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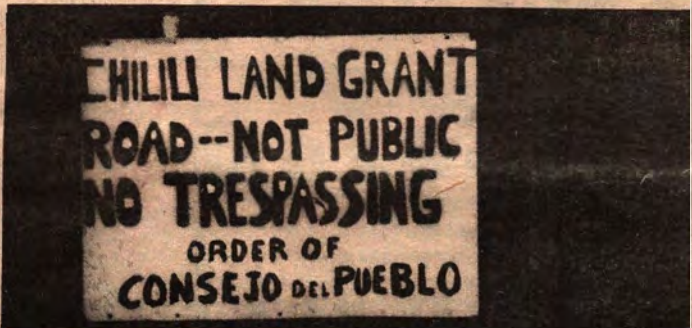
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CHILILI-Chicanos Defend Their Land!

Que Viva Chilili!!



Chilili, New Mexico---"We don't recognize your court order. The state does not recognize your right as a self-governing village!" This was the response by the Bernalillo County Sheriff as 50 rifle-toting deputies invaded the Pueblo of Chilili to break the blockade of La Jara Road. This is a blatant example of how the imperialist oppressor nation denies the oppressed Chicano nation its right to self-government.

Although the struggle covers over a century, it has been over the last seven years that the people of the small mountain village of Chilili have been fighting, in the courts and in their

village to regain what rightfully belongs to them - The Chilili Land Grant and the right to govern it themselves. The State of New Mexico and the U.S. Government have refused to recognize and abide by the decisions made by the governing body of the Chilili Land Grant. In September of 1976, the Bernalillo Sheriffs Department, plainclothes officers, the New Mexico State Police, and SWAT teams invaded Chilili. Eight months later, on May 20, 1977 the village again was assaulted by heavily armed goons from the Sheriffs Department. The villagers had set up a road block to prevent the State of New Mexico from bulldozing

and grading a road located within the Land Grant. Sixteen unarmed men and women and children were singled out and arrested by these goons. Three days later the people of Chilili and their 400 supporters from surrounding villages and all over the Southwest held a fiesta to demonstrate their determination to govern their own land grant and continue the struggle.

The village of Chilili is located in the center of the Chilili Land Grant, a grant covering over 48,000 acres of beautiful and fertile land, rich in natural resources. The Chilili Land Grant is just one of several hundred Land Grants in New Mexico. Since the annexation of the Southwest by the U.S. government in 1848, the heirs and villagers of the Chilili Land Grant as well as heirs of all the other Land Grants, have continuously been forced to move out of the Land Grant and into the cities to become cheap labor for the corporations.

The capitalists have dispersed the land grants in a number of ways. Vigilantes and police have used outright terrorism, the capitalist courts take away land through fraudulent tax schemes. The government occupies areas of the grants and makes these areas U.S. Forest Lands. Capitalists and their agents infiltrate the organizations of the Land Grants, turning them into corrupt instruments for the State. In the majority of cases entire Land Grants have been stolen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, by the military forces, corporations, land developers and rich ranchers.

The Chilili Land Grant is no different. All of these institutions have been making attempts to get their greedy hands on the Land Grant. Because of all these parasites, the Chilili Land Grant has been reduced from 48,000 acres to 5,000 acres, the population of the village has been reduced from over 1,000 people to about 35 families; the school was closed by the State and the remaining heirs and villagers have been sub-

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1800 Caterpillar Workers Out The Cat Strikes!

San Leandro, CA--Ninety strikers carried picket signs reading "The injunction is a strike-breaking tool--we won't be broken!" and "This strike is between CAT and us -- Keep the courts and police out of it!" The workers from Caterpillar Tractor Co. were picketing the County Courthouse in Oakland. The workers protested the company-ordered injunction which limited pickets to three per gate. Union Business Representatives, Stan Jensen and Ray Gable, didn't even show up. They had earlier agreed to the injunction without the rank and file's knowledge. Being a true servant of the bosses, the judge upheld the injunction.

On strike since May 2, the 1500 CAT workers in the International Association of Machinists, Lodge #284, conducted mass pickets the first week of the strike. The militant picket forced the leadership of the United Auto Workers Union to sanction the strike and three hundred additional CAT workers in the UAW are respecting the picket lines. During the first week, workers stopped five foremen and management personnel from leaving the plant for 30 hours. They let their "hostages" go in exchange for an agreement to rehire a worker fired before the strike.

The IAM workers are demanding increased wages, a stronger grievance procedure, an end to mandatory overtime, and an end to cycle timing. Cycle timing allows the foreman to time a worker's motions with a stop-watch in order to increase pro-

duction. Although working for an hourly wage, not piece work, CAT bosses have steadily been pushing workers to produce over 100% of their production quotas. One memo from CAT management instructed foremen that 100% of quota was "the minimum acceptable standard, nothing less will be tolerated." One sign carried by a worker at the courthouse laid out the rank and file's response: "We're human beings, not machines!"

CATERPILLAR -- GIANT MONOPOLY

One thing is for sure. Caterpillar can't plead poverty as an excuse for denying its workers increased wages and benefits. In 1975, this manufacturer of diesel construction and mining equipment raked in \$398.7 million in profits.

Caterpillar is part of the huge Rockefeller empire. Chase Manhattan Bank and First National Bank of Chicago--both Rockefeller owned--have made all of the major loans to Caterpillar in the last ten years. Caterpillar President, Lee Morgan, is a member of the Board of Directors of First National Bank. This means that the top Caterpillar bosses help make the political and economic decisions that oppress workers all over the world. Through political connections like former Vice President Nelson Rockefeller or West Virginia Governor Winthrop Rockefeller, Caterpillar can influence the selection of judges and politicians around the US. Is it any wonder that a lowly county judge in Oakland would

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To the Editor:

Keep up the great work, the Revolutionary Cause is the best thing going!
-a worker in New York

To the Editor

Before I started reading the Revolutionary Cause, I was an anti-communist and nothing was going on in my plant. After reading only a few issues, the RC changed my whole way of thinking. Now I personally distribute 100 copies of every issue, run three study groups, and am about to lead a wildcat strike at my plant. I couldn't have done it without my RC.

-a worker in Detroit

ATM RESPONDS

Ever get the feeling after reading some "communist" newspapers that the letters are a little self serving? Do you get the sneaking suspicion that the organization writes letters to itself? We do--that's why we printed the two phony letters above. The Revolutionary Cause has for some time been running letters from our readers, avoiding the self serving variety. We guarantee that our letters weren't written by our cadre. When we sign an article "correspondent", it's not an ATM member. We ask our readers to continue sending their criticisms on the line and practice of ATM. We welcome your views on the national, international and other important questions. Oh yes, if you have some positive things to say about ATM, we'll run that too.

LETTERS

To the Editor

I know that the political line of ATM is still developing around the woman question, but I feel that there is a lot more clarity than is put forward in your article, "Full Democratic Rights for Women" (RC, Vol 2, #1). If there is one single "backward idea" that is present in all workplaces it's regarding the woman question. And very little is being done by communists around this question. Here are my criticisms:

1) The example of the Bakke decision lumps together the oppression of national minorities and women. 2) Your article doesn't explain how the trade union bureaucrats are bribed, you just call them names: "bribed bureaucrats," "capitalist puppets," etc. 3) The article doesn't show or even state clearly that complete women's equality can come only through socialism. I hope my criticisms will be helpful and I look forward with confidence to forward movement around this question in the future.

-a reader in Oakland

ATM RESPONDS

1) We unite that this article and others we have written do not always make a sufficient demarcation between the oppression of women and national minorities. They both face a denial of basic democratic rights and thus many of their demands will be similar (preferential hiring, promotion to skilled jobs, etc.). But the oppression of minorities flows from the imperialist's domination of them as a people (of their land, culture, and in some cases language). The oppression of women flows from their superexploitation on the job and as domestic slaves. One form of oppression is not "better" than another, but different demands and tactics flow from the different forms of oppression. It would be absurd to call for self-determination for women, for example. In future articles, we will try to make the differences and similarities clearer.

2) We agree that in this and other articles we have too often taken the lazy bones approach to exposing the bribery of the bureaucrats. We should explain that the bribery flows from the bureaucrats' higher salaries, expense accounts, autos and so on. The bureaucrats enjoy these privileges, in many cases, as a result of investing the workers' dues and pension funds in the capitalist stock and bonds market. Thus they develop a vested interest in maintaining a functioning capitalist economy.

3) We don't think this particular article has to discuss socialism. Not every political exposure ATM writes will discuss the alternative to capitalism. On Page 9 of RC #1, we ran a half-page story on women in Albania and China which went into the question at some length.

Revolution's the Main Trend



VISITING IRAN, Secretary of State Vance stated that the \$3 billion in US arms sales to Iran will not be limited by "human rights" violations. Days before the visit, 11 people were sentenced to long prison terms for their political beliefs. In downtown Tehran at about the same time, two anti-fascists were killed by the police bringing the "official" count to 15 police murders this year. According to the government, 89 freedom fighters were killed last year in the mounting tide of urban warfare and government repression.

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DEMONSTRATIONS ERUPTED IN THE WEST BANK on May 15, the 29th anniversary of Israel's occupation of Palestine. Shops closed and students struck in Nablus, Ramallah and other towns as protesters took to the streets against Israel's aggression. Troops were called out and used teargas to disperse the crowds who were armed only with sticks and stones. Another curfew was forced on the Palestinian population.

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JUNE 12 IS PHILIPPINE NATIONAL DAY, a day of celebration for Filipinos around the world. On that day in 1898 the Filipino people proclaimed independence from Spain. But this independence was short-lived as US imperialism invaded the Philippines with 126,000 troops and launched an 8 year war that killed 600,000 Filipinos, one sixth of the total population. Today the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New Peoples Army lead the struggle against the US supported Marcos dictatorship. On May Day, 1977 over 20,000 people took to the streets in Manila, despite martial law prohibitions, shouting "Down with the US-Marcos Dictatorship", "Long Live the New People's Army" and "Long Live the Working Class".

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THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA opened in Mozambique with over 80 government delegations and liberation movements attending. The declaration adopted by the majority of the participants called for increasing economic assistance to the national liberation movements, a mandatory arms embargo of South Africa, a halting of communications with Rhodesia, a boycott of all firms trading with Rhodesia, punishment of those companies supplying Rhodesia with oil, and a refusal to allow Rhodesian airlines to land anywhere in the world. The delegate from the Peoples Republic of China, expressing the feelings of the majority of conference delegates, stated "The Chinese government and people unflinchingly stand together with the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and Azania and the great peoples of Africa and support their just struggles against imperialism, colonialism, racism and hegemonism and for national liberation and independence until they win complete victory."

