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COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE, NATIONS WANT LIBERATION, PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION

Resistance Increases

SO. AFRICAN GOV'T CRACKS DOWN



The Black people of South Africa (Azania) grow stronger in their determination each day to overthrow the brutal Vorster regime. This demonstration in Cape Town is one more revolt against apartheid.

On October 19 the South African government outlawed 18 Black anti-apartheid organizations, and arrested 70 Black leaders and supporters. It closed down THE WORLD, South Africa's largest Black newspaper, an advocate of non-violent change for South Africa. The Vorster government followed up these actions by arresting 97 Indian adults and youths who were protesting the apartheid policy of the racist regime. All public gatherings have been prohibited. In September the Vorster police had brutally murdered Black activist and patriot Stephen Biko; an act which had resulted in worldwide condemnation, and had sparked off massive protests in South Africa itself. Before examining these events more closely let us look at a little background to the situation in Azania (South Africa).

PROPPED UP BY IMPERIALISM

The South African regime is held up economically, politically and militarily by imperialism, primarily by US imperialism. 494 US corporations operate in South Africa, including such giants as General Motors, IBM, Kodak, Dow Chemical, U.S. Steel, General Electric, Ford, and Bethlehem Steel. In the 1960's the US moved in very rapidly to take the place of Britain as the main imperialist prop of the South African government. US corporations thrive off of the superexploitation of the Black African workers, who average \$24-60 per month in wages. They profit from the plunder of the vast natural resources of Azania, such as diamonds and copper. South Africa is currently in debt to US imperialism to the tune of \$2.2 billion; out of a total national debt of \$9.3 billion. While the US claims to refuse to supply arms to South Africa, it funnels tons of military equipment to Israel who in turn sells it to South Africa. The US has continually given overt and covert support to the apartheid and racist policies of the Vorster regime.

But of course, this is only one side of the picture. The Azanian people have a long history of struggle. In 1960 the Pan African Congress (PAC) called on all blacks to leave their pass books at home. Thousands and thousands of people

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"What am I going to do? I got 32 years in the mill, now I'm out. It's wrong, I tell you. After all these years, suddenly nobody's got a job." This was the initial shocked response of one of 5,000 steelworkers recently thrown out of their jobs by Youngstown Sheet and Tube. Their layoff will eventually result in a total loss of 12,000 jobs in the general economy.

Youngstown is not an exception. The current round of layoffs in steel has cost 20,000 steelworker jobs. To justify their actions the capitalists are blaming everything on imported steel. According to their argument foreign steel companies pay their workers much less in wages, are not bound by "restrictive" environmental requirements, receive the support of their governments and therefore they are able to sell their products on the US market at much lower prices than domestic steel producers. The US steel companies are losing their business to their foreign competitors. Therefore they are forced to lay off their employees. The answer is to restrict steel imports, allow the steel companies to raise their prices as much as they like, and to do away with all anti-pollution requirements. This will make

CRISIS HITS STEEL INDUSTRY

Thousands Laid Off!

US steel competitive with foreign steel once again. The steel corporations will be able to rehire their workers and everybody, will be happy.

The arguments of the steel companies are shot through with lies and are an attempt to let the capitalist system off the hook, while at the same time promoting national chauvinism, particularly against Japan.

The present crisis in steel actually has very little to do with any great influx of imported steel. Facts show, that while there has been a rise in imports they have remained within a range of 11 to 19 million tons over the last ten years. In 1976, 15 million tons were imported, and 16 million tons are projected for 1977. And what do our benevolent capitalists do when imports are

cut back, such as in 1968 when "voluntary" quotas were set for imported steel? US companies immediately RAISED THEIR PRICES, but did not increase the number of jobs. Even one local USWA president was moved to admit: "Imports didn't cause the shutdown (in Youngstown), a profit hungry company did. (The steel companies) cry 'imports' every time they want to cover their tracks."

In fact the steel companies could care less about hiring more workers. Their only concern is with their profits. They say, for instance, that government pressure to control prices "hurts" their industry as well. What is the truth about these price controls? The steel monopolies have raised their prices FIVE TIMES in the last 9 months. It doesn't sound like the steel companies are really worried about being "competitive" with foreign steel. They would prefer to keep out their competitors while at the same time being allowed to maintain their monopoly prices as high as they can.

TRADE UNION BUREAUCRATS - SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

The top leadership of the United Steelworkers

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Militants Seize Statue of Liberty



NEW YORK--"Twenty-eight of us took the first ferry out to the Statue of Liberty" one of the Puerto Rican demonstrators told the RC. "When we got there, we chained ourselves to the building, erected a barricade and explained to the people our demands." Later the members of the New York Committee to Free the 5 Nationalist Prisoners unfurled a huge Puerto Rican flag from the brow of the Statue of Liberty and posted a banner for Puerto Rican independence at the base.

The photo of the flag-draped statue made the front pages of newspapers throughout the US and Latin America. The demonstrators demanded freedom for the four nationalist political prisoners still held in US jails for the pro-independence actions in the early 1950's. They demanded independence for Puerto Rico, full democratic rights for the Puerto Rican national minority in the US and an end to harassment of the independence movement. The bourgeois media never reported that the demonstrators carried out their actions in solidarity with the US working class. "We are in solidarity with the American workers who in growing numbers are confronting US rulers," the New York Committee wrote in their press release. "We have a special message of support for the strik-

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To the Editor:

We helped ATM with its United Auto Workers Convention work and we would like to make the following comments and criticism of that work which we do not think were correctly reflected in the article in RC September, 1977.

First of all the Convention work represented a real step forward for our organizing in the UAW. We learned to view our work from a broader national perspective, rather than from the narrow perspective of one plant. We got a better grasp of the broader tasks of communists, as well as learning what it means to build our influence in the workers movement as communists rather than as militant trade unionists.

But we think that the article gives the wrong impression of the error which we committed in failing to "raise" socialism. The article treats the question as if we made a tactical mistake. It was much more serious. While the political perspective of the work was correct insofar as we educated the workers to support the right of self-determination for the Black Belt South, to join with the immigrant workers in the struggle for their rights and in the common fight against imperialism, and to support the armed struggle of the Azanian people, we did not have the education of the workers to the necessity of socialism as the primary task. It should have been. The whole purpose of training the workers in class consciousness is to draw them to the conclusion that socialist revolution is inevitable and necessary. This is the way in which we must direct all our work, and in which we draw real lines of demarcation between ourselves and the bureaucrats. The bulletins which we issued during the actual days of the convention itself were especially lacking in this perspective, and were often little more than militant trade unionism. We think that this should have been pointed out. All of our convention work should have served to strengthen the ideas of socialist revolution in the minds of the workers. By neglecting to do this except in the last bulletin, (excluding here the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE, which was distributed, but not on as wide a scale as the bulletins), we committed a serious right error. We hope that other comrades will think this criticism over and perhaps our error can help others in the future.

ATM Responds:

Comrades, we think that your criticism is essentially correct. The failure to have socialist revolution as the guiding perspective of our convention work was a serious right error. It is a fundamental task of communists to educate the working class as to the need for such a revolution and for its own communist party to lead them in their struggle for socialism. This failure was not a minor error on our part, but was quite serious. Our convention article gives the impression that we merely misjudged the



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timing and frequency of "raising" socialism. That is not the point. It is not a question of just "raising" socialist revolution, but of having this as the guiding perspective of our work at all times, and of grasping the necessity to connect economic and political issues to the necessity for socialist revolution.

To the Editor:

I have been working with ATM in a caucus where I work and have developed a beginning level of political consciousness in my exposure to ATM. I have been asked and would like to help build the circulation of the RC, of which I have a yearly subscription. I take this opportunity to express what I personally believe to be an error in the September, 1977 RC.

In the article on the International Hotel, the RC states "The RCP (Revolutionary Communist Party--ed) has consistently opposed mass militant struggle to stop the evictions." (emphasis added--ed). I know my experience with the RCP caucus where I work, that this statement is unjust, untrue, and at the very least a case of sloppy journalism. The RCP cadre and caucus has been, along with our own caucus, agitating for mass militant struggle to stop the evictions. I personally know of RCP cadre and supporters who have marched in at least 2 I-Hotel demonstrations--was inside the I-Hotel the night of the evictions, braving the police charges, were instrumental in getting our union bureaucrats to send a letter of concern to the mayor of San Francisco, as well as a friend of mine getting 7 stitches in his head from a police billy club and an RCP supporter being arrested at a demonstration to stop the actual tearing down of the I-Hotel by a Four Seas bulldozer.

Comrades, while I work with an ATM led caucus and have developing unity with the organization, I must recognize and feel duty-bound to criticize what I believe to be the error of the aforementioned statement.

While the RCP may have made some tactical errors around the I-Hotel, I cannot in good conscious accept ATM's position that the RCP "consistently opposed" mass militant struggle to stop the evictions.

Now you might ask why the hell am I backing the RCP? Well I am not backing the RCP. What I

am concerned about is the professionalism of our newspaper. I think that article put out by ATM, as well as other political organs, should report events factually and with the objectivity of the science of Marxist-Leninism. Keeping in mind that what we read, we are asked to internalize and to study, I don't think that it is too much to ask, that we be given information that is able to withstand the scrutiny of close examination? I would like and need to be able to know that when I see or give the RC to someone, that I am giving them a top grade newspaper that deals with nothing but the objective truth.

ATM Responds:

We unite with the comrade's criticism. Further investigation showed that the RCP did not consistently oppose militant actions, but had in fact supported other militant actions during the I-Hotel struggle. However we do stand by our criticism of their actions during the time of the evictions. Rather than supporting the human barricade, the tactic called for by the situation, the RCP disrupted the demonstration by attempting to lead people in a march away from the hotel.

But a more serious criticism attaches to the RCP. While the RCP may have been "consistently militant" during the I-Hotel struggle they also committed serious political errors. They have failed throughout the struggle at the I-Hotel to

link that struggle to the national oppression of the Chinese and Filipino people in this country. This is the essence of the struggle at the International Hotel. Instead they have liquidated the national question, and thereby become accomplices in national oppression, by characterizing the struggle as simply one of "property rights vs. the rights of people to decent housing and to live with dignity". (REVOLUTION, 8/77) In addition they have failed to direct this struggle toward socialist revolution by educating the masses to the reality that only socialist revolution can end national oppression and make unnecessary the struggle of the masses for bare necessities such as housing. In a major article expressing RCP's view on the I-Hotel struggle in the July '77 issue of REVOLUTION they completely fail to link the struggle to the need for socialist revolution; socialism is completely omitted from mention in the article. We think that the RCP's political line provides a good exposure of their opportunism, and we will continue to expose any of their actions which harm the interests of the masses; but we agree that we must always seek to be as

accurate as possible. We thank you for your criticism.

