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### On the presidential elections

## Down with the Republicans and Democrats! For class struggle against the Reaganite offensive!

In an obscene orgy of super-patriotism and dollar-worship, Reagan is stumping for four more years. Reagan and the Republicans are stumping for four more years of assault on the working people. Four more years for the rich to get richer and the poor poorer. Four more years of growing racism and the buildup of the police state. Four more years of expanding military adventures against the peoples of other lands and of feverish preparations for nuclear slaughter.

But that's only half of it. The other half is that Mondale and the Democrats are promising the people four years of the very same

The Democrats pose as the "party of labor and minorities," the "party of peace" and the alternative to the cruel Reagan policies. But the Democrats are campaigning against Reagan on Reagan's platform. Mondale and the Democrats have pledged to their capitalist bosses that whichever candidate wins the November 6 election the Reaganite assault on the working people will get a second term.

Tens of millions are looking for a way to meet the challenge of the Reaganite offensive. But for the workers and jobless, for the blacks and other oppressed nationalities, for the opponents of militarism and war, the capitalists' electoral circus is offering no alternative.

**Both Candidates Pledge to** "Stay the Course" of Reaganomics

Where do the candidates stand on the issues? Just look at the themes of their campaigns.

The Republicans are calling for "staying the course" of Reaganomics. This is the course of "expanding opportunity" through brutal strikebreaking and productivity drives against the workers — cutting wages, tossing millions into the street, and driving the rest like slaves; "creating jobs" with a subminimum wage for youth and stripping the workers of even the weakest wage, health and safety protections; 'restoring the work ethic' by slashing the meager relief programs for the unemployed and poverty-stricken; and "ensuring prosperity" with a tax policy of robbing from the poor to give himself to hitting the people with more fascists, alleging that blacks and

promise of four more years of "prosperity"...if you happen to be a capitalist or a millionaire living off Wall Street dividends. But for the ten million jobless, or for the millions of employed workers sinking below the official poverty level, "staying the course" means four more years of hell.

But what does Mondale offer? He is promising a "realistic" and "tough" policy. In his Deficit Reduction Plan Mondale pledges that he won't spend a penny more than Reagan on social



At the Labor Day march in Detroit, the MLP denounced both the capitalist parties and called for fighting the capitalist offensive, while the labor bureaucrats boosted the Democratic ticket.

programs, and if anything he will cut back the clock to the days of Jim Crow Medicare and other necessities for the segregation. The Reagan appointees poor still deeper. (New York Times, on the Civil Rights Commission speak September 11, 1984) And he has sworn in the jargon of the open racists and tax increases. In short, Mondale is other oppressed nationalities have too There is a grain of truth in Reagan's campaigning as the man capable of many privileges, supposedly creating making the "hard choices" to turn the "reverse discrimination" against screws on the working people — that he is the man best suited to "staying the course" of the capitalist offensive against the masses.

> **Both Candidates Stand for Racism** and Building Up the Police State

Reagan continues his racist crusade against the black people, the Latinos and immigrants and other oppressed nationalities. He dreams of turning

As the politicians debate about recovery

### The rich get richer and the poor get poorer

paper or turn on the TV without hear- not the slight upturn, the "recovery," ing about the "great recovery," the "unprecedented" rebound. What have proved capable of making profits caused it? Will it last? Is it due to in a depression while the masses suf-Reagan? Questions abound. The Re- fer more than ever. publicans crow while the Democrats say it won't last.

it? The official unemployment statistics have improved somewhat from the worst depths of the misery of 1981-82 up to - up to what? Up to the situation prevailing at the miserable close of the Carter administration. And, in fact, long years of depression have resulted in millions more "discouraged workers" who aren't counted in the unemployment figures. Indeed, according to government statistics, the number of poverty-stricken workers — both those unemployed and those employed at jobs that pay so little that one cannot hold together body and soul — is higher today than in the economic low point of 1981-82.

What has happened? There has been a slight upturn in the midst of a continuing economic depression. The 1980's are proving to be a decade of stagnation and depression. But even in a depression, there are ups and

Today one can hardly open a news- downs. What is "unprecedented" is but the extent to which the capitalists

What has rebounded is profits. This is why the capitalists are in ecstasy. A better question would be: where is In the second quarter of this year, profits were running a full 26% higher than the previous year. Presidents of the Fortune 500 companies are giving themselves million-dollar bonuses while slashing the wages of their blue-collar employees. American business is "standing tall" - gorging itself on wealth while millions wonder where their next meal will come from.

The rich are getting richer, while the poor get poorer. This is the fundamental feature of the so-called "recovery." This is the "secret" of Reaganomics, the "secret" that explains why all the politicians who serve the wealthy - whether Democrat or Republican, whether Mondale or Reagan — accept the basic premises of Reaganomics. And this is the "secret" that explains why the masses are seething with discontent despite all \*Continued on next page

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GM Contract: Job cutting in the name of 'job security'

### Defeat the new auto concessions deal!

(UAW) signed a tentative pact with spokesmen have proclaimed the deal

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right to violate the national contract capitalists. in a new drive for plant-by-plant wage cuts and other concessions.

The UAW leaders claim that the era of concessions are over. But what does this new contract show? It demonstrates that the workers must step up the struggle against the concessions offensive of the capitalists.

Even before the contract talks began, GM officials made it clear that they are not satisfied with the more than \$6 billion in profits they are raking in this year. At the cost of hundred's of thousands of jobs and enormous takebacks from the workers, GM and the other auto monopolies are making the greatest profits in their history. But the auto giants complain that they must be "more competitive" and, therefore, the workers must pay.

The head of the slave drivers, Ronald Reagan himself, declared that the auto workers must "show restraint" in their demands.

Now that the main provisions of the terrative contract have been revealed it is clear that the UAW leaders have gotten down on their knees before Reagan and the capitalists' conces-

It is up to the rank-and-file auto workers to resist this new assault on their jobs and livelihood.

The GM workers are not alone in this battle. The new contract has been made the pattern for talks with Ford and, later, with Chrysler. What is more, AFL-CIO president Lane Kirk-

The first round of auto contract talks land has said the "unprecedented" concluded September 21 when the pact should be followed in negotiaeadership of the United Auto Workers tions in other industries and capitalist to be a "model" of "restraint" which The agreement is being praised as a workers everywhere must follow. GM 'model" contract which supposedly workers must resist this new concreates an "innovative" approach to cessions deal to defend themselves. its productivity gains. Assuming that job security. But, in fact, the key But more than that. Resistance is these next two contracts last six years, features of this deal are that it grants important to help workers everywhere the \$1 billion comes to \$167 million a GM an unlimited license to eliminate who desire to mount a struggle year — or about the cost of one new jobs and that it gives the capitalists the against the concessions drive of the

> Guaranteeing GM's Right to Eliminate Jobs

It is claimed that the new GM contract guarantees job security. This is a lie. What it guarantees is GM's right to eliminate jobs.

The Wall Street Journal, a leading mouthpiece for big monopolies, emphasized this point in their praise for the new contract: "It is especially good because of the productivity improvements that GM could achieve under the pact. In internal documents that leaked out earlier this year, GM indicated that it hopes to reduce its work force by 60,000 to 120,000 workers in the next two years. The new contract gives GM the flexibility to do that — at a \$1 billion price." (Wall Street Journal, September 24, 1984, emphasis added)

Of course \$1 billion over six years is small change for a company raking in

over \$6 billion a year. But even this amount will be paid for by the workers through job-eliminating productivity measures and other concessions. The Wall Street Journal stresses that, '...almost by definition, the deeper GM digs into the \$1 billion, the greater paint shop in one new auto plant.

No wonder the capitalists are so enthusiastic for this contract.

#### The "Job Opportunity Bank": An Orderly Way to Eliminate Jobs

With such an enormous job elimination program, GM could expect major explosions as the workers get organized for a determined battle to defend their jobs. But the new contract provides GM with an orderly system of job

In the first place, the contract splits the workers up into their individual plants and puts the UAW bureaucrats on the committees that will organize job elimination plant by plant. The September 27 Detroit News points out that the contract "sets up local, area and national committees to run the banks and study ways to improve efficiencies at GM plants, even if that means waiving or changing parts of the national contract." (emphasis Continued on page 4

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As the first anniversary of Reagan's invasion nears

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The black people will never accept apartheid racism

# A Storm of Struggle Rocks



The black people rebell against rent hikes and apartneid rectors in Sharpeville fownship. September 6.

The last six weeks have seen a powerful curburst of militant struggle by the blacks and other oppressed people of South Africa. A countrywide upsurge is taking place, the most intense since the famous Soweto rebellions of 1976. Every county in South Africa has been touched and a broad section of the masses are involved in the fighting. The upsurge has included entire town chips rising up in protest, studente begenting schools across the country, and miners out on strike. The racist white minority regime has set upon the masses with characteristic britality - with whippings, arrests and nurder. But the repression has only stiffement the tetermination of the black people to fight on. Not a day passes without reports of new outbreaks of struggle in South Africa.

The blacks and other oppressed peopleare using up once again to light the infuran system of apartheid racism. This is a system spawned by capitalism in which the black population, the owrwite hing majority, has been redecedles the status of convict prisoners

in their own land. They are denied all rulers and its Western imperialist social and political rights. They are supporters, including Reagan and forced to live in ghettos and must carry. Thatcher. ID passes at all times. They have to slave at starvation wages and five in great poverty.

black masses of South Africa shows (those of rixed race), and one for the that the oppressed people will never reconcile themselves to apartheid slavery. This struggle is a great inspiration, while the coloreds and Indians toto the oppressed masses throughout gether total 12% - there are 2.7 milthe world. It shows that even in the Longolouds and 8 C,000 Indians. belly of one of the most bratal courstries, the people can take things into constitute 73% of the population there their own hands and rise in struggle. The Marxist-Lenirist Party, USA stands in solidarity with the fighting, in effect, represents a racist provocablacks and other oppressed people in tion against the black majority and is. South Africa in the struggle to over also a crude unempt to split their nonthrow apartheid racism.

#### The Fraud of Constitutional Reform

The immediate cause of the recent upsurge was the manguration of a new ticious from these communities, who constitution which was touted as a ma- choose he collaborate with the racist jor democratic reform by the apartheid

This new constitution treates a new parliament of three segregated chambers - one chamber for the whites, The death-defying struggle of the one for the so-called "coloreds" people of East Indian descent. The whites make up 15% of the population,

But for the 23 million blacks, who is not even a tolen attempt to offer franchise rights. The new constitution, white allies away from them.

For the colored and Indian people there is no real representation. The constitution merely gives some limited andstrictly token rights to certain poli-Consinuedan page 6

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## Reagan's Double-Speak

The Reagan campaign has been paign is taking Orwellian "double- (Chile, Iran, Indonesia, the Philpackaged and produced by the same speak" to its height. school of slick advertisers that sell trash on television. A smiling and sincere-looking gentleman comes on the screen to testify that product X will improve your health, save your pocketbook, add to your sex appeal, and generally "make you feel good again." Too bad that product X has no proven value for humans and just happens to cause cancer in laboratory animals. In fact. Ronald Reagan's decades of experience in Hollywood and as a television frontman for General Electric flimflam campaign.

But selling the program of the insame as selling mouthwash. The smiles become the tools of cynical manipulation; and the lies resemble the infamous "double-speak" of the barbaric dictatorship portrayed in George Orwell's 1984.

War Is "Peace"

The rhetoric of Reagan's 1984 cam-

Reagan is spending hundreds of billions for a "winnable nuclear war." And he is unleashing new military adventures to enslave the peoples of Central America and other lands. But no one, god forbid, should think that all this unbridled militarism is for war. As Reagan put it at the Republican convention: "Some have forgotten why we have a military. ...It's to be prepared for peace." To back up this idea, Reagan pointed out that over the gate of a strategic nuclear bomber make him just the right man for such a base in Washington State hangs the sign "Peace is our Profession."

In the same speech Reagan boasted cumbent president is not quite the that "America is the most peaceful, least warlike nation in modern history." Indeed, from Reagan's standpoint no one on earth could match the "peacefulness" of the U.S. imperialists. Who else in recent decades has inflicted such inhuman slaughter as the U.S. war of aggression in Viet Nam? Who else has played the role of world policeman, trampling on so many peoples all over the globe

ippines, Dominican Republic, etc. etc.)? Who else but the imperialist rulers of the U.S. and the USSR have filled the oceans and skies with hydrogen bombs, threatening the world with thermonuclear destruction?

eagan has dragged out the old warmongers' slogan "peace through strength" and is making no bones about what it means: "Peace" through nuclear superiority and "first strike" capability; "peace" through military invasions and bloodletting in the Caribbean, Central America, and the Middle East; in short, "peace through

#### The Police State Is "Freedom"

For four years Reagan has been beefing up the FBI, the CIA, and the other police agencies against potential domestic opponents. He has been pushing one draconic law after the next to persecute strikers, demonstrators and revolutionary activists. He has been backing the racist Simpson-Mazzoli bill to persecute and terrorize immigrant workers.

Building up the police state is one side of Reagan's "unfinished social agenda." The other side is to give moral and financial encouragement to racist academies, and to put the worship of racism, militarism and religious obscurantism as the first priorities of public education. Who knows, maybe in his second term Reagan will make official what has been unofficial so far and appoint the right-wing religious bigot Jerry Falwell to a new cabinet post of Christian Self-Righteousness and Public Morals.

And as you might suspect, Reagan has drawn up this "social agenda" of police state repression, racism and religious bigotry in the name of realizing "the ultimate in individual

#### Poverty Is "Prosperity"

Moreover, according to Reagan, the last years of strikebreaking, wage cutting and man-eating speedup of the workers, combined with the shameless robbery of the jobless and hungry to make sure that the rich grow even richer, is opening "new eras of opportunity." In the eyes of the Reaganites and millionaires, the declining real wages, the hardships of the ten million unemployed, the steady growth of poverty, are all signs of their "springtime of hope," carrying the promise of "permanent prosperity."

#### For the Class Struggle Against the Reaganite Offensive!

Of course, there is logic and purpose to this Orwellian madness. The capitalist system is bogged down in economic crisis and all-sided decay; and the capitalist ruling class offers no escape. Its only solution is to squeeze the working people at home and abroad for bigger profits and to lash out with the whip of repression and military intervention against the revolts of the workers and oppressed. That is why the monopolies have installed Reagan as the mouthpiece of their crusade of hunger, reaction and war. And to justify this desperate policy they are dishing out the most desperate lies and Reaganite double-

It must be stressed that Reagan has no monopoly on lies and demagogy. Mondale and the Democrats are competing hard and fast in this department, trying to prove themselves as equally unashamed warmongers and reactionaries.

The Reaganite offensive is a bipartisan assault of monopoly capital. Whichever candidate wins in November, this offensive against the livelihood and rights of the working people and the feverish drive for new wars will continue without letup.

Reagan's campaign is simply the advance advertising for what the capitalist ruling class has in store. The working class and people must take up this challenge; their reply must be the class struggle against the Reaganite

### A PEACE CANDIDATE WHO STANDS FOR WAR

MONDALE:

Walter Mondale is trying to pass himself off as a peace candidate. The trying to sell their ticket to the millions who are deeply concerned with Reagan's mad drive for nuclear superiority and a "winnable" nuclear war. "Yes. Mondale too is for the nuclear buildup," the salesmen for the Democrats admit, "but at least he will reduce the threshhold of danger."

Similarly, the Democratic Party apologists want to sell their candidate to those who want to fight against U.S. intervention in Central America. "If nothing else," they argue, "Mondale will provide some breathing space for the Nicaraguans, Salvadorans and other peoples facing U.S. intervention.'

But to sell this hogwash about 'thresholds' and 'breathing spaces," they have to hope that no one pays any attention to what Mondale actually stands for. They have to hope, for example, that no one reads Mondale's recent interview on foreign affairs with The New York Times. This is because this extensive interview shows once again that "peace candidate" Mondale is committed to matching Reagan step for step in U.S. military intervention around the globe, in the war buildup and in the nuclear arms race.

**Mondale Promises More Guns** for the Salvadoran Dictators and "Interdiction" and "Quarantine" Against the Nicaraguan People

Just what kind of "breathing space" is Mondale promising the Central

American peoples?

First of all, Mondale agrees with all Democrats and their supporters are of the big lies Reagan uses to back up his big stick imperialist policy. Mondale portrays the popular upheaval in Central America as a problem of U.S. "security dimensions" in the face of Soviet-Cuban-Nicaraguan aggression. And on this basis he promises to continue the U.S. intervention there, intervention to drown the revolutionary struggles of the Central American peoples in blood.

For El Salvador Mondale promises to support the U.S. puppet government of Napolean Duarte, "including military support." (For all references see The New York Times, September 18, 1984) In other words, he promises to continue the flow of guns and bombs so that the fascist military officers and death squads can continue the massacre of the Salvadoran workers and

Like Reagan, Mondale denounces the revolution in Nicaragua as "totalitarian" and promises to "continue to press" Nicaragua to change its ways. He echoes Reagan's lies about alleged Nicaraguan aggression and declares "we should try to quarantine Nicaragua if it uses any force outside of its

Mondale claims that he will allegedly cut off support for the CIA-backed contras because it is "counterproductive" and ineffective in "pressing" Nicaragua. But in the same breath Mondale says that he "would continue to interdict, because I think the Nicara-

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Reagan's 'tax cuts': For whom? electoral campaigns of capitalist politicians. Hoodwinking the voters with promises of tax cuts and a chicken in every pot is what bourgeois politicking is all about. In this regard it must be admitted that Ronald Reagan is truly a master of the art. No one can beat him in the brazen lie. Facts, no matter how well known and undeniable, are never a problem. The further from the truth the better. And then the lie is repeated

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S. government or

favorite topic to lie about. "America is cuts. standing tall again." Why? Because Reagan has "freed" the people from high taxes. And at the Republican convention in Dallas he promised that if he is reelected taxes will be reduced so far that "no one will be able to hold ours."

as many times as possible.

What a brave "tax cutter" and what miracles his "tax cuts" will bring.

But what are the facts? For the vast majority there has been no tax cut during Reagan's first term. Quite the opposite. The income taxes of 80% of all taxpayers actually increased,

Lying has always been part of the increase was small. And the lower your income the more they increased. with workers earning less than \$10,000 a year paying a 22% higher tax rate in 1984 than they did in 1981.

Only taxpayers earning over \$30,000 a year got any tax cut at all, and unless you earned over \$50,000 a year these cuts were a mere 1%. But if you earned over \$100,000 a year then you received very substantial cuts of 8% or 15% or more. Too bad that less than 1% of all taxpayers earned enough to In this election, taxes are Reagan's enjoy the big fruits of Reagan's tax

In other words, despite all of Reagan's crowing, for the vast majority the tax burden has continued to grow. There has been no tax cut, only a tax shift, lifting the taxes on the millionaires. Besides the changes in the America back, and the future will be income taxes this shift has meant cuts in corporate taxes as well.

> Reagan Is Out to Tax the Workers' Fringe Benefits

Walter Mondale is boasting that if he is elected he will make the "tough choice" of raising the people's taxes. although for 18.9% of taxpayers the And he accuses Reagan of not "show-

ing his cards" and saying before hand whether or not he is going to raise taxes after the election. But Reagan has "shown his cards" many times and they all show heavier taxes

on the working people. Among other things, Reagan has repeatedly requested Congress to take steps towards taxing workers' health and life insurance premiums and other fringe benefits paid by employers.

Last month, Alicia H. Munnell senior vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, reported to a House committee that: "Personal income tax revenues would have been almost 22% higher if employee benefits were taxed in the same manner as wage and salary income." In other words, if Reagan's objective was carried out in full it would mean a whopping 22% tax increase on the back of the working class.

That is how the great "tax cutter" will liberate the people from the burden of taxation. He will raise taxes on the working people so high that the Reagan estate and the other wealthy moneygrubbers won't have to pay a cent; and, as Reagan put it so well, the "future will be ours."

#### Taxes for the Bankers and the Generals

Despite the mountains of rhetoric, taxes are higher and the spending is higher than ever. The heavy cuts in social programs for the workers and the unemployed are more than made up for just by the increased plunder of the treasury by the bankers and financiers. Debt payments to the Wall Street parasites have swelled to more than \$100 billion a year. Meanwhile, this year's Pentagon budget has reached \$300 billion a year and is going up fast.

The working people are being robbed blind to pay for these staggering sums for the bankers and the generals' preparations for war. And no amount of election year lies from the lackeys of the capitalists is going to stop this robbery.

### Mondale promises the people

### More cutbacks, more taxes, and more billions for the capitalists and generals

Walter Mondale continues to press his campaign theme that he is no idle dreamer, no wishful do-gooder. Oh no. He is the candidate of "realism." He is the candidate who can make the 'tough choices." This is how Mondale is selling himself to the capitalists as the best candidate for turning the screws on the working people.

Take, for example, the deficit issue. Accusing Reagan of having a secret plan to deal with the \$200 billion deficits, Mondale has come out with a budget plan, declaring "Mr. Reagan, all my cards are on the table - face up." But a glance at Mondale's cards shows that he is playing Reagan's game; Mondale has put on the table the same Reaganite program of assault on the workers and the poor.

Mondale boasts that his budget is 'tough," that it's "a hard, realistic plan - not a wish list." Sure enough, for the vast majority of working people it calls for plenty of hardship and suffering. But for the rich, for the big capitalists, Mondale promises to continue Reagan's shower of gold.

#### **More Cutbacks for the Workers** and the Poor

As the self-styled candidate of "fairness" for the workers and the poor, you might think that Mondale would at least make a gesture of opposing Reagan's cuts in relief for the unemployed and poverty-stricken. Over the last three-and-a-half years, Reagan has cut the already far too meager relief programs to the bone, while the crying need for these programs has grown greater than ever.

But Mondale doesn't even hint at restoring Reagan's cuts, much less at expanding these programs beyond the pre-Reagan levels to meet the increased need. On the contrary. Mondale promises that during his first term he will not spend a single penny more than Reagan's forecasted budget for unemployment, welfare, food, and Mondale promises to slash these prowill, including a \$12 billion cut in working people. health care for the poor.

Mondale pledges that these additional cuts in social programs will allow for a \$30 billion increase in public works projects and other "investments in the future." Presumably, dam building, "high tech" research and other pork barrel projects for the big engineering firms and contractors is more "realistic" (that is to say more profitable) than feeding the unem-

#### **More Taxes**

As proof of his ability to make "tough" unpopular choices, Mondale is running on a platform of raising taxes. Of course, Mondale is quite right when he says that taxes on the working people have continued to rise under Reagan despite the tax cuts for the millionaires, and that Reagan will raise taxes again after the elections. But Mondale is the first major presidential candidate in modern history to campaign on the promise of tax hikes.

Mondale promises that his tax hikes will be "fair" and place the greatest burden on the upper income brackets and corporations. But it must be remembered that this is the same candidate who only last January endorsed the Democrats' Bradley-Gephardt tax reform bill. This bill would add hundreds of dollars to the average workers' taxes by, among other things, counting employer-paid health insurance and other benefits as taxable income. And these are the same Democrats and the same Mondale who, at their convention in July, have pledged themselves to the "realism" of opposing "business taxes that weaken our economy."

Mondale can't have his cake and eat it too; it has to be one way or another. Undoubtedly, if candidate Mondale becomes president Mondale, "realism" will triumph over "fairness." And Mondale will opt for the Reagan policy, which was also the policy of the Carter-Mondale administration. This health care programs. What's more, is the "realistic" program of shifting the burden of taxes from the capitalist grams by \$20 billion more than Reagan millionaires and onto the backs of the

#### **Mondale Promises More Bang** for the Buck

In short, Mondale promises to be "tough" on the hungry and jobless and to sock the working people with more taxes. But when it comes to the corporate war merchants and Pentagon generals it's a whole different

Over the next four years Reagan promises to push the military buildup full speed ahead. Military spending will continue to grow at 7% real terms after inflation. This means that at the end of Reagan's second term, the annual Pentagon budget will have soared from \$160 billion in 1981, to well over \$400 billion in 1989.