Dear Friends

Have just read the polemic against ATM (M-L) in the Jan. '77 issue of Resistencia. Was encouraged by the LPR (M-L)'s comradely approach and even more by the political line of ATM (M-L) reflected both in the quotes from Revolutionary Cause and in the LPR description of ATM's contribution to the political development of LPR (M-L). Looking forward to reading the Revolutionary Cause with much enthusiasm.

-a reader in Lynn, Mass

ATM RESPONDS

Since their January polemic, LPR has come out attacking ATM as "consolidated right opportunists". We don't believe their polemics with us are in any way "comradely". Unfortunately, LPR has chosen to strengthen their already strong dogmatism and sectarianism. We urge our readers to buy ATM's polemic, "LPP Caught With Their Only's Showing," for our complete views of LPR's Trotskyite line on party-building.

Dear Comrades:

I would like to distribute the Revolutionary Cause here in the Fresno area. I could use the RC as an educational socialist tool for the campesinos here in Fresno. At present I have been helping in organizing fifty or more campesino families against this poverty program that has stolen their production in a co-operative venture and we have managed to put together the Rancheritos--an association of small land tenant farmers--to produce food for the barrios of Fresno.

-a friend in Fresno, California

Workers in Struggle



---May 20 over 200 supporters and members of International Association of Machinists #1518 held a mass picket in front of Rylock Corp. in Union City, California (near Oakland). Infamous for not hiring black workers, this small manufacturer of metal window frames intentionally began hiring black strike breakers. Company men and scabs in cars have run down strikers and beaten one picketing woman. Pressure from the rank and file has forced union bureaucrats to demand an important change in the contract: a guarantee to hire black workers after the strike.

--from an IAM correspondent

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---San Mateo, California. On May Day 55 workers picketed the local outlet of Handyman, chanting: "Handyman products are stained in blood--a worker was killed by a company thug." In February, 1976, workers at Handyman Corporation's central warehouse in Tracy, California, voted to strike after joining the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union #6. On the second day of the strike, supervisor Lee Lager ran over and killed a striking worker, Norman Lewis. Despite many eyewitness accounts, the company and courts conspired to charge Lager with vehicular manslaughter instead of first degree murder. After spending a total of one hour in jail (for booking), the capitalist courts recently found Lager not guilty.

Rank and file members of ILWU #6 have been demanding that the union leadership take up a more active boycott of Handyman stores. They ask people to boycott all companies owned by Edison Brothers Stores, the parent company of Handyman, Leed's, Chandler's, Baker's and Burt's shoe stores, Jeans West, Wild Pair, Size 5-7-9 Shops, Joan Bar, and United Sporting Goods. For more information, write P O Box 171, Hayward, CA 94543.

--based on information from an ILWU correspondent

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---El Paso, Texas. Workers at Western Packing have been on strike for three months for recognition of their union. Before the union drive, these mostly Chicano butchers faced increased quotas and harassment by supervisors. The company makes the butchers buy their own tools and uniforms. These 180 workers are being organized by the Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butchers Workmen #505.

Western Packing bosses have hired 40 scabs. When one scab arrived carrying a rifle, the police took it away and escorted him inside the plant. Later they returned the rifle. What would happen if the strikers began carrying rifles? Strikers would like messages of support. Write: Western Packing Strikers, 3211 E Yandell, El Paso, Texas.

--based on information in El Mestizo, an El Paso Chicano movement newspaper

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---Los Angeles, California. Mexican and Latin workers in United Steelworkers #2018 have been demanding Spanish translations at their union meetings. A large number of workers from Steel Casting and Rex Precision Instruments attended the May union meeting demanding equality of languages in the union meetings. Seeing huge support in favor of translations, the bureaucrats adjourned the meeting.

USW #2018 bureaucrats say that translations of meetings would cause confusion and take too long. They say Spanish-speaking workers need to go to school to learn English. It's obvious school didn't help these bureaucrats with their racism. Anglo, Black, and Mexican workers plan to continue the struggle for full equality of languages.

READERS!!

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TURN THE UAW INTO A WEAPON OF CLASS STRUGGLE! UAW CONVENTION

Los Angeles - There were few surprises at the 25th United Auto Workers Convention held in LA May 15-20. The Constitutional Convention was firmly in the hands of the UAW bureaucrats Leonard Woodcock and new UAW president Doug Fraser. The support for Fraser and his policies is in stark contrast with the growing rank and file rebellion among auto-workers on the shop floor. Although they were able to stack this convention and prevent the passage of rank and file demands, many of the resolutions put forward reflected the seething discontent of the UAW rank and file.

*36 locals submitted proposals calling for the direct election of International officers. They want to replace the current system of selection by delegates with a direct vote by the rank and file.

*20 locals submitted resolutions calling for a dues freeze. This demand reflects the anger of the rank and file at the huge salaries which the internation-

al officers pay themselves; and also their discontent over the last sell-out contract negotiated by Woodcock and the boys.

*5 locals submitted a resolution demanding that members have the right to strike over local issues without approval by the International.

*Local 6 submitted a resolution calling for the UAW to support the case of Ben Lenard, a black auto-worker viciously beaten by the Chicago police.

*The United Latino Caucus submitted a resolution calling on the UAW to condemn the racist Bakke Decision which attacks the hard won gains of oppressed nationality students and workers in education and hiring.

*The workers of Fisherbody Fleetwood plant in Detroit called upon the Convention to support them in their struggle against the bosses. These workers, the majority black, recently walked out in protest against speed-up and harassment. 10 were fired and 400 were suspended.



Militant UAW strikes and wildcats are increasing across the country. The stacked UAW Convention will not stop the growing class consciousness of the auto workers.

A Comrade's Poem

(During the auto convention, ATM (M-L) distributed a daily bulletin to five auto plants in California. A comrade who helped produce and distribute these bulletins offered her impressions in this poem. -- Ed.)

Between rows of smokestacks,
rolling hills crevassed with shadows,
soaring hawks and cracking freeway
we stood for seven days.

Between two lanes of cars, workers speeding to
beat the clock,
balancing on the yellow line, facing a brown-
baked field of hay -
no man's land between free life and wage slave-
we stood facing the auto assembly plant (5000
workers) slapping leaflets into extended hands.
Young, white-faced, bored, buzzed, drinking
beer.

Old, lean faces,
grey topped and controlled,
women's made up faces, streak of liner, streak
of gold (back again, that's great)
dark glasses,
new cars, souped cars gleaming vans low cars
rattling noise
screeching brakes
(Where were you yesterday, leaving early
cause of the rain? I missed you man)
windy, rainy day, hawking leaflets and papers,
(UAW convention, take the news and pass it on
Revolutionary Cause!)

By day 5 we were recognized and greeted.
Then other "communist" groups came,
prancing before cars, flinging leaflets,
assaulting drivers with dogma or simple unionism
blaring through bullhorns,
alienating the proletariat
more than the work does.

We stood solid, held to our line,
between two lanes of cars,
consistency was answered with respect.

By day 7
the paper was requested,
quarters pressed into well-worked palms,
questions being asked
by workers who accepted words which demanded:
"Union Democracy!"
"End to Deportations!"
"Self-Determination to the Black Nation!"

When one comrade got
spit at in the face,
there was hardly time to be down,
for another brother pulled up,
he said it was down to earth and good,
did we know who he could talk to in the plant?

Inside the plant are comrades
working day, swing, graveyard,
building from the base the action
and understanding
of the workers.

We are standing at the beginning
seeking out the methods,
to the revolutionary end and new beginnings.
We must evaluate this and future actions
with careful consideration
to carry out plans and realize aspirations,
which are out there - beyond the brownbaked field
of hay -
in the plant and in the workers,
all of us - speeding to beat the clock.

White, auto workers!

The bureaucrats made the Convention into a rubber-stamp for their class collaborationist policies and a showcase for capitalist politicians like Carter and Kennedy. However, they couldn't completely keep out the class struggle. Delegates spoke from the floor demanding the right to vote on certain questions. Despite the fact that the bureaucrats defeated the resolutions of the rank and file, they did not defeat the struggle. And they know it.

For the past several years one wildcat after another has hit the auto industry. Recently the largest wildcat recent UAW history occurred at a Chrysler electric plant in Indianapolis. 5,000 workers walked out of the General Motors plant in Fremont, California in March. These actions expose the true situation in auto—a picture of struggle, and increasingly a picture of a bitter fight against national oppression.

NATIONAL QUESTION THE KEY QUESTION

In 1968, Black workers in Detroit formed the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement. DRUM hit the auto industry like a thunderbolt as thousands of Black autoworkers rallied to the cause of the struggle against national oppression. Thousands of Black workers closed down the plants in Detroit to protest the decades of national oppression that they faced in the auto factories. Sparked by DRUM's example Black caucuses sprung up throughout the UAW.

In 1973, at Chrysler's Jefferson Street plant two black workers, Shorter and Carter, shut off the power control center of the plant and stopped the Chrysler empire. They, with fellow black, white and Arab workers demanded the firing of a racist foreman. Together, they battled Chrysler goons for 13 hours and emerged victorious. Their victory over the capitalists was against national oppression and it was a victory shared by the entire working class.

Workers Take Gas Carter's Energy Program

Last winter two black men died in their cheap New York hotel rooms because the landlord shut off the heat. At the same time, the mansions of the Rockefeller and Duponts stay heated even when no one is home. The disastrous cold spell of a few months ago and the current drought in California highlights the current crisis: imperialism cannot provide even the basic necessities like water and power for the American people.



Over 1400 people temporarily blocked construction of a nuclear power plant in Seabrook, New Hampshire. The protest was aimed at the environmental dangers of such power plants as they exist in the U.S. today. Although participants were well aware of the hazards, many didn't realize that the underlying problem isn't nuclear energy but its control by the capitalist class for corporate profit.

"This is the moral equivalent of war", declared President Carter in announcing his solution to the crisis. On April 20, Carter presented to Congress a series of measures designed to ease the "energy crisis". The essence of the plan is to cut down energy use by raising prices on everything from gasoline to coal. What is the plan and whose interests will it serve?

