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## FULL DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

### International Working Women's Day - 1977

On March 8, 1908 over 30,000 working class women and men of all nationalities stormed out of the sweat shops in New York's garment district and into the streets to demand from the capitalist class an end to the oppressive working conditions, an end to child labor, the right to vote, and for the eight hour day. Inspired by their struggle, the international working class, two years later, adopted March 8 as International Working Woman's Day. I W W D is not to be confused with Mother's day or any other day that the capitalists might want to substitute for it. Rather it is a day to celebrate the revolutionary power of the working class, and in particular it is a day which allows us to rejuvenate, revitalize and continue the struggle for the complete emancipation of all oppressed women. This year, like past years, is marked by significant struggles of working women. In Chicago, nurses took a firm proletarian stand by refusing to accept a sell-out contract and struck for a record 38 days and were victorious. They fought not only for themselves, but for all oppressed people by demanding decent health care for all and the right to strike. Thousands of working class women in the oppressed Afro-American nation are fighting for the right to organize at the Cannon and J. P. Stevens textile mills of North Carolina. The struggle to free heroic working women like Joann Little, Assata Shakur and Yvonne Wanrow continues, with thousands of men and women being mobilized in their defense.

What these struggles immediately show is that there can be no successful national or class struggle without the full and determined participation of women. Women constitute half of the population of working and other oppressed peoples. Without a consistent resolute and all-sided fight against their oppression as women, we will never emancipate the working class or free the oppressed nations in the U.S.

#### CRISIS MEANS ATTACK ON WOMEN

This year's I W W D assumes great significance, coming as it does in the midst of intensified economic crisis, and when the capitalists' are proclaiming in all keys that women have made "tremendous gains in society". But, of course, FACTS are stubborn things, and facts show us that the small gains won by women in the 1960's and early 1970's are being fast taken away.

For instance, the Supreme Court of the state of California in Bakke vs. the Regents of the University of California, ruled that an (affirmative action) program as administered by the university violates the constitutional rights of non-minority applicants because it affords

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Millie Deutscher, Jugoslavija, 2-4 August 1977

## POLICE ATTACK BLACK WORKER

Chicago, Ill

On Monday, January 31, Ben Lenard, a Black worker was driving home from his job at International Harvester when his car was struck by a woman. Lenard suggested that they call the police, the woman reluctantly agreed to do so since she had no driver's license or automobile insurance. When the police finally arrived the woman, who was White, claimed that Lenard had assaulted and tried to abuse her. Without any further investigation into her charges the police handcuffed the man and placed him in the police

car and proceeded to beat him to a pulp, almost beyond recognition.

The police then took him to jail, beat him some more, removed his clothes and threw him into a cell. In zero degree weather, the police opened the cell windows and doused the man with cold water. The Lenard family was finally able to bail him out after first being told that he was being "processed". His loved ones took him to a hospital where he still is trying to recover from his beating and the treatment at the hands of the

police

Ben Lenard's fellow workers were enraged by police statement's that he had attacked them. He was a shop steward who was known for his cool head and ability to resist provocation. He had never been arrested in his life.

Can there be any question as to what all revolutionaries should do about this? The growing cycle of national oppression and brutal police attacks on Black people must be resisted and ended! We must avenge the beating of Ben Lenard, we must avenge all the victims of the capitalist state. We can allow no outrage to pass unchallenged -- EVERY incident must provoke our organized response. The attack on Ben Lenard was an attack on the Afro-American PEOPLE, it was an attack on the ENTIRE working class. We must avenge this vicious crime!

### Class Society Means Class Struggle

## CARTER'S GOVERNMENT - A CAPITALIST DICTATORSHIP

Jimmy Carter's presidential inaugural address was a mixture of populist rhetoric, with a strong appeal to patriotic and religious sentiment. Because the United States is fast declining as an imperialist country, and is in the middle of a growing economic crisis, it is less able to dole out "concessions" to the working people. More and more must it resort to the emptiest of concessions and reforms, while at the same time increasing its repressive apparatus as the main form of "response" to the anger of the masses. The ruling class, through Carter, is using populist rhetoric ("I'm for the common man", "fireside chats with the American people", "I'm opposed to the government bureaucracy", etc.), as a cover for the emptiness of its concessions, and to conceal its growing repression and motion toward fascism. Carter, in an effort to cover the capitalist essence of U.S. society, told the American people that they must "create together a new national spirit of unity and trust." "The American dream endures", Carter said, and "We must once again have full faith in our country -- and in one another. We can be

stronger than before."

Let's take a brief look at the reality of the U.S. and the actions of Jimmy Carter and ask ourselves these questions:

What does Carter mean by national unity? A "Stronger America" for whom?

#### NATIONAL UNITY?

Ever since the time of slavery, human society has been divided into classes. In slave society there were slaveowners and slaves. Under feudalism the decisive classes were the landed nobility and the serfs or peasantry. When history reached the stage of development of capitalism its two main classes were the working class or proletariat and the capitalists or bourgeoisie.

In every single class society the ruling class existed and developed based on the exploitation of its opposite class. The slaveowners could not exist without exploiting their slaves; the feudal monarchies lived only because of their exploitation of the serfs. And capitalism is no different -- the U.S. capitalist class,

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## Struggle in Little Tokyo intensifies!

# COMMUNITY FIGHTS EVICTIONS

"You are putting the economic interests and profits of a few over the basic needs and happiness of the masses of working people. If you ever forget the masses of ordinary people who make up Little Tokyo then you will suffer the consequences!" This statement was made by Mr. Itabashi, head of the cultural and community center in the Sun Building in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, California. He was addressing the city council of L.A. - demanding that a moratorium be held on the evictions of tenants in the Sun Hotel. Like many communities of national minorities, Little Tokyo has been cited as a \$30 million redevelopment project now under construction. The Sun Hotel is to be torn down to make way for a parking lot to accommodate the luxury New Otani Hotel.

The plans are forcing out the people of this historic community and replacing their homes, small shops and cultural centers with high priced hotels and malls, owned by Japanese corporate powers. The redevelopment of the area is being

carried out by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) with the full cooperation of the city council, the Immigration Naturalization Service (INS) and the federal government.

To date, the CRA has failed to provide adequate housing (as they had promised) for those who have already been forced from the Sun Hotel. They have gone so far as to call the INS on the residents without papers who are resisting the evictions. Most of the tenants are Latinos who have united with the struggle of the Japanese-American peoples in the area to preserve and fight for control of their community.

At present, the Little Tokyo Peoples Rights Organization is trying to stop the evictions from the Sun Hotel and have held a number of rallies and pickets to protest the actions. They are demanding that at least 100 units of housing be provided for any persons and families that have been forced to move and that they make them available to all working people. They are also demanding that retroactive reallocation benefits be made available. The CRA has made it impossible for anyone to receive these benefits unless they are starving to death. Another struggle is to call for the end to all INS harassment of the tenants who are staying in the Hotel. But, their main goal is to halt the evictions altogether and assure the survival of Little Tokyo as a community of the peoples who now live in it.

Evictions of working class and poor peoples from their homes has been used by the capitalists



LTPRO has confronted the City Council many times in the last few months, demanding that all evictions be stopped.

who prefer profit making enterprises over the basic needs of the people. The struggle of this community for low-cost-decent-housing and to retain their cultural centers and identities is part of their struggle against national oppression. It is part of the struggle of the working class, the backbone of this country. It clearly shows that the interests of the oppressed and working people of this country are always second to the interests of big business and that only through our organized resistance to this oppression and exploitation will we be able to gain control of our lives and communities.

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In another struggle, a four-person deep picket-line forms a "human barricade" to stop evictions by Sheriff's Dept. at International Hotel, San Francisco.

## Correction

Last month the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE printed an article entitled "Chicanos Fight Police Attacks", which was submitted to us by the Community Legal Workers of Colorado. Due to an editorial error we included in the article a section headed "Errors in the Anti-Repression Coalition". This section was a part of a report sent to us by a contact in the area, and the views expressed in it represent the views of ATM and NOT the views of the CLW. Because of our error we created the completely wrong impression that the CLW unites with our assessment of the weaknesses of the Anti-Police Repression Coalition spoken of in the article. We want to make clear that these are only the views of ATM and they should not have been included in the body of the article. We apologize to both the CLW and to our readers for any confusion or misunderstandings which our mistake may have caused.

## First Workers State

# LEARN FROM THE PARIS COMMUNE!

On March 18, 1870 the workers of Paris stormed the city and captured its control. This was the first time that working men and women joined together to overthrow the capitalist system and set up working class power in its place.

In 1870 the people of France were living under the harsh conditions of war. Taxes soared as the government demanded more and more money for their war, while people at home starved. Angered by this situation, the workers rebelled and denounced the government. When army troops were sent in to put down the popular uprising, the masses of the workers in Paris took over the National Guard, took the guns and organized a resistance that heroically fought off the French troops and established the Paris Commune.

This first workers state democratically elected their leadership into working bodies who combined decisionmaking with day to day work among the people. No government official received more than the average workers wages, and any official could be recalled by the people at any time. The Commune abolished the standing army and replaced it with armed workers. Control of the factories was given to the workers organizations and all debts were cancelled. The Commune was the beginning of a real working class democracy.

But the capitalists of France were not about to give up easily! On April 2 they mustered 100,000 troops against Paris and began a siege of the Commune. A bloody civil war raged throughout April and May, but the people of the Commune continued to resist. Finally, even the last holdouts were taken.

Today, we must learn from both the victory and the defeat of the Paris Commune so that we

will be better equipped to carry out the struggle against our bourgeoisie. When Marx summed up the lessons from the Commune in his book, The Civil War in France, he stressed that in order to really defeat the old ruling class, it is necessary to boldly take up revolutionary violence to smash their state machinery. We must then replace it with a dictatorship of the proletariat to hold power and show no mercy for the bourgeoisie. This was the task the heroic people of the Commune began. But these comrades did not fully understand what it would take to retain power. These weaknesses led to their defeat. Chief among these weaknesses was the lack of a Communist Party that could act as an organized leading force in guiding the workers to victory. Even though these brave comrades took on the task of smashing the bourgeoisie and its state, they did not understand they had to take on the offensive and be ruthless in destroying them. Instead, they allowed the capitalists to retain control of the banks and to live within the Commune. This mercy for their exploiter led to their downfall. Lastly, the proletariat of the Commune failed to forge an alliance with the peasantry who, also oppressed by the French ruling class, could have aided the struggle against their common enemy.

Brothers and sisters. The day is coming when we, too, will take on our oppressors, overthrow their rule and establish a working class government. To better prepare ourselves for what is to come and to ensure the success of our revolutionary cause, we must study this inspiring example of the French working class and learn from both their success and their defeat.



Armed women's brigades led by Louise Michel and Hortense David heroically defended the Commune.

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# OIL COMPANIES MAKE MILLIONS

# MASSES TO PAY FOR ENERGY CRISIS

The worst winter to hit the U.S. in decades blanketed more than half of the country bringing with it a severe natural gas "shortage" that has or will affect the lives of every working person in the U.S. Gas heats one-half of the homes in America and provides 50% of industry's energy. As more than 20 states have had to close down industries or shorten working hours, over 2 million workers have been thrown out of work, forced to join the already high number of unemployed. But even this number is much too low. While Carter tries to make the government look good by giving token aid to the East coast fishermen who wouldn't usually be eligible for unemployment, he can't cover up the fact that more than 2 million workers had already run out of unemployment payments before the crisis hit. Those trying to collect will be faced with the problem that 22 state unemployment funds have gone bankrupt and the federal funds that back up these programs are due to run out March 31st.

180,000 jobless migrant workers in Florida not only have no income for the next six months, but have been evicted by their grower bosses who own the shacks they are forced to live in. Angered by these vicious attacks, the workers have already organized 2 mass demonstrations of more than 1,000 in Miami to demand aid from the federal government. Their demands are being opposed by Florida's big growers who would have to help pay for this aid.

In a capitalist system where the vast majority of the people produce the wealth of society and a small minority reaps the benefits, the capitalists' greed for getting everything they can heightens during a crisis. These parasites must be held responsible for the deaths of the over 90 people who, like Margaret Shutter, 80, and her 77 year-old brother, Walter of Brooklyn, had their heat shut off when they couldn't afford to pay their bill and were found frozen in their home, encased in 5 inches of ice from their bursting water pipes. In Harlem, a slum landlord who receives \$150 per person from the people forced to live there was forced to turn on gas for the stoves only after 2 people had died from exposure. The broken windows, busted waterpipes, and freezing room temperatures remain. While guards stop any reporters from entering, the city managed to rake up one thin blanket for each occupant. In Chicago and elsewhere families had to burn their furniture to keep warm.

The cold wave unleashed a series of other difficulties for working people. Schools were closed in several states for up to a month. For working mothers this meant trying to find cheap daycare and more often than not, being forced to leave their children home alone or lose their job. Food prices are climbing as transportation got jammed in the rivers and highways. By the time the East began to thaw prices nationwide for meat and vegetables were 6-10% higher. Across the country, unemployment continues to grow in a chain reaction to the idling of basic industries like steel.

## CAPITALISM CANNOT MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE!

Capitalism is unable to meet people's daily needs even during 'normal' times, much less during a crisis! What have Jimmy Carter and the other government officials done to help relieve the suffering of the people? They sent in the

## NO FREEZE ON PROFITS

The energy crisis this winter hurt the poor and the working people, but for the oil, gas and electric companies, the freeze has been good news.

General Public Utilities Corporation in Pennsylvania and New Jersey had a 67% increase for the fourth quarter of 1976. The extra profits from the cold (from the higher utility bills) sent the Dow Jones Utility Average to a three-year high.

Meanwhile, the energy monopolies like Texaco and Gulf Oil companies are hoarding vast amounts of natural gas which they refuse to deliver to the hard-hit areas because the price wasn't high enough for them.

According to a congressional investigation, Texaco Oil Co. has reserves in the Gulf of Mexico containing more than 500 billion cubic feet of natural gas, but refuses to produce it because of its "desire to maximize profits" (L.A. Times, February 23, 1977). This gas, which should have been pumped into interstate pipelines this winter, would have heated 5 million homes for a full year. But Texaco's Senior Vice President, Richard Palmer, defended the company "right to make money" and said that the company had no intention of speeding up production in the Gulf despite the accusations of gas hoarding. President Jimmy Carter, true to his role as watchdog for the capitalists, defended companies like Texaco at a recent press conference. "If I were the owner of an oil company I would certainly reserve the right to withhold my product from the market."



