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Smash the Bakke Decision



"BAKKE'S ATTACKS REACH FAR AND WIDE--BUILD THE STRUGGLE NATIONWIDE!" This chant has been shouted hundreds of times in the various anti-Bakke Decision Coalition (ABDC) demonstrations, meetings and conferences. On February 19, hundreds of people representing many organizations across the nation will come together in Los Angeles to unite around a major Spring campaign. ABDC is calling for all anti-Bakke forces to come together and jointly determine a date, location and targets for nationwide Spring demonstrations. The ABDC invites all groups to affiliate with the ABDC in this unified action. The uniting of anti-Bakke forces throughout the nation has major significance in the struggle against national oppression. As US imperialism prepares for another war, it will intensify its attacks on the US multi-national working class and oppressed nationalities. The

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Carter Ain't Got the Energy

BOURGEOISIE DEBATES CARTER PLAN

The capitalists seem to be fighting like cats and dogs over Carter's energy plan. Carter, on national television, threatened to veto any bill which favors the oil companies. He postponed his world tour guaranteed to bring peace throughout the world. Russell Long, Senator from the oil companies, (as well as Louisiana) sheds big tears for the oil giants and the profits they claim to lose if Carter's plan is implemented.

Meanwhile, the Wall Street Journal reports that this energy legislation has moved faster than any other bill of comparable size and im-

portant. Proposed only seven months ago, it has gone through both houses of Congress. The conferees are sitting twiddling their thumbs while the "big boys" like Exxon, Soconal, Mobil, etc. make up their minds about the final version. Behind all the grandstanding, the capitalist class is united on the need for this plan.

First, they are united that the working class must bear the costs of imperialism's economic crisis and defeats in the third world. OPEC's

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Police Attack Students at Brooklyn College

--from an PC correspondent
BROOKLYN, NY--On January 12 New York City Police stormed into the Brooklyn College campus and viciously assaulted a group of Puerto Ricans and Blacks in the school cafeteria. When their rampage ended, three people were badly hurt and under arrest. A fourth student was arrested hours later in the hospital when he took pictures of the injured brothers and of police who had removed their badges in order to avoid being identified.

The targets of the police attack were Richie Perez, Indio Alejandro, and Roger Williams -- three revolutionaries active in the Puerto Rican, Black liberation and communist movements. At Brooklyn College over the last few years they have joined with hundreds of others to fight plans to drive oppressed nationality students off the campus. The brothers are active in the NY Committee to Free the 4 Nationalist Prisoners. (Puerto Rican political prisoners held in US jails--ed.)

While these students and faculty were having an end of semester meeting, the administration launched its attack. They started by sending security guards to the cafeteria. But the Black and Latin guards saw that there was no problem and stayed talking to the brothers. With the approval of the college administrators, a white racist head of security named Thompson then called city police claiming that an assault was in progress. A short time later police stormed on campus and savagely beat the three brothers as they were leaving the cafeteria. Indio required 20 stitches in his head and doctors said he almost died. Richie got 7 stitches. Roger was severely clubbed on the neck and back and finally a gun was pulled on the brothers. No one on campus pressed any assault charges. The racist Thompson claimed he was "harassed"; the police have charged the brothers with "assaulting an officer" and "interfering with government procedure".

The assault should be seen as a continuation of the imperialist attacks against all oppressed nationalities. Just in the area of education, we have already seen in New York the destruction of open admissions, the imposition of tuition, cuts in financial aid, ethnic studies and special admissions programs like SEEK. Police have stepped up their harassment and murder of Blacks and Puerto Ricans like Clifford Glover and Tito Perez. The US ruling class uses the police to terrorize minorities into not resisting the attacks on their rights.

Revolutionary and progressive students at Brooklyn College are planning to fight the police attack and link it to the struggles of all oppressed people. They are demanding: 1) Drop all charges! Indict the racist responsible for this brutality. 2) Pigs off campus! End police reign of terror against oppressed people! Stop repression of political activists. 3) End the systematic oppression of Third World people. At CUNY: Hands off SEEK, Puerto Rican and African Studies. Restore open admissions and financial aid.

Student, worker and community groups are asked to send letters and telegrams to protest the unprovoked attack. Send them to: President Kneller, Brooklyn College, Bedford and Ave H, Brooklyn, New York, 11210. Please send a carbon copy of the telegram to Richie Perez, Department of Puerto Rican Studies at the same address. ★

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Build the Unity of the Working Class and Oppressed Nationalities

In REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE, Vol. II, #6 we carried an editorial entitled "Practice Marxism Not Revisionism." This editorial was written to clarify some questions which had arisen as a result of a split in ATM(M-L) and as part of our on going line struggle. In the editorial we stated in connection with our struggle with certain views of those who had tried to split ATM:

"The Chicano proletariat is FIRST AND FOREMOST a part of the working class.... We must 'create a wall' between the interests of the working class and the interests of the Chicano national movement which includes different classes and strata. If the interests of the two movements conflict--the national interests must always give way to the interests of the proletariat....The line of the splitters sought to blur the distinction between the interests of the working class movement (socialism and the dictatorship of the proletariat), and the interests of the Chicano people (their right to self-determination). All democratic demands, including the demand for the right of self-determination are subservient to the socialist tasks of the proletariat."

In carrying out our struggle with the splitters we correctly criticized their nationalist line. After summing up the criticisms that we have received from cadres, comrades of other organizations, and from the masses we have concluded that this section of the editorial is wrong and national chauvinist. While it is correct for us to struggle against bourgeois nationalism within our own ranks, we cannot do so through phrasemongering.

Behind some "revolutionary" sounding rhetoric we put forward a line which is totally rightist in its essence: we pitted the working class movement against the national movement. We claimed that the interests of these movements were opposed, and that only the working class had socialism as its aim, while the national movements were only concerned with achieving democratic

rights. But things are just the opposite. In fact the working class and national movements are allies and not opponents. They have an overriding common interest--to overthrow the system of capitalism which underlies all class and national oppression and to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat in order to ensure the national equality of all peoples.

Our previous editorial promoted the idea that the national movement is "not as revolutionary" as the working class movement; that the national movement is not as "important" as the struggle of the working class. This view was put forward long ago by the trotskyite Progressive Labor Party. It is consistent with the general trotskyite view that the national movements are "reactionary" and "bourgeois". Unfortunately, this view has existed as a tendency within ATM since our early history and led us to, at one time, liquidate almost all of our work in the national movements. It is absolutely correct for communists to base themselves in the factories. It is absolutely wrong to counterpose this work to work done within the national movements. There can be no revolution unless we build a firm alliance between the working class and national movements. What is more, the overwhelming majority of oppressed nationalities are workers, which only serves to further reveal the error of our views.

In our "left" period, and especially during our association with the so-called "revolutionary wing" we practically renounced our history of struggle in the Chicano and Latino movements. Unfortunately, when we broke with the "wing" we did not thoroughly sum-up our ideological unity with them, and get to the roots of our incorrect views on the national question, which lie in counterposing one movement against the other. When our split occurred last summer, we quite frankly lost our bearings for awhile and created the conditions for old ideological baggage to float to the surface. The "wall" statement is evidence

of that baggage.

We are in the process of summing up our history, and we know that we have had problems with both chauvinism and nationalism at different times. We are summing up our practice so that we can rectify errors that we have committed because of our deviations on the national question. We are an organization which was actually born in the struggle against national oppression, (for the most part). We are proud of that history. We hope to learn from it. We hope to learn from the helpful criticism of our comrades and friends and to develop our views using the science of Marxism-Leninism. As Mao Tse-tung wrote:

"The contradiction between the black masses in the United States and the US ruling circles is a class contradiction. Only by overthrowing the reactionary rule of the US monopoly capitalist class and destroying the colonialist and imperialist system can the black people in the United States win complete emancipation. The Black masses and the masses of white working people in the United States share common interests and have common objectives to struggle for. Therefore, the Afro-American struggle is winning sympathy and support from increasing numbers of white working people and progressives in the United States. The struggle of the Black people in the United States is bound to merge with the American workers' movement, and this will eventually end the criminal rule of the US monopoly capitalist class." (Statement in Support of the Afro-American Struggle Against Violent Repression)

The working class and national movements of the US are bound to merge and destroy the hated rule of capitalism. The national question in essence is a class question; national oppression will never end without the destruction of capitalism and the establishment of socialism. We hope to help build the alliance which will accomplish that task. With that purpose in mind we offer this self-criticism.



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COMRADES,
 One of the things downplayed by the communist movement in general and ATM in particular is culture. Revolutionary culture to be specific.... (This letter is written in hopes) of winning over ATM to see the necessity to have a correct position on revolutionary culture. Culture reflects a class line, also we must understand that culture and different art forms are good agitation tools that we should be utilizing....
 Art--Poetry, photography, dance, music, drawing, painting and acting--is clearly a reflection of class. We, as communists, have to give direction to art. Artists work reflects his/her outlook on life. There are many artists whose work reflect national oppression, workers oppression, woman's oppression and eclectic views on revolution; but their work is narrow, focusing on one type of oppression. Any many times their art doesn't speak to who our enemy really is.
 ...Communists have to build clear revolutionary direction in culture. ATM should be encouraging comrades and friends to share their talents....

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ATM RESPONDS:

As a result of this letter from an ATM comrade and similar criticisms, the RC has begun to pay more attention to revolutionary culture. In RC III, #1 we featured a page of revolutionary poems and wall murals. This issue includes a poem by Rewi Alley. We encourage all comrades and friends to send us their poems, cartoons, photos and other artwork so that we expand our use of revolutionary culture.

TO THE RC:

Our criticisms center mainly around the steel article in RC II, #8 which we think contains some serious weaknesses. We feel the article really oversimplifies the crisis in steel and leaves out some important aspects altogether. Secondly, the article fails to make a distinction between industrial capitalism (anarchy of production, drive for profits are also characteristic of industrial capitalism) and monopoly capitalism. Therefore, it fails to arm the class in exposing monopoly capitalism and showing how all the fundamental contradictions sharpen and the significance of this to proletarian revolution.

We think the article should have begun by explaining monopoly capitalism and how the crisis in steel is an example of how the contradictions sharpen in this era. Then, point by point the article could have proven this.

To say that the present crisis in steel has little to do with imports is incorrect. It completely neglects the fact that world wide competition among the bourgeoisie is intensifying. Following the recession in 1974 industry throughout the world has failed to recover. Investments by the capitalists (which in turn produce more demand for steel) have never before been so low. In fact, there is excess capacity in steel not only in the US but in Europe and Japan as well. In some countries operating rates are as low as 55%. Whenever there is excess capacity which means there has been a decrease in demand, competition always becomes fiercer. Since the Jap-

anese are finding a decrease in demand at home they are pushing more than ever to sell their surplus steel in the US.

While it's true that there has been no sharp increase in the amounts of foreign steel entering the country the present level is in fact putting more of a squeeze on US corporations. The reason is that there has been an overall shrinkage of the US market so that these foreign imports and competing with the US over a smaller market so of course competition is sharper than ever. The article never mentions why there has been a decrease in demand in the US. Besides the low investment level for new capital goods; other industries, in particular, auto are switching to materials other than steel.

So the fundamental contradiction in steel is that there is a world wide crisis of overproduction. Secondary, is the increased rivalry among the bourgeoisies. However, in explaining the crisis of overproduction the article looks at only one aspect of the crisis, namely, the anarchy of production. It fails to explain that under monopoly capitalism the contradiction between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat is also sharpening. The working class is becoming poorer and poorer and the capitalists become richer than ever. Therefore, the ability of the working class to consume the products the capitalists are producing is decreasing thereby leading to overproduction.

The stagnation of US steel also points to the unevenness in capitalist development since the plants in other countries are much more modern and therefore more efficient. It is this efficiency that enables the Japanese to sell at lower prices than US producers.

Friends of the RC in Chicago

ATM RESPONDS:

The comrades criticisms are well taken. Future RC articles will develop our views on the steel crisis including the aspects above.

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In this second issue of the Red Banner there is a major development in ATM's views on the international situation in exposing Carter's Human Rights campaign. There are major articles on superseniority and a commentary on ATM's agitation and propaganda. RB #2 also includes a polemic against the left opportunism of the League for Proletarian Revolution. Individual RED BANNER's are \$1.50; \$4.50 for a one-year subscription. Please include 25¢ postage for each RB.

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From Our Trip to the Coal Fields The Miners' Movement

Recently, ATM(M-L) took a trip to the coal fields of West Virginia and Kentucky to learn first-hand from the miner's movement. Our brief trip left a deep impression. The coal miners are not yet ready to sweep away the capitalists. But they are already a mighty working class army engaged in a fierce class struggle against the mine owners, the state police, company spies and scabs, and any trade union bureaucrats who try to stand in their way.

We spoke with well over a hundred miners, and many wives active in the miner's movement. We talked in pool halls, picket lines and in prison --where 10 miners in Stearns, Kentucky have been locked up for over 2 months for "violating a restraining order", that is, trying to keep scabs out of the mines. In many situations we openly presented our communist views, and in every situation we tried to listen carefully to the miners ideas, to learn from their rich history of class struggle, and to share with the miners the lessons of the revolutionary working class movement.

THE ROLE OF THE STATE

Many miners we spoke to saw the police as paid agents of the mine owners--paid to forcibly break strikes. "Why should we pay taxes for the state troopers? They're hired thugs, let the owners pay them." As for the judges, many miners told us, "The owners can get an injunction any time they want, the courts are on the side of the rich man, always have been, always will be."