SAN ANTONIO CONFERENCE

--from a correspondent

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS--Over 800 people from the US and Mexico attended the National Chicano/Latino Conference on Immigration and Public Policy held here October 28-30. The large turnout showed the growing desire of the masses of Chicanos and Latinos to fight the attacks on immigrant workers.

In the last six months the US government has stepped up efforts to divide the working class by creating a racist hysteria against undocumented workers. The press is full of headlines like "Illegal Alien Hoard Threatens US." US military intelligence designed a new ID card which the government will force immigrants to carry. And in the past six months the border patrol has brutally murdered five Mexicanos.

The attacks on immigrant workers' rights calls for a broad based organization to link together the struggles of undocumented workers with the entire working class and all national minorities. Many people attending the conference hoped to see some kind of national organization or plan of action emerge. Unfortunately the reformists, revisionists and Trotskyites leading the conference made that impossible.

The aim of CASA, the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party and reformist forces led by Jose Angel Gutierrez (now a judge in Crystal City, Texas) wanted to pass resolutions opposing Carter's amnesty plan and send a delegation to Washington D.C. to lobby against it. The Conference did oppose the Carter Plan, called for unconditional amnesty for undocumented workers, and opposed the US government collusion with the Ku Klux Klan and its "border patrol." SWP and CASA ended up in a major squabble over who would control the Washington, D.C. delegation. As a result, a watered down motion was passed calling for a national week of mobilizations - a resolution that will mean anything to anyone.

In opposition to the reformist scheme of lobbying in Washington, Chicanos Unidos (a revolutionary nationalist group in El Paso, Texas), the Campaña Pro La Preservacion del Segundo Barrio (a group struggling for decent housing in El Paso), the Carlos Montes Justice Committee and ATM (M-L) proposed mass demonstrations in border cities and throughout the Southwest. The demonstrations were to have a clear anti-imperialist focus, opposing all anti-immigrant laws--not just calling for amnesty for those now inside the US. The proposal showed the necessity of opposing all imperialism, especially the US and USSR, and supporting the anti-imperialist struggles of the Third World. It called for supporting the right of self-determination for the Chicano Nation. While the proposal did not pass --due to the overwhelming voting strength of various opportunist groups--the struggle to build a broad based anti-deportation organization under revolutionary leadership will continue.

A Tribute to Sharon Lew

On October 23, 1977, Sharon Lew was killed in an automobile accident. She was just 22 years old. Sharon was a dedicated fighter against all forms of injustice and oppression. She was a leading member of the San Francisco State University Asian Student Union, and an active organizer in the Anti Bakke Decision Coalition for a National Day of Solidarity.

She will always be remembered by those who know her for her strength, kindness and dedication to serving people.

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Nationwide Protests of Bakke Decision



Almost 4000 people from all over California marched against the Bakke decision.

Almost 5,000 people nationwide demonstrated against the Bakke decision October 15. Just days after the US Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case, the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition held mass demonstrations in San Francisco, Atlanta and Boston. Approximately 4,000 people marched from San Francisco's Dolores Park to the Federal Building. Chanting slogans like "Courts and Regents, you can't hide, we know your're on Bakke's side," the thousands of demonstrators formed a militant and disciplined march through Latino and Black working class districts of San Francisco. The demonstration was endorsed by over 100 organizations including numerous workers caucuses, two locals of the United Auto Workers, three United Steelworkers locals, student and community groups from throughout the state.

In Boston over 500 people rallied at Boston Commons in the largest anti-Bakke demonstration to date in that city. The Boston Committee Against the Bakke Decision gathered support from student, worker and community organizations. Several hundred people gathered in Atlanta for a rally and march to the Georgia State Capitol building.

The nationwide demonstrations focused on the UC Regents and the US Supreme Court as the main targets of the struggle. In addition to overturning the racist Bakke decision, the demonstrators demanded an expansion of minority special admissions, expanding programs for oppressed nationalities communities, and an end to discrimination based on language and immigration status.

Marxist-Leninist groups I Wor Kuen and August 29th Movement (M-L) played a leading role in initiating and mobilizing for the demonstrations. In a joint speech to the San Francisco rally, IWK and ATM declared that the Bakke case is one example of the growing national oppression facing minorities in the US. "In the US to win genuine equality for the oppressed nationalities and an end to the suffering of the masses, we must put an end to the source of these problems--the system of imperialism....Through forging the unity of oppressed nationalities and workers movements under the leadership of the working class and its communist party we can bring about a socialist revolution. This revolution must be led by a new communist party," the ATM/IWK spokesperson declared.

The nationwide October 15 actions came one week after the National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision held demonstrations in Oakland, New York and other cities. The National Committee leadership is dominated by the Communist Party USA, CASA and other opportunist groups. The National Committee demonstrations criticized the racism of American society, but completely failed to show that national oppression flows from the system of imperialism. (Future RC's will explain our differences with the National Committee in greater detail).

The capitalists and their courts are continuing to use the Bakke decision to attack minority rights. On October 14 the California Superior

Court ruled in favor of the Correctional Officers Association who charged "reverse discrimination" in the hiring and promoting of minorities and women as prison employees. This case is potentially more dangerous than the Bakke Decision because it outlaws preferential treatment in employment of minorities and women. Similarly on October 14 the California State University system withdrew state universities from a privately funded scholarship program for minority engineering students. They cited the Bakke case as the reason.

The movement against the Bakke decision has become nationwide. The capitalists and their government are feeling the pressure. Over 40 groups submitted friend of the court briefs to the Supreme Court, the largest number ever filed. The US Justice Department wants the Supreme Court to

dodge the issue of affirmative action and minority quotas by sending the whole thing back to California for new hearings. But the issue in the Bakke case is much broader than even affirmative action. The Bakke case is an outright attack on the rights of national minorities, an attack that is bound to intensify as US imperialism continues in its political and economic crisis. That is why in a statewide conference held October 19, the ABDC vowed to continue mass mobilizations against the Bakke decision and national oppression. They called for a mass demonstration against the KKK and their support of Bakke for December 10. And they announced plans for another California statewide demonstration against Bakke for February 1977.

OVERTURN THE BAKKE DECISION
END NATIONAL OPPRESSION

Students Defy Court Order Battle Continues at Kent State

In the latest battle at Kent State University 1,000 protesting students gathered on the Ohio campus October 22 in defiance of university and court orders. It took three gas attacks by 100 armed police to disperse the angry students.

Kent State was the scene of the violent attack by National Guardsmen against anti-war demonstrators 7 years ago. 4 were brutally murdered that May 4, 1970. The Kent State massacre is a symbol of the massive anti-war resistance waged by the American people against their ruling class' aggression in Vietnam and Cambodia. The bourgeoisie tried to smash the anti-imperialist movement then, and now tries to wipe out its militant history. Future generations of Americans will never forget their history of struggle against imperialist wars--never will we forget the 1 million Vietnamese and 50,000 Americans killed for the profit of the US ruling class.

So far, over 300 persons have been arrested for activities connected with stopping Kent State University from building a gym on the site where the 4 were killed. When plans were announced to build the gym, students immediately began organizing. September 24 saw the largest and most militant action taken so far. This demonstration was outlawed by the administration, but 3,000 still showed, traveling from as far as Wisconsin and Boston. After speeches demanding an end to construction plans and exposures of why the university was so keen on destroying the memory of that historic day, demonstrators marched around the campus renaming buildings in honor of the 4 who were killed. When they came to "Blanket Hill" the proposed construction site, up to 1,000 broke a court injunction and tore down the fence that had been recently put up to discourage "vandals". Even the cops left to guard the construction

equipment turned tail and ran at the sight of such strength!

But even as the movement to save "Blanket Hill" grows, so grows the preparation of the courts, police and administration to smash it. Demonstrators now wear face masks because the police video tape events and then issue warrants for the leaders when the demonstrations are over. The courts have now cleared the way for construction to begin.

The students at KSU and the many other students and progressive people are determined to win. They won't allow the University to destroy the anti-imperialist history at Kent State. The real history of the 1960's lives on in the struggle to defeat future imperialist wars and the system that causes them.



Protesters burn eviction notices ordering them to vacate the historic site.

FREE CARLOS MONTES

LOS ANGELES--November 14 Carlos Montes is scheduled for a pre-trial hearing in his frame-up arson case. The Carlos Montes Justice Committee announced plans for a demonstration in front of the court house. Montes is a former Minister of Information for the Brown Berets who the government is attempting to railroad for some trashcan fires set during an anti-Reagan demonstration in 1969.

Montes' lawyer plans to enter motions to discover evidence of illegal intelligence gathering. So far the government has only admitted

to having one small folder of intelligence material; the defense estimates there is a boxful still missing. The defense charges that the government is trying to conceal its illegal wiretaps, infiltration of agents and fabrication of evidence in the Montes case.

The Carlos Montes Justice Committee will continue to expose the government's case in court, while relying on the masses to win his freedom. The Montes Committee plans a major fund raising event for Dec. 10, 7-12 PM, 2808 Altura St. Lincoln Heights, L.A.

Demand Local Right to Strike!

Coal Miners Gear Up for Strike

(Second of a two part series)

As coal miners prepare for their nationwide strike December 6, the key issue in contract negotiations is the local right to strike. Rank and file miners from Kentucky to West Virginia have shown that this is an indispensable weapon in their fight against the capitalist corporations, government and sold-out union bureaucrats. They will also be fighting for substantial wage increases; improved safety; and restoring the health insurance and pension benefits cut out last July.

The Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA) indicated that they will oppose the local right to strike at any cost. The monopolies which own the coal fields have lost millions due to wildcat strikes over the last two years. They don't want rank and file miners to have the right to legally walkout over safety and other grievances. Both sides are gearing up for a major strike.

ROLE OF THE STATE

The federal government is already signaling that they may intervene if the miners walkout December 6. According to the *New York Times*, "White House officials are already pondering what action the government might take to head off a stoppage" and were "trying to find a handhold for early federal intervention in attempts to head off a nationwide strike." United Mine Worker President Arnold Miller has been secretly meeting with West Virginia governor Rockefeller to plan strategy for the expected strike.

Over the past year class conscious miners have learned that the government is nothing more than a tool of the capitalists. Hundreds of injunctions were issued against miners striking for decent safety conditions, yet not one coal owner was jailed for murdering his workers in unsafe mines. The state encourages private capitalist armies which shoot striking miners; but disarms miners who carry guns for self-defense. The whole state apparatus--its courts, police and jails--are always at the disposal of the monopoly capitalists.