Jobless migrant farmworkers picket the Federal building in Miami, Florida to demand aid from the federal government.

National Guard. But what was their main work? They came into our towns and cities to clear out the dead and fine or arrest those who had their heat above 65 degrees -- not to mobilize the people and find collective solutions to the problems with which individual families were confronted. But this attempt to keep the people down failed. The people of New Jersey called mass meetings and denounced the "police-state" tactics of the National Guard, and called on the masses of the people to work together and find common solutions to their problems.

Then Carter told us there was nothing more he could do, that he needed time to collect more scientific data and so Congress could meet to pass a Bill just to move gas from one area of the country to another. And that they did. A

Bill was passed that gives the oil companies that already make billions in profits (Exxon, Mobile, Gulf and Shell are the chief producers of natural gas) a price increase of as much as 420% to open up the reserves they've been holding onto. The oil companies have refused to tap these reserves because there was not a high enough return (profit). Meanwhile people freeze to death for lack of gas, or are forced to pay gas bills as high as \$200 a month! It's easy for Carter along with other government officials and the rich they represent to sit by their warm cozy fireplace and call on Americans to make "greater sacrifices" and to live a "more spartan lifestyle" while they take more time to review their 'scientific data' and see what might be beneficial to them. But we don't need anymore 'scientific' data to know about the frozen pipelines, our thermostats registering at freezing and the criminal murders of friends and family by a government that refuses to do anything that could bring the working people relief, while helping the oil companies to extra billions!

Determined not to allow the capitalist thugs to continue shifting the crisis on their back, the people are rising! In Harlem and Virginia, community organizations are forming to work collectively on solutions and to organize mass actions to fight back against all utility cut-offs. They recognize clearly that capitalism means crisis, and that the capitalists will always try to make the working people suffer the consequences while the rich find new ways to profit from misery. It is clear that we must oppose this and demand that all gas reserves be immediately released without any increase in prices. It is the capitalist corporations which have caused the "scarcity" of gas, and they must pay the full cost of ending it.

## UNDER SOCIALISM THE GOVERNMENT SERVES THE PEOPLE

What happens when a natural disaster hits in a socialist country where the working people,

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# CAPITALIST PROFITS COST WORKERS' LIVES

## Health and Safety is a Right!

--1911 146 garment workers, mostly women, died in a fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York. Management had trapped them in the sweatshop -- there was no ventilation, few windows, a fire escape that stopped at the 4th floor. ALL THE EXITS WERE LOCKED. The company said that made it easier to keep track of the women and prevent them from stealing scraps of fabric. Mass demonstrations following the massacre forced the city prosecutor to arrest the owners on charges of manslaughter. They were all acquitted. --1968 Rank and file miners in West Virginia along with several doctors formed the Black Lung Association to fight for recognition of black lung as an occupational disease covered by worker's compensation laws. A state-wide campaign of information and demonstrations ending with a massive wildcat strike (42,000 out of 44,000 miners walked out) won this recognition. Since 1900, miners have been killed at the rate of one every two days.

--1974 500 workers walked off the job in the coke batteries at Bethlehem Steel's plant in Sparrows Point, Maryland. They were protesting the racism and hazardous working conditions that forced Black workers into the dirtiest, deadliest jobs in the steel industry. Coke oven fumes cause skin, lung, bladder and kidney cancer. Coke oven workers have the highest mortality rate and the highest rate of respiratory disease in the industry. 80-90% of coke oven workers are Blacks.

--July 1976 When the miners at Cedar Coal Co. wildcatted over health and safety violations by the mine operator, the capitalist courts issued an injunction and fines trying to force the miners back to work. 120,000 miners in 7 states walked off their jobs in support of the strike. The workers saw whose side the government was on. The UMW leadership, especially Arnold Miller, did everything they could to get the miners to go back to work. The workers quickly found out whose side these social props were on.

Throughout the country the capitalist system is killing or maiming thousands of working men and women in the mines, mills, factories and fields. This fact points out in an extremely clear and stark way both the evil of that system and the necessity of its overthrow. As the economic crisis worsens more and more workers must suffer the agony of occupational illness, injury and death. Let's take a closer look at this si-



uation in order to determine how it must be understood and to determine what the working class can do about it.

## CAPITALIST PROFITS COST WORKERS' LIVES

The federal government, through OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), has just condemned the country's 22,000 coke oven workers to another 3 years of slow death. On October 20, OSHA ruled that the steel giants have until 1980 to implement new standards regulating the poisonous coke oven fumes. This new ruling allows the companies to subject workers to air contaminated with 150 micrograms per cubic meter of deadly benzene solutions. Yet OSHA director Corn admitted at a press conference that there was no "safe level of exposure." The reasoning behind this decision was "economic feasibility" it would cost the companies too much to provide healthy working conditions. But Corn admitted "We didn't weigh the dollars of benefits (to the workers) against the dollars of cost (to the companies). We did not translate lung cancer into dollars and cents of cost." In plain English the state refuses to touch the profits of the capitalists, even if it means sure death for workers.

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# STRUGGLE IN THE AFRO-AMERICAN NATION MEANING OF THE FIGHT TO

Workers at the textile mills of the J P Stevens company have been engaged in a protracted and bitter struggle for the democratic right to organize a trade union since 1974. The struggle to bring in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers as the bargaining agent is focused at the complex of plants located in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. The company employs approximately 3000 workers which includes large numbers of Afro-American and women workers.

This struggle is more than a fight to bring in a trade union. A fight being waged in the heart of an oppressed nation, it is a fight for democratic rights, an important part of the struggle of the Afro-American people for self-determination. As member of an oppressed nation, the Afro-American workers have been denied the basic right to unionize. Lacking this right, as well as all other democratic rights, they have become a superexploited section of the U S working class. The entire working class suffers because of this, and it must stand firm and render the most active support to the brothers and sisters of the J P Stevens mills -- in their fight to organize, and in the fight of the

Afro-American people for the right to unionize and for the freedom of their nation.

## J P STEVENS -- BASTION OF EXPLOITATION AND NATIONAL OPPRESSION

The J P Stevens Company has raised the righteous indignation of thousands of working women and men throughout the country. News of the intolerable working conditions, disgusting racist practices, national oppression and discrimination against women arouses in class conscious workers simultaneous feelings of class hatred for the capitalist exploiter and solidarity with our class brothers and sisters of the textile industry.

The J P Stevens Company is the second largest textile manufacturer in the country. It employs approximately 40,000 workers in 85 plants located mostly in the Black Belt South. It is a company with an infamous history of gross exploitation and discriminatory practices directed against Afro-Americans and women. To illustrate this in more concrete terms we can note some of its more blatant practices.

--Hiring is done on the basis of nationality, and Blacks have been systematically kept out or given the worst jobs. Even the capitalists courts have had to admit this fact.

--Job assignments are all made on the basis of nationality. White workers are given the better paying "fixers" jobs, while Afro-Americans are given the low paying warehousemen's jobs.

--The average hourly wage for Afro-Americans is 20% less than for White textile workers.

--While White women have greater access to better paying jobs than do Afro-American workers, the overwhelming majority of all women are concentrated in the lower paying unskilled classifications.

As if national and sex discrimination were not enough, workers must also suffer the consequence of inadequate health standards. Thousands of workers in the textile mills have been disabled by the dreaded disease Byssinosis (Brown Lung) caused by cotton dust levels three times as high as national minimum health standards allow. As one worker put it "After 37



years of loyal and faithful service I have a plaque, \$1360 and Brown Lung."

Though White male workers are relatively better paid and better treated, their lot is not exactly one of wealth and security. To begin with, Brown Lung is color blind, it affects ALL textile workers. Secondly, wages paid to J P Stevens workers are 31% BELOW the average national factory wage. Workers, regardless of nationality or sex, who are pro-union activists are constantly harassed or fired on the slightest pretext. It is for these and other reasons that workers recognize their common interest in fighting together for the common cause.

The working class throughout the country recognizes its duty to give concrete support to its class brothers and sisters at J P Stevens. Thousands are supporting the national boycott which has been declared against J P Stevens. This boycott deserves our most active support, as a complement to the actual struggle being waged by our fellow proletarians at J P Stevens. But more than this we must recognize the political significance of their struggle, and

## OPPRESSION BREEDS RESISTANCE



IN SEVERAL TRIALS OVER THE LAST MONTH, more than 40 activists of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) in San Francisco, have been forced to plead guilty to trumped-up charges. Their 'crime' was defending their jobs during last June's warehouse contract strike. This attack on the ILWU is part of the employers anti-labor offensive aimed at smashing the right to strike. A worker from the ILWU noted the need to continue the fight. "The entire labor movement must be mobilized to defend its right to strike, militant union actions and wide publicity are necessary to bring us the support that can force the employers and government to drop charges against our members and defend our right to strike."



THE FOUR YEAR LAND STRUGGLE of the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Indians recently forced a concession from the government. The Department of the Interior issued a statement that the state of Maine give the two tribes everything they've asked for. The Indians are suing for 60% of the land and \$300 million in back rent from the state. The government, trying to set the peoples of Maine against each other, has called for the eviction of the 350,000 non-Indians living in the claimed area. A spokesperson for the two tribes stated, "We are seeking a negotiated settlement. And in such a settlement, the tribes would not seek the possession of anyone's home."



THE 'OFFICIAL' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE "fell" to 7.3% in January, but even the White House was forced to admit that this figure was too low since it didn't count all the workers laid off when the freeze shut their plants down. That added amount alone pushed the official number up to 9.6 million people out of work. Still these figures drastically understate the problem. To be counted as unemployed you have to be receiving benefits. Great! What about the 2 million workers who already ran out of benefits? Or the youth who've never been able to get a job? After counting up the unemployed and underemployed, we find out that unemployment is really running 15-16% - TWICE the 'official' rate. More and more it becomes clear that capitalism cannot fulfill the people's basic needs.



THE FIGHT TO DEFEND THE BASIC DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS of undocumented workers continues at El Conclio Monzo service center in Tucson, Arizona (see R C Vol I #12). If the court upholds the charges and investigation made by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) of Monzo's counselling program, it will lay the basis to deny the right of privacy to anyone applying for help from a social agency (welfare etc.). This attempt to make the poor afraid to apply for aid is but one more attempt by the state to shift the economic crisis onto the backs of the working peoples and oppressed nationalities.



## Skyhorse & Mohawk Gain Mass Support in their NATIVE AMERICAN LEADERS

Oxnard Prison, Oxnard, California, March 1975

"In a society that makes up this country, we have been arrested, tried, convicted, sentenced. We have been found guilty. We have been put in foster homes, boarding schools, reform schools, prisons, and psychiatric wards. We have been labeled incorrigible, delinquent, unsociable, unrehabilitatable, and insane. We have been threatened, punished, guarded, tortured and mistreated.

"Now, as a final insult to our dignity, we are being held under threat of a death sentence. Anyone even vaguely familiar with an accurate history of this country knows that since the first drop of Indian blood was let back in the 1400's the policy against Native Americans has been one of genocide. The indiscriminate killing, the wholesale slaughter, and finally the legalized murder of our people has been the rule, rather than the exception.

"Rooted in imperialism and flourishing with oppression, this government is indeed a cancer to the universal principles of mankind. The institutional, social, and moral oppression practiced on our people with inherent racism will

surface, finally, as the generating force to solidify our one-mindedness.

"There is not one of us who has not experienced the terrorism of the ruling elite. The spirits of Crazy Horse, Chief Joseph, and Geronimo joined with those of Frank Clearwater, Buddy Lamont, and Pedro Bissonette, are a glowing testimonial to this fact. Because of the ever-mounting concern of our warriors, we can expect to have more casualties and prisoners of war. The judicial branch of this regime continues its coercive pursuit of our people.

"Presently we are being held under a murder indictment that is a viciously contrived lie to put an end to our lives. We have no fear of death.

"UNTIL SUCH A TIME AS WE CAN NO LONGER DO SO, WE WILL CONTINUE to strike out at this government and all others of the same misguided persuasion."

--Skyhorse

When this letter was being written, the men were in solitary confinement in separate prisons. They were frequently beaten by guards. Mo-



Dennis Banks declares the support of A I M for Skyhorse and Mohawk at a recent rally held outside of the Ventura Courthouse.

# ORGANIZE J.P. STEVENS



J.P. Stevens employs approximately 40,000 workers in 85 plants located mostly in the Black Belt South. Above, workers rally at a recent union drive. A boycott has started against the company for its policies against organized labor particularly that of the Black workers.

## A FIGHT FOR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS!

For over a century the Afro-American nation has been dominated and oppressed by U.S. imperialism. Forged into a nation in the Black Belt South by the very process of their oppression, the Afro-American people have never ceased fighting for their freedom. Every struggle which they wage is a struggle aimed at striking off the chains which bind their nation -- a complex web of military occupation, segregationist policies, terrorism and White chauvinism. One of the ways in which U.S. imperialism keeps the masses in the Black Belt South disorganized and dominated is through the systematic denial of all democratic rights to Afro-Americans, among them the right to unionize. (This also disorganizes the struggle of the entire working class but particularly that of the working class in the southern states.)

The state of North Carolina, some of which forms part of the Afro-American nation, is under the political control of the textile industry

giants, (along with Duke Power and the capitalists of the tobacco industry) For example, Kannapolis, North Carolina is openly dominated in all aspects of life by the capitalists of the Cannon Mills, the largest U.S. textile manufacturer. The Cannon Mills control the local government, the police, education, the housing, etc -- all control is DIRECTLY IN THEIR HANDS

The working masses have no control over local government and are denied the right to organize a trade union at Cannon. While company towns, such as Kannapolis, are not the rule in the Black Belt South, the complete control over that territory by the Anglo-American capitalist class and their brutal exploitation of the Afro-American people IS THE RULE! It is no accident then that they would attempt to keep the Afro-American people, who have fought the capitalists tooth and nail for their freedom -- disorganized, without any form of trade union organization with which to fight them.