Because of these direct experiences with the capitalist state, the majority of the miners we spoke with believed that if a law was against their interests, they should break it. "Did you notice that since Miller signed away our right to strike, this has been the strikin'est year we've ever had?" and "I'm not gonna die in the mines because some piece of paper signed away my safety rights." As far as fighting scabs a miner explained, "The troopers and hired thugs are armed to the teeth, so don't try to shut a mine down unless you're packing a gun." None of the miners we spoke to believed that they could win the struggle with "non-violent civil disobedience." But the miners do not yet have a fully class conscious understanding of the state. They understand the courts are unfair to the miners, but don't yet understand the state oppresses national minorities, students, etc. They do not yet understand the need to overthrow the capitalist state and establish socialism.



Arrested Stearns miners in front of McCreary County Jail. RC Photo.

WHO IS THE ENEMY AND WHO ARE OUR FRIENDS?

The mines are owned by large capitalist concerns, giant corporations connected to giant banks. Some of the largest mines are "captive mines" producing exclusively for US Steel and Bethlehem Steel. Others are owned by large utilities such as I.T.T. and Pacific Power and Light, while still others are owned by giant oil companies such as Exxon and Continental Oil. These monopolies enforce their control over the mines through an armed state - army, police, CIA and FBI--their control and ownership of the mass media, and through their agents inside the trade unions, people like Arnold Miller.

While most of the miners we talked to focused their fight against the particular capitalists who were oppressing them, they were very much aware of being part of "the working class of people." Some workers preferred the Democrats to the Republicans but a popular idea expressed was, "The only difference between the Democrats and the Republicans is that the Democrats promise the working man something, the Republicans don't even bother to promise anything, and neither of them do a damn thing for you once they get in office." Most workers made it clear "the whole system is stacked in favor of the rich."

POTENTIAL ENTHUSIASM FOR SOCIALISM

The miners are fighting for radically improved safety conditions, fully paid medical benefits, a stronger pension plan, higher wages and the right to strike over local grievances. The miners have shown, in the heat of their struggle, their willingness to risk their lives to win this strike,--against scabs and state troopers--and their great hatred of the mine owners. The miners' ideas represent what Lenin called "socialist consciousness in embryo."

The miners are aware of the many evils of capitalism but are not yet completely sure as to their causes or what should be done about it.

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Miners Put Heat on Coal Bosses

In the midst of sub-freezing snow storms, the morale of striking miners is high. Over the last two months, miners have taken militant actions to shut down non-union coal operations. On January 7 an estimated 400-500 miners stormed the only coal loading dock in Indiana, burning coal trucks and dynamiting the facilities. Over 1000 union militants staged a mass demonstration against use of non-union coal at a Pittsburg coke plant, while others roamed through West Virginia and Kentucky shutting down non-union mines. On January 6, a company security guard shot and killed Mack Lewis, a retired miner. Lewis' murder has only strengthened the workers resolve to win the strike.

A militant UMW striker from West Virginia said, "The owners aren't even trying to negotiate yet. They're trying to wait us out to see if we get demoralized. Morale is skyhigh because we understand what the stakes are. We're already hurting them. (50% of all non-union coal has been stopped--Ed). But we have to bleed their stockpiles more before they'll be forced back to the table...."

Meanwhile UMW President Miller's efforts to push a sell-out have been a miserable failure. Early in the negotiations Miller leaked a story that miners were willing to pay part of their medical costs, that miners didn't want a right to strike clause, and that they were fed up with wildcats. But the rank and file quickly let their real feelings be known and Miller has had to retract his position. The latest reports indicate Miller is now demanding 100% paid medical plan and opposing penalties for wildcats. The rank and file realize, however, that only solidarity and militancy can force Miller and the coal bosses to negotiate a decent contract.

CELEBRATE IWW D-1978



26,000 Chicago teachers on strike last year for a new contract. Women are a powerful force within the working class.

Since 1909 working class and revolutionary people throughout the world have commemorated the history of struggle for women's liberation on March 8, International Working Women's Day (IWWD). Since that historic day when the Second International Congress of Socialist Women declared March 8th as IWWD, more and more revolutionary minded people have come to understand the truth of Lenin's statement: "It is impossible to draw the masses into politics without also drawing in the women..."

In the "democratic" US, women suffer oppression in many forms. On the job women earn an average only 60% of what men earn. Women work in mostly non-union service industries. Only 12% of all working women are unionized. In marriage and divorce laws, welfare regulations, insurance laws and other legal measures, women suffer discrimination. Bourgeois law treats women as subordinate to men. The Equal Rights Amendment--which would grant women formal legal equality--has not even been passed into law.

In recent years the capitalists have brought large numbers of women into the labor force as a source of cheap labor. Today there are 35

million women working who make up 39% of the labor force. Most of these women remain in the textile and service industries. However in the last decade an increasing number of women work in heavy industry, particularly auto. As a result of their increased role in production and the influence of other social movements, increasing numbers of working women have participated in social and political action. In recent years women working at JP Stevens, Farah Manufacturing, Oneita Mills and women hospital workers have been fighting their oppression as workers, women and as oppressed nationalities. In 1977 there were numerous demonstrations in support of the ERA and against cutbacks in child care and abortion services.

Increasing numbers of women today are actively studying Marxism-Leninism and joining revolutionary organizations. Through participation in class struggle, women are coming to understand that full equality for women cannot be achieved within the capitalist system. The class struggle is heightening the political consciousness of working women and it will certainly chart the women's movement in the direction of socialist revolution. ★

Women Miners

A few years ago in the famous organizing drive in Brookside, Kentucky, the miners wives were fed up with the continued scabbing, so they showed up at the mine one day with switches and sticks, and beat the living daylight out of the scabs. This was a major event that helped win the organizing drive and is still popularized by miners throughout Kentucky. In the Stearns strike, which is presently raging, the Stearns Miners Women's Club is an active component of the strike movement.

In many mines there is a growing number of women miners. Under mass pressure from the women's rights movement, the federal government has had to push for a 20% minimum of the miners to be women. This will be a great help to the miners movement, by bringing the tremendous fighting capacity of the women to build the UMW side by side with the men.

The 1978 Alcoholic Blues

-- based on article submitted by a correspondent.

MMMMMMMM, that ice cold glass of beer after a long hot day at work... Sounds good doesn't it? But how many don't wait till after work to start drinking, spend their entire pay check at the bar, and stagger home to find their 12 year old son passed out dead drunk on the bathroom floor? Sound unlikely? Not really. Adults of drinking age consume an average of 3.93 gallons of pure alcohol per year, equivalent to 44 fifths of whiskey. And one out of every four of our 12 year olds are serious drinkers.

Alcohol serves the capitalists in two ways: profit and pacification. The sale of liquor is a lucrative business. Over \$35 billion was spent on liquor in the US in 1976. The Beverage Industry News reported that gross liquor sales were well over \$22 billion during just the first quarter of 1977. In 1976 Anheuser Busch sold more

than 35.2 million barrels of beer, a record high. The union busting, racist Coors company made net profit of over \$275 million in 1976.

Alcohol and alcoholism, besides being profit makers are weapons used by the capitalists against the working class. Alcohol is pushed as a way out. A way to help us forget the reality of our exploitation and oppression, to divert us from the revolutionary struggle for socialism. In plants across the US, many drink or pop pills just to get through the day. Many housewives and mothers drink out of boredom and to drown out the increasing worries of insecurity, poor schools and growing bills. The capitalists need to push a culture that serves their purpose: to keep the workers as pacified and as ignorant as possible about the source of their oppression. Liquor ads push this or that drink as the solution to all your problems, making you more sexy, popular, or 'more of a man'. The degradation of women ("feel Black Velvet") serves to both push sex and liquor as the primary things in our lives; while promoting the most demeaning images of women. Liquor companies like Seagrams spend over \$40 million advertising this garbage every year.

In a country and world which lacks so much food, housing, education, health services, and industrial development, producing alcohol should have low priority in the list of human needs. But capitalist production has only one motive: profit, rather than human need. We cannot expect production planned for the betterment of the working class and oppressed masses as long as capitalism exists.

WHO DOES ALCOHOLISM HARM?

It is the working people that bear the brunt of alcohol misuse. There is a high concentration of liquor stores in our communities, constant police brutality towards alcohol offenders (5½ million arrests per year), lost work time and high insurance rates. Women and children suffer also. Consumer reports show that working class women outstrip middle and upper class women in wine consumption. Fifty percent of teenagers drink regularly. There are an estimated 450,000 alcoholic children between the ages of 11-13 in California alone. Sixty percent of drunk driving arrests are teens. Overall, 80% of those who drink are from families which earn less than \$15,000 per year. Ten million people in the US-- mostly workers--are chronic alcoholics. Clearly, the working class is the greatest victim of the alcoholic social disease promoted by capitalism.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO WIPE OUT ALCOHOLISM UNDER CAPITALISM?

Do the anti-alcoholic programs like public de-tox and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) work? These groups provide "solutions" couched with religion that put the blame for alcoholism on the individual, isolating them from the community and society at large. Substituting religion for alcoholism isn't the answer. By ignoring the political and economic reasons behind alcohol misuse, the working class will never be able to rid itself of this ball and chain.

Winn-Dixie: No. 1 Enemy of the Service Trade Unions

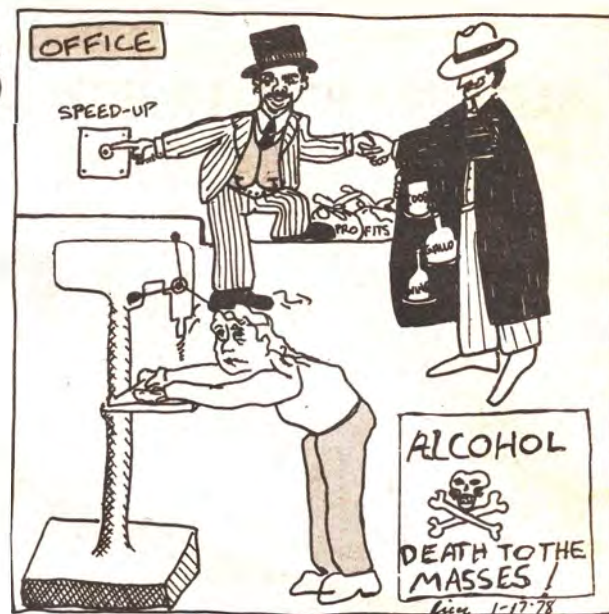
Organize the South...

Winn-Dixie, a major southern supermarket chain, is the target of an AFL-CIO organizing drive. Now, because of its ruthless violations of workers' rights (like firing union sympathizers), it has become the focus of a consumer boycott campaign. The AFL-CIO, representing retail clerks, meat cutters and bakery workers, considers Winn-Dixie "the No. 1 enemy of the service trade unions." Even the National Labor Relations Board has been forced to admit that over the past 16 years the company has been guilty of 10 major violations. There have been 7 court rulings against Winn-Dixie for violations of employees' rights to unionize. In the oppressed Afro-American nation, a region with a history of "right to work" laws, anti-labor judges and police, and racist union neglect, this is an important campaign.

Winn-Dixie's chairman, James E. Davis, responded to news of the boycott with this arrogant statement: "Except for some union member's wives, the American housewife isn't going to let anyone tell her where she can and can't shop." Portraying housewives as selfish scabs, Davis ignores the power of the people as demonstrated in the successful boycotts of Farah pants, lettuce, grapes and Gallo wine, and currently Coors beer. We did it before, we can do it again: BOYCOTT WINN-DIXIE!

...and the Southwest

Meanwhile, workers at Foodway stores in Las Cruces, New Mexico, are still on strike demanding equal wages to other local grocery store workers. In 1976 Winn-Dixie bought



Around the world only the socialist countries have been able to eliminate alcoholism. Alcohol production and consumption still exist in China, Albania and other socialist countries. After liberation programs were set up to combat addiction problems at work, in the community, and in the family. In less than 30 years China wiped out alcoholic abuse problems. With the change of the economic power from the hands of a few rich to the majority of the working people, the problem was conquered. The working people became masters of society and thereby lost any need to turn to alcohol as an escape from life's reality.

It is quite a different situation in the USSR. During their socialist years, alcoholic abuse was almost completely wiped out. But now after only 20 years of capitalist restoration, Russians are the biggest drinkers in the world, out drinking Americans by 100%! In 1957 alcohol consumption began increasing by 5.6% per year, until now it is one of their most serious social problems. Large amounts of grain, potatoes and sugar beets go to making liquor, when all over Russia there is never enough food to go around. But alcohol sales tax, etc. account for a full 10% of the Soviet budget, and the new Czars aren't likely to ban such a profitable source of income.

It's clear from these examples that the working class can never be able to wipe out misuse of alcohol as long as we live under capitalism. The only way to beat it will be through the revolutionary struggle of the masses against the imperialists. Overthrowing their rule and establishing the revolutionary dictatorship of the working class will lay the economic and political basis for helping our brothers and sisters overcome alcohol and drug addiction. Only under socialism will the skid rows be destroyed and good housing for the masses constructed on top of the rubble that used to be bars, night clubs, prostitution houses, and liquor stores. Only socialism can bury the capitalist lies once and for all that glorify booze, and harm the health and welfare of the masses. Our liberation, our "escape" lies through the path of revolutionary struggle, and not in the blurry haze of alcohol.★



THE RIGHT OF ALL WORKERS TO ORGANIZE is once again under attack in the US Congress. This time special attention is being given to G.I.'s and civilian employees of the Department of Defense. A bill passed by the Senate in September and expected to be voted on in the House this month would make it illegal for G.I.'s to bargain collectively or organize to negotiate issues of pay, work or service conditions. The bill also denies about 60,000 civilian technicians employed by the National Guard and Reserves their right to union membership. 14,000 of these workers are already in unions and working under contracts.

