the international president, who of course is not "inclined" to approve them. Disputed issues are referred instead to binding arbitration.
2. The ENA extends for three years (1973-1977) and contains a clause pledging another three-year contract. The rank and file have consistently demanded one-year contracts, which only makes sense given the continual fluctuations in capitalist economy, and the corrosive effects of inflation, unemployment, rising taxes, utility costs, etc.
3. Abel hailed the ENA as a "job guarantee". In fact, since the ENA was signed the steel companies have enjoyed a profit increase of 300% per ton, while at least 63,000 steelworkers lost their jobs between 1973 and 1975.
4. Rather than taking up an active struggle against the bitter racial and national oppression within the steel industry, Abel has chosen to rely on the infamous Consent Decree. This racist edict of the capitalist judicial system forces the victims of past discrimination to forego all future legal claims against the companies in exchange for a payoff of a few hundred dollars. Its clear intent is to blunt the militant struggle of the oppressed

nationality workers, while letting the companies off the hook after decades of racism and superexploitation of the oppressed nationality workers. This is the Abel-McBride answer to national oppression and racism. In the meantime it is the oppressed nationality steelworkers who face the highest rate of unemployment (around 14%), who receive the lowest pay, and who must work the coke ovens and every other unsafe and dirty job in the industry. (80-90% of coke oven workers are Afro-Americans. The incidence of kidney cancer among such workers is 7½ times that of all other steel workers. Their lung cancer rate is twice that of other steel workers.)

5. No democracy for the rank and file. Abel has brought hundreds of locals under his wing and has stamped out all vestiges of democracy in the grand tradition of his predecessor. The rank and file were not allowed to vote on the Experimental Negotiating Agreement, for instance. In local 1981 in Los Angeles, the rank and file overwhelmingly passed a resolution demanding that union meetings be translated into Spanish since the local membership is 80% Spanish-speaking. Abel's stooge, District 38 director Frank McKee, rejected the resolution out of hand. McKee is running for Secretary-Treasurer on the McBride slate.

At the recent National Steelworkers Convention in Las Vegas, Abel stacked the proceedings with hundreds of non-elected staff appointees and staff secretaries. This is the same man who said in 1964 in his election campaign: "The basic democratic traditions of our union have been subverted over a number of years. To an ever-greater degree the decision making process has been concentrated at the top. We intend to restore rank-and-file control over basic policies."

In the face of the Sadlowski threat, Abel-McBride machine beat up one Sadlowski reformer at the national convention in Las Vegas, and shot another in the neck in Houston, Texas. We can expect these kinds of tactics to escalate as the campaign heats up.

6. Abel-McBride support capitalist politician Jimmy Carter, and well they might. Carter proposed to develop "National Economic Planning",

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"The non-aligned movement is a mighty anti-imperialist revolutionary force reflecting the main trend of the present era."

- Kim Il Sung

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# Steel Workers Trample Injunction ■ major safe strike continues

The strike of the 100 steelworkers of the Major Safe Company of Los Angeles picked up steam as it moved into its second month. On Nov. 4, the Major Safe capitalists went to their faithful courtroom "friends" for a "little favor" -- a court injunction limiting picketing to 3 workers per entrance. After a few moments of thoughtful judicial pondering, the guardians of (capitalist) justice issued exactly the injunction demanded by their masters from Major Safe and, right by their side, (completely unknown to the rank and file), stood the bureaucrats of the United Steelworkers of America. With only a murmur of protest, they agreed to the injunction.

The workers immediately saw the injunction, not as the highest product of judicial wisdom, but as another rotten tactic aimed at breaking their strike, facilitating the bringing in of scabs and the loading of deliveries whenever the capitalists wanted. On 3 different days from 40 to 60 workers and supporters defied the injunction, and walked the picket line while the cops and the bosses gritted their teeth and took photographs. What made it even more galling to these parasites was the fact that every picket was accompanied by a rally with communist speakers, speakers who explained that the struggle of the Major Safe strikers was a part of the struggle against the capitalist system, and which explained to the workers the significance of their political demands calling for equality of languages and the translation of all contracts into Spanish. The communists have explained to the strikers that their's is a fight to end all national oppression and a part of the struggle for democratic rights for workers of all nationalities. The workers are also demanding the right to strike and an end to forced overtime. These demands assume increased significance in the face of the deepening capitalist crisis, and in the face of the efforts of the bureaucrats to render the trade unions completely harmless to the capitalists by doing away with the strike weapon. The August 29th Movement has been consistent in both its agitation and propaganda in showing that the only real solution to the problems of the Major Safe workers and the whole working class is socialist revolution led by an anti-revisionist communist party. The workers have also learned, through the support they have received from the political activists from Little Tokyo and Chinatown, about the unity of the working class with the struggle of the national minorities. These supporters have risked arrest right along with the strikers, proving in the heat of struggle the real meaning of revolutionary support. These actions have proved more useful than a thousand speeches in educating the workers about the unity of all the oppressed against capitalism.

In the face of this upsurge the company has pleaded with the USWA bureaucrats to get the workers back into line. But one of the strike bulletins tore the mask off of these puppets. "Well, having not shown up on the picket line for 4 weeks, international Representative Valencia, decided to pay us a visit the same day the injunction came down. This traitor tried to intimidate us with insults and threats

saying that if we violated the injunction we were going to jail. . . Valencia like a good number of other of other officials is a bribed servant of rich factory owners and corporations. This 'legitimate' bribery consists of fat salaries, like Valencia's friend I W Abel's \$75,000 salary, with political privileges, and of course a lifetime guarantee that they don't have to work."

The workers quickly showed they understand these truths by picketing the union hall and demanding Valencia's removal as a negotiator, complete support from the international, including bail money in case of arrests, translations of all union meetings and contracts into Spanish and English, no union official should receive more in salary than the highest paid steelworker under contract, union lawyers who will really try to fight the injunction. With a group of angry workers pounding on their doors the bureaucrats could only resort to vague insinuations (red-baiting) -- "outsiders are misleading you (the workers)" But two days later Valencia was removed as a negotiator -- a clear victory for the workers. Faced with the militancy of the workers

ing of the injunction, and bureaucrat salaries. While expressing support for translated contracts and union meetings (his rally was held only in English), he did a fine imitation of Jimmy Carter on the other two questions. For one thing, he stands to get Abel's \$75,000 a year if he wins, so he preferred not to get too specific about salaries. Instead of promising to support the workers defiance of the injunctions, he tiptoes around the question with broad generalities about "solidarity", "workers' unity", etc. (For more on Sadlowski, see page 1 of this issue.) After watching Sadlowski do his passable imitation of a capitalist political huckster, many of the strikers came to the conclusion that Sadlowski is no different from I W. Abel -- only slicker. They intend to boycott the election for president.

## HASTA LA VICTORIA SIEMPRE!

The strike at Major Safe looks like a long one. Through each twist and turn in the struggle the workers, with communist leadership, are starting to learn important lessons about the capitalists and their state. Each "twist" exposes another side of capitalist oppression and treachery, as well as teaching new methods to combat them. The politically active workers are coming forward to lead the strike, some of whom are interested in studying the science of their class -- Marxism-Leninism. Communists must fan this spark of interest, satisfy the growing desire for knowledge on the part of some of the workers, and show them how to integrate that knowledge with every fibre of their struggle.

(Workers are anxious to speak to unions, community meetings and student groups. For more information, contact the strike committee on the picket line. 3600 E Olympic Blvd., East Los Angeles. Donations should be sent to PO Box 54927, L A, Calif.)

As the Revolutionary Cause goes to press, there have been new developments in the strike. Major Safe management handed out contempt charges against 16 workers and two supporters. In response 50 workers and supporters showed up for the court hearing. Far from supporting the rank and file, the International's attorneys did everything possible to divide the strikers. At first, they refused to represent the strikers, then they insisted on presenting a reactionary defense in court. The International wants to blame "outside agitators" for breaking the injunction. The International wants to divide the supporters from the strikers and split off the communist leadership of the strike. They insist that the strikers obey the injunction. Since Major Safe bosses aren't hiring scabs, the strikers have agreed not to call more mass pickets for the time being.

The workers desire for unity against the company is strong. They insist that the union defend all strikers. They insist that the lawyers put the blame on the bosses, not the supporters. The strikers are planning mass turnouts for the upcoming court hearings and will continue to ask for support from community groups.



some of the local union officials have been forced to voice their support for breaking the injunction -- a concession which helped boost strikers' morale.

## "BIG ED" -- A SLICK POLITICIAN

A group of strikers went to a rally for Ed Sadlowski, candidate for International President. Sadlowski comes on like a big time reformer. Indeed he has gotten the support of such well-known reformist organizations as the Communist Party USA, the Revolutionary Communist Party, and the Communist Labor Party. The strikers confronted him with specific questions about his stand on the equality of languages, their break-

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA, TO COMRADE CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG  
FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE AUGUST 29th MOVEMENT (MARXIST-LENINIST)

Dear Comrades,

We send our revolutionary greetings and congratulations to the Communist Party of China for its recent victories over the renegade "gang of four", for their complete exposure and rout. Once again your party has proven in the storm of revolutionary battle that class struggle is indeed the key link. This is convincing proof that the Thought of Mao Tsetung is invincible and will live forever. The millions of oppressed and struggling masses the world over rejoice that the Chiang-Wang-Chang-Yao clique has been smashed and the mighty dictatorship of the proletariat strengthened and consolidated. All revolutionaries are inspired by this victory to redouble their efforts to destroy once and for all, the evil system of imperialism and revisionism. All revolutionaries owe a profound debt of gratitude to the glorious party of China headed by Comrade Chairman Hua Kuo-Feng for the leadership it has provided in this latest struggle against the counterrevolutionary attempts by the double-dealing "gang of four" to restore capitalism in China, the mighty land of socialism.

We would also like to take this opportunity to send our warmest congratulations to the Communist Party of China on its appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-Feng as Chairman of the Party. This appointment is in full accord with the behests of Comrade Mao Tsetung, and is also in full agreement with the wishes and aspirations of the Chinese workers and peasants. The revolutionary banner of Marxism-Leninism is in firm hands, and we are confident that the Chinese working class will achieve still greater victories under the wise stewardship and leadership of Comrade Chairman Hua Kuo-Feng. Under his leadership we are confident that the struggle against the "gang of four" will be carried to a completely successful conclusion, as well as the struggle against the right deviationist wind of Teng Hsiao Ping and all other ghosts and monsters who may try and subvert the proletarian dictatorship and restore capitalism in the future. Today all eyes watch revolutionary China, as an example and as an inspiration to our struggle; the appointment of the new Chairman and the liquidation of the "gang of four" shows us that Mao Tsetung Thought will live forever in China and throughout the world. Armed with Mao Tsetung Thought the world working class movement cannot fail to win victory.

YOUR COMRADES IN STRUGGLE,  
THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
THE AUGUST 29th MOVEMENT  
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TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY OF LABOUR OF ALBANIA, TO COMRADE CHAIRMAN ENVER HOXHA  
FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE AUGUST 29th MOVEMENT (MARXIST-LENINIST)

Dear Comrades,

Our warmest revolutionary greetings to the Party of Labour of Albania on the completion of your glorious Seventh Congress. This Congress occurred at a particularly auspicious time, when the revolutionary current is surging and growing throughout the world; and when the two vicious watchdogs of imperialism -- the United States and the Soviet Union -- are stepping up their contention and collusion in their insatiable quest for world hegemony. The factors for both war and for revolution truly stand face to face. Your mighty party inspires revolutionaries throughout the world in the struggle against imperialism, social-imperialism, the danger of world war, and all other forms of reaction. Your mighty party has led the industrious and heroic Albanian proletariat, in firm alliance with the revolutionary Albanian peasantry, to one victory after another -- the defeat of the capitalist encirclement and blockade, the building of a socialist Albania, the strengthening of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, etc. Under the wise Marxist-Leninist leadership of Comrade Chairman Enver Hoxha the Party of Labour of Albania has become an inspiration and a shining example to all communists the world over who are fighting against imperialism and revisionism. Particularly do you inspire us to wage fierce and unrelenting struggle against the myriad forces of modern revisionism, the social prop of the worldwide imperialist system. We have seen your small party stand like a giant against the bluffs, threats, and intimidations of that "colossus with feet of clay", the USSR, and the revisionist Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Inspired by the consistent devotion to principles of your party under the leadership of Comrade Enver Hoxha, we find both strength and encouragement for our struggle. By his leadership Comrade Enver Hoxha has shown himself to be one of the foremost Marxist-Leninists of our time, a leader belonging not only to the Albanian proletariat, but also the proletariat of the entire world. We are absolutely gratified that under his wise direction the Party of Labour of Albania's Seventh Congress was a Congress of struggle, a Congress of victory, a Congress of inspiration, a Congress of vast theoretical and practical achievement.