The capitalists have never hesitated to use their state power, or the terror of the Ku Klux Klan to strike at all efforts to unionize the Black Belt South. As a result the Black Belt South is today a paradise for capitalists seeking superprofits. Not only are many U.S. corporations moving their operations into the Black Nation, but also foreign imperialists are jumping in for a piece of the action. Japanese companies are now moving their textile plants into the Black Nation because of the "cheap labor supply" and the lack of organization among the working class.

In this period of growing economic crisis the movement of the Afro-American people is bound to grow and develop, and it is more and more becoming a movement conscious of its struggle for self-determination. While their struggle will occur on many fronts, the struggle to unionize their area is bound to grow on a huge scale. In contrast to their early history of resistance, there now exists a large working class among the Afro-American people. By the millions they are seeing the necessity to organize into trade unions and are seeking to unite with their class brothers and sisters of all nationalities in this effort.

# Struggle FRAMED

hawk can no longer straighten one arm, because after a beating he was chained to bars for days, with his arms cuffed up behind his back. Skyhorse was beaten, stripped, and thrown into a punishment cell in shackles, with an inch of water on the floor. Both men were forcibly drugged with "prison pacifiers" which they later had to kick. In court, the men were "subdued" (beaten, choked, and dragged out) when they tried to speak for themselves. The courage of the Indian people remains alive in these men, despite all attempts of the authorities to break and degrade them.

## MURDER IN VENTURA COUNTY: FACT AND FICTION

On October 10, 1974 a cab driver by the name of George Aird was murdered in Ventura County, California. At the scene of the crime were three people who had been riding in the cab, their clothes covered with blood stains. They also were carrying a knife with Aird's blood on it and their shoes were smeared with blood from kicking the victim around. They were arrested by the Ventura County police and interrogated.

All three suspects, Marvin Red Shirt, Holly Broussard and Marcella Eaglestaff, are now walking the streets free and immune from any serious charges.

The week following the murder, Paul Skyhorse and Richard Mohawk, co-founders of the Chicago Chapter of the American Indian Movement (AIM, an organization active in the struggle for sovereign rights for Native Americans) were apprehended at an American Indian educational rally in Phoenix, Arizona. They were told that they were needed as material witnesses in a murder investigation in Ventura County. They willingly waived their extradition rights and were brought back to California. Upon their arrival, they were charged with murdering George Aird. Shortly after this, the other three suspects were granted immunity and are now the "star witnesses" for the prosecution.

Skyhorse and Mohawk have fought for the past two years on their own behalf demanding that the prosecution hand over all investigative files, tapes, and evidence compiled by the D.A.'s office and the F.B.I. and possibly the CIA. They have succeeded in stopping a railroad into the electric chair. Now that the pretrial hearings are over, the defense has asked that the trial be moved to Los Angeles due to the racist campaign



Richard Mohawk has worked for Native American rights in Arizona. He was one of the founders of the Chicago AIM.

that has been waged against them by the Ventura Press and the Ventura County Bar Association.

## "JUSTICE" IN THE COURTS

On November 10, the Ventura County Bar Association held its annual dinner for all of the judges, lawyers, prosecutors, Public Defenders, defense attorneys, and "money lawyers" in Ventura County. At the dinner they performed a skit called "People vs. Tonto" the "stupid Indian." Tonto is making his 2,001 motion in order to stall the workings of justice. He moves for a mistrial on the grounds that the gavel of the judge is made from a company which polluted lake Erie, which wiped out the means of living for the Indian people of that area -- hence, the gavel, the company and the judge are connected in discrimination against the defendant, an Iroquois-Chippewa Tonto. "Motion denied!" cries the judge, and the banquet room explodes into laughter and applause. And so goes the entertainment for the Ventura County Bar Association. The judge presiding over the Skyhorse-Mohawk case, Marvin Lewis, is rocking with laughter in the front row. The skit was developed by Stephen Perren, the attorney who negotiated the immunity agreement for Holly Broussard in exchange for her testimony against Skyhorse and Mohawk.

Norma Gonzalez, an Indian-Chicana has contacted Mohawk to tell him that she had been in jail with Marcella Eaglestaff and Holly Broussard on

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It is, of course, the duty of all communists and class conscious workers to support this struggle in every way. The most strenuous efforts must be devoted to helping the Afro-American workers of the Black Nation win the right to unionize. We must recognize that this struggle represents more than just a struggle to organize a particular industry or plant, it is a part of a struggle of a PEOPLE for freedom. There can be no unity among the working class, nor any unity between that class and the revolutionary Black national movement unless we recognize and support that struggle in ALL OF ITS CONCRETE MANIFESTATIONS.

But we do not doubt for a minute that the working class will recognize and uphold its obligations to the Afro-American people. As this happens we will see the unity of two mighty movements, two mighty currents of history -- united in the common struggle to overthrow capitalism, and to build a socialist system free of the oppression of nations, and free of the exploitation of man by man.



## REVOLUTION'S THE MAIN TREND



THE SOUTH KOREAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY FOR REUNIFICATION met this month and pledged to unite with all patriotic democratic forces in the South and dedicate all its efforts to the realization of unity with the socialist forces of the North. The statement strongly demands that the South Korean authorities put an end to the fascist suppression of democracy, the "anti-communist" propaganda and smear campaign against the North, and guarantee the freedom of speech, press, assembly, and demonstration and the immediate release of all political prisoners.



500 ARABS NOW IN JAIL ARE ON A HUNGER STRIKE against the Israeli government's brutal treatment of them. Their struggle has won sympathy from the broad masses of the people. In Damascus, middle school students in the Israeli occupied West Bank of the Jordan River, staged a mass demonstration demanding the release of the Arab prisoners. Leaflets were handed out calling on the students to stand strong in the struggle against the authorities.



THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY's liberation committee recently met in Lusaka, Zambia to reaffirm Africa's commitment to the liberation of Zimbabwe. It expressed determination to "build a united national army for the liberation of Zimbabwe" and decided to give "full political, material and diplomatic support to the patriotic front." The recommendation calls upon the nationalists of Zimbabwe to unite their forces and direct their concerted effort at the enemy. It also appeals "to all people inside Zimbabwe irrespective of their political affiliation to contribute to the intensification of armed struggle till total victory is achieved."



ON JANUARY 30TH, 384 RHODESIAN STUDENTS carrying signs with anti-Smith regime slogans, crossed the border and entered Botswana. They declared that because they could no longer tolerate the suppression of the Rhodesian government, they had decided to take this collective action to demonstrate to the world the growing resistance of the people. The students told reporters that they were ready to join the nationalist military forces to fight against the Smith regime. A sixteen year old girl, asked whether she wanted to return to Rhodesia, answered, "No! We will only return to a free Zimbabwe!"

Meanwhile, thousands of African students held demonstrations in Cape Town, South Africa last week, demanding the release of all students held by the South African authorities since last summer and the end of racial discrimination.



THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF PORTUGAL (ML) recently held its 7th Congress. The report from the Central Committee analysed the uneven development of the two superpowers, and expressed the view that the USSR is the main enemy of the world's peoples. "Russian social-imperialism is the arch enemy of the peoples of the world. As for the other superpower, U.S. imperialism, we strongly oppose its hegemonic ambitions. We will fight firmly against the oppression and exploitation of the Third World countries by new and old colonialism."

**Rely on Strength and Knowledge of Masses!**

# 'ST. LUKE'S 23' TAKE ON CHICAGO COURTS

Chicago, Illinois

23 activists have been on trial in Chicago for 2 weeks. They were arrested in August of 75 after demanding a meeting with the hospital administration. For months the Latino community has been fighting for more jobs and better health care. When the hospital refused to meet with them, a number of activists went straight to the chief administrator to demand a meeting. The hospital administrator refused to discuss any of the demands and instead had 23 of the activists arrested. The police beat several of those arrested and charged them with criminal trespassing and disturbing the peace.

**COURT**

On February 1, the trial of the St. Luke's 23 began. Several of those arrested demanded their right to defend themselves in court. The first day in court one of the women defendants caught the court completely by surprise when she announced that the defendants were ready to proceed without attorneys present. The 23 are taking the fight against discrimination into the courts and demanding translators for the Spanish speaking in the trial. They also demanded that a larger court room be furnished for the supporters who were being kept out. And they demanded that the charges be dropped. This offensive by the 23 threw the judge and prosecutor into a panic. The judge and prosecutor at first tried to arrange a backroom deal with the St. Lukes Hospital and some of the lawyers in the case. But the people would have nothing to do with this. Instead they (the defendants) charged that the courts were giving the St. Lukes Hospital

attorneys special treatment. The court stated that St. Luke's has nothing to do with this case, even though it was clear that the state was working right along with the hospital's attorney.

They forced the judge to give no special treatment to the hospital attorney and to only allow him in the courtroom as a spectator.

On Monday, February 6, the prosecutor moved to sever the cases of those defending themselves (4) from those defended by an attorney (19). The "liberal" judge granted the motion and it was clear that the court was now moving to isolate the "troublemakers". It was here that the role of the lawyers as defenders of the court system came clear. Throughout the case, the lawyers wanted to rely on legal maneuvers, backroom deals and compromises to "get everybody off the hook". Though they mouthed revolutionary phrases, they cringed at the thought of the people carrying out and leading their own fight. Especially has the lawyer who claims to be a revolutionary from the beginning done nothing but try and inject pessimism and doubt into the defendants. From the beginning he has advised people not to defend themselves. He put forward that it was useless to confront the courts and that the defendants didn't have a chance. This "revolutionary" who claims to be for the overthrow of the state buckled under at the first sign of confrontation with the state.

But the people responded by declaring on the following day that they were ALL going to defend themselves. They told the court they were not going to be fooled by the states attempts to split them. Then they went on to expose the ra-

cist nature of the courts. Several times while the defendants were speaking, the prosecutor totally lost control of himself in trying to counteract the exposures by the people. The defendants demanded that the court control the outbursts by the prosecution, and that the court speak to the real issues of the case, discrimination and the rights of the people.

Meanwhile, support has been growing for the case. Picket lines are held everyday at the court, in below freezing temperatures. But most important, those attending the trial are getting a revolutionary lesson on how to use the courts. Young students and workers are learning that they can only rely on their own resources and not some fast talking lawyer. Through their own experience they are seeing what it really means to rely on the strength and knowledge of the people.

By the 6th day in court, the "liberal" judge couldn't take the defendant's conduct anymore. He abruptly called the trial to a recess until February 23. The prosecutor by now was in a frenzy.

The people had refused backroom deals, fast-talking lawyers and had exposed the rotteness of the court system as a tool of capitalist oppression. ★

FUNDRAISER FOR ST. LUKE'S 23

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## Defend the St. Luke's 23!!

ATM(ML) salutes the revolutionary conduct of the St. Luke's 23. We will continue to participate and give support to this struggle. The example set by the defendants is one in which the working class and oppressed masses can be proud. The 23 have shown exactly what the attitude of revolutionaries must be toward the state. They are showing through action WHY the court system and the whole state structure must be torn down. Under socialism the working class will control the state and it will be the capitalist directors of St. Luke's Hospital and the police who will face trial for their crimes against the people!

# SAFETY 'NOT PROFITABLE' FOR CAPITALISTS

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The United Steel Workers leadership went along with this murderous discrimination when they signed the 1974 Consent Decree with the steel monopolies and the Labor Department. This racist Decree forces the victims of past discrimination to forgo all future legal claims against the companies in exchange for a payoff of several hundred dollars. Because of racist hiring practices Black steelworkers are forced to work under the most dangerous conditions -- and because of the Consent Decree they have no way to get out. (Seniority and wage levels aren't protected if workers leave the coke ovens for another department.)

From 1958 to 1970 occupational accident rates rose by 20% as mechanization and speed-up spread across American industry. The economic crisis affecting the whole capitalist world is greatly accelerating this trend. Company owners and managers are the first to admit that the only reason they're in business is to make money. The basic economic law of modern capitalism is to obtain by any means necessary the maximum profit. In order to keep their profits high in spite of the crisis, the capitalists must exploit U.S. and foreign workers even more. Between 1972 and 1974 corporate profits rose 54% after taxes while the average worker's wage rose only 8% after taxes and consumer prices rose 16%.

Capitalists cut their expenses by laying off workers (current "official" unemployment is over 8%) and forcing the rest to make up the difference by speed-ups, job combination and forced overtime. (When the boss doesn't force us to work overtime, economic conditions do -- it's impossible to get by these days on straight time.) The resulting tension and fatigue, rush and carelessness, directly contribute to the high accident rate.

U.S. factories are old and rotten. Many of

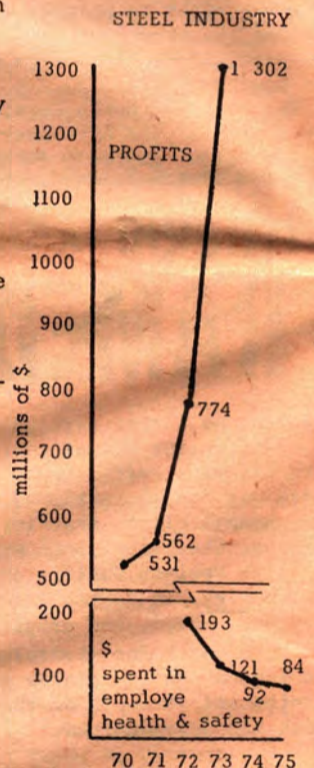
the big ones were built last century. The capitalists don't like to spend money on modern equipment -- they'd rather move overseas or subcontract to Taiwan or South Korea or Mexico where the workers get paid pennies. Even less are they willing to put out money on safety and health devices such as ventilation hoods, sound proofing, machine guards, etc.

Protective guards are constantly being removed from machines in the name of higher productivity and greater profits.

Increasing government cutbacks in money spent on public programs has a telling effect on our lives and health. NIOSH (the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) is only able to test a fraction of the 3,000 new chemicals that are used in industry each year because it is underfunded and understaffed. The recent explosion at the American Chicle Co. in New York exposed the criminal lack of city medical facilities as victims had to be flown out of state for burn treatment. New York City burn centers had been closed because of budget cutbacks.