AS EXTREME COLD WEATHER HITS in parts of the country, power networks are taxed to capacity. The energy companies are unable to service many areas. Thousands of customers from Maine to Michigan have been left without electricity for hours and sometimes days at a time. Dozens of deaths have resulted. Soon these capitalist utility giants will be receiving rate hikes to make up for "profits lost by the reduced consumption". There is more than enough energy to go around in this country, but it is not profitable to organize its distribution to meet people's needs. Our natural resources are harnessed and distributed for the profit of the energy corporations and not for the people's needs. Capitalism kills.

A JUDGE FOR THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD ruled that J.P. Stevens & Co. had again bargained in bad faith with the Amalgamated Clothing & Textile Workers Union. Workers at the seven Roanoke Rapids, N.C. plants voted for union representation in 1974 but there is still no contract after four years. The judge ordered J.P. Stevens to pay the costs of the hearing as well as the Union's expenses during the collective bargaining negotiations. The union called the decision a "monumental ruling in defense of workers rights."

TWO FILIPINA NURSES, LENORA PEREZ AND FILIPINA NARCISCO were recently granted a new trial. In July, 1977 they were framed on charges of killing hospital patients. A Michigan District Court Judge ruled that misconduct by government prosecutors prevented the jury from reaching an unbiased verdict. The prosecution never proved that the nurses had the killer drug in their possession or that they had given it to the patients. The prosecution also ignored a confession to the killings by a mentally ill nurse who later committed suicide.

ON JANUARY 23 GOVERNOR JAMES HUNT of North Carolina went on statewide TV to announce his refusal to pardon the Wilmington 10. The 10 are civil rights activists framed on arson and conspiracy charges resulting from a 1971 Black rebellion in Wilmington. Hunt claimed that he was simply upholding the decisions of the state courts and claimed the 10 had "received a fair trial." He made this claim despite the fact that 3 key prosecution witnesses admitted they had lied about the involvement of the 10. In hopes of easing pressure on himself, Hunt did reduce some of the sentences making 8 of the 10 eligible for parole this year. (One is already out on parole.) The mass struggle to free the Wilmington 10 will continue.



Strikers ask for boycott of Foodway.

DEMAND: 100% PARITY

FARMERS WON'T WORK FOR PEANUTS

On January 18 thousands of farmers converged on Washington to demand the government help provide them a decent standard of living. The AAM (American Agriculture Movement) declared December 14 as the first day of a nationwide farmers strike. In December AAM held demonstrations in thirty state capitals, drawing 10,000 tractors to Atlanta, 25,000 in Plains, Georgia and thousands more elsewhere. AAM estimates that as many as 800,000 farmers in 41 states are participating in the strike, refusing to sell or buy any agricultural products.

With lower prices for their crops and higher prices for the things they must buy to raise them, today's small and middle farmers are facing a crunch that threatens to wipe them out. One of the farmers demonstrating in Georgia explained: "It costs me \$3.66 to plant a bushel of corn and we only get \$1.65 for it." Since 1952 prices paid farmers for their products have increased 6% while costs of production have risen 122%.

The farmers basic demand is full parity. In 1949 the US government agreed to pay farmers for their products if they were unable to sell on the open market. The government calculated the selling price of farm products in relation to the standard of living for farmers in 1914. That became "full parity". The government pays for crops based on a certain percentage of parity. Today farmers receive 60% of parity, the lowest since the depression.

Today, as in the thirties, the capitalists are in a crisis. Working people are the ones getting the brunt of it. Once again farmers are losing their land left and right. In the last thirty years 60% of America's farms have disappeared. The Department of Agriculture estimates 14,000 farmers will go under this year. And 59,000 will be forced to refinance loans. When

farmers go out of business their land is often bought by the agricultural monopolies. During the depression monopolies gobbled millions of acres of this land at dirt cheap prices.

Today these monopolies control American agriculture. More than half of our country's farm land is in the hands of 5.5% of the farmers. Del Monte owns 160,000 acres in the continental US. Monopolies exert both direct and indirect control over farming. Aside from owning land, big food producers contract with small and middle farmers. They dictate what, how much, and even the price of farm products. The average farmer gets 2½ cents for his part of a loaf of bread, the rest going to the producer and retailer.

If the farmers win 100% of parity, then, it will not automatically mean higher prices at the supermarkets. Throughout the 70's small and medium farm incomes have dropped; but supermarket prices have skyrocketed. The increased monopolization of agriculture is what lies at the root of inflated food costs.

All workers and oppressed nationalities should support the farmer's demands for a decent standard of living. Rural poverty is widespread especially among minorities. Blacks in the 7 Southern states, for example, lose 6000 acres of land a week. A third of our farms make less than \$2,500 a year, a decrease of 31.8% since 1973. In 1976 government subsidies to farms totaled some \$807 million, but these payments went mostly to the agricultural monopolies and big farmers. Farmers with sales of \$5,000 or less received 8.7% of the payments, while those farms with sales of \$20,000 or more received 75.9%.

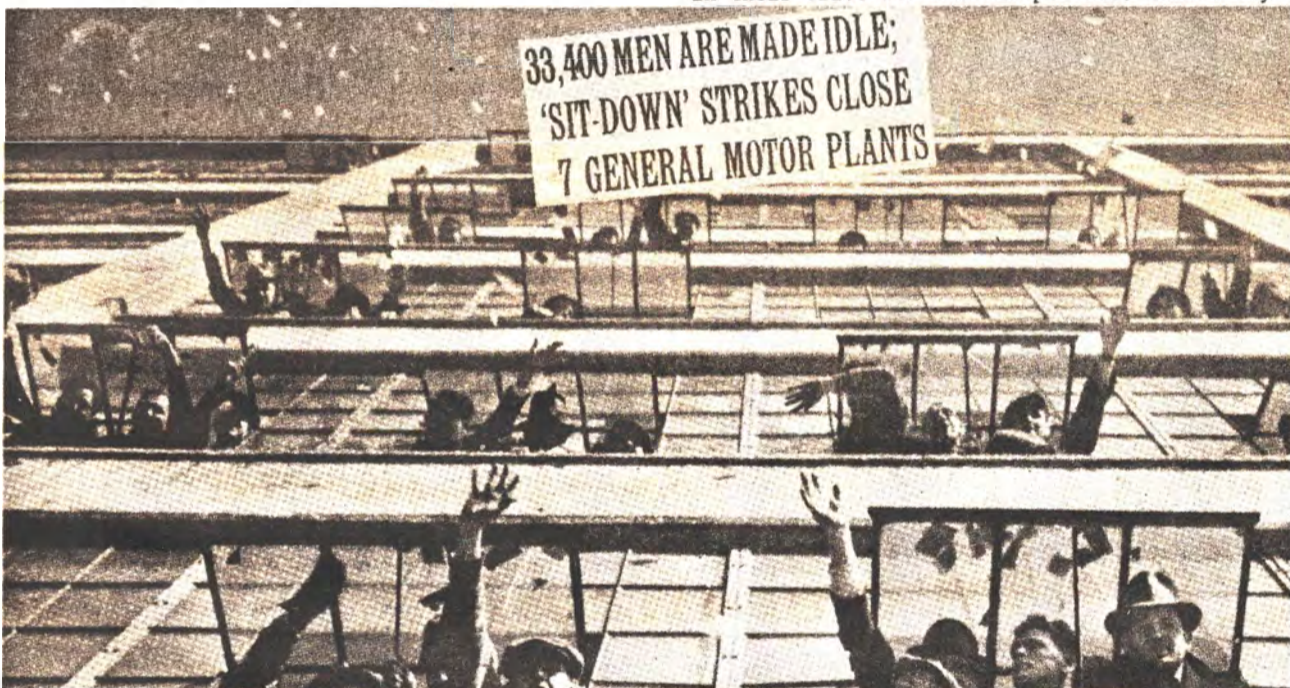
The small and middle farmer faces the same enemy as the worker: the monopoly capitalists. Today in the growing crisis of the capitalist system, the capitalists are coming down everywhere in their drive for maximum profits. That's why



Farmers on march to Sacramento to protest farm prices.

farmers must join their efforts with the struggles of the working class. Only under the leadership of the working class and its party can farmers and other oppressed people achieve a decent life.

In the 1930's farmers won their demands by allying with workers. Today the AFL-CIO in six states has endorsed the farmers strike, Portland longshoremen honored the farmers' picket line. But a broader alliance remains to be built. The AAM says they will strike until their demands are met. Already militant farmers, sometimes over the objections of their moderate leadership, have stopped traffic at grain elevators, meat packing plants and on highways used to transport agricultural products. We must support the farmers and help build a broad united front that points out the true enemy of the farmers and all oppressed people: The capitalist system.



Workers rejoicing over the take-over of the General Motors Plant December 1936.

Flint Sit-Down Anniversary

In May 1936, the Autoworkers Union withdrew from the American Federation of Labor, which had joined with the auto industry in agreeing to no union negotiating. As the Automobile Workers of America they joined the new Congress of Industrial Organizations. By December 1936 they had organized 30,000 members. Still the companies refused to negotiate with them. A wave of sitdown strikes hit the industry. A new surge of activism seized the autoworkers, particularly those at the GM plants where more than half of the 400,000 workers were employed in non-union shops. The speedups, \$20 a week pay, and intolerable safety conditions continued until the workers sat down at the General Motors plant in Flint, Michigan, refusing to work or to leave. By January 1937, 51,000 were on strike, tying up 60 GM plants in 14 states. On February 11, 1937, after occupying the plant for 44 days, the giant General Motors corporation was forced to negotiate with the Flint workers and recognize the union. It was an historic victory for the US working class. Barricading themselves in their workshops, they beat back attacks from vigilante groups, armed troops and the police. The unarmed workers never gave in. GM tried the courts. They tried the "red scare". They even demanded that the governor send in the state militia, but the workers refused to move from the factories. It was this firmness that built a national United Autoworkers Union and paved the way for others. They had cracked the open shop.

Prior to the strike, union organizing had

gone on under communist leadership. Communists already had a long history of struggle in the industry and were known as loyal fighters. For 15 years the then-revolutionary Communist Party USA had agitated in its newspapers and leaflets for union organization. There were many CP shop units and organizers in the plants. Nearly all of the 7 members of the Flint strike committee, in fact, were communists. Their leader, Walter Moore, was the open Party organizer for all of Flint. The CP in Michigan gave its all to the strike. With this leadership and the determination of the workers, the strike was won. It brought with it a tremendous wave of enthusiasm and fighting spirit among the workers throughout the basic industries. It is no exaggeration to say the GM strike organized the UAW. On March 8, sixty-three thousand Chrysler workers sat down and won their strike after a short struggle.

By occupying the factories, the strikers were able to force concessions from the capitalists. One worker put it this way: "The first victory has been ours, but the war is not over. We are strong enough to win over ALL the combined forces of our enemies and we shall continue to win... Now the door is opening." Today, the door is temporarily shut as the present UAW leadership has betrayed all of the fine traditions of the autoworkers and sold themselves to the bosses. But autoworkers across the country are fighting to take back their union, to throw out the bought off bureaucrats and to once again make their organization a weapon of class struggle.

Struggle for Union Democracy at G.M. Van Nuys

LOS ANGELES—For the past 3 months there has been much struggle within UAW local #645 representing workers here in Van Nuys. Local President Paul Goldener issued a leaflet attacking the bargaining committee for their conduct during the strike, a strike which he opposed in the first place in spite of a 9 to 1 "yes" vote. GM had just recorded its greatest earnings ever for a nine month period (nearly \$2 1/2 billion after taxes) yet Goldener accused the committee of demanding too much! He attacked the rally called by rank and file activists. Trying to stir up racist friction he claimed there was a takeover move by a "chicano power group".

For these activities, union members filed charges against Goldener. An unusually large turnout (over 200) showed up for the December union meeting (2nd shift) to press these charges. The vote was 3 to 1 to proceed.

Strikes are one of our basic weapons in the fight against class exploitation. They threaten capitalist profits while they are an example to the workers of our strength. Strikebreaking is the company's game. But in exchange for positions of privilege Goldener and the other bureaucrats like him play ball with the company and proclaim that capitalism is good for the workers. They say: It's not necessary to strike; we cannot demand too much or GM might move to Oklahoma; the strike wasn't worth it; etc., etc.

Was the strike worth it? The strike forced GM to settle over 90% of the health, safety and standards grievances. The company "promised" to hire 172 new employees to ease the job overloads. Has GM lived up to their promise? The membership of 645 is asking this question and the negotiating committee so far has failed to give a full report.

Local elections are coming up in May. The autoworkers will look at the actions of the candidates - anything else is simply words. The membership is already holding Goldener accountable to them. To be in a position to hold successful strikes and take on the company the rank and file must throw out all the sell-out bureaucrats and turn the UAW into a strong democratic union, a weapon of class struggle.

Danger of Eurocommunism

We hear a lot of talk these days about the so-called Eurocommunist parties of Spain ("Communist" Party of Spain), of France ("Communist" Party of France), and of Italy ("Communist" Party of Italy). These parties all long ago abandoned the path of revolution, and have followed the revisionist road charted by the "communist" Party of the Soviet Union. Like the CPSU these parties deny the necessity for the armed overthrow of the capitalist system, as well as the dictatorship of the proletariat. They all shout in a thousand different keys that socialism can come about "peacefully".