- 1) Carter proposes increasing taxes on gasoline by 5¢/gallon for each year that consumption exceeds the government target. This alone could almost double the price of gas over the next decade.
- 2) Oil companies would be allowed to raise the price of domestic crude oil to the current world level. Besides tremendously increasing gas prices, it shows the hypocrisy of earlier attacks on the Third World nations for raising their oil prices.
- 3) Maximum price for natural gas would rise from \$1.45 to \$1.75 per 1000 cubic feet.
- 4) Homeowners and businesses will be allowed tax credits for installing solar energy equipment, insulation, storm windows and other energy saving measures. Most working people cannot afford to invest in expensive home improvements and thus won't be eligible for the tax credit. The monopolies that manufacture and install insulation will certainly make a killing.
- 5) The government will require industries and utilities to use coal wherever possible. Coal is one of the worst polluting energy sources. Monopolies like US Steel and Kaiser Steel daily pour pollutants into the air from coal-burning ovens. The capitalists will increasingly rely on cheaply-mined, non-union coal. Strip-mining continues to devastate huge chunks of land at the expense of Native Americans and small farmers.
- 6) Although Carter's plan eliminates certain kinds of nuclear power plants, it generally favors developing this highly dangerous energy resource. Under capitalism nuclear power is a

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MASSES DEMONSTRATE

A Communist View

** Over 300 angry students disrupted a University of California Board of Regents meeting May 20 to protest the racist Bakke decision. After a brief rally in front of the UC Extension in San Francisco, the Black, Asian, white, and Chicano demonstrators charged inside the building. Police grabbed two protestors, but the demonstrators freed them. There were no arrests and the Regents had to temporarily adjourn the meeting. The demonstration called by the United Students Against Bakke was important because for the first time significant numbers of Black students participated, mainly from San Francisco State and Sacramento City College.

** May 7, over 1500 people marched through downtown Los Angeles to register opposition to Bakke. Organized by the California MEChA Central (statewide Chicano student organization), students came from as far away as Humboldt in the far North, to Calexico on the Mexican border. The largest single group marching was the Multi-National Contingent made up of the East LA Committee for Democratic Rights, Skyhorse/Mohawk Defense Committee, Little Tokyo Peoples Rights Organization, Black Survival Union, and others as well as communist groups such as East Wind Organization and ATM(M-L).

WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO DEFEAT BAKKE?

As the mass movement against the Bakke decision grows, the struggle as to how to defeat Bakke intensifies. Communists and revolutionary forces have been playing an active role in the movement. ATM (M-L) believes that only a multi-national revolutionary movement will defeat the Bakke Decision and the cutbacks in minority enrollment. The question is how to target imperialism. The Bakke Decision is an attack on the democratic rights of national minorities. Before UC instituted its special admissions program, only 2 blacks and 1 Chicano got into UC Davis Medical School. Even after the program was in full swing, out of every 100 admissions, only 16 were reserved for minorities.

The capitalist courts handed down the Bakke decision in the midst of imperialist economic crisis.

NY schools have eliminated open admissions because of "lack of funds." Across the country, the capitalists are cutting back special funds and programs for national minorities. The Supreme Court hopes to pit Anglos against national minorities for the few remaining admissions slots and financial aid. Imperialism is responsible for the Bakke Decision, we must show students and workers that the Bakke Decision is one more example of how imperialism oppresses entire nations and peoples. As the ATM (M-L) speaker at the May 7 demonstration noted: "We must bring together the kind of revolutionary movement that will not only overturn Bakke but lay the groundwork to overturn the rotten capitalist system that is responsible for Bakke."

REACH OUT TO THE WORKING CLASS

In the strictly legal sense, the Bakke Decision so far affects students and California government employees. The vast majority of people mobilized against Bakke have been students and intellectuals employed in education. Should the US Supreme Court uphold Bakke, corporations will use it as an excuse to deny special hiring and promotions for national minority workers. Some workers have begun to spontaneously take up the issue of Bakke. At the recent United Auto Workers Convention, the United Latin Caucus introduced a resolution against the Bakke Decision, it was ignored by the top UAW leadership. Communist organizations like ATM and I Wor Kuen have been among the few groups actively taking the Bakke issue beyond the campuses. Communists and class conscious workers passed anti-Bakke resolutions in the UAW #1364 in Fremont, California, and the United Steelworkers of Local #1981 plans to hold a workers' meeting on the Bakke case. As the ATM speaker said on May 7, "The working class is the most powerful class in this society. When workers stop work the machines grind to a halt, the services stop, and the profits stop for the capitalists. We must consciously reach out to the plants and unions to involve workers in the anti-Bakke movement."

BUILD MULTI-NATIONAL UNITY

Chicano students were the first to actively organize against Bakke and in Southern California; they have been the main organizers and participants in



At the May 7th march in Los Angeles, communists demonstrated that the way to defeat the Bakke Decision is by building multi-national unity, reaching out to the working class, and targeting imperialism as the enemy.

Brooklyn College Students Fight National Oppression!

--Based on information from a New York correspondent BROOKLYN, N Y --On May 2 members and supporters of the Student Action Committee in Support of the Department of Puerto Rican Studies occupied Whitehead Hall at Brooklyn College for five hours, while other students demonstrated in support outside. Their central demand was the rehiring of two Puerto Rican Studies faculty members and an end to the administration's plans and maneuvers to eliminate ethnic studies and other special programs. The demands and the motive behind the occupation were explained to hundreds of students who stood outside the building at different times during the day -- picketing in support, reading leaflets, and listening to speakers. The occupation caught the college administration completely by surprise. They have recently taken to hiring undercover cops in an effort to prevent "disruption" of their racist proficiency examinations. The students demanded to meet with Brooklyn College President, John Kneller, stressing that the "entire campus is insisting that he answer our demands." The students are fighting to defend and expand the gains won by oppressed nationality students in the '60's -- for special admissions programs, financial aid programs, and ethnic studies. All of these gains are presently under attack from the capitalist system who want the oppressed nationality students to pay for the economic crisis caused by the capitalists themselves. All across the country, the capitalists are trying to reverse the verdicts won in the struggle against national oppression. And all across the country the oppressed nationalities are fighting back -- whether it be the thousands of students in California who are fighting the Bakke decision or the hundreds of students at Brooklyn College who are fighting to protect Puerto Rican Studies. A statement distributed by a group of revolutionaries at Brooklyn College sums up the situation very clearly.

"On March 31, at Rust College in Mississippi, Black students protesting the reappointment of the college president burned down the \$2 million administration building. Students at the State University of Old Westbury won a 9-day strike during which they physically blocked entrance to the campus; they said the school had failed in its responsibility to 'educate women, minorities, older returning students, veterans, and working people.' At Columbia, hundreds have demonstrated against the appointment of Henry Kissinger to the staff. The struggle at Brooklyn College is part of this upsurge."

The struggle at Brooklyn College will continue. The students will not easily give up their hard-won gains in the fight against national oppression. And they will continue this struggle in spite of the efforts of the administration, the state, and the false "friends" who oppose them. So far, the worst "false friends" have been the Puerto Rican Socialist Party who have opposed all the militant actions taken by the students, who have preached reliance on strictly "legal" forms of struggle, who have attacked the May 2d demonstration and occupation as something which "did not represent" the interests and sentiments of the majority of the students. The PSP is getting desperate because they see the rising revolutionary consciousness and militancy of the students. They have served the BC administration well through their preachings of reformism and cowardice. Unfortunately for them and their masters, the students have shown by their actions that they are willing to FIGHT for their rights. ★

Bakke Conference:

June 25 there will be a multi-national conference at San Jose City College to plan a nationwide demonstration against the Bakke decision. Students, workers and community activists are invited to attend. Sponsored by the California State Mechas, the conference will feature speakers, workshops and discussions for the demonstration this Fall in Northern California.



--From a correspondent (translated from Spanish)

(EDITOR'S NOTE)

Last year a federal Grand Jury began harrasing the Puerto Rican independence movement under the guise of investigating a Puerto Rican "terrorist" group. The Grand Jury subpoenaed Maria Cueto and Raisa Nemekin, members of the Episcopal Church's National Commission on Hispanic Affairs, in an attempt to get names and financial records about the independence movement. When they refused to testify, the Grand Jury threw them in jail just two months later. Both face a jail term of up to 14 months, although not accused of any crime. "We will continue to resist in a united and committed front," said Raisa Nemekin on being sentenced. "We will bring about the end of these repressive measures and will strengthen and increase support for the Puerto Rican independence movement."

The federal government has continued its repression by subpoenaing ten more activists in Chicago and by claiming that Chicano activists in the Southwest are also implicated. The following report shows that the repression has only strengthened the people's resolve to fight for Puerto Rican independence and a complete end to U.S. imperialism.)

CHICAGO--Who are the real terrorists? The imperialist state has convened a grand jury in Chicago to intimidate and try to stop the struggle of the Puerto Rican people for the independence of their nation and for their democratic rights here in the

GRAND JURY ATTACKS PUERTO RICAN ACTIVISTS

US The imperialists have unleashed their dogs, their terrorist forces of the grand jury and FBI, in Puerto Rico, New York, Washington, Chicago, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico. This attack is also being coordinated against the Chicano people fighting for their self-determination. Here in Chicago, the jailing of ten Puerto Rican and Chicanos, who as true revolutionaries refused to testify before the grand jury, has been postponed. Because of demonstrations, marches, and militant support from the Puerto Rican people and other progressive forces, May 7 there was a militant demonstration in the Puerto Rican community demanding a halt to the Grand Jury and all other repression, and self-determination for the Puerto Rican nation. They also raised slogans like, "Boricua, Chicano, luchando mano a mano" (Puerto Rican, Chicano, struggling hand-in-hand) and "Si Los Yanquis no se van en Borinquen Moriran!" (If the Yankees don't leave Puerto Rico, they will die).

Later there was a rally where speakers denounced the Grand Jury and other repressive forces. At the end everyone raised their fists in the air and sang the Puerto Rican national anthem, "La Borinquena."

STOP THE GRAND JURY NOW!
INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO!
FULL DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS FOR THE PUERTO RICAN NATIONAL MINORITY!

Against Bakke!



1500 people marched in Los Angeles on May 7 against the Bakke decision. The multi-national contingent (above) gathers before the march.

the mass mobilizations. This is a good thing and is a reflection of the renewal of the Chicano student movement. But Bakke is an attack on all national minority students, all of whom face cutbacks in admissions, special programs, and financial aid. Bakke is an attack on all of these hard-won gains secured in the fight against national oppression. Bakke wants to pit whites against oppressed nationalities -- to divert them from the common struggle against imperialism. Only through a determined fight against Bakke by ALL nationalities, only through a determined fight against all national oppression in education -- can we forge the unity of all students.

Communists have helped to build this type of unity in organizing all nationalities in the May 20 disruption of the Regents and the May 7 Multi-National Contingent (although oppressed nationalities were clearly in the majority). In that contingent

people of various nationalities marched together behind banners reading, "Unite All Races to Oppose Bakke," "Freedom and Equality for Oppressed Nationalities," and "Black Self-Determination is a Must." It is clear that a hard and consistent fight against all forms of national oppression is the real key to building multi-national unity.