YOUR COMRADES IN STRUGGLE,  
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## ATM (M-L) forums on Chicano National Question

# COMMUNISTS MUST LEAD FIGHT AGAINST NATIONAL OPPRESSION!

The August 29th Movement (M-L) commemorated the great anti-imperialist Chicano moratorium and demonstration of August 29, 1970 with a series of forums on the Chicano National Question. In addition to being dedicated to the historic Chicano uprising against the imperialist war then being waged by the U S against the people of Vietnam, the forums were also held in honor of the battle of camp Tal El Zaatar in Lebanon where the heroic Palestinians fought to the last man against the fascist forces as a part of their ongoing struggle to regain their homeland. The forums were held in San Jose, Los Angeles, San Diego in California, as well as in Denver, Colorado, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas.

The August 29th Movement adopted its revolutionary position on the Chicano National Question at its second Congress. These forums showed that, for the first time in history, this key question had been placed on a scientific, Marxist-Leninist plane. Forum speakers stressed the

necessity for further testing and development of the line in order to develop to a higher level the necessary theoretical and practical basis for uniting Marxist-Leninists and advanced workers in the struggle for the party and for proletarian revolution. The speakers stressed that a correct line on the Chicano National Question will help to arm us to forge the revolutionary alliance of the multinational proletariat and the revolutionary national movements in this country. But it was pointed out that the line itself was valueless if it was not actively implemented in the course of waging the struggle against the effects of the deepening capitalist crisis and the rising wave of vicious national oppression. ATM received a particularly warm response from the majority of the audiences for its stress that party-building cannot occur in isolation from an understanding of the Chicano National Question, nor in isolation from Communist work in that movement. This was a sharp rebuff to those intellectuals in our movement who see the development of political line as somehow a process of

simple reasoning and study, rather than as a process of actual involvement in the struggle done in connection with our study and reasoning. This point was stressed over and over again by both speakers and audience at our forums -- that all of our talk about party-building, program and fusion, etc. was JUST TALK if we fail to win the respect and following of the masses in the fire of struggle against class and national oppression, the danger of war and fascism. It is this work alone that is our guarantee of fusion, and ensures that we will really win over the advanced fighters from the class.

The forums reviewed the centuries-long history and development of the Chicano nation in the Southwest, a review which revealed how the development of that nation had been stunted by U S imperialism. Speakers explained the crucial significance of the National Question under the era of imperialism -- a system which can live in no other way than by the exploitation of nations

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## Communist leadership needed

# BRIBED UAW LEADERS SELL OUT WORKERS AGAIN!

When the autoworkers contract expired on September 14th their road to better health and safety conditions, job security and an end to forced overtime was obstructed by major pitfalls. First, they had to overcome a mass propaganda campaign by the automakers which attempted to convince the public that auto workers had the best of all possible worlds. Second, they had to carry the burden of a year long lay off which economically crushed many autoworkers. Third, they had to overcome the obstacles created by the UAW "leaders" like Woodcock who because of their economic and political aspirations could not lead the autoworkers to victory. But these pitfalls are not insurmountable if revolutionary leadership is given to the rank and file autoworkers.

### MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Three months before the autoworkers contract was to expire the capitalists who not only own and control the auto companies, but who also own and control the media, began a wide spread campaign against the autoworkers. They began by trying to tell the public that the "recovery" would be significantly hampered by an autoworkers strike and that it was the duty of all good Americans to fight against such a strike. They ran commercials on prime time television depicting how well GM workers were treated. For instance, in one commercial an elderly black man was rubbing the hood of a car with white gloves and proclaiming how wonderful his job is and how much he loves working at GM. The capitalists also ran articles in national newspapers and magazines "informing" the public of how unnecessary a strike is because autoworkers have it made. They "informed" the public that autoworkers had 15 paid holidays a year, 17 1/2 days vacation, \$135 per week sick leave, medical insurance, lay off pay of 95% of regular pay for up to a year and that the combined wages and benefits of autoworkers came out to \$10.70 per hour. We'll show the real picture after we take a quick look at the new contract.

### SOCIAL PROPS SELL OUT--AGAIN

Before the strike, UAW leadership kept harping on all the past gains the auto companies were trying to take away. Now they would like us to believe that they have won the autoworkers a bonanza. Let's look at what was "won" for the Ford workers and the Chrysler workers. (1) A two tier SUB plan that pits seniority workers against low seniority workers and provides measly additional \$200 per worker--not hardly enough for a month's groceries. (2) 3% wage increase, (inflation in just this year is "only" 7%), and this year only, an extra 20¢ per hour. (3) And how did our "leaders" deal with the burning question of job security and forced overtime? We now have 13 more days off spread over the next 3 years. One receives these extra days off as a result of "good" attendance (don't get hurt



Boss, union bureaucrat, government - all the same gang of thieves! GM president Estes, UAW president Woodcock, and president elect - Carter represent the same ruling class in its many sided attack on the working class. But nobody's stopping these auto workers as they walk off the job an hour before strike time!

on the job) and a year's seniority. UAW "leaders" would have us believe that this is a "major breakthrough" for a 4 day work week. As for the question of overtime, forced overtime can be scheduled when ever a new car is introduced into a plant. Where is the "bonanza"?

Looking at the highlights of the pattern contract and taking into consideration the rising inflation, more forced overtime and constant layoffs it is clear that the only "precedent" being set by the 1976 contract is a worse sell out in 1979 unless we are able to turn our unions into fighting organizations for the working class.

Let's get down to some hard facts and find out what all this really means. Historically, the evils of poor health and safety conditions, constant layoffs and forced overtime have plagued the lives of every autoworker. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics autoworkers over the past 10 years work almost 1 1/2 times more overtime than any other workers involved in manufacturing.

In the 1930's the average life expectancy of autoworkers was 42 years. In 1975, a slow year, 10 workers under 40, in one department, suffered heart attacks in General Motor's Tarrytown, New York plant. The cause of the heart attacks was directly related to the intense job overloading within that department. The injury rate in the auto industry's foundry and stamping plants are one injury out of every three workers. All one has to do is to go inside any auto plant and see that a war is taking place between the capitalist class and the working class. Auto plants look like battle fields. Everywhere you look in an auto plant you see injured workers. Autoworkers work with injuries to their eyes, their heads, in fact workers are even sent back to work with broken bones. One woman worker in GM's Fremont, California plant was told that her wrist was only sprained and that she could return to work. When she was later examined by her own doctor it was discovered that her wrist was broken in three separate places.

On July 14th at the GM plant in Van Nuys, California, Jose Gonzalez, veteran autoworker and father of 7 children was killed by murderous health and safety conditions, speed ups and GM's lust for profits. Jose, who had filed an overwork grievance just a week before, fell through a hole in his line and was crushed between the exposed gears and rollers. Although

GM tried to keep the line rolling the workers refused to work and shut the plant down for the remainder of the shift. In Michigan, the heart of the auto industry, where 132 of the 310 "Big 3" auto plants are located, a 1974 Department of Safety report recorded 280 industrial deaths. This is the "paradise" that autoworkers must live with every day.

### OUT OF BLOOD AND SWEAT COMES PROFITS

It is clear that the autoworkers make the profits for the automakers with their blood and their lives. When capitalism is in trouble the workers pay. In 1975, GM alone recorded 2.4 billion dollars in profit, but in order to record this kind of profit over 200,000 autoworkers had to be idled for over a year and 119,000 autoworkers were permanently replaced by machinery. For most autoworkers the vaunted "lay-off pay" only lasted one or two months and many autoworkers ran completely out of unemployment benefits. While almost half of its work force was laid off the other half had to work

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## YOU CAN HELP!

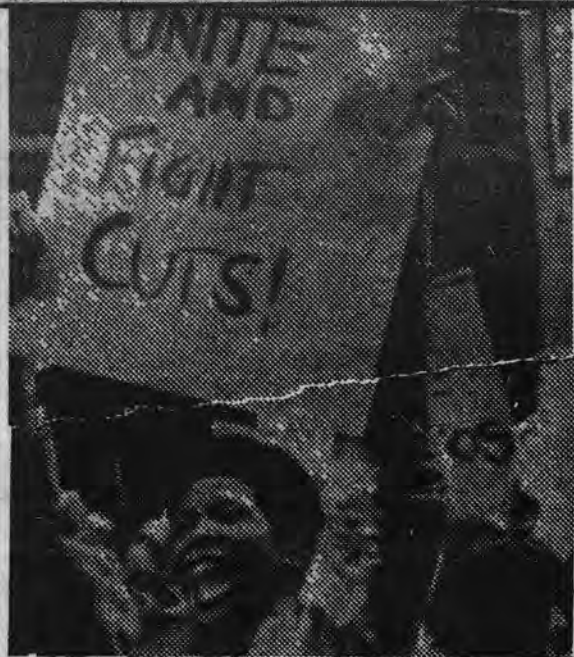
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### DEMANDS OF THE CLASS CONSCIOUS AUTOWORKERS- (Local 1364)

1. Health and Safety. strict enforcement of health and safety rules by roving safety patrols, elected by the rank and file, which have the power to stop production.
  2. Overtime. No mandatory overtime, short work week with no cut in pay.
  3. Retirement. Voluntary early retirement with full benefits plus a Cost of Living Allowance.
  4. Discrimination. A rank and file fair employment practices committee, elected by the rank and file, which has the power to take appropriate action on all acts of discrimination against women and oppressed nationalities.
  5. Seniority. Plant wide seniority with job postings.
  6. New Hires. 30 day probationary period, instead of the present 90 days.
  7. Economic. Substantial wage and COLA increases to keep ahead of rampant inflation.
  8. Right to strike. On all grievances by majority vote of the rank and file.
  9. Layoffs. Voluntary inverse layoff with full Sub-Employment Benefits.
- VICTORY TO THE AUTOWORKERS!



# WHERE THERE'S OPPRESSION THERE'S RESISTANCE



## Minority education rights attacked

Recently the Regents of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque proposed to cut out the lower one-third of the students. What this means is that due to the racist system of testing and grading, it would be the national minority students who would be the first cut.

On September 16, the California Supreme Court ruled that UC special admissions programs for minority applicants were unconstitutional. The complaint was made by Alan Bakke, an Anglo student who when not accepted two years in a row, claimed UC Davis Medical School's 'underprivileged admissions' plan, which allows 16 out of 100 places for minority students, denied "equal protection" to all applicants. The court upheld this saying it was a case of "reverse discrimination!"

Claims of "reverse discrimination" such as these always ignore the racist history and social conditions from which the issue emerged. Programs, such as EOP and the special admissions, were set up as a result of the militant uprisings in the 60's of the students and oppressed nationalities throughout the country.

Under capitalism, we have had to fight constantly to win our democratic rights, and now with the deepening economic crisis, we have to fight to keep what gains we've made. Along with workers and the community in general, the students in Albuquerque are resisting these vicious attacks, defending their right to an education. Recently, a mass demonstration was held in Los Angeles protesting the racist ruling of the Supreme Court. We, as workers and oppressed nationalities, must unite with these students in their just struggle against our common enemy.

This letter is from a comrade who worked on the Greg Jones Defense Committee in Oakland, California. We wrote about this struggle and the work of the Defense Committee in REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE, vol 1, #5. Our correspondent criticizes that article as well as ATM's work in the committee. While we unite with much of the letter, we must clarify a few points.

First, the letter does not make clear that our main errors in the Greg Jones Defense Committee were "left" errors. Specifically, the bulk of our work in the committee consisted of polemicizing on the question of the Afro-American nation and its right to secession. What we failed to do was to actively take this question in connection with the struggle to free Greg Jones into the trade unions and to the Afro-American, Chicano, Asian, and Anglo masses in the bay area. Therefore we do not think that it is correct to say that ATM "provided effective leadership of the mass struggle."

Secondly, our work in Greg Jones reflected sectarianism. Not only did we confine much of our work to the small circle of people within the committee, we remained aloof from the Afro-American masses who could have been roused, with the proper effort, to support the struggle. This sectarianism plagued us for the past two years, and still continues to plague us to a great extent. Not only have we failed to do any extensive work among the Afro-American masses, we have only done minimal work among Chicanos outside of the Southwest. While we have begun to rectify this we still have a long way to go. Finally, our errors in Greg Jones flowed in large part from the incorrect method of cadre training that we employed. We "trained" our cadre for work in Greg Jones by having them study the 1928 and 1930 Comintern Resolutions on the Afro-American question along with our written position on this question. This is hardly training, and it equipped them only to be able to go into the committee and argue for our position. Besides this they needed to know how to organize the struggle,

## Bourgeois 'equality' exposed

After 45 years of struggle against the racist Alabama legal system, Clarence "Willie" Norris, one of the nine "Scottsboro Boys", was finally pardoned for a crime never committed. Norris along with the others, was accused of raping 2 white women. For this he was tried three times and spent 17 years in prison (5 on death row) and the rest on parole where he was forced to work under legal slavery doing the hardest and heaviest jobs for 40¢ an hour in a Montgomery lumberyard. Constantly harassed and baited, Norris had no other choice but to jump parole and flee to New York where he's lived and worked ever since. On the occasion of his pardon, Norris summed up the lessons of his life long struggle: "The lesson to Black people, to my children, to everybody is that you should always fight for your rights, even if it costs you your life. Stand up for your rights, even if it kills you."