The working people are being robbed of these countless billions for imperialist wars to trample on the peoples of Central America and other countries, and to perfect ever more sophisticated devices of mass slaughter. But robbery for some is a gold mine for others. These billions are finding their way to the bank vaults of General Dynamics, Rockwell International and the other corporate war contractors. The Pentagon's cornucopia of \$7,000 screwdrivers and cost-plus contracts is a source of astronomical profits for the capitalist moneybags.

But what does "peace candidate" Mondale have to say about this rush to war? What does this man of "fairness" propose to do about this fantastic profiteering at the expense of the working people? He too pledges to push forward the war buildup. Instead of what he calls the "reckless Reagan binge" of a 7% real annual increase, Mondale promises a "steady, sustainable" 4-5% real increase. What a peacenik! Reagan is rushing down the highway of imperialist war preparations at 100 miles per hour; but Mondale warns of the reckless speed and calls for a "steady, sustainable" 95 miles per hour.

Even the Democrats will admit that the couple of percentage points of difference between the war budgets of Reagan and Mondale are just a drop in the ocean of Pentagon spending. The real dividing line between the two, they claim, is where the money will go. Mondale says that he will reorient the war budget "away from unnecessary procurement and toward increased preparedness." That is Mondale will spend more on putting the Pentagon's present war machinery on a war footing; and he will allegedly save money by replacing the MX missile and the B-1 bomber with other, more efficient, missile and bomber systems.

In other words, the Democrats are drawing the line with the Republicans that it is Mondale, not Reagan, who can deliver the most bang for the buck.

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#### 1981 income levels and adjusted for inflation and higher Social Security INCOME % OF TAXPAYERS % CHANGE IN TAX RATE Under \$10,000 +22.0 \$10-15,000 79.9% of all taxpayers are paying more now \$15-20,000 12.1% than in 1982 +2.0 \$20-30,000 +0.2 34.1% have had little \$30-50,000 -1.0change in tax rates \$50-100,000 -3.04.9%, the wealthiest. \$100-199,000 are enjoying Reagan's -8.0 tax cut Over \$200,000 -15.0Source for statistics: Robert S. McIntyre and Dean C. Tipps, inequity and Decline, 1983, pp. 23-25.

Who is really enjoying tax cuts from Reagan's tax reform? This chart is a

comparison of tax rates by income from 1982 to 1984. (Figures are based on

## Thousands demonstrate in Boston against Reagan's war drive

people rallied on the Boston Common wanted to get the message out to vote to protest the U.S. government's war Democrat this November but they did preparations and aggression abroad. The demonstrators came in three marches after gathering at different assembly points around the city. This Mondale had only recently boasted of was the first major anti-war demon- his warmongering stand by defending stration in Boston in a year and again the invasion of Grenada and threatenreflected the sentiment of the working ing to "quarantine Nicaragua." people and youth of Boston to fight the Reaganite war drive.

The protest was organized by the September 22 Coalition, a coalition against Reagan. The social-democrats and both the big capitalist parties. had wanted to make the protest into an election rally for the Democrats but Boston Branch of the MLP brought out they were not able to give directly pro- an issue of its newspaper Boston Democrat slogans because of wide- Worker calling on the workers and spread skepticism towards the Demo- youth of Boston to take part in the

On September 22, six thousand September 22 Coalition leaders numbers of the paper were distributed shouted militant slogans. not want to discredit themselves thoroughly by too many affectionate kisses for Walter Mondale. After all,

But the politics in support of the Democratic Party were not the only politics represented at the demonstration. The Boston Branch of the Marxstrongly influenced by social-demo- ist-Leninist Party and the forces cratic and pacifist forces. It was held around the progressive newspaper at under the general slogan "Peace - the Massachusetts Institute of Technot war — in '84.' This was in essence nology, The Student, represented the a slogan to call for voting Democrat stand of struggle against imperialism

Prior to the demonstration, the crats in the anti-war movement. The September 22 demonstration. Large

at street corners, in the factories and schools. The Boston Worker strongly denounced the Reaganite war drive in Central America and explained that a struggle against aggression requires mass struggle against imperialism, independent of the capitalist parties. It showed that supporting the Democratic Candidate for the Senate, amounts to abandoning a real struggle to chase illusions.

The Student also carried an article calling for participation in the September 22 protest in its first issue this fall. This article too showed that supportanswer to U.S. imperialism's aggres-

a joint contingent was organized by the revolutionary literature, sang a number of anti-imperialist songs and

At the rally itself, it could be seen that there was widespread skepticism towards the Democrats generally and especially disgust with Walter Mondale. Even a number of high school students from the suburbs who came carrying placards in support of Kerry, were receptive to slogans against the

The Boston protest shows that there continues to be strong ferment among the working masses and youth to fight the U.S. war drive. It also demoning the Democrats is absolutely no strated that there is widespread skepticism about the Democrats as an alternative to the Reaganite warmongers. At the September 22 protest itself, This skepticism needs to be channeled towards determination to take action MLP and The Student. It was also against imperialist war, independent joined by a number of activists from of both the capitalist parties. The the Union of Anti-Imperialist Students Marxist-Leninist Party and The in Buffalo. The contingent distributed Student worked precisely towards

### Reagan denounced in Buffalo

On September 12, when Reagan traveled to Buffalo, NY, 400 people came out to demonstrate against him. Students, anti-imperialist activists and other people came from across the city. As well, workers joined the demonstration on their lunch time. The protest militantly opposed Reagan's attacks on the working masses and his imperialist warmongering.

The MLP, among other organizations, participated in this demonstration against the hated warmonger. The Party supporters shouted slogans against Reagan's war on Nicaragua and in support of the workers and peasants of Central America. The Party's banner was quite popular. On one side it denounced both the Democrats and Republicans as "Twin Parties of the Rich." It called "All Out Against Reagan!" on the other side. Several people commented in support of the MLP banner, noting that it was the only banner against both parties of the rich. One unemployed worker said: "You're right, there's not 10¢ difference between Reagan and Mondale!" Some workers also said they liked the MLP slogans best over all the others because of the Party's support for international struggles and the Party's militant denunciation of Reaganomics and Reagan's stepped-

Worker's Advocates and Party leaflets were distributed at factories, in the community and at the schools calling on people to protest against this archreactionary representative of the rich.

The Union of Anti-Imperialist Students (UAIS) participated with the MLP in this demonstration, distributing their newsletter, the Buffalo Anti-Imperialist Newsletter (BAIN) and militantly denouncing Reagan's aggression against the Central American people.

Both Democratic and Republican politicians rubbed elbows with Reagan. Democratic Mayor James Griffin slobbered praises to Reagan; how Reagan is such a "regular guy" he'll even eat lunch with politicians who didn't finish high school! As this disgusting example of bootlicking was taking place, demonstrators were preparing to give Reagan the proper send-off. As Reagan was leaving Buffalo, protesters lined the streets shouting slogans and booing him. At this point, more people from the community had joined the demonstration showing how broad the sentiment against Reagan is in Buffalo.

In spite of the social-democratic politics promoted by the labor bureaucrats of the UAW and other opportunists, the atmosphere was militant. Strong anti-Reagan sentiment exists The MLP was active in building for among the masses, as evidenced by this demonstration. Over a thousand the broad demonstration in Buffalo.

#### Waynesboro, Georgia

### Black People Rebel Against Racist Police Murder

Over the weekend of August 18-19, black residents of the small rural town of Waynesboro, Georgia took to the streets in a rebellion against the police murder of Larry Gardner. On the day before, Gardner, a 32-year old black man, had been arrested on a charge of alleged shoplifting. In a situation all too familiar to the black community he died in police custody. The police story was that Gardner died of "heat exhaustion.'

The people did not believe the police story. There were witnesses who saw Larry being beaten by the cops. His family found it hard to believe that he would die of heat exhaustion when he was in good health and worked in the sun laying bricks and blocks. Besides, racist harassment of blacks by the police is a regular feature of life in Waynesboro.

Hundreds of people gathered in angry protest outside the Waynesboro courthouse on Saturday. By the evening, the anger of the black masses grew into a militant rebellion. Both that night and the next, the masses expressed their outrage with rock

throwing and fire bombings. Over a hundred police descended into the town to put down the black people's struggle. The sheriff enforced an 8 p.m. curfew; an 11 p.m. curfew was already in effect ostensibly against loitering by young people. At least 20 people, all blacks, were thrown in jail for curfew violations.



A demonstrator denounces the Rev. Julian Bell, president of the local NAACP chapter, in front of the county courthouse in Waynesboro, Georgia. Bell was trying to "calm down" protestors who demanded an explanation for the death in police custody of Larry Gardner.

local misleaders of the black people to autopsy, which also exonerated the black people by police and racist leaders to their face. On August 21, these misleaders, including the local preacher who is president of the NAACP, joined with the police in holding a town meeting where they The police also brought in various read out the results of a second

subdue the anger of the black masses. police. The meeting became the scene gangsters is a daily feature of life. The At the Saturday demonstrations these of militant denunciations by the audi- Waynesboro rebellion shows the the police story and go home. But the murder of Larry Gardner but also pro- people for rising in struggle against people refused to accept this advice tested against the police brutality racism and national oppression. It black people.

sign of the deep ferment that is gather- believe in compromise with the racists. ing among the oppressed black masses against the oppression they suffer in this country. The wanton shooting of

black masses who want to fight racism The rebellion in Waynesboro is a and the reformist misleaders who

### From 'The Student' newspaper at Mass. Institute of Technology

### What We Stand For

(The following article is reprinted from the September 17, 1984 issue of The Student, a newspaper published by progressive students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Ma.)

The Student extends a hearty welcome to all students, especially to freshmen and new graduate students. We are the progressive voice of the MIT students born out of the struggles against racism and U.S. imperialism. We began The Student last spring to help organize the mass resistance to the attacks by the MIT administration people called on the masses to trust ence, who not only condemned the potential strength among the black which restrict the access of working class and poor youth to higher education. We helped organize demonstraand denounced the reformist mis- which is a regular feature of life for the also shows the gulf that separates the tions against the tuition increase and the Reaganite cutbacks in financial aid. We have agitated against President Gray's plans to eliminate "needblind" admissions. Our analysis has made it clear that these attacks are not an isolated event at MIT, but that the MIT Corp. is carrying out a common program of the U.S. capitalists to restrict higher education to the sons and daughters of the rich.

> The Student has also worked hard to build resistance to the racist offensive. Led by the Reagan government, the rich seek to turn back the clock and wipe out the gains of the 1960's struggles for equal rights by the black and Spanish-speaking peoples. Here at MIT we helped to organize protests against the unjustified firing of Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Mary O. Hope, a well-liked reformist administrator, and we exposed the corporation's plans to eliminate OME (Office of Minority Education).

movement against U.S. imperialism and militarism. The rich who un-

leashed Reaganism against the working class, oppressed nationalities and students in the U.S. are the same rich imperialists who subjugate whole nations abroad to extract golden profits at slave wages. The Student holds that all progressive people must oppose this system of imperialism. Last year we helped to organize and/or participated in demonstrations against the criminal invasion of Grenada, denouncing war criminal Kissinger, in solidarity with the fighting workers and peasants of Central America, and in support of the armed struggle of the South African masses to smash the racist apartheid system. We do not support either the U.S. government or the Soviet social-imperialists as they compete for and divide the globe into spheres of domination — the future belongs not to the exploiters and thieves, but to the toilers of the world.

We believe that Republican President Reagan is merely a puppet of the rich, who are actively pursuing a reactionary offensive on the working class and poor, and that the Democratic Party has supported all of Reagan's social program cuts and arms spending increases. We therefore call for a complete break with the Democratic Party, which faisely portrays itself as the party of working people. The only way to fight the Reaganite offensive is with militant mass struggle. The Student will work in the Boston area to build a revolutionary student movement independent of the two capitalist parties and in solidarity with the working class and

Defend the gains of the 1960's against the Reaganite offensive!

Build the revolutionary student movement, in solidarity with the working class and poor!

Down with the Republicans and The Student works to build the mass Democrats, imperialist parties of the

#### Latinos fight racist attacks

### What happened in Lawrence, Massachusetts

(The following article is based on an country, the conditions demand a article in the Boston Worker, news- united struggle of the working class paper of the Boston Branch of the against the rich exploiters and their MLP, August 14, 1984.)

Lawrence, Massachusetts, rose up in a powerful rebellion. Contrary to the lies of the capitalist media, the fighting was not senseless, nor was it a anti-working class offensive that the family feud, nor was it a general fight between Puerto Ricans and whites. The so-called "riots" were a revolt of the Puerto Rican and Dominican work- friends, a gang of racists that hung out ers and youth against the disgusting at a segregated bar and a liquor store discrimination and harassment they have suffered at the hands of the employers, the government, the police and a section of white racists. The battle cry of the militant community was and is, "We demand equal rights," "We demand respect!"

Lawrence is a town where the working class is living under increasingly difficult conditions. It is a classic example of what the Reagan "recovery" means for the working class. Unemployment is the highest in the state, four factories have closed since January and 20% of the population lives below the poverty level. Funding for schools has been cut to disastrous levels to finance the Proposition 21/2 tax cuts for the rich. The big capitalists who own the Digital, GCA, Hewlett Packard and other plants in the Merrimack Valley are taking advantage of the misery of the workers to increase profits by paying starvation wages of \$4 and \$5 per hour. The Puerto Rican and Dominican workers are suffering the most. They make on the average 40% less than the white workers. In addition they and their families suffer constant abuse from the government authorities and racist

thugs.

government. With Reagan as their spokesman, the rich are trying to On the evening of August 8 and 9, stifle this revolt by poisoning the the Spanish-speaking community in workers' minds with racism and stepping up discrimination against minorities and immigrant workers.

> It was in this atmosphere of a racist, revolt broke out in Lawrence. The revolt was actually sparked by the provocative attacks of the police and their at the corner of Oxford and Haverill streets. Emboldened by the racism that has been coming from the highest levels of government, these racists have stepped up their harassment of the Puerto Rican people in the neighborhood. For the past month they have been insulting the Puerto Ricans that walk by with racial slurs and threats. They have also launched a number of physical attacks on people in the neighborhood. Puerto Rican families repeatedly demanded that the police put an end to these attacks but the police refused, openly displaying their sympathy with the racists. On the night of August 1 some members of this racist gang threw a rock through the window of a Puerto Rican family showering glass on a five-month old baby. In spite of protests of neighbors, police refused to arrest the culprits and told people they were overreacting to a minor incident.

But the campaign of racist harassment had gone too far and it began to blow up in the face of the government authorities and their little helpers. The militants in the community decided that if the racists were to be stopped they would have to take matters in their own hands. On Wednesday after- the fire engines came, these too met a student movement allied with the formed LUCHA that if they had any In Lawrence, as elsewhere in this noon, August 8, several workers and haif of rocks — the community was working class and poor.

youth went as a delegation to the determined to eliminate the base of liquor store and confronted the racists. They told them that they did not want trouble, but that if the harassment did not stop they would take measures. The racists responded with a chorus of racist filth and a barrage of bottles. one of which smashed in the face of a Puerto Rican worker. The Spanishspeaking workers concluded that they would have to take decisive measures, so they retreated into the community and began rallying forces for the mass struggle.

Meanwhile, the racists tried to rally support with lies that the Puerto Ricans had started a fight. And of course they called in their police protectors. At about 9 p.m. the police assembled together with the racists at the corner of Haverill and Oxford. Many other whites and Puerto Ricans also gathered along the street to see what was going on. The police and the civilian racists then began taunting the Spanish-speaking people, who were forming in small groups. Then the police, carrying shotguns, formed a column of three squad cars and began to move through the community shouting racial slurs at the people and ordering them to get in their houses. The arrogant facists received a reply of rocks and bottles which sent them | tions. Also, the campus police blocked running for their lives out of the lower | access to a classroom in Building 4 for Tower Hill district!

A force of 200 to 300 minority workers and youth then moved to confront the racist gang at the top of Oxford Street. Since most of the whites were just watching and not supporting the racists, the gang was quickly routed. The anti-racists immediately put a torch to the liquor store and the to defend the gains of the 1960's and apartment above it which was the to support the liberation struggles home of some of the racist thugs. They abroad, we must break with the re-

operation of the racist gang.

By midnight the government sent a detachment of 150 riot-equipped state troopers against the community. They took a number of the racists into "protective custody" while they attacked the Spanish-speaking people with tear gas, dogs and clubs. The workers responded vigorously, many arming themselves. There was street fighting through the night.

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### Political rights of students threatened

(The following article is reprinted from Student, a newspaper published by progressive students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Ma.)

Last year The Student came under attack from various right-wing elements of the MIT campus. Most notable was the publication of a false issue of The Student, which sought to confuse student readers by misrepresenting several of our political posia Political Discussion Group meeting, and several supporters of The Student were harassed by reformist and careerist student politicians as well. All of these actions are efforts by reactionaries and social-democrats to prevent students from reaching the solid political conclusion that in order

the September 17, 1984 issue of The to more dirty tactics. They are now offering bribes of various sorts to student groups in exchange for their dent. Last week the leadership of LUCHA (Chicano students) was told (who is an open Reagan supporter) that MIT has been lenient long enough with its funding of LUCHA, and that the Institute is prepared to cut off all funds if the group continues its political activities. (For example, LUCHA displays The Student in its Infinite Corridor bulletin board.) The Admissions employee then proceeded to offer LUCHA funds for a freshmen dinner, and he even offered to organize the event for them! What a cheap price to gain access to the LUCHA po-

On a similar note, LUCHA has been contacted by the social-democratic Cambridge Peace to cosponsor a benefit concert at MIT for the people of Central America. But only 24 hours also wrecked the racists' bar. When formists and build an independent later the Peace representative incontact with The Student they would

Now the reactionaries are resorting not be able to cosponsor the event with them. In other words, if LUCHA stops supporting the revolution of the workers and peasants of Central America renouncement of support for The Stu- and instead begins to campaign for Mondale, then LUCHA can have the "honor" of cosponsoring the concert. by an Admissions Office employee A social-democratic bribe, but bribery nonetheless!

Students! At stake is the democratic right of free thought and speech on university campuses for which students fought hard in the 1960's. LUCHA has come under pressure to renounce its political position or face a financial threat. The open threat from the Admissions employee is nothing less than an attack on student free speech. The Student calls on all students and faculty to oppose any attempt by MIT or any institution to limit political debate, particularly at this time when the U.S. is registering youth for the draft as part of its war preparations for Central America.

### The fight against anti-immigrant legislation must continue

zoli Bill has once again become bogged down in Congress. This bill marks the culmination of years of effort by the capitalists to develop a comprehensive law to persecute the immigrants. Both the House and Senate have passed their own versions of this reactionary legislation. But after nine days of recent negotiations, Senate and House conferees were unable to resolve the differences in the two versions. Since aliens. In reality this meek proposal Congress has been scheduled to adjourn in the first week of October, it tion to file complaints with a new appears that a unified bill will not pass agency to be created in the Justice Deduring this session of Congress.

However it is certain that Congress will take up next year where it left off this year and that the capitalists will continue to persecute the immigrants. There can be no relenting in the struggle against the Simpson-Mazzoli bill and other reactionary anti-immigrant proposals.

The differences that stalled the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill were not over whether to intensify the repression and exploitation of immigrant labor. The debate was merely over how to attack the immigrants.

For example, there was agreement to implement a phony "amnesty" program for "illegal" immigrants which would lead to more deportations and to the creation of a legal subcaste of super-exploited workers who are excluded from even the most minimal rights. There was also agreement to beef up the Immigration and Naturalization Service so it can carry out more gestapo-style raids on work places and immigrant communities. As well, all supported the increased use of temporary "guest workers" who live as virtual slaves to the capitalist farmers during the harvesting seasons and are then expelled from the country. And there was no dispute over establishing a national ID tracking system to help hound immigrants, militants and revolutionary activists.

What the Senate-House talks broke down over was the question of how to implement the "employer sanctions" provision of the bill. Both sides approved of fining capitalists who hire unclocumented workers. The capitalist politicians know that such a provision

The anti-immigrant Simpson-Maz- immigrants and restricting them in the "right" to become tied up in the House "anti-discrimination" troversy was over how to deal with the fact that this provision will inevitably encourage employers to discriminate against all "foreign-looking" workers.

> The House, admitting that this discrimination would occur, hypocritically passed a provision that would allegedly ban discrimination against legal merely allowed victims of discriminapartment. Thus, at best, the House bill would first create conditions for kicking immigrants out of their jobs and having their job applications rejected. Then the immigrants would receive

practice to the most wretched sweat- bureaucratic red tape, appealing for shops and labor camps. The only con-relief from presidential appointees in the Justice Department and from the notoriously racist judicial system. This provision clearly has less to do with protecting the rights of immigrants, than protecting the images of the racist politicians who devised it.

But even this mild "safeguard" was rejected by the Senate conferees, leading to the current impasse. Bill cosponsor Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.) led the opposition, fraudulently claiming that the House proposal would mean giving aliens an unfair advantage over U.S. citizens seeking jobs! This chauvinist garbage was echoed by the other co-sponsor, Representative Mazzoli (D-Ky.) whose still milder version of

proposal was also rejected by the Senate. Mazzoli declared, "We are buying American, we are building American. Why shouldn't employers be able to hire Americans without suffering a challenge for discrimination.' (New York Times, September 20, 1984. p. 14) In other words, the capitalists should be free to discriminate at will.

The vicious persecution of the immigrants is part of the capitalist offensive against all workers, both native and foreign born. The working class must link arms and come to the defense of the immigrants. Down with reactionary legislation against the immigrants! Equality and full rights for all immigrants!

### Down with INS raids against immigrants!

Although Congress failed to pass the anti-immigrant legislation, the bourgeoisie has continued its cruel persecution of the immigrants.

In early August the Immigration and Nationalization Service (INS) conducted a series of raids against immigrant workers. In California's "Silicon Valley," electronics plants have been raided as part of "Operation Cooperation." In this program the employers have been cooperating with the INS authorities, fingering suspected "illegals." The INS then swoops down on the plants, arresting all the suspects. Those arrested have been taken hundreds of miles away to be bullied, threatened and deported by the authorities. Families are not even notified where the arrested immigrants are being held. Besides the factory raids, INS agents have also raided shopping areas, dance halls and private homes in the San Jose area searching for the undocumented. All told, several hundred people have been deported through these raids.

Massive roundups of immigrant workers also took place in the Dallas-Fort Worth area of Texas. In a threeday period, the INS agents arrested 1,060 suspected undocumented workers at various factories and plants. The



Starkist canning plant workers in Los Angeles protest against the firing of hundreds of Mexican nationality workers who could not provide documented proof of U.S. citizenship.

national minority population.

The massive sweep through the Dallas-Fort Worth area was repeated on to death. an even grander scale at the end of will result most of all in mass firings of arbitrary nature of the arrests can be September. A record 1,144 suspected

seen from the fact that of the 385 undocumented workers fell prey to the arrested on one day, only 110 were un- INS dragnet in a three day period. documented immigrants. Clearly the These raids show that as far as the INS raids aim to terrorize the entire capitalists are concerned, the immigrants are simply animals to be hunted down and slaves to be worked

Down with the racist INS raids!