National oppression and racism have always been used by the capitalist class to extract superprofits from the oppressed nationalities and to keep the working class down and the movement divided. Occupational health and safety is no exception to this capitalist rule. In 1950 THE RATE OF DEATH DUE TO ACCIDENTS WAS 25% HIGHER FOR BLACKS THAN FOR WHITES. BY 1969 IT WAS 43% HIGHER!! Oppressed nationality workers are forced into the dirtiest, lowest paying, and most dangerous jobs. The majority of coke oven, blast furnace and foundry workers are Black. In 1969 Blacks died of cancer at a rate 25% higher than Whites. In the South and Southwest pesticides kill 800 farmworkers a year. There are no government standards to protect these farmworkers whose life expectancy is only 49 years.

The steel industry, which has felt the economic pinch only recently, has been spending less and less on health and safety since 1971. But their profits have soared in the last few years. Now that steelworkers are being laid off in huge numbers, look for companies to start using the excuses that they can't afford to improve conditions. Meanwhile they're expanding steelmaking capacity at a record rate. The figures on steel companies' profits, in the chart on the right, come from the "Report of Officers" of the 17th constitutional convention of the USWA (AFL-CIO). Those on industry investment in employee health and safety are from the recent "3rd annual McGraw-Hill Survey Investment in Employee Safety and Health."



## THE PATH OF REFORMISM IS A DEAD END STREET!

In an attempt to cool off workers' anger at their murderous working conditions, the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) was passed by Congress in 1970. OSHA is supposed to protect working men and women by setting maximum limits on such things as chemicals, material particles in the air, heat and noise, and by providing for government inspection and fines for companies found in violation of the standards. From the beginning OSHA has been a farce, a cover used by the ruling class. There are so few inspectors that it would take them 65 years to tour every plant. Between 1970 and 1974, 98% of the citations issued by OSHA were for "nonserious cases" with fines averaging only \$19. The companies usually know when an inspection is going to happen so they patch up, clean up and cover up in advance. And now, due to a recent federal court ruling in Texas, OSHA inspectors must have a search warrant before they can enter any workplace. Finally, if the company is ever fined, it can usually get an exemption.

Besides steering workers down the path of reformism, OSHA serves the capitalists as a tool with which to drive out small business owners who are often unable to afford the cost of compliance with OSHA requirements -- helping the monopolies strengthen their vice grip on the economy.

OSHA, like the courts, the police, and the rest of the government, is controlled by the monopoly capitalists. During the 1972 presidential campaign, the Department of Labor denied protection to millions of workers in exchange for business contributions to President Nixon.

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## Imperialism Drives Workers From Their Native Lands

# FIGHT FOR THE RIGHTS OF UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

Last year more than 1 million persons were arrested and deported from the US. Across the country, the 'Migra' (Immigration and Naturalization Service) continues to unleash a systematic campaign of mass terror against the oppressed nationality communities. While the attacks have mainly centered on the Mexican and other Latino workers in the Southwest, Chinese, Philipinos, Greeks, Japanese and others have all been subjected to the fascist tactics of the Migra.

Undocumented workers hold the most menial, degrading jobs, earn the lowest wages and do some of the hardest work. They work in the factories and fields, living in tenements and shacks. When they arrive in the US, most of these workers don't speak English, so landlords and businesses gyp them. Many undocumented workers are afraid to go to a hospital or apply for unemployment for fear of being deported. When they try to organize unions, the bosses immediately call in the Migra. Yet, these workers pay federal, state and local taxes like everyone else. Because they live under the constant threat of deportation, these 8.2 million workers are prevented, for the most part, from entering into political and economic struggles that could better their lives.

Right now, the ruling class is carrying out a vicious campaign to deport these workers, claiming that they are the cause of unemployment and that massive deportations will mean 'more jobs for Americans'. But wait a minute! If the companies are so interested in providing more jobs, why are they constantly pushing us to speed up and abolishing job classifications? Why are they packing up their plants and moving to the South and the Southwest or even to another country, like the L.A. meat companies are now threatening to do? These runaway shops alone have cost American workers at least 2 million jobs since 1967. We have to look deeper into the history of unemployment in this country to see what patterns exist and who they serve.



Under the Bracero Program, Mexican immigrant labor was imported to "legally" work the fields of the U.S. to make up for the labor shortage caused by World War II.

Unemployment is a regular and necessary part of capitalism. In the 200 years of this country, we know that there's never been full employment except in times of a major war. The capitalists use the unemployed as a threat to those of us who have jobs. They're used to keep our wages down, to break strikes and to force speed-ups. So when times are good and production is up, the Government opens up the country's borders and brings in foreign workers for use in the lowest paying jobs and to make sure that there's still a pool of unemployed to draw from. This was the case with the Bracero Program which was started in 1942. Mexican immigrant labor was imported to 'legally' work the fields in the US to make up for the labor shortage caused when the regular work force was sent off to fight in World War II.

But the deepening capitalist crises mean unemployment for millions of workers. As unemployment climbs, the workers resist with protests and demonstrations aimed at the working people's real enemy, the capitalist system. Last year, the number of workers unemployed was higher than it had been since the 30's. In the face of growing economic hardship, more than 1.5 million workers staged a total of 2,716 strikes in only the first six months! So the ruling class and their government look for a way

out, someone to blame their problems on. In 1965, the beginning of the current phase of economic crisis, the Bracero Program was ended. Our Mexican brothers and sisters who had slaved beside us in the factories and fields making a profit for the capitalists were now blamed for the unemployment and hunger caused by those same capitalists. The idea that unemployment, poverty and social misery are caused by having too many productive members in a society is nonsense! A campaign of spreading lies and confusion about immigrant workers taking American jobs began and soon deportations followed. Factories and neighborhoods are raided by the Migra and any Latino who doesn't have proof of legal residence is shipped off to Mexico with no right to legal aid or even time to inform their families.

And where does our union leadership stand on this question? As usual, the leadership of the AFL-CIO and other unions side with the big corporations and supports deportations. These labor bureaucrats are a small part of the working class that feeds off the crumbs of the corporate riches. The corporations make billions of dollars by superexploiting workers in oppressed nations in the South or Southwest or in the poor countries. A small amount of this money is passed on to the union leaders in the form of high salaries, high positions and social privileges, who in return try to convince us that what's good for capitalism is good for the workers.

But even if the U.S. deports all the undocumented workers, it won't mean more jobs for U.S. citizens! Last year over 1 million people were deported, but unemployment "officially" climbed to 8.1% in December, leaving more than 7.8 million unemployed.

The capitalists' interest in the lives of the working class is not the reason for the deportations, it's their interest in getting the maximum profit out of the fewest workers that drives them to launch these attacks.

Runaway shops are another big reason for unemployment. Through their struggles, workers in the industrial North started getting a half decent wage and benefits. But this cut into the companies' profits, so many companies moved to oppressed nations in the South and the Southwest where they can squeeze more out of the workers - mostly Black and Chicano who are kept unorganized, or at best organized into weak



AS long as U.S. imperialism dominates nations throughout the world, workers will be forced to leave their homelands in order to survive.

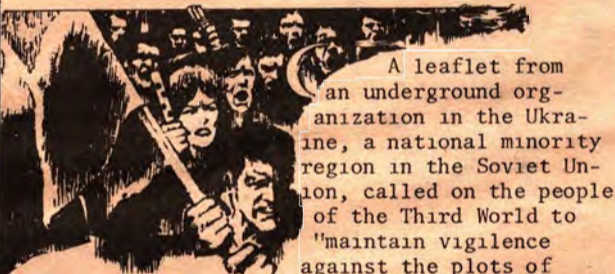
unions by the political, economic and military control of their nations by U.S. imperialism. Or else they move their entire operation out of the country, to Mexico, Asia or South Africa where they are also backed by U.S. political and military force. For example, 44% of Ford's workers are employed outside of the U.S. Why? Workers in Ford's South African auto plants get 52¢ an hour and in Taiwan they get only 14¢ an hour! In Mexico, where U.S. corporations sit on the government board that controls the minimum wage, pay averages \$3.52 to \$5.52 a day, while U.S. wages and benefits average \$25.52 a day. This means a lot more profit for the U.S. capitalists, especially in assembly work where the cost of labor power is 50-90% of the total cost of the product. The companies fire these workers without a second thought since there's no unemployment or welfare to worry about.

### U.S. IMPERIALISM FORCES MEXICAN WORKERS TO COME HERE

The U.S. imperialists have ruined the economy of Mexico and left no choice for Mexican workers

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## USSR REVISIONISM AND NATIONAL OPPRESSION GO HAND IN HAND



A leaflet from an underground organization in the Ukraine, a national minority region in the Soviet Union, called on the people of the Third World to "maintain vigilance against the plots of the Tsars in Moscow" and "against the Soviet infiltration, enslavement and other acts of making use of them to attain its own imperialist aim". While Brezhnev and his ruling clique time and time again pretend to support the national liberation struggles of the Third World, they have feverishly carried out a policy of Great-Russian chauvinism and national oppression at home.

At a recent all-union conference on teaching Russian, the revisionist Soviet authorities decided to speed up imposing the language on the non-Russian peoples. They have revived the old Tsars' compulsory official language system. This chauvinist practice of national oppression had been abolished when the USSR was a socialist country. Under the leadership of Lenin and Stalin the Bolshevik Party fought for the equality of languages and peoples. Lenin pointed out that "a compulsory official language means coercion. In practice, it means that the language of the Great Russians, who are a minority, is imposed on the rest of the population in Russia". Not only was equality stressed, but also the development of the language and literature of the peoples of the formerly oppressed nations.

But now the Soviet ruling class has gone so far as to claim that the Russian language is the 'language of revolution' and that it 'immeasurably enriches' the languages of the non-Russian peoples. In other words, the languages of the oppressed nationalities are not revolutionary, so they must give them up.

Under socialism, party workers and state officials of the former oppressor nation are sent to work in national minority regions. They must

learn the native language in order to better serve the people. Today the policy of the Soviet revisionists is the opposite. They go out of their way to stress the necessity of non-Russians learning Russian, while not even mentioning the need for Russian speaking employees to learn the language of the area they work in. Now the younger generation of some nationalities doesn't know its own language.

But the new capitalist class is weak! Struggles of the non-Russian nationalities are surging forward, wave upon wave, constantly more planned, more coordinated. Last April a bomb exploded outside a government building in Georgia to protest forced Russification. 17 mothers of pre-school children in the Ukraine signed a petition against the Soviet authorities' 'reactionary linguistic policy', stating that this policy was contrary to socialism. More than 10,000 workers in the Ukraine smashed up party, government and military office buildings, tore down posters of Brezhnev and called for an end to the police repression of their people.

The masses of the people are the real force in history and will surely determine the future of the Soviet Union, not the small clique that has temporarily taken power. These fascist rulers will be forced to yield more and more to the iron fist of the unity of the working class and oppressed nationalities until they have been swept aside once and for all.



Led by Lenin & Stalin, the Bolsheviks fought for the equality of languages and peoples.



# GENOCIDE - CAPITALISTS' SOLUTION TO STOP FORCED

Brooklyn--A 19 year old Black prisoner is sterilized without her knowledge during an abortion

Aiken, South Carolina--A Black mother on welfare sues after having to submit to sterilization in order to give birth in a local hospital  
Los Angeles, California--Guadalupe Acosta's doctor pushed violently on her abdomen to induce labor and unilaterally decided to sterilize her. The baby was born dead

Muzaffarapur, India--Police killed 150 people by firing on thousands of poor Indians demonstrating against the government's ruling to sterilize all men with more than two children and against the police taking men off of public buses to vasectomy camps!

Moslems and Hindus (minorities in India) murdered by police making weekly round-ups in the markets for mass sterilizations

Bolivia--Peace Corp volunteers perform birth control (sterilization) immediately following births. At the same time the World Bank of the UN under American pressure threatens to hold all development loans unless the 'Family Planning Programs' are implemented (The population density is 4 persons per square kilometer)

These are not isolated incidents but are part of an overall campaign being waged by the capitalists to control the poor. The same policies that the U S has used to control its interests in the Third World are now being brought home and expanded inside the U S

The ruling class in this country like the Rockefellers and Mellons hold that the amount of births (especially among the poor and oppressed nationalities) is overpopulating our country and the result is an economic crisis. This is how they explain basic shortages in food, fuel, jobs,

## WOMEN HOLD UP HALF THE SKY

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preference on the basis of race " (Allen Bakke, a 36 year old White engineer, applied for medical school at the University of California at Davis in the summer of 1974. He wasn't admitted and consequently sued the university on the basis of "reverse discrimination", charging that he was better qualified than several of the 16 minority students who were admitted last September, the California Supreme Court agreed to his charges.

The case has been appealed to the U S Supreme Court, which has not yet decided whether or not it will hear the case. The Bakke decision will virtually wipe out special admissions for minorities and women in all California colleges and universities.) A month later, in a case ruled upon by the Superior Court of San Francisco, the court ruled that the affirmative action program of the California Department of Corrections represented "reverse discrimination". This decision will immediately affect over 200,000 California state employees. These cases strike especially hard at oppressed nationalities, and most particularly at oppressed nationality working women, the most exploited sector of U S. society. These decisions, coupled with the cutbacks in medical care, childcare programs, special training programs, as well as the growing unemployment of women and the forced

six mothers of preschool children would look for a job if free day care were available. Interestingly enough, most state welfare agencies require women to work if work is available but do not provide child care for them

Despite all the talk about how women have "come a long way", the earnings gap between men and women has actually widened over the past 20 years. Women holding full time jobs average a salary of \$6800 a year, 43% less than the \$11,800 earned by men. In fact, even a woman with a college degree makes almost \$1000 less a year than a man with 1 to 3 years of high school, (from the U S Bureau of Labor Statistics) And despite the publicity given to women auto mechanics, telephone repairwomen, women millwrights, etc., women are still concentrated in the "traditional" fields of clerical and service work. The number of women clerical workers has increased from 30 to 35 percent since the late 50's. Less than 14% of the women employed are employed in basic production, such as auto, rubber and steel. Only 13% of working women are organized into unions, an accomplishment achieved by the capitalists only with the help of their bribed puppets who head up the trade unions. As far as job skill training goes, an Equal Employment opportunity Commission report shows that out of 175,400 apprenticeship train-

## IWWD EVENTS

### ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

MARCH 6 5-9p m.  
BARELOS COMMUNITY CENTER  
801 BARELAS ROAD SW

### LOS ANGELES, C.A.

MARCH 6 1-5p m  
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE  
435 SO BOYLE AVE (NEAR 4TH ST.)