The trial of the "Scottsboro Boys" was a farce from beginning to end. Twice the Supreme Court overturned the convictions, one of the "victims" reversed her testimony and took the witness stand in support of the "Scottsboro Boy Boys" stating "I was excited and frightened by

the ruling class of white people of Scottsboro and other towns. . . . those police made me tell a lie." Even an Alabama judge stated he found "absolutely no evidence" to prove guilt. But still, the public prosecutor concluded his case saying "Guilty or not guilty, let's get rid of these niggers!"

The Scottsboro Case of the 30's, for which the Communist Party USA led a worldwide mass movement, just like the Gary Tyler case of today shows the myth of equality under capitalism. In the latter case too, we see the coercion of witnesses who have later stood up and told the truth, the police manufacture of evidence, the racist hysteria and the use of the courts to maintain white supremacy and imperialist rule in the Black-Belt South, a region which has been forged into a nation by the centuries of blood and sweat of the Black people there. This is inevitable so long as we live under the system of imperialism which was built on the enslavement and exploitation of oppressed nations and peoples. The fight to end national oppression is a fight against the whole evil system of imperialism.



## Klan, court attack progressives

On September 18, 2 carloads of Klansmen attacked a memorial meeting for Mao Tse-Tung held at Prairie Fire Bookstore in Houston, Texas. The police aided the attack by standing by as Klansmen redirected traffic and leafleted cars on the "menace of communism", as they carried out their vicious attack on the bookstore armed with shotguns and rocks. It was only after the people had defended themselves by arms, wounding one of the fascist attackers, that the Houston police moved in, and with the help of the Klan, arrested the defenders.

A grand jury, which have historically been used against all progressive people and working class organizations, was called. It resulted in one indictment for attempted murder and one

charge of contempt for refusing to cooperate - against those who had defended themselves. Only a charge of malicious mischief was filed against the Klansmen. The other purpose of the Grand Jury, using the threat of indefinite jail sentence, is to fish for information about all progressive activities in Houston - an attack on the democratic rights of the people.

The police, the Klan and the courts are all tools the ruling class uses to mount increasing attacks on workers, national minorities and political activists, attempting to stop the forward motion of the people.

It is only through the revolutionary struggle of the people that justice can be achieved. Any support should be sent to the Prairie Fire Bookstore, 3221 Main St., Houston, Texas, 77002.

## A comrade writes:

# CRITICISM OF ATM (ML)'S WORK IN

how to take this question out to the masses, how to develop militant mass actions in support of Greg Jones, and many other questions that inevitably arise in the course of struggle, such as how to work with and train the most politically conscious elements who come forward in the process of the movement.

Finally, while we agree with the comrade's criticism that the article failed "to effectively polemicize against" the October League, (which was not the purpose of the article), we think a greater failure was our relatively poor leadership in the committee. Given such leadership the October League would have been exposed concretely in practice, to the politically advanced elements, and to the struggling masses. It is only such exposures which really "count".

We are grateful for the comrade's criticisms and we encourage all of our readers to send us their criticisms and suggestions as to how we can improve both our work and the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE.

Comrades,

The article "Free Greg Jones" (RC, Vol 1, #5) failed to clarify some important questions on party-building and Communist work in the Afro-American struggle. I worked actively on the Greg Jones Defense Committee (GJDC) and would like to briefly outline some criticisms.

### CRITICISMS OF ATM(ML)'S WORK ON THE GJDC.

1. Failure to put forth a public member It is not a principle that a Communist organization must always put forth a public member. The struggle to develop a correct line on the question of security, to resolutely oppose the OL's Menshevism and social pacifism with regard to the bourgeois state is an urgent task. But in this particular case, ATM erred by

placing the question of protection of cadre over the question of providing clear, recognizable communist leadership in an important mass committee. These mass committees are an arena in which the struggle to win over the advanced, and move forward the intermediate and lower stratum -- based on political line is taking place. By not putting forth a public member, ATM (M-L) could not take organizational responsibility for its line, both to defend it against opportunist attacks, and to win honest forces in the committee, not just to political line itself, but to a deeper understanding of the need for a vanguard Communist party. By putting forth a public member, ATM (M-L) could have shown more concretely the importance of Communist leadership, how an organization is needed to develop political line, test it in practice, accept valid criticisms, and further enrich and develop that line.

2. The failure to root this case of national oppression in ATM (M-L)'s trade union work The GJDC began with a few workers from Caterpillar Tractor (where Greg had worked) and Greg Jones's family, who played an active role in the GJDC throughout. But its main composition was workers from intellectual backgrounds, intellectuals, students, lawyers, and people working in small-scale workplaces. Given these very weak roots in the proletariat (and the national movement), and the very low level of spontaneous struggle around Greg's case even at Caterpillar, there were significant limits to how "mass" a level of movement could have developed around the case -- even given correct communist leadership. Still, tremendous opportunities were missed, and the key to this was ATM's failure to give this case emphasis in its trade union work.

This case could have developed deeper roots between the multinational proletariat and the



# Students of all nationalities unite! HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FIGHT FOR RIGHTS

On October 14 two drunken Anglos entered the school grounds of Oxnard High School and threatened a group of Chicano students and taunted them with racial slurs. Within minutes the Chicano students grabbed the two racists, beat them and ran them out of the schoolyard. The incident sparked two days of violence at the school, as a number of Black and Chicano students fought with a number of Anglo students. On the second day of the fighting the school authorities called in the police who quickly arrested 7 Chicanos (two Anglo students found with knives were released). The school expelled 27 students, they have since reinstated 16 of them but they refuse to take back the other 11 (8 Chicanos, 2 Blacks, and one Anglo).

Among the many victims of the present deepening capitalist crisis are the working class students of the U.S. They face overcrowded classrooms, teacher and service cutbacks, cutbacks in classes, etc. These same conditions exist at Oxnard High with something "special" thrown in for the oppressed nationality students -- the notorious tracking system, the repression of student organizations like MEChA including the denial of the right to political discussion or to bring in speakers from the Chicano movement, a double standard of discipline for minorities and Anglos, and the type of daily humiliation which brings their simmering anger to a boil. For example, the most oppressed nationality students on the free lunch program are forced to eat last every day, and must eat the "grade B" lunches which consist of poorer quality food than that given the other students, who get "grade A" lunches. This type of discrimination inevitably had the effect of dividing the students along national lines, of fanning their antagonisms toward each other. It was against this typical backdrop of capitalist oppression that the blow-outs occurred at Oxnard High.

On October 17, a mass meeting was called by several reformist Chicano and Black organizations--MACA (Mexican American Correctional Association), IMAGE (Mexican American in Government Employment), and the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). This was a mass meeting of students and parents to discuss the situation at the high school. Tempers were high and the reformist leaders were caught in the middle, not wanting to antagonize the school administration on the one hand, but wanting to lend their support to the students on the other. They clearly were trying to reach an accommodation with the school administration and the police. As speaker after speaker rose to the microphone and called for more police on campus the situation began to look very bleak. But suddenly a young Chicano student stood up and began lambasting the real enemy -- the school system and the



police -- as the actual cause of the trouble. She was followed by a number of other students, Black, Anglo and Chicano who called for the unity of all students against the school system and demanded that all police be removed from campus and that the 11 expelled students be immediately reinstated. Sparked by the courage of these students many parents got up and echoed their sentiments. The police chief and the racists who had called for more police on campus, for the national guard, vigilantes, etc. were soon silent as they saw the tide of the struggle turn against them. Towards the end of the meeting several workers from the Abex plant in Oxnard got up and spoke in support of the students and explained to them the lessons of their own bitter recent strike in which the workers were able to forge unity among all the nationalities.

After this meeting the politically active students of various nationalities moved to form a multinational students rights committee which has demanded the removal of all police from campus, for the unhindered right to free speech and assembly and for their full democratic rights as students. They have taken an active part in ending the fighting among the students. In the face of all this, the administration has launched a campaign called "operation identification", which "ensures the safety" of any student who will inform on the so-called "troublemakers". In turn the students have called for all student disciplinary disputes to be handled by a multinational student commission, democratically elected and which would conduct fair hearings on all matters involving their fellow students. The basis for election to the commission will be the students practice in uniting the students of all nationalities and their commitment to fight for the democratic rights of students.

On November 8, 200 students and parents of all nationalities picketed the Oxnard school board demanding the immediate reinstatement of the 11 expelled students and the dropping of all charges against them. The students have

also received moral and material support from the Abex workers and the farmworkers. Additionally MACA, IMAGE and the NAACP have marched with the students, brought other parents into the struggle and donated money to their cause. The reformists have been forced to assume this position of support due to the massive upsurge of the students. Lacking this pressure "from below" the reformists would inevitable have capitulated to the demands of the school board.

The situation at Oxnard High presents Communists with an excellent opportunity to raise the class consciousness of the masses of students and parents, and to win over and train the most politically advanced of them.

The struggle for the youth is the struggle for the proletarian army of the future. We have seen what the lack of Communist leadership means in Boston and Louisville, where the reactionaries were able to split up the students and to poison the minds of some with their racist and fascist ideologies. This struggle is decisive for our revolution. If Communists do not win over the youth, the capitalists will. We must take up active defense of students rights -- for integration, for quality education and for democratic rights. If we do not, our working class youth will remain divided and weakened, easy prey for fascist demagoguery on the one side, narrow nationalist demagoguery on the other. No Communist can ignore this arena of struggle. The time is now.  
WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD UNITE!!

**SWEDISH AND FINNISH STUDENTS OUT ON STRIKE!!!**  
(from Hsinhua News Bulletin, 11/5/76 & 11/7/76)

"Stockholm, nov. 3 -- 25,000 students of 75 Swedish high-schools and secondary technical schools organized a strike in protest against the unreasonable grade system...the students walked out of their classrooms and held forums and demonstrations. Their slogans are: "eliminate the grade system that makes grades" and "set up democratic administration of schools"."  
Helsinki, nov. 5 -- university and high school students in Finnish cities went on strike again yesterday, protesting against the Finnish bank's refusal to revoke their decisions to cut down loans to students. They also pressed for more student subsidies by the government. As the government failed to give a satisfactory answer to their reasonable demands, the students went into action. They demonstrated and held meetings and later hundreds of them occupied some of the main buildings of the Helsinki university. Similar strikes and rallies took place in other cities.

## GREG JONES DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Black national minority in Oakland, and greater unity within the multi-national proletariat itself. But in its caucus work ATM de-emphasized the case. ATM did not put out one propaganda leaflet to the plants on the case. The 1928 and 1930 Comintern resolutions on the Afro-American national question emphasize that it is the trade unions that must become the main mass organization to take up the struggle of the oppressed nationalities. ATM (M-L)'s trade union plan did not recognize the importance of this task. This, more than certain errors of the mass agitation and propaganda the GJDC did turn out, was the primary reason the GJDC failed to achieve a mass character.

Criticisms of the article, "Free Greg Jones"  
1 The "Free Greg Jones" article contained no self-criticisms by ATM (M-L). The failure to make public self-criticisms, analyze their roots, and propose methods of rectification is a serious error. Especially in an article in which the work of the October League is sharply (and correctly) criticized.

2 The article failed to effectively polemicize against, and expose the October League's chauvinist, opportunist role on the GJDC. Given the OL's still considerable influence in the Black national movement, and among oppressed nationality workers, and its opportunistic recruitment of oppressed nationality members (in which unity on OL's "political line" is negotiable), the main task of the article in terms of party-building, was to put forth a correct approach and line on the Afro-American national question, (which it did) and expose OL's chauvinism and opportunism (which it didn't).

The GJDC is an important example of the OL's ruthless betrayal of mass struggles. The basis of this is their menshevik approach to

party-building, which is objectively, "organization is key, recruitment is the only form of activity". The OL goes into mass committees to gain hegemony and recruit -- which could be principled goals if the OL were an honest organization -- but which they carry out in an opportunist, antagonistic relationship to the mass struggle itself. The OL failed to recruit the Jones family, failed to win the GJDC to endorse its "Fight Back" conference, and then announced it was quitting the GJDC committee, two weeks before Greg was going on trial for his life!

As the article points out, at no time did the OL ever raise the question of the Afro-American nation in the black belt south, and try to link that to the struggle of the Black national minority and multinational proletariat in the North. The OL sees the Afro-American national question as a "position" to put forth in articles and forums, especially when under attack from honest communist organizations, not as a critical aspect of the overall battle plan for proletarian revolution which the OL fears. But the article didn't give any concrete examples from the Committee, or any of the GJDC's history and OL's treacherous role in it. As a result, people who are not as familiar with the OL could not be won over by the article. To a large degree, the article let these chauvinists off the hook.

