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## Chicano Nation's right to secede upheld WORKER'S DEATH SPURS NEW MEXICO STRUGGLE!

A massive struggle has developed in Albuquerque, New Mexico around the death on November 4th of 64 year old Benses Padilla, an employee of the Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) system. Padilla was killed while operating a post-hole digger. The machine was old and worn-out, and the throttle had been wired down so that it could run only on the fastest speed. Benses who was of slight build hit a rock with the machine and lost control of it because the machine could not be slowed down. The digger first hacked off his ear and then spun repeatedly against his head until he was dead.

Padilla's death is the latest incident in a struggle dating back to an August Strike by the APS workers. The workers had struck for a wage increase of 6 cents an hour and for safer working conditions. APS fired 321 workers for participating in the strike. After the strike the school system rehired only 276 of the strikers and refused to rehire the remaining 45 workers. Those rehired lost their seniority, vacation and sick leave benefits. When the 276 reported back to the job, many were harassed for their participation in the strike by being forced to work on jobs that they didn't know or were unable to do. Benses Padilla was one of those workers. Although he was only a few months from retirement Padilla became involved in a city-wide rank and file coalition that is fighting to get the 45 workers reinstated and to regain all lost benefits. Thus far the APS disclaims all responsibility for Padilla's death and rejects the demands of the coalition.

### THE CHICANO NATION

Albuquerque is a city in part of the oppressed Chicano nation in the Southwestern United States. For decades this nation has been controlled by Anglo-American imperialism which has super-exploited the labor of the Chicano people in order to develop mines, railroads, factories

and large-scale agricultural production. The capitalists pocket most of the fruits of all this labor, while the workers are not even given enough wages to live on. The Chicano nation has one of the highest unemployment rates in the U.S., at the same time that the imperialists garner fabulous profits from the region. The large corporations make an average of \$2,000 per year for every Chicano, man, woman and child in New Mexico.

One of the ways that the imperialists seek to keep the Chicano nation under control is through their racist school system. Chicanos are denied the right to learn their true history and culture, as well as the right to speak their own Spanish language. They are taught, instead, the oppressors view of history, which glorifies the role of the imperialists as the bearers of "progress" and "civilization" to the Southwest, while Chicanos are depicted as a lazy, shiftless and uncultured people whose revolutionary heroes are a bunch of "bandits". The Albuquerque Public School system is but a tool serving the interests of the rich politicians and capitalists who own the mines, railroads, land and factories! Like the police, courts, and prisons the APS serves to ensure that the Chicano nation remains oppressed and under the control of the Anglo-American imperialists.

### THE CURRENT STRUGGLE

Because of the history and conditions enumerated above, the struggle around Benses Padilla's death and for the reinstatement of the 45 workers quickly assumed a political character. The Albuquerque Rank and File Workers Coalition adopted, as one of its principles of unity, the demand for the right to secession for the Chicano nation. This demand is being taken up by hundreds of people in the city. Workers and students of all nationalities are rallying behind the struggle and in support of the Chicano peo-



Workers and students of all nationalities in APS fight help build strategic alliance between working class and national movements.

ple. On November 20th over 300 people marched to the APS administration building demanding the immediate rehiring of the 45 workers and the arrest of the APS board for the murder of Padilla.

As the struggle broadened in scope masses of high school students joined the struggle. In an attempt to head them off, the School Board brought police and dogs onto the school grounds and suspended over 300 students in one day for not having their school ID cards. In response, over 1,000 students walked out in protest of the suspensions and in support of the APS workers. When school officials tried to persuade the students to return to classes, the students chased them out of the school gymnasium, took over their microphones and walked out. Right now the Rank and File Workers Coalition has mobilized workers from all over the city and students from a number of high schools and from the University of New Mexico. Communists are also participating in the coalition and have advanced the demand for the right of political secession for the Chicano nation. The coalition is demanding that Chicano students be given democratic control of their student organizations (MECHAs), and that school curriculum include the real history and culture of the Chicano people. They have called for a citywide boycott of students of all nationalities until their demands are met.

### STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

ATM (M-L) repeatedly stresses that our socialist revolution will be achieved by the working class in alliance with the national movements in this country. In order to achieve this alliance the working class of all nationalities, but most especially the Anglo-American workers, must take up and champion the struggle for the equality of all nationalities and for the right of the oppressed nations to political secession. Only in this way can the capitalist-fostered mistrust and suspicion among the workers of the various nationalities be overcome and the strongest unity forged.

We must support the right of the Chicano people to be taught their history, to use their own language, to control the land, factories and natural resources of their nation, to have complete political control over their nation. The APS struggle is a part of the liberation movement of the Chicano people, it is a part of a movement aimed at our common enemy--the U.S. imperialist class. We must aid this movement with all of our resources, in order that we may bring closer the day when imperialism will fall and the rule of the working class will be established, and the unity of all nations and peoples in the United States will be ensured.★

## Victory in China, victory for entire working class

# MASSES ROUT 'GANG OF 4'

We have all been reading or hearing about the current class struggle taking place in the People's Republic of China. The capitalist press has depicted this struggle as a fight for power between a "radical" faction and a "moderate" faction. According to the capitalist scribblers, the "moderates" have won the fight and will now proceed on a pragmatic path of capitalist restoration. What are the facts and why must the U.S.

working class concern itself about the class struggle in China?

During his lifetime that great Marxist-Leninist, Mao Tsetung had often warned the Chinese people to be vigilant toward the development of capitalist elements inside the ranks of the Communist Party of China. Chairman Mao had seen the bitter experience of the Soviet Union, where positions of privilege inside the Communist Party of the Soviet Union had caused many of its leading members to degenerate, to become fat and wealthy bureaucrats, and then go from seeing themselves above the working class to a position of actually exploiting the working class.

Such a process, Mao said, is inevitable unless a continuous class struggle is waged within and without the ranks of the Communist Party. We must arm the masses with Marxism-Leninism, he stressed, and turn them loose, under the leadership of the Party -- on every hidebound bureaucrat and overstaffed party "leader" who would rather take the capitalist road.

During the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution of the 1960's several hundred million Chinese workers and peasants took up the struggle to keep China a Workers' State, a country of socialism -- where honor is measured by one's work and dedication to society, and not by one's title or wealth, where the working class rules all aspects of life, and where only exploiters (a tiny minority in all societies) have no rights (right to exploit). The fury of the Chinese masses shook the country, and shook the world. One after another each and every capitalist roader was exposed.



Chinese masses show, through their deeds as well as their art, their readiness to stop capitalist roaders dead in their tracks!

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**Masses disgusted with capitalist politics**

**CARTER WANTS WORKERS TO PAY FOR CAPITALIST CRISIS**

With the "mere" expenditure of \$35 million dollars Jimmy Carter, a "peanut farmer" worth \$6 million, has won the presidential election. Using a liberal facade Carter was able to win the support of a large percentage of Black voters, as well as that of many union workers. Carter won the election with 51% of the vote total, getting the votes of 94% of the Blacks who voted, and 65% of the union members who voted. Carter and the Democratic Party are crowing that his election represents a reestablishment of the old Democratic Party Black-labor coalition. But the facts give a different picture. Actually only 53% of the eligible voters went to the polls, which illustrates the mass disgust with capitalist politics in general. With this perspective we can see that Carter's 51% is really only about 1/4 of the actual voting population. This reduces the real percentage of Blacks and workers who voted for Carter to a decided minority of the people. Nevertheless it would be wrong to dismiss the effect of Carter's liberal demagoguery of significant numbers of minorities and working class voters.

Along with Carter other pseudo-populist politicians were elected in November, such as S I Hayakawa as senator in California and Daniel Moynihan as senator of New York. Moynihan and Hayakawa were elected largely as a result of their rhetoric directed against the "Washington establishment". They sought to imply that they oppose corporate control of the government and the resultant trend towards state monopoly capitalism. They were successful in deceiving a number of voters with this pose -- including a number of working class voters. This is understandable given the growing depth of the current phase of the imperialist crisis and the patent failure of the current set of capitalist politicians to resolve it. But it is exactly through such demogogy that fascism can steal into power. Playing on the justifiable anger of the masses, and in particular the petty-bourgeois masses, the fascists try to portray all bourgeois democracy as hopeless, with the only alternative being a "strong" (fascist) government. We must be on our guard.

**CARTER'S CAMPAIGN LIES**

During his campaign Carter was promising that he would make the economy his "number one priority", and that he would be bold in attacking the



Carter with Congressional leaders--part of the rotten, dying face of bourgeois "democracy".

problem of unemployment. He promised that unemployment would be down to 4% by the end of his first term from its present 8.1%. Of course what this means in real terms is that Carter will be satisfied to have "only" 4 million workers walking the streets without jobs from the present "official" figure of 8 million. This is a revealing self-exposure by a foremost capitalist representative -- capitalism inevitably means a large number of its citizens must remain unemployed, to haunt the unemployment and welfare lines in order to stay alive.

But since his election Carter has had to admit that the U.S. working class will have to "live with" an unemployment rate of from 5%-7% for the next four years (Washington Post, Nov 16, 1976), because efforts to create jobs quickly might fuel inflation (Wall Street Journal, Nov 16, 1976). As can be expected, Carter is taking his cue from the monopoly capitalists who make tremendous profits from unemployment. He has said, for example, that he will appoint his top economic advisers and policy makers who are "generally satisfactory" to big business (L.A. Times, Nov 4, 1976). He hints that he might go for a tax cut, because "inflationary pressures" will be offset by high unemployment (which he promised to reduce) and unused plant capacity. It is clear that capitalism's contradictions have the working class as their victims. Carter is quickly abandoning his liberal mask and showing himself to be only one more capitalist politician out to guard the profits of the corporations and banks.