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depraved luxury. Most states continue to deny pregnant working women Disability Insurance. In a recent case involving exclusion of pregnant women from unemployment benefits the U S Supreme Court showed why they are one of the great upholders of the interests of the capitalist class. In order to justify the fact that working women cannot collect disability when they are pregnant, the court said that this denial had nothing to do with the denial of democratic rights to women. They reasoned that pregnancy "is simply one physical condition which by happenstance occurs only in women." It is also "happenstance", we suppose, that women are the lowest paid and most oppressed sector of the working class, and that they just "happen" to have to pay a penalty (the denial of any income) for having children!

### FORCED STERILIZATION

Few women would agree to being sterilized in order to keep their jobs. Yet this is exactly the choice put before thousands of working class women in the U S. Scientists have known for years that continuous exposure to lead particles, as commonly found in auto plants, battery manufacturers, etc., can cause miscarriages, still birth and brain damage in newborn infants. Other substances used in many factories, such as vinyl chloride, anesthetic gases and mercury also pose threats to fetuses according to OSHA studies. Instead of cleaning up these factories the capitalists are firing or excluding from hire women who are still of child-bearing age. Another "alternative" offered by the Dow Chemical Company is for women to volunteer to be sterilized. It is clear that the fight for better health and safety conditions is closely bound up with the struggle for the democratic rights of women.

The attacks on the democratic rights of women, or their denial of democratic rights, does not stop with this type of forced sterilization. The fact is that over one third of the women in Puerto Rico have been forced to submit to sterilization. Forced sterilizations is also a feature of life for the women of the oppressed Afro-American and Chicano nations. And this is actively encouraged by the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare as well as by private foundations like the Rockefeller Foundation and others. It is clear that the liberation of all of these nations, and the alliance of their liberation movements with the struggle of the U S working class, cannot be achieved without a revolutionary struggle against forced sterilizations, and for the democratic rights of women.

### THE STRUGGLE FOR THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

The ERA is a constitutional amendment that states, "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the U S. or any state on account of sex." At this time the ERA has been ratified by 35 out of the necessary



Women in New York city demonstrate for the right to organize in the early 1900's

sterilization of thousands more presents a part of a grim and oppressive tapestry of what capitalism means for women. The current attacks on women and oppressed nationalities also represents a desperate attempt by the capitalists to crush the struggles of the working class and oppressed nationalities, by slashing at the small gains won by women in the storms of the 60's

The capitalist-controlled communications media makes a big deal about a few women walking police beats, running giant computers, riding race horses, or sitting in corporate board rooms with men. But for working women the truth presents another story. During the past 25 years the number of working women in the U S has nearly doubled. The 33.4 million women who work constitute nearly 40% of the work force, in 1950 only 20 percent of women were working. These women are hard hit by the current rise in unemployment while unemployment for White men stands at 5.7%, it is 7.3% for White women, and a whopping 14% for minority women, (all figures are official statistics, which are always understated) Not included in the official statistics are the unemployed domestic workers, part-time workers, and women who have been discouraged from actively looking for work. A recent study by the House of Representatives Public Works Committee showed that one out of every

ing position in the U S, women held only 1344, or 0.8% of them

The struggle of working women for equal employment opportunities and equal pay for equal work has a long way to go. The current crisis has proven the old saying about oppressed nationalities and women: the last hired and the first fired. For example when the big layoffs occurred in the auto industry in 1975, almost every single one of the women were laid off in General Motor's Fremont, California plant, and at Ford's Milpitas, California plant. New York City's fiscal crisis caused one-third of its women municipal workers to lose their jobs, (and most of them were oppressed nationalities who had won the jobs because of the national rebellions of the 60's)

### PAID MATERNITY LEAVE

The question of survival is a very real concern for a working class family. For instance, the right to have children is being systematically denied most working women (who often must work so that their families can pay the rent and food costs), because of the denial of paid maternity leave. Given the need for two incomes, most working class families are put under extreme hardship in order to have children, a hardship certainly not shared by the ruling class who live lives of idleness and the most



# ECONOMIC CRISIS STERILIZATIONS!

quality schools etc. The old "There's not enough to go around" trick. Their solution is STERILIZATION OF THE POOR AND OPPRESSED. This is a lie! The problem is the capitalist system that is based on a few people getting as much as possible out of the many.

A United Nations Commission has reported that the world food supply is growing 1 3/4 times faster than the world population. But it is a fact that most of the world's resources are consumed by a minority of the world's people.

As the U.S. imperialists are being driven out of countries that have served as a source of great wealth -- they desperately try to hold back the tide of revolution in these countries as well as in their own. Sterilization is a weapon used by the capitalists to hold back -- control -- and stop the growing demands and struggles of the people for better living conditions, equality and an end to exploitation.

1 With the explosive burst of the revolutionary struggles of oppressed nationalities in this country in the 50's and 60's came the demands for civil rights, full employment, equal education, decent housing and medical care. In response to this, the federal and state legislatures proposed and passed bills making sterilizations easy, cheap and accessible to the poor. During the 60's at least 10 states saw proposals, eventually defeated, that would have called for the "punitive sterilization of women on welfare who had more than one out-of-wedlock child."

2 During the second world war, Japanese-Americans were forcibly interned in U.S. concentration camps, where they waged a continuous resistance struggle. That most "democratic" of institutions, the U.S. Congress, failed by only a single vote to pass a bill calling for the sterilization of all Japanese-American women.

3 Native Americans have never given up the fight for their lands, for water and timber rights, for a decent education, medical care and for the fulfillment of treaties violated by the U.S. government. The government has answered them with genocide. A survey conducted on the Indian Health Centers (part of the department of Health, Education, and Welfare) in Albuquerque, Phoenix, Aberdeen, and Oklahoma City concluded that more than 3,400 Native Americans have been sterilized in the past 4 years.

4 The capitalists have not forgotten the mas-



Forced sterilizations are one tool the imperialists use in their effort to stop the revolutionary struggles at home and throughout the world.

by a plaque hanging in the hospital lobby) No sooner was the money put in than tubal ligations (tying women's tubes) were up by 470% and hysterectomies by 724%.

5 It has been widely exposed that almost 40% of Puerto Rican women of child bearing age have been sterilized by U.S. controlled clinics.

It is no accident that the capitalists can find no money for jobs, housing, medical care, give armed rebellions waged by Chicanos and Blacks in Los Angeles in the 60's and 70's. In an effort to curtail future "disorders" they have poured millions of federal dollars into the Women's Hospital and the Los Angeles County USC Medical Center, in order to make it the "World Population Control Center" (proudly designated

etc., but somehow they are able to come up with hundreds of millions for population control programs, (and to build war armaments). These programs are aimed directly at the oppressed nationalities. Superexploitation is no longer enough for the ruling class -- now they must attack the very right of the oppressed nationalities to existence! It is not the capitalists' insatiable drive for profit and their private control of all wealth which causes all the ills of our society -- oh no. It is those evil Blacks, Native Americans, Chicanos, etc. who insist on having families, who insist on having jobs, who insist on a decent education for their children, who demand and fight for their democratic rights! It is those people, the capitalists would have us believe who are the cause of all society's problems. And that is why the HEW calls for "sterilization to become as important in family planning in the 50 states as it already is in Puerto Rico."

## THE TRUTH

With a population of 800 million, the Peoples Republic of China completely wiped out starvation, a mere 10 years after their revolution. Prior to this it was common for tens of thousands of Chinese to die yearly from malnutrition. Today there is no unemployment or economic crisis in China, and China is completely self-sufficient in food supply. The people are able to choose the size of their families and birth control is made safe and available to all those who choose to use it. The government strongly encourages minority nationalities to have large families, because many of these nationalities were almost wiped out while China was controlled by imperialism. China clearly shows us that the cause of starvation, unemployment and poverty is not overpopulation, but the system of imperialism. In current conditions the two superpowers, the U.S. and USSR, have distinguished themselves as the main cause of all the world's misery. These two countries plunder and exploit nations and peoples throughout the world, as well as those within their own borders. These two monsters are fighting each other tooth and nail for the right to be the NUMBER ONE exploiter of the globe. There is an overpopulation problem all right -- and it will be solved when the working people of the world send the ruling classes of the U.S. and the Soviet Union to their doom. In the meantime the two superpowers continue to blame "overpopulation" for their own crimes. The U.S. threatens to stop food shipments to countries that won't "cooperate" with U.S. family planning programs. The Soviet Union practices the same tactic. Moscow has plundered millions of dollars from India, at the same time as millions

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# SOCIALISM FORWARDS WOMEN'S FIGHT FOR LIBERATION!

Why are women "second-class citizens"? What is the cause of inequality between men and women? Some people say the cause is men, plain and simple, some say it's the family.

The Chinese people over the last 25 years have found that neither of these is the cause. Through practice they've found that the problem lies in class society, that the capitalists benefit from keeping women shoved down and out of production and the life of society.

After liberation in 1949, the lives of the working people became more secure and women's position in society slowly began to change. They gained the right to vote and to hold office. The Constitution and Marriage Law stated that men and women were equal, called for harmony in the family and prohibited adultery, beating and abusing women and all other evil ways of the old society. Socialism laid the basis for struggling for the full equality of women.

But even though the equality of women was now a law, it didn't mean that it happened right away. Women still were economically dependent on their husbands. Housework kept them in the home and since they weren't out working for the benefit of the people, they couldn't raise their position in society. The Women's Associations led by the Communist Party of China began to organize women and teach them that women could become truly free only when they take part in production and the political activity of society. Still, it wasn't easy to get out of the home. Many men were still unwilling to let their wives go out to work because they thought their homes and children would not receive proper care.

To help stop tension in the home, the Women's Association held 'husband meetings' to educate men on the importance of women's participation in the building of society. They stressed the need for men to begin taking up the responsibility of sharing housework. Children were an ob-



Free nurseries and child care centers are connected with every factory in order to free women up to fully participate in society.

stacle for women working outside the home, but grandparents and others not working began to help. Still only a few women had been able to struggle alone and overcome these obstacles. The biggest leap forward for women came from the support of the Party, which worked to protect women's health and free them from household drudgery. The Party began to set up diningrooms, laundry services, nurseries, kindergartens and maternity care organizations in neighborhoods and factories -- all for very little money or for free. The collectivization of the household work, plus men sharing more equally the responsibilities of the home now means that women can take an equal part in political and productive activity. Women are no longer "gossiping housewives" with their minds only on their homes and their clothes, their outlook has broadened. Women now work for all of society. Family relations are better as husbands and wives now talk and work together in their common interest in the country and the people.

Actual life and struggle taught the Chinese people that real equality between men and women doesn't come by itself and can't be given by anyone. Equality can be won only if the women themselves fight for it with a constantly higher consciousness. Liberation of women will come only in the course of liberating the entire working class.



Through practice, the Chinese have learned that the full emancipation of women will come only in the course of liberating the entire working class.

# CAPITALIST DICTATORSHIP...

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which numbers in the tens of thousands, cannot live or "prosper" without exploiting the labor of the 80 million or so workers in this country, (as well as nations and peoples throughout the world) By the very nature of these class relationships, that is, exploiter and exploited -- they are antagonistic and cannot but result in an extended class struggle. On the one side the exploiters struggle to maintain their power over the exploited, and to increase and expand their level of exploitation. On the other side, the exploited class fights against its exploitation, to better its conditions of life, and ultimately they fight to end their exploitation. Slavery saw the massive rebellions led by Spartacus, and feudalism witnessed hundreds of peasant wars and uprisings.

So it is "no accident" that our society witnesses millions of workers striking for better wages, benefits and working conditions, and, to the extent that it becomes class conscious, to challenge the capitalists for political power. It is no accident either, that the capitalists have bribed almost the entire bureaucracy of the trade unions in order to control these organs of class struggle, or that the capitalists are able to regularly call upon the courts and the police to smash workers' struggles (witness last year's Mineworkers wildcat strike where the state and the bureaucrats worked hand-in-hand to do the capitalists' bidding and break the strike).

It is of particular importance to realize that in every class society, the ruling class must control the state in order to maintain itself in control of the whole society. But the class struggle itself takes place on all societal fronts -- social, economic, political, cultural, etc. For instance, in the field of culture, the ruling class spares no expense to either drug the working class with violence and depravity, or else to convince them that the police and the state are the "neutral and benevolent" protectors of "all good citizens". Capitalist culture is one of its main promoters of individualism, cynicism, pessimism, of the most degrading view of women, and the most chauvinist and racist conceptions of oppressed nationality peoples.

So we can see that Carter's call for "national unity" is the most deceptive demagoguery, a lying phrase meant to cover up the brutal exploitation of the great majority of American people by a handful of parasites. It also covers up the oppression of the Afro-American and Chicano nations by U.S. imperialism.

And how does Carter propose to bring about his national unity between oppressor and oppressed? Well, in the face of increasing unemployment, prices and taxes he has "promised" a tax cut which will give working class families an average of \$50 extra to spend for 1977. The magnanimous Mr. Carter will toss out a dole which will, at its maximum, not even pay a month's rent on an average 2-bedroom family apartment, or which might pay for a weeks worth of groceries for a family of four.

But for the CAPITALISTS Carter is proposing an investment tax credit of either 4% of their annual Social Security payroll tax, or else a 12% credit for equipment purchases, (a 2% increase from the present level). While the figures seem innocent enough, the capitalists will get billions of extra dollars from these "credits". This is a fine "national unity", a weeks worth of groceries for the U.S. worker (which 'benefit' will be lost to inflation, taxes or lost work time due to unemployment) and billions for the Rockefellers, Morgans, Duponts, etc., etc. This brief sketch shows us two things -- that national unity is impossible in class society, and Mr. Carter has a strictly CAPITALIST notion of "unity".

## A STRONGER AMERICA FOR WHOM?

When he was campaigning for office Carter promised that, if elected, he would bring "new faces" with a "new perspective" into government.



Zbigniew Brzezinski, National Security Affairs Advisor, is for heading the Rockefeller owned Trilateral Commission.

These new faces, Carter implied, would represent the interests of the "common man". A quick look at Carter's "new faces" shows that they are a collection of old-line capitalist politicians, or else have been appointed as fronts to pacify oppressed nationalities and women.