FUTURE PLANS

The struggle against Bakke, and against national oppression will intensify. The MEChA's from throughout California are planning to initiate a multi-national, nation-wide demonstration for the Fall of 1977. All revolutionary and progressive forces should plan to participate and to help build the revolutionary movement which will defeat not only Bakke, but the entire imperialist system. ★

STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

Central YMCA Student Victory!

from a correspondent

Chicago--The Chicago police mounted on horseback rode into the students' picket line swinging their clubs wildly. "You're nothing but Cossacks!" shouted one student from Central YMCA Community College. The picket line reformed again and again as the students fought to maintain their strike. Over two weeks Chicago police arrested a total of 15 students.

Students' anger at the mostly working class community college has been building for months. The college administration had denied the students use of campus facilities for political events, tried to issue ID cards as a means of harassing students, and refusing to establish a Black Studies Department. To protest these and other long-neglected demands, the students called a campus-wide strike on April 3.

By the end of April, students had won their demands for more student facilities for political events, an end to turning over student files to government security agencies, and a partial victory in the transfer of two reactionary administrators to non-student related duties. Charges against most of the demonstrators were dropped. One Iranian student summed it up by saying, "The picket line proved that by relying on our own strength and building a mass movement we can fight and make the administration give in."

Students were particularly angered by College Vice-President Dolores Moran's treatment of Iranian students. In violation of the law on confidentiality of student records, she turned over files on Iranian activists to the SAVAK (Iranian Secret Police). Should these students return to Iran, they face possible imprisonment, torture and even death as a result of her actions. But repression and exploitation are nothing new to the Moran family. Her husband is a top executive with Sears, Roebuck, & Co -- a corporation which two years ago hired scabs and instigated police attacks on Retail Clerks striking the San Francisco Sears store.

Money talks and big money talks loudly. Like all colleges and universities, Central Y is governed by the capitalist class. Giant corporations like Sears helped found the YMCA. The Central Y responds by making the wife of one Sears executive a college vice-president. In 1910, Sears founder, Julius Rosenwald, contributed \$25,000 towards the establishment of a segregated YMCA for the purpose of keeping black workers from joining unions. Today Sears continues the oppression of Blacks by denying them a Black Studies Department.

Like the student movement of the 1960's,

Central Y students are increasingly recognizing their common enemy: US imperialism. The revolutionary and anti-imperialist spirit was particularly strong among the national minority and foreign students leading the struggle. There was strong multi-national unity. Students from Iranian, Jamaican, Puerto Rican, Arab, Latino, Black, and white organizations participated in the strike. At one point speeches at student rallies were given in five languages: Greek, Arabic, Persian, Spanish, and English.

Students reported that they expect the police to continue pressing battery charges against at least one Iranian student. The struggle at Central Y will continue to support him and to ensure the administration carries out its promised reforms. Workers and students across the US can learn from the militancy and solidarity of the Central Y students. We have a common enemy and we have a common goal: the liberation of all working and oppressed people! ★



Central YMCA students sit-in at the administration building (above). Chicago police defended the capitalist administrators by attacking and arresting students (below.)



BAKKE MOVEMENT STIRS REACTION

The demonstrations and mass conferences against the Bakke decision have the capitalists worried. The UC Regents hired Archibald Cox, famed Watergate prosecutor, to be their attorney. The UC Regents held a big press conference to announce that the NAACP and the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund were going to file supporting briefs with the US Supreme Court. On May 10, Chairman of the US Civil Service Commission, Alan Keith Campbell, came out against Bakke and urged the Justice Department to enter the case on the side of the Regents. "The dominant route to equality," said Campbell, "has to be through education."

The UC Regents and other capitalists are trying to appear as opponents of the Bakke decision. They remember the mass revolutionary movement of the 1960's. They remember the burning cities and armed takeovers of campuses--all demanding equality for national minorities. They realize that the issue of Bakke and the increasing cutbacks in minority admissions and programs has the same potential for rousing the masses. They want students to believe that the few token admissions to medical school allowed currently are just fine--that true equality can be achieved "through education." They fear angry students and workers taking over their offices, so they prefer to grant a few token concessions.

But this fear is significant. It means a mass revolutionary movement can defeat the Bakke decision. Towards the end of the Vietnam War, all kinds of capitalists suddenly spoke out against the war. Their opposition was a reflection of the growing isolation of US policy at home and around the world. The anti-Bakke movement has not yet reached the level of the anti-war movement.

But we say to the Regents, the Coxes, the Campbells: "You ain't seen nothing yet."

Chicano & Iranian Solidarity

Members of the Iranian Students Association and the Chicano Unidos organization of El Paso, Texas, recently completed a California speaking tour. The tour was sponsored jointly by the August 29th Movement and several other organizations and groups including the East Los Angeles Committee for Democratic Rights, various MEChA chapters, the Law and Justice Committee of the Chicano Federation of San Diego, the Black Survival Union and others.

While attendance at most presentations was small, the speakers gave them a stirring education about the struggles of the Chicano and Iranian peoples. The tour itself helped to increase the awareness among Chicanos about the national liberation movement of the Iranian people, and conversely the Iranian people learned something about the long and heroic struggle of the Chicano nation for self-determination.

The ISA representative stressed that strong bonds existed between the Iranian and Chicano peoples and that the Iranian people wanted to strengthen the bonds of solidarity with all those fighting against imperialism. The common link tying the two peoples became clear as the speakers recounted the struggles of their peoples against the common enemy of U.S. imperialism. There is even a similarity to the tactics used by the imperialists against both peoples. For instance, the fascist Shah regularly conducts raids and searches of entire neighborhoods, looking for revolutionaries. Chicanos are all too familiar with the massive police raids on their barrios, and by the Migra which tries to terrorize them under the guise of looking for "illegal aliens." There is also a similarity to the torturing and killing of Iranian patriots and the harassment, killing and jailing of Chicano revolutionaries fighting to liberate their nation.

The question of political prisoners was one of the main themes of the tour. The fascist Shah has jailed over 100,000 freedom fighters, while the ISA itself has been subject to harassment by the FBI and the CIA in conjunction with the Iranian Secret Police (SAVAK). Ninety-one Iranian students were arrested by Texas police in one single sweep.

In the case of Chicanos, the frame-up of the leadership of the Chicanos Unidos has sparked massive protests in El Paso and they have received support from throughout the Southwest. Los Tres of El Paso have long been active in the struggle of the Chicano people and it was clear from their presentations that the imperialists intend to make them pay for that activity by railroading them to jail. Both groups demanded the freedom of Los Tres and of all Chicano political prisoners and the freedom of the 100,000 political prisoners in Iran and for an end to the harassment of the Iranian Students Association.

While this tour only represents a beginning in the work necessary to build the solidarity among the Iranian and Chicano peoples it was an important step. We call upon all people to support these two peoples and to demand

FREE LOS TRES!
SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE CHICANO NATION!
FREE ALL IRANIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS!
STOP THE HARASSMENT OF THE ISA!

RCP of Argentina Speaks Struggle Against Dictatorship

The following is the second and final part of an article written by the Revolutionary Communist Party of Argentina. ATM (M-L) welcomes contributions from other Marxist-Leninists in Argentina.



Argentinian auto workers employed by GM, Ford and Chrysler take to the streets in Buenos Aires to fight fascist government and big three for higher wages. US monopolies have increased their profits enormously in Argentina. A middle sized auto from one of the big three today costs up to \$12,000 while the average salary of an auto worker is \$23/week

The Argentine working class has a long tradition of struggle. It has waged many important battles to overthrow the Videla and previous dictatorships.

May 29, 1969, there occurred an historic event the Cordobazo, a big uprising of the masses, with battles in the streets against the police and the army. For 2 days workers seized control of the city of Cordoba lead by auto workers. Under the leadership of the workers, the Argentine people showed that the bourgeoisie could be defeated!

Today, despite the nationwide terror of the Videla dictatorship, workers are waging battles for better wages, for the liberty of political prisoners, against the kidnappings and disappearances.

Auto workers from plants like Peugeot, GM, Renault, Power and Electric workers, longshoremen, public employees today confront the dictatorship with work stoppages, slow downs, etc. In the face of military occupation workers insult and throw objects at their sell-out union officers. The Argentine working class is beginning the task of throwing out the labor traitors in order to replace them with honest fighters and revolutionary leadership. Workers throughout the

country are exercising democracy by reconstituting shop stewards councils, a historically progressive form of organization and mass struggle.

The poor and middle peasantry which was initially passive about the coup begins to resist. The disaster of the wheat harvest, the low price of milk, grapes and vegetables in general are ruining the small producers. The peasantry is unable to pay their increasing indebtedness to the banks and its anger grows.

Students have waged battles against repression, suppression of academic freedom, fascist "disciplinary" actions. They are electing leadership for student centers in order to strengthen their ability to confront the dictatorship.

The struggle against taxes, tariffs on public services, and the constant increase in the cost of living has spread to large sectors of the population.

The Argentine people are ready to explode and through armed popular insurrection throw out the dictatorship and the powers behind it. In this way a Provisional Revolutionary Government can be established which reflects the unity of the patriotic and anti-dictatorial forces. Free elections can be called to develop a new Constitution while emergency programs are being

Chicanos Defend Land

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jected to poverty, misery, and continuous attacks by the courts and the police.

But because the Chicano people of Chilili know that the land is rightfully theirs, regardless of what any bourgeois court says, they have begun a struggle to win back what rightfully belongs to them.

Land Grant roads have been blocked to keep greedy profit-making trespassers out, government-owned vehicles have been turned back; the police have been thrown out, and most importantly, a self-governing body has been re-established recently. All these actions, and in particular the re-establishment of El Consejo del Pueblo de Chilili, are shining examples of the struggle for self-determination, the struggle of the oppressed and exploited to govern themselves. This self-governing body was democratically elected by the majority of heirs and villagers of the Land Grant and has a total of five officials: mayor, judge, sheriff, secretary, and lieutenant. These officials have abided by the wishes of those who elected them and have moved forward and made the decisions necessary to defend and to serve the interests of the heirs and villagers of Chilili.

This elected government is actively defending the democratic rights of the Chilili Land Grant by any means necessary. It is a direct challenge to the power of the imperialist state, that is why the sheriffs and courts had to launch their attack. The Chicano people of Chilili are showing the world that they do not want to be governed by a system forced upon them that continues to oppress them. They are showing by example that the Chicano people do have the right to govern themselves, free from imperialist domination -- that they have the right to self-determination.

The determination of the Chicano and Native American people to govern themselves has been shown in the past. Various other land grants and villages have elected self-governing bodies, community controlled facilities have been built and documents such as El Plan de San Diego, Texas, written in 1915, have been circulated calling for self-government for Chicano people.