**FOREIGN POLICY**

While running for election Carter promised a more "human" approach to foreign affairs. Well, human beings are divided into classes. Let's see just which class of "humans" Carter will represent in his foreign policy.

In Southern Africa we are witnessing a mass movement of millions of downtrodden people -- colonial slaves in rebellion, who are determined to fight and die for their freedom and independence. Against them (in Azania, Namibia and Zimbabwe) stand the racist regimes of South Africa and Rhodesia, backed by the military and economic might of U.S. imperialism, which has billions invested in those countries. Against them also stands the social-imperialist USSR which is itself plundering the African continent for its riches on an increasing scale. But Carter's "human" approach includes the prospect of direct military intervention. In a November L.A. Times article, Carter said that "there are resources only Africa can supply us. . ."; and therefore, he "can't rule out" direct military aid or direct military intervention in Southern Africa. Not only that, but Carter sees economic sanctions against the racist regimes as "counterproductive". (Of course, they would be "counter" to the tremendous superprofits made by General Motors, Exxon, Kodak, et al in Southern Africa.)

So, our "human" Jimmy Carter presents us with

the prospect of imperialist intervention into Southern Africa to "protect" the resources which "only Africa can supply" the monopoly capitalist.

**CARTER - THE GREAT "INTEGRATIONIST"**

Recently the capitalists have made a great hullabaloo out of the fact that Carter's church in Plains, Georgia has graciously assented to allow Blacks to become members of their congregation. As Carter said, borrowing the slogan of the radicals of the '60's, "the whole world is watching" his church. In reality, Carter said, the Church had only intended its racist segregation rule to keep out "agitators". And what Carter meant by an agitator became quickly apparent when he referred to the Reverend Clennon King, a Black man who vowed that no one had the right to exclude him from Church services, as "crazy". Carter said that he would definitely vote to keep an "agitator" such as King from joining the congregation. We can see just what kind of Blacks Carter is "friends" of -- those few who are content with their oppression, and who do not "agitate" against racism. But all those who dare to rebel must be "crazy", and do not even have the right to attend the Church of their choice. Such is the outlook of our liberal president Carter.

**SOCIALISM**

Each day brings fresh evidence of the decay and corruption of capitalism. More and more is its democracy being exposed as CAPITALIST democracy -- that is, democracy for the capitalists and dictatorship for the rest of us. The only answer is to exactly turn the tables -- to set up a society where the laboring majority enjoys democracy (real majority rule), and where those who exploit, and who desire to exploit, are kept firmly in line by dictatorial power of the working class. Only socialism operates in such a fashion. In place of the lie of democracy which hides the brutal features of capitalist dictatorship, we have the open proclamation by the working class that it will exercise a most ruthless dictatorship over the capitalists until they exist no more, but for those who sweat for a living their reward is REAL democracy and the actual control of their destinies. Let all communists and class conscious workers take these lessons into the working class and rouse the tremendous revolutionary energy of that class, in order that we can throw Carter, Ford, Rockefeller and the entire capitalist snake pit into the trash heap of history.

**Fitzsimmons Exposes Himself**



Teamster boss Frank Fitzsimmons said in a recent L.A. interview that government controls over wages, prices, and profits are needed to bring "reality back" to the economy. What kind of a union leader is it that calls for putting a limit on our wages?? That's what the capitalists do! And is it likely that the government would ever try and control capitalists profits???

Fitzsimmons is a member of the labor aristocracy, a very small part of the working class which through the large salaries and benefits they receive (Fitzsimmons gets \$156,250 a year after getting a \$31,500 raise last June) are bribed by the capitalists. These people serve their masters well, selling out the just demands of the rank and file again and again. Fitzsimmons let everyone know this at the last convention saying: "For those who say it's time to reform this organization, that it's time that the officers quit selling out the membership of their union, I say to them, go to hell!" We must organize and oust these parasites from our ranks!! We can and will build strong rank and file controlled unions!★

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**Remember Fred Hampton!**



"You can jail a revolutionary, but you can't jail the revolution."

December 4 marked the 7th anniversary of the vicious murder of two revolutionary black nationalists--Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, members of the Black Panther Party (BPP), Chicago Chapter. That morning 14 policemen blasted their way into the apartment, murdering Hampton and Clark in their sleep and injuring four others. A total of 80 gun shots were fired. The police were armed with extra revolvers, shotguns, and even a machine gun. FBI informer William O'Neal made sure Hampton was drugged that night and provided the police with a lay-out of the apartment and location of Hampton's bed.

Hampton was known as a strong leader of the revolutionary movement by the Chicago Community. He and the BPP were feared by the ruling class because of their ties and revolutionary leadership of the black masses. The ruling class may kill, arrest or try to discredit our leaders, but this will never stop the revolutionary movement of the people. Repression breeds resistance and the movement continues to bring forth new leaders. LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT OF FRED HAMPTON.

# WVO PROCLAIMS ITSELF GENERAL STAFF

The struggle for the proletarian party in the United States has produced a variety of opportunist organizations. Very often they undergo a feint on the spectrum from right opportunism to that of "left" opportunism, a feint usually occurring immediately before their "founding party Congress" Once the Congress has taken place we see a reversion or shift into outright right opportunism. Suffice it to mention the history of the Communist Labor Party, and the current motion of the October League. And now walking through this same "dance of the ages" is the Workers Viewpoint Organization (WVO). In a future article we will examine this metamorphosis of the WVO in detail, especially of its view of the National Question. But for now we would like to examine a by-product of that change. their claim to be the "leading circle" of the communist movement with the overall correct line. The WVO says that they have become the "theoretical and practical center" of our movement (WVO Leaflet) We also learn in the latest issue of their paper (Workers Viewpoint, Vol. 1, #7) that WVO has also developed "in the past year" (emphasis ours, ATM), "the national scope and organizational infrastructure to, in fact, organize the genuine forces of the communist movement."

On November 20 we took on the WVO in a forum they held in Los Angeles. The struggle unfolded around their assertion to be the theoretical, practical and organizational center of our movement. This article will represent a summarized

version of the presentation we made at the Los Angeles forum.

Comrades, we might entitle our presentation: "Saying it's so, doesn't make it so" According to the WVO, they have, in a few short years, all but built a new communist party--and most of us didn't even know about it. Certainly the working class is unaware of it, but to the WVO that is not important, that is not a question of line. But we will return to this question later. In any case we are supposed to attribute our lack of awareness on this question to the modesty of WVO. But maybe before we "slaughter ourselves" (WVO's directive to all communist groups), we should examine more closely some of WVO's claims.

## NO DEMOCRATIC TASKS

At their forum WVO said that since ours is a one-stage socialist revolution we no longer have any democratic tasks. They stated that all democratic tasks have been fulfilled and that it was ridiculous, therefore, to talk about any type of minimum program demands. WVO has taken to bragging about their "consistency" recently. But in the May, 1975 issue of their journal they said that communists must "...concentrate the original, spontaneous demands of the working class and all the oppressed and put them forward as our minimum program." (Workers Viewpoint, May, 1975, page 19). In any case, their present position hinges on their view that we are now in the third phase in the development of democracy and that therefore we no longer have any demo-

cratic tasks.

"Bourgeois democracy went through three phases. First, in the fight against feudalism, it was revolutionary, it ceased to be revolutionary as capitalism grew. Now, in its last stage, bourgeois democracy is thoroughly reactionary and it becomes the best 'shell' of bourgeois rule. Under parasitic, decaying and moribund capitalism, bourgeois democracy's main role is to contain the proletariat's struggle, to straitjacket it. Thus it has been transformed into its opposite." (Ibid., p. 28)

As we will explain below, WVO does not understand the question of the struggle for democracy and its relationship to the struggle for socialism. It would seem incumbent upon a "theoretical center" to understand this question since Lenin called it an "ABC of Marxism". (We must also note that WVO contradicts the whole premise of their position by claiming to uphold the democratic right of the Black nation to self-determination. But we shall go more into this question in a later article.)

First of all, is it correct to say that since monopoly capitalism is the epitome of political reaction we therefore have no democratic tasks, only socialist ones? It is absolutely incorrect. Lenin said,

"Capitalism and imperialism," (take note WVO), "can be overthrown only by economic revolution. They cannot be overthrown by democratic transformations, even the most 'ideal'."

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## Capitalism means death!

# HOSPITAL DEATHS POINT FINGER AT THE SYSTEM

It has been revealed recently that the state of California is investigating the circumstances surrounding the deaths of 139 patients at state mental institutions. Hearings have disclosed cases of death by drug overdose, by strangulation and similar causes. Some examples follow. Thomas Riddle, 37, checked into Camarillo State Hospital for alcohol detoxification. Although the staff was aware that he had already taken drugs prior to coming to the hospital they proceeded to shackle his hands and feet and administer him an injection composed of 3 different drugs. Testimony has revealed that the administration of such drug mixtures is common practice in most mental hospitals. Two hours after being admitted to Camarillo, Thomas Riddle was dead from a drug overdose. At Napa State Hospital a patient named Mandi Wright died from a drug reaction. She was administered the drug after she had told the admitting physician that she was allergic to drugs of that type. Clarence Cormier, a 76 year-old patient at Camarillo died from a strangulated hernia. He was so drugged that he could not cry out in pain! These are just some of the daily occurrences at state hospitals, not only in California, but throughout the U.S. Where does the responsibility for all of this lie?