One of Carter's more famous appointees is National Security Affairs advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, a professor from Columbia University who has long sat at the right hand of the Rockefeller family. For the past three years Brzezinski has headed the Trilateral Commission, a so-called think tank founded by David Rockefeller in 1975, for the purpose of bringing the monopoly capitalists of the U.S., Western Europe and Japan together, especially in order to counter the countries of the Third World, whose liberation struggles and demands for a new economic order have threatened the very foundations of imperialism.

The Commission also served as an economic command post for contention with Soviet social-imperialism. On this commission, the U.S. could try to coordinate its maneuvers for world hegemony against those of the USSR.

The Trilateral Commission is a "multinational" extension of the Rockefeller-dominated Council



Cyrus Vance, Secretary of State, guided US military build-up in Vietnam, coordinated the 1965 US invasion of Santo Domingo, and supervised the National Guard forces sent in to crush the 1967 Afro-American rebellion in Detroit.



on Foreign Relations, from which Henry Kissinger was chosen for Secretary of State.

Vice President Walter Mondale's recent trip to Europe was undoubtedly to reinforce trilateral commission policies.

Brzezinski's appointment, and his "fame" as a hard-line anti-Soviet reflects most clearly the contention between the two superpowers, and shows that this contention will only increase under Carter.

Cyrus Vance, the new Secretary of State, is an old commodity on the capitalist political market. He has an "impeccable" political history: he served as Deputy Secretary of Defense during the Vietnam War and guided the U.S. troop build-up in that country during the Kennedy administration. He also "distinguished" himself as the coordinator of the 1965 U.S. invasion of the Dominican Republic, and he oversaw the 1968 attack on the Panamanian people by U.S. Marines. Domestically, Vance supervised the National Guard forces sent in to crush the 1967 Afro-American rebellion in Detroit.

But of late Vance has donned another mask -- the champion of "detente", or in plain terms -- the maneuver used by the U.S. and Soviet capitalists to cover up their war preparations. For instance, Vance has praised as a historical milestone the bankrupt Helsinki conference, a notorious fraud which tried to hide U.S. - USSR contention. The capitalists hope to maintain their "detente" smokescreen so that they can continue to prepare for the war which they hope will create a "more stable world order".

To ensure the continuity of foreign policy along detente/war preparation lines, Vance has retained four of Kissinger's top aides, (no "new faces" here).

Phillip Habib, a staunch supporter of the Jung Hee Pak regime of South Korea, will remain as under-secretary for political affairs.

William Schauffele will continue in his post as Assistant Secretary for Africa. He will continue to accelerate U.S. maneuvers in Southern Africa -- the scene of frantic contention between the U.S. and the USSR.

A similar function will fall to Alfred Atherton who will carry out his duties as Assistant Secretary for the Middle East. Arthur Hartman will continue to be Assistant Secretary for Europe.

To complement Vance, Carter has appointed Harold Brown, another Trilateral Commission alumnus as Secretary of Defense. Brown served as Lyndon Johnson's Secretary of the Air Force, and is the "father" of the infamous saturation bombing and defoliation campaigns used against the Vietnamese liberation struggle.

## "NEW FACES" FOR OLD CAPITALISTS

A quick look at some of Carter's other appointments shows clearly that Carter intends a stronger America for the capitalist parasites and no one else!

Michael Blumenthal, who served as chairman of the Bendix Corporation at a yearly salary of \$500,000, will serve as Treasury Secretary. Mr. Blumenthal is concerned, he said, about "the demand of the developing world for higher and more stable prices for commodities they export to industrial nations" (Wall Street Journal, 1/13/77). We'll just bet that Mr. Blumenthal is "concerned" that the Third World countries are freeing themselves from the control of U.S. imperialism. Not surprisingly Blumenthal has rejected criticism that "the earnings of American corporations are excessive" (Wall Street Journal, 1/13/77).

Carter appointed notorious segregationist Griffen Bell as his Attorney General. Bell is famous for his membership in two "whites only" social clubs, is a long-time enemy of the Afro-American national struggle, and as the architect of a plan to organize "massive resistance" to school integration. What is not so well known is that Bell is a member of the law firm of King and Spalding which numbers among its clients Coca-Cola, IBM and General Motors. Bell very clearly represents the "stick" in capitalism's struggle with the oppressed nationalities.

The "carrot" is represented by Patricia R. Harris, the new Secretary of Housing and Urban

Development. Her appointment is meant to pacify and fool both Blacks and women. Mrs. Harris is loudly telling everyone who will listen that she is the daughter of a Black dining car worker, and that she is living proof that "outcasts" (that is, the Black masses) "can wind up as being part of the system" (New York Times, 1/11/77). What she does not yell about, however, is the fact that she has served on the Board of Directors of IBM and on the Board of the Chase Manhattan corporation. Her appointment reflects that side of capitalist tactics called "reform". In the face of growing working class and national rebellions the capitalists will use both their "carrot" (Harris) and their "stick" (Bell). They will use one where the other fails, and will often use them in conjunction with each other. But, as the crisis of capitalism continues to deepen we will see a whole lot less of the carrot and a whole lot more of the stick.

Carter named Juanita M. Kreps as his Commerce Secretary. Is Kreps a champion of women's rights? Does her appointment represent a step forward for the millions of working women of the U.S.? Hardly. It is not the interests of working women that Kreps represents, but rather those who live through the exploitation of working women. She is a former Director of the New York Stock Exchange and has served on the Board of Directors of the J.C. Penny Company as well as the boards of other large corporations.

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Griffen Bell, Attorney General, is famous for his membership in two "whites only" clubs in Atlanta.

# PEOPLE, OUR MOST PRECIOUS WEALTH

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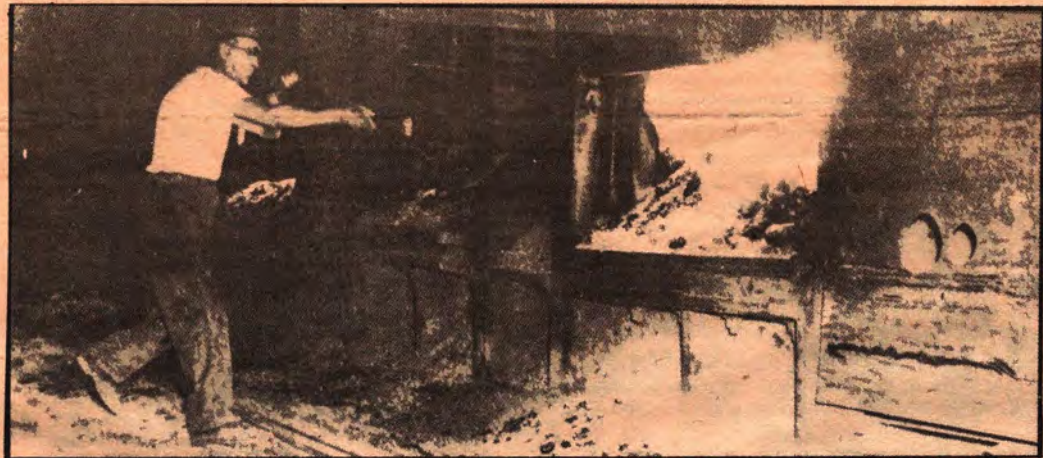


Vacuums, designed by Chinese textile workers are attached to the machines to remove dust and lint from the air and prevent Brown Lung

A memo from former OSHA head Guenther stated "no highly controversial standards will be proposed by OSHA or by NIOSH" in return for a big enough payoff. The same thing happened in 1976 as OSHA postponed the setting of important standards until after the election

Where does the union leadership stand on health and safety?

Prior to the passage of OSHA the AFL-CIO never concerned itself with fighting for strong and comprehensive health and safety legislation. Now that the ineffectual OSHA is on the books, the labor bureaucrats actively earn the bribes paid them by capitalism by channeling the energy of the working class down this dead end street. They have spared no effort, as we learned from last year's miners strike, to try and crush the rising militancy of the working class, which is organizing around the country in response to deteriorating health and safety conditions at the workplace. While the workers die by the thousands the bureaucrats sip martinis with the capitalists, collaborating with them in an effort to maintain their blood-stained system of profit. There can be no effective struggle for the health and safety of the working class without a struggle to throw out the trade union bureaucracy



'Productivity' drives and no strike agreements mean accidents - particularly in hazardous jobs like open-hearth furnaces

## WE NEED A REAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM

As more and more workers see through the flimsy veil of OSHA, and as they recognize the traitorous role of their union "leaders", the possibility of a massive and far-reaching struggle for better health and safety conditions grows nearer. In order to avoid the dead end of OSHA we must demand the creation of nation-wide Health and Safety committees, organized by industry and financed completely by the capitalists. This committee must have the power to set health and safety standards and conditions for every industry in the United States. It must also have the power to enforce its decisions by being able to strike over unsafe conditions, and through a system of fines and penalties levied against offending capitalist companies, all of which shall go into a special workers insurance and disability fund. In order to ensure that these committees remain free of capitalist control, we must demand that the rank and file workers of each industry democratically elect their representatives to these committees, with the power to recall any of their representatives at any time by majority vote. The struggle for our demands will undoubtedly be a long one and a hard one. But our very need to survive and to maintain our health demands that we wage this struggle; and that we wage it in the most militant and determined way possible.

## PEOPLE ARE OUR MOST PRECIOUS WEALTH

American workers are waging a battle to reduce the noise level in factories from the current 90 decibel OSHA approved level to 85 decibels -- a battle to save 770,000 workers in manufacturing alone from damage to their hearing. Ex-President Ford asked "Is it worth that much to reduce the level of occupational noise?" To the capitalists our lives are worth nothing!

Where the working class rules, in countries like the Peoples' Republic of China, working people are their most precious wealth

As long as there are people, anything can be liberated -- the world can be changed! Safety in Peoples' China means action, not just words, and first of all preventative action

In regular meetings, workers teach each other how to safely use the machinery and equipment they work with

Safety equipment, like special masks, heavy clothing, and safety shoes are free

Lint and other particles that concentrate in the air and give workers in capitalist countries diseases like brown lung and cancer are removed by special vacuums attached to the machines

Forced to keep up with increasing speed-ups and production quotas on our lines, U S workers have to take risks -- risks that too often mean the loss of a hand, an arm or our lives. Not so for workers in China. People come before production. The workers are the managers and foremen and they control the speed and rate of work. So work is reasonable and productive, not back-breaking

But accidents do happen. Some of the workers do take risks by not wearing safety glasses or shoes in jobs where they need them. This is a problem, but it's a problem that will be solved through education on the need for this equipment, not by warnings or tickets

Every factory has its own clinic and doctors. Doctors who also do production in the factory and therefore know the injuries and diseases most common to that industry. Unlike the quacks in U S plants, Chinese worker-doctors know how to treat injuries. If the injury is complicated like a severed arm, the worker is taken to the hospital that works with the factory.

Medical care for all factory workers and their families comes free or at minimal cost in China. And the workers receive full pay while out of work. There is no worry about who's going to take care of the family, or how to pay the hospital bills, or if the job will still be there

These hospitals serve the workers well. Not only do they work to develop special treatment and techniques for the injuries most common to that factory's work, but they also research and use preventative medicine to begin to overcome long range diseases like brown lung and cancer. Chinese surgeons have been especially successful in rejoining arms, hands, and even fingers that

have been torn off, and in treating severe burn cases

The working people of China liberated themselves from conditions even worse than we face here in the U S. They only did this after waging a long struggle, a socialist revolution, led by the Chinese Communist Party

We must build our own Communist Party, build up our strength and create the only necessary condition which can ensure our health and safety: the overthrow of the capitalist system ★

FIGHT FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY!!!

FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM!!!

THE BATTLEFIELD IS THE AMERICAN WORKPLACE, AND THE CASUALTIES OF THIS WAR ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE OF ANY OTHER IN THE NATION'S HISTORY. (292,000 U.S. servicemen were killed in battle during World War II while 300,000 were killed in U.S. factories.)

Government figures state that over 14,000 workers are killed each year in work accidents, and over 2.2 million are either permanently or temporarily disabled as a result of work accidents and occupational disease. Quite separately from accidents, almost a half million workers develop "official" occupational diseases each year. Horrifying as these statistics are, they underestimate the real numbers involved...At least 25 million serious injuries and deaths go uncounted each year...What is more important is that these statistics and numbers are largely concerned with accidents and injuries and not with occupational disease (black lung, brown lung, asbestosis, radiation poisoning, "welders' lung", etc.) that develops from long-term exposure to noisy, dirty, hot or cold working conditions and to various toxic chemicals and physical hazards.

Work Is Dangerous to Your Health  
Stellman and Daum, Vintage Publishers



During the recent Tangshan earthquake in China, People's Liberation Army fighters worked day and night to repair the railway

## ENERGY CRISIS...

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the majority of society, are now the ruling class?