### **Heat walkout** at a New York City factory

(The workers at a medium-sized manu- that it was the company who was facturing plant in New York City have quaking in its boots at this instance of been engaged in a struggle against mass action by the workers and was suspensions in the wake of a heat trying to make sure that this is not rewalkout. Below we reprint a leaflet in peated in the future and that it does support of this struggle issued by the not spread to the rest of the factory. New York Metro Branch of the Marx- Besides, the workers were in no mood ist-Leninist Party, USA on August 19, to disavow their courageous action,

one department at the company went said: "You claim that it is illegal to into action against the attacks of the company. Nearly forty workers from for you to suspend our comrades!!" the second shift refused to resume denouncing the company slave drivers before returning home later that evening. They were demanding the reinstatement of five fellow workers arbitrarily suspended after going home the day before because they were unable to work in the unbearable heat inside the work place. They were own "good will"? Certainly not. also demanding that the company turn on the air conditioning, which is kept taking place nationwide. The Reaganshut off by the greedy moneybags who ites have been crowing for some time couldn't care less if a worker suffers a about an "economic recovery" taking heat stroke, just as long as they make a place. But this "recovery" has been, good saving in their electricity bills.

This courageous action of the workers won the reinstatement of four of their suspended coworkers, as well as the air conditioning that the workers masses are more and more impoverwere demanding for their department. The Personnel Manager was forced to sums. eat his own words and call the workers back the following Monday. This is a significant victory for the workers of capitalists keep demanding wage the department. It shows the importance of the mass action of the workers to fight the attacks of the company. And it shows the need to stand up to the constant encroachments of the is trying to impose a substantial wage company slave drivers upon the work- cut for newly hired workers.

the capitalist moneybags either. And thing, not all the suspended workers were reinstated on Monday, August 6, but the suspension was continued for the shop steward who participated in this action. The company wants to make sure that the action does not go unpunished, so it is unjustly suspending the shop steward for two weeks.

Moreover, the following Tuesday the Personnel Manager went to the department and talked to various workers in order to try to intimidate this to happen again. But it is clear ence to prepare for further struggle.

and in talking to the Personnel Manager many insisted on defending their On Friday, August 3, the workers of suspended comrades. As one worker stop work, but we think it was illegal

The action of the workers of the dework that day and stood outside the partment is also significant in light of factory gates for several hours angrily the upcoming contract struggle. The contract expires at the end of September. As every worker knows, these capitalists are notorious slave drivers out to squeeze every last penny from the sweat and blood of the workers. Can we then expect the capitalists to agree to a decent contract out of their

It is instructive to consider what is above all, a recovery for the rich, a profit recovery. While millions upon millions of unemployed workers still look fruitlessly for work, while the ished, the rich are raking in fabulous

But the profit rebound has not softened the hearts of the rich. The freezes from the workers, they keep demanding wage and benefit cuts. Reagan is demanding a subminimum wage for the youth. The postal service

In other words, the exploiters have Of course this lesson wasn't lost to stepped up their attacks on the working masses, despite the profit rethey have taken steps to try to prevent bound. This is because their profits are the workers from drawing the correct; made out of the sweat of the workers. conclusion about the need for mass. And it is only when the workers have struggle against the company. For one fought for their rights that they have been able to maintain themselves in the face of the ongoing capitalist

> It is precisely this lesson which the action of the workers so forcefully highlights. Only when the workers fight, only when they wage mass struggle against the capitalists, are they able to maintain themselves in the face of the constant encroachments

The workers in all departments them by saying that the action had should discuss and learn from the heat been illegal and that he did not want walkout. They must use this experi-

### Defeat the new auto concessions deal!

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In other words, the national contract means nothing. GM has been given the right to eliminate jobs through automation, job combinations, work rule changes, speedups, unlimited overtime, and so forth. The workers from one plant will be forced to compete with the workers at other plants over who will give GM the greatest concessions to "save" an ever shrinking number of jobs. And the UAW leaders will sit on the job-cutting comrnittees to help GM keep the workers under control.

In the second place, the contract creates the "job opportunity bank" as a means to placate the anger of laid off workers with a promise that they might get some relief.

The bank is supposed to provide pay and benefits, job training, and eventually new jobs to those laid off. But that few will ever see a cent.

The program doesn't begin for six have already lost their jobs, and presumably those who lose their jobs in the next half year. GM can also exclude workers who it decides lost their off of GM facilities, and can be applied to almost anything GM wants. As well, a worker can be excluded for refusing any job, no matter how had, that GM offers.

dict that only about 3,400 workers a by taking the biggest pay outs. year could be put through this program. This estimate is figured on the basis of what GM dains is its total compensation costs for each worker each year. And this estimate does not take into account the high costs of administrating the program, of runringido training, etc.

all, is that instead of the power of the 600,000 arro workers being combined to fight for jobs or a fixelihood, each worker is on his own, digging through a mountain of red tape, and receiving nothing or next to nothing in most



Striking GM workers at Van Nuys, California during the recent strike.

Plant-by-Plant Wage Cutting

Along with job elimination, the contract allows GIM to carry out wage cutting on the local level.

The September 27 Detroit News neports that the contract "includes the program is a nightmane of re- a provision for the union and GM to ists. strictions and limitations which ensure discuss at the plant level whether wage scale changes are needed."

Here we have the typical "now you months. It excludes the 200,000 who see it, now you don't" trick of the capitalists. The GM contract grants the workers a piddling wage increase on the national level (for an assembler 20¢ an hour the first year and lump jobs for "reasons beyond the control sum payments, which are not rolled of the company." This escape clause is into the base rate, that amount to already to be applied to jobs lost about 35¢ an hour for each of the through sales shimps and the selling second and third years). Then the same contract lets GM slash the workers' wages on the local level.

Here again, the workers at different plants are thrown into competition with each other and with low wage What is more, various experts pre- sweatshops over who will "save jobs"

#### A Stepped Up Takeback Offensive

In short, the contract guarantees GM's right to conduct a wage and jobcutting drive against each individual plant unrestricted by any provisions in the national agreement. This is an What this program means, above innovative contract all right. We have seldom seen a contract that stipulates workers would put a spoke in the the company's night to violate it.

With such provisions as these, the contract raises the question of what is the point of organizing into a trade anion. The workers formed unions in order to gut an end to competition baspire and suffer the fighting will of

among themselves and to combine in common battle to defend the workers' interests against the encroachments of the capitalists. The auto workers, with some 600,000 members concentrated in large factories, stand as a powerful force against the capital-

But the UAW leaders are frittering away this force. It is bad enough that they have split up the GM, Ford, and Chrysler workers to each separately face their own sompany each contract time. And it is load enough that this year they only allowed a few plants to strike GM, while keeping the majority of workers producing profits for GM. But now they have agreed to a contract that forces the workers at each plant to confirmat GM by themselves.

This is treachery pure and simple. If the auto workers are to mount a struggle against the capitalists, then they must organize independently of the UAW leaders.

#### Get Organized to Fight the Capitalists Concessions Drive

What the GM contract ensures most of all, is that the workers will face an even stiffer battle against the capitalists' camessions offensive.

The vank and the GM workers must get organized to fight this notion contract. By rejecting the new pact the wheels of the concessions drive; they would make it more possible to use the strength of their numbers for a real struggle to defend their jobs and livelihood; and they would help to

all the auto workers.

But even if GM and the UAW leaders manage to shove this deal speedup, job elimination and wage the workers to resist concessions at fensive.

down the workers' throats, the battle cuts at one factory after another. their own plant. And it puts the workis far from over. This contract opens Organizing to fight this contract now, ers on the road to a combined struggle up a vicious drive for automation and even if that initial fight fails, prepares to defeat the auto monopolies' of

### Provisions of the GM contract

mous job elimination. Take a flook at amounts to about 35¢ an hour for an the major provisions of the new con- assembler.

The Fraud of Job Security

The contract provides no relief for the 100,000 GM workers who have Cutting the Cost-of-Living Allowbeen permanently laid off and lost all semicrity and recall rights.

The contract stipulates GM's right to carry out local job-eliminating measures and opens the way for GM to carry out its announced plans to eliminate 60,000 to 120,000 jobs in the eliminated. mext two years. The September 23 issue of the Detroit News pointed out that the "job security" program is a means of onshioning the effect of (job) displacement without preventing it...at a bearable cost to the company."

A 'fob opportunity bank' is supposed to be set up to provide pay, benefits, job training, and placement in a new job for those laid off. But the extensive restrictions on which of the workers can qualify for the program and the funding of only \$1. billion over six years, means only a small section of the laid-off will get help. Some experty estimate that no more than 3,400 workers a year could be provided for under this program.

Concessions on the Base Wage The contract eliminates the traditional 3% annual wage increase.

In the first year of the contract the lowest paid GM workers will receive only a 1% raise (about 9¢ an hour) while only a few workers will get as much as 3.5%. The average assembler will get about 20¢ an hour.

The tentative GM contract is being In the second and third years the in GM plants. GM will proceed on its mornoted as a no-concessions, job annual increase in the base wage is merry way to shut down operations security agreement. But in fact the eliminated altogether. Instead workers and send work to low wage sweat contract is check full of concessions will receive a lump sum payment shops. and, far from providing job security, it averaging 21/2% of their yearly opens the door to a program of enor- pay, excluding overtime pay. This . No Bar to Owertime

> GM may carry out cuts in the wage even making it so expensive that GM rate on a local, plant-by-plant basis.

ance (COLA)

payments will save GM about \$280 million over the life of the contract. The 11¢ an hour COLA increase

Of the remaining \$3.04 an hour of the base rate.

Further, a section of the CCLA millions of other workers unemployed. payments are to be diverted to help poor old GM to pay for various of the . Maintaining the Cuts in Paid Days benefit programs.

#### Medical Benefit Concessions GM estimates it will save \$220

million over the life of the contract this is a hollow victory when you confrom concessions on medical benefits. limit the amount of visits to hospitals cessions contract.

by forcing families covered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield to get an authori- Throwing Out the National Cona hospital for non-emergency care. Workers who do not get prior authorithe hospital bill.

#### · No Restrictions on Plant Closings plants." These committees are and Subcontracting Out Work

promise by GM in a 'Jetter of intent' that it will do what it can to keep jobs

There is no real measure to put a stop to the enormous overtime. As well, the contract stipulates that Instead of simply barring overtime, or can't afford it, the UAW leadership agreed to a provision requiring GM to pay a fine of only 50¢ an hour for overtime greater than two hours per A series of concessions on COLA week. What is more, the overtime is to be figured on a yearly basis, and apparently on a company wide basis. Taking into account hours lost due to which was due in September has been plant shutdowns, drangeover, etc. GM may well pay nothing.

It is outrageous to allow GM to force COLA, only \$2.99 will be rolled into 54 and 63 hour workweeks when there are 100,000 GM workers laid off and

A big hoopla is being made that there will be three additional paid days alf during the life of the contract. But sider that 27 paid personal holidays Among other things, GM expects to were chiminated in the 1982 con-

#### zation before they can be admitted into tract for Local Job Eliminating and Wage-Curring Concessions

The contract stipulates that the zation will be fined by GM a portion of UAW leadership and GM are to set up narional, regional, and local committees to "improve efficiency at GM granted the ability to "warve or There are no restrictions againt GM change parts of the national conclosing plants or subcontracting out mact." This means that any protecwork; there is only an unenforcable thous in the national contract are

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'Labor peace' means no fight

for job security

Miners picket a coal mine in Pike County, Ky.

On September 27, a new contract

was ratified between the United Mine Workers (UMW) and the Bituminous

Coal Operators Association (BCOA).

Faced with a slump in coal sales, the

coal capitalists have been viciously

eliminating jobs, eroding safety con-

ditions, and grabbing other con-

cessions from the miners. Through

modernization, sub-leasing mines to

smaller and often non-union com-

panies, sub-contracting out work, and

nated. Today 55,000 of the UMW's

Before this year's bargaining began

over 100 coal companies withdrew

from the BCOA in an effort to split up

the miners into many separate contract

battles. The BCOA itself, which still

represents most of the biggest under-

ground operations, pressed for a con-

tinuation of their job-elimination

prerogatives and for a "moderate"

Apparently the UMW leadership

caved in to the coal capitalists' pres-

sure. The new union leadership,

headed by Richard Trumka, has been

eager to prove to the coal barons that

they could establish "labor peace" in

the coal fields. To obtain a contract

without a strike, they both scuttled

the miners' job security demands and

agreed to a meager 10% over three

years wage increase. This \$1.40 an

hour wage increase falls far behind the

through the national strike in the last

without a national strike. Since taking

things, Trunka has destroyed a num-

ber of democratic reforms in the union

and has taken the UMW back on the

road towards a dictatorial regime, in

\$3.60 an hour increase achieved

160,000 members are laid off.

wage settlement.

ON THE NEW COAL CONTRACT

### Postal Workers, FIGHT BACK!



On August 16, postal workers in New York City (above) and other cities in the northeast organized informational pickets.

Metro Branch of the MLP produced a flyer for the postal workers' struggle against the takeback drive of the Postal Service. The following three presented its brutal demands as an articles on the postal workers' struggle, the treachery of the leaders of the postal unions, and the two-tier wage system are based on this flyer.

The Reagan government is on the attack against the postal workers. The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) is demanding wage cuts and takebacks. Among other things it is trying to saddle the workers with a two-tier wage system that would pay newly hired workers some 23% less than those currently employed. While temporarily blocked by Congress on August 10, the USPS is still going full steam ahead with its plans for a twotier wage system. The USPS is now to all the workers. In the face of Bol-

On September 7, the New York only waiting for the federal arbitrators gers' ultimatums and threats to punish to grant them the wage cuts and take- and fire the workers, the spirit of backs that they are demanding.

> ultimatum. In this situation it is clear that the only thing Postmaster Bolger and his Reaganite masters will understand is a most determined and militant struggle. Unfortunately the top union leaders have made it clear that they are prepared to cave in without even the threat of a serious struggle.

> But the postal workers have the strength to win. They can win by relying on their own efforts. The key thing now is to fan the flames of indignation against the vicious takebacks. This will strengthen the workers' ranks and prepare for resistance.

> The fight against the takeback demands of the USPS must be brought

defiance and mass action must be The Postal Service management has spread on the work room floor, in the cafeterias, in the swing rooms, and in union meetings. And the betrayal being planned by the top union bureaucrats, who stand against mass struggle, must be exposed and op-

> The postal workers of all crafts need to get organized by relying on their own efforts and strength. The postal workers are over a half-million strong. To make use of this strength they must get organized to overcome the treachery of the union bureaucrats and to defeat the attacks of the USPS.

No Concessions to the Postal Service! Defy the strikebreaking threats! No to arbitration!

Get organized for mass struggle!

### Union leaders kneel before the dictate of the postal service

the New York Metro Branch of the annual leave, 50% cut in sick leave, struggles. Marxist-Leninist Party, USA on and no COLA at all! But as well it is September 7, 1984.)

Postmaster General Bolger and the United States Postal Service (USPS) were so confident of getting what they wanted through arbitration that they began to implement the two-tiered wage scale as soon as the contract lapsed. But on August 10 the House of Representatives voted to block implementation of the two-tiered system before a new contract is in effect. It was an amendment to an appropriation bill. The Senate however did not approve the measure and it remains to be worked out by a House-Senate conference. National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) president Sombrotto calls this action a "hard blow" at the USPS and puts on the "militant" posture of threatening to strike if the "new law" is not obeyed by Bolger. Sombrotto is helping to feed the widescale propaganda that this congressional action has stopped the two-tier system. But this is a fraud!

The two-tiered wage cut is very much alive and kicking. The congressional budget amendment is hardly a "new law" against two-tiers. Even if the Senate agrees to it, the bill only blocks its imposition at this time. against its future implementation as soon as the arbitrator declares it is OK. Congress did not take this action because of any consideration of "fairness" to the postal workers. In fact, Bolger's arrogant implementation of the two-tier system had provoked sparked pre-convention strike votes in Philadelphia and New York. Congress hopes to forestall this motion towards mass action and to restore the workers' faith in the government as a "friend" of the workers, or at least as a "neutral" party in this case. In this way, the government wants to hoodwink the postal workers into relying on binding arbitration as the best alterna-

The two-tier system is a brutal attack on new hires - at 23% cut in

(The following leaflet was issued by base wage, close to 50% reduced roadblocks in organizing resistance letters outlining the outrageous cuts in aimed at all postal workers. "Twotier" would provide USPS with a new incentive for further attacks on current workers — either through firing them outright through new, streamlined perimental "attendance control" program) or through layoffs of those employees without six years of contin-

> Even worse, a two-tiered structure would open another split in the ranks began as soon as the contract expired.

The USPS has been preparing to implement the two-tiered wage cut for a and even the New York Times has reof the postal workers and create new These new hires have all been sent

wages and benefits. And even after the congressional action on August 10, all new hires, while hired at existing long time. Every postal worker knows, wage levels, are still being forced to sign a statement saying they would ported that the USPS has, for two accept the lower wages if the new years, been hiring new workers at a contract includes two-tiers. Obviously disciplinary measures (such as the ex- very slow rate while forcing tremen- Bolger is going ahead with plans for dous overtime on the existing workers. two-tiers which is a centerpiece of the The USPS was just waiting for the USPS attack on the postal workers. It lower wage scale to hire new workers is aimed at all workers and is the first and has now jumped at the first oppor- step towards eventually forcing similar tunity to do so. A new spate of hiring concessions from existing workers.

### No to a two-tiered wage system!

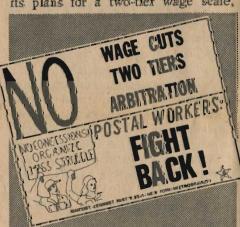
the American Postal Workers Union its plans for a two-tier wage scale, and the National Association of Letter Carriers held in Las Vegas, the top union leaders set out down the sellout path of federal binding arbitration.

Of course, Biller and Sombrotto, presidents of the APWU and the NALC, made plenty of empty gestures of militancy in order to push arbitration onto the workers. Biller had himself authorized to "take whatever action is necessary" to achieve a contract, leaving open the option of a strike. Then the APWU leaders in meamong the workers for a walkout was almost nonexistent. But, in fact, prior forcing all new hires to sign a stateto the conventions, talk of the need for ment agreeing to a future cut in wages a strike was widespread among the rank and file.

Sombrotto fully committed himself (but oh, so militantly!) to binding widespread sentiment for a strike and arbitration. He declared, "We will arbitrate as we would have struck, with no let-up." Here, too, this decision flies in the face of the sentiment for a strike that was demonstrated by pre-convention strike votes in large York and Philadelphia and in smaller

Sombretts's other metense of militance was the threat to strike if the USPS implemented its two-tiered wage cut prior to the results of binding arbitration. This is an empty threat. trusting their fate to federal arbitra-

On August 20, at the conventions of The USPS is already going ahead with tion.



and benefits. (See accompanying article on the two tier system.)

At the conventions both these union bureaucrats made a pretense of militance by denouncing the USPS's 'provocative, union busting' tactics. But this is part of the same song and dance that the union leaders have been giving the workers all along. Pointing to the brutal arrogance of managelocals of letter carriers such as New ment, they claim that the USPS is trying to provoke the workers into a strike so that the Reagan government can attack them like it did the PATCO workers. Therefore, the union sellouts argue, the workers should outsmart the USPS by staying on the job and

But what makes the union bigwigs think that federal arbitrators will give the workers a break when the same federal government is so determined to fire the workers and bust their union?

The idea that federal arbitration will hold back the government's vicious concessions drive is a cruel illusion. The union bosses are spreading this hoax in order to dampen the fighting, will of the postal workers and sell them. out to the wage cutting demands of the Postal Service.

#### Organize to Fight Back!

Waiting for help from federal arbitration is like waiting for hell to freeze over. The workers must take matters into their own hands and organize mass struggle against the arbitrary dictate of the USPS slave drivers.

the direction of that which existed Without organized mass struggle under the notorious Tony Boyle. the workers have no strength. The top bureaucrats can not be relied on to wage a serious fight; the fight has to bargaining demands. Instead the be organized despite their opposition. entire negotiations were conched in In the 1970 strike and in the 1976 absolute secrecy. As well, the bargainwildcats the postal workers showed ing council was eliminated and all what power and strength their united bargaining, authority to call a strike, actions can have in the face of the etc., were put exclusively in the hands vicious attacks of the USPS and the of Trumka and the executive board.

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On the following, day, Thursday, while some politicians and priests pleaded with the minarity community to be peaceful and turn the other cheek, the local papers and TV broadcast threats of retaliation from the bar owner and other racist things in order to whip up a white backlash. But both tactics failed. The young Spanishspeaking workers refused to turn the other cheek while the racists and the police became more isolated. Many white workers in the neighborhood expressed disgust for the racists and sympathy and respect for the light the Sparish speaking people were putting

cars and burning trash cans. The resistance was particularly fierce in the Merrimack Court Housing, Pro-

The mass active resistance scared the capitalists stiff. The desperation of the ruling class was voiced by Governor Dukakis in a public statement on Friday. He said, "This is not the time to figure out what happened. ... The important thing is to restore law and order and stability." He then generously offered the Lawrence city government as many state police as they might need.

But force alone was not enough, the government decided that it had to maneuver to end the fight before the truth about the rule of the police and the idea of mass struggle spread widely. On Wednesday the police had their forces considerably down from made five arrests of which four were the night before; assembled behind a anti-racis's. But on Thursday, to put on a show of evenhandedness they arrested a number of the racists, changing them with inciting to riot. Then on Friday they entrue dinto negotiations with representatives from the Feeding brave behind 160 armed police community. The police agreed to a fight back against the racist offensive. these cowardly racists began throwing number of reforms and currently a Togain even an inch towards equality, rocks and Molotov cocktails at the transe truce continues. Undoubtedly the oppressed nationalities have to When the community responded in word. But through their struggle, the care give strength and confidence to had, the police began a night-long community has gained much con-the oppressed masses. pagroom - marching in contingents fidence to stand up to racist huraus-

The Laurence rebellion shows that to them. Through racist oppression, from behind bearinades of overturned mass struggle is a powerful weapon to they make far profits and they weaker capitalism.

#### On October 1 two thousand miners went on strike against two coal firms who had refused to sign the national BCOA contract.

Still today, little information has been released on the new contract. But it appears that it leaves the miners in about the same situation as the last contract. The last agreement opened the door to greater job elimination and the deterioration of working conditions. The miners have had to repeatedly go out on strike to defend themselves. In the last couple of months several strikes have taken place.

Strikes Continue in the Coal Fields

so forth, many jobs have been elimi-On August 17, miners launched a wildcat against crew-cutting practices of Peabody Coal at its Sunnyhill mine complex in New Lexington, Ohio. Two hundred miners are laid off there while production has doubled in the last two years. Injuries have increased and safety has gone by the wayside as a result of the crew shortages.

On September 6, three hundred sixty miners at Peabody's Montcoal complex in Raleigh County, West Virginia went on strike when the company refused to honor a miner's job bidding rights. Within a week, miners at two other operations in Sundial and Twilight, West Virginia went out on strike in sympathy with the Montcoal miners. Altogether 1,000 miners participated in the strike. On September 17, the miners were forced back to work when the issue was put before the Arbitration Review Board.

Besides these, a number of contract strikes have taken place.