## NO QUALITY HEALTH CARE UNDER CAPITALISM

Under the system of capitalism there is one, and only one, incentive power for the class that rules, the capitalists--PROFIT. Everything else fades into insignificance beside the unquenchable search for more and more dollars, for more and more capital. Ultimately, the capitalists gain their wealth by stealing the fruits of the working class, the surplus value produced by that class. In addition, U.S. monopoly capitalism or imperialism routinely plunders the labor and raw materials of countries throughout the world. Periodically, the various capitalist states have waged wars in order to "protect" and expand their own wealth, and sources of wealth, and to steal the wealth and sources of wealth (colonies, semi-colonies, spheres of influence) of their competitors. These wars result in the deaths of millions, and the squandering of billions of dollars (actually trillions) in social wealth. So is it any surprise that adequate health care is given the lowest priority in capitalist society? The only interest that the ruling class has in health care is profit. The huge capitalist insurance and pharmaceutical companies reap hundreds of millions of dollars in profit each year. Now, when U.S. imperialism is in the midst of an intensified economic crisis, "non-essentials" like health care are one of the first services to be cut-back. So what we are witnessing throughout the country is a massive slashing of health budgets and the closing of hospitals and health centers on a growing scale. In California, for example, that liberal sage, Governor Jerry Brown, has said that California citizens will have to bite the bullet because of the economic crisis. He, of course, was not referring to the capitalist monopolies who make billions annually in California. No, he was referring to the working people, who produce the profits and pay the taxes. And by biting the bullet Brown was referring to such "liberal" measures as cutting the state hospital budget and closing mental health and child care centers all over the state, as

well as cutting back staff and other hospital personnel. As a matter of fact Brown has completely ignored the requests of the different hospitals for increased funding in order to provide at least minimal services. The result of this "benign neglect"--Overcrowded and inadequately staffed mental hospitals. Because of public pressure, Brown has now been forced to throw a few crumbs to health care.

In the meantime the horrors of capitalism with its joblessness, corruption and decay is driving more and more people to alcoholism, drug addiction, and various other forms of mental and physical illness. It is not the staffers, and the overworked hospital workers who are to blame for the situation in California's mental institutions, it is the capitalist system itself which stands condemned for the deaths being uncovered every day. It is capitalism which puts the health care of the people last on its list of priorities, which sacrifices our minds and bodies for an extra dollar. It is only capitalism which can let a General Motors make over \$500 million in profit for a single 3 month period, while at a California mental hospital a patient was forced to deliver her own baby. (Los Angeles Times, 11/20/76).



Free medical care under socialism in China, which aims to prevent sickness, means that doctors visit homes of workers and peasants

## HEALTH CARE UNDER SOCIALISM

There is an alternative to capitalism. We can overthrow this dying system and establish a socialist system in its place. Under socialism the state is controlled by the working class, who run that state for the benefit of all the working people, and not in the interest of garnering profit. In the Socialist Republic of Albania, for example, all health care is absolutely free, and all villages, towns and cities have health centers and hospitals which serve the needs of the people. Since the working class assumed power in Albania the number of health institutions has increased 30 times the number which existed previously. Similarly, the number of hospital beds available has increased 11 times over while hospital capacity has become 21 times greater than that of pre-socialist Albania.

Prior to its liberation, 54.8% of the Albanian population in the low coastal regions was infected with malaria, and other diseases such as tuberculosis, diphtheria, polio, typhoid and syphilis were widespread. Today, malaria has been completely wiped out along with syphilis, and other diseases have

almost been completely eliminated. (A small comparison with the U.S. which witnessed an increase in syphilis of from 10.7% to 11.7% from 1961 to 1965. The figures are much higher at the present time.)

Pharmaceuticals, rather than being a source of profit, are a source of health to the Albanian people. The citizens of Albania are given medicines free of charge when undergoing treatment in the various health institutions of the country. We can compare this to the United States, where the cost of medicines regularly wipes out the savings of its citizens particularly the elderly.

Systems of health care similar to the one enjoyed by the people of Albania exist in other socialist countries such as the Peoples Republic of China, where thousands of hospitals and health care centers have been established since liberation in 1949. The cost is minimal and the care is of the very best. As in Albania, the numerous endemic diseases which plagued China before it became socialist have either been completely wiped out, or have been drastically reduced. In addition thousands of teams of "barefoot doctors" have been established to travel all over the countryside bringing health care to the workers and peasants. In contrast to the U.S., where many doctors have become almost a privileged caste, doctors in China must regularly go among the workers and peasants, to work with them and live with them--in order to understand their conditions and needs. In this way health care is constantly linked with the needs of the people.

In both China and Albania the incidence of mental illness has decreased significantly since their socialist revolutions. No longer does insecurity dog their heels as it does the majority of workers in capitalist countries. No longer are people driven to crime in order to survive. No longer must people agonize over poverty and unemployment. Guaranteed a job, and most importantly, an actual role in shaping the destiny of their country the workers and peasants of China and Albania have well-being and peace of mind. This is the material basis for the decline in mental illness in those countries. In those mental hospitals which do exist, the patients take an active part in their own recovery, engaging in useful productive labor, and never made to feel as if they are hopeless. In China and Albania there is no need to shackle hospital patients--with chains or drugs. Rather patients are provided with the proper medicines, a role in production, and adequate and concerned hospital personnel who view them not as statistics on a hospital chart but as fellow workers who have a contribution to make to the common good of the socialist society.

## CONCLUSION

The world provides us with two startling contrasts. On the one hand we have capitalism, which "guarantees" us joblessness, insecurity and sickness. On the other we have socialism, which provides its citizens with work, security and health. Every day more and more people are seeing that only socialism can fulfill their deepest needs and aspirations. Let us work to expose all the evils of capitalism, such as that in the California mental hospitals, and win over more people to the path of light--the path of socialism.★

# HARD FIGHT WON AT MAJOR SAFE

## One step on road to socialist revolution

The steelworkers at Major Safe have won! On December 4, they overwhelmingly ratified a new contract which provides for wage increases of 50¢, 35¢ and 35¢ respectively over the next 3 years, a written guarantee from the company of no reprisals against strikers, and the dropping of threatened jail sentences against those strikers who had defied the company's injunction. Most importantly, they won an agreement that the contract be translated into Spanish and English. This is the first time in the history of local USWA # 1981, which is made up of predominantly Spanish speaking workers, that such a concession has been won. In fact, this is probably one of the few times that such a concession has been won anywhere in the country.

The victory is a testimony to the determination, organization and perseverance of the workers, who withstood an eight week strike, a court injunction, and pressure from the union bureaucrats, who consistently collaborated with the company against the workers. The workers realize that their's is only a partial victory, even in the trade union sense. The contract failed to provide for needed changes in the grievance procedure, sufficient increases in medical insurance, and leaves a loophole for the company to continue to discriminate against Spanish-speaking workers in job bidding. While the company did agree to limit the amount of forced overtime, they did not abolish it as the workers demanded. The workers have vowed to continue their class struggle until complete victory is won. And many workers

have now realized that a complete victory can only mean the complete expropriation of the entire capitalist class and the development of socialism.

At a united front victory dinner a member of the August Twenty-Ninth Movement got an enthusiastic response from the crowd of 125 strikers and supporters when he told them.

"This strike was a victory for the entire working class in its struggle against capitalism. Many of you came to realize that this was not just an economic strike for better wages, but part of the political struggle for equality of national minorities and for democratic rights for workers."

While the company, the union bureaucrats and union lawyers tried to red-bait the strike, the workers welcomed the support of students and activists from the Little Tokyo Peoples Rights Organization (an anti-redevelopment group - ed). Most importantly they accepted the leadership of ATM because we proved to be the hardest fighters against the company, the courts, and the union bureaucrats who tried to sabotage the strike. More importantly we showed that this struggle was but one part of a larger battle for socialist revolution, a revolution that must be led by a single, vanguard communist party of the working class. We of ATM dedicate ourselves to the building of that party so that the victories of strikes like this one can truly become part of a countrywide march toward socialist revolution. ★

# RCP-BLOW FOR BLOW!

At a recent victory dinner for the Major Safe strikers in Los Angeles, California some members of the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), showed up and began sneaking out copies of one of their rank and file newsletters, "The Steelworker", which called for the workers to support the sell-out bureaucrat Ed Sadlowski. When confronted by one of the strikers about this underhanded business, the RCP member responded that the striker should leave if he didn't care for it. One of the RCP members had been present when one of ATM's cadre was physically attacked by the RCP for passing out leaflets in front of a steel plant. He said that the attack was done "for the good of the working class". In response angry workers and members of ATM gave the RCPers a little working class justice and threw them out of the victory dinner with a few bruises they will remember for awhile.