Workers in the coal fields and around the US are beginning to learn that this capitalist state will have to be smashed if workers are ever to live decent lives. Only a socialist revolution can bring about true democracy in the US. Under socialism the workers decide the rules for mine safety and the rates of coal production. Most importantly, the workers run the government in the interests of all oppressed people. To win socialist revolution, workers must not only defeat the capitalists. We must defeat those people who uphold the interests of the capitalists within our own ranks: the labor bureaucrats.

ARNOLD MILLER -- PORTRAIT OF A SELL-OUT

In 1972 the miners finally threw off the heavy hand of Tony Boyle, the brutal gangster who had controlled the union for years, and who had continually done the bidding of the coal companies. Boyle had smashed all traces of democracy in the union. With the support of the Miners for Democracy, Arnold Miller was elected to replace Boyle.

TOM GISH, EDITOR, MOUNTAIN EAGLE, KENTUCKY;
"WITHIN THAT 10-MILE STRETCH
BETHLEHEM STEEL CO. HAS A HUGE
COAL-MINING OPERATION, AND THERE
ARE LARGE MINES OWNED BY SOUTHEAST
COAL CO. AND MARLOW COAL CO., PLUS A
DOZEN OR SO SMALLER 'TRUCK' MINES
AND SEVERAL STRIP MINES. AT TODAY'S
VALUES, SOME \$1 MILLION IN
COAL GOES OUT OF THIS VALLEY
EVERY WEEK."



IT IS CERTAINLY A CONSERVATIVE
ESTIMATE TO SAY THAT
THIS SMALL AREA HAS
CONTRIBUTED OVER \$1 BILLION
WORTH OF MINERALS TO THE U.S. ECONOMY,
MORE THAN \$1 MILLION FOR EVERY MAN,
WOMAN AND CHILD RESIDENT THERE.
IT IS EQUALLY OBVIOUS THAT LITTLE OF THAT
MONEY HAS FOUND ITS WAY INTO THE POCKETS OF LOCAL
RESIDENTS... THE MINERAL WEALTH WAS PURCHASED
OR TAKEN AWAY FROM THEIR GRANDPARENTS AT THE TURN
OF THE CENTURY FOR LITTLE OR NOTHING!!

There were a number of progressive reforms: rank and file contract ratification, direct election of district officers and the lifting of trusteeship status from 17 union districts. The 1973 mineworkers convention passed resolutions demanding the right to strike, increased wages and benefits and the 6-hour day.

Arnold Miller at one time gave lip-service to all these demands. Miller turned out to be the perfect front man of the capitalist: a bureaucrat who promised "democracy", who vowed to wage the class struggle in the interests of the miners.

The capitalists are aware of the growing anger of the working class at the Boyles, the Meanys, the Fitzsimmons, and their like. So they are increasingly grooming another type of social prop -- the "progressive" bureaucrat. They buy these bureaucrats off like any other commodity. Fat with the superprofits stolen from their plunder of the countries of the Third World, and from the oppressed Chicano and Afro-American nations here in the US, the capitalist class can afford to throw a few crumbs to a whole strata of bureaucrats. They buy them from top to bottom -- from the leadership of the International unions, down to the smallest locals.

Bureaucrats of the Miller type are extremely dangerous, because they play on the legitimate

anger of the rank and file, deceiving them with false promises of democracy and false assertions of militancy. Miller gets paid well for his work, \$40,000 a year, many times what even the best paid miner makes in wages. And he has repaid his capitalist masters many times over: helping them to weaken and break wildcat strikes, going along with their productivity schemes by making increases in health care funds dependent on increases in productivity. He has led the International Executive Board in adoption of a 10 point program to end strikes (1975). This treacherous program calls for district officers to direct strikers back to work. It denounces the "24 hour rule" whereby if one shift walks out all others follow. It prohibits the use of union money to defend stranger pickets or pay court fines for wildcats. It permits the international to try members who offend the Executive Board or the "integrity of the union", (that is, who oppose the class collaborationist tactics of Miller and crew).

Thousands of miners have seen through the mask of Miller and the UMW leadership. Less than one half the eligible voters thought it was even worth voting in last June's International elections. With time, the miner's are learning that only class-conscious leadership can lead their struggle correctly. "We're suppressed by all sides -- the companies, the courts, and even the union. So we've got to stick together", said one miner during last year's strike. This year's strike has the potential of being one of the most militant and bitter strikes in a long time.

CLASS STRUGGLE NEEDS CLASS CONSCIOUS LEADERSHIP

For many years the coal miners have been among the most militant in the country. They faced the companies and courts, but they've always ended up with another set of sell-out union bureaucrats. The struggle in the coalfields is another vivid example of why the US working class needs its own party, a new communist party. Only such a party can chart a course for victory in this contract strike, and for the entire working class victory over capitalism. Such a party will be composed of the best fighters, the most politically advanced workers. With such a party, workers can most effectively build nationwide support and spread the lessons of the coal miners struggles. We must build our Party, we will build our party and follow its leadership onto the path of socialist revolution.

SUPPORT IS NEEDED

The entire working class has a duty to support the struggle of the miners. They will need financial support. The bureaucrats may try to strangle the strike with cutting off strike funds. The state will help by making sure that the workers are denied welfare and food stamps. We must be prepared to raise money for the strikers. We must pass resolutions of support in our own unions, and demand that our unions give real material support to the strike. We must begin now to prepare demonstrations of support for the strike -- to offset the massive propaganda campaign which the capitalists are bound to launch against the miners -- trying to blame them for a "long cold winter". Communists must take the lead in developing this support, taking this issue to the entire working class, arousing them and educating them to the class struggle and the need for socialism. Only such work can ensure the most widespread and class-conscious support for the heroic battle to come. ★

Longshoremen Tie Up Ports

NEW ORLEANS--Under threat of fines, suspension, or expulsion dockworkers in New Orleans were forced to limit their strike to container ships after 3 weeks of an unauthorized general strike at the port. The threats came not from their employers but from the leadership of the International Longshoremen's Association (I.L.A.)

On October 1, 50,000 workers from Maine to Texas went on strike. The chief issue in this action is job security and containerization of cargo. A general strike at all ports would bring commerce on the East coast to a screeching halt and force an immediate settlement. ILA leadership has, however, elected to call a "selective" strike, hitting only container ships. With this decision they overruled the overwhelming sentiment of dockworkers in New Orleans, who greeted this sellout plan with shouts of "Once again, gone against the wishes of the membership", and "Sold Out!"

Containerization, the prepackaging of cargo, is being used by many companies to speedup and eliminate jobs. In response the ILA has forced companies to pay into a container royalty fund that workers split up at the end of the year. This money is called "Guaranteed Annual Income" or GAI. The East and Gulf coast longshoremen are demanding that all companies from Maine to Texas share in GAI. In New York workers are guaranteed 2080 hours of work a year. Other demands are a pay hike of \$2 an hour, increased health, welfare, and pension plans, and a shorter work week. The capitalists are worried about the effects of the dock strike. In the first quarter of 1977 New Orleans dockworkers handled 77.4 billion pounds of grain valued at \$5.7 billion dollars, while New York saw 44.3 billion pounds worth \$8.6 billion.

New York will be hit hardest by the selective strike, as 60% of the ships it handles are con-

tainer ships. Only 25% of New Orleans ships are of the container type. Sixty percent of US grain exports go through New Orleans and during the general strike hundreds of grain barges stacked up in the Mississippi. Referring to the union bureaucrats, one worker said "why do they want the grain shipping to go through when that's our biggest lever against the steamship companies? They are just out to end this thing and they'll be getting a fat reward for it too!"

When militant dockworkers threatened to reopen their general strike against all ships in New Orleans, the top leadership of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) put them in trusteeship. The New Orleans local had shut down all dockwork for three weeks in direct defiance of the shipowners and ILA bureaucrats. By the third week of October, the ILA forced the workers back to loading other ships. But angry workers were ready to attend a November union meeting to vote once again for a strike against all ships. That's when the local bureaucrats canceled the meeting and later the local went into trusteeship.

Strike sentiment remains high in New Orleans as in other parts of the country. Workers in New Orleans showed the country their resistance to the capitalists and labor bureaucrats. Only when this resistance is consciously organized will our unions become fighting organizations, capable of leading struggles for decent contracts and against the misery of all workers.

As the R.C. goes to press a tentative settlement has been reached to settle the 44 day strike by the ILA. The proposed contract, to be voted on Nov. 18, provides for a 30% benefits and wages increase over the next 3 years. These gains are a drop in the bucket for the shipping companies who through the use of containers have increased productivity by 15 times. ★

WORKERS IN STRUGGLE

Layoffs at Zenith

From a correspondent

CHICAGO--At the end of September, the Zenith Radio Corporation, the world's largest producer of color and black and white televisions joined the ever increasing numbers of US corporations moving their plants abroad. The company announced that it was laying off 5,600 employees, approximately 1/4 of its US workforce. There will be 2,100 workers laid off in Chicago alone, where about 1/2 of its workers are Black and Latino.

Zenith is planning to move "substantial portions" of its assembly operations to plants in Mexico and Taiwan in order to take advantage of the low wages paid in those countries. The company already employs about 3,000 workers there.

The company and the bureaucrats of the company union at Zenith claim that it has been faced with declining profits due to "unfair competition" from foreign imports. Both company and union officials are demanding quotas on foreign imports - supposedly to save peoples jobs. Zenith has been in the forefront of the US capitalists' battle against foreign competition. In 1974, it filed a suit against 20 Japanese electronics manufacturers and their US subsidiaries alleging violations of US anti-trust and anti-dumping laws and asking for \$300 million in damages. The company has long praised the superiority of its American workers in its advertising. All this is aimed at stirring up chauvinist sentiments among US workers just so Zenith could sell more of its own TVs. But now that its profits are falling, Zenith has laid off some of the very same workers that appeared in its ads about "superior American quality".

Its true that Zenith has been faced with declining profits since the late 1960's but quotas on foreign imports wouldn't have made a damn bit of difference. Home entertainment products such as TVs, radios, and stereos account for 96% of

43,000 Strike Aerospace

October 4: 23,000 International Association of Machinists (IAM) workers at Boeing struck; 19,000 in Seattle, Washington. Their demand? A 10% raise (\$.50). The company's offer: 1% (\$.05). October 11-12: 15,500 IAM workers walked out from Lockheed plants in Sunnyvale, Burbank and Palm-dale, California. The main issues were seniority and classification downgrade.

October 18, 5,000 IAM Lockheed workers in Marietta, Georgia walked out. They demanded improved wages and seniority clauses.

The last strike at any of these plants was 12 years ago. So why are the aerospace workers overwhelmingly voting to strike? With the 'recession', Lockheed, Boeing and all the other capitalist giants are having to step up the exploitation of their workers, squeezing every last penny to save their profits. Lockheed offered its Burbank workers a lousy pay increase of 3 1/2%, 3% and 3% over three years. Lockheed is also attacking the seniority system in order to lay off older workers and "trouble-makers" out of seniority. Lockheed is also proposing to downgrade classifications (you do the same job for less pay). One worker with 15 years at Burbank told the RC that it could mean a 50c to 60c per hour cut in wages!