On August 23, five hundred miners struck the Sahara Coal Company in Illinois rejecting the company's offer of a This is the first time in 20 years that 30 cent an hour pay increase. a BCOA contract has been signed

Earlier, on August 2, a contract was office a comple of years ago, UMIW settled after a militant 133 day strike president Trumka has been system- against Basin Cooperative Services in atically working to put a brake on the North Dakota. One hundred thirtycoal miners' struggle. Among other seven miners struck against the company's demands for a two-tier wage system and other wage concessions. On July 26, the miners blocked four entrances to the mine, preventing scabs from going to work. State highway patrol officers, sheriff's deputies For example, the UMW convention and local police attacked the pickets was forbidden to set out this year's with billy clubs and threatened them with guns. But the miners fought back. Although 27 miners were arrested, the mass picket so frightened the scabs that they refused to cross the picket lines. On July 28, hundreds of protestors once again blocked the raine entrances and no scabs even Tarmita also get a resolution passed attempted to cross the picket lines. which threw out the window the The rainers' strike blocked many of the miners' fighting tradition of "no con- capitalists' takeback demands and the tract; no work" and opted instead for miners won a reduction in overtime 'selective strikes" against only a few and a \$1.82 an hour increase over a four year contract.

> Other contract strikes are expected to break out soon against a number of the companies which withdrew from the BCGA and have not yet reached an agreement with the UMW.

> Today the coal miners face very difficult conditions in their struggle. against the coal capitalists. Not only do they face massive layoffs, but they are also saddled with a new union leadership which is trying to block their struggle at every turn. Nevertheless, as the above strikes show, the fighting; will of the miners has not been broken. In the past the miners have overcome the dictate of the notorious Tony Boyle, and the treathery of the "militant" phrase mongers like Arrold Miller. By organizing independently of the IIMW bureaucracy, they can also exercome the subotage of the new Trumka leadership to mount a serious fight for their jobs and livelihood against the man-eating coal monop-

of the BCDA companies. With these resolutions in hand, Trunaka reached agreements with most of the companies which had dropped out of the BOOA, including those covering the 12,000 miners in Alabama and the big Arch Mineral mines in Illinois and Pennsylvania. Instead of bringing the rainers out in a collective struggle against the capitalists, these agreements stipulated that the miners would not strike these

With the BCOA, Trumka refused to give any information to the miners until the tentative pact was signed and voting began. And then, Trumka cut the amount of time allowed for voting down to a few days. In these conditions the rank and file rainers often did not know what was in the contract and did not have the needed time to mount a fight against Ilrumka's sellout.

mines if the companies would abide by

the HCOA contract once it was settled.

The capitalists will never give up racism. It is much too advantageous

the working people through divideand-rule methods. The struggle against racial oppression is the task of Specish speaking workers and youth. the authorities will go back on their take to struggle. And struggle clone the workers of all nationalities, white and non-white, native and foreignborn. This is essential to break down the barriers of distrust among the masses and to build a united class struggle of all the workers against

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worthless and GM can unleash a wave of local concessions over work rules, job combination, speedup, automation, and so forth. This provision means, as well, that the UAW leadership will be made a partner in organizing the job elimination measures.

As well, the contract stipulates that the UAW leadership and GMI can make "wage scale changes" at "the said that it plans to institute major, across-the-board wage cuts in their parts plants to make them "more competitive." With this contract pro- control program became clear. vision they are given the latitude to do this and much more.

### · Another Step Towards Company

The UAW leaders in this contract workers with concessions.

But new, in this contract, along with workers. The new contract provides for tract. SM to spend \$100 million to finance Workers must beware that there workers are supposed to be given contract.

preferential hiring at these new sweat-

This is not belying the laid off to obtain jobs. It is helping the UAW leaders to become full-scale capitalists themselves. You can see it now, a whole string of Don Hablin's Industrial Laundries and Rieber's Burger Barns springing up across the country.

• Beware of Other Vicious Concessions

A lot of the puzzisions of this contract have not yet been nevealed, and it plant level." All summer, GM has may contain many other concessions. Remember that in the 1982 contract it took several mouths before such things as the terrible outrages of the absence

> Undoubtedly the cursed absentee control program has been kept. But us yet there is no word on what changes, if any, have been made in the pra-

As well, the 1982 contract cut the struggle, and in earlier ones, have wage rates for new hires. All summer, shown that they are helibent on help- GM has been talking about shoughing the auto monopolies to saddle the ening this two-tier wage system by paying new bired workers 25% less than regular seniority workers. Under other steps towards company union this scheme it would take five years for ism, the UAW leaders have also the new hires to reach regular pay. As agreed to join GM in setting up new yet theme is no would on whether this capitalist enterprises to exploit the new outrage was supped into the con-

joint UAW/GM business ventures in and other macessions may have been "nontraditional" areas. Laid off GM. struck into the fire print of the new GM

At around 9:30 p.nr. the racists with phalanx of 180 police including a SWAII team and hegan chanting "USA, USA" -- obviously raimicking the charvinist ravings from the TV awerage of the Olympic games. through the community. But mobile ment. groups of militarity fought tit-for-tat

### A Storm of Struggle Rocks South Africa

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only discussing social affairs related to their own communities. And what is bers can be vetoed by the white chamber (and of course not vice versa).

The new constitution also concentrates massive new police powers in the office of the "state president," which Prime Minister Botha took over on September 14. In sum, the new constitution, far from reforming anything, only strengthens white minority rule in South Africa.

#### A Successful Boycott of the "Uncle Tom" Elections

The apartheid regime hoped to split the coloreds and Indians from the black people with the new constitution. What happened was the exact oppo-

To protest the new scheme, a movement was launched to boycott the elections for the colored and Indian parliaments. As elections approached at the end of August it became clear that the boycott campaign was gathering huge support. Blacks, coloreds and Indians, along with some white supporters, joined in large demonstrations to denounce the constitution as a fraud.

To counter the boycott the government passed laws requiring coloreds and Indians to register and vote, and making them subject to fines and arrests if they refused. Indians were threatened with eviction from stateowned housing and loss of state jobs and pensions. On the eve of the elections, the government arrested 50 of the main boycott organizers.

On the days of the elections, there were more troops stationed at the polls than there were voters. The troops were there to attack boycott demonstrators. People with placards against voting were met with dogs, clubs and birdshot, and a number were arrested.

The boycott was a big success. Only 18% of the coloreds eligible to register to vote did so. And only 16% of the eligible Indians voted. Some urban districts had a turnout of less than 3%. In one district a candidate was elected with only one vote while in two others the winners received two votes each!

Despite this massive repudiation of their "reform" scheme, the apartheid rulers went on to set up their new collaborationist parliaments with a set of thoroughly unrepresentative sellout politicians.

#### South Africa Explodes

Immediately following the elections, there was a massive outbreak of rebellion across South Africa. The ferment that had been smoldering among the people on a variety of issues broke through into storms of angry protest. There have been revolts of entire black townships against intolerable housing conditions. Students have risen in struggle against the racist educational system. And the black miners, who are an important section of the country's proletariat, went out on strike.

In certain parts of the country, the racist authorities and capitalists raised rents and utility rates in the black townships, the miserable ghettos where blacks are forced to live outside the major urban areas. The people, who are being ground down by the worst economic crisis since the 1930's, refused to tolerate this added burden.

Beginning on September 2 in Sharpeville and quickly engulfing seven townships, black workers and youth repeatedly took to the streets in protest, clashing with the army and police. The fiercest fighting has taken place in the Vaal Triangle, the mining and industrial center of the country where Johannesburg is located. Six million blacks live in this area.

The protesting masses used rocks and molotov cocktails against the troops. They threw up barricades in the streets with garbage, rocks, and even uprooted traffic signs. Dozens of government officials' homes, municipal offices and businesses were burnt. Several businesses were looted as the hungry masses took what they needed. Meanwhile a number of government offices were bombed right in the heart of Johannesburg itself.

The black masses not only struck out at the apartheid troops but also vented their anger against the tiny stratum of black sellouts within the townships. The racist regime has set up township governments to provide so-called home rule to the black residents. These puppet administrations were originally installed through electoral charades in which 10-15% of those eligible voted. The puppet authorities were directly implicated in the raising of rents and utility rates and are much hated by the masses. The homes and

offices of some of these officials were attacked and many of them fled. Some rulers. The Indian and colored cham- of the sellouts were arrested by the bers of parliament are restricted to masses, tried for their crimes and executed. The vice-mayor of Sharpeville township shot two boys who were demmore, any bill passed by these cham- onstrating; he was set upon by the

people and killed. The apartheid regime responded to the rebellions with heavy repression. The fascist troops moved through the townships in armored convoys, attacking the people with whips, shotguns, tear gas and rifles firing rubber and plastic bullets. The police and army have killed at least 32 people, including four young children. The authorities also banned all meetings, both indoor or outdoor, as well as demonstrations. Even dinner parties "where politics are discussed" have been declar-

Despite the repression the heroic masses refuse to be cowed. They have turned the funerals of the martyrs into militant demonstrations despite the government ban. Thousands turn out for the funerals, carry the coffins through the streets, unfurl banners and chant slogans right under the guns of the racist troops.

#### **Students Shut Down the Schools**

Right on the heels of the township rebellions a huge upsurge took place in the student movement. The students at black schools across South Africa went out on strike to protest against corporal punishment abuses and poor education and to demand student representation. In some instances students attacked schools and other symbols of authority such as principals' homes and cars. At its height the boycott of the schools included 600,000

On September 7 the racist rulers responded to the student struggle by closing down indefinitely all black schools in the country.

Hail the Fighting Black People of South Africa!

The struggle of the black people of South' Africa continues to develop. Each day brings new reports of struggle in defiance of the savage repression of the apartheid rulers. Although the masses are rising up in struggle over a variety of demands, their upsurge is squarely directed against the whole system of apartheid racism. Slogans for power and complete liberation are widespread on the lips of the fight ing workers and youth.

The racist bourgeoisie of South Africa has tried to put up a facade of "reforms" to escape its crisis. It is trying to create and bolster sellout sections from among the oppressed people while stepping exploitation and oppression. But the black and other oppressed masses are showing that they will not be drawn into the maneuvers of the racists. No compromise with apartheid racism — this is the sentiment of the South African masses.

The revolutionary struggle of the South African people deserves the support of the working class and progressive people the world over. Here in the U.S. it finds particular sympathy because this country in the not-too-distant past saw a huge upsurge against the apartheid-like Jim Crow system, and the U.S. continues to be a battleground against the oppression of blacks and other nationalities. The militant struggle of the South African blacks is itself a clarion call for the workers and progressive people in the U.S. to continue the struggle against racist oppression.

#### Down With U.S. Imperialism's Support for Apartheid Racism!

Solidarity with the South African struggle also calls on us here to step up the fight against U.S. imperialism's loving support for apartheid rule in



Demonstrators set fire to building in Evanton township.

#### **Miners Battle Troops in Strikes**

The movement in South Africa received another fresh impetus as tens of thousands of black mine workers in the coalfields and gold mines went out on strike beginning September 17. This began as a legal strike by the officially recognized National Union of Mineworkers. The union rejected a pay increase offer of 14% and is demanding instead an increase of 25%, to make up part of the huge differential in wages between black and white mine workers. (In general, white industrial workers make six times as much as black industrial workers.)

But the legal strike was quickly joined by thousands of other miners at mines where unions have not been legalized. It is only very recently that the South African regime has decided to legalize unions among the black miners; this only took place because the regime sought a way to check a growing tide of illegal unionization, strikes and violent uprisings by the

Unauthorized strikers, whether in legal or illegal unions, are attacked by the regime with great brutality. On September 18, wildcatting miners were attacked at a mine near Westonaria with clubs and firearms. Two hundred workers were hospitalized and seven died. In July during a wave of wildcats in northern Natal and eastern Transvaal, strikers were shot by white vigilante groups. The white vigilantes were applauded by the apartheid police authorities.

The miners' strike movement shows the severity of the crisis facing the apartheid regime. Mining is a central industry of the South African economy and the oppression of 400,000 black miners is a pillar of the regime. Struggle in this sector holds in store great dangers for apartheid.

South Africa.

Reagan is a particularly dear friend of the South African racists. He has launched a policy of "constructive engagement" with South Africa to rescue the racists from their internal crisis and international isolation. Thus, the fraudulent "reform" schemes of the apartheid rulers were commended by the Reagan administration. While mumbling a few words for show in criticism, the Reagan administration supported the new constitution as a "step in the right direction" that would "accelerate the process of reform." The Reaganites also stand by the South African racists in international forums like the UN and recently helped arrange a \$1.1 billion loan from the IMF to bail them out of financial crisis.

Support for apartheid racism is of course a bipartisan policy for U.S. imperialism. Despite some mealymouthed remarks about "human rights" from the Carter administration, and today by Mondale, close ties with South Africa have been cultivated by both Democrats and Republicans.

This bipartisan policy is based on the interests of imperialism. The big U.S. multinational corporations, like GM, Ford, Citibank, etc., make tremendous profits out of the superexploitation of black labor in South Africa. They have a direct interest in apartheid. As well, U.S. imperialism sees the South African military as an important regional policeman to attack the neighboring black peoples and occupy South West Africa. Solidarity with the South African people requires struggle against imperialism.

Down with apartheid racism! Down with U.S. backing for the apartheid regime!

Victory to the liberation struggle of the South African people!

### Hundreds masscred in El Salvador

### Behind the 'Human Rights' Sermons of U.S. Imperialism

The Christian-Democrat Jose Napoleon Duarte was elected president of El Salvador in May this year. This was touted by Reagan and the Democrats as a symbol of El Salvador moving towards "democracy" and "human rights." In reality, however, the election was a complete fraud organized by the CIA in order to put a "human rights" mask over a bloodstained military dictatorship.

Recent reports from that country have brought to light that during the first three months of Duarte's reign, a series of brutal massacres of peasant families have taken place. This provides graphic evidence that, notwithstanding Duarte's sweet words about "democracy," massacres of the people by the military continue unabated.

There can be no hope of a change for the better in El Salvador from Duarte and the military or from the U.S. government which backs the tyrants to the hilt. No, only the triumph of the revolutionary struggle of the workers and peasants can bring an end to the fascist terror.

#### **Hundreds Massacred**

From July 18 to 22, government troops from the U.S.-trained Atlacatl battalion and other army units carried out a search-and-destroy mission against the peasants of Los Llanitos in the northern province of Cabanas.

The massacre was an open act of revenge for the June 28 battle at the nearby Cerron Grande dam in which the Salvadoran liberation fighters had inflicted severe casualties on government troops. The Cabanas hamlets had been used as staging areas for the guerrilla operations at the dam, and before the massacre the Atlacatl troops shouted to the Cabanas peasants that they were now going to "pay" for their role in the attack on the dam. Duarte's troops then proceeded to hunt down, beat and machine gun to death over 68 unarmed and fleeing men, women and children. They also smashed in the peasants' huts and razed their cornfields.

Three other recent massacres have been reported, all of unarmed civilians in the rebel-held territories in eastern Chalatenango and Cabanas. In one, on August 28 to 30 in Guiliquiste, the Atlacatl troops used machine guns and occasions.

#### The Massacres Are Not Aberrations **But Deliberate Policy**

The civilian murders at the hands of he Duarte regime are one hundred percent deliberate. It is not a case of excesses committed by the army which somehow got out of Duarte's control. Nor is it a case of civilians simply getting "caught in the crossfire" between other parts of the country. the rebels and the government troops.

After the recent massacres Duarte proceeded to justify the murders and turned truth on its head by blaming the liberation fighters instead! He said, "The terrorists are using the claims that it is trying to improve



San Salvador on September 15 demanding democratic rights.

the masses to provoke, exposing these people to be killed. This is horrible. This is inhuman. But this is York Times, September 13, 1984)

That Duarte should take such a stand is no surprise. The fact is that waging a counterrevolutionary war means gunning down the masses of people. The guerrillas do not fight alone but enjoy the active support of the toiling masses. Indeed, the Cabanas peasants describe themselves as sympathizers of the liberation struggle. They are family and friends who house, clothe and feed the guerrillas, buy supplies, pass on intelligence and form brigades to do such work as clearing roads. As one peasant put it (D-Conn.) typified the Democrats' to a journalist, "Our troops carry the attitude towards Duarte when he arms and we do the work so our troops

The Atlacatl battalions and other Salvadoran troops have been trained by the U.S. military precisely for counterinsurgency which includes efforts to wipe out the mass base of the liberation movement. When the U.S. government boasts about the "prothe Salvadoran army they mean professionalism in massacres of the peomortars and left over a hundred peas- tary in numerous counterrevolutionary The U.S. is turning over 25 new Huey ants dead. The Salvadoran air force wars, from the colonial war in the helicopters (the type used in Vietnam) has also bombed peasants on several Philippines at the turn of the century as well as at least two AC-47 gunships, to Vietnam in the 1960's and 70's.

By coming out in support of the latest massacres and blaming the rebels, Duarte has in fact acknowledged that what he has in store is more civilian massacres. After all, there are some 80,000 peasants who live in the northern liberated areas stretching from central to eastern El Salvador, not to mention sympathizers of the liberation movement in

#### The U.S. Government Fully Backs the Murderous Policy

The U.S. government constantly

masses as shields and they are using human rights in El Salvador, that it seeks to curb massacres. But in fact just the opposite is true. Not only were the units like the Atlacatl trained by not my problem. It's the problem of the U.S. but the Pentagon is stepping the subversives' terrorist actions and up the training of more such batthey have to be responsible." (New talions. As well, right after the recent massacre reports emerged, Secretary of State George Schultz certified on September 14 that the Salvadoran government had made progress in curbing human rights abuses in the period from July 2 to August 31, exactly the period of the recent atrocities! Thus, Shultz reasoned, the Salvadoran government should get more

The Democratic Party politicians have also remained cozy with Duarte in the face of the recent massacres. The liberal Senator Christopher Dodd declared, "The central question is not whether Mr. Duarte is a good guy, there's no question that he is.' (New York Times, August 10, 1984)

The Reaganites and the Democrats proceeded to collaborate in increasing military aid to the Salvadoran dictatorship. Last month Congress approved \$70 million in supplemental military fessionalism" they have bestowed on aid on top of the record \$126 million so far this year. The cornerstones of the U.S. aid this year are precisely ple. Such methods of warfare have those weapons designed to expand the long been perfected by the U.S. mili- massacres of the Salvadoran toilers. slow-flying planes which can strafe guerrilla base areas putting in one minute a bullet in every square foot of an area the size of a city block.

#### Support the Revolutionary Struggle

Duarte's record again proves that nothing has changed since the elections in El Salvador. The death-squad dictatorship remains in place with U.S. imperialism backing it to the hilt. Not "human rights" facelifts but only revolutionary struggle of the workers and peasants can put an end to this situation. It is with this struggle that the working people of the U.S. should extend their solidarity.

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the chants of self-satisfaction from the bourgeoisie. It is why the present lull in the strike movement is only temporary, and why the workers will find their true voice in a new wave of mass

#### Who Has Paid for the **Profit Rebound?**

A notable feature of this "recovery" has been the massive increase in poverty. Each year of the Reagan administration has brought more and more poverty. There was not only more poverty during the worst days of economic crisis of 1981-82, but also during each year of the ensuing 'recovery." Over two million people are homeless. Fewer and fewer of the unemployed even get unemployment insurance; today well under one-third of the unemployed receive unemploy-

ment checks. The newspapers and the politicians each that everyone benefits from the health of the corporate economy. This is not just the basis of Reagan's notorious "trickle down economics" but also the standard fairy tale of all bourgeois economists. Yet the truth is far different. In "good" times as in bad, capitalism is based on ruthlessly crushing the workers into the ground.

The profit rebound has been made at the expense of wage cutting and speedup. Workers who have found

often had to accept wages far less than what they used to earn. Workers on the job have had to accept "concessions" — cuts in wages, cuts in benefits, and more dangerous working conditions. Work more, work harder, work so much overtime you never see your family - and get less pay to show for it. This, for the production worker, is the "secret" of the profits of the idle rich.

The profit rebound is also at the expense of the meager social programs for the working people. What is the secret of Reagan's much acclaimed budget cutting? In fact, his budget is bigger and more bloated than any previous administration. But for the rich, "budget cutting" has a special meaning. It means cutting from the social services, while adding on billions in new subsidies for the rich. Reagan's record deficits have come from huge increases in tax subsidies for the rich and the corporations, huge increases in the interest payments to the bankers and wealthy institutions who own most government bonds and notes, and huge increases in preparations for World War III. The increase in payments to the bankers and coupon clippers alone, payments on the pretext of paying "interest on the national debt," has exceeded the cuts in all the social programs combined.

The Reaganites especially crow that they have cut taxes. They say that this is the secret of their economic program: smaller taxes means economic new jobs during the "recovery" have growth. But, in fact, taxes are heavier

for the poor. It is not a tax cut but basically a tax shift. In August the Census Bureau reported to Congress that the tax burden on the tens of millions of Americans that live under the government poverty line increased from 6.6 percent of their income in 1980 to 8 percent of their income in 1982, after the Reagan "tax cuts." And this does not take account of the additional expense that the poor face due to the social cutbacks. More taxes and "user fees" for the working people, more subsidies for the rich. This is the reality of the profit re-

#### Reaganomics Is Just Capitalism "Standing Tall"

But it should not be thought that before Reagan things were rosy. Squeezing the poor for the benefit of the rich has always been the lifeblood of American capitalism. And, for example, the latest wave of wage cutting and speedup began in the mid-1970's. Since then the real wage has once again plunged down, even according to government statistics, and living conditions have dramatically

No, Reaganomics is just capitalism showing its real face. Reagan has just accelerated the trend already existing, just championed the evil already lurking in the capitalist economy. As the economy plunged in the

1970's, the capitalists decided that Continued on page 6 See "RECOVERY"

## Down with the U.S. Occupation of Grenada!

October 25 marks the first anniversary of the U.S. invasion of the tiny Caribbean island of Grenada. Reports have leaked out of the White House that Reagan, the architect of the invasion, may pay a surprise visit to Grenada around that time. This is meant to be part of Reagan's reelection campaign. The invasion of Grenada is a symbol of one of Reagan's principal campaign themes. Vicepresident Bush crowed at the Republican convention in August that the Grenada invasion was one of the "proudest moments" of American history. It is said to be an example of the U.S. "standing tall" once again.

Meanwhile, the Democrats are determined not to lose out of the chance to take part in this flag-waving crusade. Walter Mondale finally decided the other day to come out unequivocally in support of the U.S. occupation. And it may be recalled that at the time of the invasion itself, the Democrats supported Reagan's military adventure, albeit after a few initial expressions of "doubt."

Both the Reaganites and the Democrats are waving the banner of the Grenada invasion because they mean it as a display of their intentions towards Nicaragua. But the imperialist politicians are dead wrong when they claim that their "big stick" policy is a symbol for all Americans, capitalists and workers alike, to "feel good about being Americans again." The workers of the U.S. cannot rejoice when the Wall Street billionaires and the Pentagon generals trample upon the oppressed people of other countries. No, the watchword of the American working class can only be: U.S. Imperialism, Get Out of Grenada! Self-Determination for the Grenadian People!

An Act of Naked Imperialism

What took place last October? A

massive invasion force, made up of some 20 warships and 20,000 troops, was hurled against a tiny island smaller than Martha's Vineyard. Indeed, just one of the huge U.S. ships carried more men and a thousand times more firepower than the entire 2,000-man Grenadian army, which had only light arms. Even so, Grenadian fighters and Cuban construction workers put up a courageous resistance against overwhelming odds.

The U.S. invaded with a number of lying pretexts about "rescuing American citizens" and "restoring democracy." But in fact the U.S. invasion was an act of naked imperialism. Its aims were clear: to subjugate the Grenadian people and set up a reactionary puppet government under the U.S. jackboot. The conquest of Grenada was just another episode in U.S. imperialism's long history of robbery and intervention against the peoples of the Caribbean and Central America.