The RCP has recently taken to physical attacks on groups which oppose their political line. A couple of months ago members of the RCP beat up some members of the Anti-Martial Law Coalition, a Filipino anti-imperialist organization, who were merely handing out their leaflets outside of an RCP function. The RCP accompanied their beating with chauvinist remarks directed at the Filipino brothers and sisters. While ATM has no desire to engage in a movement gang war that would only benefit the state, we will allow no one to attack or harass our members, supporters, or adherents. We believe that we will defeat the RCP with the correctness of our line and our work to organize the working class. Therefore we consider the incident closed. As far as the RCP is concerned our position is clear—we shall not physically attack you, but if we are attacked, we shall surely counterattack. ★

# OPPRESSION BREEDS RESISTANCE

## Frame Up in El Paso

On September 9th, Los Tres de El Paso were convicted of the firebombing of the Popular Department Store. After 11 hours of deliberation, the jury recommended 5 years probation for Ruben Ogaz and Ramon Arroyos and sentenced Alfredo Espinosa to 2 years imprisonment for a crime they did not commit.

The court did everything they could to discourage the supporters of Los Tres from attending the court proceedings. Tickets were required to enter the courtroom—but the ticket booth was closed. The courthouse was surrounded by county sheriffs, plain clothesmen and even military police guarding all entrances. All who entered the courtroom had to submit to a search. Despite all this harassment supporters attended the trial and picketed the courthouse demanding that all charges be dropped.

The trial itself was a farce. From the start, the DA only had circumstantial evidence tying Los Tres to the firebombing and state witnesses were caught in a web of lies. The only "evidence" the state could manufacture was some bits of burned paper which they claim had printing on it that matched pages of EL MESTIZO, a progressive paper that Los Tres help publish. The state claims that the paper was used as a wick in a molotov cocktail. However, custodians of the store testified that they didn't know of any burned paper from the fire. So much for this phoney "evidence". The court disregarded testimony from a Juarez lawyer that Los Tres had been in a meeting with him the night of the fire.

It is no coincidence that Los Tres were railroaded on this charge. They are revolutionary leaders coming from the heat of the Chicano national struggle in the Southwest. Espinosa is a contributing editor to El Mestizo and the founder of Chicanos Unidos, a group that has led protests, demonstrations and walkouts demanding better recreation and medical facilities for the Lower Valley. It is for these reasons that Los Tres were tried and that Espinosa has been sent to prison.

Commenting on the trial and sentence Alfredo said "Liberation is not an easy task, but a constant struggle and we will never be free unless we have political and economic control of our land."

**BROTHERS AND SISTERS--WE MUST UNITE AS ONE TO END NATIONAL OPPRESSION AND DEFEAT OUR COMMON ENEMY OF IMPERIALISM!**

Alfredo is currently out on an appeal bond and needs our help. Any message of support or money should be sent to:

Free Alfredo, La Causa Legal Defense, P.O. Box 3537, El Paso, Texas 79923★

## Womens Rights Attacked

Two years ago 42 women filed sex discrimination charges against General Electric because they had been refused disability payments during their maternity leaves. At this time most companies don't have disability plans for pregnancy. These women are fighting to establish legally the right of women to receive support - to survive - during pregnancy. But on Dec 7th the Supreme Court ruled that excluding pregnancy from sickness and disability insurance plans did not violate federal laws against sex discrimination. They claim it would be "reverse discrimination" to give benefits to women that men don't receive. Have they forgotten that disability now covers vasectomies, circumcisions and prostatectomies - none of which women receive?!

The court is again acting out its part of faithful servant to the bourgeoisie as they help shift the burden of the crisis onto our backs, penalizing the proletariat for having children. This move by the Supreme Court points to a direct attack on the democratic rights of women. All workers must fight to insure full equality for women. In this struggle we must raise the implementation of the E R A. to strike down all laws opposed to women. ★ FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO MATERNITY LEAVE FULL EQUALITY AND RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

## Black Marines Take Offensive

On November 13th, 14 black marines at Camp Pendleton righteously rose up and defended themselves against the rising wave of fascist and racist propaganda and violence that has been occurring on base and in the surrounding community of Oceanside, Ca. Ku Klux Klan meetings, open calls for "White Power" rallies, and handbills (like the one reprinted here) have come out without any opposition by the Marine Corps. It was only after these brothers defended themselves that the Corps made even a pretense of an investigation of Klan activities.

How have these investigations been used? 14 black servicemen were brought up on charges. Secondly, in an attempt to clear itself, the Corps has made a big show of breaking up the Klan at Pendleton, but they have actually aided the Klan by transferring 14 known members to other bases where they will be able to continue their attacks on the people.

The KKK and other white supremacist organizations are tools the ruling class uses to suppress the oppressed nationalities and divide and attack the working class movement. They attempt to whip up chauvinist sentiments and mobilize fascist attacks on oppressed nationalities. In San Diego there were cross burnings and rallies for "White Power". In Chicago, black steelworkers are attacked by the Klan. But the fascists are few and the working class many! Through joining together and supporting the right to self defense of the brothers at Camp Pendleton, we will further forge the multi-national unity needed for defeating our common enemy.

We Demand

1. An Open Public Investigation of KKK!
2. Break up the KKK!
3. Free 14 Black Marines! ★

## Cut the Bull!

Three days before Thanksgiving, 142 workers from Safeway Meat Plant in Richmond, Ca. were fired for walking off the job "sick" in response to the suspension of 5 workers and company harassment. These firings took place in the middle of a fierce contract struggle, where workers from Safeway and Lucky's cutting plants have voted three times to reject the contract and to strike. The key demands of the workers are wage increases, a job security clause, and the right to have shop stewards on the floor. Each time workers have voted to strike local and International officials of the Butchers Union have forced them back to work by withholding strike sanction and going back into negotiations. In effect, they are trying to disarm the workers by taking away their right to strike. They are also stalling about getting back the jobs of those who were fired. The union officials have called on the police four times and Safeway declared that the plant gate meetings held by the workers were "illegal" because they're on private property. Such blatant collaboration between the union hacks and the capitalists!!! At a time when the workers desperately need a fighting organization to LEAD the struggle for their rights we find fat cats who are betraying the interests of the rank and file. Only when the rank and file take over their union will Local 120 reflect and stand for the interests of the brothers and sisters that belong to it. KICK OUT THE FAT CATS - BUILD STRONG AND DEMOCRATIC UNIONS OF THE RANK AND FILE ★

## Capitalism Kills - Again & Again

On November 21, a huge explosion ripped through the American Chicle Co (Chiclets, Trident, Dentyn) factory in New York City. Of the predominantly latino workers 4 are now dead and 51 injured. The blast threw workers and machinery (including a 2 ton cabinet!) into the streets. Other workers fled the plant with their clothes in flames and their skin peeling off - covered with molten gum. The explosion was caused by kerosene (which layed thick on the floors) igniting with combustible magnesium dust!! Fire officials are protecting the capitalist owners of the factory by failing to identify the cause of the explosion and resulting deaths. The company is part of the Warner Lambert outfit which raked in \$155,323,000 in profits in 1974 (Fortune magazine, 5/74). To these greedy capitalists even a few dollars means more than the lives and safety of their workers. Because of the cutbacks in the budget of N.Y. City all burn centers have been closed down. As a result Chicle workers had to be flown to New Jersey and Penn. At least one of the workers died because of this. There's not one comprehensive burn center for the entire city of 8,000,000 people, 100 of whom require burn care every day. At the same time N.Y. Banks are making millions of profits off of the interest from loans made to the city of N.Y. Even during times of "capitalist crisis" we suffer harder and the Rockefeller's etc profit! Our only vengeance is to intensify our struggle against capitalism and to put the power of society into the hands of the working class. WARNER-LAMBERT - YOUR DAY IS COMING!!! ★

# BEWARE!



**WE WANT YOUR JOBS - WE WANT YOUR HOMES - WE WANT YOUR COUNTRY**

# SMASH THE KLAN!

## 'Frozen' Revolution in Mexico heats up

# PEASANTS SEIZE LAND AS PESO SINKS

A wave of seizures and occupations of land by thousands of peasants swept across Mexico during November and December. For the vast majority of Mexico's peasants the promises of the Mexican Revolution of 1910-1921 remain unfulfilled, even though the revolution was fought largely by the landless peasantry as an agrarian revolution. The peasantry, still landless and poor, has been seething with discontent for years, with a resulting increase in land seizures, and even armed uprisings.

It was this discontent that exploded into a new and growing agrarian revolution engulfing at least eight major Mexican states after the government of President Luis Echeverria decreed November 19 that 250,000 acres of agricultural and grazing land in the state of Sonora be turned over to 9000 peasant families. Since then Mexican courts have overturned the decree and authorities have moved to oust the peasants from their newly-acquired lands not only in the state of Sonora, but in other states as well. This is leading to numerous clashes between peasants and the police and troops trying to oust them. To understand this new agrarian revolution, as well as what our stand should be toward it, we must first try to understand the current economic situation in Mexico.

### MEXICO - VICTIM OF U.S. IMPERIALISM

Much of the wealth of Mexico is controlled by U.S. corporations and banks. For instance the large agri-business industry of Mexico is controlled by U.S. interests. The U.S. also dips its hands into Mexican coffers through bank loans to the Mexican government. U.S. Banks rewarded Mexico for its devaluation of the peso by extending an \$800 million dollar loan to Mexico a few weeks ago. Because of this economic domination by U.S. imperialism, Mexico's economy has stagnated and suffered the effects of the current economic crisis facing the entire capitalist world.