Native American pueblos in the Southwest have their self-governments, pueblo councils, etc. The Chicano people can learn from the examples of the Native Americans that although self-governing bodies are established, this doesn't mean the struggle is over. For example, Santo Domingo and San Felipe Pueblos are right now carrying out struggles against two mining corporations, Occidental Minerals Corp and Union Carbide that have already begun to steal natural resources from the lands of these two pueblos. The Navajo people have been fighting against corporations that are polluting their lands and stealing their coal. All these examples clearly show that as long as the capitalist economic system exists, the people cannot have genuine democracy. Only a socialist revolution can guarantee that working people and the oppressed nationalities can govern their own future.

When we support the Consejo del Pueblo in Chilili, we are also supporting the Native American people. This is why the struggle of the Chicano villagers of Chilili must be taken up by small farmers, workers, and students of all nationalities. Calling for and supporting self-government is calling for unity.

The struggle for socialism must proceed on the basis of unity in struggle among the working class and revolutionary national movements. The struggle for self-government is one step in the struggle for the right of self-determination of an oppressed nation. When workers and other oppressed nationalities actively support the right of self-determination of the Chicano nation -- indeed are willing to take up arms in its support -- then the revolutionary unity of Chicanos and all working people can become a reality. By proceeding in this direction, we assure the victory of our socialist revolution.

QUE VIVA CHILILI!

SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE CHICANO NATION!

carried out

This program would assure liberty and democracy for the people, an end to the fascist terror, an end to the politics of hunger with wages paid according to the needs of the workers, freezing of prices, protection for the small agricultural producer and for national commerce and industry, confiscation of big Yankee monopolies, nationalization of foreign trade, the banks and big financial companies, non-recognition of usurious foreign debt, carrying out a firm anti-imperialist policy, one of unity with the Third World, uniting forces with all people and countries confronting the two superpowers USA and USSR.

SOLIDARITY WITH ARGENTINE PEOPLE

Our struggle is part of the great battle being waged throughout the world against the two superpowers. The growing dispute for control and new partition of the world increases the danger of inter-imperialist war. This is revealed by the bald-faced Russian intervention in Angola, in Zaire and by the threat of war between Chile and Peru, fueled by imperialism. U.S. imperialism, despite its relative weakness, is not resigned to lose ground and is sharpening its teeth for the fight.

The Argentine people stand together with the peoples of the Third World, with the working class of the imperialist and social-imperialist countries and with the truly socialist countries like the People's Republic of China and Albania.

We call for active international solidarity with our fight in the struggle against the common enemy. We call for the working class of the USA, the oppressed nationalities and all the North American people to join our people in denouncing the crimes of the Videla dictatorship. Your solidarity will contribute to the growing isolation of this pro-imperialist gang and will help in their revolutionary overthrow.

SUPERPOWERS OUT OF ARGENTINA!

SHOW US CESAR ALVAREZ, RENEE SALAMANCA, ANGEL MANFREDI AND HUNDREDS OF OTHERS WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED AND BEEN KIDNAPPED!

DOWN WITH THE VIDELA DICTATORSHIP AND WITH HIS POLICIES OF FASCISM!

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLE OF THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE!

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The people of Chilili spent a great deal of money on bail and face large legal expenses in the months ahead. They are asking for donations from all progressive people. Please take up collections in your plants, unions, community, and student organizations. Send money to:

The People of Chilili
c/o Chicano Communications Center
1114 7th Street, N.W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87101

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CUBA'S ROLE IN AFRICA

Satelite of the USSR

During a recent trip to Moscow, Cuban Premier Fidel Castro raised his vodka glass high and offered a toast to Soviet leader Kosygin "Humankind will be eternally thankful for all that the Soviet Union has done not only in the interests of a better future for man but also toward preserving his right to security and survival, the most human of all rights" For those people around the world and in the US who still think of Cuba as a revolutionary socialist country, Cuba's actions in Africa come as a rude awakening Within the last year, Cuba has ---sent 15,000 mercenary troops to Angola to interfere in that country's civil war ---at the instigation of the USSR, trained and led a mercenary invasion of Zaire ---recently sent 100 "military advisors" to interfere in the internal affairs of the Ethiopian people ---unsuccessfully attempted to sponsor a "conference of progressive African countries" in an attempt to disintegrate the Organization of African Unity

In 1959 the Cuban people overthrew the Ba-



Unlike socialist countries China and Albania, Cuba has troops and military advisors stationed in various parts of Africa

tista government and ran US imperialism out of their island That great revolution will always stand in history as a milestone in the struggle against US imperialism Since the early 1970's, however, the Soviet Union has consolidated political, economic, and military control over Cuba In our Unity Statement published in 1974, ATM pointed out that Cuba is a satellite of Soviet Social Imperialism Whereas in the 1960's there were certain differences between Cuba and the USSR, today Fidel Castro puts it quite bluntly At the Cuban First Party Congress, he noted that Cuba's foreign policy is based " in the first place, on staunch friendship with the Soviet Union, the bastion of world progress " Let's take a look at the actions of the USSR in Africa

SOVIET PENETRATION OF AFRICA

Long under the hegemony of US imperialism, the African continent now faces a far slicker imperialist power While pretending to aid national liberation movements, the USSR has in fact econo-

mically plundered Africa From 1954 to 1974 the USSR has exported \$3 billion in capital to Africa, while extracting \$4.7 billion in food and raw materials during that time Engaging in classical imperialist unequal trade, the USSR jacks up the prices of its manufactured goods, while forcing down the prices of African raw materials From 1955-74 African countries lost \$2.4 billion in their trade with the USSR

The world knows that US imperialism must politically dominate a country in order to economically plunder it The same holds true for the USSR Only a little more than a year ago, Angola liberated itself from Portuguese colonialism, now the USSR has become a new colonial master. Angola is forced to ship coffee to the USSR at 38% of the world market price Soviet, Cuban and East German advisors control much of Angola's internal affairs including security services, information, customs and immigration, as well as banks and financial affairs (Peking Review #15, 1977) But the Angolan people are continuing resistance to the new imperialist Work stoppages on plantations have cut coffee production by 80% and rebellions continue both in central and northern Angola, including attacks on Gulf Oil holdings in Cabinda province

The USSR recently tried to coerce Zimbabwe liberation forces to accept a "multi-national" force (Cuban) to liberate their country The Zimbabwe liberation forces rejected this scheme and chose instead to rely on their own resources One African leader said, "To liberate Africa is Africa's task. We do not want our 'friends' from foreign countries to come to liberate Africa for us " (Peking Review #5, 1977)

FRONTING FOR SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISM

The chubby old men who run the USSR have a hard time convincing anyone they are revolutionaries, not so for the leaders of Cuba Remembering the revolutionary history of Cuba, people of several African countries turned out in large numbers to hear Fidel Castro on his recent tour But rhetoric about "proletarian internationalism" cannot conceal a simple fact the USSR uses Cuba to carry out its military expansion into Africa

For many years the US felt free to send troops to Africa (e.g. to the Congo in 1960) and anywhere else in the world Since its defeat in Vietnam, the US economic crisis and pressure from the US masses has made it much more difficult to intervene militarily. The US relies more on economic penetration and use of other governments like South Africa to do its military dirty work Of course, when facing a big enough crisis, US imperialism will call out the Marines to protect its interests

The USSR, on the other hand, is weaker economically than the US and has fewer client states in the world The USSR is the more aggressive superpower and is increasingly using military aid and armed intervention It would be far too obvious to send white Russians to fight in the African tropics, so they force the Cubans to play that role Cuban troops are still fighting Angolan guerilla groups one full year after the "end" of the Angolan civil war. An estimated 12,000 to 20,000 Cuban troops and "technical advisors remain in Angola There is an old joke about Czechoslovakia that now applies to Angola: 'Czechoslovakia must be the largest country in



Armed with Soviet made rifles, these Cuban mercenaries intervened in Angola's Civil War in 1975-6

the world. The USSR began withdrawing its troops in 1968 and still hasn't reached the border!"

Besides direct military intervention, Cuba is useful to the USSR for diplomatic maneuverings At the 1973 conference of Third World nations, Cuba isolated itself by supporting Soviet interference in the Third World Castro and seven other members of the Cuban Central Committee recently traveled to Algeria, Angola, Tanzania, Mozambique, Democratic Yemen, Somalia, East Germany, and the USSR Soviet President Podgorny just happened to drop by Africa at the same time Podgorny and Castro tried to set up more Soviet military facilities like the USSR already has in Somalia Castro wanted Ethiopia, Somalia, Djibouti and Democratic Yemen to form a "socialist federation" to counter the recent alliance of Egypt, Sudan and Syria. These and other schemes got no takers Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere pointed out that so far the USSR had given little aid to the armed struggle in Zimbabwe and Anzania, he suggested that future aid be channeled through the Organization of African Unity to prohibit the USSR from manipulating different forces. Of course, the USSR turned him down on that request

Increasing numbers of African countries are rejecting both superpowers Referring to the two superpowers, Sudan's Minister of Information, Bona Malwal, said recently, "I think their arm-twisting is the biggest problem in Africa today If they get their hands off, we can settle our problems " (LA TIMES, 5/9/77)

The liberation struggles of Zimbabwe are about to topple the Smith regime, mass demonstrations of students and workers in Anzania strike fear into the hearts of the racist rulers of South Africa. The African people are learning that there is no freedom when one imperialism replaces another Seventy-five years ago, the Cuban people learned that the "friendly" US Imperialism was a far worse master than Spanish colonialism Today, they are learning that Soviet Social Imperialism is no better than the US variety The Cuban people will certainly overthrow the domination of the USSR and continue their revolutionary struggle to true liberation

African Liberation Day

From a correspondent

Washington - Close to 7,000 people of different nationalities marched in three different demonstrations in support of African Liberation Day (ALD) on May 28 It was a strong show of support for the liberation struggles currently being waged in Southern Africa.