With all this, it's clear why the aerospace workers are saying NO! to the aerospace giants. The IAM rank and file is demanding the companies backdown on the 'take-aways' and are preparing to strike for as long as is necessary to win their demands.

The government relies on the aerospace industry for much of its strategic air equipment. For example, Sunnyvale Lockheed is the center for the Navy's Trident Missile program. The Burbank plant produces the Navy P-3 Orion, a maritime aircraft, and the Viking S-3A, an anti-sub patrol aircraft. The US and USSR are gearing up for another imperialist war, so giant corporations like Boeing and Lockheed are bound to make a financial killing from selling armaments. But to guarantee these profits they need passive workers willing to accept speed-up, changed seniority rules and wage cuts. So the Aerospace workers are willing to take their first strike in 12 years.

Boeing and Lockheed have called out their servants--the police and courts--to intimidate the workers. Armies of Burbank police were called out immediately to the peaceful picket lines. And the courts have already issued a restraining order forbidding strikers from stopping scabs.

As the R.C. goes to press the 45 day stike of 24,000 Boeing workers will end if the workers accept the proposed contract. While no information has been released on the contract, Rockwell International and McDonnell Douglas are paying close attention since their contract affecting 20,800 workers is currently under negotiation. Meanwhile Lockheed strikers are holding the line in Calif. and Georgia.



Angry Zenith workers in Chicago last month protested the plant closing. Instead of attacking Zenith, however, the company union diverted the workers anger and called for banning foreign imports.

Zenith's sales. Yet, the market for these products has approached its full capacity. There's been a decline in the number of possible new buyers of Zenith products. In 1974 alone, sales for TVs dropped by half, from 10 million to 5 million. Thus, Zenith has faced a crisis of overproduction.

The company's main competitors are not foreign, but other domestic corporations. Through fierce competition in the early 1970's, Zenith brought its smaller rivals such as Motorola and Admiral to near collapse until they ended up selling out to huge electronics firms like Rockwell International and Matsushita Electrical Industrial Co. That left RCA as its main competitor. However, RCA, unlike Zenith, does not rely on TV sales alone. RCA also owns Hertz, Banquet Foods, Random House and NBC-TV. A large monopoly such as RCA is in a much better position to compete than Zenith. RCA was able to cut its prices by as much as \$75 retail, thereby making significant sales increases.

Finally, inflation has caused Zenith's production costs to increase by \$9 million in the first quarter of 1977 alone. The company's net income fell by 22% in that same period.

So, as the ruthless competition among the multinational electronics monopolies put a squeeze on Zenith's profits, their only means of survival was to cut costs by laying-off workers. Workers, whether US or foreign, are only valuable to Zenith and all other capitalists as long as they create profits for them. If the workers' labor is no longer making profits for the company they are thrown out on the street.

By moving its operations overseas, Zenith plans to save itself by reaping superprofits from the exploitation of Mexican and Taiwanese workers. Even Japanese companies are moving to Taiwan to take advantage of the low wages there. Workers in those countries oppressed by imperialism are either forced to work at incredibly low wages or else they are forced to immigrate to countries like the US where they are further exploited and discriminated against.

It is imperialism that is our enemy, not foreign workers. We must join together with the workers and oppressed people of all countries dominated by either imperialist superpower, the US or USSR. Only under socialism, where production is for the good of the masses, not for profits and every worker is guaranteed a job will lay-offs no longer be a threat.

Meatpackers Fight Trusteeship

EL PASO, TEXAS--The union bureaucrats of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen are intensifying their attacks on the members of Local #505 here in El Paso. They recently forced workers at Mountain Pass Canning Co. to accept a sell out contract. They also put #505 into trustee-ship, and fired the President, Armando Curriel.

Under a trustee-ship the union rank and file lose all control of the local's finances, election of officers and other rights to union democracy. Over 100 members from #505 attended a meeting October 8 on how to fight the trustee-ship. They discussed the possibility of merger with locals from San Antonio and Brownsville. The Mountain Pass workers were particularly angry. Under the terms of their new contract, scabs remained working while the strikers are rehired as jobs open up. Workers discussed the possibility of bringing charges against the company and union for violating the contract's seniority clause.

It is no coincidence that the capitalists and International leadership are attacking the mostly

Chicano local #505. Since 1848 the Chicano people have been exploited and oppressed by the capitalist class. Major imperialist corporations like Mountain Pass, ASARCO, John Morell & Co., Farah, etc. have been able to pay dirt cheap wages in the Chicano nation. For example, US government statistics show that it takes \$15,000 a year for a family of 4 to break even with inflation while maintaining a decent standard of living. In the Southwest the average income is only \$4,500 a year.

The capitalists rake in extra profits from exploiting workers inside the Chicano nation. The capitalist political parties pass "right to work" laws which keep the area largely non-union. When unions do manage to win organizing drives, the Internationals make sure the locals don't struggle too hard for workers rights. The International bureaucrats of the butchers are paid well for their treachery. Last year they raised their salaries 25% from \$60,000 a year to \$75,000 plus expenses. Meanwhile they ask the rank and file to limit their wage demands to 5% a year.

The struggle of #505 is really against the entire capitalist system of exploitation and national oppression. It is against the bureaucrats in the union who carry out the needs of the capitalists. Only a united rank and file of #505 can defeat the trustee-ship and continue the fight for union democracy. Only the unity of the entire working class and oppressed peoples for socialist revolution can bring about true justice for the Chicano Nation.

END THE TRUSTEESHIP ON #500
UPHOLD THE RIGHT TO POLITICAL SECESSION FOR THE
CHICANO NATION

4,100 Strike GM Van Nuys

LOS ANGELES -- 4100 members of United Auto Workers #645 won a partial victory at the General Motors -- Van Nuys plant when they walked out on strike Oct. 27th - Nov. 8th. They struck to protest hundreds of backlogged grievances against job overloads, health and safety issues.

On July 14, 1976 at the same plant brother Jose Gonzalez, veteran autoworker and father of 7, was killed by murderous safety conditions, speed ups and GM's lust for profits. He fell into exposed gears and rollers and was crushed to death. These conditions have only gotten worse. Since the change over in mid-August there has been a 20% increase in work. Workers have to run to keep out of "the hole." When a worker wins a 78 grievance (job overload) the company shifts the work to another worker. GM has ignored the demands to hire more workers.

In fact plant manager Andy Anderson unsuccessfully tried to convince workers last August not to even file grievances. "Our production engineers have worked very hard to plan out the line," he said. "Don't file grievances right away. Give it a chance, your committeemen don't want to be troubled with so many grievances. GM then proceeded to force one worker to do the job of two. As a result the repair yards are full of cars that don't work. GM, of course, still makes record profits.

Capitalist profits come from the blood and sweat of workers. Around the world US imperialism is competing with the USSR to exploit the people of the third world. In South Africa, for example, GM pays its auto workers \$2/hour. But the people of the third world are fighting back against the superpowers. As a result corporations like GM put the squeeze on their workers at home. In 1973 GM made an average profit of \$8700 from each autoworker. In 1976, after the auto companies permanently laid off 119,000 workers, GM recorded one of its most profitable years by forcing an average of \$11,500 in profits from each one of its workers. In the third quarter of 1977 GM recorded the most profits in its history (\$1.1 billion). Speed-ups and overloads enable capitalists to force more profits from each worker's labor.

The strike by United Auto Workers #645 forced GM bosses to hire more workers to cover absenteeism and vacancies. Many of the "78" grievances were settled, but over 1100 other grievances still remain. The GM strike set a good example of militant trade union struggle against the increasing job overloads at auto plants, indeed in industry throughout the US. The struggle is far from over. GM bosses can be expected to continue speed-ups, job overloads and unsafe conditions as long as capitalism exists. That's why the real solution to the increasing exploitation of workers lay not with militant trade unionism, but with the complete overthrow of the system of exploitation through socialist revolution.

END JOB OVERLOADS, STOP SPEED UP
TURN THE UAW INTO A WEAPON OF CLASS
STRUGGLE

KKK Meets Resistance at Border

FASCIST ATTACKS INCREASE NATIONWIDE

In California, the Ku Klux Klan announced plans to form a vigilante "border patrol" to attack undocumented workers at the Mexican border. In late October, demonstrators attacked the KKK; on October 29, 1000 angry people rallied against the Klan and US government collusion with the KKK. All over the country fascist groups are increasing their attacks on the working class and oppressed nationalities.

In Marquette Park, the completely white community amid the Black ghettos of Chicago, swastika carrying rioters have indiscriminately attacked Black people who have opposed the white segregationist policies there. On one afternoon, a mob gathered to oppose a desegregation march organized by the Martin Luther King Jr. Movement. When the march was called off, the mob took to the streets attacking Blacks. Result? 24 Blacks hospitalized, cars overturned and burned, and untold numbers with lesser injuries.

Despite politicians' denunciations of such organizations as 'lunatics', 'hate groups', and 'crazy individuals', the bourgeoisie supports and benefits from their activities. The Supreme Court ruled that the American Nazi Party could stage a march through a Jewish community in Skokie, Illinois. Only united mass opposition stopped the event. "Ma Bell" runs a Nazi 'Dial-a-message' offering \$200 for killing a Black. Then there is the refusal of the military court at Camp Pendleton in California to allow evidence of Klan activities on the base in the trials of 14 Black marines. After facing months of Klan organizing, fascist posters, cross burning and beatings, these brothers courageously took up armed self-defense in breaking up an open Klan meeting. They now face sentences of up to 2 years of hard labor.

In Milwaukee, 150 riot equipped cops protected 20 uniformed Nazi's at a white power rally from 400 angry demonstrators chanting 'THE PEOPLE SAY NO, THE NAZIS MUST GO!' While in Chicago, a Black man, caught in his car as racists attacked was arrested for 'reckless' driving when he attempted to get away by driving his car through the crowd! These are a few of the 'denunciations' our politicians, courts, military and police have made of fascist activities.

How does the bourgeoisie benefit? The bourgeoisie benefits from anything that increases their ability to make profit. Many countries are throwing US imperialism out, hence 'lost' cheap labor and natural resources. With the continuing economic crisis, the capitalists, trying to insure their profits, are needing more and more to take away the economic and political benefits won through past struggle. Also, the capitalists need to insure a weak, divided, and cheap labor force at home. Race hatred, white supremacy and all the rest of the fascist ideology are just tools to achieve these needs. It's far easier and preferable (to the capitalists) to exploit us while fostering the illusion of democracy (the



US today). But in times of severe economic and political crisis, when the masses of working and other oppressed people are rising up against their masters, the bourgeoisie change their tactics from 'democracy', to open terror--the violent suppression of the working masses (the USSR today or Hitler Germany). Preparing for a new imperialist war with the USSR, the bourgeoisie keeps open the possibility of imposing fascism as a means of suppressing the working class. The increasing support for fascist organizations, their ideology and violence is a move by the ruling class to pave the way for future fascism.