For example, the value of the Mexican peso in relation to the dollar has dropped 62% in the past three months. This has led to an outflow of U.S. dollars from the Mexican economy into U.S. banks totalling an estimated 3 to 4 billion dollars. The chairman of the U.S. House Banking and Currency Committee, Henry Reuss, recently disclosed that the Mexican government owes U.S. banks \$5.5 billion. Trade and loan agreements with the U.S. usually contain a clause stating that the borrowing state must make purchases from U.S. corporations. As a result Mexico's trade deficit for the first quarter of 1976 amounted to 729 million dollars, most of it owed to the U.S. At the same time 47% of Mexican industrial capacity is unused, while its unemployment rate goes as high as 40% in the large industrial centers.

The mountain of U.S. imperialism rests most squarely on the backs of Mexico's workers and peasants who have waged bitter strikes and rebellions in recent years. The U.S. armed forces and the Central Intelligence Agency provide money, military equipment and training in "counterinsurgency warfare" to the Mexican capitalists, so that the profits of U.S. imperialism may remain inviolate and untouched. In spite of this the revolutionary movement in Mexico has continued to grow and assume wider and wider proportions.



The new agrarian revolution launched by peasants, together with strikes and rebellions by workers, are part of the international struggle of the oppressed nations against U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism.

### PART OF STRUGGLE AGAINST SUPERPOWERS

The peasant struggle of Mexico is part of the national liberation movement of that country. As such it is part of the third world struggle against imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism. The workers and peasants of the Third World are allies of the U.S. working class and the workers of all capitalist countries. Without that strategic alliance, socialist revolution in the U.S. is impossible.

The leaflet we are reprinting below was written and distributed by revolutionary nationalists in El Paso, Texas. It is of interest not only to the people of the Southwest, but to all working and oppressed people in the U.S. We reprint this leaflet as part of our on-going task of agitation and propaganda in support of national liberation struggles. We agree with the thrust of this leaflet, but disagree with its formulation that Chicanos are a 'nation within a nation.' Chicanos in the Southwest are a nation within the multinational U.S. state. The Chicano Nation is not part of another nation, but has its own distinct territory with the right to political secession. As such the Chicano Nation is part of the same international struggle as Mexico -- the struggle of oppressed nations against both superpowers. Comrades, the leaflet:

### "CLASS STRUGGLE STRUGGLE GROWS IN MEXICO"

"Three weeks ago, armed peasants seized large portions of land from the rich landowners in the Yaqui Valley in Sonora, Mexico. The power of this movement was such that the government was forced to recognize these expropriations.

"Inspired by their victory in Sonora, on the

29 of November thousands of peasants with arms took 60,000 acres from the rich saying, "If the landowners use violence, we will respond in kind!"

"The rich businessmen of Mexico are backed up by U.S. capital in responding to these movements of the people with "strikes" and business stoppages. This shows there is a struggle taking place between the peasants and the capitalist-landowning class that is backed and controlled by the rich class of the U.S.

"Mexico is a nation controlled by U.S. capital. More than 60% of the Mexican economy is tied to yankee capital. When the lands were seized in Sonora, yankee capitalists like the owner of the Big Fisherman Restaurant were crying that they had lost their lands. The struggle in Mexico is one between the masses of workers, peasants, students, etc., against the reactionary Mexican class controlled by the yankees. The goal of this struggle is the liberation of the country from the yankee yoke and the establishment of a popular democracy of the working masses.

"Chicanos, being a 'nation within a nation' in the U.S., understand what it is to be governed by foreigners and puppets. Our aspirations for our lands are like those of the Mexican peasants and with them we say LAND AND LIBERTY!

"As workers we understand the exploitation of our labor by the yankee capitalists. The aspirations of the Mexican workers for democracy in the unions and for liberation from foreign capital are ours too. As such, we are in solidarity with the strikers against Urban Transports in Juarez for union recognition.

"The struggle by the Mexican masses will attract the 'interest' of yankee government officials. Capital's new servant Jimmy Carter has announced that he would send various 'functionaries', including his wife, to the inauguration of the yankee puppet, Jose Lopez Portillo. The yankees will do everything possible to stop the working masses of Mexico, for they get superprofits from them. When a Mexican soldier murders workers, peasants or students, he does it with yankee arms (M-16s, etc.).

"How can we help our Mexican brothers? The best thing to do is to INTENSIFY the struggle here. We must organize ourselves as the working class and build a party of workers, by workers and for workers. This way we can guide the struggles of the people here against yankee capital. We defend our brothers against the repression of the Immigration Dept., which is also our enemy, as it does not distinguish between Mexican and citizen in its repression. We support our brothers in New Mexico who have already confronted the corporations with arms 11 times in defense of their lands.

"The revolutionary fervor rises daily in Mexico. If these sentiments come to take on the form of armed struggle by the masses it will be our duty to aid it and oppose all efforts by this system to sabotage it, for this system also oppresses us. That is why we have the highest unemployment rate in the U.S. here in El Paso. While the U.S. prepares to launch imperialist wars like the one in Vietnam, the workers suffer from the unemployment and misery.

"SUPPORT THE MEXICAN STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION! WE WANT JOBS, NOT IMPERIALIST WARS! STOP DEPORTATIONS AND POLICE REPRESSION! SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE CHICANO NATION! WE WILL TRIUMPH, A THOUSAND CHAINS TO BREAK! THE PESO NO LONGER COUNTS, WHAT COUNTS IS REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE!"

# REVOLUTION - THE MAIN TREND

## SAVAK Hit Squads Coming to US

SAVAK is the gestapo type police for the Shah of Iran, dedicated to stopping all activities in opposition to the despotic Shah. The Shah's terrorist apparatus is extending its tentacles into the U.S. Columnist Jack Anderson, in his daily column, Oct 26, 1976, writes, "The Iranian Secret Police force, SAVAK, was actually organized by the CIA in 1956. One intelligence source, whose reliability has been tested, told us that SAVAK agents hound and harass Iranians in the U.S., with full knowledge and sometimes the assistance of the CIA. . . SAVAK had made the decision to send assassination squads into Europe and the U.S. The guess within the government is that any executions will be designed as 'muggings'. The obvious targets would be Iranian dissidents." It is in this light that we must view the attack on the Iranian students in Houston by the police department there. For Iranians struggling for the freedom and independence of their country here, it is a life and death matter. We must show our support of these brave peoples - join their demonstrations - and actively take up the struggle against the actions of the SAVAK AND CIA CONSPIRACY!!! \*

## Victory to the P.L.O.!

The P.L.O. has indicated that a united Palestinian stand on the UN proposal to create a Palestinian West Bank-Gaza Strip "Mini-State" has been reached. P.L.O. leader Yasser Arafat stated, "We are prepared to establish an independent regime in any territory that we liberate or from which Israel withdraws. We have some reservations about

the recent UN resolution, but we still consider it a victory for our cause."

When asked about the Palestinian strength after the war in Lebanon, the P.L.O. stated, "From a military standpoint, we are stronger than before. But in comparison to any regular army, we are not so strong. OUR STRENGTH IS IN THE ARAB MASSES!!!" \*

## Strikes Hit Israel

Hundreds of angry workers in Israel held 2 managers and 5 typists inside their citrus factory to protest their dismissal resulting from the relocation of the factory. On Nov. 8, one quarter of Israel's labor force went on strike in one of the largest work stoppages since the Zionist settler state of Israel was founded in 1948. This wave of strikes hitting Israel has as its basic demand higher wages to meet the rising cost of living. Israel's economy geared to militarism is stagnating with 35% inflation. The workers are desperate due to the devaluation of the pound and recent cutbacks of essential food by Israeli authorities. These cutbacks forced up the essential food prices by 20% overnight. Workers are angry that the government has money for military arms but no money for the people. The Zionist rulers are caught in not only a battle with the Palestinian and Arab peoples, but also with their own working class. Although Israeli workers are currently struggling for their own immediate economic interests, their struggle is bound to merge with that of the Palestinian and Arab peoples!!

## Italian Workers Rise Up!

The Italian working class and laboring people have held large scale strikes, demonstrations and rallies since the beginning of this year to demand better living conditions. On Dec. 1st, more than 7 million workers held a nation-wide 4 hour strike demanding job guarantees.

Since the beginning of this year there have been 13 strikes with more than a million participants in each. Workers have also occupied factories and railroad stations (for up to 400 days) to stop the capitalists from closing them or removing equipment. Stopping railway and highway traffic has been an effective form of their struggle. During many of these strikes, workers in other industries, as well as students and farmers have held slowdowns and work stoppages in solidarity.



The rank and file have defied the union bureaucrats (some of whom are leaders of the revisionist Italian "Communist" Party) and have organized themselves to fight the capitalists.



# PALESTINE YES! ZIONISM NO!

## 1974 Speech by PLO at U.N. - PART 2

(The following concludes the reprinting of excerpts from the November 1974 speech made by Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, at the United Nations)

Mr. President, the roots of the Palestinian Question reach back into the closing years of the 19th century, to that period we call the

era of colonialism as we know it today. This is precisely the period during which Zionism as a scheme was born; its aim was the conquest of Palestinian land by European immigrants, just as settlers colonized and indeed raided, most of Africa. This is the period during which, pouring forth out of the west, colonialism spread into the furthest reaches of Africa, Asia and Latin America, building colonies, everywhere cruelly exploiting, oppressing, plundering the people of these three continents. This period persists into the present. Marked evidence of its totally reprehensible presence can be readily perceived in the racism practised both in South Africa and in Palestine.

### PALESTINE INVADDED BY ZIONISM AND IMPERIALISM

And so the Zionist movement allied itself directly with world colonialism in a common raid on our land. Allow me now to present a selection of historical truths about this alliance.

