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Victorious Oneita strikers following successful union drive at South Carolina textile mill.

**SOUTH & SOUTHWEST**

**FIGHT FOR UNIONIZATION  
AND WAGE PARITY**

On April 30th, Planter's Peanuts shut down its factory in San Francisco and moved its operations to Ft. Smith, Arkansas. As the contract for 1400 Lenkhurt Electric workers in San Carlos, Calif., expires this month, the company is threatening to pack up and move its operations to its Albuquerque, New Mexico plant if the workers go on strike. At Tobias Kotzin garment in Los Angeles, the company cut the wages of its workers to the level of those employed at its newly opened plant in Louisiana.

In addition, General Motors, Goodyear Rubber and scores of electronics, garment and other industries are "running away" from the northern industrial cities to the South, Southwest and the Mexican side of the USNA-Mexico border.

This year more than nine million workers face important contract struggles. The rubber workers are currently out on strike against the rubber barons who have moved 22,000 jobs from Akron, Ohio to the Negro Nation since 1950. As the autoworker's contract bargaining begins, the northern autoworkers cannot forget the fact that GM has recently opened six new plants in the Negro Nation. The capitalists are telling the workers whose contracts are up not to expect "too much." The capitalists claim they have to keep up with the "low paying competition" in the South, Southwest and other colonial areas.

More and more workers are beginning to see that the problem of the runaway shop and the low wages of the workers in the South and Southwest is one of the most important problems confronting the whole labor movement.

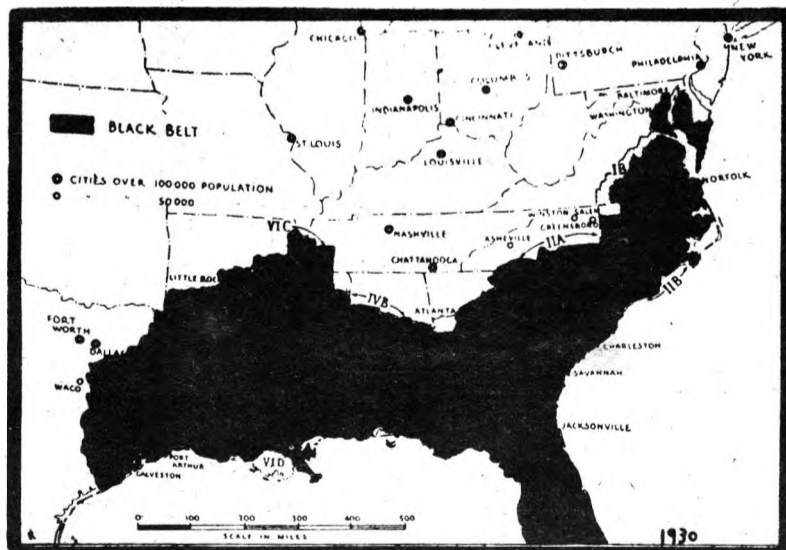
What are the conditions of the workers in the Negro Nation and Southwest region? How do these conditions affect the

workers in other parts of the USNA? What should be the position of the labor movement on the problem of wage differences and the runaway shop?

**CONDITIONS IN THE NEGRO NATION  
AND THE SOUTHWEST**

Contrary to the myth that life is easier in the Negro Nation and the Southwest and the cost of living is lower, statistics show that urban con-

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**FREE THE NEGRO NATION!**

The area blackened on the map represents the Negro Nation. Anyone who has been to the South knows that the South is different than the rest of the states - it has a distinct culture, language and people that have evolved from the specifics of slavery - but many do not realize that it has all the characteristics of a nation. The nation is referred to as the Negro Nation because the base of the nation is the Negro People who have lived there for hundreds of years (along with the Anglo-American minority). The economy of the Negro Nation is totally controlled by the imperialists of the Anglo American Nation. They have spent millions of dollars to hide the fact that it is a separate nation and their most valuable colony; so as to hinder the struggle of the working class for its independence. We in the Anglo-American Nation must raise the slogan: **FREE THE NEGRO NATION!**

The entire working class should celebrate June 19th, Negro Nation Day, making it a truly working class holiday. June 19 is the anniversary of the day in 1862 when Congress passed a law abolishing slavery in the territories of the U.S.N.A. This day is a day for the Anglo-American proletariat to rededicate themselves to the fight for freedom of the Negro Nation and militant solidarity with the Negro People.

**FREE THE NEGRO NATION!**

**THE SOUTHERN FARMWORKER:**

**SLAVERY IN THE NEGRO NATION**

The crack of the slave master's lash, death from overwork -- we are told these terrible days ended with the destruction of Negro slavery in the South. Not so. Thousands of farmworkers in the Negro Nation and other parts of the South to this day are kept in virtual slavery.

One of the most notorious examples is the labor camps owned and operated by Ivory Wilson and his brothers. They operate the Lake Wales camp. Their job is to recruit harvesting crews to pick the citrus and vegetable fields from central Florida to North Carolina for the imperialist agricultural monopolies.

Wilson and his brothers are currently under investigation on charges of involuntary servitude and slavery.

The case broke into the open when two Negro farmworkers escaped from the camp and informed sheriff's deputies. A 65 year old Negro farmworker testified about the Wilson camp: "He owned all of us and that's the way he liked it. He said we were all in debt to him and couldn't go...I've seen his henchmen beat women in the fields with rubber hoses."

Describing an incident when two workers tried to walk off the job in a North Carolina camp: "They brought the two guys back to the field where we all could see what was going down. Ivory held a gun on them while his henchmen beat them up with rubber hoses. Ivory was trying to teach them and us a lesson."

Kept from escaping the camps by terror, the labor contractors keep the workers in bondage by charging them outrageous prices on everything from food and clothing to repairs to the camp. One woman farmworker related this bitter treatment: "We went out of a kitchen at the camp and Ivory charges us \$30 a week for the food whether we eat it or not...And some of us couldn't eat the slop they were cooking. One day he promised us a big fish dinner. You know what we got? Fish heads, filthy fish heads, and he charged us for that meal, too."

The plight of the farmworker in the USNA is low wages, unsanitary working conditions, a low life expectancy, a few unions and the daily use of violence against their valiant struggles. In the Negro Nation the exploitation and oppression of the farmworkers is the most brutal. This outright use of terror and virtual slavery are the very basis of the contract system in the Negro Nation and rest of the South.

The contract system is an example of the US imperialists superexploitation and oppression of the Negro Nation. Under this system the huge Northern "agribusiness" monopolies get their cheap farm labor supplied by fascist contractors like Ivory. (Actually the word "agribusiness" is somewhat of a misnomer since 16 out of the 20 most profitable corporations in the USNA are involved in some basic part of food production--Dow Chemical, ITT, Greyhound, etc.)

This kind of contract system has existed in the Negro Nation since the Civil War and its roots can be traced back to Negro slavery itself. After the Civil War the Negro people never did become "free". The short period of "democracy" for the Negroes and poor Anglo-Americans following the war was utilized by the finance capitalists of Wall Street to break the power of the Southern planters. Once this power was broken, the infamous Black Codes and Ku Klux Klan terror were the weapons used

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**EDUCATIONAL COLUMN****GARY TYLER CASE:****ANOTHER SCOTTSBORO**

On May 9, 1976 - Mother's Day - 40 Negro women marched through the streets of New Orleans. They were demanding freedom for 17 year old Gary Tyler, who has been framed on a murder charge and sentenced to death. The Mother's Day march was led by Juanita Tyler, Gary Tyler's mother and Hattie Dunn, mother of Richard Dunn, a 19 year old Tyler supporter who was killed by the Ku Klux Klan.

This protest was very similar to one on Mother's Day 42 years ago. On May 13, 1934, five Negro mothers called at the White House and asked to speak to President Roosevelt. They were demanding freedom for their sons who along with some other young men were known as the "Scottsboro boys". The "Scottsboro boys" were 9 young Negro men falsely accused of raping two Anglo-American women in Alabama and sentenced to die. President Roosevelt was "not in".

In fact, there are many similarities between the famous "Scottsboro boys" case and the case of Gary Tyler. Who were the Scottsboro boys? What happened to them? Who is Gary Tyler and what is happening to him? In this article we

would like to answer these questions. An investigation of the Scottsboro and Gary Tyler cases will show that little has fundamentally changed in the Negro Nation since the 1930's.

**SCOTTSBORO**

The story of the "Scottsboro boys" begins on March 25, 1931, on a freight train headed for Alabama. A group of unemployed Negro youths were riding this train bound for the city where they were going to look for work. A fight took place between the Negroes and a group of young Anglo-Americans who tried to throw them off the train. When the train stopped up the tracks, nine Negro youths were arrested and jailed for fighting. Their names were Haywood Patterson, Eugene Williams, Roy Wright, Andy Wright, Clarence Norris, Charlie Weems, Ozie Powell, Olin Montgomery and Willie Roberson. They ranged in age from 13 to 20. They were taken to the county seat, Scottsboro, Alabama. They were then falsely charged with raping two Anglo-American women who were aboard the train. Thousands

of people, organized by Klan elements, descended on the area surrounding the jail and formed a waiting lynch mob. The governor was forced to call out the National Guard to prevent a massacre of the arrested youths.

During the first week in April, 1931, all but one of the defendants were convicted and sentenced to die in the electric chair, (the courts declared a mistrial in the case of one defendant, Roy Wright, who was 13 years old). The leaders of all the respectable liberal and Negro organizations refused to raise their voices in protest, the heads of the NAACP, Urban League, AFOF L and the established civil rights and political organizations did nothing to help the "Scottsboro boys". The leadership of the NAACP even excluded the mother of two of the defendants, Mrs. Ada Wright, from attending a public meeting of theirs.