As if to illustrate just how low they are willing to grovel before the capitalists, Santiago Carrillo, the head of the Spanish revisionist party (CPE) recently crossed a strikers' picket line at Yale University during his speaking tour of the US. At the same time his party works right along with the dictatorship of Juan Carlos in Spain in calling on the workers to end their strikes and demonstrations, and demanding that "law and order" be restored in Spain.

In the past couple of years these revisionist parties have had a small "falling out" with their masters in the Kremlin. In fact, the CPSU has even taken to criticising the so-called Eurocommunist parties for denouncing the dictatorship of the proletariat. In the meantime the Soviet revisionists have completely written the dictatorship of the proletariat out of the new Soviet Constitution. Not surprisingly certain of the Soviet Union's ever-faithful lapdogs like the "Communist" Party USA have even taken up the "struggle" against the Western European revisionist parties. Which only goes to prove that there is no shame among thieves and class collaborators.

But while the "Eurocommunist" parties have raised certain "criticisms" of the Soviet Union around such issues as "human rights" and have proclaimed their "independence" from the USSR, they have in fact continued to promote the phony detente schemes of the Soviet social-imperialists. They also support Soviet aggression in Angola and Zaire. Seen in the context of present-day superpower contention, and in light of the growing danger of war, we must cast a sceptical eye on the declarations of independence of the revisionist parties in Western Europe. These parties have long received ideological, political and financial support from the Soviet Union. After the revisionists seized power in the USSR they went to great lengths to see that revisionists were put into the leadership of many formerly communist parties throughout the world, including Europe. They promoted the purges of many Marxist-Leninists from these parties and saw to it that "their kind of people" took control of them. As a matter of fact, the leadership of the Spanish and Portuguese revisionist parties spent the last two decades living in the Soviet Union. Seen from this perspective it is easy to understand why many revolutionary people in Europe see the revisionist parties as possible fifth columns of the USSR should world war break out. At the very least these parties promote a policy of appeasement toward the Soviet Union, using their influence to try and get loans and trade concessions for the USSR. Of course, this only serves to help the Soviets cope with their faltering economy and allows them to proceed with their feverish militarization and war preparations. These revisionist parties are acting like Judases and are more than likely to sell out the independence of their countries to the social-fascist USSR. While we applaud any steps which these parties might take to free themselves from the control of the Soviet Union, we must not kid ourselves that they have completely "broken" with the social-imperialists. Such naivete is

Long Live Free Quebec

In a major television interview aired in January, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau declared that he would use armed force to prevent the province of Quebec from seceding "illegally." He didn't bother to explain one small detail, however. Under Canadian law Quebec cannot secede "legally". In short, Trudeau intends to smash any attempt of the Quebec people to democratically exercise their right to self-determination.

There is a rising movement in Quebec demanding an end to its subjection at the hands of the dominant English Canadian ruling class. As a nation Quebec has been trapped in the borders of Canada ever since the English conquered it in the 1763 war with France. Today the French speaking Quebecois, make up 80% of the province and 1/4 of Canada's population. As an oppressed nation they have the right to self-determination, and no threats from Trudeau will prevent them from exercising it.

The masses in Quebec have time and again expressed their opposition to their national oppression. Since the British first occupied Quebec the masses have faced forcible assimilation,

extremely dangerous at a time when the Soviet Union is breathing the hot breath of war down the neck of Western Europe.

MARXIST LENINISTS UPHOLD STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE

Throughout Western Europe there is a growing Marxist-Leninist movement which upholds the class struggle and the struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat. These parties and organizations while young, are gaining in influence and have led many strikes and militant actions throughout Europe. What is more they have continually exposed the revisionist parties to the working people of their countries and have helped to build a growing united front against the two superpowers, and particularly against the danger posed to the independence of their countries by the warmongering USSR. The banner of national independence is now in their young but strong hands. These Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations have waged a consistent struggle against the policies of appeasement pushed both by the revisionists and other political elements in Western Europe. They have consistently shown the masses the falsity of detente and done their best to help prepare the masses for the possible outbreak of war.

We must join with them in opposing the advocates of "detente" and appeasement here at home, while patiently explaining to the American peo-



Revisionist Communist leader Carrillo confronted by Yale striker as he crosses picket line. ple the growing danger of war posed by the increasing contention of the US and USSR. Most especially we must tear the phony "socialist" mask from the face of the revisionist "Communist" Party USA and show them as class collaborators, and as supporters of social-imperialism, as abettors of its drive for world domination. This is our duty if we want to help prepare the people of the US mentally and materially for the outbreak of war. ★



South African Government Attacks Revolutionaries

Four serious political trials are underway against a total of 22 Azanian patriots accused of furthering the aims of the Pan Africanist Congress and of other grave charges under the Terrorism and Internal Security Acts.

The biggest trial involves Zeph Mothupeng and 17 other patriots who appeared on demand in Bethal, Orange Free State province, on January 8, 1978. They are charged with furthering the aims of a banned organization, recruiting people to undergo military training under the P.A.C., "engaging in acts of violence and destruction" (Rand Daily Mail, Dec. 9, 1977) and with holding meetings and conducting lectures on how to reorganize the underground network of P.A.C. It is alleged that the meetings and lectures took place on Robben Island between 1963 and 1977 when three amongst the accused served varying terms of imprisonment. Zeph Mothupeng, whose wife Ebeniah has spent more than one year in detention without trial, was elected Secretary for Judicial Affairs in the National Executive Committee of PAC in 1959.

The Terrorism Act carries the death sentence and this means Zeph Mothupeng and his colleagues are on trial for their lives.

Early in the National Uprising which broke out in Soweto in 1976, the South African "minister of justice", Jimmy Kruger, claimed that professional agitators from the Azanian national movement were masterminding the uprising. In November he specifically accused "a new organization", the Azanian Peoples Liberation Army, of organizing some of the unrest in the country. Last July the deputy commissioner of security

police told newsmen, after a raid on Mangaliso Sobukwe at his place of house arrest in Kimberly, that his men were conducting a special investigation into the underground activities of P.A.C.

The 50 page indictment shows that the trial of the Mithupeng 18 is part a result of that "special investigation". P.A.C. is directly linked with the National Uprising for the first time, and Mangaliso Sobukwe, "generally recognized leader of P.A.C.", is cited as one of the 86 co-conspirators.

The South African legal system is a farce, it is used to legalise murder by torture or by official hanging. On trial...are not only the accused patriots. It is all of humanity which stands for justice. The racist regime in Pretoria is attempting, through these mock trials, to break the back-bone of growing resistance and simultaneously silence hostile public opinion abroad.

We appeal to you and organizations you belong to, to rise to the challenge and support our International Campaign of Solidarity with the P.A.C.

For information write: PAC, 211 E. 43rd Street, New York, NY, 10017.

* Send cables condemning the trials and demanding the release of the PAC trialists and all political prisoners.

* Give all out support to the struggle for the overthrow of apartheid colonialism and the establishment of a non-racial and democratic government in Azania. (Excerpted from the Dec. 27, 1977 press release by the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania.

the suppression of their language, and lower wages for the same work. In 1837-38 Quebecois rebelled against the British colonialists, demonstrating their hatred for the occupiers of their land. More recently workers attacked the lower wages paid them by striking for parity with workers in neighboring Ontario. Out of the struggle have arisen various political and electoral parties which have campaigned for independence and separation from Canada. One of these, the Parti Quebecois, won the last provincial election. While these bourgeois politicians have instituted minor reforms they offer no real end to national oppression. In fact, Provincial Premier Levesque has made several trips to the US to assure US Capitalists that their investments are

Quebec is relatively industrialized; the Quebec GNP ranks 23rd in the world. It is also rich in hydro-electrical power and other natural resources. The Canadian ruling class oppresses Quebec to control and exploit these resources. National oppression is used to divide the Canadian working class and to exploit even more the Quebecois workers.

For these reasons, US workers and all progressive people must support the right of self-determination of the Quebec nation--including their right to form a separate state. Only in this way can we build the closest solidarity with the oppressed Quebec nation and all Canadian workers. In this way can we support the unity of the Canadian people in their struggle to make socialist revolution. ★

Zionists Prevent Mideast Settlement

The peace offensive by US imperialism and the Israeli government certainly didn't last long. Within weeks after Egyptian President Sadat's visit to Israel and within days after Carter's trip to Egypt, the bottom fell out of the Israel-Egypt peace talks. Far from making any concessions, the Zionists announced plans to establish four new settlements and 20 new outposts in the Sinai desert--part of Egyptian territory. Prime Minister Begin absolutely refused to negotiate the question of self-determination for the Palestinian people.

Begin's plan for Palestinian "autonomy and self rule" offers nothing new. The Palestinians of the West Bank of the Jordan River would be able to elect officials to regulate education, religious affairs and transportation. Meanwhile Israeli troops would continue to occupy the West Bank, the Arab elected bodies would have no power over Israeli citizens, and the Zionists would be allowed to continue stealing Palestinian land. To make his point absolutely clear, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said to the Israeli Knesset (Parliament): "How will I prevent their (the Arabs) refusal to sell land to Jews? How will I prevent the influx of hundreds of thousands of refugees from Lebanon against our will? By force of the army."

As a result of the refusal of the Zionists to concede any substantial points, the Egyptians temporarily broke off negotiations January 18. While the talks may resume under renewed US pressure on Israel, one fact remains clear. US imperialism and the Zionist rulers of Israel aren't interested in any settlement that will return all Arab lands stolen by Israel in 1967, establish a Palestinian homeland and recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Meanwhile the USSR has moved to take advantage of the current situation. The USSR covets the strategic location and rich oil deposits of the Mid-East. The USSR has issued numerous statements denouncing Sadat and US imperialism, calling for Arab unity and "support" to the PLO. But even its own official statements reveal that its support to the Arab peoples is only rhetoric. The USSR sees a Mid-East settlement in terms of "detente"--that is, how it can best divide up



Palestinians resisting the occupation of their homeland outside Nazareth. (Photo from PALESTINE)

the world with the US. In this regard Spartak Beglov, Soviet commentator wrote: "Although much of what has been achieved during years of detente has no direct relationship to the Middle East, jointly worked-out principles commit the partners in detente at least to consistency in their support of the well-known resolutions of the UN Security Council and General Assembly. It was on this basis that an understanding was reached between the Soviet Union and France, between the USSR and Great Britain and then between Moscow and Washington on their constructive cooperation toward a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict." (Daily World, 1/14/78) The USSR is only interested in working out a big power settlement advantageous to itself--not to the Arab and Palestinian masses. The USSR attacked the current round of negotiations because the USSR was left out.

The USSR's current support for the PLO is indeed hypocritical. In the past the Soviets labeled the PLO as "adventurous" and "dangerous to detente" for their armed attacks on Israel. In the joint US/USSR communique issued in December, 1977, the PLO is not even mentioned as part of a Mid-East settlement. Today, the USSR wants the world to forget these facts. But the Palestinian and Arab peoples will continue their fight for liberation against both superpowers.

The PLO has persevered in its correct and just struggle for a Palestinian peoples homeland for 13 years. The only genuine solution to problems in the Middle East will be the product of the struggle of the Arab people. 10,000 people attended a January rally in Beirut addressed by the leaders of all major Palestinian organizations. PLO leader Yasser Arafat declared: "Peace can be restored only by blood, by the gun, and not at the negotiating table." ★

Who Are Israel's Friends?

We know that the Zionists see the Arab people as their enemy, but who are their friends? The Israeli government sent a high ranking military delegation to South Africa late last year. They visited numerous military centers, meeting with Israeli military advisers who are stationed in South Africa. These "advisers" have helped the South African government in military operations against Namibia (Southwest Africa) and within South Africa itself. South African troops are equipped with automatic weapons, "Gabriel" missiles, "Kfir 2" jets, "Reshef" torpedos and other Israeli-made armaments.

A Brief History of Zionism

- 1917: Balfour Declaration pledges British support for the Zionist cause. In return, Zionists would protect British interests in the Middle East, especially the strategic corridor bordering the Suez Canal.
- WWII: Zionists collaborate with Nazism. Zionist propaganda fed racist theories: "Each country can absorb only a limited number of Jews if she does not want disorders in her stomach. Germany already has too many Jews." (Zionist leader Chaim Weizmann). In exchange for free passage of selected Zionists to Palestine, German Zionists work with the Nazis helping do the racist administrative work that leads to the "final solution" - the extermination of 6 million Jews.
- 1947: Due to blatant US pressure, UN adopts the Partition Resolution by 3 votes. Calls for internationalization of Jerusalem, creation of an independent Jewish (56% of the territory most fertile land) and Arab states. Palestinian Arabs reject the plan as a violation to their right of self-determination.
- 1948: Deir Yassin Massacre-254 arab men, women and children killed as part of the Zionist campaign to drive Arabs out. Led by terrorist leader Begin, now Israel's Prime Minister.
- 1948: Israel declares independence. As British mandate ends Zionists seize more territory, killing or putting to flight the inhabitants. Neighboring Arab armies enter to defend the Palestinians.
- 1967: Second Arab-Israeli War ("Six Day War") starts as Zionists invade Gaza Strip, Sinai's Golan Heights, Jordan's West Bank and Egypt's Sinai. Israel expands from

5500 square miles in 1949 to 30,000 square miles today. Moshe Dayan says, "This is not the end. After the present cease fire lines there will be new ones. They will extend beyond Jordan, perhaps to Lebanon and perhaps to central Syria as well."