African Liberation Day (ALD) has been celebrated in the US since 1972 when tens of thousands of Afro-Americans marched in support of struggles of the African people. In the last two years the numbers of people at ALD has decreased and it has become more like a festival This year marked a resurgence in the numbers of people marching as well as the militance of the demonstrations For the first time large numbers of nationalities other than Afro-Americans participated This was also the first year in which there were three different demonstrations

One demonstration was organized by the All African Peoples Revolutionary Party (AAPRP) which is led by Stokely Carmichael The AAPRP's two slogans were "The core of the Black revolution is in Africa and until Africa is united under a socialist government the Black man all over the world lacks a homeland", and "South Africa, Rhodesia and Israel are the enemies of Africans and all mankind" Besides Carmichael,

there were speakers from the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, CASA and African liberation movements. The demonstration excluded non-Blacks and one principle of unity was upholding the USSR as a socialist country From 4-5,000 Afro-Americans attended this demonstration It clearly shows the need for communists and class conscious workers to bring a correct analysis of African liberation and Afro-Americans' struggles to the masses of the American people

About 1,500 people attended the second demonstration, which was initiated by the Revolutionary Communist Party and the Revolutionary Workers Congress, organized by the African Liberation Day Coalition It was a broad, multi-national coalition in which communists and progressive forces participated The two main slogans were "US Out of Southern Africa -- Superpowers--Hands Off" and "Fight Imperialism and National Oppression from the USA to the USA (Union of South Africa)" Contingents from all over the East and Midwest came to participate in the march. The African Liberation Day Caucus, Iranian Students Association and the Ethiopian Students Union of North America participated in a contingent whose purpose was to emphasize the growing influence of the USSR in Southern Africa The RCP consistently downplays the role of the USSR and, in fact, slandered the contingent for demanding that both the US and USSR get out of Southern



Africa The contingent distributed thousands of leaflets throughout Washington D C in preparation for ALD

The outstanding speaker at the Coalition rally was from the Pan African Congress (PAC) of Azania. He denounced the role of the US and USSR in Azania He received enthusiastic applause when he announced the establishment of a liberation army inside Azania under the guidance of the PAC

About 500 people attended a demonstration organized by the Workers Viewpoint Organization Only those forces that united with the WVO political line attended WVO has tried to make the African Liberation Support Committee into an organization for the "advanced" and has effectively isolated the ALSC from the masses

ALD 1977 showed once again that the American people can be mobilized in support of African Liberation struggles It also brought out the divisions that exist within the working class and oppressed nationalities. Each of the major organizers -- AAPRP, RCP, WVO -- held a sectarian approach to ALD, attempting to build their own organizations at the expense of ALD Genuine support for African Liberation struggles will come about through the principled unity of communists, revolutionary nationalists and other progressive forces in opposition to both superpowers' exploitation of Africa

CATERPILLAR STRIKE

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rule in favor of the injunction when faced with an international giant like Caterpillar?

Caterpillar not only rips off workers in San Leandro, but throughout the world. CAT sells 57% of its products outside the US. It has manufacturing plants and parts warehouses in eleven foreign countries, including Brazil, Hong Kong, Mexico, and India. Since 1962, CAT has operated a parts depot in Johannesburg, South Africa. South Africa's vicious system of apartheid segregates blacks into the worst jobs and lowest pay. Black auto workers, for example, made 50¢ per hour at Ford in 1973, and \$2 per hour at GM today. That's in an economy with a cost of living the same as the US. The white capitalist government of South Africa enjoys the support of US corporations like GM, Polaroid and Caterpillar. Caterpillar workers in South Africa and San Leandro have the same enemy, the enemy of all working and oppressed people: US imperialism.

HISTORY OF STRUGGLE AT CAT -- SAN LEANDRO

Caterpillar practiced its own version of apartheid back in the US. CAT located its plant in San Leandro, a city that was virtually all white until recently. CAT hired no blacks until 1966.

Even now CAT bosses refuse to promote sufficient numbers of blacks and other minorities to skilled jobs. Until recently CAT refused to hire women workers, although protests and court suits by women have forced them to hire some women in the last few years.

Caterpillar workers have a strong history of resistance to this exploitation. Several years ago a rank and file group of national minorities filed a court suit against CAT's racism. They showed the collusion of the IAM leadership with the racist practices of CAT. Some CAT workers actively supported the political case of Greg Jones. Greg Jones was a Black Caterpillar worker driven to a mental breakdown by the speed-ups and national oppression he faced. In a state of temporary insanity, Jones shot and killed a man. As a number of fellow workers testified at his trial, Caterpillar was the real murderer. (See RC Vol 1 #5).

In 1974, IAM members waged another hard contract fight which resulted in a victory. Before 1974, CAT bosses made stewards report to the foreman before they could talk to workers about union business. The 1974 strike got rid of that nonsense. But, true to form, the capitalists came back with another equally ridiculous demand in 1977. CAT wants to limit stewards to five hours per week for

union business. The bosses want the right to interrogate and write up workers without the presence of a shop steward in the first step of the grievance procedure.

The 1974 strike got support from IAM locals around the Bay Area. The San Leandro plant makes the fuel injection systems for all CAT tractors and engines. A long strike would hurt CAT's production nationwide. CAT workers remember the militancy and solidarity of the 1974 strike, no one expects 1977 to be any different.

THE STRIKE CONTINUES

CAT workers are waging a militant trade union battle for their rights. Unable to stop the workers at the negotiating table, the capitalists at Caterpillar turned to the police and courts to break the strike. The workers fought back with their only weapon: solidarity.

When the judge ruled that he would continue the injunction against mass pickets, one Caterpillar steward stood up in the courtroom demanding the right to defend himself. "I want my day in court," he said. The judge promptly ordered him arrested for contempt. Later the judge backed down and didn't press charges. Many CAT workers and their supporters left the courtroom and went immediately to the picket for fellow striking workers at Rylock Corp. "Their fight," said one worker simply, "is our fight."

Energy...

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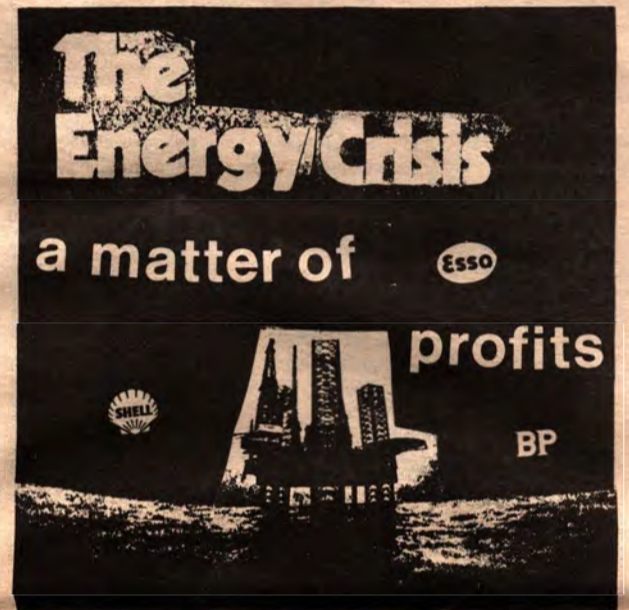
guarantee of water and air polluted with radiation it is a guarantee of slow death from radiation poisoning for workers in nuclear plants. The oil monopolies already own 54% of the nation's coal and 45% of its uranium reserves. They will clearly profit by these government programs. Meanwhile workers in those industries will face speed-ups and increasingly unsafe conditions as the monopolies rush to fill the new orders.

7) Gas-guzzling cars will be more heavily taxed while those who buy energy-efficient autos will get a rebate. This is Carter's big show-piece of fairness. Even a heavy tax, however, won't stop the rich from buying whatever car they want. There is no guarantee that the rebate will continue for very long. We saw what happened to Carter's earlier income tax rebate--it disappeared.

ENERGY CRISIS OR CRISIS OF IMPERIALISM?

Carter and his capitalist buddies are pushing the idea that there are only so many energy sources on earth: we had better start conserving now before they are exhausted. It is certainly true that Americans waste energy. Everywhere the capitalists build flashing neon signs. They build skyscrapers which can't use natural light and air because the windows won't open. Capitalist industry itself is the biggest waster of energy. Auto companies have always fought mass transit systems which would save billions of barrels of oil. Munitions manufacturers alone use 10% of the nation's oil and 33% of the industrial electric power.

Capitalism wastes energy, and it also artificially restricts the growth of energy sources. That is at the heart of why there is no real energy crisis. The US has vast amounts of untapped energy sources. US Geological Survey figures show that the US has 80 times more oil reserves than was consumed in 1971. There is 100 times the natural gas and 800 times the coal reserves con-



Insure the equality of languages TRANSLATORS NEEDED



Dear Friends,
The Revolutionary Cause has upheld the equality of language by having all articles in English and Spanish. Although we recognize the need for the paper to be in other languages too, we are taking a first step by insuring its regular publication in Spanish. At present we are in need of Spanish translators, persons who would help to translate in accordance with their time and abilities.

While the task needs people who grasp both English and Spanish, people don't have to be professional translators. If you do not live near where our paper is published, we can arrange for translations to be sent in the mail. As most people realize, the work of translation is not a mechanical chore but rather one more aspect of defending the equality of people and their language. It's part of the fight to build the multinational unity of the working class. Translators should contact us by writing P.O. Box 32026, Los Angeles, Ca 90032.

Strike at Master Products

--from a correspondent

EAST LOST ANGELES--One hundred ten men and women workers are striking Master Products Mfg. They are fighting exploitation, demanding 75¢ an hour across the board wage increase. They currently earn between \$2.30-2.50 per hour. They are fighting discrimination by a boss who, after 40 years profit from their labor, calls them "stupid Mexicans." They are fighting clouds of dust, fumes, working around furnaces with no ventilation, heavy punch press noise and frequent accidents, against a supervisor who hits workers and denies them the right to go to the bathroom. They are fighting for a health plan that will work, safety equipment and better working conditions, 5 paid sick days a year, closed shop and a one year contract.

So far the union--Stove, Furnace & Allied Appliance workers Local 158--has only given

them picket signs. The people aren't relying on these union bureaucrats who haven't worked in a shop for 30 or 40 years. The workers rely on their own strength and unity--their determination to fight and win.

Two women strikers were run down by a scab car, incited by the boss. The boss then denied the hospital all health plan information needed to admit the women. Only one of the women run over is able to get out of bed. She is walking the picket line, determined to win. The strikers also have the support of their families and workers from neighboring factories, who walk the line with them before or after their shifts.

You can help with money, food and by walking the picket line. The 24-hour picket is at 3481 East 14th St., East Los Angeles.

VIVA LA HUELGA! THE STRIKE WILL WIN!

sumed in 1971. US World Oil and Oil and Gas Journal have reported that exploitable oil reserves discovered in the world amounted to over 6 billion tons in 1939 and over 90 billion tons in 1974. Nearly 2 trillion cubic meters of natural gas were found in 1939 while 70 trillion were found in 1974. In recent years scientists have developed new technology such as geothermal and solar power.

Of course, the top executives of Standard Oil know there is plenty of oil and gas in the world. But they spread the myth of an energy crisis to stretch their profits. The imperialists want the working class and oppressed nationalities to pay for the shrinking markets and setbacks incurred by US imperialism around the world.