The first groups to speak out were the Communist Party USA and the International Labor Defense, the U.S. section of the International Red Aid. They did take up the defense of the Scottsboro victims and mobilized thous-

ands of workers and other organizations to act. On April 2, 1935, the Daily Worker called for mass demonstrations and protest meetings in support of the Scottsboro defendants. On May Day, 1935, three hundred thousand Negro and Anglo-American workers demonstrated in support of freedom for the "Scottsboro boys" in 110 cities throughout the USNA. The International Labor Defense sent its chief counsel Alabama to defend the young men.

The honest forces in the CPUSA understood that the Scottsboro case was a graphic example of the enslavement of the Negro Nation by USNA imperialism and pointed this out. By militantly defending the Scottsboro defendants and denouncing the oppression of the Negro Nation, the CPUSA won respect of tens of thousands of Negro and Anglo-American workers throughout the USNA. In fact, 10,500 Negroes were members of the CPUSA in 1938.

The "Scottsboro boys" case soon became a case of international significance. Rallies and marches for the young men's freedom were held all over the world. In July, 1932, 150,000 German workers packed a huge stadium in Berlin to hear the mother of one of the defendants call for their freedom. In Chemnitz, Germany two Communists were killed when police attacked a demonstration for the "Scottsboro boys".

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**STATEMENT ON 25th CONGRESS OF CPSU PART II****Relations with Socialist States**

On the question of socialist states, it is interesting to note that Brezhnev includes Yugoslavia in the family of socialist nations but excludes China and Albania. We object to the exclusion of China and Albania for the same reasons that we reject the inclusion of Yugoslavia. In China and Albania the wages system has been overthrown, which is the basis for the move to communism. No matter what the ideological or state differences, so long as the capitalist mode of exploitation has been done away with, these states cannot help but objectively gravitate toward and assist one another. The objective character of these revolutions, including the USSR, is forging ahead. This or that grouping which attaches themselves to this objective process as its subjective expression, is an aspect of the class struggle. What is needed is principled Marxist criticism and not name calling.

We again take note, that the most divisive and corrupting influence in the world communist movement and especially amongst the socialist states is bourgeois nationalism, and there can be no other form of nationalism. The only exceptions to this is heroic Cuba and that valiant vanguard the Vietnamese Workers Party.

As regards the call for peaceful coexistence with China, this is but a clever way of reintroducing the thesis that China is not a socialist state. Peaceful coexistence is the Leninist relationship between states with different social systems. Despite the state differences and antagonism, they are not different social systems and the differences are going to have to be settled within the framework of the socialist camp.

There are many signs already that the crisis and the resultant development of the war danger is forcing both the USSR and China to reevaluate their respective positions. The unity of revolutionaries, the unity of Marxist-Leninists of China and the USSR is fundamental to the healing of the rift within the socialist camp. At the same time, the finding of common ground for the unity of the revisionists of China and the USSR, based on the respective national interests will create the most difficult situation for the world revolutionary movement.

It is very fashionable for every "Marxist" party or grouping to call for unity. There can be no unity on the basis of "China" or the "Soviet Union." The basis has to be principled. The first step toward such unity would be for the major Communist Parties to publish their individual proposals for a general line of the world communist movement. On such a basis the entire world movement could debate what is correct or incorrect and thereby liquidate this extremely harmful process of lining up the movement according to the national interests of either China or the USSR. Our Communist Labor Party, a small but principled party, calls upon the leading Parties to take such a step before it is too late.

**The Developing Countries**

The entire progressive world congratulates the USSR on especially their progressive role in southern Africa. We were happy to register a sharp differentiation between the policies of the Soviets in the Congo and Angola. No one can deny that the Krushchev grouping sacrificed the heroic Congolese for political agreements with the USNA. At that time Krushchev's doctrine that world peace depended upon agreement with the USNA, his treacherous "Peace above all" policy was the cover for history's greatest revolutionary betrayal. This policy earned the Soviets the contempt of all revolutionaries. In Angola however, a different line was followed. Departing from Krushchev's conception of Detente, Brezhnev has followed a course that Detente was strictly interstate relations and was a form of the class struggle. Very well. Now, why the shift in emphasis? One thing for certain, that if the Soviets had not followed a more revolutionary path in southern Africa every African state would have placed them in the same treacherous bag as they have placed the Teng grouping in China. During the days of the destruction of the Congolese revolution, there was little but Guinea and Ghana in a position to struggle. Today the African revolution has reached gigantic proportions and is in an international position to deal with those who betray them.

There was no gibberish in this report about the Third World. This was a necessary ideological concession to the realities of the growing struggle against neocolonialism. The report however does not clarify the situation with the developing countries. While moving away from the Krushchev formula of "the liquidation of colonialism," Brezhnev reformulates the statement as, "...Countries that have liberated themselves from colonial dependence..."

The argument that we had with the Krushchev group we will present again. 1) Every exploitative system in history has had an imperialism that corresponds to its exploitative form. Roman imperialism, feudal imperialism, mercantile imperialism all were specifics that corresponded to the salient aspects of the system of exploitation.

2) The replacement of feudal imperialism by mercantile imperialism did not end imperialism, it only changed its form to conform with shifting of the economy of the imperialist country from agriculture to manufacturing and finally to industry. Such mercantile imperialism be it under manufacturing or industrial production demanded a protected source of raw materials and a protected market; hence the continuation of the system of direct colonies.

Lenin's *Imperialism* outlined how the financier became the dominating aspect of financial capitalism, and for many years was forced to operate within the confines of the direct colony. The financier that operated within the multinational imperialist state could not help but break out of these confines in order to operate on a world wide basis. This was the inevitable result of the gigantic growth of money. There was too much money at the disposal of the financial capitalist to be invested in separated spheres of influence. The consolidation of an internationalized financial bourgeoisie was inevitable. The direct colony was a fetter on the development of transnational capital, hence it had to go. Only the form of imperialism changed. The neocolony corresponds to transnational capital.

3) Lenin was correct in his projection that politics is a concentrated expression of economics. Therefore political changes are bound to be a reflection of ongoing economic changes.

It is hardly Marxism to indicate a political change without pointing out the economic base of that change. It is simply untrue to state that either the neocolony or the semicolony have liberated themselves from dependence.

As regards the semicolony, those nations where the national bourgeoisie has seized political control, it is absolutely correct to defend and assist them in their struggle against the economics of imperialism. However, the development of the state sector of the economy will not give them socialism as Krushchev indicated with his theory of the non-capitalist path of development; an anti-dialectical concept that laid the basis for the wide spread acceptance of the third world concepts.

It is true that Lenin spoke of the non-capitalist path of development. He was referring to the development of areas with precapitalist formations within the Tsarist empire. Once the dictatorship of the proletariat was established in the more advanced countries, Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia etc., the precapitalist border regions were guided into socialism, skipping the capitalist stage.

To transform this specific of history into a theory that a colony in the modern world, which is within the orbit of capitalism, can adopt a non-capitalist path is absurd. This is especially absurd when it is projected that the non-capitalist path is also non-socialist and the colony is not protected by a very large and powerful socialist state at its border.

Although Brezhnev does not explicitly use this Krushchev formula, he states that there are developing nations that follow the capitalist path, indicating that there are developing nations that do not follow the capitalist path.

Twist and turn as they may, objective reality demands acceptance of Stalin's position that the colonies cannot be free without the overthrow of all capital — foreign and domestic. This is a thesis proven by 70 years of struggle.

**The Question of Peace**

Any sane person will support the call to work for the termination of the arms race and for the reduction of the arms stockpile. We will not and have not shirked from the responsibility of putting political pressure on the leaders of the USNA in the cause of peace. Up to this point we are not in disagreement with the report. However to ascribe the war danger or the armament race to some mean people is to vulgarize Marxism. Of course there is a section of the capitalist class that grossly wants war and we should struggle against them. However, this little clique warmongers are neither the source of, nor the main danger of a new war. On the one hand, is an objective impulse toward war under capitalism since armaments are the safest and

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## BUSING AND BILINGUAL EDUCATION

The whole political climate of Los Angeles is soon to undergo a radical and potentially explosive change. The California Supreme Court is set to rule on whether or not Los Angeles will have to desegregate its school system, the second largest in the country.

Already fascist and right wing forces are waging a coordinated campaign of propaganda and intimidation against busing to integrate the schools. Close to thirty crosses have been burned by the Ku Klux Klan in recent weeks and a Boston ROAR-type organization called "Bustop" is spreading its poisonous influence. Workers must be warned: the goal of these forces is to whip up a "race war" in this country!

Bustop is organizing primarily in Anglo-American communities - it has held meetings in the San Fernando Valley, Santa Monica, parts of San Pedro and elsewhere. The bourgeoisie is also sending its agents into national minority working class areas attempting to turn these workers - and especially the Mexican national minority workers - against the Negro worker and busing. Meetings are being held in various L.A. communities where "public officials" are answering questions about integration.

Some of these so-called leaders claim to speak for the Mexican national minority workers. Their line is that the Mexican people are against busing.

From Richard Alatorre, a so-called "liberal" running for another term in the state assembly, come the words "Busing is a social experiment where your children are being used as guinea pigs." This statement just happens to be *exactly the same* as a statement made by Ronald Reagan on busing. We might ask Mr. Alatorre and Mr. Reagan: Hasn't the bourgeoisie always claimed that every attempt to upgrade the lives of the working class in this country - from the implementation of the public school system itself to the beginnings of bilingual education to social security to the right to organize into trade unions - always been called "social experiments" which should be done away with?

The bourgeoisie, again through its spokesmen in government, threaten the Mexican, the Indian and Chinese workers with the cutting off of bilingual programs if busing and integration are ordered. These are the same threats that are heard in San Francisco, San Diego and San Jose as well.

### WHAT ARE THE FACTS

The facts are that 30% of the students in the Los Angeles School District are Mexican national minority youth which makes them the largest minority in the School District.

Like their Negro national minority class brothers and sisters, the Mexican national minority are forced to go to

the worst schools with generally some of the worst facilities. Upon graduation from high school many have not even been taught to read properly. In a number of Anglo-American working class schools conditions aren't much better.