#### Washington Refused to Tollerate a Reformist Government

The invasion was no sudden impetuous act; it was four years in the making. The U.S. government had been displeased with the New Jewel Movement (NJM) regime in Grenada for years. The NJM had come to power in March 1979 with the overthrow of the hated despotic regime of Eric Gairy. Gairy had been a man close to Washington's heart. He ruled by murdering his opponents. He was deeply loyal to imperialism. And he was thoroughly corrupt and a big exploiter Arbenz in Guatemala in 1954 and tion has been to set up a reactionary in his own right.

Contrary to the ravings of Reagan, the NJM was not a "communist gov- regime, the U.S. government bullied ernment." U.S. imperialism hates not and threatened it, while making plans only the communists but even reform- to invade. Last October a coup d'etat ist governments if they do not bow low took place within the NJM government enough to the wishes of Washington. in which the popular reformist leader



Slogans against the U.S. occupation are appearing on the streets and walls of Grenada.

formist regime. It protected the essential interests of foreign imperialism and the local capitalists. But what upset the U.S. government was that the NJM carried out some mild reforms and refused to totally bow down to U.S. dictate. The NJIM had put some small restraints on the excesses of capitalist rule that had been the norm under Gairy. And while seeking to remain friendly with U.S. imperialism, the NJM also maneuvered with the U.S.'s rival imperialist bloc through developing close relations with the Soviet imperialists and their Cuban

All this brought down Washington's ire. The U.S. imperialists have long shown that they will not tolerate dissent in this hemisphere, even from reformist governments. For example, the CIA organized the overthrow of Allende in Chile in 1973.

Throughout the life of the NJM The NJM government was such a re- Maurice Bishop was killed. This event

disoriented the Grenadian people and the Reagan administration saw the occasion as a golden opportunity to

finally send in its invading flotilla.

#### Grenada Today: A Haven for the Exploiters, Hunger and Repression for the Toilers

cued" Grenada and "restored democ- nadian puppet regime and the local racy." The biggest refutation of this capitalists have unleashed widespread comes from looking at life in Grenada attacks against the livelihood of the

Grenada is an occupied country. The real centers of power are the U.S. embassy and military headquarters. Three hundred American MPs remain in the country, along with an equal number of troops from pro-U.S. bourgeois regimes in the Caribbean.

The main effort of the U.S. occupastate apparatus run by the Grenadian bourgeoisie, which will loyally defend the interests of foreign and domestic capital and crush the spirit and resistance of the working people. Towards that end, a provisional regime of capitalist reactionaries has been set up. Plans are underfoot to organize elections to determine which bourgeois clique will run the government. (See adjoining articles from The West Indian Voice on the occupation elections.)

been reorganized and it is planned to build this up to 650 men, which would forces of nearby islands with compar-vestors subsidized financing for new

able populations. As well, a Special Security Unit is planned, to be trained by the U.S. Green Berets.

The occupation troops and local police are used to intimidate and persecute the Grenadian people. Occupation troops patrol the streets regularly. On August 21, a 13-year-old youth was shot and killed by a U.S. soldier. Several other young people have been killed by the police over the last year.

From the time of the invasion, the U.S. has given top priority to the destruction of any opposition. Remnants of the NJM have been harassed. Trade unions have been attacked. The CIAassociated AFL-CIO agency, the American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD), has been brought in to establish unions loyal to imperialism and the bourgeoisie. Anti-strike and other anti-labor laws are in the making. Meanwhile, the U.S. has unleashed its psychological warfare agents to carry out a vicious anti-communist and pro-capitalist propaganda campaign in the country.

Under the terroristic conditions The Reaganites claim they "res- created by the occupation, the Greworking masses. The bosses have found it easier to fire and lay off workers. Many state-run enterprises have been shut down or cut back. As a result unemployment has jumped to 33% according to official figures; in reality it may be closer to 50%. The social services that had been established by the reformist government have also been slashed, such as the free distribution of milk to children, medical services, and educational pro-

Through all its measures, the U.S. occupation has sought to make Grenada into a haven for exploitation. All sorts of privileges are being offered to investors. According to the New York Times, the Reagan administration "is highlighting the availability of a young English-speaking work force at a wage of \$4.50 a day — still high compared to Haiti's \$3 daily wage, but a bargain The police force in Grenada has compared with pay scales in Central America, the Far East and other traditional centers of inexpensive labor. make it much larger than the police And the U.S. is offering potential in-

factories." (July 29, 1984)

This brief survey of life in Grenada today shows the real aims of the U.S. invasion — the setting up of a loyal pro-U.S. regime with repression of the toilers so that the big capitalist investors can have a slave labor force to exploit for a few dimes an hour. Here is the result of one of the "proudest moments" of American history. It is the same type of "proud moment" as the genocide of the Native people or the slavery of the black people.

#### Solidarity With the Workers and Poor of Grenada!

After the U.S. invasion, the Reaganites gloated about their "great" victory. They boasted that they had done away with the fighting spirit of the Grenadian toilers and with the aspirations for revolution. The capitalist news media spread stories about how everyone in Grenada just loved the U.S. invasion.

We saw things differently. We recognized that the shock of the invasion and the fiasco of the NJM were bound to wear away. And that the conditions created by the occupation would inevitably lead to a resurgence of the struggle of the toiling masses.

Today this is precisely what is happening. Slowly but surely, the struggles of the working masses are developing against U.S. imperialism and the Grenadian bourgeoisie. Reports are even appearing in the capitalist press pointing out that anti-U.S. slogans are showing up on the walls and streets of Grenada. There are reports of Grenadian youths confronting occupation troops. There are strikes breaking out in St. George's, the capital city. Since ruthless exploitation and persecution is all that imperialism and the bourgeoisie can offer, the struggles of the toilers are bound to grow.

The Workers' Advocate welcomes every sign of resistance and struggle in occupied Grenada. We call on the workers and progressive people of the U.S. to extend solidarity with the Grenadian people. On the first anniversary of Reagan's invasion, let us again demand:

U.S. imperialism, get out of Gre-

## **Grenada: Occupation Elections**

The West Indian Voice Support the Struggles For National Liberation in the West Indies!

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In October, the airport which Reaganlyingly charged was really a secret military base - which the invasion/ occupation has virtually converted into U.S. imperialism's latest military base publications. - will be declared officially opened.

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> "Free and Fair Elections" - Beagan Style

Just look at how this imperialist cowboy, Rumard Reagan, goes about preparing" fre and fair devious." These "elections" are to be shight

Elections approach in occupied Gre- dismissal and forced resignations of all imperialism. Let us make this part of nada. Reagan is scheduled to visit known militant activists from the Gre- our stand in the U.S. elections. there in October, just before the elec-nadian tracle unions, their replacement widescale fixings of anyone suspected of opposing the occupation. As well, the police have been given standing orders to seize illegal newspapers and

That is how the ground has been When U.S. imperialism invaded purposed for "free and fair elections." You are free to do the electing as long with the mass movement of the Greas Reagan and his utonies do the nominating, as long as they decide who governs, as long as they call the there are signs of stirrings and pre-

> Down With the Charader Up With the Hamer of Struggle!

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after one year of jailings, interroga- latest military adventure and contions, searches and policing of the quest. This trip is part of his U.S. elecpopulation. To create just "the right tions campaign. The West Indian climate," it took a 700-man occupy- Voice calls on anti-imperialist and proing army, tens of millions of dollars gressive people and class conscious and a full year's work by U.S. psycho- activists everywhere to denounce the logical warfare/intelligence experts thief as he returns to the scene of his directing the radio and print media crime, and to organize meetings and playing sophisticated mind games. It protest actions everywhere as a stand has taken an island-wide clampdown in solidarity with the working class and on all opposition including the arrest, people of Grenada against U.S.

Rather than looking to these elecby ClA and AIFLD stooges and the tions or to the existing parties; all parties of the propertied classes, for a fight against joblessness, persecution and the overburdening exploitation, the toilers must unfurl the banner of mass struggle.

Reagan and the local exploiters crow like multures that they have done away radian tollers and with revolution. But already, amiest all the difficulties terts building up among the working masses. This can be seen in the outbreak of strikes in St. George's, the capital. It can be seen in the scattered but repeated instances of Grenadian youth confronting the occupying troops with their fists, with bottles and book fowards fre elections for the stones. It can be seen in the protest actions against political persecution from unemployment, want and grow- at the hands of the Perragor-inspired ing plur der. Almost om year of being interim government of the Greradian arphalist exploiters.

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#### Who's who in the Grenada elections A striking feature of the Grenada trade unions and replying to any mass the aftermath of the invasion which

politics for the most part. The contesting bourgeois parties, all with unsavory pasts and origins, are wholly absorbed in maneuvering and striking deals over future posts and the spoils of office. The occupation elections are a charade for disgraced politicians and aspirants propelled into politics with the dropping of Reagan's bombs.

'What are the "dhoices" which the ianism." occupation offers the Grenadian people in the forthcoming elections?

The main contenders for office are the old guard of the Grenadian estate andhotel owners, ramely the Grerada Illinize (the leader of the GNP), under United Labor Party (GULP) and a hadgepadge alliance of bourgeas or to head the GNP which was formed sects around the Grenada National as the more respectable, conservative Party (GNP). Together or alternately wing of the nationalist increment of these two parties held office in Gre The 1920's. The GNP held office twice, natia between 1951 and 1979, first in the 1950's and again in the 1960's. under British colonial rule and ther Duning its spels in office the GNP resentative of the biggest exploiters awners by a two-thirds reduction in and wealthy Grenafians, both these parties owe their present lordines to GNP passed Grenada's first essential the occupation of the country by U.S. services act problem in gestrikes in any imperialism. One of these two parties 'industry that might be deemed is expected to form the government essential by the mirister." The OMP fill wingthe elections.

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election campaign is the absence of protest with bullets, beatings and jails. will be contesting seats in the elec-Nowadays, Gairy has rechristened tions. himself as "much more intellectually advanced than I used to be." Sure. Just as a leopard can change his spots.

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In addition to the various bourgeois parties contesting the elections, there is the Maurice Bishop Patriotic Movement (MBPM). This was founded earlier this year from the Bishop-wing of the New Jewel Movement. The NJM itself disintegrated with the coup and the U.S. invasion.

The MBPM is the only rante in Gre-The GNP has historically been the rada which appears to stand in opprasipreferred party of the Grenadian ex- tior to the present state of affairs. And it has been subject to various funns of harassment by the Grenadan authorities. But this does not mean that the MBFM is a party of the tollers which stands for nevolutionary struggle. No. the IMBPM is a petry-bourgeois reformist party in the spirit of the old New Jewell Misseriert.

Thus, while MBPM bolics cut a distant premise not to allow foreign. following independence in 1974. Rep ensured soaring profits for the estate thoops to terrain on the ishard if they are relected, it does not stand for an active arrangle against U.S. imperialism or the military occupation. None over, while the MAPM criticizes the d imirration of narious of the social services instituted by the NIM government, the party does met work to or-The GELP is the party of the de- most depended e representative of the garize the class struggle against the poss I tyriant and correct fictator, Fric estate and hord owners and business- capitalist offensive. The MEPM has sbown inte interest in organizing the masses to fight unemployment. Indeed, the kiggest campaign of the MBPM so far has been one to get the new airport ramed after M'aurice Bishop Mardly the lourning issue for The Grane Ciar tollers

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> Whichever Candidate Wins the Election the Workers Can Only Survive by the Class Struggle

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### Portuguese workers fight police state laws of the 'socialist' government

power was starkly exposed recently in Portugal. In June the "socialist" government of Mario Soares introduced in Parliament a fascist "security law" aimed at all-round repression of the masses. With the help of the pro-Moscow revisionists of the "Communfight it, the Socialist Party, in coalition with the Social-Democratic Party, succeeded in passing it. (The government is led by the Socialist Party, which is affiliated to the social-democratic Socialist International; it rules in coalition with the Social-Democratic Party which, despite its name, is a bourgeois center-right party.)

In opposition to this fascist legislation a broad protest movement arose in which the Communist Party (Reconstructed) of Portugal played an active and militant role. Through June, July and August the CP(R)'s central organ, Bandeira Vermelha (BV) carried numerous articles on the struggle. The following account is based on excerpts from those articles.

#### Restoring the Police Laws of the Old Dictatorship

On June 20, the day when the Portuguese Parliament began debate on the Security Law, the police launched a large-scale attack on a number of left forces under the pretext of fighting the

The essence of social-democracy in "terrorist urban guerrillas" of an organization called the Popular Forces of April 25th. The police raided and sacked political offices and arrested over 80 people. This included retired Lt. Colonel Otelo Carvalho, a popular figure in the Armed Forces Movement which took part in the April 1974 revoist" Party of Portugal, who refused to lution which overthrew the fascist Caetano dictatorship, and members of Carvalho's political party.

> Denouncing the repression by the "socialist" government, BV wrote:

"This action recalls, in fact, the methods used by the PIDE in the period of fascism [the PIDE were the hated political police during the decades of the Salazar and Caetano dictatorships prior to April 1974]. Moreover, the entire security law and the new police policy being prepared, which the government is putting up for discussion in Parliament, are in their essence based on the same principles and activities that guided the PIDE.

"The methods that the PIDE used to extort information about oppoments of the fascist regime are, in part, identical to those that are now being prepared to be approved, but with only a slight difference -- now these methods, they say, are for 'defense of the democratic regime.'

"The package of measures being prepared - some of which, as we have seen, were already put into

practice - are, without any doubt, real measures of repression and attack on freedoms. This is the case with household searches without a warrant, preventive detention of suspects, telephone taps and violation of mail, suspension of meetings, demonstrations or public gatherings, surveillance of people and buildings for an indeterminate length of time, etc., etc....

"It is also public knowledge that the PIDE had working for it thousands of stooges in the work places and in the government bureaus, in order to better keep watch on possible opponents of fascism....

"When the police say that for three years they have been compiling various facts and data relating to the so-called case of the April 25 Popular Forces, one can conclude that a data-collecting center on the citizens is openly under way.

'This data center, contemplated

in the Information Service Law, and which is inherent in the Security Law, is a form whereby information is compiled on citizens, thus depriving them of their privacy and accumulating a compact dossier. It is going to allow the development of a 'prison file' by the continuous accumulation of information on people over a long period of time, which will serve for repression and attack on the freedoms and rights of the



On July 12, outside the Portuguese parliament, nearly 2000 people protested against the repressive security law introduced by the social-democratic government.

workers."

#### Repression to Enforce IMF Austerity

On the question of why these fascist laws are being imposed at this time, BV points out: "The government and the newspapers friendly to it have tried to create the idea that terrorism is a great threat in Portugal, endangering the security of the state and of the citizens themselves." To highlight this

point and attempt to create public opinion in favor of the Security Law, the state timed its raid against "terrorists" to coincide with the parliamentary debate on the legislation.

But in reality, the Security Law is a measure to put down resistance to new austerity measures being imposed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In July the IMF reached an agreement with the Portuguese government mandating more austerity measures against the masses, measures which are worsening an already dire situation for the working people. BV analyzes that the law "has, as its final objective, repression against the workers' and popular movement, its most militant organizations and sectors, in the face of the inevitable increase of struggle against the hunger and unemployment imposed by the government at the order of the IMF."

"The SP/SDP government and the big bourgeoisie are betting on having the law passed. The new price increases, the new laws on firings, strikes and strike pickets, on rent increases, the growth of hunger and unemployment, are going to make a wave of worker protest and revolt explode with greater force. Therefore, the government and capitalists need to create at this moment legal mechanisms of repression to frighten the working class and impede the proletariat from getting organized and making its revolt more effective."

Denouncing "socialist" Prime Minister Mario Soares and his party for their services to the big bourgeoisie, a speaker from the CP(R) dered: "Soares and the SP thus show once again that social-democracy knows very well how to carry out the dirty work of capitalism in a period of Whenever the Labor Government crisis, that it knows how to make its bed with fascism and the extreme

#### Mass Actions Against the Security Law

To fight the fascist laws, the CP(R) has been mobilizing the workers and broad masses for various types of actions against the legislation, and particularly stresses the importance of mass actions in the streets.

The coalition Movement Against the Security Law, in which the PC(R) participated, held a mass demonstration July 12. BV reported that:

"This past Thursday, July 12, when the druft Security Law of the SP/SDP government was being discussed in the Parliament, nearly 2,000 people assembled in S. Bento, protesting and denouncing in the street this law which represents a frontal attack on the rights and liberties of the citizens.

"This rally, called by the Movement Against the Security Law, assembled in less than two weeks the support of thousands of workers and toilers, artisans, anti-fascists and democrats of diverse sectors.

"In the resolutions, petitions and manifestoes that circulated in the factories and workshops, contributing decisively to the calling of this rally, were demunciations of the danger to liberties and rights of the workers that will occur with the approval of this law.

"The fact was also emphasized that the government has to make: haste to see that the Security Law the new PIDE - is approved so as to thus contain the repudiation and result by the workers;' und people: that is growing day by day."

#### Revision ists Sahotage the Struggle

om the masses by the capitalists; and their social-ferrocratic funky government, the pro-Soviet revision is "Commanist" Party of Portugal coce ugain showed that it stands on the side of the

mass struggle against the law, and regarded the real danger as the "leftism" and "terrorism" of the masses, not the reaction of the bourgeoisie.

On July 1, just ten days after the June 20 police raid, Alvaro Cunhal, leader of the revisionist party, declared before a regional party meeting: "It is necessary to eradicate terrorism. For our part, we will continue to defend the necessity for effective measures to eradicate terrorism in order to put an end to the assaults on the banks and to their criminal outrages. We will also continue acting to achieve the complete political and ideological overthrow of leftism." BV points out that "A speech like this, when a fascist law is being imposed in Parliament, can have only one significance: the CPP has more fear of leftism (as they call it) than of such an abominable law."

As for the July 12 mass rally, the CPP and its affiliated trade union central, the CGTP, refused to participate.

'The pretext used by the CPP to disassociate itself from the protest action was that, there being an attempt at provocation against the CPP, any action of theirs against the Security Law could be used by the government to prove the involvement of the CPP in the case of the April 25 Popular Forces....

"This attitude of not making waves and of retreating when the struggle sharpens or a confrontation exists with repression, so as not to give pretexts to the government, is typical of the CPP. It is an attitude which is guided by the logic of cowardice and which hands over the working class to passivity and expectation.

"The bourgeoisie never needs any pretexts to repress the workers or make repressive laws against their rights. These are facts determined by their ruling class logic. [The ruling class] uses repression whenever their power is put in jeopardy or whenever the workers rise against the exploitation of which they are victims. When the proletariat accepts the blackmail of not reacting so as not to give pretexts, then it will be condemned to be a dominated and exploited class.

"The position of the CPP is consistent. The revisionist petty bourgeoisie is not interested in the proletariat becoming conscious of the class character of the state apparatus and of the necessity to destroy it. Therfore they are only interested in forms of struggle and the taking of stands by the workers' movement that help them infiltrate into the state apparatus or te-gain positions so as to supplant the bourgeoisie as the ruling class, using the bourgeois state apparatus in their favor.

But there are other motives that drive the CPP to try to demobilize the struggle against the Security

"At this time the CPP is not interested in taking initiatives that might cause harm to their so dreamed of alliance with the Eanistas (the liberal forces around President Eanes]." BV points out that it is because the nevisionists are so tied to the liberal bourgeoisie that they did everything to impede the development of the movement and keep the July 12 rally from

"They search for every means to put a 'spoke in the wheels' and hold back the movement in expectation of the negotiating capacity of the liberals with the government.

taking place.

"Hitched like this to the liberals" wagon, the CPP does not want to do anything that might put ar end to their love affair: one may talk against the law, petition Parliament and Eanes, have discussions with the liberals on the juridical consitutional aspects of the law, to create emectation and hope in Eanes. But watch out! No struggle in the streets and nothing that might make the workers' revolt emplodel This is the policy of the revisionist petty bourgedisic for the workers' move-

"The action of the anti-fascists has exposed the complicity of the CPP with the passage of the law and their impotence in fighting against the government."

Queres from Bandeira Vermelha are from the issues of June 38, July 19 and July 26, 1984. Trunslation by The Workers' Advocate staff.)

### The ugly face of social-democracy in Australia

Voice, a publication from Melbourne, Trotskyite press indicate that the Australia, describes the crisis in the Socialist Workers Party of Australia, left in Australia.

cribing how the revisionist 'left' parties in Australia are deteriorating because of their reformist policies. Last April, the Communist Party of type party, was ravaged by resignations. These elements were not satisfied with the level of class collaboraits dissolution. The Socialist Party of party, recently expelled a number of its leading cadres in the trade unions. These people were so rightist that maintain against the Prices and small distance. Incomes Accord (a wage-control plan)

The Marxist-Leninist ideology

shows how the struggle between

classes is the driving force for social

development. Marx pointed out that in

creating modern industry capitalism

has created its own gravedigger, the

working class. Under conditions of

capitalist exploitation, where the

minority class of capitalists exploit the

collective labor power of the working

class for private profit, the conditions

arise from this fundamental contradic-

tion for the workers to unite and rebel

after the overthrow of capitalism.

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various "left" groups preach unity

movement is revisionism.

The August 1984 issue of Workers' Meanwhile, reports in the U.S. the main Trotskyite group, has offi-The Workers' Voice began by des- cially given up its Trotskyite label and is involved in unity maneuvers with the pro-Soviet SPA.

The Workers' Voice points out that the source of the crisis in the revision-Australia (CPA), a Eurocommunist ist parties is their longstanding reformism and negation of the revolutionary ideology of Marxism-Leninism. And in the face of their crises, the tion displayed by the CPA and wanted revisionists have stepped up their efforts to seek refuge in the arms of Australia (SPA), the main pro-Soviet the major reformist force in Australia, the official standard bearer of socialdemocracy, the Australian Labor Party. Some, like the CPA and CPA they would not even agree to the (ML), openly support the Labor Party facade of opposition the SPA seeks to and its policies, while others keep a

of the present Labor Party govern- the country. It came to power with all Serve the Interests of the Bourment. The Maoist Communist Party of sorts of demagogy but it has once Australia (ML) has for years been again shown its colors as a party

ment. But the revisionists continue to promote illusions in the ALP, especially by working to bolster the ALP's impotent "left" wing, the Socialist Left faction. The Workers' Voice exposes the real character of the ALP and punctures the illusion peddling of the "left" social-democrats and their revisionist buddies.

The situation in the Australian revisionist circles reminds us of the reformism of and crisis in the revisionist and Trotskyite circles in the U.S. Just as the Australian revisionists hover around the Labor Party, the U.S. opportunists trail behind the Democratic Party and the trade union bureaucracy associated with the

Below we reprint excerpts from the article "Revisionist Parties and Labor Party Have Common Ideological and Today the ALP is the ruling party in Political Positions That Are Used to genisie" in the August 1984 Workers"

mauled by splits and resignations. running a typical capitalist govern-

Nothing Socialist About ALP

The Labor Party is a capitalist party with a program strictly contained within the limits of capitalism. It is totally committed to capitalist methods of struggle, i.e., parliamentary democracy. In times of crises and heightened class struggle by the workers the Labor Party has used the army and police to smash the workers' organized. resistance. This party is neither based. in the working class (most of its memas a class to overthrow capialism and bership is denived from the petty replace it with the much more ad- bourgeoisie, the trade union bureaufirst phase of communist society. has it any scientific socialist aims.