\*The Jewish invasion of Palestine began in 1881. Before the first large wave of immigrants started arriving, Palestine had a population of half a million, most of the population was either Moslem or Christian, and only 20,000 were Jewish. Every segment of the population enjoyed the religious tolerance characteristic of our culture.

\*Palestine was then a verdant area, inhabited mainly by an Arab people in the course of building its life and dynamically enriching its indigenous culture.

\*Between 1882 and 1917 the Zionist Movement settled approximately 50,000 European Jews in our homeland. To do that it resorted to trickery and deceit in order to implant them in our midst. Its success in getting Britain to issue the Balfour Declaration once again demonstrated the alliance between Zionism and imperialism. Furthermore, by promising to the Zionist Movement what was not hers to give, Britain showed how oppressive was the rule of imperialism. As it was constituted then, the League of Nations abandoned our Arab people, and Wilson's pledges and promises came to naught. In the guise of a mandate, British imperialism was cruelly and directly imposed upon us. The mandate document issued by the League of Nations was to enable the Zionist invaders to consolidate their gains in our homeland.

\*In the wake of the Balfour Declaration and over a period of thirty years, the Zionist Movement succeeded, in collaboration with its imperialist ally, in settling more European Jews on the land, thus usurping the properties of Palestinian Arabs.

\*By 1947 the number of Jews had reached 600,000, they owned about six per cent of Palestinian arable land. The figures should be compared with the population of Palestine, which at that time was 1,250,000.

\*As a result of the collusion between the mandatory power and the Zionist movement, and with the support of the United States, this General Assembly early in its history approved a recommendation to partition our Palestinian homeland. This took place in an atmosphere poisoned with questionable action and strong pressure. The General Assembly partitioned what it had no right to divide--an indivisible homeland. Furthermore, even though the partition resolution granted the colonialist settlers 54 percent of the land of Palestine, their dissatisfaction with the decision prompted them to wage a war of terror against the civilian Arab population. They occupied 81 percent of the total area of Palestine, uprooting a million Arabs. Thus, they

occupied 524 Arab towns and villages of which they destroyed 385, completely obliterating them in the process. Having achieved that end, they built their own settlements and colonies on the ruins of our farms and our groves. The roots of the Palestine Question lie here. Its causes do not stem from any conflict between neighboring states, it is the cause of a people deprived of its homeland, dispersed and uprooted, and living mostly in exile and in refugee camps.

With support from imperialist and colonialist powers, chief amongst them the United States, it managed to get itself accepted as a UN member, it further succeeded in getting the Palestine Question deleted from the agenda of the UN and in deceiving world public opinion by presenting our cause as a problem of refugees in need either of charity from do-gooders, or settlement in a land not theirs.

For the past thirty years, our people have had to struggle against British occupation and Zionist invasion both of which had one intention, the usurpation of our land. Six major revolts and tens of popular uprisings were staged to foil these attempts, so that our homeland might remain ours. Over thirty thousand martyrs (the equivalent in comparative terms of six million Americans) died in the process.

In the past ten years of our struggle, thousands of martyrs and twice as many wounded, maimed and imprisoned were offered in sacrifice, all in an effort to resist the imminent threat of liquidation, to regain our right to self-determination, and our undisputed right to return to our homeland. With the utmost dignity and the most admirable revolutionary spirit, our Palestinian people have not lost their spirit in Israeli prisons and concentration camps, or when faced with all forms of harassment and intimidation. They struggle for sheer existence and they continue to strive to preserve the Arab character of their land. Thus they resist oppression, tyranny and terrorism in their ugliest forms.

It is through our popular armed struggle that our political leadership and our national institutions finally crystallized and a National Liberation Movement, comprising all the Palestinian factions, organizations, and capabilities, materialized in the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Through our militant Palestine National Liberation Movement, our people's struggle matured and grew enough to accommodate political and social struggle in addition to armed struggle. The Palestine Liberation Organization was a major factor in creating a new Palestinian individual qualified to shape the future of our Palestine, not merely content with mobilizing the Palestinians for the challenges of the present. . .

The Palestine Liberation Organization represents the Palestinian people, legitimately and uniquely. Because of this the Palestine Liberation Organization expresses the wishes and hopes of its people. Because of this too, it brings these very wishes and hopes before you, urging you not to shirk momentous historic responsibility towards our just cause.

In my formal capacity as Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and as leader of the Palestinian revolution, I proclaim before you that when we speak of our common hopes for the Palestine of tomorrow we include in our perspective all Jews now living in Palestine who choose to live with us there in peace and without discrimination.

In my formal capacity as Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and leader of the Palestinian revolution I call upon Jews one by one to turn away from illusory promises made to them by Zionist ideology and Israeli leadership. Those offer Jews perpetual bloodshed, endless war, and continuous thralldom.

In my formal capacity as Chairman of the Palestine revolution, I appeal to you to accompany

our people in its struggle to attain its right to self-determination. This right is consecrated in the United Nations Charter, and resolved upon repeatedly thereafter by this august body. I appeal to you further to aid our people's return to its homeland from an involuntary exile imposed upon it by force of arms, by tyranny, by oppression, so that we might regain our property, our land, thereafter to live in our national homeland, free and sovereign, enjoying all the privileges of nationhood. Only then can we pour all our resources into the mainstream of human civilization. Only then can Palestinian creativity be concentrated on the service of humanity. Only then will our creativity be concentrated on the service of humanity. Only then will our Jerusalem resume its historic role as a peaceful shrine for all religions. . .

Today, Mr. President, I have come bearing an olive branch and a freedom fighter's gun. Do not let the olive branch fall from my hand.

Mr. President, war flares up in Palestine, and yet, Mr. President, it is in Palestine that peace will be born. ★



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grabbed by the throat and put to flight by the Chinese masses. Men who had thought themselves "invincible" and "too powerful" to be affected were knocked on the seat of their pants.

Liu Shao-chi was one such person. He had built up headquarters all over the country -- infecting whole districts and sections of society (e.g., education) with his capitalist poison that socialism should be built by relying on capitalist methods and incentives, that education belonged to an elite and not to the workers and peasants, that production, and not revolution should be the motive force of socialism. But the people with the callouses on their hands and the blisters on their feet knew exactly how to handle capitalist roaders. Mao had armed the masses with Marxism-Leninism, a science which made them invincible and which enabled them to see through every subterfuge and lie put forward by Liu Shao-chi. The "ignorant" and "lowly" workers and peasants of China kicked out the "high" and "educated" officials and showed that the masses, and the masses alone, would decide the destiny of their country.

Learning from this rich historical experience, the laboring people of China have been able to uncover and defeat three recent attempts by capitalist roaders inside the Communist Party to seize the leadership of the Party, and to turn China into a capitalist country. They defeated the would-be assassin Lin Piao, who, when discovered tried to run off to his capitalist masters in the social-imperialist Soviet Union. Lin Piao had denounced the practice of office personnel going to May 7th cadre schools, where they engaged in collective productive labor in order to bring them closer to the masses, as "unemployment in disguise". He hoped to incite a section of the office workers with the prospect of cushy office jobs, separated from the people, to act as overlords, rather than as servants of the people. He also attacked the practice of intellectuals going to the countryside to integrate themselves with the workers and peasants as "reform through forced labor in another guise". He wanted China to emulate the practice of capitalist countries, where the intellectuals are taught to see themselves as above the common working people, a practice reinforced with material rewards. Needless to say, the Chinese masses gave Lin Piao and his crew their just desserts for peddling such trash.

Last year the masses, under the leadership of Chairman Mao and the Party, caught another capitalist roader trying to steal the leadership of the Party, in order to head China along the pragmatic direction of capitalism. Teng Hsiao-ping that darling of the capitalist press, said that China could somehow reach complete socialism, even if it took the capitalist road. He said, by way of metaphor, "it doesn't matter whether it is a white cat or a black cat, any cat that catches mice is a good cat." He advocated the use of increased material incentives, rather than socialist enthusiasm, as the chief means of increasing production. He tried to turn revolutionary Chinese culture into a harmless drug of entertainment rather than being a tool of inspiration and education to enlighten the workers and peasants. He preached reliance on things foreign (capitalist) rather than reliance of the initiative and enthusiasm of the Chinese masses themselves. Well, the Chinese masses grabbed this "cat" by the

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# C.A.S.A. ALLIANCE WITH IMPERIALISM EXPOSED

A Congreso del Pueblo, a Latin Peoples Congress, was held at the University of Chicago, from Nov. 18 to Nov. 20th. The conference was called to raise a number of issues of concern to Mexicano, Latino, and Chicano people. Workshops were held on Latin American liberation, the student movement, workers rights, culture, Puerto Rican liberation, teatros and culture, as well as other workshops dealing with health, women, mass media and the church. For many of the participants from the Chicago area it was their first conference of this kind (300 people attended the Congreso).

## CONGRESS HELD AMIDST RISING TIDE OF STRUGGLE

Today oppressed nationality students are facing severe cutbacks in financial aid, special minority programs, enrollment, etc. In the communities they are fighting to hold onto the social welfare programs which they won with their heroic struggles of the 60's and early '70's. But now, as the capitalists experience one of their worst economic crises, the masses are encountering stronger measures of resistance and repression against them, as they fight to extend their hard-won gains.

Most recently it has been the Puerto Rican Movement for democratic rights and in support of the independence struggle of Puerto Rico which has been the target of some of the most severe repression.