But the American people are fighting against this trend. A broad coalition of groups is forming to oppose the KKK border patrol. 600 anti-Klan demonstrators in Columbus, Ohio came out to oppose a statewide July 4 Klan rally. The Klan was only able to mobilize 25 people. Two months later, the Klan tried to stage another rally, again only 25 people showed. But this time 1,000 demonstrated and disrupted the rally. The police were on hand to 'serve and protect' the Klan. When the police provoked fights, 10 were arrested, 3 of which had to be taken to the hospital.

Bill Cochran, a white southerner, came to national attention, when he drove his car through 25 Klansmen, in Plains Georgia, after being enraged by their 'Imperial Wizards' racist slurs. Cochran was immediately arrested and charged with 20 counts of assault and a \$200,000 bail was set. "The Blackman has fought extremely hard for freedom and equal rights. I love my Black brothers for their will to be equal . . . I have given up my freedom and put my life on the line and en-

dangered my family for what I feel in my heart is a just cause." With these words, Cochran expressed the deep feelings of unity between all oppressed and exploited peoples regardless of color. This self-sacrificing attitude and proletarian stance is an inspiration and example to us all. As communists we stand not for spontaneous individual actions such as Cochran's, but fight to develop organized resistance to fascist attacks, and eventually to wipe out the entire system of imperialism.

Oppression Breeds Resistance

HOUSTON--October 7 two Houston cops received a sentence of one year probation and a \$1 fine for murdering Chicano worker Joe Torres. Last May six cops arrested Torres in a bar, beat him unmercifully, and later killed him by throwing him handcuffed into a bayou. On October 15, over 400 people marched through Houston to protest the failure to jail the killer cops.

Blacks, whites and Chicanos mobilized for the demonstration. United Steel Workers #1742, representing the Hughes Tool strikers, has voted to officially condemn the Torres killing. The struggle will continue until justice is done.

CHICAGO--Ben Lenard was acquitted of all but one minor charge last month. Lenard is a black 43 year old United Auto Workers union member at International Harvester. Last January Lenard was involved in a minor traffic accident with a white woman. When police arrived they handcuffed Lenard and beat him unconscious. At the police station they stripped him naked, poured cold water on him and opened the windows to freezing winds. To this day, Lenard suffers from impaired vision and a damaged shoulder.

Trying to cover their attack on Lenard, Melrose Park police charged him with 9 misdemeanors. Because of the obvious police brutality and mass pressure mobilized by the Lenard defense committees, the jury found him not guilty of all charges except driving with an open beer can. Lenard plans to continue a federal suit against the Melrose Park cops.

LOS ANGELES--When ex-cop Billy Joe McIlvain entered Los Angeles criminal court November 3 he had a cocky smirk on his face, confident that he would be acquitted as so many killer cops have been before him. Cockiness turned to dumb silence as the jury--forced by mass pressure and overwhelming evidence--returned a guilty verdict. Last February McIlvain kidnapped 18 year old David Dominguez. Later that day Dominguez was found dead in the living room of McIlvain's home, shot 3 times with the cop's .357, 3 times with his shotgun and 3 times with another shotgun. McIlvain claimed he had been the kidnap victim and fabricated an incredible story of escape and self-defense.

Sentencing is set for November 30. The state has let McIlvain go free on bail--for now. But the people demand an appropriate sentence, not a slap on the wrist as the capitalist legal system usually gives to protect their agents. Pack the courtroom November 30, Criminal Courthouse, Temple and Broadway, Justice for David Dominguez!

Reformists' Solution: Armchair Self-Defence

Memphis Police Repression

MEMPHIS, TENN. -- "The Black community should arm itself against members of the Memphis police department and be prepared to take it to the streets to protect their homes and families." These words from the Memphis NAACP, Operation PUSH and the Urban League captured the rage and determination of the Black community in this Tennessee city.

In a 3½ week period "four Black citizens have been killed by Memphis police officers. Regrettably, it is necessary to continuously emphasize the race of the victims, for the vast majority of police killings have been Black" stated Maxine Smith, executive secretary of the Memphis NAACP. Larry Johnson, 29, was killed by police who had set up a still-watch in his home. Molly Lou Rainer, 49, was shot five times in the chest and once in the arm even though she was in a delirium at the time. Jerry Griffin, 21, and a "robbery suspect" were the other victims. Stated Mrs. Smith, "The police of Memphis have declared open season on Black people, and we are faced with war. If we can't get orderly relief from this problem, the people of the Black community have no choice but to arm ourselves and shoot back."

These reform groups were putting forth a correct, time-tested tactic for repulsing the police. But have they put their money where their mouth is? It's been almost three months, one more murder and several incidents of police harassment later. Yet there have been no mass community meetings, which the Urban League said they would initiate, and apparently no preparation for armed resistance. The NAACP is appealing to Police Director Winslow Chapman, the Shelby County Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney General and the US attorney's office to cooperate in solving the problem of police brutality. These are the only meetings that have been held.

Across the country police attacks against Blacks are mounting, and so is the anger of the Black masses. The traditional responses of reformist organizations aren't enough. So the leaders of these groups are even willing to hold press conferences to make threats about armed self-defense. But actually organizing that armed self-defense is something else.

The bourgeoisie has always used the carrot and the stick to maintain the capitalist system. The police and other repressive forces carry the stick. Reformists like the NAACP, the Urban League and Operation PUSH carry the carrot. They are funded by the major corporations, foundations and churches. Many honest people join these organizations. The leadership, however, is more interested in their salaries, respectability and accreditation as lawyers than they are in the interests of Black people. The only effective way to fight police repression is to rely on the organized strength of the working class and oppressed nationalities; when necessary to take up arms in self-defense. As for the reformists, they will never be able to take the stick from the hands of the ruling class, and will never be able to stop police repression.

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Demands War Reparations!

Vietnam Wins Seat at UN

"The victory of Viet Nam demonstrates the shining truth of our times: that a nation however small, provided it is closely united and determined to fight according to a correct line and provided it enjoys the sympathy and support of progressive mankind is wholly capable of defeating all aggressors. No reactionary force, however powerful, can prevent the peoples of the world from securing independence, freedom, peace and happiness." So began the speech of Foreign Minister Nguyen Van Trinh representing unified Viet Nam at the UN General Assembly on September 21. International pressure had forced the US to drop its veto and admit the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (SRV) to the UN.

The victory of the Vietnamese was a serious defeat for the US imperialists. Viet Nam was an important area to American business and military interests. US oil monopolies fell over one another to buy up rights to Viet Nam's offshore oil deposits. US imperialism decided to make Viet Nam a test case for stopping all wars of national liberation. They used their most sophisticated military weapons only to suffer defeat at the hands of a united Vietnamese people.

The destruction of Viet Nam was enormous. The war caused massive damage to factories, communication and transportation networks, schools, housing and hospitals. The human cost of the war was staggering. A total of 13.5 million Vietnamese were killed, wounded or made refugees. Orphans number 879,000.

"World opinion demands" said Nguyen Van Trinh, "that the American government honor its commitment to contribute to the healing of the wounds of war." The Paris Peace Agreement of 1973 sign-

ed by both the US and the SRV stipulates that reconstruction aid is guaranteed. Under Article 21, the US pledged \$4.75 million in aid but has refused to give it in spite of international demands to do so. UN officials have estimated that the SRV will need \$890 million a year in aid over the next five years. The UN economic committee recommended that all member states give reconstruction aid. The US again refused.

The Vietnamese demand reparations from the US government--while expressing solidarity with the US people. Amid a thundering five minute standing ovation at a celebration in New York following the SRV's admission, over 4,000 people and 80 delegates to the UN greeted the SRV representatives with shouts of "Long Live Viet Nam!" SRV Deputy Foreign Minister Ngo Dien stated that the war "was the bloodiest neo-colonial war in history yet no enmity exists between the Vietnamese and American peoples. Rather there is deep solidarity." This was in reference to the US people's opposition to the war and demanding reparations. During the war it was the Fort Hood 3 who were the first GI's to say "Hell no, we won't go!", hundreds of thousands marched on Washington to demand an end to the imperialist war, and students at Kent and Jackson State were murdered for opposing the war.

It is this same unity that will force the US to pay up on its promise of reconstruction aid. Already, at their own initiative, the American people have raised \$5 million in aid to help build a hospital at the site of the Mai Lai massacre. But it is not the responsibility of the US working people to rebuild Viet Nam. As Ngo Dien stated: "How can we accept that those who



Harvest in Hung An Cooperative farm in Hai Hung province. The people of Vietnam are struggling together to re-build their country.

dropped 50 million tons of bombs on Viet Nam, wash their hands clean and contribute nothing to healing the wounds of the war? I know that the American people will not tolerate this." It is the duty of all progressive people in the US to force the US government to implement the Paris Peace Agreement, ensuring aid for the SRV.

Long live the friendship between the Vietnamese and American Peoples!



Women played an important role in smashing the fascists in the war for National Liberation.

Million-Strong Masses Build Socialism!

Celebrate 33rd Anniversary of Albania Revolution!

On November 11, 1944 the people of Albania drove out all foreign invaders and liberated their country. They waged a battle not only against 100,000 Italian fascists and 70,000 German Nazis, but also against repeated attempts by British and American troops to land and "liberate" them. How was it that a country of less than one million could accomplish this? It was because they were welded together as one indivisible force under the leadership of the Party of Labor of Albania (PLA). The PLA has always said "man is the decisive factor that determines the fate of war, regardless of any development or armaments."

In the course of this anti-fascist war, the workers, peasants and revolutionary intellectuals came to realize that the way for true liberation was to carry the struggle on to social-

ist revolution. Wasting no time, the working masses overthrew the dictatorship of the reactionary feudalists and comprador (puppet) capitalists and replaced it with the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The past 33 years of socialism has meant vast improvement for the lives of the people. Relying on the initiative and efforts of the people to increase production and improve the level of living, today no one worries about having a job, food and a decent place to live. Albanian workers now produce in four days what took a year to produce in 1938. Prices and rent are stable and are being continually lowered (13 times from 1950 to 1970). Working with enthusiasm the people have made their country self-sufficient in iron and steel and even export surplus oil. Mechanization and automation under socialism work for the benefit of the people. Freeing them from the menial jobs, automation enables people to move on to other tasks.