- 1973: Zionist Provocations and Arab counter-attacks start fourth Arab-Israeli War as the Arabs are gaining territory, pushing Zionists back, the two superpowers call for a "cease fire in place."

VICTORY TO A DEMOCRATIC SECULAR STATE OF PALESTINE OPEN TO JEWS, MOSLEMS AND CHRISTIANS!



Revolution's the Main Trend



THE STRIKE BY 6,000 PUERTO RICAN ELECTRICAL WORKERS has been marked by the bombing of several transmission towers in the Jajome area in southern Puerto Rico, in the line from the big hydroelectric dams to the heavily populated north coast area. The union and the company have been in negotiations since July. "We want a decent and reasonable increase to be able to meet the obligations that this unjust society imposes on us," said Luis Lausell, head of the Electrical Industry Workers Union. He called the company's offer of \$.185 increase a "crumb" and said the workers had no alternative but to strike. A National Guard representative attended a meeting of police commanders to plan security for the company's vital installations and to attempt to provide continuous power service on the island.

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THE RECENT "ELECTIONS" IN CHILE, supposedly a vote of confidence for President Augusto Pinochet's junta, were nothing more than the dictator's attempt to dodge international criticism. After the vote, Pinochet told the people that the results were so good that "there will be no more elections for ten years." In a sinister warning to the Chilean people and opposition politicians, Pinochet said, "Now we have placed the artillery. This battle, which had been a withdrawal, has been transformed into a battle of annihilation...politicians, it is all over for you. Today Chile is different."

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AN ARTICLE IN A RECENT ISSUE OF THE GREEK WEEKLY LAIKOS DROMOS tears the mask from Soviet propaganda concerning the USSR's "peace initiative" in the Mediterranean. The article points to the fierce rivalry between the Soviet and US imperialists, "a glance at the Mediterranean Sea will be enough to disprove the Soviet claims for 'peace'. The Soviet warships are daily sailing through the Black Sea Straits in order to counter-meet the US fleet there." The article concludes, "The only way to make the Mediterranean a sea of peace can be found neither by the Soviet Social-imperialists nor the US imperialists, but only by the people of the Mediterranean countries who know that it can be achieved by throwing out the two super-powers."

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THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT STOOD UP TO BULLYING BY THE US with its decision to maintain the price of natural gas in exchange for a US loan. Senator Napoleon Gomez Sada said of his country's stand, "Nobody is more qualified than our country in defining a just price of natural gas, for it is part of the riches of the Mexican people." Another Mexican senator, Jorge Cruickshank said, "Imperialism will forever be imperialism, which will resort to pressure to press for its goal."

REMEMBER WOUNDED KNEE

5 YEARS LATER OPPRESSION CONTINUES



Indians and supporters standing outside the Wounded Knee Trading Post.
(Photo from Akesasne Notes Publication.)

In the Winter of 1890, the US government surrounded over 300 Oglala Sioux Indians and massacred them. It was known as the last "battle" in the Indian wars. That massacre was at Wounded Knee, a small village in the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. On February 27, 1890, Wounded Knee was the scene of what was to become a 71 day siege of several hundred Indians and their supporters. This stand grew from their demand for the removal of corrupt BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) and 'tribal council' members. The liberation of Wounded Knee was met with US armored personnel carriers, helicopters, automatic rifles and tear gas.

The Oglala Sioux took their stand after many years of treachery at the hands of the BIA and suffering years of racist and inhumane treatment by the US government. The American Indian Movement (AIM) was asked to help after the Tribal Elders had made their decision. The take over started with simple demands of investigation into the misuse of funds and a treaty commission. By March 11, the Elders realized that the US was unresponsive. They and all the people at Wounded Knee decided that this may be the only chance the Oglala people would ever have to reaffirm their sovereignty as the Independent Oglala Nation.

Throughout the siege the press was heavily restricted from covering the event. The lies and slanders of the US government were broadcast to the American people. Food and medical supplies were blocked. Hundreds were arrested near Wounded Knee for trying to hike in weapons, food and medical supplies. The government didn't always carry out the suppression themselves though, employing the services of vigilante goons. Despite all this, Wounded Knee received wide support from all over the country. 5000 marched in Denver and 2000 in the Southwest. Food and supplies were parachuted in by volunteers and medical groups legally or illegally made their way in to care for the many sick and hungry.

Under heavy fire from the government, 2 Native Americans gave their lives, many more were injured. The US was eventually forced into negotiations when they found the resistance of the Oglalas was every bit as determined as their ancestors. But the government continually demanded that the Indians give up all arms, turn themselves over to the Marshalls and then 'talk' about the problems. The Indians would not give

in, and so finally on May 5, an agreement was signed promising mutual disarmament. Immediate presidential talks on the 1868 treaty, and an FBI investigation into the vigilante attacks and an audit of BIA books. To this day none of these promises have been fulfilled. Rather than protection and investigation, the Indian people have lived through a reign of terror from the FBI who practically occupy the old village and surrounding areas. 300 people had court action taken against them, and by late 1973 six sympathizers had been murdered on the reservation. By 1974 people were talking of the "murder of the week", by spring 1975 it was up to 2 murders per week!

But the Native American people around the country are not disheartened. The upswing in resistance and struggle for their rights has only increased in the past 5 years. More and more suits are being filed by Indians demanding that treaties be implemented, land returned or damages paid. The Wampanoags of Mashpee Massachusetts are fighting to regain 13,000 acres of undeveloped land 'owned' by the New Seabury Development Corporation. Seabury sells one acre vacation plots to the rich for \$100,000 a hit. The Wampanoags have gained the support of many white residents, for they do not want to expropriate the small businesses and homeowners, but only the large corporation raping their land and destroying their community.

One big leap forward for the Indian Movement, according to AIM was the Non-Governmental Observer status granted at the recent UN convention in Geneva dealing with indigenous peoples

of the Americas. It recognized indigenous peoples all over North, Central and South America as constituting nations with full rights to water, fishing and natural resources on their land. It supported the implementation of all treaties and a return of stolen lands.

But even with this recognition the US government is doing all it can to strip away the last semblance of sovereignty and control the Indians have. Congressman Cunningham of Washington state has introduced a bill misnamed, the "Native Americans Equal Opportunity Act" which abrogates all treaties. At this point Indians are not citizens of the US, but have a limited "self-government on their reservations with supposed "rights" to the natural resources and land. In "exchange" for granting the Indians the title of citizenship, the US hopes to take away all their remaining lands and the rights to valuable natural resources. The capitalists have a high percentage of oil, uranium (estimated 80%), copper and other minerals in the US, not to mention forests and rivers (for power plants). The capitalists want to try one final grand theft of Indian lands and resources. Besides the Cunningham Bill (HR 9054) there are several other bills attacking water and fishing rights. The government hopes to slip these "small fry" bills through without anybody knowing. The AIM and others are actively organizing against these attacks on their land and natural resources. We must support them.

Ernie Peters, Western Regional Director of the AIM, said that the land question is the vital issue to all Indian people. And that the various struggles will continue through the court system to regain what is rightfully theirs. "For the sake of the US, let's hope it does work out..." When asked what will happen if it doesn't work out, his reply was "Remember Wounded Knee..."



Oglala Oscar Bear Runner, a guard at the negotiations.

Energy ...

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taking control of their oil resources away from the oil giants has cut into the oil companies' profits, which they want now to squeeze out of us.

Second, the capitalists are in agreement that the working class will pay for this energy plan. The immediate impact of the plan is higher prices: at the gas pump, on utility bills, in taxes and in consumer goods. Any expense in converting to coal, industry can write off their income tax and the working class will pay the difference. The bulk of the barrelhead tax and the natural gas hike will go to the oil companies. Centralized utility rate standards, set by representatives of the energy monopolies temporarily wearing government hats, will certainly go up.

Self sufficiency and centralized control of energy resources is part of the capitalists' move to get the economy on a war footing. The capitalists look toward the day, probably not many years off, where their sources of foreign oil will be cut off. At the same time they will be facing war against the Soviet Union, US imperialism's superpower rival for world domination. During his world tour, Carter was preaching "detente" and promising that "we" will never start a war. But at the same time, back home, his energy plan and his proposed 8% increase in the military budget prove that the capitalists intend war, whatever their public face might be at the moment.

But in their war preparations, the capitalists have to contend with the US working class. Under capitalism, self sufficiency means increased exploitation of the working class, especially the coal miners. The current national contract strike, and the preceding years of UMW wildcats show that the coal fields are centers of class struggle. The capitalists are not going to be able to make us pay for their defeats, their wars,

not without fighting us too. In the "national interest" they will force strip mining and shale oil: both long opposed by people who care for the beauty of our country. They want to switch to western coal, mostly non-union, to avoid the militancy of the UMW members. The whole working class, and the masses of US people will bear the enormous cost of coal conversion, while industry writes it off, and the energy monopolies continue to rake it in.

Carter's energy plan is not in the interests of the working class. It means higher prices, increased exploitation and an easier road for the capitalists in their push toward war. Monopoly in energy resources has created a system where the imperialists have had their cake, and eaten it too. They steal oil from the producing countries and then rip us off at the selling end. OPEC, as well as other third world countries are refusing to allow the robbery to continue. And we, the US working class, are going to take away the whole cake.

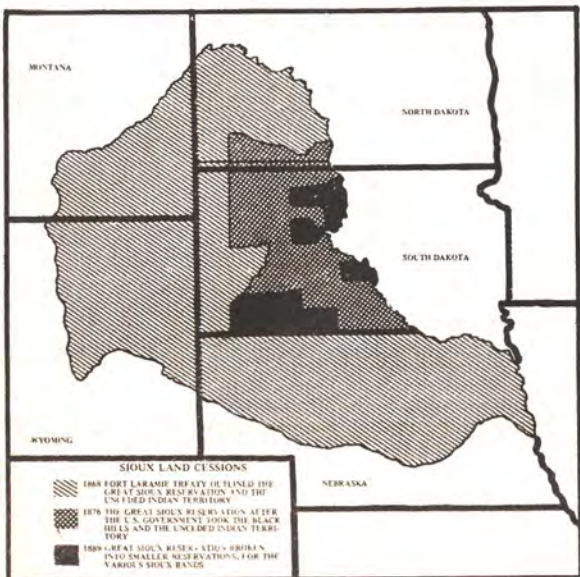
Carter's Energy Plan

Barrelhead tax on US produced oil to bring the price up to the world market price. The purpose is to reduce oil use through higher prices. Carter promises that tax revenues will be rebated to consumers--in the first year. After that, the money will probably go to the oil companies.

Higher natural gas prices, going directly into the pockets of the oil companies who own most of the natural gas resources.

Coal conversion, the heart of Carter's plan. Utilities and industry will switch from petroleum based sources to coal. The goal is to reduce the dependence on foreign oil. Costs of conversion can be written off.

Minimum national standards for utility rates will be set by the federal government.



Chicago Youths Say:

"The Police Never Serve and Protect!"

--from a Chicago correspondent

The Chicago Police Department, which carries as its motto "We serve and protect" has shot down and killed 6 teenagers in the last 6 months. It has become obvious to this teenager that they aren't here to serve and protect us. One of the latest brothers to be killed, Tyrone Neal was only 14 years old. He and two friends were waiting for another friend when the cops pulled over and gave them a shakedown, suspecting them of a robbery that had just occurred. Even though the robbery victim, who was in the police cruiser, told the cops that the three boys weren't the ones who robbed him, one of the cops still demanded to see the boys' I.D.'s. He shouted, "Whoever doesn't have an I.D., I'll shoot his fucking head off." Tyrone didn't carry an I.D. and for this the cop shot and killed him. Another victim of the recent police killings was David Karpel, 15, who was riding in a friend's car when the cops pulled them over for running a red light. With guns drawn the cops approached the car the boys were in. Then, while opening the car door one of the cops supposedly "slipped on some ice" causing his gun to go off, killing the boy. Less than a week after this killing, the most recent victim, Ralph Briggs, also 15, was shot by a drunk off duty policeman. The cop thought that Ralph and two others had robbed him while he was asleep in his car. There must be some cause for all these killings since it's obvious that they're more than coincidence.

As the economic crisis of capitalism deepens it is the youth and particularly oppressed nationality youth, who were one of the hardest hit groups. 17.5% of all teenagers looking for work were unemployed and a staggering 40% of black youths are unemployed. The youth with shorter work histories and less seniority are always the last to be hired and the first to be laid off as a shortage of jobs develops, especially among the minorities. When the capitalists only have a few jobs to give out they tend to give them to the older more experienced workers rather than taking a chance on an untested worker. The current economic crisis puts much more stress on the already ailing family structure robbing to-

day's youth of the stability and guidance they need. Also the American school system, crippled by inflation and budget cuts, is now completely unable to give its students even such fundamental skills as reading and writing. Is it any wonder that some young people, so attacked by the capitalists, would try to solve their problems of poverty and frustration through crime and violence?

In San Francisco last year kids under 18 were arrested for 57% of all felonies against people (homocides, assaults, etc.) and 66% of all crimes against property. "Alarmed" by this trend the capitalists have called on their "enforcers", the police, to control the angry youth. Many cities: Atlanta, Memphis, New Orleans and New York City to name a few, have stiffened their jail sentences against youthful offenders, but



Submitted by the author of the article.

it is much easier for the cops to use open violence to "keep us in line". Though perhaps initially successful, this police tactic as with all fascist tactics will fail and will serve only to develop a higher level of consciousness against the capitalists. So we, the youth of Chicago, say that we know who the cops "serve and protect" and they'll have to do a lot more than kill a few of us to protect the capitalists now!