Let me outline what were the main strengths of ATM (M-L)'s work on the GJDC.

1 It resolutely upheld the right of the Afro-American nation in the Black Belt South to self-determination and political secession. ATM was opposed on this by the chauvinists of the OL, the New Voice, and what, at the time seemed surprising, by the Revolutionary Workers League (RWL). The RWL put forth (a) that they had no position on the Afro-American national

question, that they were "studying it", and (b) that the issue was "divisive" and "had no place in a mass committee like this." No comrades, only in the closet, where the PRRWO and RWL have now set out as the main arena of struggle. And as the RC #7 pointed out, PRRWO-RWL have now moved close to a Trotskyite line which liquidates the national question. ATM was not able to win the GJDC to put forth the demand for the right to secession, nor was it able to win a majority to put forth that there was an oppressed nation in the Black Belt South. But it took independent communist initiative in putting forth this line in its one-to-one propaganda, and consistently put it forth in the mass meetings of the committee, and tried to win the GJDC to adopt that position.

2 ATM (M-L) and the forces close to its line provided effective leadership of the mass struggle, shouldered the day-to-day tasks of the committee with enthusiasm and responsibility, and won the confidence and trust of the Jones family. This was achieved not just through hard work, but through a growing unity of political line. There was strong agreement that Greg's case was part of the systematic attack on oppressed nationalities caused by the imperialist system which oppresses whole nations and peoples.

3 Being willing to swim against the tide. Greg Jones was driven to a nervous breakdown by his oppression as a worker, and by national oppression as a Black man. During this breakdown he killed a man he had never met before. This was a very difficult case to win even some of the more progressive workers to support. Unlike the OL, who had originally opposed working on Greg's case but decided to with the hope of building its Fight Back, and then abandoned the case, ATM (M-L) took up the struggle, continued through until after Greg's trial when the GJDC ended its work, led the outreach work and struggle over line in the GJDC, did some work in the trade unions (although overall neglected this task), provided a propaganda article in the RC (although too late to effect the work of the GJDC). ■



## Support Palestinian Cause!

We are proud to reprint excerpts from the November 1974 Speech made by Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, at the United Nations. Especially at this time when the Palestinian people are undergoing severe trials in the war in Lebanon must we stand shoulder to shoulder with them, supporting their legitimate and historically-rooted aspirations for national liberation. We call upon all the various Arab peoples and states involved in the Lebanon War to seek



Address by Mr. Yasser Arafat Chairman of The Palestine Liberation Organization 29th Session United Nations General Assembly November 13, 1974

Mr. President

I thank you for having invited the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in this plenary session of the United Nations General Assembly. I am grateful to all those distinguished representatives of states who contributed to the decision to introduce the Question of Palestine as a separate item on your agenda, this decision has made possible your resolution inviting us to address you on the Question of Palestine.

For this return by the United Nations Organization to the Question of Palestine is an important occasion. We consider the step to be a victory for the world organization, as much also as a victory for our people. It indicates anew that the United Nations of today is not the United Nations of the past. Just as today's world is not yesterday's world. Today's United Nations represents 138 nations, a number that more clearly reflects the will of the international community. Thus today's United Nations is more nearly capable of implementing the principles embodied in its charter and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as being more truly empowered to support causes of peace and justice.

Our peoples are now beginning to feel this change. Along with them the people of Asia, Africa and Latin America also feel the change. As a result the United Nations acquires greater esteem both in our people's view and in the view of other peoples. Our hope is thereby strengthened that the United Nations can contribute actively to the pursuit and the triumph of peace, justice, freedom and independence. Our resolve to build a new world is fortified, a world free of colonialism, imperialism, neo-colonialism and racism in each of its instances including Zionism.

Our world aspires to peace, justice, equality and freedom. It wishes that oppressed nations, presently beat under the weight of imperialism, might gain their freedom and their right to self-determination. It hopes to place the relations between the nations on a basis of equality, peaceful co-existence, mutual respect for each other's internal affairs, a secure national sovereignty, independence, and territorial unity. This world resolves that the economic ties binding it together should be grounded in justice, parity and mutual interest. It aspires finally to direct its human resources against the scourges of poverty, famine, disease and natural calamity, toward the development of productive scientific and technical capabilities for enhancing human wealth, all this in the hope of reducing the disparity between developing and developed countries. But all such aspirations cannot be realized in a world presently ruled over by tension, oppression, racial discrimination and exploitation, a world threatened also with unending economic disaster, war and crisis.

Great numbers of peoples, which include those of Zimbabwe, Namibia, South Africa, Palestine among many others, are still victims of oppression and violence. Their areas of the world are gripped by armed struggles provoked by imperialism and racial discrimination, both of them merely forms of aggression and terror. These are instances of oppressed peoples compelled by intolerable circumstances into a confrontation with such oppression, but where this confrontation occurs it is legitimate and just.

It is imperative, Mr. President, that the international community should support these people in their struggles, in the furtherance of their rightful causes, in the attainment of their right to self-determination.

### THIRD WORLD -- CENTER OF STRUGGLE

In their efforts to replace an outmoded but still prevalent world economic system with

a peaceful solution to their conflicts in order to unite against their common enemies of Zionism, imperialism, and superpower hegemonism.

Especially must the disputants beware of the machinations of the U.S. and the Soviet Union, both of whom have designs on controlling the Middle East, and who would like to "fish in the troubled waters" of Lebanon. Mr. Arafat's speech reveals very clearly that the common enemy of all the peoples is the whole system of imperialism, and that the only road for all progressive peoples is to unite in a common effort to end this system once and for all.

The speech reveals the truth about Zionism,

exposing its racist and brutal history, while at the same time detailing the glorious history of struggle of the Palestinian people and their contributions to the world of science, arts and culture. Let this brief but simple declaration inspire us to increase our efforts to overthrow our common enemy, to topple it from its decaying throne and to place in its stead the socialist state of the working class -- a state which would as one of its immediate acts end all ties with the Zionists, and which would render all possible aid to the heroic Palestinian people. (Note the subheads in the speech were inserted by ATM)

## PALESTINE YES! ZIONISM NO!

### 1974 Speech by PLO at U.N. - PART 1

a new, more logically rational one, the countries of Asia, Africa, and Latin America must nevertheless face implacable attacks on these efforts. These countries have expressed their views at the Conference on Raw Materials and Development. Thus the plunder, the exploitation, the siphoning off of the wealth of impoverished peoples must be terminated forthwith. There must be no deterring of these peoples' efforts to develop and control their wealth. Furthermore, there is a grave necessity in arriving at fair prices for raw materials from these countries.

In addition, the states of Asia, Africa and Latin America continue to be hampered in the attainment of those primary objectives of theirs formulated at the Conference on the Law of the Sea in Caracas and at the Population Conference and at the Rome Food Conference. The United Nations should therefore bend every effort at radically altering the world economic systems making it feasible for developing countries to develop. The United Nations must shoulder the responsibility for fighting inflation, now borne most heavily by developing countries (especially the oil-producing states). The United Nations must firmly condemn any threats made against these countries simply because they demand their just rights.

The world is in need of tremendous efforts if its aspirations for peace, freedom, justice, equality and development are to be realized, if its struggle is to be victorious over colonialism, imperialism, neo-colonialism, and racism in all of its forms amongst

this is the true perspective in which to set the Question of Palestine. I shall now do so for you, keeping firmly in mind both the perspectives and the goal of a coming world order.

Even as today we address you from what is before all else an international rostrum we are also expressing our faith in political and diplomatic struggle as complements, as enhancements of armed struggle. Furthermore we express our appreciation of the role the United Nations is capable of playing in settling problems of international scope. But this capability, I said a moment ago, has become real only once the United Nations accommodated itself to the living actuality of aspiring peoples, towards which an organization of so truly international a dimension owes unique obligations.

In addressing you today our people proclaims its faith in the future, unencumbered either by past tragedies or present limitations. If as we discuss the present we enlist the past in our service, we do so only to light up our journey into the future alongside other movements of national liberation. If we return now to the historical roots of our cause we do so because present at this very moment in our midst are those, who, while they occupy our homes, as their cattle graze in our pastures, and as their hands pluck the fruit of our trees, claim at the same time that we are disembodied spirits, fictions without presence, without traditions or future. We speak of our roots also because until recently some people have regarded --



Palestinians in Beirut show their support for the Palestine Liberation Organization leader Arafat (left) while New Yorkers demonstrate their support for the Palestinian cause and the P.L.O.

which is Zionism. Only in making such efforts can actual form be given to the aspirations of all peoples, including even the aspirations of peoples whose states oppose these efforts. It is this road that leads to fulfillment of those principles emphasized by the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Were the status quo simply to be continued, however, the world would instead be exposed to prolonged armed conflict, in addition to economic, human and natural calamity.

### REVOLUTION IS THE MAIN TREND

Mr. President, despite even the gloomy powers of backwardness and disastrous wrong, we live in a time of glorious change. An old world order is crumbling before our eyes, as imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism and racism, whose chief form is Zionism ineluctably perish. We are privileged to be able to witness a great wave of history bearing people forward into a new world they have created. In that world just causes shall triumph. Of that we are confident.

The Question of Palestine belongs to this perspective of emergence and struggle. Palestine is crucial amongst those just causes fought for unstintingly by masses laboring under imperialism and aggression. It cannot be, and is not lost on me today as I stand here before you, that if I have been given the opportunity to address you, so too must the opportunity be given to all liberation movements fighting against racism and imperialism. In their names, in the name of every human being struggling for freedom and self-determination, I call upon you urgently to give their causes the same full attention you have so rightly given ours. As I said earlier,

and continued to regard -- ours as merely a problem of refugees. They have portrayed the Middle East Question as little more than a border dispute between the Arab states and the Zionist enclave. They have imagined that our people claims rights not rightfully its own and fights neither with logic nor valid motive, with a simple wish only to disturb the peace and to terrorize wantonly. For there are amongst you -- and here I intend the United States of America and others like it -- those who supply our enemy freely with planes and bombs and with every variety of murderous weapon. They take hostile positions against us, deliberately distorting the true essence of things. All this is done not only at our own expense, but at the expense of the American people, and of the friendship we continue to hope can be cemented between us and this great people, whose history of struggle for the sake of freedom we honor and salute.

### APPEAL TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

I cannot now forego the opportunity, Mr. President, to appeal from this rostrum directly to the American people, asking it to give its support to our heroic and fighting people. I ask the American people whether the demonstrations of hostility and enmity taking place outside this great hall reflect the true intent of American will? What, I ask you plainly, is the crime the people of Palestine have committed against you? Why do you fight us so? Does such unwarranted belligerence really serve your interests? Does it serve your interests as people? No, definitely not, I can only hope that Americans will remember that their friendship with the whole Arab nation is too high, too abiding, too rewarding for all such demonstrations to harm.



# CONFERENCE SHOWS MILITANT THIRD WORLD UNITY

## Let the imperialists and social-imperialists shake in their boots!

"Today, unlike the world in previous times, the universe belongs to over 120 nations and not to a handful of so-called high powers or superpowers. The superpowers may have the technology or the physical power to terrorize and blackmail others. But if the others are immune to such attempts, their efforts would be in vain." (Vernon Mendis, Secretary General of the Conference of Non-Aligned Countries)

The Third World is the storm center of the world revolutionary movement and many victories have been won in the last two years in the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and hegemonism -- independence won by the peoples of Kampuchea, Laos, Vietnam, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Angola, Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe, the Comoros, Seychelles and Surinam. But these developing countries recognize that complete independence cannot be won alone, that against the superpowers their strength lies in their unity with other Third World countries.

Despite the two superpowers doing all they can to try and wreck the growing unity of the Third World, 86 countries, representing 2/3 of the world's population, met in Colombo, Sri Lanka for the 5th Summit Conference of Non-Aligned Countries. The non-aligned movement began and grew in opposition to both the U.S. and the Soviet economic and military blocks. This is a clear statement of the main contradiction in the world today, the struggle between two superpowers (the U.S. and USSR) who want to gobble up the wealth of the whole world on the one hand and the oppressed peoples of the world who are fighting to safeguard their independence and sovereignty on the other. And this movement is surging forward! At first, the initial definition of a non-aligned country was one of not adhering to either power bloc, but now it stands for a

country with a free will, free from big power pressure, determined never again to be a slave to any foreign power.

The role of the non-aligned movement, according to their Political Declaration is to be "a vital force in the struggle against imperialism in all its forms and manifestations and all other forms of foreign domination. Non-alignment upholds the right of all peoples to freedom and self-determination, and of all nations to pursue their own independent strategy for development and for participation in the resolution of international problems. It strengthens the resistance to the politics of pressure and domination from whatever quarter."

### COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE, NATIONS WANT LIBERATION, PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION!