Before liberation the people lived in hovels carved into the hillsides. Today every community has new housing, either reconditioned or newly constructed, with full electricity. In 1938, 80% of the population was illiterate. Not one university existed. Under the slogan of "Education for All", new Albania has abolished illiteracy and now has a higher proportion of the population in higher education than any other European country. Before 1944 there was one doctor for every 8,527 people. Life expectancy was 38 years! Today with a totally free medical system that stresses prevention and a doctor to patient ratio of 1 to 1200, the population has doubled and the life span of the Albanian people has shot up to 68 years. Whenever anyone does get sick, social security provides for the entire family.

Under capitalism, the ruling class constantly strives to pit worker against worker, nationality against nationality and men against women, socialism works for the unity of the people. The government takes concrete steps to continually raise the living standards of all, while at the same time reducing unnecessarily high incomes. In striving for the equality of nationalities, the government provides special educational opportunities and encourages the development of all cultures. Women are now 42% of the workforce and 31% of all technicians. The government provides maternity leaves of three months with full pay; childcare in every factory with breaks for mothers to nurse their children; household chores of washing, cooking and childcare are collectivized.

These victories didn't drop from the sky. They were won, developed and protected by an armed, organized people under the leadership of the PLA. This is a powerful proletarian democracy and nothing can be forced on the people. As Enver Hoxha, first secretary of the PLA, has stated, "Socialism cannot be built by the minority alone, not even by the Party. It is built by the million-strong masses of the people led by the Party."

Kampuchea CP Visits China

"Our two parties, two governments and two peoples have maintained a fundamentally identical, correct, Marxist-Leninist stand", declared Pol Pot, first Secretary of the Kampuchean (Cambodian) Communist Party during his recent visit to China. When the Kampuchean delegation arrived in Peking September 28, over 100,000 people greeted them.

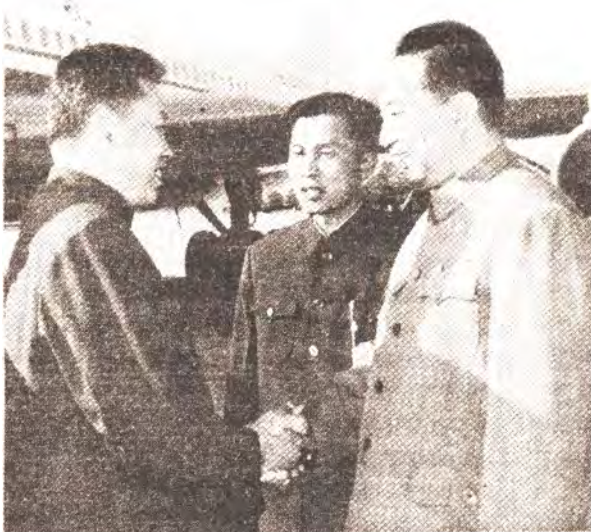
In major speeches Chinese Communist Party Chairman Hua Kua Feng and Pol Pot explained the Marxist-Leninist unity of the two parties. Both parties oppose the aggression of the two superpowers and fully support the revolutionary struggles of the third world. Pol Pot declared that the Kampuchean Communist Party stands "always on the side of the oppressed peoples in the world, and especially on the side of the non-aligned and third world countries, for the revolutionary cause of national and people's liberation and for the defense of independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and the right to decide their own destinies."

The imperialist press has tried to paint a picture of Kampuchea as a bleak country with refugees leaving due to starvation and harsh conditions. In fact, Kampuchea has made steady progress in restoring agriculture and industry. The people have built reservoirs capable of irrigating 400,000 hectares of land in any season (a hectare is roughly 2.5 acres). US imperialism destroyed 80% of all industry during the war, but over 100 plants were producing 1 year after liberation. The Kampuchean people still face great hardships, but they are gradually becoming self-sufficient in food production and were even able to export tens of thousands of tons of rice in 1977.

The Kampuchean people and revolutionary army fought heroically, completely destroyed the reactionary Lon Nol clique and drove US imperialism

out of Kampuchea by waging a peoples war", said Hua Kua Feng. "The fundamental reason why the Kampuchean people could win these victories," he continued, "is that they have a staunch Marxist-Leninist party and a correct line."

The developing solidarity of socialist and third world countries is a good thing. With the US and the USSR continuing their aggressive and expansionist designs, the people of the world need to be prepared against war. But the growing numbers of victories against the superpowers, like Kampuchea, shows that the ultimate victory belongs to the people of the world.



Comrade Hua Kuo-feng and Comrade Pol Pot exchange revolutionary greetings

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responded to the call. In March 1960, 10,000 Blacks marched on the Sharpeville police station where 69 were murdered and 200 were wounded by the racist police forces. Nevertheless tens of thousands of Blacks followed up with marches across the country in protest against this massacre. The massacre was a signal that peaceful struggle could never win the liberation of the Azanian people. Several groups went underground including the African National Council (ANC) and the PAC. Through the years they have increased their ranks and expanded the scope of their struggle.

In 1976 thousands of Black students took to the streets of Soweto and forced the Vorster regime to drop the law requiring mandatory use of the Afrikaans language in the schools. These student protests have continued and increased, drawing support from the Black working people, in spite of the fact that the racists have killed over 400 protestors, and detained 4,000 more. Since last June, 30,000 high school students in Soweto, and 196,000 students across Azania have been conducting a successful boycott of classes, led by the South African Students Organization and the Black People's Congress. All 700 teachers in Soweto township have resigned in support of the students. When the government attempted to take control of the schools to break the boycott the students and their parents set up roadblocks and stoned police convoys. As the South African Minister of Education admitted: "We have lost complete control over the pupils." The students are demanding that the government give up the schools, returning them to the community, the release of all imprisoned students, and an end to police harassment.

VORSTER'S MANEUVERS AND THE ROLE OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS.

Prior to the recent acts of repression the Vorster regime had dissolved the South African Parliament and called for new elections in late November. He called for a new constitution which would continue to deny self-government for blacks, while setting up "separate but equal parliaments" for South African Asians. All decisions would be made by a Presidential Council controlled by the Vorster regime, with Vorster having absolute veto power.

The US is starting to see the handwriting on the wall. While the US imperialists will never voluntarily give up their support of the South African racists, they can see that at least some compromises must be made if US investments are to survive. Therefore it has "called on" the Vorster government to grant the right to "one man, one vote" in South Africa; it has withdrawn its ambassador for "consultations" in response to the latest crackdowns in that country; and it may vote at the UN for some form of mild economic sanctions against South Africa. But in substance nothing has changed. They continue covert arms shipments. At the UN they refuse to vote for total sanctions against all investment in South Africa. The US continues its nuclear collaboration with South Africa in spite of the fact that the Vorster government will produce an atomic bomb as the result of such collaboration.

There is another reason why the US won't put too much pressure on Vorster. They need his support for the US-British "peace plan" for Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). The US is trying to get the Zimbabwean people to lay down their arms and accept a "peaceful solution" (that is, a solution favorable to US imperialism) in Zimbabwe. Liberation organizations have rejected the Carter plan, but the US government has not yet given up hope of foisting it off. Basically the US hopes to impose a neo-colonial regime on Zimbabwe while stabilizing the government in South Africa with mild reforms.

For its part, the USSR is anxiously striving to fill the shoes of US imperialism. South Africa is not only a rich source of superprofits and raw materials, it is also vital for control of military and civilian sea lanes. The USSR has already taken over the economy and government of Angola; instigated an invasion of Zaire; and is meddling in the liberation struggle in Zimbabwe. In South Africa, the USSR uses the South African Communist Party in attempts to split the liberation movement. The South African CP has dubbed one part of the ANC (Tambo wing) as the legitimate representative of the African people. The CP liquidates the national question, denying that the country and land were stolen from Black Africans and must be returned.

The Pan African Congress has openly proclaimed its opposition to both social-imperialists and US imperialism. They have pledged that they will never deliver the fruits of their victory to the Russian superpower. The PAC has called for a united front with the ANC and all revolutionary organizations in Azania-- and has launched armed struggle inside Azania. Even the capitalist press has had to admit that increasing numbers of Azanian students are going to the countryside to join in the armed struggle. The Azanian people will surely be victorious, no matter how much repression the decaying Vorster regime may unleash. The Azanian people know that this repression is only one more sign of the growing weakness of the racists. It is the duty of the people of the US to

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ing miners of Stearns, Kentucky who have set an example by taking up arms to protect their rights."

The bourgeoisie was clearly worried by the demonstration. At its height, over 100 supporters gathered on the shore at Battery Park to support the take over. There were three demonstrations in New York State prisons in support of the action. The federal government brought in FBI, a SWAT team and national park police to make the arrests. While the demonstrators offered no resistance, the federal police singled out women for especially rough treatment. When the police brought the demonstrators ashore, supporters pounded on the police vans and temporarily blocked them from moving out.

The demonstration came shortly after mass pressure forced President Carter to release Andres Cordero, one of the original 5 nationalist prisoners. Both in Puerto Rico and in the US, the movement is growing for their release. 2000 people greeted Cordero when he arrived in Puerto Rico after 23 years in prison. Although Cordero is suffering from terminal cancer, he gave a rousing speech at his home coming. "Every Puerto Rican has the right to think of his nationality and to fight to the end against Yankee imperialism," he told a cheering crowd of supporters. Speaking to the press after the rally, Cordero said, "The struggle for liberty needs people like Oscar Collazo, Irving Flores, Lolita Lebron, and Rafael Cancel Miranda (the remaining nationalist prisoners--ed.) The real fighters will not stop struggling until they win freedom and Marxism-Leninism."

The New York Committee vowed to continue their fight. On October 30, the New York Committee joined 1,000 people demonstrating in Washington for Puerto Rican independence and freedom for the nationalist prisoners. One of the demonstrators at the Statue of Liberty told the RC, "The political impact of the take-over on the Puerto Rican

community has been very great, we plan to continue mobilizing the masses of workers and oppressed nationalities to support Puerto Rican independence!"

INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO!

FREEDOM FOR THE 4 NATIONALIST PRISONERS!



CORDERO HOLDING UP THE FLAG OF HIS COUNTRY!

unite with the Azanian people: we must demand that the superpowers get out of Africa; that the US support economic sanctions against South Africa; that the US cease all overt and covert aid to the South African regime. ★

Steel...

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Union has been cooperating 100% with their capitalist masters in their chauvinist campaign against foreign steel imports. USWA president Lloyd McBride said, "We negotiated added job and income security for our 20-year employees in basic steel in our 1977 settlement, including payment of supplemental unemployment benefits (SUB) for two years. In addition we have been persistently lobbying the Congress and national administration for actions against steel imports." What is the truth?