ENERGY USE AND SOCIALISM

The masses of working people already dislike Carter's program. "Carter should spend a couple of weeks with a poor family to see what we go through," said one New Jersey nurse's aid with nine children. "The program is going to hurt the working man more than the rich," said a Massachusetts printer. "The rich can pay the new taxes without feeling it."

Communists and advanced workers must raise this spontaneous hatred to the level of class consciousness. We must show that only socialist revolution will resolve the energy problem. The system of private enterprise means artificial shortages in energy and a lower standard of living for workers. With workers and oppressed people running the US -- under the dictatorship of the proletariat -- energy use is part of a planned economy. Socialism guarantees the working class the necessities of life, like adequate electricity and fuel. A workers' government can make a decision to run the natural gas industry at a loss in order to provide cheap heating--and subsidize it with earnings from other industries. A socialist government can plan years ahead to develop oil fields or plan mass transit to eliminate the need for cars. A socialist government wouldn't plunder the countries of the Third World, but would engage in fair trade for the raw materials of those countries.

But of course, the Rockefellers and their capitalist friends aren't about to give up their billions in profits just so workers can lead decent lives. The capitalist class has already adopted policies which killed those two black men in New York. The working class will avenge their deaths when we seize power through armed revolution and destroy capitalism once and for all.

Chicano Students Walk Out

COMMUNITY CONTROL OF BENITO JUAREZ HIGH

Chicago--Over 500 students from the Pilsen community high schools and upper grade centers (Junior Highs) walked out on May 5. Marching on the Board of Education, they demanded community control of the newly constructed Benito Juarez High School. Called for Cinco de Mayo, a major Mexican holiday celebrating independence from foreign aggression, the walkout was the first time this holiday was commemorated in Chicago with a mass demonstration against national oppression.

Although the demonstration was mainly Chicano and Puerto Ricans, the 500 demonstrators included Anglos as well. During the march and at the Board of Education, students and community groups demanded a guarantee of bilingual teachers and classes, that they be allowed to select teachers and curriculum, set the boundaries for Juarez High, and that the Board respect the community's choice for Principal. Because the other high schools in Pilsen are so crowded, the students demanded that Juarez open with three grades instead of two, so they can attend this fall. "Who's going to control Benito Juarez?" asked a march monitor. The youth responded with a resounding, "WE ARE!!!"

FOUR YEAR STRUGGLE FOR COMMUNITY CONTROL

The fight to control Benito Juarez High is a continuation of a militant 4-year struggle. In 1973, over 500 students and community activists took over Froebel High School to protest the closing of the school. In a week of skirmishes with Chicago police, they demanded the building of a new high school. In 1974, 85% of the students of 9 Pilsen schools boycotted for one week, repeating the demand for a new high school. When the city finally conceded, 1000 people at a mass meeting named the school Benito Juarez High School.

Since that time, conditions in the Pilsen community schools have not improved. Harrison High has an incredible drop-out rate of 77%. English is a second language for 60-80% of that community, the school curriculum and administration don't reflect it. The community wants a Chicano or Mexican principal who has experience in bilingual programs. They demand that the Principal be democratically elected by the residents of Pilsen. So far, the community has forced two Board-selected principals to resign, but the Board still refuses to appoint someone who represents the community.

CAPITALIST EDUCATION

If you are rich, your kids can go to the University of Chicago, if you work for a living, chances are your kids are part of the 77% who never finish high school. In Chicago, like everywhere else in the US, education serves the capitalist class.

The capitalists directly control the Board of Education. Board member, Herbert Johnson is Vice President of Continental Bank, one of the largest in the US. Board member, Mrs. Lydon Wilde, rides to Board meetings in a chauffeur-driven, wood-paneled Cadillac. The Democratic Party machine constructed by the late Mayor Daley is very slick, besides direct representatives of big capital, they add "representatives" of the working man and minorities to the School Board. The President of the Board is John D. Carey, leader of the United Steelworkers of America. Another Board member is Thomas Nayder, head of the Chicago Building Trades Council. Both of these men long ago gave up working for a living and currently live off the high-paid salaries forced out of the union rank and file. Carmen

Velasquez is the token Chicana on the Board. Her father is known as the jukebox king of 26th Street (a large Chicano and Mexican barrio) who has close ties with the syndicate and Democratic Party machine. She voted for the Board's choice of Principal for Juarez H.S., in spite of strong community opposition.

Throughout the entire educational process, the capitalists maintain the vicious system of national oppression. At the Pilsen community schools, 40% of the students are taught in a language they don't understand. The school system consistently denies parents and students demands for bilingual-bicultural education. Classes continue to teach the stereotyped history of white superiority and Black/Chicano/Asian/Native American inferiority. Of course schools with large numbers of racial minorities get the worst funding, least experienced teachers and oldest buildings--thus forcing students to drop out. The capitalists want a certain number

of unskilled drop-outs. With unemployment high, they can keep wages low. When students rebel, they are kicked out of school. If they aren't kicked out, they drop out. The capitalists claim to provide free, quality education for all. That's nothing but a joke when schools like Harrison have a drop-out rate of 77%. In reality, capitalist education prepares our youth for nothing but the unemployment lines, prison or cannon fodder for the next imperialist war.

THE MASSES RESPOND

To stop the Cinco de Mayo walkout, the administration sent out teachers to guard the hallways and doorways. But the anger born of years of national oppression was too great for a handful of guards. The demonstration was well-planned and executed. Although the students at one school had a chance to walk out during an early morning fire drill, they waited until the pre-determined time. They stormed out past teachers, past Principals; those who couldn't get out through the doors went out through the windows.

The students and youth of the Pilsen community are struggling for their democratic rights, Chicano and Puerto Ricans are struggling for their rights as a people. They want a quality education and the right to control their schools. The walkout brought together students and parents, club rivalries (the press calls it "gang wars") were put aside. Today they struggle against the Board of Education and racist administrators, tomorrow they will consciously join the fight against the capitalist system. ★



Chicago's Latino students walked out of classrooms demanding community control of their highschools. Since 1973 these students have fought against racist education and the attempt to crush their culture.

HUNG JURY FOR ST. LUKE'S 23

Chicago, Ill --On April 29 the jury in the St. Luke's 23 trial was unable to reach a verdict in the case of the first four defendants. Police arrested the 23 Latino activists in connection with a protest demanding the hiring of more Latinos at Chicago's St. Luke's Hospital.

The hung jury represented a partial victory won as a result of the strong community support and revolutionary tactics employed by the four defendants acting as their own lawyers. The St. Luke's 23 mobilization committee went to high schools, plants and community centers to rally support. During jury selection, the defendants educated the jury about the women's movement, the struggle for Puerto Rican independence and about the Chicano Nation. At the conclusion of the trial, 6 jurors came over to the defendants and urged them to continue the struggle against the hospital.

On May 1 several community organizations called a picket and rally in front of St. Luke's Public Relations director's house. Mr. Freeman was responsible for calling the police on the 23 during their original protest August 12, 1976. Marching in front of Freeman's house, the community organizations demanded dropping of all charges against the 23, the hiring of more Latinos and improved health care for the community. When a policeman tried to arrest a speaker who was denouncing Free-

man's crimes, the people surrounded the policeman, grabbed him, and "convinced" him not to make the arrest.

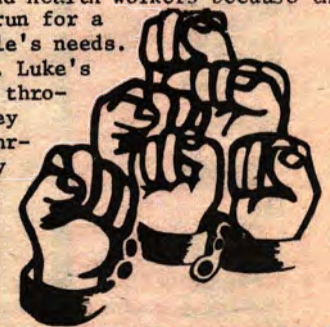
Freeman called the Illinois State prosecutor and ordered him to haul the St. Luke's 23 into court. The prosecutor asked the judge to find them guilty of "intimidating a witness". He threatened to impanel a grand jury and/or to press for sentences of 1-10 years. Although the prosecution talks tough, behind closed doors they indicated they were feeling the pressure of the masses. The prosecution offered to drop the whole case if "Latinos stop their struggle against St. Luke's!"

The defendants went to court May 9 to tell the judge and prosecutor that the community had every right to march around Freeman's house. They refused to bargain away the peoples' just demands against St. Luke's. "We're still going to investigate the racist policies of the hospital," said one of the defendants, "we're going to keep talking to former patients, community people who were refused service and employees of the hospital." The judge set the next court appearances for June 1 (for 19 defendants) and June 21 for the four.

Revolutionaries and communists have played an active role in support of the St. Luke's 23. On April 29 the Coalition of Latin Organizations sponsored a film showing of "Requiem 29"--a film

about the 1970 Chicano anti-war demonstration in L.A. One of the defendants spoke as did a member of ATM (M-L). ATM showed the historic parallel between the mass anti-imperialist August 29 March against the Vietnam War and the current anti-imperialist struggle against St. Luke's. In both cases Chicanos and Latinos faced a profit-hungry capitalist system willing to kill to survive--whether by sending US workers overseas to die or by condemning the people of the US to slow death through poor health care and unemployment. The ATM speaker contrasted the health care systems in socialist Albania and China to that of the US. In those countries national minorities are trained as doctors and health workers because the health system isn't run for a profit, but for people's needs. The lesson of the St. Luke's 23 case is that only through struggle will they gain freedom, only through revolutionary struggle will all working and oppressed people be free.

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WOMEN IN CHINA—MUJERES EN CHINA

Interview * Anna Nieto-Gomez * Entrevista

(Anna Nieto-Gomez has been active in the Chicano and women's movement for many years. In the late 60's she worked in Mecha and help found a Chicana newspaper, Hijas de Cuauhtemoc, at Cal State University at Long Beach. In 1969, she participated in writing the Plan de Santa Barbara which laid out goals and the philosophy for Chicano Studies Departments. In 1974, she founded a Chicana Journal, Encuentro Femenil. She currently teaches a class on the Chicana at Claremont College, California. In March, 1977, she visited the People's Republic of China as part of the National Women's Delegation from the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association.)

Revolutionary Cause What were you able to observe about the condition of women in China?

Anna Nieto-Gomez One thing that is immediately visible is that women are working in non-traditional jobs, positions where you wouldn't see women working in the U.S. You see women truck drivers, and women throwing sledge hammers in construction of buildings. You see a tremendous number of women cadres--by that the Chinese mean people in responsible administrative positions in the factories, schools, communes, etc. In terms of sexual equality, women's clothing, as well as men's, is not designed to emphasize their sex, but is designed for practicality.

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Causa Revolucionaria Que pudo observar usted de las condiciones de la mujer en China?