The bilingual programs for the Mexican national minority and other non-English speaking children are nowhere near adequate. The ones that exist are currently being cut back and President Ford recently vetoed a bilingual education bill.

The bilingual programs which the school district has consist for the most part of ESL (English as a Second Language) programs. In ESL programs, those children who speak Spanish are taken out of the classroom, usually for a short time every day and taught a little English and

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## G.E. CONTRACT

This summer contracts are up for renegotiation in the electrical manufacturing industry. For 130,000 General Electric workers, the contract is up on June 27; for 45,000 Westinghouse workers, contracts are up July 11. These workers are represented by primarily the International Union of Electrical workers (IUE), the United Electrical Workers (UE), and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), but also by many other unions.

The electrical workers' contract is another one of the key contract struggles that close to 9 million workers will be engaged in this year.

General Electric has long been one of the strongest pillars of NAM, the National Association of Manufacturers. NAM has always been an

ultra-reactionary stronghold; in the 30's it was the strongest pro-fascist group in the USNA, openly supporting Hitler. GE itself was indicted by Congress for conspiring with the Krupp armaments firm of fascist Germany to keep certain metals, necessary for the US to arm itself against Hitler, at a price 56 times its production cost! NAM was the author of the Taft-Hartley Act, which crippled unions and the workers' right to strike; it also has a vicious history of anti-communism and red-baiting.

Ronald Reagan is GE and NAM's right hand man.

During the McCarthy era, General Electric and the by then opportunist CIO leadership conspired to have the strong rank-and-file controlled UE, which represented most GE workers, thrown out and replaced by the puppet IUE in many major plants. They accomplished this through red-baiting any progressive, bringing up UE leaders to testify before HUAC, the "House Un-American Activities Committee." GE had a policy of firing any worker who took the 5th Amendment, their constitutional right, before this committee. Then they maneuvered for many of the skilled workers to be represented by different craft unions, such as IAM, Sheet Metal Workers, American Federation of Technical Workers, etc.

As a result, GE workers are fragmented, represented by about 13 unions, are organized into open shops, and have had wages and benefits below those of auto, steel, and rubber workers. Wages in the Negro Nation, the South, for GE and Westinghouse workers, are significantly lower than those of their Northern brothers and sisters.

In the big strike of '69-'70, GE workers courageously walked the picket line for 101 days, and in the end got 2¢ more than they were originally offered!

It is not a case, as the union leaders say, of the workers not wanting to support the union, but a case of the union misleaders betraying the workers! The last contract had a ceiling on the cost-of-living increases which made it impossible to catch up with inflation. Those on the piecework system lost more ground when the piecework pricing structure was changed and prices slashed. The present contract also contains no protection against deteriorating health and safety standards, and speed up.

At this point there is an attempt to combat the fragmentation through the Co-ordinated Bargaining Committee (CBC) composed of representatives of each union representing GE and Westinghouse workers; however the unions are still actually bargaining separately.

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### SUPEREXPLOITATION IN THE SOUTHWEST

## STOP DEPORTATIONS

The sign on the outside of the building says "No Help Wanted", but inside Luis (not his real name), an undocumented immigrant Mexican worker is applying for work. The company officials ask him, "Do you speak English?" He answers no even though he does speak English because he knows he will not be hired if he says yes. They ask Luis where he got his papers and he says he paid \$500.00 for them. He will get \$3.70 an hour welding water heaters (union scale is about \$7.00). He will work 70 to 80 hours a week, overtime is mandatory. This shop employs about 300 workers, 90% of them undocumented Mexican immigrants.

There are hundreds of these shops in the southwest region. These companies have used Mexican workers for years. Across the border USNA corporations steal and loot the natural resources and cheap labor supply which Mexico provides. With wages of 42¢ per hour the Mexican people live in utter destitution, unemployment being 25% in the cities, 50% in the border towns, and no social services like social security or welfare. In Mexico when you lose your job you starve. The Mexican people have been used as a surplus labor pool to keep wages down in the USNA, and as a scapegoat, being blamed for the unemployment caused by the periodic recessions of the capitalist system.

Three of the ways the capitalists get more profits out of workers are to make them work faster, make them work longer, and make them work for less money. The factory where Luis works in Santa Monica does all three. While these workers work for low wages, are subjected to 12 hours a day, seven day a week speedup, and live under the constant fear of the immigration authorities, the corporate and fi-

nance capitalists are relaxing with a drink by their pool reaping greater profits.

Luis's hands are scarred with burns, one of his fingers is crushed. One day at the factory a workers' lips and cheeks were cut off by a faulty punch press. Another worker went to the office to get some help and the supervisor walked over to see what had happened before he would call an ambulance. This worker was back on the job all sewn up three days later, certified by the company doctor. The welding work is always overcrowded, sparks fly in workers' eyes.

Once there was a chance to vote for a union, but the company told the workers that anyone who voted for the union would be fired. The election was lost. Many shops like this have "sweetheart" company unions who merely rubber stamp company policy and collect dues. Recently at one company the workers voted out the union because it wasn't doing anything for them. These unions have to be recaptured from these sell-out mis-leaders and turned back into a fighting instrument for workers to demand better wages and conditions.

The only way to put an end to this exploitation is for all workers to see their unity as a class. We need to understand that workers of all nationalities are exploited as a class by the parasitic capitalists that live by only one rule: maximize profits at all cost.

That is why we need to unite and fight as a class against exploitation and oppression. We have to demand the right of all workers to cross the border at will and for a decent and productive job that benefits the working class - not a job that is used to increase the military capacity of the USNA to conquer the world.



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sumer prices in the South increased 13.5% from December, 1973 to December, 1974 - more than any other part of the country. For the same period prices in the western parts of the country (mainly the Southwest) rose 12.6%. In the South the prices of food, housing, transportation, health and recreation have skyrocketed over the past few years.

Yet wages in these two areas - and especially in the Negro Nation - are lower than any other part of the USNA. As an Arkansas State official said in a recent issue of Business Week magazine "One of the biggest attractions Arkansas offers...is an hourly wage that's about 70% of the US average for manufacturing." In five Southern states 25% of the labor force consists of textile workers alone. Yet these workers earn only 61% of the national average in wages.

The USNA imperialists who oppress the Negro Nation and Southwest region have seen to it that very few of the workers in these areas are organized into trade unions. Every corporation in these 2 areas has spent millions of dollars and hired the most chauvinist public relations firms in order to prevent union drives. Companies like JP Stevens, the second largest textile manufacturer in the USNA, Florida Steel Corporation and Farah pants are willing to pay small fines to the government for their illegal union busting activities rather than allow the workers to be organized. The police, Texas Rangers, Immigration Service and Ku Klux Klan have aided the companies in terrorizing Negro, Anglo-American and Mexican union organizers.

The situation at JP Stevens is in many ways typical of the situation of workers in the Southeast and in the Negro Nation. The workers of JP Stevens are currently fighting a life-and-death battle for the basic right to organize. With the just completed merger of the Textile Workers Union of America and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union into the Amalgamated

## FIGHT FOR UNIONIZATION AND WAGE PARITY

Clothing and Textile Workers Union (ACTWU), the workers are planning a major union drive.

JP Stevens - which received \$10.6 million in Dept. of Defense contracts in 1974 - has been found guilty of anti-labor practices dozens of times by the National Labor Relations Board. Yet not once have the capitalists who run Stevens or any other capitalists gone to jail for these illegal acts. Not once in the

farmworkers from Mexico who were being organized into the Texas Farmworkers Union. The heroic Farah garment workers, after 18 months of a bitter strike against the company during which they were faced with court injunctions, firings and police dogs, finally won a union. Now, with the help of the sell-out union leadership, they are being fired for supposedly not working hard enough. They are



40 years the National Labor Relations Act has been in effect!

JP Stevens is by no means the only example of this type of conduct. Just recently in DeKalb, Georgia the land of populist Jimmy Carter, Negro sanitation workers on strike were ambushed by police and then arrested for "attempted murder". In Dayton, Tennessee, two organizers of the Furniture Workers Union were beaten by company-led goons while attempting to organize workers. They were then charged by the cops with attempted murder as they lay seriously injured in the hospital.

Texas growers in the Rio Grande Valley were given a free reign by the state officials in 1975 as they shot

being replaced by others who are rewarded by the company for not joining the union, with lower production quotas and other privileges. The strike leaders have been fired (thirty of them in two weeks time recently) and the union leaders refuse to defend them, leaving the 8000 Farah workers in El Paso leaderless and defenseless. Present conditions at the plant are currently not much better off than before the union was won.

### "RIGHT TO WORK" LAWS

One of the major weapons used by the USNA imperialists to break unions and keep down wages in the Negro Nation and Southwest is the "right to work" law. "Right to work" laws when passed in a state prohibit any company in that

state from requiring its employees to join a union. Of the 19 "right-to-work" states nine are in the Negro Nation and three are in the Southwest.

The use of "right-to-work" legislation is a good example of how the oppression and exploitation of the workers of the Negro Nation and Southwest affect the workers in the rest of the USNA as well. Recently, Herbert Stein, former chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, boasted that "only one in every four workers is a union member after all". In the Negro Nation the figure is one in every eight.

The imperialists are using their stranglehold on the oppressed nations and regions within the USNA state as a trump card to use against the Anglo-American proletariat in the current contract negotiations. As long as the rubber, auto, steel, electronics and garment monopolies can "run away" to the Negro Nation and the Southwest region, no job is secure in any northern city. As long as the workers of the South and Southwest get paid three quarters or one-half the wages of workers in the North, no worker can be assured a decent standard of living.

The bourgeoisie has embarked upon a policy of "containment" of the labor movement. In San Francisco, with the aid of the city workers union leadership, this "containment" has meant the wholesale attempts to bust the city workers union in the recent strike. In Los Angeles it is taking the form of putting the different nationalities against each other, attacking school busing and trying to divide workers at a time of important contract struggles, as they recently succeeded in doing in Louisville.