In the present round of layoffs workers with over 30 years are getting thrown out of work while the companies refuse to pay the new unemployment benefits except to those laid off AFTER January 1978. To get around the contract they just do their laying off now. While the companies have cut out 100,000 jobs over the last 20 years in steel, and while the companies layoff tens of thousands in the current situation--speedups, job combinations, and forced overtime are the new rule of the day. The union bureaucrats do nothing to attack the roots of the problem.

THE IMPERIALIST CRISIS

There is something fundamental behind the current crisis: the means of production in the US are in the hands of private individuals, the capitalist class. A few years ago when the auto industry and other US industries were feeling the

worst results of the recession, the steel industry was going full blast, making record profits. Never satisfied with less than maximum profits the steel companies went on a production orgy; they couldn't get raw materials fast enough to feed their hungry mills. Were they producing this steel because they wanted to satisfy the demands of the masses for steel for their housing, transportation, etc. Hardly. They saw that there was a buck to be made and they went after it. Naturally enough the market was bound to "bottom out".

Since the production of steel had been entirely decided by private individuals (the capitalists), there was no rational plan to it. Over production was the result, and now the companies can find no sufficient market for their products. Because of the economic crisis capital goods steel consumers are not buying as much steel as they used to for building plants, machines, transportation, etc. These consumers account for 70% of the steel market.

So here you have a situation where we have incredible conglomerates which control steel production from the mining of the raw materials to the shipping of the final product. We have an economy which is so interrelated that a crisis in one industry (such as steel) effects the entire economy. In other words the economy is socialized to a high degree: the economy is an interrelated and highly interconnected whole; what effects one industry usually effects many industries. But this socialization stands in sharp contrast to the fact that ownership of the economy, the means of production, is in the hands of private individuals whose only motive for producing is profit. There can, therefore, be no real planning of the economy because as soon as the chance to make more profit arises all plans go out the window, production goes on full blast, overproduction occurs, and crisis and layoffs is the end result. This is the insoluble contradiction of capitalism. It can no more be resolved by "restricting imports", than it can by prayers or magic. It can only be solved in one way: by taking the means of production out of the hands of the capitalist class and putting them into the hands of society as a whole. This requires a socialist revolution. There can be no peaceful resolution to the contradiction. The working class must, if it wants to put an end to its misery once and for all, smash the capitalist state, build their own state and take over all the means of production and plan the economy for the benefit of all members of society.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE NOW

Class conscious workers have their work cut out for them. We must take the lead in the struggle against the steel companies and their phony campaign against imports. We must oppose it, and expose the lies of the capitalists and their trade union lackeys. We must organize the workers around demands to stop all layoffs, end all forced overtime, stop all job combinations, and make supplemental benefits payments retroactive to the time of approval of the current negotiating contract (April, 1977). It is our task to make the capitalists pay for their own crisis, and not let them shift the burden onto our backs, or onto the backs of our working class brothers and sisters in Europe and Japan. ★

ENDANGERED SPECIES AMERICAN SPECIALTY STEEL WORKER



Billboards such as this show how the top leadership of the United Steelworkers Union is cooperating 100% with their capitalist masters in their campaign against foreign steel imports.

What Is To Be Done? Study - Ch. 5

(This is the 4th and final part of ATM's study guide on What Is to Be Done.)

Proceeding from a foundation of revolutionary Marxism, Lenin developed the plan for an All-Russian political newspaper (ISKRA). According to this plan the Russian Marxists would be able to train the workers in class consciousness through the organization of nationwide political agitation. This task would itself require the development of an organization of professional revolutionaries. Without such an organization (a communist party of a "new type") there could be no revolutionary movement which could combat the tsarist autocracy and find its way through all the complexities and difficulties of the revolutionary struggle.

In order to create the Party organization in Russia Lenin created the ISKRA. The newspaper helped class-conscious workers to systematically evaluate all the everyday aspects of the revolutionary movement, "ALL ATTEMPTS at protest and struggle on the part of the various classes and on various grounds." This enabled the working class to understand one of the most important questions of the revolution -- who are the allies of the working class in its struggle for state power, and how must the working class lead them.

Lenin stressed that ISKRA was not only a collective propagandist and agitator, but a collective organizer as well. The task of organizing nationwide political agitation demanded the creation of an extensive, disciplined and secret organization of revolutionaries. This newspaper helped to create Party traditions, a necessary component of any real communist party, by generalizing the valuable experience gained in the working class struggle and spreading its lessons throughout the country. At the same time the task of distributing the newspaper helped to establish contacts with revolutionaries throughout the land. It helped to break down the small circle spirit then dominant among the local party groups.

In the US today only a political newspaper which addresses itself to all significant political questions facing the proletariat can satisfy the ever-growing thirst for knowledge of the



class-conscious workers and revolutionary intellectuals. A regularly appearing (at least weekly) press can begin to meet this demand for knowledge, and to establish solid and reliable connections with revolutionaries from all parts of the country. By the same token, such a newspaper will draw advanced workers into writing, distributing and organizing around it. The various talents and experiences of the movement can then be put to the most efficient use--whether as propagandists, as agitators, as organizers, as "technical experts," etc. ATM believes that building such a paper, along with developing a party program, is one of the important tasks facing Marxist-Leninists in this period.

Lenin stressed that ISKRA, because it made the organization of political agitation the "cornerstone" of all its work it stood the least chance of "missing the revolution". Evaluating our own movement, we can see that communists are "missing" much of the revolution. It is the workers themselves who are leading the militant strikes of the past several years. This same situation pretty much holds true for the national movements as well, where it is not communists who are in the lead. Lacking communist direction and train-

ing they are unable to take the working class movement beyond the economic struggle, or the national movement beyond the struggle for immediate demands. Setting ourselves the task of nationwide political agitation requires that we go among the workers as well as the other social movements in order to gather the information needed for the training of the proletariat in class-consciousness. It helps us to develop the contacts, the influence and to gauge the mood of the masses. Carried out correctly, we will stand in little danger of being caught unawares by some demonstration, strike or uprising. As Lenin said, properly organized political agitation not only helps us to be aware of particularly important aspects of the mass struggle, but also helps us to foretell them, to prepare for them in advance.

Properly organized political agitation also helps us to ensure the flexibility of our party organization, its ability to adapt to the different conditions of the struggle, no matter how rapidly they may change, (from legal to illegal conditions, for example). We will also know exactly where the weak spots of our class enemy are so that we can strike and catch him off guard; at the same time we will know his (and our own), strengths so that we can avoid battles for which we are not yet ready. The knowledge necessary for this flexibility will come from our political agitation, which if properly organized, will tap all corners of the country, will encourage communists and all revolutionaries to make us aware of their conditions so that we will begin to get a clear picture of the specific conditions of the struggle throughout the U.S. so that our tactics will always have a solid foundation in fact.

STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. How did Lenin see the link between an all-Russian newspaper and party building? What lessons can we draw for today's communist movement?
2. What does Lenin mean when he refers to ISKRA as a collective propagandist, agitator and organizer?
3. How does the organization of nationwide political agitation ensure that we won't "miss the revolution"?

Child Pornography: Latest Capitalist Degeneration

Capitalists stop at nothing, no matter how perverse, to make a buck. Child pornography is their latest multi-million dollar industry. These capitalists force children, some as young as 3 years old, to perform sex acts in front of a camera. With hypocritical outrage, the US Congress recently passed legislation outlawing child pornography.

We say the capitalists and their government are hypocrites. How is child pornography different from any other kind of pornography? All pornography is a reflection of the rotten and decaying system of capitalism which completely distorts human relationships. Pornography exploits women's bodies with the aim of poisoning the minds of workers and diverting them from revolutionary struggle. Everyone can see the rise in sexual degeneracy and porno over the last 10 years. Pornography was virtually legalized by the US Supreme Court. As capitalism enters its final years of decline, it becomes ever more desperate to divert the energies of the working class.

And porno is not all that different from how the capitalists use women as workers. In both cases their labor is bought and sold for the profits of the capitalists. It is not surprising that the capitalists, who have no qualms about employing our children for less than minimum wages, would eagerly resort to exploiting their bodies in pornographic movies.

The bourgeoisie has been promoting their degenerate "sexual revolution" for the past several years. Now the bourgeoisie wants to step in to "clean up our society", stamping out pornography and decadence. This is just a screen for fascist attacks and ideas -- such as "protecting the purity of womanhood" by confining women to the domestic slavery of the home, while denying them any semblance of equal rights with men.

The capitalists would like to have it both ways: with their pornography they reinforce the worst notions of male supremacy among the working class; while they at the same time reinforce those notions from the fascist angle by hollering that "woman's place is in the home". But no amount of capitalist lies can hide the fact that working women are the victims of capitalism, and not the causes of its problems. It is the working women who suffer in low-paying and stultifying work. Working women are the greatest victims of rapes and other crimes bred by the decay of imperialist society. It is working women who are degraded both by pornography and by domestic slavery. And it will be working women, along with working men, who will fight to the end against the system of capitalism.

In spite of all attempts to split and divide the unity of working men and women--including the spread of pornography--their unity is in-

creasing in struggle. More and more the growing numbers of working people are realizing that capitalism is their enemy. We must put the blame for child pornography, adult pornography, and all the other diseases of society right where it belongs--on the system of capitalism.

We must destroy this evil system and build on its ruins a system of socialism where working men and women will live, work and struggle in true equality. We must build a society where our children can grow up free from all forms of exploitation.

I thought where I live was bad

I thought where I live was bad
My neighborhood
Also known as:
The slum, the ghetto,
inner city, barrio.

Where too many of us live,
and too many of us die
The majority just exist
Barely getting by.

But all of you
(Rockerfeller, Kennedy,
and Morgan too)
Your communities
Though cleaner, better and all
Is in WORSE condition
and destined to fall.

I thought my neighborhood was bad,
Where crime isn't statistical numbers
That the sociology books have.

But you're all criminals too,
Since the money used to pay for your
finery
Is PROFIT
Provided by our work and
and our misery.

Your piggish greed
Your lust for profits
Is the cause for our despair
and empty pockets.

I thought my neighborhood
was disgusting
Where the whores come out
Before the children come in
from play.

But unlike your wives and daughters
The whores are doin' it for pay.

You're degenerate
just for fun
Morals? Decency?
The rich ain't got none!

I thought my neighborhood was bad
here anguish is expressed
By words on the wall.

Hate is loud,
but love is rarely spoken
but think of how you get to where you are
How many lives destroyed?
How many spirits broken?

I thought my neighborhood
had some backward thinking.
Little girls want to
marry into money
High school boys
dream of pimping.

But from the rich community
are beliefs that are in
your favor,
Ideology that keeps us weak
so your rule is hard to waver.