The imperialists would have us believe that it's the developing countries that cause all the problems in the world. The Political Declaration adopted at the Conference smashes through this chauvinist lie, exposing the main source of international tension and war to be "the forces of imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, Zionism, racism and other forms of alien domination which endeavor by pressure or threat or the use of force to hinder the political and economic emancipation of nations, denying their inalienable rights to freedom and self-determination and maintain the existing pattern of unjust and unequal relationships on the international community."

Nor do the non-aligned countries have any high hopes about "detente." "Detente does not seem to have reduced the struggle for influence which is going on in all continents or to have extinguished the hotbeds of tension." The conference also exposed the ineffectiveness of the Helsinki Agreement, pointing out that because of increasing development of foreign naval power plus Israel's aggressive activities,

tension in the Mediterranean was growing, and not declining as the Soviet liars would have the world believe.

The delegates proclaimed their support for the struggles of the people of Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa against white racism and for national liberation. They called on all countries to "give all out support and military, moral and material assistance to the Arab states and Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestinian Liberation Organization" in their just struggle against Zionist aggression. They united in their support of the Korean people's struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression and for the independent and peaceful reunification of their country. The declaration "noted with satisfaction the increasing participation of Latin America in the anti-colonialist, anti-imperialist struggle for full independence and sovereignty within the non-aligned movement", and voiced solidarity with the just struggles of the people of Puerto Rico, Panama and Chile.

### FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER!

The majority of the non-aligned countries are poor and have experienced for centuries exploitation at the hands of the colonialists and imperialists. Economic affairs must therefore be their primary concern if political independence is to have real meaning.

From this understanding comes the just demand of the non-aligned countries for a new international economic order, one that would ensure equality of all nations -- rich or poor, big or small. The Economic Declaration adopted by the Conference put forward concrete ways in which the new international economic order could be achieved: 1) an integrated program of commodities that would ensure equality in pr-

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# REVOLUTION - THE MAIN TREND

## Canadian workers stage general strike

On October 14 over one million Canadian workers staged a militant Political General Strike in protest of wage controls set by the Trudeau government. The demonstrations marked the first time in nearly 60 years that Canadian working men and women have acted together in a political struggle as a class, and the first time ever that such class action has been taken nationally.

Workers from coast to coast and deep into the Canadian interior left their jobs, set up picket lines and took to the streets to demonstrate a new level of class consciousness and unity in the face of increasing burdens of the capitalist crisis and vicious repression by the bourgeois state.

In an effort to diffuse the struggle the capitalists sent their collaborationist labor bureaucrats to try and divert the Political Strike to a mere "day of protest" for the unequal administration of wage and price controls. These traitors told workers that the best way to show their support for the "protest" was to "stay home and rest". When these attempts by their lackeys proved ineffective the bourgeoisie began vicious attacks on the workers, firing, laying off and harassing the people as more and more plants voted to support the General Strike and the political issues it raised.

On the day of the Strike police smashed a demonstration of 3000 men and women and children of the Quebecois minority, using clubs, 40 tear gas bombs were dropped onto the crowd from a helicopter. But the Canadian proletariat gains strength from each encounter with the bourgeois dictatorship and will one day rise up to smash its oppressors.

As they marched on the picket lines and through the streets our Canadian brothers and sisters raised their banners and called to all workers to "Fight Class Against Class" - "Scrap the Wage Freez" - "Defeat the Bourgeoisie" - "Uphold the Right to Self-Determination for the Quebecois People!"



## Smith talks peace, practices aggression

While pretending sincerity in an effort "to avert civil war" over the issue of majority rule the neocolonialist Rhodesian Security Forces raided settlements inside the Mozambique border, killing hundreds of Mozambique civilians and Zimbabwean refugees alike. By their act of aggression the Smith regime's real objectives of further oppression of the Zimbabwean people are exposed.

In the wake of the recent upsurge of revolutionary activity by the Zimbabwean People's Army (ZIPA), and popular support of the Zimbabwean masses for the struggle, Western diplomats have been scurrying about trying to negotiate an "acceptable" plan to salvage Zimbabwe for U.S. imperialism and its allies. Cloaked under the guise of a phoney "transfer of power" to the Zimbabwean people, U.S. "shuttle diplomacy" offers the Black revolutionaries participation in a state council, without any real power, while allowing the apartheid Smith regime to maintain control of the police and army during the two year "transfer period". All the guerrillas need do is lay down their arms and deliver their people peacefully to this farce of democracy.

The guerrillas have totally rejected such imperialist nonsense. In a communique released by ZIPA from Maputo, Mozambique the revolutionaries' response is a promise "to wage resolute armed struggle until final victory. What we demand is unconditional surrender of political power to the people of Zimbabwe now!"

Despite rejection of Kissinger's scheme of sabotage, the British sponsored conference to iron out the details of the plan began as scheduled in Geneva. Zimbabwean leaders and their allies have consistently upheld a revolutionary position in the face of attempted bullying and divisive efforts by the imperialists. In opening statements the Black leaders militantly reaffirmed their determination to maintain the struggle on the diplomatic as well as the military front. As one leader exclaimed, "We have come not in a spirit of give and take -- only to take -- take our country!" As for their expectations for the outcome of the conference, one ZIPA advisor stated, "The real conference is on the battle field, and that's where we must get back to. The white settlers have not been hurt enough yet!"

## Spain Strikes!

(Hsinhua news) On Nov 13, 1 million workers held strikes in Spain to protest against the government's wage-freeze and permission to discharge workers at random in order to shift the burden of the economic crisis onto the workers. Students in Madrid and Barcelona held strikes in solidarity with the striking workers.



## U.N. backs armed struggle in Azania

The United Nations General Assembly has endorsed armed struggle as a legitimate weapon in the hands of the oppressed people of Azania. The resolution was adopted by 108 votes to 11, with 22 abstaining.

"Brutal repression including mass killings" left "no alternatives to the oppressed people of S Africa but to resort to armed struggle to achieve their legitimate rights," the resolution stated.

The other 9 resolutions dealt with military, economic and cultural exchanges with the government of S Africa. The assembly urgently pressed the Security Council to impose a mandatory embargo on arms supplies to S Africa.

In another resolution the United States, France, and Britain were told to "desist from misusing their veto power in Security Council to protect the S. African racist regime." Last month these three countries blocked a proposal for a mandatory arms embargo on S Africa.

Throughout the world it is clearly being shown that countries want independence, nations want liberation, and people want revolution. The resolutions, sponsored by African and other Third World nations, received little support from the Western Capitalist nations.

## Iranian Students Attacked

On Nov 3, the world headquarters of the Iranian students was raided by the police in Paris, France. All members inside the office were arrested. In Houston, Iranian students condemned the actions of the French government as part of the Shah of Iran's international conspiracy to wipe out the Iranian Student movement outside of Iran. 91 Iranian students were arrested in Houston which reflects the blatant collaboration between the Shah and his imperialist masters!



# Steel

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a planning board made up of the capitalists, the labor bureaucrats and the state which will set productivity goals, enforce wage controls and take other measures to ensure capitalist profit. Carter hides the actual intent of this Board behind a shower of words -- "planning to meet the needs of all the people", etc. Abel-McBride do likewise in their pamphlet entitled "Collective Bargaining" in which they say:

"It is the responsibility of government to direct the economic system to guarantee it serves human needs, not just the motives of private, powerful corporations."

So, we can serve "human needs" by having capitalist government direct the economic system. As we have pointed out before this plan is no different than that of the fascist "corporate state" of Benito Mussolini.

7 Abel-McBride have tied the steelworkers to support of the fascist Zionist state of Israel. They actively promote the sale of Israeli war bonds which help to finance the brutal terrorism committed by the Zionist army against the Palestinian people -- such as the regular napalming and bombing of Palestinian camps in Lebanon.

8 Rather than seeking to unite all steelworkers through the common struggle against capitalism, and especially against national oppression faced by the minority workers, Abel-McBride have pledged to oppose all efforts to increase the hiring and promotion of national minorities. They refer to such measures as "reverse discrimination". This is a blatant attempt to scare Anglo workers with the fear that they will lose their jobs because of "pushy" Blacks, Chicanos, etc. (McBride pamphlet entitled "Involvement With the Union")

## SADLOWSKI

Ed Sadlowski was elected president of District 31 of the United Steelworkers in 1974, even though Abel stuffed the ballot box. He rode a wave of powerful rank and file anger at the Abel leadership into office. In contrast to Abel's OPEN class collaboration, Sadlowski promised democracy and a policy of struggle against the companies. He claimed to be against the ENA, and for the right to strike, to wage a hard struggle for the rights of national minority workers, etc.

### The facts

1 Sadlowski stands shoulder to shoulder with Abel-McBride in supporting the Consent Decree as the "answer" to national oppression in steel. He has not lifted a finger to organize the many new steel plants like those being set up in industrial parks north of Chicago. These shops contain a significant number of Mexicano, Chicano and Black workers.

2 According to an official of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service there has been "no dramatic difference" in the number or nature of arbitration cases in District 31 since Sadlowski's election into office, (THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, 8/24/76.) In other words, Sadlowski is doing no better than his Abel-backed predecessor in fighting workers grievances.

3 40,000 steelworkers from District 31 were thrown out of work by Republic Steel in 1975. Sadlowski didn't do a thing about it.

4 Sadlowski supports Jimmy Carter and his plans for state monopoly capitalism. What better man to give credibility to Carter's Planning Board than the "left" sounding Sadlowski?

5 Sadlowski supports Zionism and will continue the Abel-McBride policy of active aid to that racist state.

6 Sadlowski has backed off on the right to strike issue and now confines himself to "protests" about the undemocratic way the ENA was passed. He is trying to blur the issue here -- whether or not the labor bureaucrats can deprive the steelworkers of one of their most effective weapons in the class struggle -- the strike.

7 At the Steelworkers Convention held in Las-



Communists and class conscious workers must take up patient work in the trade unions - must expose the social props with FACTS and at the same time prove their ability to organize and lead class struggle

Vegas this year, Sadlowski refused to raise the issue of right to strike even though at least 500 delegates were looking to him for leadership in this struggle. Sadlowski showed himself a true politician when he chose instead to "create a fuss" around the question of dues, a minor issue in comparison, and to keep his mouth shut on the ENA.

8 After several Black steelworkers were beaten up by white thugs and Klan elements in District 31, a member of Sadlowski's machine, Local 1033 President Frank Guzzo, actively opposed rank and file efforts to mobilize against these fascist assaults. He instead forced through a resolution calling on Mayor Daly (1) and the Chicago police to end this terror. These are the same Chicago police who joined a racist mob earlier in the year in throwing rocks and bottles at open housing demonstrators.

## TOOLS OF CAPITALISM

In order to maintain their system, the capitalists realize that they must control the trade unions. The huge trade union struggles of the 1930's showed them that a revolutionary trade union movement, under communist leadership (the 30's trade union movement was led in large part by the then revolutionary Communist Party USA), could shatter the foundations of their power. After jailing, intimidating or buying off much of the communist leadership in the trade unions, the capitalists installed a number of faithful bureaucrats in union leadership at fat salaries, supplied from the superprofits obtained from the exploitation of many countries of the Third World. These old-line bureaucrats like George Meany, I. W. Abel, Frank Fitzsimmons, Ted Brennan, etc. pursue an open policy of class collaboration and do little to conceal their partnership with the capitalists. These bureaucrats are unashamedly pro-capitalist, (Abel let the steel companies use his picture and endorsement in their campaign to increase productivity), were consistent supporters of U.S. imperialist aggression in Viet Nam, sat on Nixon's Wage Control Board and generally do everything in their power to drive all genuine Communists and sincere trade union militants out of the unions.

But with the intensification of the current imperialist crisis, with the resultant increase in unemployment, speed-up, etc., rank and file discontent has grown to "alarming" proportions. No longer can the capitalists control the unions with their old guard union hacks. No, another type of social prop is needed; a type which maintains a militant facade, which "talks tough" but acts meek, a militant reformist who would do no more to challenge the rule of capitalism than George Meany et al. Out comes the bankroll and voila! We now have a new set of bureaucrats -- of the type of Cesar Chavez, Arnold Miller, and Ed Sadlowski. Cesar Chavez utilizes the righteous national sentiments of the rural proletariat to build the United Farm Workers and then he made an open call to deport undocumented Mexican workers, while at the same time wiping out every trace of democracy in the union and channeling the struggle of the farmworkers along the legislative path, the path

of reliance on the capitalist state, and support for agri-businessman Jimmy Carter. Miller preaches "democracy" and then defies the will of 120,000 striking miners and orders them back to work.

And now the capitalists, who give us the "choice" of Jimmy Carter or Gerald Ford, give us Lloyd McBride and Ed Sadlowski. It's like being between a rock and a hard place.