When a massive earthquake struck Northeastern China in July 1976, the people of the whole country were mobilized into action. Pressing forward under the leadership of the late Chairman Mao Tsetung and the Chinese Communist Party, their goal was to overcome the great difficulties caused by the earthquake and the many aftershocks that followed

As soon as the quake struck, all the resources of the country were put into use for the victims of the disaster area. The People's Liberation Army was with the people in their battle against nature. They moved those people living in old houses into safe places where clothing, food and medical care were provided. All services, water, electricity, gas, communication, and transportation were immediately worked on and brought back to normal. Grain and vegetables were sent from other areas. Workers in some factories volunteered to work extra hours to ensure that there would be enough food and medicine for the people

Many stories are now told of the heroic actions of the workers, peasants and soldiers who took on the hardships faced by the people in the earthquake area as their own, and in many cases gave their lives in saving others

A statement from the Communist Party pointed out that "The decisive condition for transforming difficulty into smoothness is the factor of man, the existence of an advanced class and a correct political line that represents it. We proletarians and communists are known for fearing no difficulties"

These efforts of the entire country to relieve the suffering of the people show us the undefeatable spirit of the people that is unleashed in a society where the working class holds power and the government serves the people

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## Frame-up

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the days right after the murder had been committed, and that she had heard them confess their crimes. "I could cut them loose if I wanted to", Eaglestaff had told her, "But I'm going to say they did it, like they want me to, so I can get my immunity and get out. I'm going to disappear and not testify against them"

On top of all this, the state has taken other "measures" to stop the growing support and struggle to free the two brothers. Women who have gone to interview and talk to the brothers have received death threats by phone, are thoroughly searched when they go to the jail, have had dope planted on them and are in fear of losing their jobs. Ken Littlefish, who is coordinating defense efforts, was beaten up and told to get out of town by what he thinks were out-of-uniform deputies

## WIDE SUPPORT GROWS

Despite all the efforts of the state to suppress the truth, to cover over their vicious scheme to wipe out the leaders of the American Indian struggle for their lands, the basic democratic rights and the fulfillment of the treaties violated by the U S imperialists, the truth has spread like wild fire across the country. In February of this year, a state wide caravan went from city to city demonstrating on the steps of the county courthouses and offices of the FBI (because of its corrupt involvement and failure to turn over the files that they possess on the case). People went from Los Angeles to Ventura, to Santa Barbara, to San Luis Obispo, San Jose, the Bay area, Davis, and Sacramento where 2,000 people marched to the steps of the Attorney General's office demanding that

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# END FORCED STERILIZATIONS

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of Indian workers and peasants are starving. This so-called "natural ally" of the Third world countries is funding the sterilization programs in India -- a "disinterested" form of aid no doubt

Naturally, the peoples of the world are fighting back. There have been mass demonstrations against sterilizations in India, the Peace Corps was booted out of Bolivia, thousands of women and men have taken up the fight against forced sterilizations throughout the United States. The working class must shoulder its responsibility in this matter. We must awaken all progressive peoples to the real "overpopulation" problem in the world: the existence of a small class of parasites who control all of the wealth produced by the majority of society. Every time the capitalists scream about too many poor people causing unemployment, welfare and crime, we must demand full employment, an end to all cut-backs in social services, and an immediate end to forced sterilizations. Every time that they call for "family planning" we must demand that all women be told the complete truth about sterilizations, that they be given plainly worded consent forms in their own language, and that a mandatory 3 month waiver period be required before any women can be sterilized. All birth control centers must be put in the hands of the working class, and we must demand full democratic rights for women.

When the capitalists demand the genocide of the oppressed nationalities our answer must be loud and clear. The solution to the ills of capitalism is to wipe the capitalist class off the face of the earth.

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# STOP DEPORTATIONS...

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but to emigrate to the US! Through such programs as the Border Industrialization Program of Mexico, the US imperialists are able to exploit all the resources of the poor countries. Special conditions are forced upon these countries so that the US corporations pay no taxes and don't have to pay duty on what they import to the US. Every year US corporations take over \$200 million in profits from Mexico.

To make way for large scale mechanized farming, US agri-business giants like Heinz and Del Monte have forced millions of Mexican campesinos off their land. Cotton, Mexico's primary agricultural crop is completely controlled by Texas owned Anderson and Clayton Cotton Company.

All of this has ruined the economy of Mexico. Unemployment now stands at 40%. As long as US imperialism holds back the free development of the Mexican economy, and as long as US runaway shops continue offering jobs at starvation wages, Mexican workers will be driven by poverty to leave their native land, customs, language, and family and move north to find work in the factories and fields of the US.

## FOREIGN WORKERS AREN'T OUR ENEMY - IMPERIALISM IS!

Even under all the attacks and threats they face, undocumented workers in the US are joining together with the rest of the American working class to fight for better living and working conditions. In Mexico, workers are struggling to unionize the runaway shops. Workers of all nationalities, documented or not, are our allies. Just as they join together with us in our struggles, we must stand together with them and aid their fight.

Instead of building the unity of the international working class, the labor misleaders try to divide and weaken us, telling us that if we'd only 'Buy American' we could stop inflation and unemployment. But what does 'Buy American' mean? Buying American brand names

# WOMEN'S RIGHTS...

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38 states, in order to have the required 2/3's majority needed to become law. Although the struggle for this amendment was not initiated by working class women, masses of working people have taken up the struggle. They have mostly been mobilized under the leadership of the reformist trade union bureaucrats who have limited their struggle to peaceful tactics aimed at putting "pressure" on legislatures.

From a strictly legal standpoint the ERA will affect state labor laws in two important ways. First, the amendment should reverse the Supreme Court's 1974 decision in *Geduldig v Aiello* in which they held that state unemployment statutes did not have to provide coverage for pregnancy and pregnancy-related disabilities. Second, the amendment will provide an additional remedy -- a suit for damages in federal courts -- for sex discrimination by state or local governments which discriminate in hiring. Of course, as always working people will have little chance of finding even partial justice inside of capitalist courts, not to mention the tremendous financial strain faced by working people who file such suits. It is clear that the working class must put forward the demands for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in its OWN WAY if that demand is to mean anything significant. Passage of the ERA, as it presently stands, and with present methods of struggle, would be a small step toward formal equality for women. But this can be only the starting point for the struggle of the working class in its fight for full democratic rights for women. We can use this starting point to demand, not only the knocking down of a few laws which discriminate against women, or in order to gain a few jobs for professional women -- but in order to demand that the ERA knock down all laws, customs, and "traditions" which deny women their full rights. This must mean that it will end forced sterilization, provide for full pay when working women are pregnant, provide them with full childcare services, as well as acting in the interests of women of other classes in their demands for equal access to credit, hiring, promotion, etc. In order to guarantee that the ERA not strengthen the hands of our enemies we must demand that its administration be put into the hands of the working class, which will elect its own representatives from each industry who will see to its correct implementation. It is



Less than 14% of all women employed are employed in basic production, such as auto, rubber, & steel

certain that this control by the working class will ensure that oppressed women of all classes and strata are granted their democratic rights. Of course such a demand cannot be won by relying on petitions, or on capitalist politicians, or on legislative lobbying. This demand can only be won with a revolutionary struggle of the most militant kind. Revolutionaries must take up actively the struggle of the women in the factories and in the communities, and proceeding from these struggles mobilize women and men for the revolutionary accomplishment of the ERA. This means that our struggle will undoubtedly continue beyond the mere formal passage of the ERA which now seems certain. THE WORKING CLASS MUST "PASS" THE ERA IN ITS OWN WAY, AND WITH ITS OWN OBJECTIVES IN MIND! In this way we will lay the basis for the unity of the working men and women of all nationalities, we will intensify and expand the revolutionary potential of the working class and national movements and we will accelerate the struggle for the overthrow of capitalism, and for the achievement of socialism. Proceeding along this line we will surely begin to understand the meaning of the phrase, "Women Hold Up Half the Sky", we will keep our revolution from becoming a "men's club", and we will guarantee that the working class dictatorship for which we are fighting is based on the granite unity of working class men and women.

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One way we can begin to build a fighting alliance with these oppressed peoples is by demanding that all workers be granted full democratic rights - the right to speak their native language, the right to organize.

doesn't protect American jobs. Zenith, Dole RCA and Catalina are all American brand names, but all these products are manufactured in other countries. American businesses certainly don't 'Buy American' when it comes to labor power. They buy it for the cheapest wages they can pay. The 'Buy American' campaign is a disgusting attempt to convince us that workers of other countries are our enemies. But that's like saying that the workers in the South or Southwest are the enemy of the workers in the Northwest because the government and business have worked together to dominate the nations in those areas and to keep the wages low by outlawing union shops and giving tax breaks to companies that move there. 'Buy American' doesn't get near the root of our problems -- it's a phoney and chauvinist solution.

For the US working class to truly take up the fight for the undocumented workers, it must

understand that it is more than a fight for "papers" or citizenship for those workers. While we must, without a doubt, demand that all undocumented workers be granted "legal" status, with the full right to US citizenship, we must also demand that the domination of their nations by US imperialism come to an end. And we must support this "demand" in every way that we can, fighting closely with our brothers and sisters of those nations to overthrow the criminal rule of US imperialism. As long as imperialism dominates nations throughout the world, workers will be forced to leave their homelands in order to survive. Let us build a fighting alliance with these oppressed peoples by demanding:

- \*That all raids by the Immigration and Naturalization Service end immediately
- \*That all workers, regardless of nationality, have the right to organize
- \*That all workers, regardless of nationality, be granted full democratic rights, especially the right to speak their native language at work, school, etc.
- \*That all undocumented workers be granted immediate legal status - with the right to US citizenship if they so desire.

These demands can only be won with a fight. We must fight to actually organize the undocumented workers, or to help them in their organizing efforts. We must fight every instance of national oppression if we are serious about winning the struggle for full democratic rights. We must mobilize now against every attack and raid by the Migra in our factories and neighborhoods. It will be in the course of such struggle that our unity will be forged and where the strength necessary to defeat our common enemy will be developed. ★

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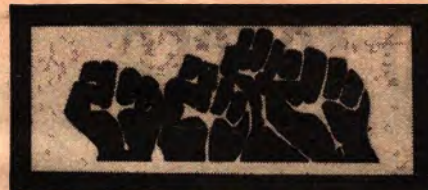
As Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Carter has appointed Thomas B. Lance, the president of the National Bank of Georgia.

The new Secretary of Labor from the right-to-work state of Texas Ray Marshall, hopes to "cope" with the rising struggle of the working class through the joint labor-management committee developed by his predecessor John Dunlop. It is a committee made up of eight bribed trade union leaders and eight capitalist executives. Its purpose is to keep the trade unions in line and to hold down the wages of the working class.

As United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Carter has designated Andrew Young, a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, the "militant" sounding Black politician who purports to "represent" the interests of the Black masses. Young's appointment is a particularly deceptive maneuver aimed at conning the Third World countries into believing that U.S. imperialism has become more reasonable and "humane". The U.S. capitalists are hoping that with Young

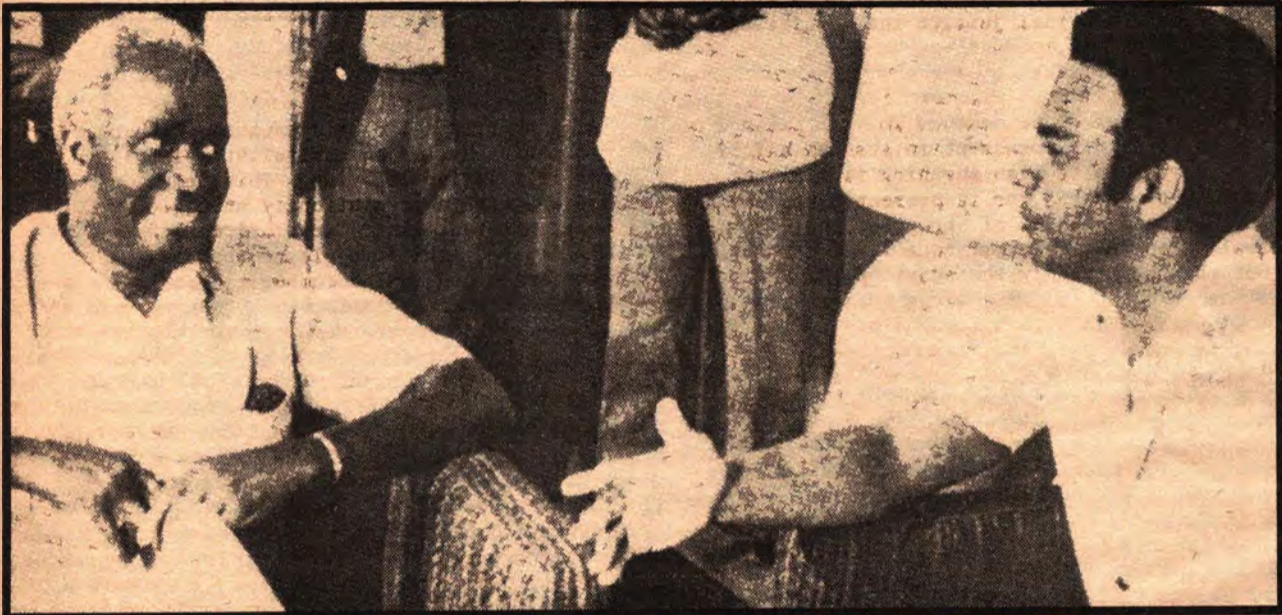
Inside of the United States, the working class is intensifying its struggle, merging day by day with the ideals of communism and advancing closer towards its eventual seizure of state power. The time when the proletariat will have its own political leadership, its own communist party, draws nearer and nearer as the communist movement develops its line and learns the ways and means to connect itself with and lead the working class movement. The revolutionary national movements, the firmest allies of the working class, are once again, unleashing their storms upon the capitalist class.

To cope with all of this the capitalists seek newer and more effective ways of holding onto their power. Less and less can they use reforms or concessions to stem the growth of the class struggle. More and more must they resort to the phoniest of concessions (like the Consent Decree in Steel which let 9 major steel companies off the hook for decades of discrimination against Blacks and women, in return for the payment of a few hundred dollars to Blacks and women hired before 1968, which excluded most Black workers). The Decree stated that the Justice Department would intervene on the side of the companies.



## COMMUNITY BACKS PROGRESSIVE TEACHER

In January community residents, teachers, and students of the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado demonstrated in support of Jose Calderon, a professor of Chicano studies at the University. Calderon is a long-time activist in the Chicano national movement having been involved in the struggles for Chicano studies programs, for welfare rights, in the struggle to defend undocumented workers, etc. Most recently he has been active in the struggle against police repression in Greeley (see the last issue of the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE for more on this struggle). Calderon's political life has been characterized by devoted service to the people, and a consistent attempt to give a revolutionary direction to their struggle. Inside of his classroom Calderon has never hesitated to tell the truth -- that all oppressed peoples must take up active struggle against the system of imperialism in a common fight for socialism. Students of all nationalities have received a REAL education from Jose and have often translated their knowledge into determined revolutionary work. Naturally enough the imperialists do not look "with favor" upon Jose's activities. As the crisis of imperialism increases the enemy moves to slash all the hard won programs won by oppressed nationality students in the 1960's. The attack on Calderon is part and parcel of their reactionary maneuver to try and weaken the revolutionary movement. So, the school administration decided that Jose would have to have a "watchdog" assigned to "co-teach" with him. When the students heard about this restriction, they immediately perceived it as an attack on all students and progressive teachers, and in particular as an attack on oppressed nationality students. Calderon naturally refused to accept his "watchdog" and soon the students had organized a demonstration of 125 people while calling for a boycott of classes until the restriction was removed. Within days the administration was forced to give in and remove the "watchdog". Both the students and Jose realize that the fight has just begun -- that the struggle against cutbacks and for democratic rights has a long way to go. The United Mexican American Students organization continues to fight for democratic control of the Mexican-American studies program, against all tuition hikes and against the police attacks on the Chicano people.