Fellow workers, we all have to close ranks and defend the working class. This means, first and foremost defending those at the bottom of the ladder - the workers of the Negro Nation and Southwest. Every worker should militantly raise the demand: FULL UNIONIZATION OF THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST WITH EQUAL WAGES!

## SUPPORT RUBBER WORKERS

The United Rubber Workers strike has entered its 8th week. With the strike fund completely used up, the union leadership has announced they will refuse to accept financial help from other unions and workers. In spite of this traitorous statement, the rubber workers need the full assistance of all workers and progressives. Unions and other worker's organizations should raise money for the strikers, send letters of support, join the picket lines and send letters to President Ford protesting the threat of invoking the anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act against the union.

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In solidarity with the striking rubber workers, a forum will be held in Los

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## PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM

On this Negro Nation Day, the *Western Worker* is proud to report a truly fine example of direct support for the freedom of the Negro Nation by the Anglo-American proletariat.

Presently 3000 woodworkers are on strike in Arkansas, Georgia, North Carolina and Oklahoma. These most exploited and oppressed workers receive almost \$3.00 an hour less in wages than their fellow workers in the lumber mills of the Northwest where the base pay is \$5.00 an hour. Working 40-50 hours a week, they still remain at the poverty level. They are members of the International Woodworkers of America and they have taken their struggle to the workers in the Northwest.

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## JIMMY CARTER: WALL STREET SLAVE MASTER

1976 marks not only the bicentennial anniversary of the United States, but also the 100th anniversary of the election of 1876 between Rutherford B. Hayes and Samuel Tilden. The result of that election, the infamous Hayes-Tilden Agreement of 1877, closed the noose around the neck of the southern masses. The death certificate of southern Reconstruction following the Civil War, the Hayes-Tilden Agreement signified the political victory of Wall Street over the old southern slaveholders and the birth of USNA imperialism. As a result of this victory for northern finance capital, as W.E.B. Du Bois correctly noted, politically the South controls the country, and Wall Street controls the South. This is no less true today than 100 years ago. Jimmy Carter, despite all his anti-Washington, down home, "clean hands" rhetoric, is no less an agent of Wall Street than every other major southern politician since the defeat of Reconstruction.

### What Did Du Bois Mean?

The Civil War was the result of the battle for political supremacy of the two foremost sections of the US bourgeoisie. The southern slaveholding bourgeoisie needed to gain complete control of the government in order to open the entire country to slavery. On the other hand, the northern financial and industrial bourgeoisie, drawing on the great democratic aspirations of the masses, sought to destroy the power of the slaveocracy and the restrictions they placed upon the development of capitalism in the North. The South, the great cotton-producer, traded almost entirely with England for manufactured commodities. The capitalists of the North needed to break the political strength of the southern slavers and recapture the southern market; they needed to wipe out slavery in order to subordinate southern capitalism, based upon slave labor, to northern capitalism based upon wage labor.

Following the military victory of the North in the Civil War, the South still held political control of the Supreme Court, the Executive Branch (the Presidency) and most of Congress. In order to break the back of southern political power the northern capitalists first built a popular democratic movement, granting the vote to the freed Negro and poor Anglo-American masses. This vote was used to break the hold of the slaveocracy on the government. Once this was completed, the northern capitalists turned and smashed this democratic movement, unleashing a reign of terror across the South, an orgy of mass murder and torture, to drive the Negro back into slavery. This reign of terror which followed the signing of the Hayes-Tilden Agreement and the withdrawal of federal troops from the South, simultaneously consolidated the political stranglehold of Wall Street over the South and gave birth to the Negro Nation and USNA imperialism.

From that day forward the Democratic Party in the South was the instrument of Wall Street political domination. To this day,

almost every major committee-head in Congress is a southern Democrat. Senator Eastland of Mississippi, a 23 year veteran of the Senate, is Chairman of the decisive Judiciary Committee and effectively controls legislation for the entire country. Senators Stennis, Sparkman, McClellan, Long and Representatives Brooks, Jones, Glynt, Whitten and Passman, are all heads of important committees and exercise Wall Street dictatorship over the legislative process.

### Jimmy "Wall Street" Carter

In direct contradiction to Carter's bad-mouthing of the "Washington establishment," he recently announced the formation of an "advisory task-force" which reads like a who's who of the Washington-Wall Street axis. W. Averill Harriman, Cyrus Vance, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and various other representatives of Wall Street law firms, Ivy League colleges, foundation "think tanks" and the Rockefeller creation, the Council on Foreign Relations, form the core of Carter's advisory task-force.

One may wonder at the "meteoric" rise of Jimmy Carter to national prominence and possibly the presidency. But David Rockefeller, President of Chase Manhattan Bank, is not surprised. In 1973, David and Zbigniew Brzezinski, were forming the Trilateral Commission, a grouping of the leading international finance capitalists and their ideologues from the U.S., Western Europe and Japan. David had Carter to dinner with him in London, and invited him to join the Commission. Brzezinski later stated they felt Carter was an "internationally minded" and moderate Southerner who fit their bill. As a member of the Trilateral Commission Carter spent much time with Brzezinski, who groomed the smiling peanut farmer in the fine art of representing Wall Street. While on the Trilateral Commission Carter built himself a network of contacts within the foreign policy establishment and especially the Brookings Institute. Washington insiders now speculate that should Jimmy Carter become president, his choice for Secretary of State would be Zbigniew Brzezinski or Cyrus Vance. Needless to say, Zbigniew Brzezinski is David Rockefeller's Henry Kissinger, and Jimmy Carter, his main man. Secretaries of State and other appointees aren't elected, but the Presidents who appoint them are. Handpicked and carefully groomed, should Jimmy become President, his advisers and policy makers are the best Wall Street has to offer.

Jimmy Carter is living proof of the wisdom of W.E.B. Du Bois' analysis. His entire campaign proves that the most effective political weapon of Wall Street is its stranglehold on southern politics and colonial oppression in the Negro Nation. It is immediately very clear and concrete that 1976, bicentennial of the US and the centennial of the birth of the Negro Nation, must be the year the Anglo-American proletariat takes up the cry—**USNA Imperialism Out of the Negro Nation! Free the Negro Nation!**

## HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS IN RUBBER INDUSTRY

Forty years ago in Akron, during the struggle to organize the rubber workers, a strike took place at Goodyear under the slogan "Resist the Eight Hour Day!" Workers elsewhere were, and still are, fighting to limit the length of the working day to 8 hours, but by the 1930's, Akron's rubber plants had instituted the 6 hour day, not as a concession to the workers, but as a necessity. So severe were conditions in the tire plants that workers could literally not survive longer than 6 hours' work a day. Thus the tire workers resisted militantly when the Goodyear Company tried to prolong the workday to 8 hours in 1936.

While this episode dramatizes the fact that workers in the rubber industry have long traded their health for a daily wage, today new shocking evidence of the brutality of working conditions under capitalism comes in the exposure that rubber workers have a higher rate of leukemia than the general population. This information has largely come from research studies negotiated by the United Rubber Workers Union in their 1970 contract. Prior to 1970, scientific investigators had little access to employment and medical records of rubber workers. For good reason, the capitalists of the rubber industry guarded health related information as a "trade secret," fearing that an objective inquiry into health and safety conditions in their factories could lead to their indictment for willful and negligent murder.

The suspected cause of excess leukemia in rubber workers is benzene, a solvent used to cement pieces of rubber together to form a tire. Why is it that benzene continues to be used in the USNA when less harmful substitutes, such as xylene and toluene, are available? The health menace of benzene was pointed out as long ago as 1922 by Dr. Alice Mailton, a pioneer in occupational medicine, and the association of benzene with leukemia was noted in Europe in 1939. In the USSR, workroom air concentrations of benzene are restricted to 2 part per million (ppm), while in the USNA a level of 32 ppm is the legal upper safe limit. In the face of pressure from labor and scientists, the Secretary of Labor proposes reducing the limit to 10 ppm, still 5 times higher than the USSR.

Besides benzene, there are many other cancer-causing substances used in the rubber industry, including carbon black (as a contaminant of talc), asbestos, benzidine, naphthylamine, and cadmium. Death rates are higher than the general population for cancers of the lung, stomach, large intestine, prostate gland, and urinary bladder. More disturbing is the fact that we can expect these cancer death rates to increase, and new relationships between cancer and industrial chemicals to continue to be discovered. This is because of the 10 to 30 year time lag between initial exposure and the appearance of cancer.

As a result of generations of deliberately uncontrolled use of chemicals, the capitalist system has already committed the entire

population, and especially the working class, to be guinea pigs in a ghastly human experiment. It is no exaggeration to call the coming epidemic of cancer from chemicals and other industry-related causes "the thirty-year time bomb."

Rubber workers face major health menaces besides cancer. In the receiving, compounding, and mixing department, carbon black dust covers the skin with a fine grit similar to coal dust. It also fills the workers' lungs, where it is capable of causing the same black lung disease that has crippled 200,000 coal miners. In the early stages, this disease is silent, and by the time chronic cough and shortness of breath occur, the condition is fairly advanced. An abnormal chest x-ray shows that significant scarring of the lung has already occurred. Because departments with heavy carbon black exposure are among the dirtiest, Negro national minority workers and newly-hired youth are disproportionately represented. Conditions are so bad that workers are paid a 6-cent an hour bonus to work there.

On the other hand, the tire-building department is considered desirable because of the piece-rate incentive. Yet on account of the rapid pace and the use of benzene and other solvents, the tire builders are forced to sell their lives short for a survival-level wage. Following the "green" tires to the curing department, heat up to 140 deg. F. is encountered. Little wonder this area is called the "pit." The health effect of long-term work under such hot conditions is an increased rate of high blood pressure. This could be a factor in the high heart attack rate found in rubber workers.