The rottenness and misery of capitalism make socialist revolution necessary. Its internal contradictions make such a revolution inevitable. But we will never have such a revolution if we follow the lead of any social prop. They are paid to save capitalism, whereas every class-conscious worker wants to destroy this evil system. Every communist and advanced worker has the duty to expose all the maneuvers of the social props. This calls for careful, patient and painstaking work inside of the trade unions. It will not do to just yell "social prop" at the top of our lungs. We must recognize that many workers do not yet see through the militant reformists like Sadlowski. They must be exposed with facts at every possible turn. But this too will be insufficient to win the trade unions to Communist leadership if we fail to combine our exposures with the ability to organize and lead the class struggle inside the trade unions. Lenin gave this simple advice to the Italian Communists who needed to know how to isolate their social props. This wisdom should guide our work.

"The victory of the Italian Communists is assured if they do not isolate themselves from the masses, if they do not lose patience in the hard work of exposing all of Serrati's (an opportunist) chicanery to rank-and-file workers in a practical way, if they do not yield to the very easy and very dangerous temptation to say 'minus a' whenever Serrati say 'a', if they steadily train the masses to adopt a revolutionary world outlook and prepare them for revolutionary action." (LCW, vol 33, p 211)

The necessity to do work of THIS type on a countrywide scale, if we are to win over the trade unions, brings out in bold relief our need for a Communist party which can coordinate our present scattered and disjointed efforts, which can ensure consistency in our principles, and which can guarantee a concerted movement to democratize all of the trade unions and to win them to Communism. It is only a Communist PARTY which can lead a united countrywide effort for the equality of languages and peoples in the unions, which can win the struggle for the equality of women workers, etc. Our present efforts can, and necessarily are scattered and small by comparison. And such will be the case until our party is built. We must increase our efforts as a most effective way of building that party.

## REFORMISM AND REVISIONISM

As we stated in the article "Right Opportunism is the Main Danger" (REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE, vol 1, #3, 1976), we will have no socialist revolution in the United States without winning the working class away from the influence of reformism. The historical and social conditions of the U.S. create an exceedingly favorable climate for reformist illusions among the masses. With the increased decay of capitalism comes a corresponding striving on the part of the workers towards socialism. The capitalists stand ready to meet this striving with both force and their "left" social props like Sadlowski. It is no doubt merely a matter of time until these props -- petty-bourgeois liberals like Michael Harrington, all sorts of "liberal" capitalists, and the "left" labor bureaucrats -- form a "Labor" party or a social-democratic party of some type. Working hand in hand with this effort (to thwart the revolution) is the revisionist Communist Party of the USA which has formed an alliance with Sadlowski and every other social-democratic bureaucrat they can find, (e.g., Cesar Chavez). In this way they hope to secure more spots in the bureaucratic hierarchy from which they will be able to seize the trade unions for revisionism. For instance, while Communists are telling the steelworkers that only the overthrow of capitalism can end

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## The war in Southeast Asia is not over!

The Union of Democratic Thais (UDT) reports that the U S engineered a coup in Thailand on Oct 6 in which thousands of Thai students at Thammasat University were arrested and massacred. They charge the U S. government with supplying the puppet government with arms and dollars to suppress the people of Thailand, who are presently struggling for independence, sovereignty, and freedom. At this time the puppet Thai government has imposed martial law and all democratic rights have been revoked. ■

## Stop the Krugerrand Coins!!

The TV screen is suddenly filled with a large white fist. Gold coins drop from it in slow motion. A deep voice announces that these Krugerrand coins will protect you from an e-

conomically troubled world. What the TV ad and similar ads in newspapers across the country don't tell you is that the gold coins are mined and minted in Azania (South Africa). While the brutal system of apartheid produces millions in profits for the South African and U S mine owners, Black miners earn minimum wages of \$30/month.

Gold is king in South Africa; it earned the South African racists a large per cent of their foreign exchange. But as part of the world wide capitalist economic crisis, the price of gold fell from nearly \$200/ounce to around \$130/ounce. This caused a loss in South African government revenues of \$130 million. Like all capitalists faced with a loss of profits, the South African regime is increasing the exploitation of the Black majority within the country. At the same time, they try to expand their sales. So, for example, although the Krugerrand coin has been available in the U S since 1967, they chose to begin large scale advertising only now.

The U S imperialists are doing everything in their power to prop up the South African racists. For example, the U S government and top investment banks helped stop the drop in

world wide gold prices in order to help the economy of South Africa. And of course, the U S continues to be the main arms supplier to South Africa, including a recently completed deal for a super-secret military communications network called "Silvermine".

For their part, the Soviet Social-imperialists are anxiously looking for a means to intervene in the Azanian liberation struggle. Eying with envy the gold, oil, and uranium deposits in Azania and Namibia, the USSR tries to use the pretense of "support to liberation movements" as a cover for their imperialist designs. The people of Africa cannot forget the continued presence of Soviet "advisors" and thousands of Cuban mercenaries in Angola long after public announcements that they would withdraw.

The people of Azania are rising up against their oppression. From Soweto to Johannesburg, Black, "Colored" (Asian) and white supporters have held mass demonstrations demanding liberation. On August 4, 200,000 Black workers across the country held a successful general strike. The people of Azania will rely mainly on their own strength to defeat racism, imperialism and the brutal system of apartheid. ■

## Forums

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and peoples. This is an important difference from pre-imperialist capitalism during which the National Question was not as significant, in which it was mostly a question of note to the particular country concerned. Now that capitalism has become the world-wide imperialist system, any blow by an oppressed nation against its immediate oppressor weakens the WHOLE SYSTEM.

The ATM speakers addressed the question of one or two stage revolution in the southwest and stressed that we are fighting a one-stage socialist revolution which has the overthrow of imperialism and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat as its aim. But in order to reach our goal Communists must mobilize the Chicano people to fight for the basic demands of their movement (state unity, self-determination and confiscation of the lands and natural resources of the oppressor nation capitalists), and to link this struggle to the struggle for socialism. This alone gives that national movement a conscious planned character and the strategic direction which will guarantee its alliance with the struggle of the working class.

In response to questions about the basic demands speakers pointed out that we cannot neglect the partial day-to-day demands arising from the bitter national oppression faced by the Chicano people. But they pointed out that we cannot limit ourselves to those demands which in and of themselves represent no threat to the power of the imperialists. This, it was explained, is exactly the middle of the October League which seeks to confine the struggle of the Chicano people onto the narrowest path of "drugs out of the barrio", and for childcare centers. This is reformism pure and simple and has the effect of diverting the powerful revolutionary energy of the Chicano people onto the narrowest channels of reform rather than bringing those partial struggles together in the struggle for the basic demands. The October League was also exposed for its chauvinist stand that neither self-determination nor regional autonomy were "possible" under capitalism. Fortunately the Vietnamese people never believed such nonsense, nor did the majority of the audiences at our forums.

All of our forums concluded with polemics against a wide range of right opportunist forces such as the Communist Party U S A., the October League (some points of which we have already mentioned), the Revolutionary Communist Party, all of whom promote national chauvinism and reformism with their positions, as well as with organizations such as Centro Accion Social Autonomo (CASA) which pushes narrow nationalism, bundism and reformism, tied to support for the Social-imperialist Soviet Union.

### OPPORTUNISTS UNITE

Discussion at the forums were held in a principled fashion with unrestricted debate and struggle. This contrasted sharply with the series of forums on party-building and the Chicano National Question held at about the same time by the October League. We have all heard lots of opportunists mouthing by the OL about principled ideological struggle and their "growing unity trend", but their actions at these forums tore this flimsy veil off and exposed their hegemonism and their chauvinism. With OL chairman Klonsky in the lead all open discussion at their forums was stifled. All who questioned the line of the OL or raised criticisms of it were automatically labeled agents, opportunists, splitters and werckers, etc. Those who were allowed to speak had to first submit their questions in writing to Klonsky, and this guaranteed neither a clear response or even any answer at all. This chaos clearly revealed OL's "disunity trend" in action.

The ATM forum in San Jose, California was attended by over 200 people, many from the Chicano national movement, who gave a warm and positive response to ATM's position and methods of struggle. The OL represented the rightist forces



and brought in people from Atlanta and Chicago to defend their sociology report on the Chicano National Question. They fought to the bitter end for their position that no Chicano nation existed. Unfortunately they offered only bitterness as proof but not one single FACT to support their position. They insisted that Chicano's struggle only for their list of partial demands until the grand day when the chauvinist OL "party" grants them equality under socialism.

The banner of "left" opportunism and chauvinism was carried by the Revolutionary Workers League who brought in a carload of petty-bourgeois declassed intellectuals, who remained true to their class outlook, and kept yelling and screaming in frenzy that they "were bored" hearing about the Chicano movement and were "tired" of hearing about the National Question at all. Rather they wanted to carry on "two-line struggle" on their central and only task, and this is in the abstract of course. They never did understand that the struggle for a correct line on the Chicano National Question is a key aspect of the struggle for the party. And they never will understand this. It was a criticism of us that we let these asses be disruptive for as long as they did. We should have thrown them out early on, the only way to treat trots. We shall do so in the future.

In Los Angeles, close to 250 people showed up with a large number from the Chicano and Asian movements. The OL walked out when unable to defend their position. They repeated their act in Denver when many people from the national movement criticized them for their chauvinism. This was especially effective because these forces had worked for some time with the OL and found out about their hegemonism and chauvinism first hand.

The forums were well received in other parts of the Southwest as well, especially in El Paso. Ours was the first Communist forum ever held in that city and was given entirely in Spanish with a good proletarian composition to the audience. The RCP was the main social-prop in attendance and they coughed up such gems as, "ATM wants to lead the national movement to a suicide mission by trying to organize revolutionary struggle for the basic demands"; "I've never seen any peasants or land question in the Southwest";

ATM was trying to divide (1) the working class by struggling for the Chicano nation's right to political secession." Besides their self-exposures the RCP was exposed for their theft of the film belonging to the Farah workers, and their opportunist efforts to use it to promote themselves as the "leadership" of the Farah strike. One brother in the audience summed it up best when he said, "First you (RCP) steal the workers film, and now you're trying to steal our national rights!"

### CONCLUSION

The positive response to the forums reveals both the growing enthusiasm for Marxism-Leninism on the part of the workers and national movements, and helps to confirm the correctness of ATM's position. They also revealed the common thread to the positions of all the social props who came to struggle -- reformism in content masked by different forms such as chauvinism, narrow nationalism, and revisionism. The effect of their reformist line and practice is to blunt, or to attempt to blunt, the revolutionary struggle of the Chicano national movement, to hold back their drive for democratic rights and for socialism.

The forums also brought out the necessity for clarity on our tasks as Communists, what we must do to forge the alliance of the U.S. proletariat and the Chicano and other national movements. In carrying out these tasks we must resolutely expose and isolate these social-traitors and watchdogs of imperialism and drive them completely out of the working-class and national movements. Otherwise the victory of the proletarian revolution is unthinkable.

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# Auto

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6 day weeks, sometimes on 11 hour shifts.

Today automakers are making record profits, GM made a record \$1,704 million dollars in only the first two quarters of this year as compared to \$392 million last year and Ford has made \$770 million in its first two quarters as compared to \$96.5 million last year. But they want the autoworkers to "tighten their belts" and take a cut so that they will not hamper the capitalist "recovery"

Some of the belt tightening proposed by the automakers for the 700,000 autoworkers (390,000 at GM, 170,000 at Ford, 120,000 at Chrysler ) included direct payment by the workers for medical care, vacation and holiday pay restricted by an attendance formula, new restrictions on the right to strike, less pay and benefits for component and non-automotive divisions, new hires to start out at a dollar an hour less and would be ineligible for benefits until they had been employed for a year, 3% increase with no increase in cost of living allowance, no increase in "layoff" (SUB) fund, but rather taking from low seniority workers in order to give to high seniority workers, no improvements in health and safety conditions.

## "ONE STRUGGLE, MANY FRONTS"

Because a great percentage of the auto industry is outside of the continental United States (40% for Ford, 30% for Chrysler, 20% for GM ) it is easy to see that the contract struggle of the United Auto Workers is directly related to the struggles of workers in places like Azania (South Africa). In their quest for profits the automakers like all other capitalists continually expands to areas which are not politically or economically independent. In the late 1960's when the economy of racist South Africa was near bankruptcy and thousands of black workers were demonstrating against racist oppression, U S corporations like the Chase Manhattan Bank, Union Carbide, Polaroid, Ford, Chrysler and GM gave economic support to South Africa. GM alone invested hundreds of millions of dollars and built 3 factories in Port Elizabeth.

In a country where the cost of living is very close to that of the U S , blacks in South Africa were paid 53¢ an hour by Ford in 1973 and today after 3 years of runaway inflation GM pays them less than \$2.00 an hour.

The capitalists, of course, have made a number of similar "investments" closer to home. 7 of the last 9 plants, GM has built since 1973 have been built in the "right to work" Black Belt South, the oppressed Afro-American nation. GM has actively fought against unionization in these plants, paying \$1.05 less an hour than they do in the north. And is it merely an accident that our "great leader" Woodcock has not organized a single one of these plants?