The Grand Jury has been activated and is working hand-in-hand with the FBI to harass, intimidate, and ultimately jail or kill leaders and supporters of the Puerto Rican struggle. In the 18th Street Community the people are fighting to gain more jobs for Latinos, Mexicanos and Chicanos at St. Lukes Hospital. At Benito Juarez High School a struggle has flared up among students and parents seeking democratic control over the school. These are just some of the issues which were taken up at the Congreso. However, many times the workshops lacked direction or leadership and sometimes fell into "discussion groups" instead of concretely laying out plans of struggle and future direction. This was not the case in all workshops, however. For instance, the cultural and student workshops took clear-cut stands in support of the right of the Chicano Nation in the Southwest to self-determination. This in spite of a presentation by Juan Gomez Quinones, a professor from UCLA, which concluded that there were "no Chicanos, and no Chicano nation". Antonio Rodriguez, representing the Centro Accion Social Autonomo (CASA), gave a presentation to the general assembly in which he stated that those who recognize a Chicano people or a Chicano nation are on the side of the imperialists.

The masses quickly expressed their opinion on this question. Many of the Chicano activists in Chicago have their roots in southern Texas, in the Chicano nation. They strongly identify with the movement in the Southwest and the revolutionary history of that movement. Also, many Chicanos who have spent much of their lives in Chicago have experienced bitter national oppression and have become part of the anti-imperialist Chicano struggle.

## JURY ATTACK ON PUERTO RICANS OPPOSED

About 200 people of all nationalities showed up recently at the Federal Building in Chicago in opposition to the Grand Jury subpoenas issued to several Puerto Rican activists. Jose Lopez, Miguel Lopez, and Myrna Salgado were to appear before the Federal judge on Dec. 1st. Jose Lopez is a history professor at the University of Illinois, Miguel Lopez is a clerk at the County court house, and Salgado is a principal at the Candel Miranda High School. All of them have been active in the struggle of the Puerto Rican national minority, and in support of the Puerto Rican independence movement. The Grand Jury subpoenaed them supposedly to find out if they knew anything about a bomb factory reportedly found in Chicago's north side, which is heavily populated by the Puerto Rican national minority.

Using the excuse that they are hunting fugitives who belong to FALN (Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional), the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Grand Jury are coordinating a massive campaign of harassment and repression against the Puerto Rican community. They are seeking to root out and crush anyone who has been active in the Puerto Rican struggle. They kidnapped one man and kept him locked up in a room in an effort to force information out of him. Several people have been threatened with Grand Jury subpoenas unless they talk to the FBI. Once before the Grand Jury they can be granted "immunity" - which really means they can be jailed for up to 18 months for failure to testify.

The three activists have refused to submit to the blackmail of the FBI, and so were served with subpoenas. In court the state prosecutor had to admit that the FBI was running the show, that it was the FBI, and not the Grand Jury, who had made out the subpoenas and served them to the 3 fighters. The Grand Jury was only formally notified about the subpoenas on the morning the 3 were scheduled to appear in court. Naturally this

At this Congreso, therefore, the Chicano people once again found themselves fighting tooth and nail to be recognized as a people WITH A HISTORY AND WITH NATIONAL RIGHTS! Like the revolutionary Chicano heroes of the past, the Chicanos at the Congreso DEMANDED their rights and boldly confronted those opportunists who refused to recognize them. Chicanos and revolutionaries of ALL nationalities demanded to be heard and asked for equal time with the opportunists. CASA found itself facing heavy opposition to their opportunist stand towards the Chicano people and their revolutionary struggle for self-determination in the Southwest. Rather than struggle openly and principledly for their position, CASA resorted to maneuvering in an attempt to stop people from speaking.

But this succeeded only temporarily, because a woman from the Crusade for Justice in Denver stood up and offered the hour allotted for her speech to the revolutionaries who wished to struggle out the differences with CASA. "Why", she said, "are you so afraid to let anyone speak" in opposition to CASA? A Puerto Rican revolutionary stated that "(revolutionaries) are not afraid of votes, (referring to a vote of the general assembly) Chicanos exist whether you vote on it or not." Finally, CASA was forced to relent and a member of ATM was chosen to present a revolutionary view on the Chicano national question. After giving a brief presentation on the history of the Chicano nation and the development of the national movement, the speaker asked whether those who call themselves revolutionaries, such as CASA, are in practice going to recognize and support the struggle of the Chicano people for land, for their democratic rights, including their right to establish a separate nation-state in the Southwest if they so desire. The issue was posed in this manner in order to draw lines with those pseudo-revolutionaries who side with the imperialists against the Chicano people, rather than giving determined, consistent and all-round support to their struggle. (It should be noted that the October League, which recently accused the ATM of inventing the Chicano nation in order to pose as "super-nationalists" failed to do more than sell their paper at the Congreso. They never once struggled with CASA, or for their position of Regional Autonomy for the Chicanos.)

After the presentation 40 minutes were allotted for discussion and struggle from the floor. Speaker after speaker challenged CASA to defend their position. CASA was invited to the podium to speak on at least three occasions in order to answer questions and to confront the opposition to their opportunism. CASA refused to say a word. They must have expended all of their energies trying to maneuver to stop the revolutionaries from speaking, and so were too tired to answer. But the revolutionaries did not give an inch -- Chicanos spoke with pride of their roots in the Southwest, of their glorious history and of the blood that has been spilled by countless martyrs in defense of their national rights. Puerto Rican and Mexicano revolutionaries spoke in forthright defense of the rights of the Chicano nation.

"impartial arm of justice" did not make any protest at this "irregularity". It is clear that the FBI is using the Grand Jury in an attempt to harass and jail any and all Puerto Rican activists.

It was obvious from the demonstration and packed courtroom that the state's scheme is backfiring on them. The attack has strengthened the movement by mobilizing hundreds of people in support of those being subpoenaed -- a support coming from the masses of Puerto Rican people, as well as people from all other nationalities. A broad coalition has been formed in support of the persons under subpoena and in opposition to the FBI and Grand Jury. We must support these activists as a part of our struggle in support of the democratic rights struggle of the Puerto Rican nationality, and as part of our support for the Puerto Rican independence movement. ★

## CASA -- SOCIAL PROPS

For years CASA has been preaching that there are "no borders", and that Chicanos and Mexicanos are "all one people". Now we can see what this means in practice as CASA spokesmen dismissed the Chicano people as a confused mixture of Mexicano and Anglo-American. They have tried to divert the struggle by demanding a textbook "definition", a la bourgeois sociology, of a Chicano.

We can now see that they stand shoulder to shoulder with the U.S. imperialists who also refuse to recognize the borders of the Chicano nation, and who also make a practice of slandering their history and culture. Is it any wonder then, that CASA would praise that other imperialist superpower, the USSR for sending mercenaries, napalm, jet planes, etc. into Angola so that Angolans would slaughter other Angolans? Or that



they praise the Soviet Union as a "socialist" country when that country oppresses over a dozen small nations within its own borders -- oppression which has led to numerous national revolts in recent years? We ask comrades to judge for themselves -- is there not in fact a certain similarity between the policy and actions of the Soviet Union, which also calls itself "revolutionary", and those of their agents within the Chicano Movement -- CASA???

## CASA REFUSES TO SHOW

When it became obvious that there could be no unity between the revolutionaries and the opportunists it was decided to adjourn the assembly and to reconvene later that night. When the meeting resumed at 10 o'clock it was discovered that CASA had done a disappearing act. Even though they refused to struggle for their position the crowd of about 50 people decided to continue the discussion. After two hours of struggle the overwhelming majority of the audience had agreed that it was absolutely essential to support the liberation struggle of the Chicano people, and their fight for democratic rights outside the Southwest.

These questions were linked to the struggle for socialist revolution, and to support for all struggles against imperialism such as those in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Asia and Africa. The Congreso showed that, in spite of all obstacles, the internationalism of the people will prevail. This Congreso was a shining example of the unity of all nationalities against imperialism -- whether it be through the struggle against the deportation of Mexican workers, for the independence of Puerto Rican nation, or in support of the struggle of the Chicano people in the Southwest. In this sense the Congreso was one more historic step towards the final overthrow of the system of imperialism. ★



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scruff of the neck and told him Yes, it does matter, mister capitalist roader, whether we are to have the capitalists or the working class rule over China, whether we are to have a capitalist dictatorship or a dictatorship of the working class.

Because of Chairman Mao's leadership, and through their own experience the Chinese working people have learned that classes do indeed exist under socialism, and class struggle does indeed go on. "Class struggle is the key link", said Chairman Mao. If a continuous struggle is not waged by the working class against the capitalist class, the latter will inevitably seize power. Socialism is not yet communism, and under the socialist system, bourgeois right in distribution and exchange still exists, and wage differentials and other hangovers from capitalist society remain, and will only be eliminated over a protracted length of time. What is decisive, and what prevents bourgeois right from becoming bourgeois society is that state power rests in the hands of the workers, who can restrict bourgeois right, and who can suppress any and all attempts by capitalist roaders to restore the power of the parasites and landlords. And of course, the capitalist roaders are also well aware of this and that is why they invariably try to seize power by seizing control of the vehicle of proletarian state power -- the Communist Party. That is why Mao told the workers if you want to find the capitalists, look right inside the Communist Party, because THAT is where they will try to grab leadership.