Lenin further developed the principles The "socialism" espoused by the of Marxism in the conditions of ALP is bourgeois reformism that is was Lenin, who proved both in theory of the state capitalist apparatus to and practice, the necessity for the serve the monopolies. It poses no working class to have its own revolutionate to the existence of the capitalist tionary Communist Party. Being the system in Australia. The Labor Party organized variguard detachment of the leaders are openly united with the workers the Communist Party is the monopoly capitalist class (as so vividly instrument through which they estab- witnessed at the Economic Summit on lish and maintain their political power the Accord) and serve that class both when in apposition or in government.

#### ogy makes the working class conscious. Hawke Government Administers State to Serve Monopolies

The Hawke Labor Government excipating itself from capitalist exploitahibits all the reactionary and imperition the ruling class has launched inafist features of social-democracy in tense attacks against it. One of its chief instruments to attack the comthe monopoly capitalist system to suit that the revisionists have moved furmunist ideology from within the labor the maximum profit requirements of ther to the right and in the process By distorting and attacking the nationals. Through its Prices and In- uors of the AUP. comes Accord it has locked in the obedient support of the labor traducts from the Australian Congress of Trade The revisionists blunt the class con-Unions (ACIU) and individual trade sciousness of the workers, split their union bureaucracies to police the ranks, feed their reformist illusions worting class so as to ensure that the about peaceful transition to socialism, profits of the capitalists rise at the exand thwart their independent class pense of wages and jobs. In the period actions and initiatives. These tenefrom April 1983 to March 1984 company profits have risen by 51% terred in working doser with the while real wages have fallen. (The It is with this aim in mind that the Age, June 6, 1984)

Hawke's rabid national drawingsin and reconciliation with right-wing - the boss class press enthusiastically social-democracy, represented in this trampets his calls for national unity, sinos about the possibility of bringing regardless of what its parliamentary country by the Australian Labor Party class harmony, patriotism, and na- about change to serve people's needs members do in government.

the working class into making "sacrifices" (read: job cuts, lower wages, acceptance of job destroying new technology, etc.) to make Australian monopolies more competitive in the cutthroat international trade wars between capitalist countries.

In international relations and "defense" the Labor Party in government has been a strong supporter of U.S. imperialism. Hawke's foreign minister Hayden promotes him as a "trusted friend" of the arch-warmongering imperialist Reagan.

Continuing on from its predecessor vanced social order of socialism, the cracy, and the labor aristocracy) nor the Hawke government welcomes U.S. warships at Australian ports and defends the presence of U.S. nuclear war bases on Australian soil. It also carries monopoly capitalism, imperialism. It: oriented towards extending the power out strategies that serve the expansionist plans of the Australian monopclies in the South Pacific and South-

#### Revisionist Accommodation. With ALP

The revisionists have already achiemed a great deal of unity and reconciliation with this meactionary party that displays all its capitalist colors when in government.

The revisionists attempt to disguise their treachery and class collaboration by claiming that the "progressive" forces inside the ALP have moved further to the left. Nothing could be parliamentary power. It administers further from the truth. The reality is the big local companies and multi- accepted many of the reformist posi-

While some of the "left" parties execuly support certain actions of the Labor Government (such as: the Commonist Party of Australia (EPA) endorsing the Accordand allowing one of its leading codres, Carraichael, to be involved in its formulation and implementation) others, like the Socialist Workers' Party (SWP), and more con-ALP's Socialist Left: faction.

This faction, in tandem with the revisionists and other opportunists who support them, continually sow illutional reconciliation — seeks to chope from within the confines of capitalism.

to the more deceptive phony socialists, is championed as the means to bringing about progressive change. The Socialist Left in particular is most adept at misleading and conning

The Labor Party, with its coterie of

apologists for capitalist exploitation

ranging from the open lackeys of

monopoly capitalism such as Hawke,

the working class and progressive people into following the ALP. It does this, in the main, by continually putting forward the "progressive" policies of this party as the solutions to every manifestation of capitalist exploitation, war preparations, and imperialist aggression. Apart from sowing parliamentary

illusions which conveniently ignore the capitalist character and institutionalized violence of the state apparatus the Socialist Left acts as a defensive screen for the ALP so as to cover up its bourgeois nature and class treachery. It protects the vulnerable flanks of the ALP by taking up issues that have a mass following and adopts "progressive" policies which attract support from within the mass movements.

betrays its own policies (that are not even worth the paper they are written right." on) the louder the Socialist Left and its revisionist allies howl in impotent anguish and yow to reform the ALP and control its parliamentary leaders "to ensure implementation of policies."

Leaving aside the antics of these opportunists for a moment, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Bill Hayden, has admitted that the ALP's "progressive" policies are nothing but the luxuries of opposition days adopted in order to get elected. Now, in the face of "reality of government" it is necessary to systematically dump the "progressive" policies.

Thus, while the "realities of government" necessitate the ALP to

· support politically, aid and appease: the Indonesian generals who are: carrying out genecidal wars in East Timer and West Irian

· give economic and military aid to the Marcus dictatorship in the Phil-

• pay homage to U.S. warships and planes

· support the dismantling of the local manufacturing industry by factory closures and mass sackings because it sails the restructuring and profit: requirements of the monopolies

the Socialist Left responds to every policy betrayal and imperialist action by its government with well rehearsed. demagogy. The purpose of this demaigogy is to deflect the growing people's anger and indignation at the continucus berray disto impotent actions that revolve around ALP conferences, the labbying of capitalist politicians, and greering to soldout trade union bureautratulor support. These actions confuse and mislead many workers and progressive people about the real reactionary capitalist character of the Labor Party. By antificially and falsely separating the AIP as a political organization with a set of "progressive" pulicies from its deeds in government the Socialist Left seeks to perpetuate the illusion that the ALP is progressive

In this situation of escalaring attack I lourgenisie. It should its head at the law, but satt on its hands, opposed the:

## Kurdish people of Iran in struggle against the Khomeini tyranny

has been the scene of fierce clashes between the Kurdish masses and the oppressive forces of the Khomeini-IRP regime. In these battles, the Kurdish masses have stood their ground and inflicted serious blows against the tyranny of the regime. The struggle of the toilers of Kurdistan places them in the front ranks of the revolutionary movement of the Iranian workers and peasants to overthrow the Iranian

The struggle of the Kurdish masses in Iran has a long and courageous history. For decades, the Kurdish people have suffered under terrible national oppression at the hands of the various central governments of the exploiting classes in Iran. During 1978-79, the Kurdish masses fought heroically in the mass upsurge and insurrection that brought down the hated U.S.-backed dictatorship of the Shah. They fought with the hope that with the overthrow of the Shah they would be able to liberate themselves from oppression. And in the course of the struggle against the Shah the Kurdish masses built up their revolutionary forces and gained important positions of strength.

But what replaced the Shah in Iran was not a revolutionary government of

the toilers but a regime of the exploit- meini regime has used every sort of ers which sought to stop the revolution terror to crush the Kurdish resistance. halfway. While the Iranian masses But massacres, deportations, economfought to continue the revolution, the ic blockade and arrests have failed to Khomeini regime sought to strip away subdue the fighting determination of all the gains of the revolution and sta- the Kurdish people. This valiant bilize a social order to preserve the struggle is a powerful impetus for the interests of the exploiters. One step at resistance of all the toilers of Iran a time, the Khomeini regime began to against the dictatorship. do away with the positions gained by the toilers of Iran.

Revolution the new government launched its first military attack against the Kurdish toilers, who had not shown trust in the new regime and Kurdistan went through another trial offensive in Kurdistan.

dictatorship of the mullahs. The Kho-toilers.

Below we carry a few reports on the struggle in Kurdistan over the last six It was in June 1981 that the Kho- months. These reports have been meini regime launched an all-out coun- taken from Bolshevik Message, the terrevolutionary offensive against the paper of the Organization of the Suprevolutionary forces across Iran. But porters of the Communist Party of Iran the offensive against the masses of Abroad. Our Party regards the CPI Kurdistan had begun much earlier. as one of the important revolutionary Indeed, just 40 days after the February organizations in Iran. The CPI was formed a year ago; its largest predecessor organization, the Kurdish revolutionary organization Komala (which is today the Kurdish organization of were instead imposing their own the CPI), has for years been a major armed revolutionary authority revolutionary force in the struggle in throughout Kurdistan. Six months Kurdistan. The CPI is a revolutionary later, in August 1979, the masses in organization which stands for the overthrow of the Islamic Republic, which of strength when the Khomeini gov- works for the separation of the revoluernment launched a massive armed tionary movement in Iran from the treacherous influence of the liberal For the last five years Kurdistan has bourgeoisie, and which emphasizes been the focus of a liberation war the importance of the independent between the Kurdish masses and the organization of the proletariat and

#### THE KURDISH PEOPLE FOIL THE REGIME'S CONSCRIPTION ATTEMPTS

During April the regime attacked villages in the borough of Afshar, in the suburbs of Sanandaj, and in the borough of Lajan, to take new conscripts to the war fronts. But on each occasion they were faced with resistance by the people. In Afshar, clashes broke out between the women in the village and the army. The regime's agents attacked the villagers with rifle butts but people did not submit and continued shouting "even if all of us are killed, we will not go to the army." In Sanandaj 70 people who were forcibly conscripted, laid down their arms and resigned in protest against the policies of the Islamic Republic.

Also, 174 people in the Bookan and Divandareh areas have laid down their arms which the regime had given them during their compulsory enlisting to

In Lajan, the villagers resisted to serve the regime though they had been intimidated by armed guards. In retaliation, the army chief later ordered the villages in Sanandaj and south of down the arms given to them by the



Armed Kurdish fighters resist the Khomeini regime.

bombardment of the village. In some Kurdistan, all inhabitants have laid regime.

### **DEMONSTRATORS IN BANEH PROTEST AGAINST**

THE REACTIONARY IRAN-IRAQ WAR

tensively bombed the border city of Baneh, killing over 650 people and wounding hundreds more. Almost half

and the city is now in ruins. bombardment, the angry and militant Mullahs and mercenaries of the bases outside the city, in fear of people of Baneh converged onto the regime were severely injured, and people's further attacks. streets in various groups, to protest pictures of Khomeini and other heads against this reactionary war and the of government were set on fire. Horri- control of the city, the regime dis-Islamic Republic regime.

people soon turned into a general the city. The militant people of Baneh rounded the city and fired into the revolt. People started singling out the disarmed and killed a military-police-

On June 5, the Iraqi warplanes ex- regime's mercenaries and attacking man and a number of the "Baseejis'

them. Mullah Abdullah Sory, the reac- (regime's mercenaries) and, armed tionary representative of the city in the with clubs and sticks, chased the Majlis (Iranian Parliament) was badly regime's agents through the streets of the city was razed to the ground, beaten by the protestors; he received and alley-ways, stopping their cars serious injuries and was transferred to and smashing them. The regime's Two days after this devastating the hospital. A number of other men took refuge in the garrisons and

fied at these events, the Mullahs and patched a large number of its forces The angry demonstration of the the clergy hid their turbans and fled from Sardasht to Baneh. They surcrowds, killing 12 people. Around 25 of the protesters were also arrested. The people of other cities in Kurdistan have expressed their sympathy with the people of Baneh.

#### BOYCOTT OF IRAN'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN KURDISTAN

the Majlis (Iranian Parliament) began on April 15 in Iran. In spite of all the propaganda carried out by the regime including Khomeini's message to the people of Kurdistan on this occasion, there was a widespread boycott of the elections throughout Kurdistan. During the elections, the regime had re- the vain attempts of the regime. In and struggle of the oppressed and desorted to every kind of intimidation to some ballot boxes there were less than prived masses of Kurdistan.

including children under the age of 16. left the villages with haste. The regime had even surrounded some the villagers to vote.

force the people to vote. For instance, five votes and in some villages the

The first round of the elections for it had announced that food ration voting did not last even 10 minutes, coupons would be stopped for those since the officers in charge of the eleceligible electors who refuse to vote — tions, fearing attacks by Peshmargas,

> The boycott of the elections by the villages by armed guards to intimidate people of Kurdistan was quite expected, and is yet another example of The results were a severe blow to the extensive scale of the resistance

#### ARMED OPERATIONS BY KOMALA'S FIGHTERS

During May and June, the revolumany armed operations against the confiscated many ammunitions. Durof Iran carried out 82 offensive actions such as Divandareh, the Marivanagainst the suppressive forces of the Saghez road, the village of Ghal-e-Islamic Republic. In 29 of these opera- Sheykhan, near Sanandaj, and in tions, they destroyed, or inflicted ex- Baneh and Piranshahr. tensive damages on the regime's garrisons and bases.

During May, the Peshmargas of Komala killed or wounded 1,000 and Also, the Peshmargas carried out arrested 18 of the regime's forces and

tionary Peshmargas of the Kurdistan Islamic regime, on the occasion of May ing this month, the Communist Party Organization of the Communist Party Day, in various parts of Kurdistan of Iran lost 18 of its commades in confrontations with the regime.

During the first two weeks of June, Komala Peshmargas carried out 11 military operations against the forces of the regime during which they killed 83 of the government forces.

#### Islamic dictatorships in Iran and Pakistan work together

### No to the Persecution of Iranian Refugees!

from The Buffalo Anti-Imperialist the Iranian economy is in shambles. Newsletter, newspaper of the Union of The rate of inflation is about 30% a Anti-Imperialist Students, September year. There are millions of unem-

As a result of barbaric repression waged by the regime of Islamic Republic on the Iranian masses, many thousands of Iranian people have been forced to leave their homeland and become refugees in Pakistan, Turkey, the U.S., and many European countries. The treatment that: Iranian refugees have received in these countries is inhuman, contemptuous and hostile. The Iranian immigrants and especially the Iranian refugees are living under constant threat of harassment, persecution and deportation.

And recently the U.S.-backed regime of Pakistan has made an agreement with the government of Khomeini to extradite the Iranian refugees living in Pakistan. The extradition of Iranian refugees will result in their torture, imprisonment and execution. Following the agreement between the two regimes several Iranian political refugees were arrested by Pakistani authorities. In opposition to this outrageous agreement, some Iranian political refugees demonstrated at the United Nations headquarters in Karachi, demonstrating for the safety for the revolutionary movements in of Iranian refugees; better living the U.S. or in their homeland. conditions; and a change in UN policy with regard to hanian refugees. The UN authorities in Karachi not only did not investigate the refugees demands, but also asked the Pakistani police to intervene and evict the caped torture and execution by the demonstrators. Furthermore the UN officials decided to close down the UN were against the U.S. puppet Shah and refugee office in Pakistan. This deci- have strong anti-imperialist sentision clearly facilitates the extra- ment. By closing the doors on Iranian dition of political opponents of the refugees the Reagan administration murderous regime of Islamic Republic hopes to break down the fighting of Iran. UAIS strongly condemns the agreement between the two reac- tate the extradition of Iranian revolutionary regimes of Pakistan and Iran tionaries for persecution and morder to extradite the Irmium refugees. We at home. oppose the closing down of the UN refugee office in Pakistan. UAIS urges been tempered during many years of all progressive people to defend the the fight against the fascist Shah and full equality and rights of Iranian the criminal regime of Khomeini.

been imprisoned. The Iran-Iraq war grants and refugees in the struggle. has resulted in two million refugees.

(The following article is reprinted within the borders of Iran. Moreover, ployed people. There are shortages of almost all basic food necessities. Many daily needs of the people are rationed. These are only a partial result of the barbaric and arbitrary rule of the regime of Islamic Republic of Iran.

> In the U.S. too, the Iranian immigrants and Iranian refugees are under constant fear of persecution and deportation. Starting from the Carter administration, U.S. imperialism has raised a big chanvirust hysteria over the Iranians residing in the U.S. The Iranian refugees and those revolutionary hanians who live in exile have close ties and deep interest in the revolutionary movement in their homeland. The Iranian communities in the U.S. have always been centers of organizing by political activists in support of the movements in their homeland. This activity has its influence on the revolutionary movement in the U.S. and has been a sharp thorn in the side of U.S. imperialism. The Reagan administration comes down hard on these immigrants who take part in the revolutionary activities. Many Iranians have been harassed and deported for their support

While the criminal families of the Shah and many other U.S.-backed fascists have been welcomed by the Reagan administration, the doors are closed to the revolutionaries who esregime in han. These revolutionaries spirit of the Ixarians and try to facili-

But the Iranian revolutionaries have They have experienced many hard The regime of Khomeini has im- years. By their active presence in the posed intolerable conditions on the revolutionary movement, they have Transan masses. More than 40,000 shown their capability to organize have been executed, many of whom and persistently resist the attacks of were revolutionaries who fought the imperialists and other reactionheroically against the hated regime of aries and overcome the difficulties. the Shah. More than 120,000 have The UAIS supports the Iranian immiThe next day, in order to regain the

#### Entire villages to be eliminated

### Condemn the mass expulsion of Kurds from their villages

Recently we received two communiques from the Kurdistan Organization of the Communist Party of Iran (KOMALA)-Representation Abroad about a new barbaric plan of the Islamic Republic regime against the Kurdish people of Iran.

These communiques point out that the Iranian regime has ordered the 20,000 inhabitants of 100 villages of Sardasht near the Iran-Iraq border to leave their homes. In its order the regime has not even provided the villagers with a place to go or a source for their livelihood.

This is a cruel attack. The inhabitants of this region are some of the poorest people of Kurdistan. The cold season is about to start in the mountains of Kurdistan. The toilers of these villages were about to retire from their hard work of the summer, with the small amount of provisions they have saved for the cold season. But the Islamic Republic has now ordered them to get out - men, women and children — and plans to set fire to regime against the Kurdish people.

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these villages and create so-called military no-go areas.

This is part of a new phase in the savage oppression by the Khomeini

Over the last year, the Iranian regime And in this struggle they are receiving has extended its reactionary war with Iraq into the Kurdish areas and this has meant an escalation of the suffering of the Kurdish people. For five years the Khomeini regime has carried out repeated military assaults on the Kurdish people and over the last period it has gone over to attempts at mass expulsions; the latest depor- the occupation forces. tation order is one of the largest such

The Khomeini regime inherited the Shah's policies of systematic oppression of the Kurds and has carried them even further. But despite all the crimes committed against them, the Kurdish people have been waging a determined struggle for self-determination. They have given over 75,000 lives in the Kurdish struggle. Many more have been wounded and hundreds of villages have been destroyed.

Already in the face of the diabolical new scheme of mass deportation, the inhabitants of the Sardasht villages have begun widespread resistance.

assistance from people across Kurd-

The communiques from KOMALA Representation Abroad declare that they will not allow the Islamic Republic regime to achieve its counterrrevolutionary aims with ease and will carry on their struggle for the expulsion of

Last week Iranian protestors in cities across Europe held demonstrations against Khomeini's latest attacks against Kurdish peasants. In the action at The Hague, Netherlands, the Iranian ambassador was injured and 19 protestors were arrested.

The Workers' Advocate adds its voice to the protest against the mass deportation plan of the Khomeimi regime against the Kurdish people. We stand in militant solidarity with the fighting Kurdish masses and all the toilers of Iran against the tyrannical rule of the Islamic Republic

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Whichever Candidate Wins the Elections, Reagarism Will Get a Second Term

It is an undeniable fact that, despite the profound hatred for Ronald Reagan among the workers, the unemoppressed nationalities, the enthusiasm among the working people for the Mondale campaign is nill. But how could it be otherwise? No matter how deeply a working person may hate Reagan, how could he possibly be inspired by the other candidate of cut- campaign. But all working and probacks, high taxes, and "increased preparedness? for war?

Just take a look at an episode of the Mondale campaign. This year's Labor number of patriotic and pro-Democrat themes. Among these was the UAW placard with the inspiring appeal "Cut the Deficit!" Imagine that! What auto worker could resist getting on board playment insurance, cut health care standing nakedly on a common plat-

game!" and other slogans raised by that the capitalists have nothing to the Marxist-Leninist Party, USA ployed, the black people and other contingent branding the Republicans and Democrats as two parties of the capitalist offensive.

Beyond a doubt, the fact that Mondale has placed his Reaganite cards on the table and is revealing himself as a frank reactionary is dearly costing his gressive people who are seeking a real. fight against Reaganism should not be lamenting Mondale's fate.

On the contrary. The disgrace of Day parades were turned into Mon- Mondale and co. must to utilized to dale-Ferraro campaign rallies by the destroy illusions in the Democratic AFL CIO chieftains. In Detroit the Party as the self-styled workingman's placards that the union bureaucrats alternative to the Republican Party of distributed among the crowd carried a big business. It should be made good use of to instill in the masses hatred for the parties of the capitalists and millionaires and to train them in class independence from the bourgeoisie.

Yes, both Reagan and Mondale, the Mondale crusade to slash unem- both Republican and Democrat, are

for the poor, and raise taxes to help the form of poverty and war. Whatever the offer but unemployment and lunger, government balance its books?! No outcome of the voting on November 6, wonder that the Detroit rally was less Reaganism has been assured a second than half the size of last year's. And no term. This presents a menacing wonder that a good number of workers challenge for the workers and that did come shouted their agreement oppressed. At the same time it prewith the slogan "Reagan and Mondale sents an opportunity by helping to are the same - Reaganomics is their open the eyes of millions to the truth

wage cuts and cutbacks, nuclear warheads and preparations for world slaughter. This opportunity must be seized upon to organize and mobilize the masses for independent action.

The challenge of the Reaganite offensive of monopoly capital must be met by the class struggle.

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### Revisionists: Salesmen for Mondale and the Democrats

How to fight Reaganite reaction? That's the question that comes up time and again in this year of the presidential sionist organizations.

towards the Reagan administration. Four years of Reagan- before the Democratic Party convention Gus Hall, the ism, four years of unemployment and takebacks, of virulent general secretary of the CPUSA, declared: racism and flag waving war efforts, has provided the working masses with more than enough reason to wish to throw Reagan out of office. The capitalist offensive headed up by the Reagan government is a serious and dangerous threat to the working masses. Only by tapping the mass hatred for Reagan and organizing it into a concentrated and systematic class struggle can this danger be met.

The masses are disgusted with Reagan. But for all of their just contempt for him, there is little sentiment to support Mondale. This is not simply because Mondale whines gone out of his way to pick up the reactionary catchwords of along behind Reagan for the last four years and they have working people if only Reagan is voted out of office. not yet forgotten the suffering under Carter. There is a definite feeling, even if not yet a fully thought out idea, that towards the Democrats. Some actually admit that Reaganas intolerable as Reagan is, the Democrats don't really offer

For revolutionaries, this disaffection with the Democrats is encouraging. It means that there are possibilities for drawing the masses into alternative politics, the politics of class struggle. The hatred for Reagan should be used to push forward the mass struggles. The disillusionment with the Democrats should be used to strengthen the mass movements through conscious opposition to the bipartisan class offensive of the capitalists. The election campaign itself should be made the field for a widespread call to build up the independent movement of the working class. These are the tasks that stand out this year.

But what revolutionaries see as an opportunity, the revisionists consider a lost cause. The pro-Soviet, Maoist, and other revisionist trends all proclaim themselves to be Marxist-Leninists, the vanguard fighters of the working class. But instead of leading the masses, they have consistently fallen into line behind the trade union buneaucrats, the black misleaders, and the entire reformist milieu that circles around the Democratic Party. This year, instead of encouraging the working masses toward an independent class stand, a series of revisionist groups have sunk to calling out the vote for Mondale.

This trend of giving up the independent politics of the working class in favor of merging with the reformist wing of the Democrats is called liquidationism. The cause of the working class requires not only a fight against Reagan and the Democrats, but also an exposure of the liquidators, who are trying to dress up the Democratic Party as an alternative to Reaganism.