With the super-profits stolen from oppressed nations like Azania and the Black Belt South the capitalists are able to bribe some of our union "leaders" with salaries 5-10 times those of the average workers, and with promises of social position and political power. For instance, UAW President Leonard Woodcock's salary is \$66,884 and he's being mentioned as the next Secretary of Labor, a fitting reward for a job well done--for the capitalists!

When these bribed leaders entered the battle field of negotiations, their battle cries were "flexibility" and "we'll be able to sell the members a package this year that wouldn't have been accepted in 1970 or 1973" (Wall

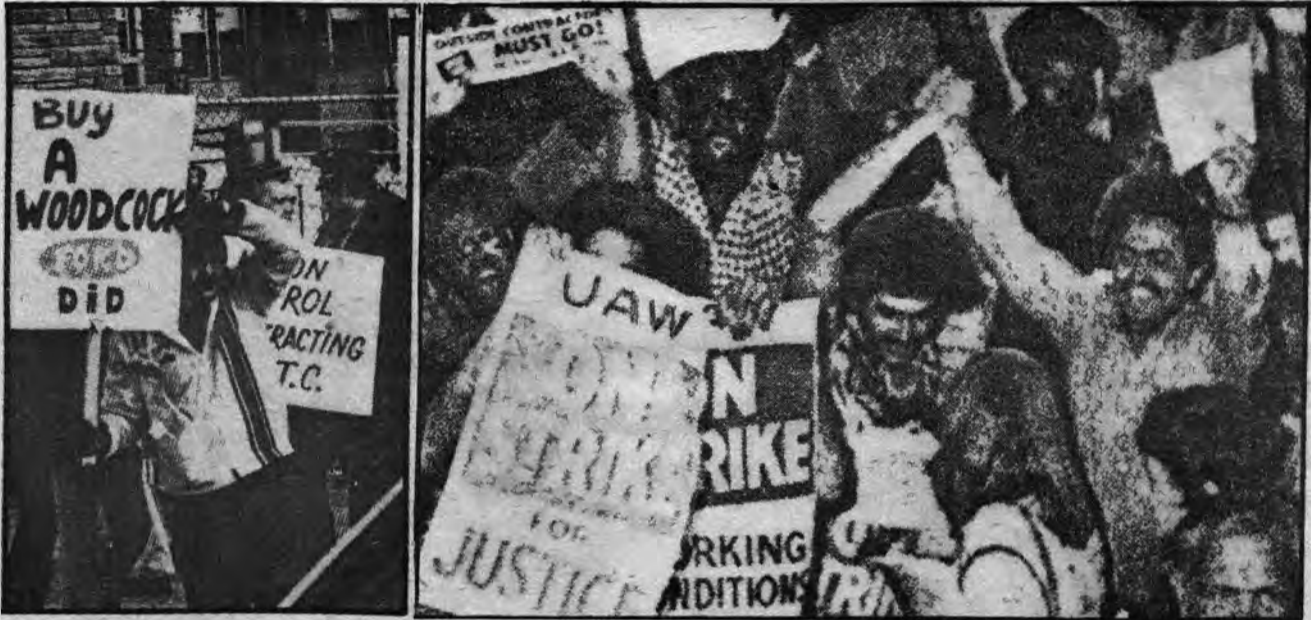
Street Journal 7/19/76). When a settlement could not be reached a target company was picked for the strike. The UAW "leaders" rationale for picking one company to strike instead of an industry wide strike is that the target company will be forced to meet UAW demands because it doesn't want to lose out to its competitors. This tactic allows the remaining automakers to strengthen their hand by scheduling more overtime and stockpiling a large inventory of extra cars, thus better enabling them to withstand a strike. An industry wide strike would cripple the production of the whole auto industry, thus giving the autoworkers more leverage in the contract negotiations, but of course Woodcock and his kind wouldn't want that.

On the local level UAW "leaders" like the Brotherhood's, Early Mays, (head of UAW local 1364) have been instrumental in overruling the workers' demand that there be no forced overtime during contract negotiations, they prevent us from walking off the line when serious health and safety hazards are caused by GM (malfunctioning hoists, poisonous gas fumes,) they keep us in the dark about contract negotiations, they attempt to stop the democratic process by shutting down the last 2 union meetings in Fremont.

content themselves with this--they must utilize the opportunities provided by strikes to do the most widespread agitation and propaganda which exposes the capitalist system, which discloses with facts the role of the social props, and which can point the workers in the direction of socialist revolution.

## UNIONS CAN BE SCHOOLS OF COMMUNISM

Our unions are also weapons in the class struggle. Right now our unions are controlled by the capitalists through that rich strata of Judases called bureaucrats. We must take them back into our own hands. This can only be done with communist leadership. Communists must learn how to utilize every struggle of the autoworkers in order to weaken the hand of the hacks, and to strengthen the hand of the rank and file. We must have less TALK about building factory nuclei and more WORK towards actually building those cells. It is exactly in the fight for the every day needs of the autoworkers that communists learn how to lead the class struggle, how to train the class conscious workers, how to organize both advances and retreats, how to counter the phony concessions of the bureaucrats (such as offered by Woodcock) as well as their threats and coercion. In this way we will win the confidence of the class, develop the ability



Autoworkers demonstrate against sell-out union leaders - it takes \$66,884 plus privileges to buy UAW president Leonard Woodcock - while rank and file prepare for intensified class struggle on the picket line!

## REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP NEEDED

The struggle within the autoworkers proves clearly that only revolutionary leadership can guarantee victory. The corrupted bureaucrats are working with might and main to stamp out every vestige of democracy in the union, they are bending all of their efforts to sell out the vital interests of the workers, to channel the struggle of the autoworkers along the peaceful path, the path most "acceptable" to the capitalists. This explains why they oppose the weapon of the strike so vehemently. And if they are forced to call a strike, they follow the old adage "head the strike in order to behead it". The strike is not just a weapon to gain reforms from the capitalists. It is a tool that can cut at the very heart of capitalism. Given the correct revolutionary leadership to strikes, workers can learn, through their own experience, the power of organization, how and when to confront the state, how to defy capitalist laws (injunctions, etc.), the most effective means of mass struggle, and so forth. But, of course, communists can never

to educate and organize them, win the unions for the rank and file, and drive out every traitor from union office. In THIS way will nuclei be built, will the organizational basis for our party be laid. The key to all of this lies in the independent work of communists, their ability to unite with all honest forces without submerging their communist ideals. We can learn from the negative example of the October League, who helped build the largest rank and file caucus (The Brotherhood) in the country in UAW local 1364. And what did they do with this caucus? They used it to help a reformist labor politician, Earlie Mays, get elected head of the local. Is this the meaning of communist leadership? Are we destined to become campaign managers for every "progressive" bureaucrat who comes along? Is this what we mean by winning the trade unions to communism? ("Brother" Mays recently opposed a resolution against forced overtime--a resolution put forward at the time the Ford workers were out on strike, put forward in order to support their strike.) But the October League sees absolutely nothing wrong with their work in the Brotherhood. We'll leave it to our readers to decide whether or not their activities constitute REVOLUTIONARY leadership.

The working class does not need an October League to lead their struggles. Rather they need a communist party to lead them--one which stands uncompromisingly for their interests and against all forms of oppression. Lacking such a countrywide working class party, the autoworkers are left with the bribed "leadership" of Woodcock and his cronies, and the local and scattered activity of a few communist forces. But we shall have our party. Every genuine communist in the autoworkers knows this. We know that, no matter what the odds, no matter how strong our adversaries, that we will persist in our struggle, we will learn from every painful mistake that we make, we will train ourselves and we will train the advanced members of our class, and we will build our party--right inside the plants of our enemy. And with this party we will win back our trade unions, we will wring real concessions from our enemies, we will support our brothers and sisters in Azania and the Afro-American nation, and we will finally crush under our powerful blows the tiny class of parasites who sit on our backs like vultures.

TURN OUR TRADE UNIONS INTO FIGHTING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE WORKING CLASS!

BUILD OUR MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY!

# AUGUST 29th MOVEMENT

The August Twenty-Ninth Movement is a multi-national communist organization formed in May of 1974. It takes its name from the great anti-imperialist march and demonstration which took place August 29, 1970 in the largest Chicano barrio in the United States -- the east side of Los Angeles, California. The demonstration was multi-national and mostly of working class origin. However the overwhelming number of demonstrators were from the Chicano oppressed nationality, and the event had a decidedly nationalist character -- i.e., protesting the use of Chicano youth as cannon fodder in the imperialist war in Viet Nam and protesting the lack of democratic rights for Chicano people. As such this event stands out as a shining symbol of the willingness of the people to struggle determinedly against their oppression and exploitation. Moreover it confirmed in the heat of storm and fire that the struggle of the oppressed nationalities is a component part of the world revolution. Our organization bases itself on the principles of proletarian rev-

olution as summed-up by Marx, Engels, Lenin Stalin and Mao Tse Tung. We strive to achieve proletarian dictatorship, socialism and ultimately a classless communist society. This can only be achieved through forging the unity of the proletariat and the oppressed nationalities of this country and the armed overthrow of the existing bourgeois state. This overthrow can only occur as a result of a long protracted struggle led by the proletariat under the banner of its vanguard Marxist-Leninist Party. The building of such a party is the central task of all communists and advanced workers of the United States. This has been our task since the treacherous betrayal of the working class by the revisionist "Communist" Party of the USA.

This new party and socialist revolution in general cannot be achieved without a consistent, relentless battle against any and every type of opportunism -- right opportunism and revisionism, and left opportunism and trotskism -- but most especially against the main danger world-wide and nation-

ally, revisionism and right opportunism. The "Communist" Party of the Soviet Union leads the revisionist parties, such as the CPUSA in promoting revisionism and counter-revolution.

We stand together with all the world's peoples in recognizing the leading role of the People's Republic of China under the leadership of the Communist Party of China with Chairman Mao Tse-Tung at its head, and the People's Republic of Albania under the leadership of the Party of Labor of Albania and Chairman Enver Hoxha in the worldwide struggle for peace, democracy and socialism. As part of this struggle we are duty-bound to uphold the right of nations to self-determination, and to give direct support to the national liberation struggles of the peoples against U.S. imperialism and Soviet social imperialism. At the present time the storm center of this struggle is in the Third World.

We pledge ourselves to unite with all genuine Marxist-Leninists to carry out our tasks and to fulfill our proletarian internationalist duty.



# Editorial

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do we see the working class masses calling for socialism, or for the right of self-determination for the Afro-American or Chicano nations, or for full democratic rights for all national minorities, and fighting for these things? The examples we do have are paltry and extremely limited in scope. This tells us that Communists are not winning over the advanced and

training them to lead the masses to fight under such slogans. We must end the practice of just talking about fusion and start actually fusing. Otherwise we will end up with a "party" composed of a few propaganda circles instead of a live and vital vanguard which is rooted in the advanced class, which has proven worthy of leading that class, which has shown itself capable of training the advanced workers as communist cadres based on the ability to organize and lead the class struggle in all its manifestations. We want, we demand a party of action, and not a bloated circle of polemicists and windbags, a party born and bred and tempered by having led the struggles of the workers.

5. The Marxist-Leninists are beginning to carry out systematic political and organizational work among the industrial proletariat. Although some groups, like ourselves, have been there for a few years we cannot claim to have extensive influence as yet.

As we can see things are not all as we would like. We cannot sit back and congratulate ourselves for being Marxist-Leninists and not opportunists. Nor can we dismiss the mass influence of the revisionists and opportunists with infantile references to "quality not quantity", or "they only have numbers". This is like saying, forget about the trade union bureaucrats, they "only" have the trade unions. We Communists must intensify our work among the class, not fearing to lead their struggles just because someone might accuse us of "worshipping spontaneity". In order to do this work, that is, to increase our political influence among the proletariat we must utilize all the tools at our disposal. And that is the purpose of this article, to discuss one of those tools -- the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE.

First of all we must make clear that a real Communist party is not only the political and organizational unity of Marxist-Leninists and the advanced workers they win over. A party is also judged by the political influence it has over the working class. To view it in any other way reveals a profound misunderstanding of our tasks. That is why we fight so hard against the line that party building is our ONLY task, and that "everything must be seen in the context of party building". This latter position is often interpreted to mean that all of our tasks must serve to build, develop and strengthen the party. But when is this not true? Won't we be trying to build, strengthen and expand the party even under socialism? What this line inevitably reduces itself to is this -- in all of our work we must focus and pay attention only to uniting Marxist-Leninists and winning over the advanced, (precious few of whom are actually being won over, and with Marxist-Leninists our "work" usually consists of discourse and polemic). Is it not better to say that it is always the fundamental task of Communists to organize and lead the class struggle of the proletariat, in the course of which we must integrate Marxism-Leninism with our concrete conditions (program), develop the organization capable of such work, train the necessary cadres, unite with those Marxists serious about doing the work, isolate opportunism among the masses on the basis of our ability to lead, and win over the advanced workers by both our ideals and our example? In this way we build a REAL party, REAL fusion takes place.

