

BLACK BELT TOWN FIGHTS POLICE MURDER

Eatonton, Ga.—Mass meetings and demonstrations have rocked this rural Black Belt town in the last two weeks.

Residents are protesting the police murder of a young Black for violating a racist "curfew law." The growing movement in Eatonton is hitting hard at the centuries-

long national oppression of Afro-American people.

Last October, Michael Grant, a 28-year-old Black Vietnam Veteran was shot in the back of the head at point-blank range with a .357 magnum by a white cop. The cop, M. Rogers, is a known killer in the Black community

here, having shot to death two other Blacks previously. His last murder in 1970 touched off a Black rebellion in Eatonton. In response, local authorities enacted an 11 P.M. curfew directed at Blacks.

On Christmas Eve, 150 angry demonstrators marched right

through the center of town, despite the fact that the city refused to grant a permit.

This march was organized by the Concerned Citizens of Putnam County. They demanded that Rogers be taken off his job as a schoolbus driver (where he had been temporarily reassigned after

the shooting) and put behind bars; and an end to the racist "curfew law".

A young leader of the march said afterwards, "One thing we learned Friday (at the march), is

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CHICANOS ORGANIZE PROTEST IN CHICAGO

17 DEAD IN BARRIO FIRES

Chicago, Ill.—Two raging fires during the Christmas holidays in this city's largest Chicano community have set off sparks of protest against discrimination and national oppression. The fires killed 17 residents of the Pilsen barrio, the majority of them children, and left many families homeless.

The city's ruling circles have raced frantically to douse the people's outrage with token reforms while heaping the blame on "ignorant immigrants" for the fires and deaths. But the Chicanos and Mexicanos of Pilsen have fought back and placed the blame for the Christmas tragedies where it belongs—on the capitalists.

Pilsen barrio is itself a product of capitalist oppression. It is home for hundreds of thousands of Chicanos and Mexicanos forced to leave Mexico and the Southwest United States in search of work.

This historic northward movement has resulted from decades of U.S. imperialist domination of Mexico which gave rise to the nine million strong Chicano national minority.

The recent fires have once again focused attention on the many fronts of the Chicano people's struggle. Discrimination in housing, employment and lan-



PILSEN RESIDENTS denounce oppressive conditions in the community and put forward their demands. (Call photo)

guage have been exposed by the hundreds of people who have attended community meetings. The October League and the Chicago Workers Solidarity Committee (WSC), along with other groups, have joined in this struggle, helping to organize demonstrations and strengthen the fightback in the community.

A WSC representative told one community meeting, "The fight for jobs and the fight against the slumlords that's going on here in Pilsen is also going on in Black, Puerto Rican and white working-class communities of Chicago. We must build a united fightback against the system that is the cause of this oppression."

Many Pilsen residents have condemned bad housing conditions as a major cause of the community's high incidence of fires. Chicago's real estate interests charge exorbitant rents in the area, even though the average building is 85 years old. Landlords rent these firetraps without providing safe heating, wiring, and fire escapes.

In addition, the "Chicago 21" redevelopment scheme aims to eliminate even this inadequate shelter for the poor, replacing it with high rent apartments for the city's business community. Chicago's landlords have a history of carrying out "evictions" for such

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PUERTO RICAN people won't accept politicians schemes.

INDEPENDENCE IS PUERTO RICO'S JUST DEMAND

President Ford's New Year's proposal for Puerto Rico to become the 51st state set off a wave of angry protest in Puerto Rican communities throughout the U.S. and on the island. The Puerto Rican people are demanding independence louder than ever.

Ford made his lame-duck statehood proposal to counter the growing independence struggle and the world support it has won.

Statehood, as Ford and other ruling class proponents of this plan view it, would help tie the colonial knot more tightly around the island, while sprucing up the image of "democracy" and "equal-

ity." In this way, the imperialists also hope to frustrate the Soviet Union's efforts to gain a foothold in Puerto Rico.

But statehood as an alternative to the present commonwealth status has already been discredited and denounced by many active fighters and revolutionaries who make up the independence movement in Puerto Rico.