To the capitalists, workers are "human capital," part of the productive forces to be used or abused, maintained or junked, according to the law of maximum profits. Department of Labor Statistics show that industrial accidents and illnesses increase directly with rising productivity. At the same time, during this period of economic crisis, less capital is spent on maintenance, ventilation systems, protective equipment, medical and environmental monitoring, and research to prevent occupational disease. The government protects the capitalists, not the workers. President Ford has ordered the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to base its standards for exposure to work hazards on "economic impact" as well as the impact on workers' health. In a recent speech in New Hampshire, Ford told businessmen that he knew they wanted "to throw OSHA into the ocean," and that he had instructed OSHA to treat businessmen "as friends, not enemies."

Health and safety hazards in the rubber industry are not exceptional. The entire working class, forced to labor under various dangerous conditions, risks its life every day. The struggle of the rubber workers is one which all workers can and should support. For only by uniting as a class can the workers of the USNA create the conditions for safe and healthy labor.

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profitable investment for big capital. The major capitalists cannot help but create the political conditions to develop the arms industry. The objective drive towards the arms race and war is rooted in commodity production—that is, the need for the capitalist to sell. This is an objective law of capitalism and an appeal to the sensibility of the capitalist is whistling in the dark. The projection that the imperialists would use money saved from the arms race to raise the standard of living of the workers is so far removed from Marxism as not to deserve comment. If we have a ruling class who will not invest in the most profitable sector of the economy and will instead use that money to raise the standard of living of the masses, who needs socialism. Any observer knows that the welfare state, war and the destruction of weaker peoples are only flip sides of the same coin.

We need to state our position on the politics of peace—in contradistinction to the position of Brezhnev.

Our Party upholds the concept that modern war is the attempt to achieve political goals by violent means. This simply means that when political aims are unachievable by peaceful means, either these aims must be set aside or they must be achieved through violence. This position is an historic truth. The question is: Are the goals of the USSR and the USNA the same? Of course they are not. Further, the Soviet Union does not and cannot have political goals that can be transformed into violence except in the suppression of the counterrevolution within the Socialist camp. Both Hungary and Czechoslovakia were such instances.

This is hardly the situation of world imperialism. The objective position of the USSR is such as to constantly frustrate the aims of USNA imperialism since the aims of the two states are contradictory. This is obvious since the fundamental aim of world imperialism is to recapture the Soviet Union. While we fight for peace, it is clear to us that the world communist movement must prepare for the eventuality that the imperialist states will resort to violence.

Further, as far as the USNA is concerned cold war or detente does not represent a change in goals. The Korean War was carried on under the conditions of the cold war while the war against Vietnam was carried out under conditions of detente. At best these policies simply represent the special needs of the different capitalists, on the one hand, the productive capitalists, on the other hand, the financial capitalists.

Our point is a simple one. We cannot win the fight for peace if we fight only on the subjective level, that is, by appeals to reason or even by hard political struggles to frustrate the war makers. Our Party proposes that the communist movement frankly state that the number one goal of the revolution is Peace. Every proletarian revolution from the Paris Commune onward had such a goal. Certainly this is true for the Soviet and Chinese revolutions. Above all, while the communist is not terrified by the threat of war we absolutely reject the contention that we should not fear war since half the human race would survive. With two billion people dead and the bulk of the productive forces destroyed, to speak of socialism is to display a most profound ignorance of the laws of socialism, let alone communist morality.

In the final analysis the only path to peace is the revolutionary disarming of the warmakers. It is a position missing throughout the report.

### Ideological Struggle

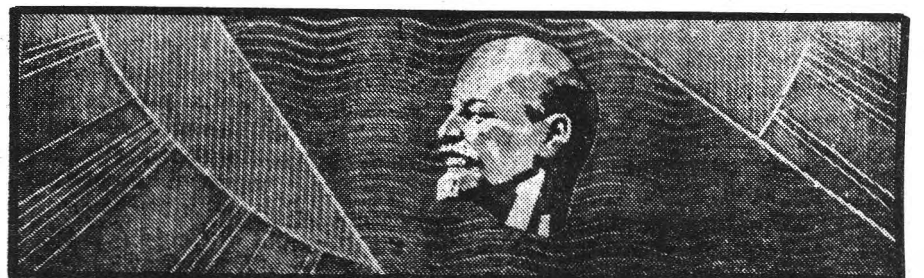
Since the 24th Congress of the CPSU, the entire country and especially Party and Army cadre have been undergoing some very intensive ideological education. An examination shows that this ideological campaign was begun in order to counter the "creeping counter-revolution" after the Warsaw and Prague events.

The first point of this ideological campaign was to explain the concrete changes that have and are taking place in society and life in the USSR. Now that the dust of the Krushchev era is beginning to settle, it's important that we struggle to understand the Soviet Union as it really is rather than trying to make life fit into the abstract conception of the ideologues.

The first thing that we have to reconceive is that the revisionism of Marxism that has been and is being carried out by the Brezhnev grouping is the result of concrete facts of Soviet life. This revisionism is not at all the result of the phrase mongering about Brezhnev being the handmaiden of imperialism etc. In fact, the projections of the leading circles within the CPSU are hard put to explain the continuation of social polarity. The Soviet Union is a powerful socialist state, a dictatorship of the proletariat that is not moving society forward to communism. Of course, the report states that the country has reached new frontiers in the building of the material and technical basis of communism. That has been reported by every General Secretary at every congress since the 19th Congress. The point is that while all revolutionaries hail and support the struggle for this technical and material basis, the demand of the times is for the class struggle to be intensified.

The general tone of the report in this respect is a call for all social strata, especially the workers, to struggle hard to build and develop the Soviet Union. In this respect it should be noted that the pay scales of the working class have increased 20% with no increase in the price of living. This is a very admirable achievement and should be popularized amongst the workers of

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to drive the Negro people into peonage and semi-slavery.

But unlike the days of slavery before the war, the exploiters of the newly formed Negro Nation were no longer the Southern planters but the big Northern financial capitalists.

This is true 100 fold today in the Negro Nation. The huge northern "agribusiness" monopolies are graphic proof of imperialism's rape of this colony. Names familiar to the farmworkers in the South are Coca-Cola, General Foods, Gulf & Western, and others.

The days of the small farmer are numbered in the Negro Nation and the rest of the USNA. The decline in the number of small farmers in the Negro Nation has been matched by a sharp increase in the number of rural proletarians - farmworkers. According to the Negro National Colonial Question by 1950 there were over 600,000 farmworkers in the South, over half of whom are Negro. Today this figure has increased by approximately 200,000 and this doesn't include all the migratory farmworkers or those brought in from the Caribbean to work the fields.

Not only do many of these farmworkers live under slave conditions, their life expectancy is under 45 years. The health and safety of the farmworkers in the Negro Nation is of no concern to the imperialists. Trees are sprayed with deadly pesticides while workers are picking them. Early death from pesticide poisoning is common.

The Negro farmworker in the South doesn't labor alone. There are hundreds of thousands of poor Anglo-Americans, and especially in Florida, Mexican nationals and Jamaican farmworkers are ruthlessly exploited as well.

The situation facing the Jamaican farmworker in Florida shows the lengths to which the imperialists will go to get their superprofits

Each harvest season. Jamaican cane cutters are brought into this country under a contract system between the USNA government, agribusiness and the Jamaican government. Unemployment is very high in Jamaica so the US is able to bring these workers to this country, work them long hours in hot, bug-and-rat-infested fields -- charge them for their travel fare here -- and then deport them at the first signs of labor unrest.

The slave labor system in the Negro Nation is backed up and supported by the state and gangs like the KKK. Labor contractors who are prosecuted face at worst a slap on the wrist. On the other hand, workers who try to organize are arrested for "vagrancy". The imperialist tool, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is at their beck and call when needed

## NO UNIONS

One of the reasons that virtual slave labor conditions exist in the Negro Nation is due to the almost complete lack of unions. Without unions and the hiring hall workers are completely subject to the domination of the imperialists and labor contractors. Most states in the Negro Nation have "right to work" laws and any attempt to organize unions are attacked by growers, the state and the Klan.

The United Farm Workers (UFW) has attempted some organizing in the South - but only in Florida. No farmworker unions have been organized in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama or Georgia. In 1972 Coca Cola Co. was organized by the UFW in Florida, but that contract has already expired -- as has their other contract at the Hood Co. They have yet to be renewed.



Boycotts have been called by the UFW and the workers are lobbying for a collective bargaining law. The UFW, however, has lost important support for its efforts because of its refusal to organize undocumented workers in the South -- mainly Caribbean and Mexican national workers.

This incorrect policy is in sharp contrast to the united working class strike now being waged by farmworkers - undocumented and documented - in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, led by the Texas Farm Workers Union.

The imperialists are meeting the Florida organizing efforts head on with the power of the state. They are introducing a federal law which would prohibit boycotts, ban strikes at harvest time, institute a national "right to work" law and include farmworkers under existing anti-labor laws.

To top it all off, the ultra-reactionary US Supreme Court recently handed down a decision prohibiting picketing on private property (which includes shopping centers and parking lots - prime targets of the UFW). It is no accident that this decision comes from a Georgia case - the fascist reaction in the Negro Nation is spreading across the country.

The farmworkers movement is a country wide movement as over 2 1/2 million farmworkers toil across our land. The movement must be organized and defended everywhere. The unity of the struggles of the Texas farmworkers - who work on the threshold of the Negro Nation - those of the Florida workers, farmworkers in California, the midwest and Northeast is absolutely essential. The "agribusiness" monopolies who exploit workers in the

Negro Nation are the same capitalists who exploit all farmworkers.

As reported in previous Western Workers, workers must be wary of the bourgeois tactic of isolating the farmworkers movement to California. This is nothing more nor less than the age-old formula of the imperialists -- grant a few workers some "concessions" at the expense of workers in the Negro Nation.

Farmworkers, and indeed all workers, must demand unionization and higher wages for their brothers in the Negro Nation. Workers must demand an end to the colonial rule of the Negro Nation. Raise the demand: FREE THE NEGRO NATION!