Defend Jess Lopez!

GLENDALE, ARIZONA--Chicano activist Jess Lopez has been railroaded to prison for a minimum of eight years. Framed on a conviction of arson and conspiracy, his appeal will be heard on February 10. This frame-up began in April of last year when an explosion caused \$8,000 worth of damage at Glendale Community College. Police ignoring the confession of another person, arrested Jess Lopez and charged him with the crime.

During the course of the trial the state deliberately withheld evidence from the defense. A witness had told police he saw Gerardo Rivera, a convicted drug pusher, throw the fire bomb. The state made a deal with Rivera. In exchange for a sentence of five years on the firebombing, he changed his story to implicate Lopez. Another main witness, Reynaldo Campos, was offered a job as a cop in return for his false testimony.

The state spent an estimated \$25,000 to send Jess Lopez up. What made this man such a threat to the state? Firebombing was not Jess' crime. Jess Lopez was guilty of refusing to go along with the exploitation of his people. He organized against deteriorating conditions in the Glendale barrio. He helped found the United Barrio Union and developed a park for the children of

the area. He fought inhumane and overcrowded conditions in Arizona State Prison, at Florence. Lopez visited the prison, showed films on the Chicano movement and helped lead a prison strike. His activity led directly to a federal lawsuit against the prison which has resulted in the firing of John Moran, head of the Department of Corrections and an order to reduce inmate population by half.

In the last three months in this jail there have been six inmates killed and twelve injured. The state sentenced Jess to serve his time at this same prison. Lopez' supporters fear for his life if he is sent there. The judge has ignored this however, stating the danger to Lopez "cannot...legally be considered grounds for sending him elsewhere.

Jess Lopez' case has attracted widespread support. Picket lines and protests were organized at the court hearings. A statewide demonstration was held January 28 in Tucson to press for his release. Tomorrow may be too late for Jess Lopez. We must demand his release today!

To send donations or for more information write: Juanita Lopez, c/o United Barrio Union, 6605 North 58th Ave., Glendale, Ariz. 85301

1968 Orangeburg Massacre

On February 8, 1968 hundreds of angry students faced heavily armed police on the grounds of their own college campuses in Orangeburg, South Carolina. The Black students of Claflin and South Carolina State Colleges were demanding an end to segregation at a local bowling alley. For four days students demonstrated against the racist policy of that city. On the 8th, police fired wildly into the unarmed rally after a policeman was struck down by a stick. When the smoke cleared, three students lay dead with more than 50 students wounded.

Orangeburg was but one of many battles in the rising tide of black nationalism and national struggle which was sweeping the land in those days. Many leaders were jailed or killed, as was Martin Luther King. By April of that year cities across the country were hit by rebellions, with people demanding jobs, better housing, quality education and an end to police brutality. The takeover by Black students at Cornell University was a reflection of the important and militant role played by Black students in this struggle. Many people recognized, in the course of this great struggle, that only armed struggle of the masses could achieve their liberation.

In the storm of struggle against all forms of oppression, the Orangeburg students had, in the previous year, demanded quality education. But in 1968 they confronted the police and valiantly demonstrated their hatred of all segregation and national oppression. The national movements of today are continuing this fight, as the ruling class wages a desperate campaign to steal back the gains won with blood in the 1960's. The masses of people in the US are more and more seeing the need to defend and expand these gains and to take up the struggle against all forms of national oppression. We can surely learn from the Orangeburg students. They have given us an example of courage which we must not forget.

DAWSON FIVE FREE

In a case which drew international support, the state was forced to drop all charges against the Dawson 5. Arrested in early 1976, Roosevelt Washington, James Jackson, Jr., Johnny B. Jackson, Henderson Watson and J.D. Davenport were falsely accused of murdering a white ranch foreman in Dawson, Georgia. In late December 1977, the prosecution finally admitted they had no evidence.

Dawson lies in the Black Belt South where the US imperialists maintain a low wage and non-union area to take huge profits from the sweat of the Afro-American people. Police repression is one method used to continue this capitalist exploitation. Using torture and threats of electrocution,

the prosecution forced confessions from one of the youths. The rich bosses and their puppets in the courts were sure they could railroad the 5--no matter how feeble and contrived the evidence.

Many blacks in Dawson braved physical and economic reprisals to come out and show their support. A meeting attended by over 400 people earlier in 1977 was the first sign of the rising Black activism in the community. The mass struggle against these legal lynchings shows that the masses of the people will not tolerate ruling class "justice". The only true justice comes from the struggles of the people against their oppression. ★

No Heat for an Entire Town

City officials in Crystal City Texas say some of the elderly people and young children of their city may die this winter. The 8000 mostly Chicano residents of this south Texas town have faced a cut-off of natural gas supplies since Sept. 23, 1977. As the coldest winter months approach, many families are without heat for their homes.

In 1973 LoVaca Gathering Co., a subsidiary of Coastal States Gas Corp., unilaterally raised the utility rate over 600%. The per capita income of Crystal City residents is \$1,600 per year. Most people work for minimum wage in the canneries and fields. They couldn't afford the unfair and illegal rate increases, so they struck back at the capitalists and refused to pay.

Ironically, Zavala County (where Crystal City is located) is one of the most productive natural gas basins in the country. While the people burn wood to heat their homes, the capitalists rip-off 3.7 billion cubic feet of natural gas a year from Zavala County.



ABDC Conference...

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Bakke decision is part of the overall attempt by the capitalists to intensify national oppression. Up to this time, the resistance to national oppression has occurred sporadically--a campus protest here, jacking up a City Council there. The Bakke struggle erupted in much the same manner at first. The founding of the ABDC on a California statewide basis marked a qualitative leap in linking up campus, workplace and community struggles taking place in California with a coordinated effort to defeat the Bakke decision. As imperialism intensifies its attacks upon the masses, so they must intensify their resistance.

In recent months the ABDC has linked the anti-Bakke struggle to other attacks on minorities. For example, the Los Angeles local held a rally and demonstration on December 10 to protest the KKK "border patrol." San Francisco ABDC along with S.F. State College Raza Students Organization and Asian Students Union staged a rally on December 1 to protest the campus newspaper's editorial entitled "Illegal Aliens: Taxing Our Patience and Budgets." On January 22 the S.F. ABDC put on a program showing how the Bakke decision will intensify women's oppression.

REAFFIRM THE PRINCIPLES OF UNITY

This past year of struggle has seen many twists and turns for the anti-Bakke movement. When the ABDC formed, there were clearly two tendencies existing in this movement (see RC, January 1978). The principles of unity adopted by the ABDC have been instrumental in helping define the two trends, and in building a mass movement against the Bakke decision.

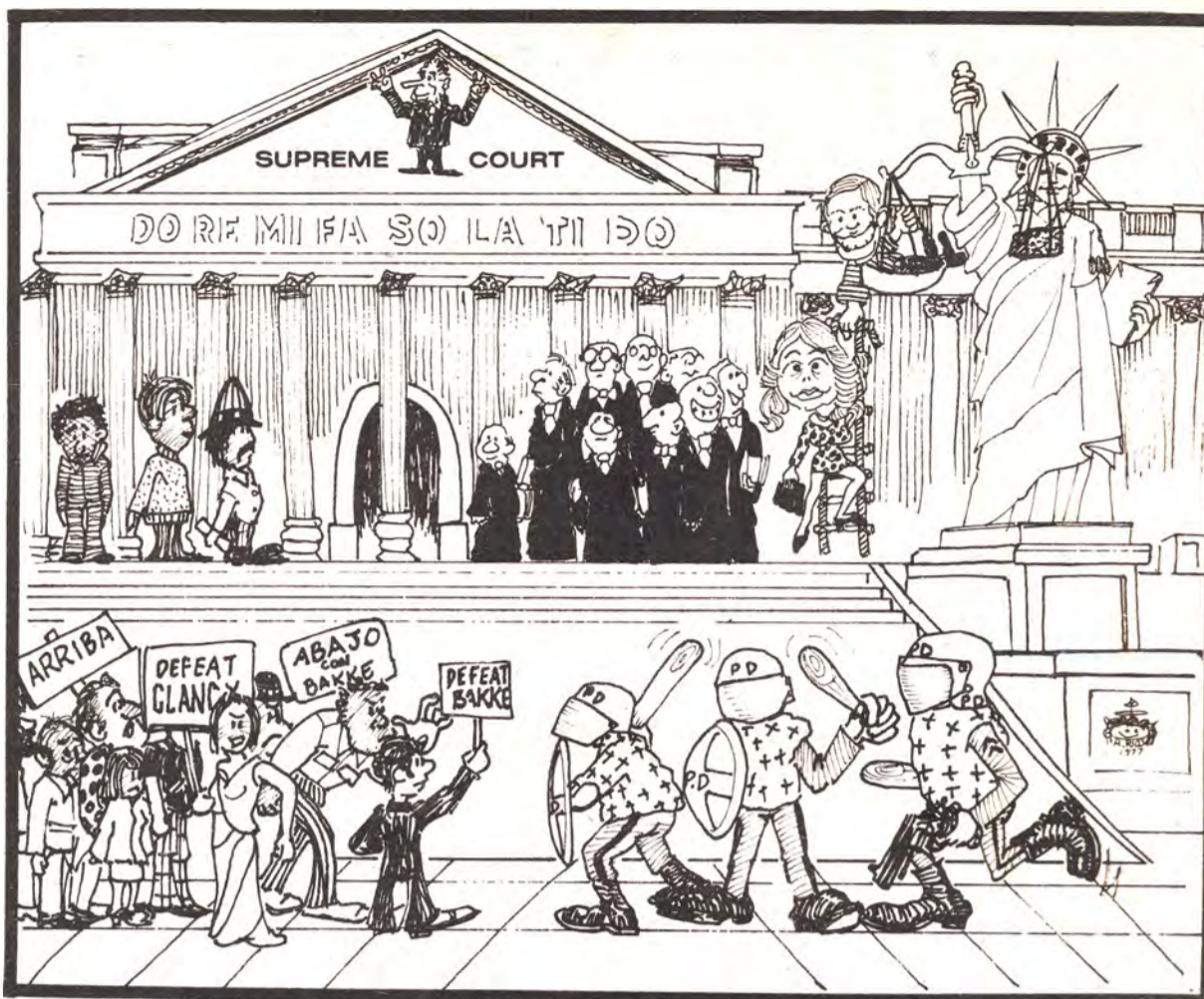
1. RELY ON THE MASSES OF OPPRESSED PEOPLE TO DEFEAT THE BAKKE DECISION. Since its beginning the ABDC has relied mainly on mass demonstrations, rallies and other mass mobilizations to defeat the Bakke decision. The leadership of the NCOBD (National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision) want people to believe that the politicians, lawyers and good guys on the University of California Regents will wage the struggle for us.

2. OPPOSE BOTH THE US SUPREME COURT AND UC REGENTS AS EQUAL TARGETS. The ABDC saw that both the Supreme Court and the Regents were part of the same system of oppression. This was in contrast to groups like the Communist Party USA who say "the initiative of the University of California at Davis in pressing the fight against the Bakke decision is an integral part of this (anti-Bakke) fight." (*Daily World*, 12/16/77) In fact, it was the UC Davis administration who helped Bakke file his suit in the first place. The UC Regents are representatives of the major corporations (IBM, AT & T, etc.) and of the capitalist government. The CPUSA would ask us to ally with these capitalists--rather than wage a revolutionary struggle to overturn Bakke.

3. OPPOSE THE SYSTEMATIC OPPRESSION OF THIRD WORLD PEOPLE. The oppressed nationalities in the US face oppression in all spheres of life: employment, education, housing, medical care and more. The ruling class uses the ideology of racism to maintain this oppression. But the leaders of the NCOBD focus only on racism. According to these groups, putting non-racists in the Supreme Court or UC Regents will help cure the system. They ignore the economic basis for racism--the system of imperialism.

4. DEFEND AND EXPAND ALL THIRD WORLD PROGRAMS AND ALL SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN AND WORKING PEOPLE. The NCOBD leaders saw Bakke as only an attack on students. In contrast, the ABDC recognized that Bakke is first and foremost an attack on all oppressed nationalities. It also attacks the rights of women and all workers. The Bakke decision has already been used to deny special promotions to women workers. By spreading the myth that whites are "discriminated against" by affirmative action programs, the Bakke decision divides white and oppressed nationality workers in their common fight against exploitation.

Veterans of the anti-Bakke struggle have learned many valuable lessons in the last year. The anti-Bakke movement began spontaneously among Chicano students and educators and quickly spread to students of other nationalities. New ABDC chapters should focus on developing ties with students. ABDC must not only mobilize them around the Bakke decision, but fight for the day-to-day demands of students: defend ethnic studies programs, maintain progressive student controlled programs, review boards and others. In particular ABDC must link the struggle to the fight against cutbacks in Educational Opportunities Programs and financial aid to students. ABDC must work closely with progressive student organizations including the national forms of organization such as the Asian Students Union, Black Student Unions, Chicano and Native American student groups. ABDC must help strengthen the



Submitted by a 48-year old Chicano worker

unity between oppressed nationality students and Anglo students. ABDC must link up with Iranian, Ethiopian, Eritrean and other foreign student groups by educating them to the danger of the Bakke decision. In the spirit of international unity, we must support the struggles of these students and people of their homelands against the two superpowers.