Andrew Young, Ambassador to the U.N., tells Zambia's President Kaunda "I learned how to make the system work for us." U.S. capitalists hope that Young's appointment will gloss over the brutal oppression of Afro-Americans by U.S. imperialism.

they will have an "in" to the countries of Black Africa and to the African liberation movements. With such an "in" they hope to gain an edge on their Soviet rivals in their contention for control of Africa. At the same time Young's appointment is meant to gloss over, in the eyes of the Third World, the brutal treatment of Afro-Americans at the hands of U.S. imperialism.

Young has already "distinguished" himself by being the only member of the Black Caucus to vote for the confirmation of Griffen Bell as Attorney General.

### CARTER'S LOWER LEVEL APPOINTEES

To round out his capitalist general staff, to prepare the ground for new class battles with the proletariat and to step up war preparations, Carter has also appointed:

--Richard Cooper -- Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. Another member of the Trilateral Commission.

--Kenneth S. Axelson -- Deputy Secretary of Treasury and a faithful servant of the Rockefeller. He is a senior vice-president and Director of Finance for J.C. Penney, (yearly salary - \$188,000). He is infamous as the key figure in overseeing New York City's fiscal "reorganization". He originally proposed that the City University of New York end open admissions and start charging tuition. This has closed CUNY's doors to thousands of working class students -- and particularly affects the oppressed nationalities. He also advocated increasing the "productivity" of City employees through a form of speed-up and job rationalization (a plan similar to the Taylor system used in factories) and demanded that the City force its employees to pay more into their pension funds.

--Anthony M. Solomon -- Treasury Undersecretary for Monetary Affairs. A millionaire associated with the giant General Foods Corporation. He served as Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs under Lyndon Johnson. He will undoubtedly spearhead U.S. attempts to crack the Soviet-controlled countries of Eastern Europe with increased investments. Under Johnson he got U.S. investors into Yugoslavia on a large scale and he will try to promote similar investments for other East European countries in an attempt to undermine the position of the Soviet social-imperialists.

### CAPITALIST DICTATORSHIP

It is plain to see that all of Carter's fine words about "national unity" and "strengthening America" are meant only to fool the working masses of the U.S. and the world. Around the globe the U.S. and the USSR are coming under increasing attack from the oppressed masses of all countries. The high tide of liberation struggle threatens to engulf them from all sides. At the same time, these superpowers are moving closer and closer to a world war which they believe will "finally settle the issue" of world domination.

against any workers suing for more back pay than offered), more and more must they turn to the apparatus of repression while at the same time bribing new "militant" leaders like Ed Sadlowski of the Steelworkers, or Andrew Young, etc. to mislead the working and oppressed peoples. Every communist and class conscious worker must expose the true face of capitalist democracy -- expose it as a dictatorship of oppression and exploitation. And we must point out that socialist revolution is the only path of freedom for the working class. Capitalism itself provides us with the material to draw the clearest of contrasts: the dictatorship of the capitalists over the workers, or the dictatorship of the workers over the capitalists. ★

### Government Creates Anti-Alien Hysteria

# UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS : CAPITALISM'S CURRENT SCAPEGOAT

It was disclosed on February 21 that President Carter has created a cabinet-level committee to "deal with the rapidly increasing problem of illegal aliens." According to Secretary of Labor F. Ray Marshall the Carter government wants to "get everything together and be sure we are ready and then we can move in a hurry." In other words, they want to prepare public opinion by creating a wave of anti-alien hysteria, while at the same time mobilizing the apparatus which will conduct deportation raids upon millions of undocumented workers. Among other things Carter's fascist proposal includes a provision that would make it a crime for employers to knowingly hire illegal aliens. Naturally this will only result in the firing of thousands of undocumented workers, and in the continued unemployment of millions of Mexicanos, Chicanos, Latinos and Asians who will be denied jobs because they "might" be undocumented. Marshall also revealed that the program calls for "counterfeit-proof identification cards for ALL workers" similar to the identification cards which the oppressed people of South Africa are required to carry. Marshall tries to hide the fascist purpose behind this card proposal by comparing them to "Social Security cards".

Marshall let slip the real reason why Carter is proposing these measures. He said that the state was able to take action against undocumented workers more readily now than in the past, "when powerful economic interests fought any change in this system of the use of foreign workers." In plain English Marshall is saying that the capitalists welcome a flow of undocumented workers as a cheap and superexploited source of labor when production is at a high point. But in times of crisis, the capitalists

see these same workers as "superfluous", and they want to scapegoat them as the source of all society's ills -- welfare, crime, unemployment, etc. Clearly it is capitalism and not undocumented workers who throw us out of work, who gouge us with high prices and taxes, who deny democratic rights to our oppressed nationality brothers and sisters, who send us off to fight their wars, and who create all other such "benefits" of imperialist society.

The duty of the working class is clear: we must expose this treacherous plan for what it is -- an attempt to split our class and to scapegoat the undocumented workers in much the same way that Hitler scapegoated the Jews in fascist Germany. We must smash this plan and demand that all undocumented workers, without exception, be granted legal status, with the right to U.S. citizenship. We must also demand their full democratic rights, and in particular the right to organize into trade unions and to have full and free use of their native languages in all spheres of life. The struggle to defeat Carter's plan must include a massive letter-writing campaign to the Secretary of Labor letting him know exactly what the working class thinks of this scheme. We must also get our trade unions to take an open and unequivocal stand against these proposals, and we must mobilize demonstrations and other mass forms of struggle to let our views become known. Our class is under attack! We must close ranks and raise our fists against the capitalist class in defense of our undocumented brothers and sisters and teach the capitalist parasites a lesson they will never forget.

WORKERS UNITE!  
SMASH THE CARTER PLAN!

# Free 'Doc' Holiday and Michael Cowans! BLACK PRISON ACTIVISTS FRAMED

Two long-time prison activists are currently on trial in Los Angeles, California on a frame-up charge of murdering two heroin dealers. Once again the capitalist state has trained its guns on the militant fighters of the Afro-American national movement. Both James "Doc" Holiday and Michael Cowans have spent years in the hell hole of California prisons where they became well-known for their organizing work among the inmates. Because they exposed the true face of U S imperialism to other Afro-American prisoners they earned the hatred of the system, which is now out to silence them in any way that they can.

The current frame-up stems from the murder of two heroin traffickers which occurred on the early morning of November 1, 1975 in south-central Los Angeles. The state has no evidence to

connect the two activists to the killings other than the testimony of two admitted heroin addicts who claim to be the "survivors" of a vigilante-type raid which resulted in the two deaths. The witnesses, Anthony Smith and Jewel Singleton, failed to make positive identifications, and could not give accurate descriptions to the police of either Holiday or Cowans. Their testimony during the three days of preliminary hearings was contradictory and conflicted with the facts on all major points.

At the time of the killings "Doc" Holiday had been out of prison for 3 months and Cowans had been out for approximately one year. Both men had been under constant 24 hour a day surveillance by the state since the time of their release. In fact Holiday had been originally arrested for the "crime" of failing to properly identify himself to a police officer while walking down the street. It was in jail the next day that he was charged with the killings. Michael Cowans was arrested because one witness claimed that she knew a "Michael" who could have killed the two men. The state asserts that this mysterious "Michael" is Michael Cowans, without a single shred of supportive evidence. While in jail both men have been physically attacked, including an assassination attempt on "Doc" Holiday by the racist Aryan Brotherhood, a white fascist prison organization. (This assassination attempt was carried out in the presence of 6 prison guards who stood by and watched until it was clear that the attempt had failed.)

#### WHAT DOES CAPITALISM FEAR?

Why is the capitalist state in such a frenzy over the activities of these two men? It is not just two men that have aroused the fear of the capitalists, but the fact that they symbolize and represent the powerful movement for liberation of Black political prisoners. They represent the revolutionary struggle of men like George Jackson, the heroic Attica brothers, the Soledad brothers, the San Quentin 6, Joann Little and others too numerous to mention. These were all rebels, angry slaves who dared to break their chains, and who dared to rouse the anger and hatred of other slaves against their capitalist masters.



Their movement, their tradition, is part and parcel of the revolutionary movement of the Afro-American people, and of all political prisoners. The brutal murder of George Jackson and many of the Attica Brothers and other Black prison activists stands as grim testimony to the power of their movement and of the fear which it has struck into the heart of capitalist system. But their deaths only serve to fan the flames of Afro-American resistance. The ideals for which these Black martyrs fought -- the freedom and liberation of their people -- continues to inspire revolutionaries throughout the United States and the world.

It is the Black revolutionary movement which capitalism seeks to crush when they jail men like Holiday and Cowans. The fight to free these brothers and the many other Black political prisoners in U S jails is a component part of the struggle to win freedom for the Afro-American people, and to forge the alliance between the oppressed peoples of all nationalities which will wipe national oppression and capitalism off the face of the earth. ★

If you would like to support the struggle to free "Doc" Holiday and Michael Cowans please contact

the HOLIDAY/COWANS DEFENSE COMMITTEE  
at 1165 Echo Park Avenue  
Room 200 in Los Angeles, California

**FREE  
SKYHORSE AND  
MOHAWK**



Paul Skyhorse was a director of the Indian House in New York and was one of the founders of the Chicago A I M.

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All charges be dropped, the Attorney General's office make available all files pertaining to the case, the government find Doug Durham for the purpose of a subpoena (Durham is an FBI agent who maneuvered the brothers into the case and testified against them. ATM), disciplinary action be taken against D.A.'s Peter Kossoria and J. Debroth for misconduct, the Attorney General's office refrain from helping the Ventura County prosecutor in reasearching the typing motions, the Attorney General's office assist in the investigation of all missing and tampered evidence, the Attorney General support efforts to disqualify all Ventura County judges from presiding over the Skyhorse - Mohawk trial who participated in any way in the Ventura County Bar association skit know as "The People vs Tonto".

Recently, Skyhorse and Mohawk were brutally beaten and taken to a hospital. They were returned to their cells 3 hours later but one of the brothers was so badly beaten that he had to return to the hospital. This brutal and disgusting attack must meet with the most widespread and determined resistance. All workers, all revolutionaries must demand the immediate release of Skyhorse and Mohawk and the dropping of all charges against them. Their Defense Committee is calling for mass actions and demonstrations in support of their cause. We must take up this call. We must defend the Native American people from attack and support their just struggle for freedom.

Defense contributions can be sent to Paul Skyhorse or Richard Mohawk, Box 1875, Ventura California, 93001 Telephone (805) 487-4107. Speakers are available through the Skyhorse-Mohawk Defense Team (213) 225-0324.

## Bourgeois Democracy Can't Cover Facism!

# RESISTANCE GROWS IN SPAIN

The week of January 23-29 marked a high point of popular resistance to the repressive regime of King Juan Carlos and Premier Adolfo Suarez. It also marked increasing fascist attacks by right wing organizations and increasing signs of the real nature of the government.

On Sunday, January 23, a 19 year old demonstrator was shot in the back during a protest against the continued imprisonment of an estimated 200 political prisoners.

The next day thousands of students in Madrid, demonstrated their anger at the killing by taking to the streets again. The police attacked, killing a young woman when they hit her in the face with a teargas grenade. On the same day, Lt. General Emilio Villaescusa, president of the military tribunal, was abducted. The kidnapping was claimed by a little known organization called GRAPO ("October First Anti-Fascist Resistance Group").

Also on Monday, two right wing gunmen burst into a Madrid labor office, assassinating 4 lawyers and an aide. The lawyers had been working with the revisionist Communist Party of Spain in defending activists of the CP controlled illegal Workers' Commissions. Over 50,000 attended the funeral procession of the slain lawyers. In the industrial region of Catalonia, up to 200,000 struck, including a sit-down strike in Barcelona's huge SEAT auto plant. In Northern Spain, the region of the oppressed Basque nationality, industry and shipyards in Bilbao were closed down by the workers, and police attacks in Pamplona caused the death of at least one striker which led to a continuation of the strike there. Mines were struck and universities all over the country were shut down. Even the new Ford plant in out-of-the-way Valencia was struck.

On Friday, 3 Madrid policemen were killed and 3 others wounded in retaliation against the killings and repressive measures being instituted by the government. In the next 2 days 150 activists were rounded up in the name of law and order.

It's clear that Spain today isn't much different from Spain under Franco's fascist dictatorship -- except the workers and oppressed nationalities are even more active now. In the 14 months since Franco's death, Juan Carlos and Suarez have been forced by domestic unrest and international criticism to make a few small democratic concessions and to institute some superficial reforms. But what happens when the people try to exercise

their rights? On January 26, Suarez banned all public rallies and gave the police wide powers of search without warrants and arrest without charge. The cabinet announced that \$60 million would be given to the police for crowd control equipment and gave orders to seize all "unauthorized" firearms. Meanwhile, right wing organizations such as the Anti-Communist Apostolic Alliance (AAA) -- which has ties to the army and the state police -- continue their campaign of terror.

As Marxist-Leninists and revolutionary workers, nationalists and students continue the struggle, the Communist Party of Spain more and more shows its true colors of peace keeper for the Carlos regime. Just like the CP of Italy, the Spanish revisionists hope to prove their cooperativeness and eventually share state power with the bourgeoisie. During the funeral march for the Madrid lawyers, the marshals of the CP had to link arms to keep the enraged marchers in line and quieted their shouts of "police murderers" and their attempts to sing the Internationale. CP leader Montero stated in his funeral oration that the killers want Spain to become a battleground, but "We will not fall into the trap. We do not want a bloody Spain, but a democratic Spain, a happy Spain." Montero would have the workers believe that a happy democratic Spain can be achieved without a violent, bloody revolution. But the workers know that Spain is bloody and certainly is not democratic -- and they are ready to pay whatever price to achieve real democracy.



Demands put forward on the State Wide March

STOP ALL FBI AND REPRESSIVE ATTACKS ON INDIAN PEOPLE!!  
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!!  
SUPPORT SELF-DETERMINATION, SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE FOR INDIAN NATIONS!!