**FREE  
THE NEGRO NATION**

## BUSING & BILINGUAL EDUCATION

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then shoved back into the regular program. They are given just a little instruction and consequently they are always at the bottom of their class.

There are few true bilingual programs where students are taught in both languages and cultures *in order to develop an understanding of both*. What classes for bilingual education in the classrooms do exist solely emphasize dance, foods of foreign lands and nothing about learning genuine history and real contributions of the millions of workers of different nationalities. In some schools the existence of this program is used as an excuse for not teaching our children what they should know about math, science, history, etc.

Despite the anti-Negro statements of Alatorre and others, many sections of the Mexican national minority community support busing. Groups such as the Mexican-American Education Commission, the Association of Mexican-American Educators and a Mexican national minority parents organization in Huntington Park have expressed their support for integration and busing in Los Angeles. The pro-busing forces represent some of the most progressive sections of the Mexican national minority community.

It should be clear to all that what's at stake in these struggles for busing and bilingual education is much larger than just the question of education. The issue is the equal rights of national minorities, and the defense of the entire working class against these attacks.

Today it should be obvious to all that the working class cannot move forward without the unity of its most oppressed sections. The fight for busing and full bilingual and bicultural education must be strengthened, and both demands must be supported by all workers.

As a step in this direction, a pro-busing rally has been called by the Los Angeles Committee United for Equal and Quality Education on June 18th (see announcements on page 4).

It is fitting that this rally is going to be held one day before Negro Nation Day - Juneteenth - the anniversary of the day in 1862 when Congress passed the law abolishing slavery in the territories of the USNA. Today, the struggle of the Negro and Mexican national minority workers for equality is continuing. One of the main forms it is taking is this fight for busing and bilingual education.

Our Party militantly supports this struggle. The Negro and Mexican national minority go to segregated inferior schools because USNA imperialism rules the Negro Nation and the Southwest Region stolen from Mexico. They shall continue to have the worst jobs, receive the lowest wages and get the poorest education so long as this is the case.

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# LAWYERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

The Western Worker is printing the following statement from the Legal Committee for Equal Rights as an expression of our support for the call for all progressive lawyers to take up the fight for equal rights.

Equal rights -- what do these words mean? Progressive lawyers, law students, and other people who are skilled in interpreting the law have a special role in helping to give these words practical application as part of the ongoing struggle to build unity within the working class through the formation of the Equal Rights Congress.

Any one who has been involved in a grass roots struggle knows that virtually every organization is continually faced with the problem: how do we go about applying pressure on the government?

Lawyers are in a special position to develop solutions to this problem. This is because they have an easier time finding out when and where to apply pressure on the local, state and federal agencies which the bourgeoisie sets up, and which confuse and obstruct movements in various areas of public interest. For instance, by reading the regulations which govern public hospitals, and by carefully studying who is who in the system (who is the city's welfare officer, who is the local public health representative) lawyers can find out where and when to apply mass pressure when cut-backs are threatened in the local public health services. Of course, non-legal organizers can do the same, but only with greater time and effort.

Even more importantly, lawyers and law students and those trained in the law can assist in gathering the

demands of many grass roots groups involved in a particular area and draft them into a program of formal demands, a form more suitable for approaching the media and legislative hearings.

To give an example, there are presently widespread and militant movements on the question of police brutality. In San Francisco there is the La Raza Coalition on the police, which has held meetings and forums on police brutality throughout the city. In Oakland, there are community movements around the police murders of Tyrone Guyton and Floyd Calhoun, two black youth who are only the most publicized of many victims of vicious police practices that are the rule, rather than the exception, in every working class and especially minority community. In San Jose, a whole series of groups have come together over the police murder of Danny Trevino, a Mexican national minority youth.

These struggles, which represent different national minorities and different geographic areas, must not remain isolated from each other. Progressive lawyers are in a position to research the firearms policies of various police agencies, their internal affairs structures, the legal precedents for demanding public coroners inquests, in police caused deaths, for open court proceedings or public grand jury investigations.

The various groups which are struggling in this area could take this research and forge the demands which will lead to co-ordinated action on the issue. The same is true in other areas. In San Francisco, tenants of public housing are

being evicted from their homes by the local housing authority, without adequate protection in the form of alternative housing and without the compensation and services which are required by federal law. The Hunter's Point community is the first to experience the evictions -- but other communities such as the Mission District--largely Latino, or Potrero Hill, a large working class area are scheduled to be evicted and are next in line.

City Hall and the housing authority have co-ordinated their attacks so as to weaken and divide the different sections of the working class. Those with legal skills are, again, in a position to research the rights of the tenants, to study the overall city plan and to warn community groups of upcoming efforts to eliminate public housing for redevelopment projects in different working class communities across the city.

The many developing Equal Rights Councils have taken up are not given in this country real opportunity for progressive legal workers everywhere to use their skills to help defend the common interests of the working class, as they are being attacked, separately and one by one. Not only do legal workers have special skills, but in many cases they have contacts with various organizations engaged in similar struggles and can assist in putting these organizations in contact with each other.

It is clear that legal workers can play a real role in organizing - helping to link struggles through legal means such as lawsuits, research on behalf of organizations, assistance in demonstrations, drafting proposals,

etc.

The time of well meaning words, sweeping generalities and big talkers is over. A look at Boston and Louisville demonstrate the fascists are not fooling around. Our opportunity to build a solid defense is ripe. We all have the duty as progressives and revolutionaries to fight for equality for national minorities and not give an inch on that position. Equal rights are not given in this country, they must be fought for.

We call upon progressive lawyers, law students and legal workers to contact local Equal Rights Councils and to actively engage on the legal front to build the organizational basis for united, co-ordinated struggle against the attacks on our democratic rights.

Recently, it was reported in the Western Worker that the La Raza National Law Students Association has voted to send delegates to the National Equal Rights Convention in Chicago over the Labor Day weekend. We urge other progressive legal organizations - the National Lawyers Guild, the American Civil Liberties Union, California Women Lawyers, Third World Coalition for Law & Justice, Black Law Students Associations, Asian American Law Students Associations, and all lawyer organizations, including local Bar Associations, to do the same. The need for legally trained persons to take up the task of building organizational unity is urgent! Join the struggle! For more information write:

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Thirty-six French organizations presented a petition to the American Embassy demanding release of the nine youths. Maxim Gorky, internationally known Soviet writer, issued an appeal on behalf of the 10 million member International Red Aid calling for their freedom.

200,000 people in the USNA alone signed petitions calling for the release of the victims of the frame-up. And one of the finest examples of proletarian internationalism in the history of the USNA took place when 2 unions, the Cleaners and Dyers Union in Philadelphia and the Metal Workers Union in New York, went on strike to demand the release of the "Scottsboro boys".

The tremendous outrage expressed by workers all over the world forced the fascists of the Negro Nation and their superiors in Wall Street to retreat from their plans to quickly lynch the young men. New trials were held which resulted in re-convictions, appeals, another round of trials, etc. This process went on for several years. During this time, Ruby Bates, one of the two women who supposedly had been raped, admitted that she had lied. She admitted that the 9 defendants had never touched her or Victoria Price, the other woman in the case. Ruby Bates spent the rest of her life trying to win the freedom of the accused youths.

In December 1937, a deal was worked out between the prosecution and various liberal do-gooders who had been forced to take up the defense of the "Scottsboro boys". Four of the defendants were given their freedom. The other five remained in jail. The state of Alabama admitted that at least two of the defendants could not possibly have committed the crime since both of them were physically incapacitated. The Scottsboro prisoners' genuine supporters denounced this as a rotten betrayal, pointing out that all the defendants were convicted on the same evidence and if one was innocent they were all innocent. As part of this arrangement, one of the most militant of the defendants, Haywood Patterson, was transferred to Atmore State Prison Farm in Southern Alabama, one of the most horrible prisons in the U.S.N.A.

By the 1940's interest in the Scottsboro case had faded and by 1948 - 17 years after they had been arrested - 2 of the men were still in jail! The Scottsboro case stands as a vivid example of fascist terror inflicted upon the Negro people in the Negro Nation. It is also an example of the tremendous, determined resistance to that oppression. For without the rallies, demonstrations and petition drives participated in by thousands of progressive workers, the "Scottsboro boys" would surely

have been executed.

Today we are told by the "mass media" that the days of the lynch rope and burning stake, the days of Scottsboro-type frameups are over. It is said over and over again that now there is a "new South": the "new South" of Negro sheriffs and mayors, the "new South" represented by Martin Luther King Sr. and Jimmy Carter embracing one another. But despite all this nice talk about a "new South" the fact remains that the Negro Nation is still a colony of U.S.N.A. imperialism. It is still a nation which is oppressed by the financial capitalists of Wall Street; where resistance to this oppression is met with wholesale bloody violence. The Negro nation is the most valuable colony of U.S.N.A. imperialism.

GARY TYLER

The case of Gary Tyler is just one example of fascist terror in the Negro Nation. On Oct. 17, 1974 Gary Tyler, then 16 years old, was suspended from Destrehan High School in Destrehan, Louisiana. He left school. Later in the day he was stopped by policemen who suspected that he was the "ringleader" of fighting going on at the school between Negro and Anglo-American students. He was taken to the principal's office. The principal told the police he was not the "ringleader" and then ordered Tyler to leave the school.

Tyler walked out of the school and into the area where fighting was going on. He quickly sought refuge on a bus of Negro students which was leaving the school grounds. This bus was attacked by a mob of Anglo-American students and parents who were stoning the bus and rocking it, trying to turn it over. A shot rang out, and an Anglo-American student - Timothy Weber - fell dead. The bus driver, a 20 year veteran of the army, swore in court that the shot could not possibly have been fired from inside his bus.

After the shooting, police ordered all the Negro students off the school bus. They were searched and forced to kneel on concrete next to the bus for over two hours. No gun was found on the students or in the bus. Tyler was singled out when he protested the gun-slinging methods of members of the Sheriff's department. One official, named Coleman, was pointing his gun at the Negro students' heads. When Tyler told Coleman to stop, he was arrested for "interfering with the law".