After developing ties with students, a number of ABDC chapters then began outreach to workers and community groups. The Bakke decision has already effected programs for promoting and hiring national minority workers. Communists, progressive workers and members of ABDC can help develop multi-national unity by educating the working class about the Bakke case. ABDC must pay particular attention to the basic industries like auto, steel, mining, rubber, etc. In these industries the political and economic struggle against exploitation has been the most intense; and from these industries ABDC can draw progressive workers into the anti-Bakke struggle. ABDC must also do outreach to industries with large numbers of oppressed nationalities and women. These workers have an immediate interest in the defeat of the Bakke decision. White workers, too, have an immediate interest in the defeat of Bakke. By supporting the rights of national minorities, multi-national unity is also strengthened. This unity is needed in the fights for unionization, against cutbacks in medical services, childcare facilities, etc. But the main political focus must be to educate the working class that a defeat of Bakke is a blow to our common enemy: imperialism. Only when the working class as a whole supports the legitimate rights of all oppressed people can this unity be achieved.

DON'T COUNTERPOSE STUDENTS TO WORKERS

In the RC II #7, ATM (M-L) incorrectly stated that "only the working class... can defeat the Bakke decision." In practice this view led some of our cadre and friends to counterpose outreach among students and among workers. For example, we told some students that they weren't really building the anti-Bakke movement unless they were leafletting plants. We told them they had to go to work in factories. This was usually accompanied with phrase mongering about the "leading role of the working class." In practice, this led to de-emphasizing the struggles on the campus and, in some cases, to students dropping out of the anti-Bakke struggle. Historically and today, students have played an important role as allies of the proletariat. Communists must continue supporting and helping organize the struggles of students. We cannot counterpose work among students to work within the proletariat.

The historic role of the working class is to give leadership ideologically, politically, and organizationally to the revolutionary movement for socialism. The working class may not lead all struggles for democratic reforms, however. Many partial reforms of the Civil Rights movement were won in the 1960's, for example, under the leadership of the intelligentsia and petty bourgeoisie. The task of communists is to link together the working class and national movements; and to lead the struggles for partial reforms in a revolutionary way. Only in this manner will all popular classes and strata come to see the necessity of socialist revolution. ATM (M-L) will continue to organize around the Bakke issue in the factories and trade unions. We

will continue to encourage workers to be active in the anti-Bakke movement. But we will not carry out this work at the expense of organizing students.

THE NATIONAL PICTURE

The February 19 conference will be a sign of the growing momentum of the anti-Bakke movement on a nationwide scale. Functioning committees against the Bakke decision exist in Atlanta, New York, Boston and some East Coast colleges. In addition, other midwestern and southwestern areas have shown interest in organizing. ATM encourages all anti-Bakke groups to join with ABDC in planning the Spring demonstrations. The work is heavy, but through a united effort we are confident that the strength of the people will bring more victories in 1978.

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"U.C. Regents You Can't Hide"

SAN FRANCISCO--Over 100 demonstrators from Bay Area campuses staged a militant demonstration here at the University of California Extension Center, January 20. This activity was coordinated by the San Francisco local of the ABDC Campus Outreach Committee. At a rally in front of the Regents meeting, a speaker presented the ABDC demands for overturning the Bakke decision. Other speakers included representatives of MEChA, Balsa (Black law students group), Black Student Union--Laney College, Revolutionary Cause, Getting Together newspaper, as well as community and campus organizations. All the speakers gave enthusiastic support to the organizing efforts of the ABDC nationwide.

After the program, a delegation went inside the Regent's "open meeting." Once inside they presented their demands. The Regents responded by declaring them out of order. The Regents tried to treat the ABDC delegation like so many small children waiting in a bakery to buy cookies. The delegation made it clear that they wouldn't wait. According to the Regents' own agenda the ABDC had the right to speak. The Regents immediately adjourned their meeting and moved into another room to "continue their business."

By appealing the Bakke decision to the US Supreme Court, the Regents try to convince students that they support special admissions programs. In fact the UC Administration collaborated with Bakke in filing the original lawsuit. In practice the Regents have attacked efforts to defend and expand minority admissions and establish Third World studies programs. That's not surprising since most of the Regents are board members of the state's largest corporations which make huge profits from the exploitation of minority and working people. Their refusal to even hear the ABDC demands once again shows which side they are on.★

China Has Eliminated National Oppression

Wherever you travel throughout China, you find people from every nationality working in all types of industry. Minority nationalities have no "special" job categories such as Blacks, Chicanos, Asians and other nationalities are relegated to in the U.S. All categories are open to them. They hold jobs as managers and technical advisors as well as ordinary jobs. Training courses are held in even the most remote areas to help minority workers prepare for skilled jobs. There is no job discrimination in China. There is equality.

Was China always like this? No. China had a long history before liberation of ruthless exploitation and suppression of its 54 minority nationalities. Very much like the system in the U.S., nationalities were kept in a constant state of conflict. The ruling class spread racist ideas and a feeling of superiority among the Hans, the majority nationality. They came to look down on the minority nationalities as "barbarians" and "uncivilized". This kept the national groups in a constant state of conflict. Weakened by these divisions, the people were easier to exploit. All rights were denied. Many times the result was whole minority groups becoming nearly extinct. Their disappearance was due to massacres, disease, lack of health facilities, lack of food and lack of education, much like the Native Americans in this country.

The great advances of the Chinese peoples were made on the basis of Lenin's teaching that in a class society, the national question is in essence a class question. The ruling class and their systems are built on the basis of private ownership of the means of production (factories, natural resources, etc.). National oppression is not a struggle between all the people of one nationality and those of another. It is the oppression of the vast majority of the people of an oppressed nationality by the ruling class of another nationality. This is what gives rise to national oppression and conflicts between nationalities. Only by overthrowing this system of exploitation and establishing socialism can this problem be resolved.

On October 1, 1949 China was liberated. Late Premier Chou En Lai put forward the country's policy: "All nationalities in the People's Republic of China shall have equal rights and duties." The task of the people was to change their country into a large cooperative family of all nationalities. To establish good relations the key was to fight Han chauvinism. At the same time where any narrow nationalism existed among the minorities steps were taken to overcome it. The People's Government sent goodwill missions to visit the minority nationality areas. They exchanged ideas. They learned from each other how to better run their local governments, to farm and set up small industries. This work united the nationalities as never before, breaking down racist ideas.

Because minorities were exploited before, special attention was now given to them. It is not enough to treat them as members of the majority are treated. China is making a conscious effort to raise the level of the minorities to that of the majority. National minorities make



up 6% of China's population, but occupy 50-60% of the land, a land filled with a wealth of resources. The Kuomintang reactionaries and imperialists had bled these areas dry, causing their backwardness economically and culturally. Over one million still lived in slavery, 600,000 in primitive communalism. Most of the remaining population lived as serfs on feudal manors. Since liberation, under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, immense assistance has been given by the state with the active support of the Han people. Large financial loans and state investments have flowed into the minority areas. Youth from the cities go to help in the border regions where aid is most urgently needed. Trained technicians come to teach others.

In the U.S. the culture and language of minorities that is maintained is done so because minority peoples struggle to preserve their pride and dignity. If something is not considered "American" then it is declared inferior. The same situation existed in old China. No less than 50 languages were spoken yet few were written. In many places languages were banned outright. Upholding the right of nationalities to use their own languages, the schools in socialist China have helped develop a written form for 20 of them. People are encouraged to learn other languages to strengthen cultural exchanges and promote national unity. Rapid progress has been made in culture and education. Illiteracy has been wiped out. Telegraph service and typewriters now exist in several languages. Full time cultural troops help develop the culture of the working masses. All children now attend at least 9 years of school.

Regional autonomy for national minorities is the policy developed to help resolve the nation-

al question by the Chinese government. It means self-government practiced within the boundaries of the People's Republic and under the leadership of the Central Government. All minorities living in compact communities have the right to manage their own affairs according to the desires of the majority of their people. The people have become their own masters. Each autonomous region has the right to its own army to protect its interests. Other nationalities living in the region elect representatives according to their numbers. This policy was put into effect so that all misunderstandings between nationalities left over from a long history of oppression could be wiped out completely.

In addition to electing representatives to the county people's congress, national minorities also have representatives at every level of the government and the Communist Party. These cadres from all nationalities know local conditions and are familiar with local customs because they live and work directly with the people. They maintain close contact with the masses and thus can better set and implement the policy for guiding the nation.

Along with gaining political rights and a steady improvement in living conditions, has come steady increase in the minorities population. With every assistance given to them, the minority nationalities no longer feel separate and apart from the majority nationality. The solidarity of the people has been strengthened. With the forward march of socialist revolution and socialist construction, a good relationship has developed among all nationalities. But this has only grown through continuing struggle against elements in society who want to restore the "old order", the order of national oppression. The "gang of four" were such people. They tried their best to divide the nationalities of China and to promote Han chauvinism. Is it any wonder that literally millions of Hans and minority nationalities turned out in the streets to celebrate the downfall of the "gang of four"? The people of China, under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, have tasted the fruits of national freedom and equality. They will never stand still for any system of national oppression. ★

Leveling Up

The RC is happy to print this poem by Rewi Alley, the New Zealand poet and revolutionary now living in China.

Goulash Communism is on the march backed by massive armies and their ponderous mechanization; vast navies, air fleets; and now for international "comrades in arms", just the duty to listen to their master's voice serving his needs, carrying out his directives to make the poor areas of Russia equal to the richest in Eastern Europe, a so-called leveling up of conditions, as a general objective to be worked for.

Somewhere revolution flares; depending on whether it weakens Russia's enemies or not, so does Russian support come, but with every item to be paid for at top prices later, then finally come the demands, political and economic. Cubans with many of African descent, are ferried over to Africa to fight Russia's war for a west African foothold; Outer Mongols are left with the shell of an administration with all economic power in the hands of the new Tsars, more ruthless than the old imperialists, with every voice of protest ruthlessly suppressed.

Poles, Czechs and Hungarians are forced to build pipe lines in Siberia as the Russians declaim, "Expand and deepen the international division of labour," a resounding slogan for the theft of men, machines, and money.

Hitler thought to have the whole world serve him, as do the new Tsars expecting nations they dominate to obey wholeheartedly; permitting Bulgarians, East Germans, Latvians, Estonians to work where Russians do not care to go. This, they call "leveling up", "synchronization of watches" but which are surely moves toward the creation of slave nations. "Do as we say! Remember how our tanks crashed into Prague", they shout to the unwilling.

Today in Moscow, Lenin's ideas no longer become a basis for action. His name simply used as a slogan to hide real motives. Today, to the thinking, this superpower stands exposed in all its nakedness, but where there is oppression there is also resistance, so have care you with great greedy stomachs and lustful eyes; peoples will stand for just so much, for so long and in the end retribution is quite certain to come, just as it has always come to those who would reach out and grab the whole world for their own.

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Rally in San Francisco early last year calling for normalization of relations with China and U.S. out of Taiwan.

Shanghai Communique

Six years ago February 28, the US and the Peoples Republic of China signed the Shanghai Communique. The Chinese reaffirmed their position that before full diplomatic ties could be established, the US must break all relations with the Taiwan dictatorship and immediately withdraw all troops from the island. The US agreed that "there is but one China and Taiwan is part of China," and their "ultimate objective is the withdrawal of all US military forces and military installations from Taiwan."

The US government has failed to carry out its pledges in the Shanghai Communique and has in fact increased its ties with Taiwan. US corporate investments have doubled since 1972 to \$500 million. The US still has 2300 troops stationed in Taiwan.

The US has actually allowed five new Taiwan diplomatic consulates to open on US territory since 1972.

The Shanghai Communique sets the basis for a just settlement of the Taiwan question and the opening up of full diplomatic relations between the US and PRC. The PRC has promised the Taiwan regime a transitional period and good treatment for former enemies. On June 21, 1971 Premier Chou En lai said, "If Taiwan returns to the motherland, the people will be making a contribution to the motherland, far from exacting revenge on them, we should reward them, and we shall."

NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE PRC
LONG LIVE THE UNITY OF THE CHINESE PEOPLES

Miners...

Many miners, in fact, still retain a certain belief that through militant struggle, capitalism can be reformed to work all right. But we observed in the miners a great hunger for new ideas, a critical intelligence and consuming interest in politics. As Chairman Mao said, "The masses have a potentially inexhaustible enthusiasm for socialism" and in our talks with several miners and their wives about socialism, there was a great openness to our ideas.

Our visit brought home the need for the workers own party--a communist party--to mobilize this powerful detachment of the working class into an army fighting for socialism. That party must be built in the vital industries like mining, with the active involvement of the miners themselves. The miners are tired of the suffering; they want leadership that can end their oppression. Communists must learn from the rich lessons of the miners and at the same time teach the necessity of revolution.

The miners are certainly not aloof from the ideas of communism, But as one miner's wife told us, "I didn't realize that those ideas you were talking about were communism. You have problems cause some people are giving your cause a bad name." One main problem giving our cause a bad name is the capitalist Soviet Union. The Soviet Union was once a socialist state, a beacon of inspiration to workers in the US. But that workers state was overthrown by internal class enemies, and has now degenerated into a fascist dictatorship that tries to masquerade as socialist.

One miner told us "This system is getting pretty ragged around the edges. At the rate things are going they'll be taking down old glory, and hoisting up the hammer and cycle." But he added, "That's not what I want. This is still the best system in the world, but it's turning just like Russia. The state troopers in Kentucky are just like the KGB." His ideas were echoed by many miners we spoke with.

As communists, we need to step up our popular exposures of the Soviet Union, explain its socialist past and capitalist present, and why it is the most likely to start a new world war. We need more popularizations of the great achievements of socialism in China and Albania, and sharp exposures of those who "give our movement a bad name."