Competition, racial hatred,
Beliefs that keep us from uniting,
Some have yet to LEARN
that it is you we should be fighting.

Where I live we drink Ripple
from paper cups
Play hide N seek from
your friends the cops.

You drink blood of those
KILLED IN Southeast Asia
An' hide from revolutions
In Africa.

You rich fools feel
You got it made
Just because you rich
don't mean you be saved!

Your neighborhood,
Though cleaner and all
is just a paper-tiger's den
And destined to fall.

Visit Marked by Mass Protests

US Courts Fascist Shah

The Shah of Iran visited Washington, D.C. November 14-15. Progressive people from throughout the U.S. joined with Iranian students in protesting against US imperialism's role in Iran and against the fascist dictatorship of the Shah.

Over the years the US has plundered millions of dollars in profit from Iran, robbing it of much of its oil resources. The US armed and trained the Shah's military and police. His government gunned down over 6,000 people in one confrontation with the people in 1963. It has jailed over 100,000 political prisoners, torturing and killing a number of them. It has done everything it can to repress the democratic aspirations of the Iranian workers, peasants, intellectuals, progressive clergymen and all other progressive groups in Iran. US imperialism has been the main benefactor of all this. For this reason there is widespread popular movement against the fascist regime of the Shah in Iran. Because there is as yet no communist party in Iran, the movement is not under the leadership of the proletariat. The movement is spearheaded against US imperialism, against the fascist regime supported by the US, and against all reaction which supports the Iranian oligarchy.

Because of imperialism Iran has become a country almost totally dependent on its oil exports.

Italian Fascists Under Siege!

WORKERS AND STUDENTS TAKE OFFENSIVE



Thousands of students and workers from all over Italy march against the revisionist policy of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) and the Italian government.

On the weekend of September 23-25, Italian anti-revisionist forces held an International Conference Against Repression. Organized mainly by Lotta Continua, composed of several anti-revisionist groups, the gathering was to protest the repression of political dissidents. Conference organizers denounced the revisionist Italian Communist Party (PCI) because they endorsed legislation which empowers police to shoot "terrorists" at will. This June the PCI signed the "programmatic accord" which authorizes the police to wiretap, to detain anyone up to 24 hours, carry out searches without warrants, and other repressive measures. The conference culminated with 50,000 marchers taking to the streets of Bologna. The resulting apprehension of the capitalists was reflected in the London Financial Times when it spoke of the marchers as "the nucleus of a potentially serious new political force in Italy."

No sooner had the conference ended than the fascists unleashed an assault on all youth. On September 27th and 29th two female students were seriously shot up. On Friday the 30th, Walter Rossi, 20, was shot dead by a sharpshooter in front of an office of the fascist Italian Social Movement. By Saturday, Rome, Turin, Milan, Bologna, Florence, Verona and Padova were rocking with tens of thousands of protesters turning over cars and setting them on fire, bombing right wing hangouts and cafes, and hurling stones and bottles of gasoline. In Bologna, the protesters fought pitched battles for 2 hours with the police. In Rome, hundreds of youth left the main body of marchers, 10,000 strong, and hurling stones and iron bolts broke through the police cordon to bomb the Social Movement office. The Italian working class lent its political weight to the resistance when the trade unions called for a one-hour general strike to protest the killing of Rossi. In the process of this struggle, workers, students and Marxist organizations are uniting into a broad united front against the government and its fascist front groups as well as against traitors to the working class, the PCI.

Europe and Japan are greatly dependent for their oil supplies on the countries of the Persian Gulf, including Iran. Imperialism has profited greatly from the oil of Iran. At one point \$12-14 went to the US, English, French and Dutch oil consortium for each barrel of oil produced, in Iran. Only \$1 in royalty went to Iran. But countries want independence; this is an irreversible law. In spite of their desires for domination, the control of this oil consortium has been steadily decreasing. At the Teheran meeting in February 1971, Iran and the other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (O.P.E.C.) forced the western oil companies to raise the posted price for each barrel of oil by 39¢ and the oil tax rate by 5%. Iran raised the tax from 50 to 55% of the posted prices for each barrel of oil extracted by the oil consortium. In January 1972, Iran and other OPEC countries compelled the Western oil companies to compensate the oil exporting countries for losses caused by dollar devaluation. Just recently Iran joined with other OPEC countries in making a further price increase in order to adjust for the growing inflation rate of the capitalist world.

These acts serve to weaken imperialism and we support them. The example of OPEC has

inspired the creation and strengthening of numerous raw material consortiums throughout the 3rd World. Groups like OPEC have weakened the hold of the superpowers on the developing countries.

US imperialism is the main enemy of the people of Iran. It continues to supply the Shah with modern armaments with which to suppress the just struggles of the people of Iran and the liberation movements in Oman. But the USSR has, in recent years, grown as a major danger to the Gulf region and the people of Iran. It has rapidly filled the waters of the Gulf and the Indian Ocean with its warships, has sought to establish military bases wherever possible and instigated a coup in the neighboring country of Afghanistan.

To a certain extent Iran has also stood up to the Soviet Union. This is a good thing. Iran has forced the USSR to renegotiate natural gas prices, which for years has been well below world levels due to the bullying of the social-imperialists. Iran also refused to join with the social-imperialists in its Asian Collective Security Pact, which had as its aim the support of hegemonic expansion and the isolation of the People's Republic of China.

The Soviets work closely with the revisionist Central Committee of the Tudeh Party, to further meddle and interfere in the affairs of Iran. The

Thousands of demonstrators turned out to "welcome" the Shah in Washington, D.C. and San Francisco, Ca. In a scene recalling the anti-war mobilizations of the 60's, Washington police charged the people with billy clubs flying. But the 3,000 Iranians were prepared to fight back. Turning their picket signs into weapons, they defended themselves and put 15 cops in the hospital. A number of protestors turned their anger on a group of supporters of the Shah, (mostly Iranian military officers in the US and businessmen) and quickly put them on the run. All support must be given to free the 11 demonstrators arrested and to achieve independence in Iran.

USSR wants to rob Iran of its oil, and secure an advantage over its US rival in their struggle for world domination. It is good that Iran has stood up to the Soviet Union. Events in Angola, Zaire and in the Horn of Africa show that the USSR is the most aggressive of the superpowers and will stop at nothing in its desire to control the globe. We must support the Third World peoples and nations which stand up to the superpowers, and particularly when they unmask the expansionist ambitions of the USSR. We must unite with the Iranian people against the superpowers, and support their struggle for independence. We must especially carry out struggle against U.S. imperialism, which has profited for so long off of the sweat and blood of the Iranian people, which helps to maintain the rule of fascism and reaction over the Iranian masses.

The Iranian people will surely drive U.S. imperialism from Iran. They will also continue to heighten their vigilance against the Soviet Union. The superpowers can only be driven out of the Gulf by the Iranian and other peoples of the area. We are, therefore, opposed to the arming of the fascist Shah. The Shah uses those arms primarily to slaughter the Iranian people, to destroy the only struggle which can guarantee Iran's victory against the superpowers. It is our duty to stand with the Iranian people against the superpowers, and to join with them in their protest against US imperialism and the fascist Shah. Let us carry out this duty by opposing all US arms shipments to Iran. The best way to oppose the superpowers is by resolutely supporting the armed struggle of the Iranian people for true liberation, democracy and independence. The people, and the people alone, are the makers of history.

US IMPERIALISM AND SOVIET-SOCIAL IMPERIALISM OUT OF THE PERSIAN GULF!
DOWN WITH US IMPERIALISM IN IRAN, DOWN WITH THE FASCIST SHAH!

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Joint Statement:

Iranian Students & ZANU

The following statement was issued jointly by the Confederation of Iranian Students and the Zimbabwe African National Union. It is a very significant statement of proletarian internationalism by two peoples oppressed by the superpowers. In particular, it shows that patriotic forces inside Zimbabwe will continue armed struggle against US imperialism, while opposing the menace of Soviet Social Imperialism. Today the Iranian Student Movement is split among a number of groups. We support all groups which carry out the struggle against both superpowers.

JOINT STATEMENT OF "ZIMBABWE AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION" AND "CONFEDERATION OF IRANIAN STUDENTS" (CIS)

In Southern Africa the people of Zimbabwe are struggling against the illegal and racist regime of Ian Smith, one of the most notorious regimes in the world. This struggle, which is a revolutionary people's armed struggle, has deep roots among the Zimbabwean people. The just struggle of the Zimbabwean people has gained the solidarity and support of many countries and of the people of the world. The revolutionary forces have liberated 1/3 of Zimbabwe from under the yoke of the illegal and racist regime of Ian Smith and in another third of the country armed struggle is being carried out.

The imperialists, particularly the two superpowers, the US and the Soviet Union, try to block the invincible onward march of the New Democratic Revolution in Zimbabwe. US imperialism tries to save its vested interests in Zimbabwe by depicting itself as the defender of the so-called "black majority rule". The other superpower, the Soviet Union, depicts itself as the "friend and natural ally" of the peoples of Southern Africa and is plotting to extend its influence to replace US imperialism. But the people of Zimbabwe are aware of these conspiracies.

The people of Zimbabwe do not want to replace Ian Smith with new masters. The decadent plots of the two superpowers and all other imperialists

to turn Zimbabwe into a new colony will be crushed. The people of Zimbabwe, in particular the toiling masses, will certainly put an end to the illegal regime of Ian Smith, imperialism, colonialism, hegemonism and racism and establish a free, independent, democratic and prosperous Zimbabwe.

While the imperialist and reactionary regimes, such as the puppet regime of Mohammad Reza Shah, the main support of oil to the fascist Ian Smith regime, spare no efforts to preserve the exploitation and domination of the imperialists, the peoples of the world, including the people of Iran, stand in everlasting solidarity with the fraternal people of Zimbabwe and will forever remain by their side and support their revolution.

The heroic people of Zimbabwe are on the verge of a historic victory. At a time when the armed national liberation movement of Zimbabwe is powerfully surging forward, international solidarity with the people of Zimbabwe plays an important role. The Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) and the Confederation of Iranian Students, in March 1977, held a meeting and decided to launch an extensive joint campaign in the US, Germany, Canada, England, France, Italy, Belgium and Sweden to defend and support the Zimbabwean people and their revolutionary organization, ZANU.

This campaign will consist of solidarity meetings in which ZANU representatives will participate, and of fund-raising campaigns to buy a landrover and also campaigns to collect clothing and medicine. The Zimbabwe African National Union and the Confederation of Iranian Students, on the basis of this joint statement, invite all anti-imperialist, anti-fascist, anti-racist, and democratic-minded forces who defend the just cause of the Zimbabwean people to participate in and support the campaign in defense of Zimbabwe which will take place in the month of October 1977.

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