Later, when the bus was driven by cops to a police substation, a gun was mysteriously "found". This gun belonged to a police firing range, and only after it was "found" in the bus was it discovered to be "missing" from that firing range. The police claim that this gun was the murder weapon and

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the capitalist countries. However, the even more rapidly rising living standards of the elite would suggest that the call for the workers to work harder and more efficiently to build the Soviet motherland, is at least in part motivated by the firm knowledge that a bigger pie means bigger shares for themselves.

It is important for us to return to the basics in order to be consistent. Marxism holds that ideology is the result of the division of labor. This division of labor is responsible for the basic polarity within class society. Marxism concludes that under communism, because the division of labor is done away with, there can be no ideology. However it is clear that the leading ideologues of the Soviets are sniffing at the tail of the French liquidationists when they declare that there is a permanence of ideology, that it is an essential element of all societies. Of course these ideologues also declare that the division of labor intensifies and deepens under communism. Is it not a fundamental Marxist principle that the division of labor leads to classes, class interests and class domination and hence to ideology?

This is the crux of the problem. How to get around the facts of Soviet life. This is how revisionism arises. We have been held back for a long time because we were only able to deal with the general. Now we have to deal with the specific. The first point is that when something changes it has to be explained one way or the other. If it's explained on the basis of Marxism, well and good. If it uses the verbiage and forms of Marxism in order to attack Marxism, we call it revisionism. This is why we point out that the revisionism in the USSR is an attempt to explain the concrete conditions of that society.

Every stage of the development of society brought about both Marxism and revisionism. For example the granting, in Germany, of the ballot to the people brought about a definite form of revisionism. The development of imperialism and the subsequent bribery of a section of the working class brought about another form of revisionism. Revisionism is an attempt to explain concrete changes in an anti-Marxist way.

One can easily see that if we accept polarity (division of labor) as a permanent feature of society even under communism, then that explains the existence of a working class, no matter how well off they are, and the existence of a social elite. The idea of the

state of the whole people very well explains why I go to work each morning and everyday in the week you can drive a different sports car (including your Cadillac) to a different dacha.

However, since the position of the elite is based on the social structure of socialism, this revisionism arises out of the specifics of Soviet socialism and Soviet socialism must be defended. Despite the contradictory concept of the state of the whole people, that state is forced to use quite a bit of violence against members of especially the cultural intelligentsia who in one way or another attack that social formation. Consequently, it appears as if the elite is defending socialism, but their aim is to defend themselves.

Finally, it's quite convenient to substitute the ideological battle for the class struggle. The class struggle would attack the division of labor and the subsequent polarity, while the ideological battle remains in the realm of ideas. However, the overwhelming part of the population in the USSR receives some sort of Marxist education and they are thinking, self-sacrificing peoples. They recognize how much of the world's peoples respect them and look to them for leadership. We don't want the Soviets to go backward. We want them to go forward. It's only through the revolutionary attack against the existing division of labor and all that flows from and rests upon it that the "muck of ages" can be gotten rid of and communist man be developed.

By and large, the report to the 25th Congress indicated a certain shift to left on the part of the leadership of the Soviet. We should have learned our lesson well by this time and be prepared for a dramatic return to militancy on the part of the CPUSA. It again is a question of Moscow sneezes and the CP catches pneumonia. This is the main reason for this analysis. Inevitably we will find ourselves in struggles and campaigns alongside of a rejuvenated CP. If we haven't mastered our line, we are bound to become pulled in their direction because of their greater strength and connections. Above all, this leftward motion on the part of the CPSU demands that we all acquire a self-sufficiency in Marxism-Leninism. Without this there is no hope of our Party continuing to find its way in an increasingly complex national and international situation. Under such conditions we would lose our independence and inevitably fall under the hegemony of a state whose primary interest is other than the motion of the international proletariat.

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Unequals cannot be integrated under capitalism. The struggle for busing and bilingual education, the struggle against second-class citizenship of the Negro and Mexican national minority workers is an integral part of the struggle for the freedom of the Negro Nation and regional autonomy for

the Mexican national minority in the Southwest, the only political form of government which lays the basis for true equality.

FREE THE NEGRO NATION!  
REGIONAL AUTONOMY FOR THE  
MEXICAN NATIONAL MINORITY  
IN THE SOUTHWEST!

## SOUTH & SOUTHWEST

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### UNIONIZATION & WAGE PARITY

Their common employer is called Weyerhaeuser, the largest lumber company in the world. Weyerhaeuser, in 1974 and 1975, laid off a tremendous number of its workers in the Northwest and shifted its production to the south. The southern workers were forced to work overtime while some areas in the northwest recorded a 30% unemployment rate due to the layoffs.

With picket signs in hand and guided by proletarian internationalism, the southern workers traveled to the Northwest seeking support. And support they received. The united efforts of the woodworkers succeeded in closing down the largest of the lumber mills!

Herein lies the strength of a united working class. This is an example to every decent and honest worker of the multi-national Anglo-American proletariat. The northern woodworkers have taken a stand in direct support of the

colonial workers and therefore laid the basis for their own victories. NO NATION CAN BE FREE IF IT OPPRESSES ANOTHER NATION. These words of Karl Marx have proven correct.

The Negro Nation and the oppressed Southwest Region are linked together in common bondage at the hands of the USNA imperialists. Their struggles for independence and regional autonomy are the struggles of the Anglo-American workers for jobs, peace and equality.

The brave example of the woodworkers in the Northwest must be taken up by workers in auto, in rubber, in garment and electronics, indeed by the entire working class. On this June 19, Negro Nation Day, every worker must raise the demand:

FREEDOM FOR THE NEGRO NATION!  
REGIONAL AUTONOMY FOR THE  
MEXICAN NATIONAL MINORITY  
IN THE SOUTHWEST!



# G.E. CONTRACT

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The goals of the CBC are "non-inflationary" wage and benefits increases, with no ceiling on cost-of-living increases. As in the UAW contract negotiations coming up, the ruthless drive of the capitalists for increased productivity is being ignored.

Speed-up, worsening health and safety conditions, lengthening hours of work are all part of the fascist plans for enslavement of the working class. These burning issues are pushed to the rear as both sides of the bargaining table seek to pacify the workers with a little more meatless gravy. Who can enjoy a wage increase if they are perpetually exhausted, injured by an accident, or in their graves?

Head of the bargaining committee is George Heany, head labor lieutenant of the capitalist class. Prominent on the IUE bargaining team is Ken Cassidy, of Louisville Local 761, instrumental in starting Union Labor Against Busing and thus responsible for attacking the Negro workers and splitting that key local along national lines in a contract year! This is a time-tested tactic of the capitalists in their drive towards fascism--whip up white chauvinism, isolate the Negro worker, further split the working class so no worker can fight back.

Presently in the negotiations the unions are doing all the talking and GE is doing all the listening in a charade of bargaining. This is GE's standard procedure, their infamous "Boulwarism" negotiating method. No real bargaining takes place, and GE makes no offers until the

last minute; then they make a take-it-or-leave-it offer, and present it to the press and media before presenting it to the union bargaining team.

In San Jose, California, there are two General Electric plants, the Vertical Motor Products Division and the Nuclear Energy Division. Both plants, especially the Motor Plant, have been subjected to an intensified drive for productivity to achieve maximum profits, through tightening of factory discipline and lowering of piecework rates. On the job discrimination against national minorities and women is carried out by GE through manipulating the loopholes in the job-posting, upgrading, classification and layoff procedures, all the product of vague weak local agreements.

Especially in the Nuclear Energy Division the whole issue of Proposition 15, the Nuclear Initiative, has obscured the fast-approaching contract. Proposition 15, on the June 6 California Ballot, required increased safeguards and responsibility on the part of the manufacturers and operators of nuclear power plants. GE, which has about 40% of the nuclear power plant market, mounted a powerful "No on 15" campaign.

To the Nuclear Energy Division workers they said, ignoring all reality, "you'll lose your job if this passes!" GE's message was "Go out and petition against Proposition 15, join with the company, forget the contract and save the company." Thus they clouded over the basic division between the capitalist class and the working class, and many workers are only vaguely aware of and prepared for the contract struggle. (Proposition 15 was defeated by a 2-1 margin in the June 8th Primary. See vol. 3, no. 7 of the Western Worker for an analysis of

Proposition 15 - ed.)

The local unions have done virtually nothing to prepare the workers. The IUE and IAM leaders have gone along with GE's "No on 15" propaganda. Union meetings have mysteriously "not happened."

Some information concerning negotiations is in the hands of some shop stewards, but hardly anyone knows they have it. Some key shop stewards are being fired or given severe disciplinary action by GE, but are they being defended by the unions? Questions and rumors fly all over, "What is GE offering? Are we going on strike? How much is in the strike fund?"

Answers are needed! Committees are needed to prepare for a possible strike! Workers, demand these from your union leaders! The local negotiations are now taking place. We have to demand a written local contract, specifying stricter health and safety standards, and a fair upgrading system with no loopholes for discrimination against national minorities and women: all jobs posted, the seniority list posted, training for every job, upgrading and layoffs on the basis of seniority only!

The Communist Labor Party proposes the following demands for the International Contracts of the various unions representing GE workers. The CLP strongly urges workers call for these points in the interest of the unity of the working class, and the strengthening of the defense of the working class against fascism:

1) No layoffs - We demand job security, and not jobs building weapons to attack the socialist camp. (GE is one of the top weapons producers. They receive over 1 billion dollars worth of defense contracts a year, including engines for B-1 bombers)

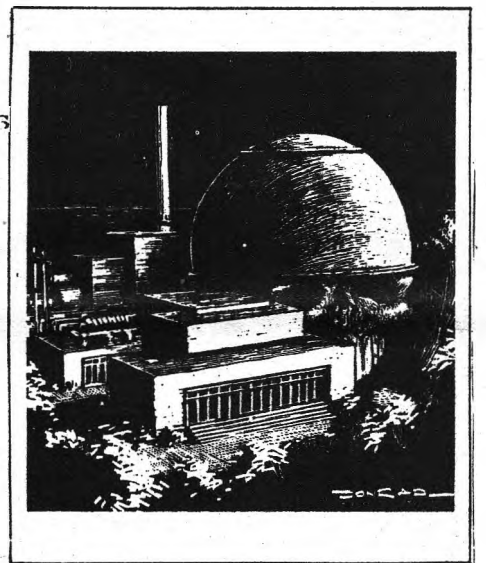
2) Equal pay for equal work-wage parity with Northern workers for those in the Negro Nation and South-west. An end to on-the-job discrimination against national minorities and women.