#### The Class Basis of Reaganism

The official pro-Soviet revisionists, the Communist Party USA (CPUSA), has been campaigning for Mondale for some time. More recently the pro-Soviet Line of March organization (ICM), the ultra opportunist newspaper called the Guardian, and two Macist groups, the League of Revo-Irlinary Struggle (LRS) and the Communist Workers' Party (CWP), have endorsed Mondale's candidacy for

These latter groups previously supported the Jesse Jackson campaign for the Deniocratic nomination for president. Their present support for Mandale shows once again that the Jackson campaign was not a step towards political independence but away to sugarrout support for the Democratic Party. Indeed the CWP has followed this position so that whether Reagan or Mondale takes office, Reaganism logically that it has taken steps towards figuridating its own organization. The July 4-17, 1984 issue of the Warkers: Viewpoint, the CWP newspaper, but only endurses Mon- dusion. They are eager to support Mondale and so they bedale but also announces that "we are suspending publica- gire to dredge up the supposed benefits of not electing Reation indefinitely."

Officiarse allof these groups are somewhat embarcassed about their support for Mondale. They have exphenistically labeled their voter campaigns a "Duncy Reagan" or "defeat Reagan" movement. The CPUSA is actually running its own caudidates to look "leftist" even while it salk on all and sandry to vote: Hemmont. Other of the groups have tried to distance themselves from some of the more reactionary stands that Mondale has been taking. Nevertheless, every one of the groups argue that despite the limitations of Mondale his election will "defeat Heaganism "on will, attleast, "blunt" this reactionary drive.

This analysis is patently wrong and, despite the tons of: paper trese groups have wasted writing about the elecevidence to back up their chim sfor Mondale.

tion, or what we call in simuland. "Ringanism," enjoys the chared class position." Well then, what kind of "breathing overwhelming support of the capitallat chas. Can ght in the grips of economic crisis, and having been able to bring; the log capitalists have extend for a policy of attack on the space" were table. The august Sarviclestresses: working masues: - a policy of takehacks, job climination, racism, imperialist conquest and plunder, and all-rand

These policies are not sirply the whites of Reagun or of his Republican Party. They are equally supported by the other party of the big capitalists, the Democrats. Ilia acounts for the fact that these policies were begun during; the administration of the Demonatic president, Jinray Carter: Ittalsa explain why the Denucrats, who control the House of Representatives, have failed to put up even a taken, partisan opposition to Reagan, but insteach have virturdly ribbar stamped his every request. The bipartisars support for Reaganism also equinies why Monticle has bypassective normal election routine of singly making thing bild y is that "Important breathing space" is simply mapromise sabout all the gwolthings de wil supposedly du fir. the massex and has, instead, based his campaign on the un torrake things werea, like the Fernal leans. radicary thenes raised by Rhagan The Den wrats still all then relies the "party of labor and the minorities" bildly. Whythis better possibility exists the Guardian close (although ever this Monch bis shiping a way, from). But they not expendir. What it is in the policy of the Demautats over have taken Reagan in to their bo corraridate reaking their bit far office artile ground that days conclusive that; more the Guardian does not point out. The Guardian has told us

professional jidoof varying ut Reagan's pdices. or the capitalist offensive.

But this reality is denied, or made light of, by the revi-

The CPUSA simply lies and dresses up the Democrats as The workers and the oppressed are contemptuous a real opposition to Reaganite reaction. For example, right

> "The Democratic Party platform will be somewhat influenced by the primary and convention struggles, especially by the issues raised by Jesse Jackson. On economic issues, it will most likely reflect the increased role and activities of the trade union movement. On peace, it will reflect the strong and growing peace sentiment in the country. ...

> "Likewise, with other mass movements of seniors, youth, farmers, etc." (Political Affairs, July, 1984)

Of course the Democratic Party platform did not end up instead of speaking. Nor is it solely because Mondale has looking like this in the slightest. But the CPUSA has been undaunted. They have continued to regularly display pic-Reagan and to campaign on them. It is also the case that the tures of Mondale in their newspaper and proclaim over and masses have seen the Democratic stalwarts stumbling over again the enormous victories that will come to the

> Other of the revisionist groups are not quite so laudatory ism is based on the class offensive of the capitalists. But then, they simply forget what they have said before, claim that there is a "rift in the ruling class" (Unity, August 31, 1984, special supplement, organ of the LRS), or that Mondale's "differences with Reagan are not without significance" (Frontline, August 20, 1984, special supplement, organ of LOM), and go on to argue that the election of Mondale will "provide important breathing room for the masses and the left, and to third world liberation movements under the U.S. gun...." (Unity, ibid.)

> This assessment, while not so openly singing the praises of the Democrats, is nevertheless an attempt to detach the Democratic Party from the present reaction and to portray it as some kind of alternative to Reaganism. To see how ridiculous this analysis is, let us follow one of the revisionist groups through the twists and turns of their analy-

#### A Breathing Space With No Ain

The Guardian calls for voting Mondale. But first they outline how all sectors of the bourgeoisie are in favor of Reaganism. Their August 8, 1984 issue states:

"We would stress, though, that the policies of the right-wing government now in power are not simply due to one sector of the ruling class being more right wing or 'treational' than a liberal sector, but more fundamentally, are a reflection of the general crisis of capitalism. Internationally, almost all capitalist governments, both conservative and those that have come to power as social-democrats, have in recent years been forced to make sharp cutbacks in social programs and have attacked working class gains. ..."

"The two major parties do have their differences. But these are in the context of fundamental decisions made outside the electoral arena, set in motion by the ruling forces in the U.S. The decision to invade Viet Nam was made during an election compaign in which Lyndon Johnson was the 'peace candidate.' The current was buildup began in the Democratic Carter adreinistration which initiated most major weapons systems now coming and ine and much of the military budget increases. The acquiescence of congressional Democrats to much of Reagan's program since he came to office reflects their convergence of interests based on a shared class position." (emphasis added)

This would seem clear enough. The shvious conclusion is will continue to be the policy of the U.S. government.

But the Guardian does not follow their analysis to its congan. The same article declares:

"We have no illusions about the Hemocratic Party. It is a capitalist party, representing tuling class interests, with an real valutions to the fundamental problems of our society. But seeing the reed to loosen the grip of the right wing on the regard of government is not the same thing; as embracing; the Democratic Party and its program. A defeat for the reactionaries in Novender can offer an important breathing space to the left and progressive forces in the U.S. and, perhaps: more importantly, to liberation reovements and antiimperialist countries around the world." temphasis

Carryou believe this? The Guardian, we are tobl, has: "no tions, and a one of the revisionize can provide a street of "illusions" in the Democrats. They have already explained how the Bernocats' rubber stanging of Reagan's pro-The truth is that the policies of the Reagon administra- grame, reflects their convergence of interests based on a space" can we expect from a Mindale government?

The Guardian, unlike the dien revision ist groups, a dualabout a temporary obbin the progressive mass movements. Ay attempts, to spell out what this "important breathing

> "We should not expect the Democrats to be peaceful - either toward revolutionary peoples around the world or working people and minorities in the U.S. However; the worst the Democrats are likely to do is continue what the Republicans are doing, The best that could happen is that the strangulation of the Micaragitan revolution night ease up somewhat, some pressure might be put on the fiscist South African government, some lumarirights de rands be made on the Salvadoran government and the assault on labor. unitas, women and minorties at home might be erserd." (emphasis added)

Here the Guardian gives us two possibilities. One possiexistent and the "worst" the Democrars will do is to contin-

Butthe: Genelan also dains; that there is: a besten possithe last several years that incline tes this letter possibility that the Democrats are tied to Reaganism by their class It's this fact, that Reagarismis the hipartisan reaction position The y howeats of this they have not llusting in the ary offensive of the capital stellary, and not who is elected. Hern control in there we find them simply hoping that may which will determine what happens after the elections are bethere is some possibility that the situation may be slightover In fact, this year who wins the election will be date: by "eased" under Monch b. And on the dashs of this lope mired mainly by, who the hounger is it thinks will best comy we are apposed to go out and promise the working masses a "beathing space" and tie them to the esattaik of the

Mondale campaign.

The Guardian has simply cast serious political analysis to the wind. They point out that in this election we have two lemons, but then they want to speculate that if we choose one of them perhaps it might be a tidbit sweeter than the other one. But the fact is that lemons are sour, no matter which you choose.

the working masses and the policies followed by the Republicans and the Democrats alike prove that this is a bipartisan policy. Choosing one or the other in the elections will not determine the direction of the capitalists' policy (as the Guardian itself admits). Only the class struggle in the U.S. and internationally can change that direction. It is the view of our Party that there is simply no lesser evil in this elec-

#### Not the Class Struggle, But a Bloc With the Liberal Bourgeoisie

But the Guardian, and the other revisionist groups with them, have become frightened by Reaganism and, instead of carrying out the arduous work to organize the class struggle against Reaganism, they are running off to the arms of the liberals. Each of the revisionist groups try to explain their support for Mondale in terms of an alliance with one section of the bourgeoisie, the liberal Democrats, against the fascist menace of Reaganism.

The CPUSA recently proclaimed:

"The Reagan administration is not a fascist regime. But opposition to its extreme reactionary policies must be, and is, being built among an exceptionally wide array of class and social forces, including a more soberminded section of monopoly." (Daily World, September 6, 1984, emphasis added)

The LOM even argues that:

"The fact that in the context of the 1984 election, the objective defense of bourgeois democracy against the inroads of fascism proceeds under the leadership of the liberal wing of the bourgeoisie is quite sobering." (Frontière, August 20, 1984, emphasis added)

The revisionists have forgotten the one thing that Marxist-Leninists can never forget - the class struggle. Reaction will be fought, and actually defeated, only if the workers are organized as a class, independently of the capitalists, and their political parties, and in class struggle against the capitalists.

But the liquidators have forgotten the class struggle and have been corrupted with the spirit of seeking positions with the liberals and the labor bureaucracy. For them class struggle and class analysis are just a plaything, not something which determines the course of their work.

Even their talk of "dumping Reagan" is not meant seriously. The support of the liquidators for the Democratic Party will not seriously affect the outcome of the elections in 1984. It will not ensure a big sweep against the Republicans, any more than opportunist support for the Democratic Party in all the previous elections did. What it will do is help retard the growth of class consciousness among the working class and the growth of anti-imperialist sentiment among the anti-war activists. It will propagate the rotten spirit of owering behind the illusory protection of the liberal bourgeoisie, of fearing to take a single step away from the unbrella of what is acceptable to liberal judges and congressmen, liberal businessmen, liberal foundations.

It has not struck the liquidators that for real communists, for people who take the class struggle seriously, the prospert of selling out the fundamental interests of the movement for some minor, temporary advantages, is the very definition of opportunism. Even if subordinating the movement to the liberals would buy it this or that petty advantage, would this be worth selling out fundamental inter-

The true revolutionaries are by no means unattentive to the actual position of the liberals. They see that today the The all bourged is talking about fighting Reagan precisely in order to stop the masses from engaging in a real struggle against Reaganism. The liberal bourgeois "fights reaction" by strengthening reactionary institutions, as Kennedy fights anti-crime hysteria by strengthening the reactionary federal criminal code in alliance with Strom Thurmond or the Hispanic Causes fought the Simpson-Mazzoli bill by proposing; increases in the INS budget But when some liberal actually does fight reaction to some extent - fins is usually a perty bourgeois democrat, not a bourgeois the days conscious worken takes full account of it.

Meanwhile it is always and everywhere the policy of the rrasses. liquidator to full back into the arms of the liberal. Comrade Lenin, in 1900, discussed this question as it then confronted the international working class movement. We stressed:

Opportunists the sugnout the works have the policy of a bloc with the liberals, now openly and outrightly aniculaining and implementing it now adjocative or justifying election agreements with the liberals, sapport of their strains, etc. Bebei his time and again exresize the shear falsity, the sheer mendarity of this ruding, and we can say without exaggeration that every Social Democrat should know and remember his

If I, as a Social Democrat, ester into an allunce with bourgeois farties, it is a thousand to one that the courgeois parties will gain by it, not the Sociai-Demochits. Wis shall be the losers. It is apolitical law, that wherever the Rights and Lefts erter an advance, the Lefts lose, the Rights win!...

'If lenter into a political alliance with a party whose Printiples are hostile to mine. I must of necessity modiffing tactics, i.e., my methods of struggle, in order not to break this alliance. Isan no longer creticize ruth kasty, I cannot fight for principles, because this wrait! give offense to my dlies; I'have to keep quiet; coner up whot of things, make excuses for the inexpusable, gloss ever matters that cannot be glossed over.

Opportunism is opportunism for the very reasors that it sacrifices the fundamental interests of the mixenent to momentary advantages or considerations. based on the most short-sighted, superficial valculations." (V.I.Lemi's "Two Worlds," Collected Works,

This is exactly so with our revisionists. They have given up the class independence of the proletariat in the hope. andlaunost farfetched hope at that, that the Denocrais will slighty ease the growing reaction in this country.

The Liquidators Vs. the Independent Movement of the Working Class

In calling for support for Mondale, the revisionists are bucking the growing disaffection of the masses towards the Democrats, and they know it. Each of the revisionist groups have admitted that there is no mass support for Mondale. The Democrats and Republicans are both parties of the In fact, the revisionist groups point out that even within big capitalists. The capitalists are on an offensive against those circles who were active in the Democratic Party primary there is a profound "disappointment" with the Demo-

For example, Gus Hall complained:

"There is a very special problem we must deal with. According to reports from around the country it seems that many of the local organizations and committees, both of trade unions' PACs and the Rainbow coalition, have become or are becoming dormant. This can become a serious setback in the campaign to defeat Reaganism." (Political Affairs, July, 1984) Similarly LOM curses that:

"In some local areas, groupings of activists disgusted with Mondale's response to Jackson are vowing to boycott the presidential campaign altogether." (Frontline, August 20, 1984)

But instead of using this unhappiness with the Democrats to encourage the masses forward onto the road of independent class politics, the revisionist groups are trying to paint up voting for Mondale as if that were building the independent working class movement.

The CPUSA has gone to ridiculous lengths in this regards. For example, Gus Hall actually argued:

"We can legitimately talk about labor's political independence because the meaning and intention of the AFL-CIO convention decision went far beyond the endorsement of Mondale. But even the act of endorsing a candidate was an independent action." (Political Affairs, July, 1984, emphasis added)

Hall is reducing the concept of independent working class action to an absurdity. With Hall's way of thinking then even a suicide victim is building the independent movement because, after all, didn't he "independently" decide to cut his own throat? The AFL-CIO bureaucrats endorsed not a candidate of the working class, but a Democrat, who even Hall admits "is and always will be one of the two parties of Big Business." (Ibid.) This is not an act of the workers standing up in their own class interest, but of the labor bureaucrats trying to the the workers to the bourgeoisie's bandwagon. That they took this decision on their own does not change this fact one iota.

But Gus Hall doesn't stop here. For him even capitalist politicians endorsing Mondale is an act of political independence. The August 31 Daily World claims:

"Unity to oust President Reagan and the struggle for political independence accelerated Tuesday with the endorsement of Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro by 50 Afro-American leaders, including the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, and also by former presidential candidate John B. Anderson." (emphasis added) And Hall repeats this claim in the September & Daily

"John Anderson's endorsement reflects the inde-

World, saying:

perdent forces in the realignment." It is bad enough that the CPUSA argues that the black misleaders who are trying to the the oppnessed black masses to the Democrats are building an independent movement, but even John Anderson is praised. It should be remembered that Anderson was a liberal Republican who after losing the Republican primaries in 1980 floated his own presidential campaign. To call this capitalist politician independent, even when he was running against both the Republicans and Democrats, is to forget that the question of political independence is not so much one of form as of what class interest is represented in the candidate's political positions. But to claim this is independence when Anderson is actually endorsing the Democrats mems that you are just relabeling enconservents for Mondale as political independence. This is simply starreless double speak, to cover up the CP's all too loving en braces for the Democrat-

#### The Codapse of the "independent" Pretensions of the Supporters of Jackson

The other revisionist groups go through about the same contortions to claim that the Jesse Jackson campaign, and his subsequent endorsement of Montale, is builting; an independent movement of the workers und spuressed

We have gone into the Jesse Jankson campuignir several past issues of The Workers' Advocate and shown that it is a movement to subcrainate the black masses to the black bourgecisie and three her back into the Demogratic fold. We will not repeat the detailed armly is here:

But what is interesting is that many of the revisionists have claimed that Lackson and his efforts inside the Dunacratic Party had to be supported in order to give the race's "experience" so that they would lose illusions in the Democrats and eventually creak to form a trily independent: movement. Recently LOM repeated this whole argument

"Yes, the Derocratic Party is a bourgeois party, a valued institution of capitalist rule - and it will never be anything else! The vanguard dunerats of the working classknow than But until the mass of workers learn that truth out of their swi experience, they will struggle again and again to make the Democrate Party into a political vehicles utable for their wass in terests. The communists cannot stand alsof from that struggle - En alone castigate the political representatives: d the projetariat's sportaneous motion for organizing, that effort." (Frontline, August 20, 1984, special supplement)

But at the same time, LOMIachitisthanthere is a "tooubling" "abstentionist tendency which seems to have developed a measure of outency among state ladson supporters." Experience has been gained, and trave are activists who are disgruntled with the Democrats. Will LOM now finally encourage their forward and help temito organize independently of the Democrats No, not on your Hic. They denounce these activists for living "subjectivists "and go onto lecture them in the following marrer:

"Not abstentionism, but the independent effect of the Rainbow Coadition to mobilize the masses: - especial ly Continued on next page SER BLEW GLOWING

### On the presidential elections

### For class struggle against the Reaganite offensive!

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whites. Small wonder that Reagan has again been endorsed by the Ku Klux Klan and that such a racist scum as "imperial wizard" Bill Wilkinson praises "many elements of the Republican platform as pure Klan."

As for Mondale, it should not be forgotten that he was the vice-president for Mr. "Ethnic Purity" Carter. Today, he is appealing to the black vote because it is critical to his campaign; but at the same time he will not say a peep that might offend the Dixiecrats in the South and other arch-racist Democratic politicians. Mondale hasn't put forward a single measure to stem the racist Reaganite tide. Instead he has chosen a running mate, Geraldine Ferraro, who has championed a constitutional amendment against busing for school desegregation and who backs Reagan's tax credits for private racist academies.

Under the signboards of "getting tough on terrorism," Reagan is pushing one draconic law after the next to jail strikers, demonstrators and revolutionary activists. He continues his campaign to beef up the CIA, the FBI, the police, prisons and the entire police state apparatus against the work-

And the Mondale-Ferraro campaign is replying that Reagan may talk tough, but they are the ones who will act tough. The Democrats share equal responsibility for the repressive federal crime reform bill that Reagan is pushing, a bill passed down from Ted Kennedy's notorious S-1 bill. Meanwhile, to show her enthusiasm for reactionary "law and order" themes, Ferraro boasts of having been a "tough" prosecutor. After the recent bombing at the U.S. embassy in Beirut, the Democrats and Republicans have begun a dispute over who is really loyal to beefing up the CIA and the "intelligence community," with Mondale chastising Reagan for being "soft on international terrorism."

#### Two Candidates of Militarist Aggression and the Nuclear Buildup

But the overriding theme of both campaigns is superpatriotic appeals to the military buildup and to the strength of the U.S. world empire.

"America standing tall" is the banner of Reagan's campaign. Yes, "standing tall" on the arsenals of nuclear, chemical and conventional weapons that are being built up to the tral America ("interdiction," "quarsky for a world slaughter. Yes, "stand- antines," etc.) with diplomatic presing tall" on the backs of the people of sures against the revolutionary move-Grenada, Central America, Chile, ments. In short, Mondale is promising Lebanon, the Philippines, South Africa and the other peoples bleeding under military adventures abroad, along with the yoke of U.S. military occupation or a more wily policy to better hide the

TRICKLE DEFICIT DOWN REDUCTION ECONOMICS PLAN

U.S.-backed dictatorships.

Draping himself in the bloodstained flag of U.S. imperialism, and spewing chauvinistic filth about the god-given superiority of America over the other peoples of the world, Reagan is promising four more years of the record military buildup and imperialist adventures against the peoples of Central America and other lands.

But Mondale is protesting that he, not Reagan, is the man who stands for a "strong defense," who can deliver a "sustainable" military buildup, and who can provide more bang for the buck with more efficient and modern weapons systems. Mondale protests that it is he, not Reagan, who will be more "effective" in backing up the death squad dictatorship in El Salvador and in strangling revolutionary Nicaragua with a "quarantine."

At the same time Mondale is giving Reagan lectures about the usefulness of arms control talks for ensuring "a strong defense" and a nuclear arsenal "second to none." And he scolds Reagan about the need for complementing military intervention in Centhe same war buildup and the same

crimes of the warmakers and better defend U.S. imperialism's world em-

#### Both are Evil and Both are Worse

For the working people there is no choice between Reagan and Mondale. Both are front men for the capitalist monopolies. Both are standing naked on a common platform of hunger, reac-

Between Reagan and Mondale the choice is between which capitalist slave driver can better slash relief for the jobless and poor and drive the country towards new Viet Nams and nuclear destruction. There is no room here for speculation about the "lesser evil." Both are evil; and both are

#### Use the Elections to Push Forward the Class Struggle

But this doesn't mean that we can sit at home while the capitalists carry on their electoral circus. The workers and oppressed cannot be indifferent to this electoral campaign of capitalist reaction. We must seize on the occasion of the elections to advance the independent politics of the working class, the politics of class struggle.

We should use the elections to combat the influence of the capitalist par-

ties. Reagan and the Republicans are already despised among tens of millions as the capitalist monsters that they are. But more work is needed to expose among the widest sections of the people the anti-worker, racist and warmongering reality behind the mountains of Reaganite lies and chauvinist demagogy.

The popular enthusiasm for Mondale and the Democrats is at rock bottom. There is a widespread opinion among the working people that Mondale is no alternative. But more work is needed to tear the mask off the smooth-talking Democrats and expose them as merely disguised Reaganites. The Democratic Party "heroes of the working man" provoke nausea and disgust among the working people because they too are tools of the capitalist ruling class. The general discontent with the Democrats needs to be turned into the determination to take action against the capitalist offensive, action independent of the capitalist parties.

This electoral season of Madison Avenue commercials and carefully staged appearances before the cameras is making it clearer than ever that the strings of the electoral game are pulled by the money men behind the scenes. The elections are bought and sold by the most powerful groups of finance capital. And despite all the inevitable promises of "peace" and 'prosperity,' and no matter who wins office, the real business of making policy is set by the Wall Street kings

We must spread the truth that nothing can be accomplished through this year's electoral farce. All the promises that the Reaganite offensive can be stopped at the polls this November are a great hoax being played on the masses.

and Pentagon generals.

There can be no illusions in election year promises. For the working class the only sure promise is that there's no way out of this capitalist hell without struggle. There is no way out of the misery of unemployment, racist oppression, and the growing danger of new wars without the working masses rising in bitter class struggle.

#### For the Independent Movement of the Working Class

For success in this struggle the working masses must build up their own independent political movement; they must forge the powerful weapons of the working class struggle.

Reaganite offensive. Without the ini- of the immigrant workers. tiative and struggles of the masses there can be no talk of political independence. As the proletarian forces

grow in strength, running candidates in elections may be a subsidiary front of work. However, progressive successes in elections only register the advances won in the direct mass strug-

In the course of the struggle, the workers and all the oppressed need to forge revolutionary organization. In the work places, communities and schools the masses need to equip themselves with a variety of different types of organization, paying particular attention to supporting and building the genuine working class party, the Marxist-Leninist Party, as the militant general staff of the class struggle. Without the weapon of organization political independence cannot be consolidated; with it the working people can combine their numbers into an invincible force.