Well, the capitalists have tried again and failed again. Within the past several months a small clique of Party "leaders" made an unsuccessful attempt to seize the leadership of the Party; they tried a coup to overthrow the leadership of the Central Committee. Marxists of course do not resort to 'coups' to seize power, they rely on the

inexhaustible energy and power of the masses in order to overthrow the capitalists and establish proletarian dictatorship. It is only capitalists who think in terms of intrigues and plots, divorced from the masses. This latest plot was led by Central Committee members Chiang Ching, Wang Hung-wen, Yao wen-yuan, and Chang Chun-chiao. Before his death Mao had seen the capitalist tendencies of this small clique. He warned them as early as 1974.

"Chiang Ching has wild ambitions. She wants Wang Hung-wen to be chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and herself to become Chairman of the Party Central Committee."

He told this introverted clique that they were practicing revisionism (the outlook of capitalists who hide behind Marxist phrases), and not Marxism, that they were not being open and aboveboard like the workers, but instead conspiring, in the manner of capitalists, that they were not trying to unite with the majority of the party and the people of China but were trying to split the Party and the people. But they would not listen, and shortly after his death they tried to seize power. They were caught red-handed by the Party and the people. Indicative of how isolated this "gang of

four" had become were the massive millions-strong demonstrations held in support of the Party and of Chairman Hua Kuo Feng (elected by the Central Committee on personal recommendation of Chairman Mao). The "gang of four" could not muster up a parade of four to support them. In fact, in Shanghai, the so-called "stronghold" of the "gang of four" -- 6.5 million people demonstrated against them, and in favor of Marxism-Leninism. Right now a mass movement is going on throughout China to examine every sphere of life which the pernicious influence of this revisionist clique might have infected.

The workers and peasants of China will rout not only the "gang of four" but also all traces of their capitalist line. American workers, we can be proud, a section of our class, the Chinese proletariat, have successfully defended a land of socialism. Once again our common enemy, the capitalist class has been defeated -- and this defeat is a victory for every working man and woman in the world. We are able to witness one of the greatest mass movements in history, and it should inspire us to rout all "capitalist roaders" (revisionists) within our own movement, and to destroy the power of "our" capitalists once and for all ★



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# WVO

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But a proletariat not schooled in the struggle for democracy is incapable of performing an economic revolution." (LCW, vol. 23, p. 25, 1916)

But then if we are "ideologists of the petty-bourgeoisie"--WVO's rrrrrrevolutionary term for us--then what is Lenin for spreading such heresy? He even had the audacity to say that

"The Marxist solution to the problem of democracy is for the proletariat to utilize all democratic institutions and aspirations in its class struggle against the bourgeoisie in order to prepare for its overthrow and assure its own victory." (ibid., p. 26)

We must point out that Lenin wrote these words in 1916, during WVO's "third phase", when allegedly any talk of democratic tasks is "right opportunism". They have even accused us of being "more reformist than the October League" for pointing out their imperialist economism. And we must call their view economism if we are to be logically consistent. If we have no democratic (political) tasks, then we must have only economic tasks. Is it any wonder why Lenin referred to this nonsense as imperialist economism? The political reaction of imperialism creates in the masses ever stronger strivings and aspirations for democracy, witness the massive uprisings of the oppressed nationalities in the 1960's. It is the task of communists to lead these struggles, to formulate revolutionary democratic demands and to organize the struggle in a revolutionary manner in connection with the struggle for socialism. Our failure to do this will doom the movements for democratic rights to bourgeois and petty-bourgeois leadership. We cannot win the leadership of these movements and link them to socialism if we tell the masses that they are wrong to even struggle for democracy. WVO lashes at us for saying that

"Socialism will occur as a result of numerous battles on the economic and political fronts, during which communists try to lead the masses through their own experience, to the conclusion that revolution is necessary and inevitable."

WVO says that this line,

"... borders on the incremental democracy line of 'by accumulating more victories and reforms on the economic and political front, we get closer to socialism'." This line belittles the role of Marxist-Leninists fusing MLMTT into the spontaneous movements, belittles the way communists lead in a communist way. It is the Bernstein line of the 'immediate aim is everything ('palpable results'), the final goal objectively becomes nothing.'" (Workers Viewpoint, #7, p. 11).

We must again refer to Lenin:

"The socialist revolution is not a single act, it is not one battle on one front, but a whole epoch of acute class conflicts, a long series of battles on all fronts, i.e., on all questions of economics and politics, battles that can only end in the expropriation of the bourgeoisie. It would be a radical mistake to think that the struggle for democracy was capable of diverting the proletariat from the socialist revolution or of hiding, overshadowing it, etc. On the contrary in the same way as there can

be no victorious socialism that does not practice full democracy, so the proletariat cannot prepare for its victory without an all round consistent and revolutionary struggle for democracy." (The Socialist Revolution And the Right of Nations to Self-Determination)

But our "theoretical center" says that this is a "Bernstein line". And how are we to reconcile what Lenin says about the struggle for democracy under imperialism with WVO's profound assertion that such a position is dangerously close to a theory of incremental democracy? The two, cannot, of course, be reconciled. Lenin represents Marxism, WVO represents imperialist economism. (One small aside. In their response to our polemic on the ERA, where our differences on the question of democracy became crystallized, the "leading circle" offers not one FACT in rebuttal, or to back up their position on the ERA. We invite comrades to examine their position to learn the pitfalls of phrasemongering.)

### OUR PRACTICAL CENTER???

WVO has said that they are now the "practical center" of our movement. Let's look at some of their practice. (Note! When we questioned their practice at their forum, WVO could not give us one example beyond a reference to their work in local 1199 in New York. By their own admission they did not organize and lead that struggle; but now it is to serve as an indication that they have become our "practical center".)

In the United Autoworkers Union in Northern California, the WVO has not led a single struggle, although they are members of that union in the area. Rather they have contented themselves with putting out an 8 page propaganda leaflet. As an afterthought they rubber-stamped in the margin of this 8-legged essay "Vote No on the Sell Out Contract". Oh, they talked about fascism, opportunism, socialism, the party and all the rest. But they were totally incapable in practice of showing the workers how to organize their struggle in order to move towards socialism, defeat opportunism and fascism, etc. Is it any wonder that one of the politically active workers referred to the WVO cadre as a blowhard?

Or there is the Molders' Strike which took place in the spring of this year, also in Northern California. Again, a long propaganda leaflet. Again not one bit of practical political leadership to the struggle. Propaganda not linked to the actual struggle is windbagging! But WVO claims that they have a secret nucleus in the Molders which gives leadership. They must be holding strikes and demonstrations in a closet because none of the workers saw their leadership during the strike or during the struggle against trusteeship.

During the Major Safe strike in Los Angeles, WVO adherents came down to the picket line to tell the workers that ATM "does not know how to train its cadre", and all about the direction of the main blow, socialism, etc. All in the abstract, of course! Funny thing, when the workers were trying to decide how to act on a concrete question--a court injunction against them--the adherents of our "leading circle" sat as silent as a Sphinx. Here was the golden opportunity to educate the workers concretely about the state, the bureaucrats, (or to "expose" ATM, if you will), and all the rest, and to organize their struggle. Being that our

"leading circle" was not inclined to do this, ATM led the workers to fight the injunction while utilizing the struggle to educate them politically.

But maybe by practical center WVO means a propaganda circle organized around their insufferably boring newspaper, and not a militant party of the working class. We disagree. We cannot recognize WVO as the practical center of our movement because they are not leading the working class or any national movement to any significant extent that we know of. If they are would they please let the rest of us in on it, and stop getting OFFENDED like they did at their Los Angeles forum, when we make bold to ask about their practice.

As to WVO's organizational infrastructure which will "organize the genuine forces of the communist movement", everyone in California is aware that the WVO cadres in this state were functioning almost autonomously. The poor cadres in the Los Angeles area didn't even know how to approach trade union work. Is this the national infrastructure which is to coordinate our revolution? But there's more.

Our party must be based in the plants--based on factory nuclei. But WVO told us in June of 1975 that to "concentrate on workplace organizing would hamper the development of the line, would narrow the outlook of communist (organizers)". (From the minutes of our meeting with WVO). They actually said that if we focused on factory work, we wouldn't have touch with broader issues; that we must first win over the advanced elements from the community and the schools who can later go into the factories. Is it any wonder then that the "leading circle" would go into a frenzy of outrage when we ask them whether they have fused communism with the working class movement to any extent? And is it any wonder that our leading circle has a predominantly petty-bourgeois class composition (as admitted to us by a member of their political bureau) or that the groups that are following them have no history or base in the working class? Or maybe in a country with a proletariat of around 80 or 90 million it is too much to ask that our party have a proletarian class composition!

And WVO cannot understand that THIS is a question of line. But the organizational infrastructure that we are trying to build is based in the plants--the factory cells. We are bending the greater part of our efforts and resources to develop these cells, and a small beginning has been made. WVO does not have this infrastructure, and does not seem to even worry about building it. They seem to be content with a classical Menshevik organizational set-up--based not in the factories, but in the "community"; not in the trade unions, but in the schools; not among the proletariat, but among the intelligentsia. As we can see then, they are not the organizational center of our movement either. (Note: We ourselves work with, and aim to recruit advanced elements from other strata besides the proletariat, but we concentrate on work among the working class.)

As we can see WVO is neither the theoretical, the practical or the organizational center of our movement. What they seem to be instead is a circle of intellectualist academics who take pride in conferring generalships on each other. May the gods not disturb their dreams! ★