3) No compulsory overtime - An end to forced overtime, whether forced through mandatory overtime, or low wages that make us work any overtime offered. Hire the unemployed! A decent wage for a 35 hour week!

4) No speed-up - Written production standards. An end to the piecework system.

5) No target bargaining - we want an industry-wide contract up for all workers at the same time. CLOSED SHOP.

Today the struggles of organized labor for decent contracts are an important part of the workers fight against the bourgeoisie's fascist economic policies. An all out fight must be waged by all workers on this front as part of the struggle against fascism and for jobs, peace, equality and socialism.



## FREE GARY TYLER

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changed the charge on Gary Tyler to first-degree murder.

Gary Tyler was tried before an all Anglo-American jury in November 1975. His trial lasted 8 days. It took the jury less than 3 hours to convict him and sentence him to die in the electric chair. His execution date was set for early May, 1976, but has been postponed due to appeals to higher courts. His first appeal had been denied.

The case of Gary Tyler closely resembles that of the Scottsboro boys. Both are examples of the U.S.N.A. state attempting to legally lynch innocent Negro youths. In both instances certain charges were brought against the accused and then even more serious (and obviously trumped-up) charges substituted for them. And in both cases, one of the key prosecution witnesses came forward and admitted lying. In the Scottsboro case, this was Ruby Bates; in the Tyler case, Natalie Banks - who testified that she saw Gary Tyler shoot out the

window at the crowd - has since recanted. In March, 1976, she filed a 31-page affidavit admitting she was forced to testify against Tyler. Her affidavit told how police threatened to take her baby away if she did not take the stand against Tyler and how when she did testify a piece of paper was taped to the lectern which she was forced to read her answers from.

It should be obvious to any unbiased person that Gary Tyler has been framed. How long are we going to allow the fascists to threaten to execute 13 and 17 year old young men? History demands that all of us - the workers and progressive people of the U.S.N.A. - repeat the mass outpouring of indignation which followed the sentencing of the Scottsboro boys. We must hold rallies, marches and meetings demanding that Gary Tyler be set free!

FREE THE NEGRO NATION!

But to demand the freedom of Gary Tyler alone is not enough. Destrehan, Louisiana where Gary Tyler grew up is located 40 miles north of New

Orleans in the heart of the Black Belt. This town is named after the d'Estrehan plantation which it was once part of. On that plantation and every other plantation in the South the overseers' whip destroyed all distinctions between the different African peoples who were brought to the New World as slaves. These peoples were amalgamated with large numbers of native Indians and Anglo-Europeans to form a distinct people, the Negro people. After the Civil War and the defeat of reconstruction, the brutal isolation and segregation of this people brought about the development of Negro farmers (or a Negro peasantry) Negro workers and Negro capitalists (or a Negro bourgeoisie) When this took place there developed a new nation - the Negro nation. To this day the Negro Nation is enslaved by U.S.N.A. imperialism. The history of this nation is a history of thousands of Scottsboro and Tyler cases - of thousands of lynchings, police murders, and many years of exploitation of the Negro people. Gary Tyler, the Negroes of Destrehan and the Negro people

as a whole will never escape the shadow of the plantation until the Negro Nation is free.

The struggle to unionize the southern workers, the fight to free Gary Tyler, are some of the concrete forms which the movement to free the Negro Nation is taking. On this 114th "Juneteenth" we raise the demands:

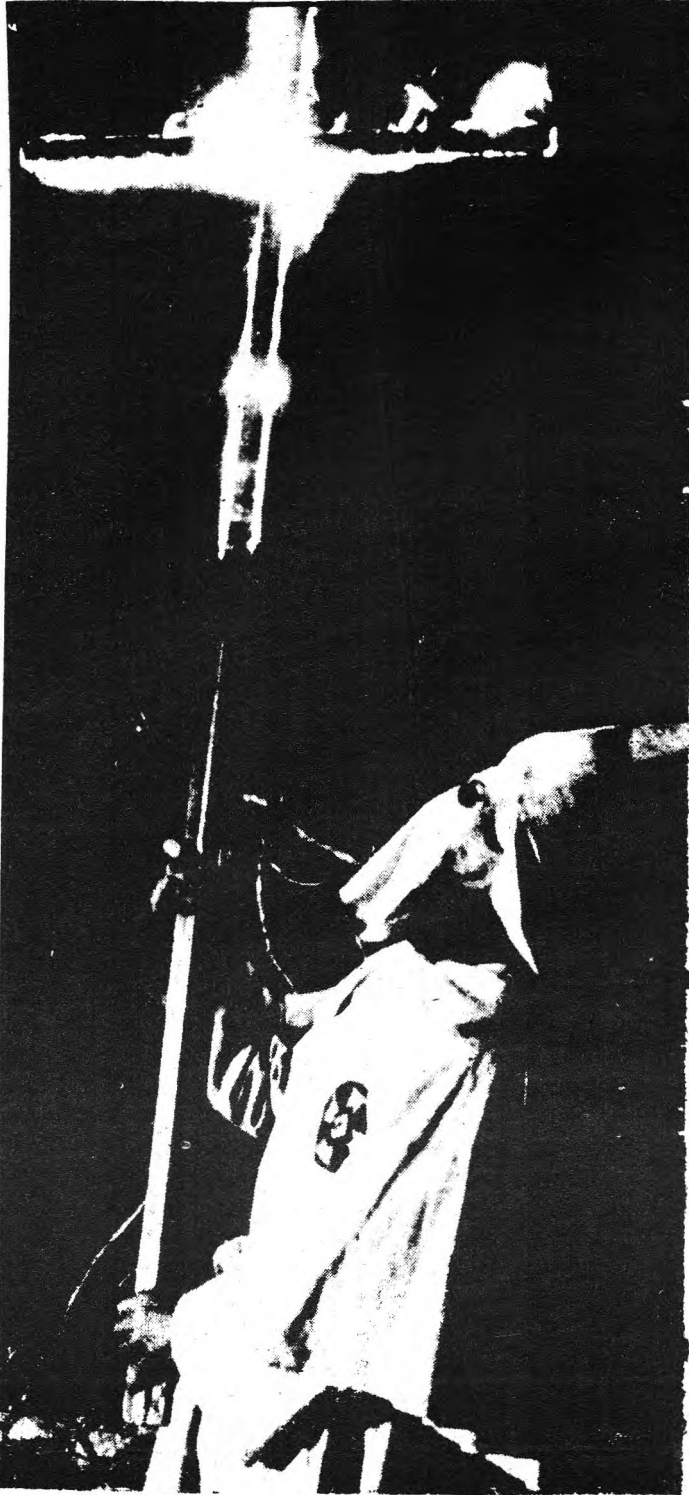
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# FREE THE NEGRO NATION



If a picture  
is worth a thousand words,  
what says a cross,  
burning on my neighbors lawn?  
And a thousand crosses?

Front page, morning paper,  
smiling klansmen,  
boasting growing numbers.

And they come:  
all the scum of the earth  
like maggots drawn to a corpse.  
A living reality  
their dream is a nightmare  
for the working class.

Terror, murder,  
we've seen the pictures  
and first-hand  
our fellow workers  
know the horror.

Stoning buses,  
lynching,  
torture,  
they grow strong,  
we must grow stronger!  
They fester and spread  
an unchecked cancer  
driving our divisions deeper  
sleeping with the nazis  
and the posse,  
Tenacles of the arms of  
fascism.

How many lives  
must feed the fire  
of their burning crosses?

NO MORE  
WORKERS UNITE  
SMASH THE FASCIST GANGS

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*Oh Freedom, oh freedom,  
Oh freedom over me,  
And before I'll be a slave,  
I'll be buried in my grave,  
Take my place with those  
Who've fought & died before!*

*No more slavery...*

*No more lynching...*

*No deportations...*

*No more speed-up...*

*No unemployment...*

*No war spending...*



## THE INTERNATIONALE

Arise ye prisoners of starvation  
Arise ye wretched of the earth  
For justice thunders condemnation  
A better world's in birth.

No more traditions chains shall bind us  
Arise ye slaves, no more in thrall.  
The earth shall rise on new foundations  
We have been naught, we shall be all!

Chorus:  
Tis the final conflict  
Let each stand in his place  
The International  
Shall be the human race!

(Repeat Chorus)

## LA INTERNACIONAL

Arriba los pobres del mundo  
De pie los esclavos sin pan  
y gritemos todos unidos  
viva la internacional.

Removamos todas las trabas  
que oprimen al proletario  
cambiemos el mundo de fase  
hundiendo al imperio burgues.

Agrupemos todos  
en la lucha final  
y se alcen los pueblos  
por la internacional.

Agrupemonos todos  
en la lucha final  
y se alcen los pueblos con valor  
por la internacional!

## NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM

The real essence and significance of this song was obscured when its name was changed a number of years ago from the "Negro National Anthem" to "Lift Every Voice and Sing." In the same way, June-teenth - like so many working class holidays - is generally ignored by the schools, the government, and the media in an attempt to bury the fine, militant history of our class.



Lift every voice and sing, 'Til earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark path has taught us  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun  
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed.  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered  
We have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered.  
Out from the gloomy past, 'til now we stand at last,  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way.  
Thou who has by Thy might, led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.