OPPOSE RED BAITING

The capitalists themselves recognize that the masses have a potentially inexhaustible enthusiasms for socialism. For that reason they launched a concerted red-baiting campaign just prior to



Stearns Miners Released

Eleven remaining Stearns miners jailed for mass picketing were released after serving two months of their six month sentence. Circuit Judge J.B. Johnson released the miners early as a Christmas gesture, but in fact was responding to the tremendous support the prisoners were receiving. For example on Dec. 16, over 300 miners from West Virginia armed with bats, bottles and guns, staged a militant picket line to support the Stearns strike.

A representative of the Stearns Miners Women's Club told the RC, "We are very happy to have our husbands home. But they're under a one year peace bond, which means if they go back to the picket line they could be put back in jail again. Johnson just figured that if he let out the miners there would be less of a fuss. But he's got another think coming. Because we're not going to stop fussing until we get the union in once and for all."

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Miners forced drivers to dump their non-union coal along the road. The coal is being picked up by the community residents to heat their homes.

the present contract struggle. The coal operators have said that communists "should be chased out of the coal industry." The newspapers they control, like the New York Times and Huntington Herald-Dispatch (West Virginia) ran major articles warning against "Maoists" in the coal fields. And Arnold Miller, barking to his masters voice, echoes the operators and threatens to throw all communists--especially the Revolutionary Communist Party--out of the UMW.

The RCP is known throughout the country as a group that puts its own interests ahead of the interests of the masses. It abandons the right of self-determination of the oppressed nations. It sabotages communist influence in the trade unions and preaches reformism, not revolution. But the R.C.P. does attack Arnold Miller, and occasionally talks about the ideas of communism. That in itself is threatening to the operators and Arnold Miller. At a time when the RCP is being actively attacked by the operators and trade union bureaucrats, we must defend the right of all miners to openly put forward their ideas in the UMW--without threats of harassment. We want the working class, not the capitalists and bureaucrats, to isolate and smash the influence of the RCP. The most progressive workers and genuine communists must fight tooth and nail against any efforts by the bureaucrats to threaten, discipline, or expel any groups calling themselves revolutionary or communist.

BUILD THE UMWA

The entire working class is watching the miners' struggle. By their militancy and example they have taken the lead in the fight of the whole class. The coalfields have become critical to the war plans of the US, which must have a guaranteed source of fuel if it is to wage a war

with its imperialist rival in Russia. The capitalists want to destroy the union and the miner's movement, if nothing else just so that the rest of the working class "won't get any ideas" from the miners. For instance, if the miners win their right to local strikes this will be a boost to the steelworkers in their fight to get back their right to strike. The miners we spoke to were strong supporters of the UMW, willing to die for the union, because they saw themselves, not Arnold Miller, as the UMW. Miller has presided over the severe weakening of the UMW from a union that represented mines producing 72% of the total coal, to mines barely hovering over 50% of coal production. The union is in decline. And it can be further weakened and even destroyed unless there is a major effort to organize strong non-union areas like Kentucky (50% non-union) and the western states. Communists must take the lead in doing this work, to show who is really committed to building the UMW into a weapon of class struggle. At the same time we must bend all of our efforts to assist the organized miners, especially in their current crucial struggle. We must explain to the whole working class the significance of this struggle, and build whatever support is necessary to help the miners win.

LONG LIVE THE STRUGGLE OF THE MINERS

We left the coal fields with a deep respect for the miners and their families. They taught us about the conditions of the mines, their struggle to keep their families together through the cave-ins, beatings, and prison sentences--their own summed-up lessons in fighting the police and the capitalists. They are bitter about the betrayal of their union by the bureaucrats. Communists must work with the class conscious and progressive miners to help drive out the bought-off bureaucrats like Miller, to replace them with class conscious leadership from the many militant fighters in the coalfields. This will take time, but is a necessary task. If we show ourselves capable of doing this and of defending the miners in their fight with the capitalist class, we will move a long way toward uniting communism with the working class movement.

Our communist movement is still relatively young, and needs this involvement with such decisive sectors of the proletariat as the miners--this will invigorate our ranks with the ideas and the fighters who will make our new Communist Party a real ADVANCED DETACHMENT of the whole working class, and will move us a great step forward in our march toward socialism.



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Come all you coal miners wherever you may be
And listen to a story that I'll relate to thee
My name is nothing extra, but the truth to you
I'll tell

I'm a coal miner's wife, I'm sure I wish you well.

I was born in old Kentucky, in the coal camp
born and bred,
I know all about the pinto beans, bulldog gravy
and cornbread,
And I know how the coal miner's work and slave
in the coal mines everyday
For a dollar in the company store, for that is
all they pay.

Coal mining is the most dangerous work in our
land today
With plenty of dirty, slaving work, and very
little pay
Coal miner won't you wake up, and open your
eyes and see
What the dirty capitalist system is doing to
you and me.

They take your very life blood, they take our
children's lives
They take fathers away from children, and husbands
away from wives
Oh miner, won't you organize wherever you may be
And make this a land of freedom for workers like
you and me.

I am a coal miner's wife, I'm sure I wish you well.
Let's sink this capitalist system in the darkest
pits of hell.

Polish Communists Uphold Theory of 3 Worlds

(We reprint parts of an important article written by the General Secretary of the Polish Communist Party--an underground Marxist-Leninist party in that country. It was originally published in Peking Review, #51, 1977.)

The world after the Russian October Revolution was divided into two systems—the capitalist and the socialist. The socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union came into being as many countries took the road of building socialism at the end of World War II. With the passing of Stalin and the usurpation of power of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union by the modern revisionists, the Soviet Union became a social-imperialist power and the existence of the socialist camp came to an end.

The disintegration of the socialist camp does not mean that socialism as a world system no longer exists. These are two separate things.

China is a socialist country and also a developing country belonging to the third world. The third world countries are with China. The world socialist system and the international proletariat constitute the unprecedentedly powerful mainstay of the world revolutionary forces and rallying round them are the revolutionary forces of all peoples who in their struggle to win independence, political sovereignty and economic independence for all countries and nations and to oppose imperialist wars are bringing into being a worldwide democratic united front to fight against imperialism, colonialism and the hegemonism of the two superpowers.

While defending the fruits of the Chinese revolution and socialist construction and protecting China's dictatorship of the proletariat from the grave menace of Russian social-imperialism, Mao Tsetung safeguarded the world socialist system against the real threat and possible extinction at the hands of the forces of international imperialism.

Mao Tsetung's analysis of the structure of the capitalist world and his differentiation of the mutually opposed three worlds on the basis of the analysis greatly facilitate the proletariat of all countries and all genuine Marxist-Leninist Parties in deciding their own revolutionary political line.

The fundamental contradiction between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat is all-pervasive in the capitalist world. Wherever capital is active and the contradiction exists between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat, there is struggle between the two classes. This is the A B C of Marxism.

Fundamental contradictions exist between imperialist countries and between monopoly groups and are sharpening all the time. Of these contradictions, the major one is between the United States and the Soviet Union. Thus, the two superpowers naturally form the first world. The contradictions among the developed countries excluding the United States and the Soviet Union, though in themselves important, are nevertheless secondary in significance and so they make up a separate group—the second world. However important the contradictions between the first world of superpowers and the second world of developed countries may be, their significance pales beside the major contradiction between the United States and the Soviet Union. The two superpowers are pushing imperialist, colonialist and hegemonist policies, hoping to gain world domination by bringing under their control not only the third world countries but the developed second world countries as well.

Sharpening fundamental contradictions exist between the biggest imperialist countries that make up the first world and the colonial, semi-colonial and newly liberated countries and dependent countries that constitute the third world. As the biggest imperialist countries, the two superpowers are the biggest enemies of the third world countries. But while striving to put the third world under their control, they at the same time curb the expansion and influence of

the developed second world countries and make them increasingly dependent. To all third world countries and mankind as a whole, the two superpowers pose the greatest danger. But in specific conditions there may be differences. Sometimes it may be this superpower and sometimes the other which is the direct and chief enemy of a certain third world country.

Today, those developed second world countries without colonies are continuing to struggle to maintain and expand their spheres of influence and traditional markets, particularly in regard to the third world countries, in order to import cheap raw materials and labour power and export to them capital, industrial products and services. These developed second world countries do not make up a close-knit political bloc for certain fundamental economic contradictions divide them. Furthermore, the serious class struggles in these countries are growing more acute and complex with each passing day.

In their struggle to oppose the main danger the two superpowers pose to their interests, to oppose the outbreak of a new imperialist world war and to consolidate their sovereignty and political and economic independence, the third world countries can and should make use of the differences among the developed second world countries, the contradictions between the first and second worlds and the ever growing and sharpening contradictions between the two superpowers.

The fundamental contradiction between the world capitalist system and the world socialist system is not a contradiction within capitalism itself but an extremely important and sharp contradiction between capitalism as a whole and the countries building socialism. The revisionist leaders of the Soviet Communist Party describe this type of contradiction as the major contradiction in the present-day world which rises above all internal capitalist contradictions. This, however, is incorrect.

Today, all countries have established definite and necessary economic, political and cultural relations with one another. Such relations exist between socialist and capitalist countries, including relations with imperialist countries based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. But the necessary concessions made within this scope to achieve understanding and co-operation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit do not provide any reason for the working class of the developed capitalist countries to suspend and weaken the class struggle, or for the people of the third world countries to suspend or weaken the people's revolutionary struggle. When the revisionist leading clique of the Soviet Communist Party compromised and co-operated with the bourgeoisie at the price of stamping out the class struggle and the people's revolutionary struggle as it wished, the leadership of the Communist Party of China most resolutely drew a distinction with this Right opportunist trend.

"At no time must one rely on one imperialist power against another or preserve oneself in front of another imperialist power." Who could possibly be the object of such warning? The trouble with the bourgeois agents in the communist movement is not a matter of "reliance," they actually serve the bourgeoisie. All Marxist-Leninist Parties have pointed out that such warning is wrong. The Marxist-Leninist Parties yet to gain power will never "rely on" the domestic bourgeoisie, nor will they seek any understanding or compromise with the superpowers. But that's precisely what was done by the old social-democratic parties and is done by the modern revisionists, for both are bourgeois workers' parties. From the foregoing, we can come to the conclusion that such warning probably has the socialist and capitalist countries in mind, warning their governments not to reach any understanding or compromise with either superpower, because only thus can people understand the implication of the term "reliance." But this assertion is equally incorrect.

We are well aware of how Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tsetung were resolved in rejecting such closed-door slogans as "To

hell with all agreements and compromises!" Marx and Engels pointed out that "where it is a matter of a struggle against the existing Government, we ally ourselves even with our enemies." (Stein, 1849.) Lenin made use of even the most reactionary forces in Russia and the international arena to win victory for the revolution. Stalin also made use of some troops of the reactionary emigre Polish Government against Hitlerite Germany. Likewise, during the War of Resistance Against Japan, Mao Tsetung also made use of the reactionary Kuomintang forces with which he had fallen out. The use of reactionary imperialist forces to oppose the main enemy is diametrically different from putting reliance on the reactionary imperialist forces. Even during the second imperialist war when the Soviet Union was up against such heavy odds, it joined the alliance against Hitler. This, however, cannot be interpreted as Soviet "reliance" on the United States and Britain.

Asia, Africa and Latin America are the main area of the storms of the world revolution which deals imperialism direct blows. This is how things stand. After World War II, no revolutionary storms took place in Europe, North America and Oceania. There were strikes and even general strikes but they were only economically motivated. There were students' demonstrations, and there were even revolutionary workers' demonstrations in France in 1968 and violent blood-shedding revolutionary struggles in Poland in 1970 and 1976 waged by the proletariat against the revisionist dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. While these led to changes of the ruling circles, the foundation of the rule of capital and the bourgeoisie was not undermined. Even in the case of the fascist Portuguese government, its collapse was due to the defeat in the imperialist war it waged against its African colonies. Therefore, to be able to adopt a revolutionary and objective attitude in assessing the revolutionary storms in the world (these were seriously dealt with by Mao Tsetung and the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party) and to be able to take a sincere approach to the world's revolutionary events in which our brothers and the oppressed and exploited people of various countries shed their blood, we should throw away the bourgeois frame of mind of regarding Europe as the centre and the "theory" of looking at the Asian, African and Latin American people from the position of an "elite nation." This "theory" advanced with the worst of motives by Russian social-imperialism in dealing with these nations has been criticized and repudiated, as it should, by the leadership of the C.P.C. Central Committee.

The revolutionary struggle of the third world countries will not hamper but encourage the proletariat of the developed capitalist countries to embark on the road of revolutionary storm with greater tempo.

Where there are starvation, enslavement, oppression and exploitation, there are rebellions and revolutionary storms. The third world is the source of superprofits and economic strength for international monopoly capital, U.S. imperialism and Russian social-imperialism in particular. At the same time, it is also the weakest link in the chain of politics and the key area of imperialism, colonialism as well as hegemonism of the two superpowers.

In the developed capitalist countries and in the imperialist citadels with modern industry, there are concentrated the strongest immediate and potential forces of the working class. At an opportune moment when objective and subjective conditions for socialist revolution are mature, the working class will fulfil its historical mission of burying capitalism in the cradle of capitalism and the heartland of imperialism. But at present though class struggles are going on and even turning sharper lately, these countries are still not the "main area of the storms of the world revolution." We believe that the great day of large-scale battle will come sooner or later in Western Europe, Eastern Europe and North America. At present, however, "nobody can deny that the main area of the storms of the world revolution lies in the broad regions of Asia, Africa and Latin America."

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