We ourselves have made the errors that we refer to above, and in a very real sense these errors are the inevitable byproducts of our movement's inexperience. But the time has passed when we can justify this narrow view of tasks by reference to inexperience. We must evaluate our past work, learn from it and move on.

In order for us to move on we must change the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE. When ATM began publication of its paper we stated that its purpose was to deal with questions of theory, questions of organization, and to shed the light of Communism on every important political, social and economic question facing our movement, (see REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE, vol 1, #1). At the same time we recognized our obligation to the movement to make clear our theoretical views on party building, the October League, the Afro-American and Chicano national questions, work within the trade unions, the international situation, etc. Being unable at that time (November 1975) to produce a theoretical journal to carry our theoretical positions we decided to publish them in the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE, to combine as it were, the functions of a newspaper and a journal. Despite our intentions, however, the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE became more and more a journal and less and less a newspaper. The almost complete

lack of topical agitation in our paper for a long time is striking evidence of this. While we believe that our original decision was correct and called for by the demands of the movement, the theoretical format of the paper fit in very neatly with the "left" deviation which had developed in ATM, which saw party building as mainly polemics and study circles with the "advanced" (very few of whom were workers recruited off the factory floor). These circles had no need of a communist newspaper since they were mainly concerned with getting "theoretical clarity", and not with linking Marxism-Leninism with the working class movement. But once we identified and began to root out this deviation (and it is still being rooted out), we could not be satisfied with the old REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE. Increased contact with, and influence among the working class movement inevitably brings forward political activists thirsty for knowledge, desirous of being trained in class consciousness.

"Working class consciousness cannot be



genuine political consciousness unless the workers are trained to respond to ALL cases of tyranny, oppression, violence, and abuse, no matter WHAT CLASS is affected -- unless they are trained, moreover, to respond from a (Communist) point of view and no other. The consciousness of the working masses cannot be genuine class-consciousness, unless the workers learn, from concrete, and above all from topical, political facts and events to observe EVERY social class in ALL the manifestations of its intellectual, ethical, and political life, unless they learn to apply in practice the materialist analysis and the materialist estimate of ALL aspects of the life and activity of ALL classes, strata and groups of the population." (Lenin, WHAT IS TO BE DONE)

And of course it goes without saying that the capitalists and the opportunists are training the working class to view all important political and social questions from their (bourgeois) stand, viewpoint and method. So it is obvious that the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE was not capable, under its old format of mostly polemics and theoretical articles, of carrying out this task, which it set for itself in its first issue. No, with our increased involve-

ment in the class struggle, and our intensified efforts to "fuse" Communism with the working class movement, our old weapon was clearly insufficient. What we need is a paper which is mostly agitation, (in order to be able to cover ALL important social and political questions), which combines agitation and propaganda, which arms our cadres, the advanced workers, and all those forces in our movement who see validity in our line, with topical political exposures in order to help train the proletariat in class consciousness. At the same time our newspaper will also contain polemics, concern itself with questions of organization, contain propaganda articles, training articles, etc. But the focus will be on topical, agitational political exposures.

Does this mean that we are abandoning propaganda, that it will no longer be in the forefront of our work? Quite the opposite. Our expanded influence can only call for more propaganda, more study to answer the ever-new questions posed by the struggle, more forums, but now they will also be addressed to workers, more call for Marxist-Leninist literature as the class comes forward in response to our work and seeks deeper answers to their questions. Cadre training too will become more intensive and all-sided as our work and influence expands, demanding more thorough and more qualitative propaganda work than we have been used to. At the same time ATM is developing a propaganda journal to help in this work, a journal which can take up the long, but necessary, theoretical articles.

"The distribution of these themes and questions between the magazine and the newspaper will be determined exclusively by differences in the size and character of the two publications -- the magazine should serve mainly for propaganda, the newspaper mainly for agitation. But all aspects of the movement should be reflected in both the magazine and the newspaper, . . ." (DRAFT DECLARATION OF ISKRA AND ZARYA, LGW, vol 4, p 326)

Both our newspaper and our journal are aimed at the advanced workers. They determine the character of our movement and they most of all must learn the "materialist analysis" of all questions. The advanced will be able to understand the whole paper, the middle strata workers, who will constitute the bulk of our readership, will not understand everything in the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE; the lower strata workers will understand little of the paper. This only means that we will have to develop OTHER FORMS of propaganda and agitation for the less developed sections of the class, not that we must lower the level of the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE.

Our journal, the RED BANNER, which represents a further expansion of our propaganda work, will make its first appearance in December, and will be issued three times a year. The journal and the newspaper will supplement each other, but our newspaper is the pivot of our work, for it alone can fulfill the role of a collective agitator, propagandist and organizer (only stuffed-shirt intellectuals can imagine that a journal can become a sufficient collective organizer).

The change in our newspaper will also make it more ACCESSIBLE to the class, who should feel no compunction about writing for it, distributing it, contributing to it, criticizing it, and so forth. This too is a part of "fusion". But the journal is also intended for the class and we would be wrong to satisfy ourselves with bookstore distribution, or distribution only to Marxist-Leninists. We must strive actively to disseminate the journal to as many class-conscious workers as possible, to make it THEIR journal.

Some may accuse us of trying to be the party because we are putting out a paper and a journal. We are merely trying to carry out our tasks and to arm our movement with as many

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# Editorial

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tools as possible. If our experience proves of some value to the building of the party, to the newspaper and journal of the new party, then we shall be satisfied that we have made a small but important contribution to the movement.

We are also bound to hear that we are becoming "just like the OL". This knee-jerk response can only come from people who are confused or who do not think Comrades, what distinguishes Communists from opportunists is not whether their newspapers are mostly agitation or mostly propaganda, (REVOLUTION is mostly propaganda for instance) What distinguishes us is our LINE. What the OL and the ATM say about the Chicano national movement and the tasks of Communists will definitely not be the same. Likewise for the trade union question, the Afro-American question, the struggle for democracy, party building, etc. This is true although we may be writing about identical issues.



## CONCLUSION

Comrades, let's make fusion a reality. Let's get serious about answering the questions posed by our movement. We dedicate the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE to this task and call upon all Communists and class conscious workers to make it your own -- to write for it, to criticize it, to distribute it, and to use it as a tool to help you carry out the task which history has placed before us -- to build the Marxist-Leninist party of the working class and to smash U.S. imperialism to atoms. We must caution comrades against seeing the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE as merely something to be studied; it is meant to be used in conjunction with our day to day work in order to train and organize the class. ONLY in this way does the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE fulfill its purpose. ONLY in this way can we win those honest "numbers" under their influence away from the CPUSA, the RCP, and the OL. ONLY in this way will we drive the DAILY WORLD, REVOLUTION, and THE CALL out of the working class. And ONLY in this way will we be prepared to lead the growing upsurges of the class and the oppressed nationalities.

# CONFERENCE

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ing between the raw materials of the developing countries and the manufactured goods of the industrialized countries, 2) Producer-Export Associations (such as OPEC) to collectively strengthen their bargaining position in the world market, 3) Collective self-reliance that would coordinate activities such as the Tan-Zam Railway in order to achieve economic independence from the big powers, 4) Nationalization of all transnational corporations.

In addition to mutual cooperation and collective self-reliance, firm opposition to "any



form of interference in the internal affairs of states was a constant theme of the conference. With these principles in command, the non-aligned movement has grown from 25 to 86 members in only 15 years -- making the superpowers tremble in their boots!

## SUPERPOWERS ENEMIES OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND ENEMIES OF ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE!

"The non-aligned movement will have the full support of all anti-imperialist, patriotic, progressive and democratic forces in the world. Only the two superpowers reject it." Janawegeya - Sri Lanka newspaper. The one superpower, the U.S. has openly declared opposition to the conference by threatening economic harassment of those involved

# Steel

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all of the misery they face, the revisionists tell them the following:

"Why should the steel industry moguls be allowed to manipulate elected officials from steel-making districts? Why can't steel, metal and other workers, who live, work and vote in these districts -- who outnumber the denizens of the executive suites better than 25 to 1 -- ELECT THEIR OWN white, Black, Chicano, men and women, young and old? Is it not time that we elect workers as government officials?"

"With the power and potential resources of the millions of members in the USWA and the trade unions as a whole, workers could be the majority in every legislative body in the nation -- federal, state and local. Then there would be no doubt about the ability and capacity to enact programs in the interests of the people, such as the job security program, a peoples tax program, an end to racist practices, overcoming the crisis in the cities, etc., etc." (IT TAKES A FIGHT TO WIN, p. 52, Gus Hall, head of the CPUSA)

It is clear that Sadlowski and his type are the perfect partners of the CPUSA, and their alliance reveals clearly the unity of reformism and revisionism.

At the same time the CPUSA hopes to satisfy the growing mass striving towards socialism with social-imperialism instead. They want the trade unions to adopt a pro-"detente" stance, to push for more trade with the militaristic Soviet Union. At a time when the world moves closer to a world war -- a war likely to be started by the Soviet Union -- such a position is nothing less than treachery. At a time when vigilance and clarity about the USSR is required, the CPUSA spreads lies and confusion.

## REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY

Just as dangerous, in their own way, as the CPUSA is the so-called Revolutionary Communist Party. We have pointed to the revisionist essence of the RCP for some time now, and each passing day provides new evidence of the truth of our statements.

Rather than exposing Sadlowski and pointing out the path of independent revolutionary struggle to the working class, the RCP in one of their mass papers, "The Steelworker", says that Sadlowski

"...reflects the sentiments and aspirations of the rank and file..."

"Sadlowski reflects what we, the rank and file, have fought for and built."

Very interesting. Sadlowski refuses to fight the ENA, he supports the Consent Decree, Jimmy Carter and Zionism. And yet he reflects what the "rank and file have fought for"! Only a confirmed liar would preach such trash. But to do it in the name of Communism makes one a social prop just like Sadlowski and the CPUSA, (Another former "anti-revisionist" group, the Communist Labor Party, is openly and uncritically supporting the Sadlowski slate)

## MAINTAIN OUR INDEPENDENCE

It is not our task to support one social prop (Sadlowski) against another (McBride). It is rather our task to expose both McBride and Sadlowski and to point out the path of independent action by the class. This path consists of a program of class struggle and is aimed at putting the unions into the hands of the class-conscious workers. To do this we must learn how to utilize every available opportunity to show the working class its own power, its own capacity for struggle and organization, and to lead them ON THIS BASIS towards socialist revolution. This alone is our guarantee of exposing all the social props and of turning the trade unions into real strongholds of communism.



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while its press was unanimous in the slanderous denunciation -- and fear -- of the effective unity of the Third World. To the U.S. ruling class, the real independence and democracy that the non-aligned countries are fighting for is what they call the "tyranny of the majority".

The other superpower, the USSR also fears what the Colombo Conference represents. Under the guise of socialism, they call themselves the "natural ally" of the Third World, but in fact are no less ruthless or artful than any of the old line imperialists in plundering the natural resources and labor and trying to control the production and trade of the Asian, African and Latin American countries. The So-

Because the Soviet Union, just like the U.S. stands to lose in the face of growing strength and unity of the Third World, they acted to split and wreck the forward motion of the world's people, by trying to exploit the differences between the participating countries at the conference, and by falsely splitting the movement into "progressive" and "conservative" forces. After a Soviet plot to infiltrate the 4th Summit Conference was exposed, Brezhnev sent a blackmail letter laying down the law to the non-aligned countries, forbidding them to divide the world's countries into "rich and poor", "big and small" and forbidding them to view the two superpowers as the same.

The superpowers are right to fear the non-aligned movement for as Kim Il Sung pointed out in 1975:

"The non-aligned movement is a mighty anti-imperialist revolutionary force, reflecting the main trend of the present era. With the appearance of the non-aligned movement on the stage of history as an independent political force, the international balance of forces has changed fundamentally."

The fight being waged by the non-aligned movement against all forms of foreign domination -- especially that of the two superpowers -- greatly weakens the reactionaries and imperialists. These are the same enemies that the U.S. working class and oppressed nationalities face, for as Ho Chi Minh pointed out, imperialism is a two-headed leach, sucking the blood of the people at home as well as abroad. Living here in one of the most ruthless of oppressor nations we in this country are duty-bound to aid the just struggle of the Third World to smash imperialism, colonialism and hegemonism.

These poor and small countries have given us an inspiring example. Our enemy CAN be defeated! David can slay Goliath! That vicious class of capitalists, with all its bombs, planes and weapons of warfare is no match for the united force of the billions of people who must sweat to live. Colombo is our victory too -- and nothing can take it from us. Step up American workers, let us march shoulder to shoulder with our oppressed brothers and sisters of the Third World and smash the evil system of imperialism once and for all.