And to build their independent movement the working people need to arm themselves with class consciousness. This demands a firm ideological and political struggle against the bourgeoisie, exposing the lies of Reaganism and unmasking the Democrats, the union bureaucrats and the other soldout apologists of the capitalists. This demands the spread of revolutionary literature to counteract the capitalists' giant propaganda machine by telling the truth about the class struggle and championing the cause of the workers and oppressed. And this demands the popularization of Marxism-Leninism, the reliable compass of the revolutionary working class movement. As Lenin taught the workers, "Without a revolutionary theory there can be no revolutionary movement."

#### For Struggle Against Hunger!

Whatever the outcome on November 6, every step of the Reaganite offensive of capital must be fought tooth

The times cry out for the workers to put an end to the job-cutting and wage-slashing concessions drive of the employers. The unemployed and poor need jobs and real relief from hunger and poverty. The capitalists, not the workers, must be made to pay for the burden of the economic crisis.

#### For Struggle Against Racism!

The fight against the racist drive of the capitalists' is a pressing task for all the working people. This demands struggle against the racist terror of the Work is needed to push forward the police and racist gangs; opposing the tions, protests and other forms of mass black people out of the work places and action are the bulwark against the schools; and fighting for the full rights

#### For Struggle Against Imperialist War!

The working peoples' answer to the frantic nuclear buildup and the danger of new military adventures must be revolutionary struggle against imperialist war. This means fighting every act of aggression and slavery by our "own" government against the peoples of other lands. It means lending solidarity to the revolutionary struggles of the workers and peasants of Central America and the other victims of U.S. imperialism. And it means solidarity with the workers of the social-imperialist Soviet Union, and with the workers of all the other capitalist and pseudo-socialist powers with all who are taking part in the common struggle against the imperialist powers and their "own" warmongering governments.

#### For the Socialist Revolution of the Working Class!

Mass struggle is the essential weapon for holding in check the Reaganite offensive of capital. But the class struggle is not just a holding pattern; it is not simply an unending tug-of-war. The class struggle is the moving force of the socialist revolution of the working class.

For decades the ruling class has spread the lie that at least in capitalist America the working people are promised a certain level of rights and security. But nothing is destroying this lie faster than the Reaganite offensive of the bourgeoisie. It is convincing millions that the capitalist system offers nothing but the dead end of unemployment, reaction and war.

In the day-to-day fight against the Reagan offensive much work is needed to show that the socialist revolution is the only way out of this capitalist hell. This will make these struggles all the more powerful, lifting them out of the capitalist and reformist framework. In the thick of the struggle the hard work must begin to build the independent class organizations of the working masses. In the independent mobilization and organization of the working people today, the political army will be built for the socialist revolution of

This will be a tomorrow where the working class will be organized as the ruling class. Under the proletarian democracy of tomorrow, elections will not be a circus to choose between which cutthroat capitalist and warmonger will sit on the backs of the people for the next four years. Elections will be held to determine which men and women of labor are the best representatives of the interests of the working people - the likes of Reagan and Mondale will be out of luck.

#### MONDALE-WAR Continued from page 2

guans have no right to do what they're doing." Of course, Reagan also says that the CIA operations against Nicaragua are only for "interdiction" of (so-far-undetected) arms shipments. So what's the difference between Mondale's "interdiction" and Reagan's "interdiction"? The only possible difference is that Mondale wants to hide the CIA's hand behind the U.S.puppet generals in Honduras, running the CIA/contra operations against Nicaragua through the U.S.-trained and supplied Honduran military. That's why Mondale promises to keep the U.S. troops and military equipment pouring into Honduras, "continuing (the) traditional role in Honduras for interdiction" against Nicara-

Like Reagan, Mondale is menacing Nicaragua with the big stick of a fullscale U.S. invasion. This is what is meant when Mondale echoes Reagan's warning that any steps towards the introduction of Soviet aircraft into Nicaragua, or "that sort of thing," would be a "totally intolerable" threat to national security, and that whatever steps are necessary will be taken to remove them.

There is one point where it could be said that there is a shade of difference between Mondale's promises and the present Reagan policy. This is Mondale's stress on the need to make better use of the Contadora group - the regional capitalist regimes of Mexico. Venezuela, Colombia and Panama. Mondale listed building up "pressure" against Nicaragua through the Contadora group as one step to go along with "interdiction" and "quarantine" to bring Nicaragua to its knees. Of course, this is only a question of shade because Reagan's State Department also recognizes the value of the Contadora group for the U.S. imperialist strategy for Central Ameri-

Try as you might, you will not find even a hint of a "breathing space" for the people in Mondale's discussion of Central America. On the contrary. Mondale speaks in the same Reaganite language of the imperialist big stick; of bullets and bombs and Green Berets; of big power bullying and aggression; of "pressure" and "interdiction" and "quarantine."

Moreover, just in case anyone thought that Mondale might have qualms about dispatching U.S. troops in imperialist adventures to trample on small and weak countries, Mondale went out of his way to praise Reagan's' invasion of Grenada. He apologetically explained that his original misgivings about the Grenada invasion were unfounded, and that he "would've used American power" just as Reagan did.

#### Mondale's Plan for "Star Wars" Weapons

The Democrats' chatter about "controlling the arms race" and "reducing the threshold of danger." They hope that someone might get confused and think that Mondale stands opposed to Reagan's frenzied arms buildup. But in his New York Times interview, Mondale straightened out any confusion on this score.

Mondale boasted that it wasn't Reagan, but the Carter-Mondale regime which launched the "essential" and "necessary" record buildup in conventional weaponry. And he repeated his refrain that the Democrats are the more effective party of militarism, the party which can ensure a sustained war buildup, while the Republicans "are shattering the national support for an essential defense pro-

On nuclear weapons, Mondale accused Reagan of not holding arms talks with the Soviet Union. But at the same time Mondale promised that if he were in office he would continue the deployment of the Pershing missiles tanks and missiles to prepare for a in Western Europe and all of the Pen- world slaughter to redivide "spheres

nuclear war." Just like Reagan, Mondale stands for nuclear superiority and all-out preparations for nuclear holocaust. Only Mondale demands a more cunning policy, a policy of hiding the fiendish plans of the warmakers under cheap phrases about "arms control."

Mondale moans and wrings his hands about the dangers and horrors of Reagan's anti-satellite and "star wars" weapons program. But does that mean Mondale is opposed to filling the heavens with nuclear warheads? If he came to office would he scrap the Pentagon's diabolical program? Not on your life!

In his interview, Mondale announced his idea for a six-month moratorium in the testing of these weapons in a bid to get concessions from the Russians in the arms talks. Big deal! A six-month delay in open-air testing means next to nothing at a time when most of these weapons are still being developed in the laboratories and are not at the testing stage anyway. And if the concessions demanded don't come - "star wars" full speed ahead.

Of course, Mondale points out that his moratorium idea is only possible because the U.S. anti-satellite weapons are far ahead of the Russian ones. You see, "peace candidate" Mondale, just like Reagan, never forgets that gaining nuclear advantage is the first rule of the imperialist game of the nuclear arms race.

#### Down With the Imperialist Warmakers!

In this election at least one thing is certain — the U.S. imperialist ruling class is hellbent on war. The imperialist bankers and multinationals are out for blood in their drive to put down the revolts of the workers and oppressed in Central America and other regions of the world that challenge their superprofits. They are clamoring for more

tagon's other plans for a "winnable of influence" (markets, sources of raw materials, etc.) with their equally imperialist counterparts in the Soviet Union. The corporate war merchants are raking in tens and hundreds of billions off of the military buildup. And both of the capitalist candidates - Reagan and Mondale - are running on this war platform.

There can be no illusions about 'breathing spaces" from either of active solidarity with the revolutionary grave.

these candidates of "interdiction" and "quarantine," Pershings and "star wars." There are no shortcuts. To combat the real and pressing dangers of U.S. intervention and nuclear war demands struggle. It demands organization and mobilization of the working and progressive people in mass struggle against every step of

struggles of the working people of the world, in the first place with the workers and peasants of Central America and other victims of aggression by "our own" government. And it means linking the struggle against war to the cause of the working class, the only class with the potential strength for the revolutionary battle that will put militarism and aggression. It demands the imperialist fiends of war in their

#### **REVISIONISTS** Continued from previous page

the Black Community - in the struggle against Reagan through voter registration and, yes, by casting their ballots for Mondale and Ferraro, is a far more effective way of translating the class and anti-racist hatred which many activists rightfully feel into a meaningful and effective political force." (Ibid.)

nuch eyewash to justify the fact that the revisionists are encouraging not the independent movement of the workers, working class requires not only breaking with the Demoout dragging them deeper into the Democratic Party.

For the Political Independence of the Working Class

The question is what should the communists teach the

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**DIRTY WAR** 

military.

This policy was spelled out by the Democratic presidential candidate Mondale in a September 17 interview in the New York Times. In this interboth the military buildup in El Salvador and the CIA "interdiction" operations against Nicaragua being run out of Honduras. Mondale stated, Duarte [president of the death squad

for interdiction...." Thus Mondale explicitly calls for propping up the fascist Salvadoran regime and supporting Honduras' "traditional role" of providing bases, arms and training to the contras.

Reagan's extensive use of alternate conduits to the contras also shows the fraudulent nature of the congressional debates on the funding of the CIA's view Mondale comes out in support of war. Every one of the measures allegedly restricting funding just so happens to also allow continued backing of the CIA/contra operations through alternate conduits. Clearly, "I believe we should be supporting Congress is a talk shop reserved for hypocritical speechmaking to fool the regime in El Salvadorl, including mili- masses. Meanwhile Reagan, the CIA, tary assistance. I would support the the Pentagon, and the State Departcontinuing traditional role in Honduras ment organize their war effort behind

masses through their experience. The Marxist-Leninists are trying to teach the masses the truth, to encourage them to break with both capitalist parties, Democrat and Republican alike, and to march forward on an independent road of class struggle against the capitalist offensive. The revisionists are standing against the gravitation of the masses towards independent class politics, trying to extinguish each ember of rebellion against the capitalist parties, and dress up support for the Democratic Party, the capitalist Obviously all this talk of gaining "experience" is just so liberals, as revolutionary Marxist-Leninist theory.

Clearly building a truly independent movement of the crats, but also exposing the revisionists who are trying to demoralize the working class movement.

Clearly neither the Democrats in Congress nor Mondale present an obstacle to U.S. intervention in Central America. The force that can truly stand up against Reagan's aggression is not the two-faced bourgeois politicians, but the working masses. The workers and other oppressed must take matters into their own hands and build up the mass struggle against U.S. intervention.

### MAP/ML Communique on the Nicaraguan elections

## For struggle against the bourgeoisie and U.S. imperialism

The Movement of Popular Action/ Marxist-Leninist, the Marxist-Leninist party of Nicaragua, considers it of importance to declare before the workers, before the people and especially the Nicaraguan proletariat, our views on the present electoral process.

In the first place, the economic crisis the country is going through and which is bearing down heavily on the workers has continued to worsen. Nevertheless the electoral struggle has been made into a smoke screen to hide all the problems which face the workers. And the problems which cannot be hidden are made light of with the aim of having the workers forget about their problems. Meanwhile the division of power is worked out in Manzanillo, in Contadora, etc. [Negotiations for a socalled "regional peace plan" are being conducted by the reactionary and pro-U.S. imperialist governments of Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama — the Contadora group. The internal political situation in Nicaragua has been made part of these negotiations. The Contadora group first met on the Panamanian island of Contadora, from where it gets its name. Manzanillo, Mexico was the site of recent talks between U.S. and Nicara- The workers who demand higher guan officials, where the U.S. side de- wages are called "counterrevolutionmanded concessions to the bourgeois ary." Meanwhile, these concessions reaction inside Nicaragua.

The workers' wages continue to be tinue to be given against a background much below the cost of living. Health, of the military aggressions carried out housing, transportation, are problems by imperialism, which each day grow which continue to worsen, making hiv- more violent.



Nicaraguan masses show their determination to right to the end should U.S. imperialism launch a full-scale invasion.

announced for the next harvest. Evi- legal system, that without the particidently these incentives will come out of the sweat and toil of the workers. [to the capitalists and landlords] con-

ing conditions for the workers ever In the second place, we have pointed more difficult. On the other hand, out from the beginning of the process incentives amounting to 48 million of institutionalization (the formalizacordobas to comon producers are tion of the electoral process and the

pation of the masses and within a bourgeois framework, this institutionalization was going to be a green light for the bourgeoisie to gradually accumulate forces in the political and economic arenas. In this direction, the electoral process has been unfolded ess was born dead.

have begun to say that the electoral Betancur has been playing an active struggle has been exhausted, that it role in the "Contadora process."] We

room has to be made for the participation of the Sacaza-Guerrero Coordinating Committee [the reactionary bloc of the big capitalists and landlords]. In other words, in order to try to save the credibility of the elections. [these parties] bow to the pressures of imperialism, of Contadora and of social-reformism, so that the most reactionary bourgeoisie of this country may take part in the electoral process.

Nevertheless, the masses have gone out to the streets to demonstrate, not against Arturo Cruz [the presidential candidate of the right-wing bloc] as an individual, but to protest against the intentions of the bourgeoisie to construct an internal counterrevolutionary front. This attitude of the masses must be organized. It must not be allowed to take the course of spontaneity. It must be guided in the direction of repudiating the program of "national unity," "mixed economy" and "political pluralism" which is pushed by the Sandinista Front (FSLN) and with which the other parties agree, including the parties of the Sacaza Coordinating Committee.

In the third place, the Movement of Popular Action/Marxist-Leninist rejects and condemns all foreign interference in the solution of Nicaragua's internal problems. Why are they attempting to solve the problems in Manzanillo? Why with the interferwithout the participation of the ence of Contadora? What are the masses. Therefore the electoral proc- Cubans and Soviets doing? Why accept the mediation of Belisario Meanwhile, all the other parties Betancur? [Colombian president will not solve a single problem, that don't accept the interference from the Americans, from the Russians, nor from anybody.

The problems affecting Nicaragua must be resolved by the Nicaraguan workers, the more so when the negotiating parties do not represent the interests of the workers. The Sandinista Front, by accepting foreign interference, is accepting Yankee imperialism's thesis that the internal problems of Nicaragua are a reflection of the East-West confrontation. Our Party holds that we must base ourselves only on the forces of the proletariat, on the revolutionary forces, on the forces of the workers, and we demand that this support come in all forms and levels. We don't accept demagogical communiques nor the palace intrigues of the UN as the only way of supporting he Nicaraguan workers in their

struggle against imperialism. In the fourth place, the people have seen now all of the parties, with the exception of the MAP-MI, hold that these negotiations will bring peace. But this will be peace for the exploiters, peace for the bourgeoisie. Imperialism will not allow us to develop the revolution in peace. If negotiating with the Coordinating Committee will bring terrevolution [the Cla-hacked courses] and the Coordinating Committee are the armed wing and the political wing of the imperialst aggression. The

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great stake in carrying forward the revolution against the exploitation and poverty they suffer at the hands of the rich The party of the working class, MAP-ML, which played an important role in the workers' struggle against the Somoza tyranny, is today organizing the working masses as an independent class force to carry forward the revolution. The workers' press plays an important role in the struggle

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Today the Nicaraguan revolution is under siege from U.S.

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The Nicaraguan revolution has been created by the work-

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### Campaign to support the Nicaraguan workers' press Off to a good start

The Workers' Advocate is pleas- includes fountain solution for the ed to report that the Campaign for the Nicaraguan Workers' Press is off to a good start. The funds raised have made possible the first shipments of supplies to Managua, making a modest contribution to filling the great needs of the Nicaraguan workers' press in the face of the brutal blockade of U.S. imperialism.

made up the bulk of these first shipments. Pant of these supplies have already been sent and the a tape recorder and transcription remainder is about to be sent. This includes 250 offset printing plates, and lithographic film and some 20

press. These supplies have become very difficult and expensive to acquire in Nicaragua and some have become simply unavailable. Hopefully, these first shipments will keep the workers' press at least supplied with the printing plates and chemicals it needs in the next months.

Other materials were also sent. Printing press supplies have This included such essentials as 12 typewriter ribbons, camera film and 200 sheets of photo paper, and equipment.

The purchase cost of these first shipments was \$1,872.32, and the

gallons of chemicals for burning shipping cost so far was \$273.20, and developing the plates. It also amounting to a total of \$2,145.52.

peace, this only means that the coun- ism's military aggression. The bourigeoisie is the class which, after five years of revolution, is most strengthened, most organized, thanks to the concessions given to it by Sandinism. revolutionary process must not be Each concession is translated into regoriated. The revolution must be better and greater apportunities for delerded and not negotisted. Any con- the bourgeoisie to develop itself. We cession to the loot recoisie goes against are already seeing the consequences of

All the other political parties have In this direction the Movement of declared that the revolutionary printi- Popular action/Wheraist-Leminist is the ples must be put aside in the inducests only party which has declared itself of peace. Has imperialism put aside its against extending the feather for the interests in these regulations? No. parties of the Savari Coordinating sulface either the masses or the par- a prints the prestranement of the elec-Contactors, when we all know the bout. Sando ista Front behind the backs of genis character of this part. The walk- the masses, have as their goal the ers, this resolutionaries must reject all circufoin of better anditions for the surreniler, all wall himms. The works to ungenision to participate in the electhe Sandristas, that by giving conceshi for fifth phas, we rust say that same you defend yourself against the bourgeoisie, for imperialism.

tinues on this path, it will not lose its power in a war, it will hand it over on a negotiating table.

Finally, we call on the workers, on the proletariat to mobilize themselves against the bourgeoisic, to narrow the framework on which the bourgeoisie operates] that the Sandinistas are determined to open. In this mobilization the workers must put into action all of their forces, all the methods of political and ideological struggle. They must develop their organization and partuipatien in the militias. They must demand a positive response to their de-Ther why does the FSTM, without ron- Committee to register, and which is amonds. There is remarks work towards the formation of the popular assembly of representatives of workers, peasints [members of the pupular church], villagers, soldiers -- we have the begin forming the organis of power of the working class. We have to take away from the bourged sir the apace it has been winning. Not one vote for the

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### Behind-the-scenes funding for the dirty war against Nicaragua

The Reagan administration is continning to escalate the U.S. aggression against Nicaragua. The CLA has organized the remnants of the army of the deposed dictator Sountiza to invade Nicaragua. Thousands of these contras have been unleashed from U.S.-supported bases in Homeluras to nounder and bonn their way through the villages of Nicaragua. This year alone Congress has provided Reagan with \$24 million to help the contras revierse the resolution and restore a U.S.-backed dictatorship in Nicaragua. Meanwhile, the U.S. countinues its huge military buildup in Honduras in preparation for a direct U.S. inva-

But this is far from the whole story of U.S. support for the comtrus. In: addition to the aid given directly by the U.S. government, the Reagan administration has been stepping up their ascof other channels to assist the Somocista bands. These "supplement al" means of aid are by no means small. Indeed the bourgeris press estimates that this aid tutallerlas much as \$20 million in 1984, a p proaching the level of official U.S. aid to the Nicaraguan counterrevolution.

#### **Using Reactionary Regimes** As an Aid Conduit

solicited a number of reaction any pro- called Civilian Military Assistance U.S. regimes to aid the CIA/contra effort, including kreel, Guatemala, from the canks of the capitalist police Taiwan, Honduras, Argentina and and armet forces. One of the men Venezuela. The Israeli regime alone killed in the helicopter was a police has sent some \$4.5 million in cash and detective in Huntsville, Alabama who arms this year. Also notable is the III was also a captain in the special forces million in rifles, ammunition and space of Alebarra's National Guard. Also in parts from Argentina over the last two CMA are some murder-hungry Viet years; the so-called "dermanatic" Nan veterans who still long for regime of Argentine president Raul another chance to participate in U.S. Alfonsin, in giving this aicl, is his norting aggression overseas. The fleader of commitments made by for Jurmer force laire a-killers is a produce regime of fascist genera k.

role of middlemen for the U.S. inter- reresers in the September 1 attack by vention. Administration officials the contras was not an isolated event. privately admit that they stundy tell Fer some time the CMA has been their allies to give aid to the sentral active in Central America. According and it return the U.S. gives a like to OMA leaders, more than a dozen amount of economic addite the country CIMA members work with contra involved. With this method, U.S. braces, training pilots and even planimperialism attempts to rude much of ring missions. The CMA has also been its assistance to the CIA backed met sending military supplies to the

#### Fascist U.S. Mercenaries Into the War Effort

tusily congenizing alternative and of CIMA activity in Central America sources in the home front. Recently a lines been reade with the help and guidgraphic example of Reagan's use of ameet the U.S. government.



Wreckage of the helicopter of the U.S. mercenaries which was shot down by the Nicaraguan people during a contra air raid on September 1.

These U.S. mercenaries were mem-The Reagan administration has been of a paramilitary organization (CIMA). The CMA draws its requits distribution capitalist in Alabama.

These governments are playing the The participation of the two CMA hundsteined generals in Bl Salvador.

After the IJ.S. mercenaries were The Reagan Administration Rescrites short down the Reagan administration previaimed "We lhad absolutely no assiciation with the mission." But thisis a lie from beginning to end. The The Reagan administration is also lasts of the matter are that every step

private or pani ations in he UA came. The comection of the CMA with the to light when a delicopter transmed by Reagan administration is also shown two U.S mercenaries was shot town by the CMA's aid to the counterwhile marauding inside Nicaragua. insurgancy operations in El Salvador.

The U.S. enfoassy in El ing in a September 1 contra air raid on Salvador that the CMA was introduced a military training school in Santa to the general staff of the Saivadoran Chara, near the Honduran border. This army. U.S. military officers even raid resulted in the death of three translated into Spanish a letter from young Nicaraguan igirls and another CMA to the chief of staff of the Salvadoran army explaining what aid CMA would provide. Major Charles A. McAnarey, chief U.S. logistics officer in El Salvador, served as the rnain go-between for CMA and the Salvadoran butchers, according to auninistration documents. And U.S. officials saw to it that CMA aid was delivered to the Salvadoran army. Even after the September 1 incident, the U.S. embassy in El Salvador gave this policy its blessings, stating that it "was nothing inappropriate or uneffical.' (New York Times, September 1, 1984,

U.S. officials are also responsible for hooking up CMA and the contras operating out of Honduras. CMA was put in touch with then commander of the Honduran armed forces General Gustavo Alvarez Martinez and other Honduran senior officers. The Honduran military then escorted a CMA delegation to a contra camp near the Nicaraguan border.

It is clear that far from CMAlraying "no association," the CMA menceraries are nothing but unofficial sdidiers organized directly by the Reagan

Moreover how can the admiristration daim "ne association" with the September 1 raid itself? The CMA the U.S. military not have known about contain the mission when the airlbases ir Horwith U.S. military personned!? Even the sorted to bookkeeping tridus to get

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mission with several contrarmanned ing to the editor of that rag. And the tine books planes. And who but the CIA directs archahauvinist Weterans of Foreign the activity of the contras? How would Wars is trying ite raise funds for the

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> More Empty Posturing From the Democratic Party "Opposition"?

The shooting down of the U.S. merceraries has led to a new mound of

posturing by the Democratic Party as opporents of Reagan's aggression. Tip O Neill and other carporational Democrats are wailing that Reagan's use of private aid is vid a ingithe will of Congress. But this is the turnest in hypocrisy. The Democrate-contriled Rouse approved \$24 noiling for the contras in 1984. While the Blenneras have since voted against militiarnilaid requests by Reagan, this dues not mean they have given up from support for U.S. intervention against No agagua. There is only a mir or quaris lever method, with Reagan tividing the sicl to the contras between lived support and indirect conditis, and the Demo-

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