Anna Nieto-Gomez Una cosa que es inmediatamente observada es que la mujer está trabajando en trabajos que no han sido tradicional, trabajos que en los Estados Unidos no se miran mujeres. Se mira mujeres manejando camiones, y usando martillos pesados en la construcción de edificios. Se mira una tremenda cantidad de mujeres que son cuadros. En China esto significa gente que está en puestos de responsabilidad administrativa en las fábricas, escuelas, y comunas, etc. En términos de la igualdad sexual, la ropa de mujeres así como la del hombre, no es echa para dar énfasis a su sexo, pero es echa por su practicabilidad.

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Por ley y por su política social China reconoce todas las minorias nacionales con igualdad y se opone a una asimilación forzada. Como un ejemplo del esfuerzo de asegurar las culturas de los pueblos, 10 más lenguajes se han descubierto desde la liberación. Mientras que el Kuomintang no permitía que se hablara ciertos lenguajes, la RPC ha ayudado para desarrollar un alfabeto para lenguajes que nunca se habían escrito. En fábricas donde hay una gran concentración de minorias nacionales, cosinas especiales, preparan y sirven la comida de esas minorias.

CAUSA REVOLUCIONARIA

Hay algunos de minorias nacionales en posiciones de liderazgo?

ANNA NIETO-GOMEZ:

Aunque 6% de la población de China son de en el Congreso Nacional Popular. La hermana mas grande de una historia popular en China para niños, Hermanas de las Tierras, de Mongolia, hoy es una representante en el congreso del pueblo. Hoy 30% de los cuadros de las minorias nacionales son mujeres.

CAUSA REVOLUCIONARIA:

Cual es la vista de la RPC sobre la planificación de familias?

ANNA NIETO-GOMEZ:

China tiene dos diferentes políticas sobre la mujer en el planamiento de familia. Dentro de la mayoría de la población de Han, China anima a que se tenga dos niños y que parejas que se casan ya mas tarde (30 años para hombres, y 27 para mujeres). Pero las minorias nacionales casi fueron destruidos por la dictadura del Kuomintang. También las minorias nacionales ocupan el 60% de la tierra de China. Por estas razones el gobierno de China, anima que la mujer

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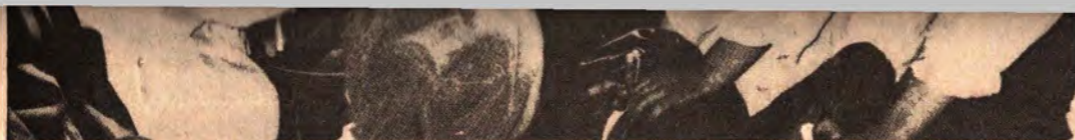
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Anna Nieto-Gomez One example the Chinese gave us was how Chiang Ching tried to influence women. The Chinese do not see the Gang of 4 as "leftists", they were thoroughly rightist and reactionary. In big character posters showing the Gang of 4, you will see Chiang Ching wearing dresses. In general, particularly in winter, the women in China don't wear dresses, they wear pants and a coat because it's so cold. But Chiang tried to put out on the market European style dresses. They were impractical and no one would buy them. So Chiang Ching introduced dresses and high heels for the women in the People's Liberation Army! The army women protested and refused to wear them because they were completely impractical.

Another clear example was Chiang Ching and the Gang of 4's position on feminism. She asserted that since she was Mao's wife (although they had been separated for six years) she should be the head of state. She said women couldn't achieve equality until a woman ruled China. Rather than fighting male supremacy in order to unify the Chinese people, she made men the enemy. At the same time she used her association with men to justify her usurping power.

Revolutionary Cause: What was the Chinese view on the U.S. women's movement and the question of feminism?

Anna Nieto-Gomez The Chinese want to know more about the broad mass women's movement. At this time they see the women's movement in the U.S. as divorcing itself from the class struggle by emphasizing men as the enemy. The women's movement is not seen as attacking the causes of the



oppression of women. But at the same time China does support the women's mass movement for equal work, for equal pay, maternity leave and the advancement of women in education and employment. They see these issues as advancing the cause of all people but they do not believe they can be achieved under the present system.

Mao Tse-tung made it clear that the liberation of the working class and nation is a prerequisite for the emancipation of women. Therefore the struggle for the liberation of women must be placed in the orbit of the struggle against Capitalism and Imperialism. The struggle for China's liberation is an example in which the Communist Party believed it was within the interest of men and women, national minorities and the Han people to unite and struggle in unity to overthrow their oppressors. As far back as 1927 Mao wrote:

"In addition to being dominated by these three systems of authority, women are dominated by the men (the authority of the husband). These four authorities--political, clan, religious and masculine--are the embodiment of the whole feudal-patriarchal ideology and system, are the four thick ropes binding the Chinese people, particularly the peasants.

"With the rise of the peasant movement, the women in many places have now begun to organize rural women's associations, and the opportunity has come for them to lift up their heads and the authority of the husband is getting shakier every day. In a word, the whole feudal-patriarchal ideology and system is tottering with the growth of the peasants' power."

Mao, "Report on an Investigation of the Peasant Movement in Hunan"

CAUSA REVOLUCIONARIA

Cual era el punto de vista de los chinos sobre el movimiento de mujeres en los Estados Unidos y sobre la cuestión de feminismo?

ANNA NIETO-GOMEZ

Los chinos quieren saber más sobre el amplio movimiento de mujeres. En este tiempo ellos miran el movimiento de mujeres en los Estados Unidos divorciándose de la lucha de clase por mirar el hombre como el enemigo. No se está mirando el movimiento de mujeres para atacar las causas de la opresión de la mujer. Pero al mismo tiempo China apoya el movimiento de masas de mujeres por pago igual por trabajo igual, derechos cuando la mujer está embarazada, el avance de mujer en educación y empleo. Ellos miran estos puntos como una forma para avanzar la causa de todo el pueblo pero no creen que se pueden obtener debajo el presente sistema.

Mao Tse-tung expresó claro que la liberación de la clase trabajadora y del pueblo es un prerequisite para la liberación de la mujer. Es por esto que la lucha por la liberación de la mujer tiene que ser puesta en el órbito de la lucha contra el capitalismo e imperialismo. La lucha por la liberación de China es un ejemplo donde el Partido Comunista miraba que era dentro el interés del hombre y la mujer, las minorías nacionales y la gente Han, de unirse y luchar en unidad contra sus opresores, y hasta en 1927 Mao escribió:

En cuanto a las mujeres, además de estar sometidas a estos tres sistemas de autoridad, se encuentran dominadas por los hombres (la autoridad marital). Estas cuatro formas de autoridad - política, de clan, religiosa y marital - encarnan la ideología y el sistema feudo-patriarcales en su conjunto y son cuatro gruesas sogas que mantienen amarrado al pueblo chino, y en particular al campesinado. Y recientemente, con el surgimiento del movimiento campesino, las mujeres han comenzado en muchos lugares a organizar uniones de mujeres campesinas, ha llegado para ellas la hora de levantar la cabeza, y la autoridad marital es sacudida día a día. En una palabra, con el crecimiento del poder de los campesinos, están tambaleando la ideología y el sistema feudo-patriarcales en su conjunto.

--Informe sobre la Investigación del movimiento campesino en Junan (marzo de 1927) Obras Escogidas, t.I

la historia, lenguaje, y cultura de las minorías nacionales es estudiada, documentada, y se anima para desarrollarla. Hay 54 minorías nacionales en China. China todavía está tratando de indentificar otros grupos de minorías nacionales para poder ayudarles desarrollar como un pueblo. Antes de la liberación, el Kuomintang decía que no había minorías nacionales en China y entonces negaba sus culturas, lenguajes, etc.

Por ley y por su política social China reconoce todas las minorías nacionales con igualdad y se opone a una asimilación forzada. Como un ejemplo del esfuerzo de asegurar las culturas de los pueblos, 10 más lenguajes se han descubierto desde la liberación. Mientras que el Kuomintang no permitía que se hablara ciertos lenguajes, la RPC ha ayudado para desarrollar un alfabeto para lenguajes que nunca se habían escrito. En fábricas donde hay una gran concentración de minorías nacionales, cosinas especiales, preparan y sirven la comida de esas minorías.

CAUSA REVOLUCIONARIA

Hay algunos de minorías nacionales en posiciones de liderazgo?

ANNA NIETO-GOMEZ

Aunque 6% de la población de China son de en el Congreso Nacional Popular. La hermana mas grande de una historia popular en China para niños, Hermanas de las Tierras, de Mongolia, hoy es una representante en el congreso del pueblo. Hoy 30% de los cuadros de las minorías nacionales son mujeres.

CAUSA REVOLUCIONARIA

Cual es la vista de la RPC sobre la planificación de familias?

ANNA NIETO-GOMEZ

China tiene dos diferentes políticas sobre la mujer en el planamiento de familia. Dentro de la mayoría de la población de Han, China anima a que se tenga dos niños y que parejas que se casan ya mas tarde (30 años para hombres, y 27 para mujeres). Pero las minorías nacionales casi fueron destruidos por la dictadura del Kuomintang. También las minorías nacionales ocupan el 60% de la tierra de China. Por estas razones el gobierno de China, anima que la mujer de minorías nacionales tenga cuantos niños quiera y que se case mas joven. Esto sí es un proceso democrático. Si la mujer no quiere tener muchos niños, ésta es una decisión hecha por la mujer.

CAUSA REVOLUCIONARIA

Que afecto tuvo la política de la Pandilla de Cuatro sobre la mujer y que están haciendo las masas sobre esto?

ANNA NIETO-GOMEZ

Un ejemplo que los chinos nos dieron fue como Chiang Ching trató de influenciar a la mujer. Los chinos no miran la pandilla de 4 como "izquierdistas", ellos eran completamente de derecha y reaccionarios. En grandes rótulos de letra se mirará a Chiang Ching con vestidos. En general, y particularmente en el invierno las mujeres en China usan pantalones y no vestidos, también usan abrigos. Pero Chiang trató de que en el mercado tuviera vestidos estilo europeo. No eran prácticos y nadie los compraba. Entonces Chiang Ching introdujo vestidos y zapatos de tacón alto para las mujeres en el Ejército Popular de Liberación. Las mujeres en el ejército protestaron y rehusaron usarlos porque eran completamente impracticos. Otro ejemplo fue la posición de Chiang Ching y el resto de la Pandilla de Cuatro sobre el feminismo. Ella mantenía de que como siendo la esposa de Mao (aunque habían estado separados por 6 años) de que ella debiera encabezar el país. Ella decía que la mujer en China no podía tener igualdad hasta que una mujer encabezara China. En ves de luchar contra la supremecia masculina para unir al pueblo chino, ella decía que los hombres eran el enemigo. Al mismo tiempo ella usaba su asociación con hombres para poder tratar de tomar el poder.