As a result, president-elect Jimmy Carter has come forward, striking a more liberal pose. He claims to support "Puerto Rican self-determination" and has said

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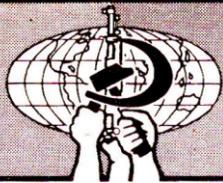
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IMPORTANT SPEECH BY HUA KUO-FENG

In this issue of *The Call*, we are reprinting the full text of a major speech given by Chinese Communist Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng on December 25 (see pullout supplement).

The speech was given at the Second National Conference on Learning from Tachai, which was held in Peking last month. It comprehensively sums up China's struggle against the "gang of four"—the four counter-revolutionaries who tried to seize party and state power after Chairman Mao died.

Hua Kuo-feng's speech affirms that the struggle against the "gang" is a continuation of China's Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. It is a victory for the dictatorship of the proletariat and especially for Chairman Mao's brilliant teachings on carrying out the class struggle under the conditions of socialism.

As a result of this momentous struggle, China remains a socialist country. The Communist Party of China, led by Hua Kuo-feng, remains a glorious red Party, firmly upholding Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought.

The defeat of the "gang's" counter-revolutionary activities is therefore a great victory for the working class internationally. A powerful blow has been dealt to capitalism and revisionism in China, and the cause of communism has been greatly advanced. China continues to shine like a beacon of liberation to the working and oppressed people of the world.

For these reasons, Chairman Hua's report deserves the study and careful attention of revolutionary-minded people in the U.S. and all over the world.

In the speech, Hua Kuo-feng also makes reference to the 1956 statement of Mao Tsetung, "On the Ten Major Relationships." In that statement, Chairman Mao analyzed the main questions and contradictions in building China into a powerful socialist country. The line he put forward, however, was bitterly attacked and sabotaged by the

"gang of four" who hated more than anything to see the Chinese people "grasping revolution" and at the same time "promoting production."

Next week, *The Call* will reprint "On the Ten Major Relationships." Taken together with Hua Kuo-feng's speech, these two documents provide a sound basis for understanding the momentous significance of what is happening in China today and the great victory won for socialism there.



NORWEGIAN DEMONSTRATORS demand "Free Gary Tyler" and "Stop the Execution" outside U.S. embassy in Oslo. The protest, one of many international support actions, was sponsored by Anti-Imperialist Committee for the Third World. (Klassekampen photo)

FIGHT ON FOR TYLER'S FREEDOM

Later this month, the Louisiana State Supreme Court is expected to hand down a decision in the case of Gary Tyler. Tyler presently faces the death penalty for a crime he did not commit.

Framed on murder charges stemming from a racist attack on a school bus he was riding, Tyler

became the victim of the state's lies and a racist jury system. He was tried as an adult although he was only 16 at the time.

The campaign for Tyler's freedom has mobilized tens of thousands in militant demonstrations in the U.S. as well as around the world. Nearly 100,000 signatures have been gathered demanding Tyler's freedom. The struggle to free Gary Tyler has become a symbol of the revolutionary fight for Afro-American self-determination in the deep South.

The communist movement and the October League have played a leading role in rallying support for Tyler. A good indication of the international support for Tyler was a recent article published in China's Hsinhua News Agency which said Tyler "was falsely charged by the police as a 'murderer' because he had actively participated in protest actions against police suppression of Black students." It added: "The struggle against the persecution of Tyler is now continuing to involve more and more people."

But the state, together with their agents like the Ku Klux Klan, has consistently tried to sabotage this growing struggle. Last year, for example, Richard Dunn, a Tyler supporter, was murdered by the Klan outside a fundraising activity.

The revisionist CP and the Trotskyists have also tried desperately to split the Tyler defense and to promote a policy of relying on the courts rather than on the people. However, as Tyler himself said, "Mass demonstrations involving thousands of people are necessary to win my freedom."

Other efforts are being made by the press to spread confusion and demoralization among the Tyler supporters by claiming that the Tyler defense is a "communist plot" and a "communist front."

But despite all these attacks, the sentiment for Tyler's freedom is growing. In New Orleans, the People's Defense Committee to Free Gary Tyler is continuing its militant efforts that led to the mass march of 2,000 in that city last July. In other cities, new Tyler defense committees are being formed, petitions are being circulated and funds are being collected.

As the court again prepares to hand down its verdict, we call on our readers to redouble their efforts to free Gary Tyler as well as the thousands of other victims of the capitalists' racist system of "justice" who fill this country's prisons and death rows.

FREE GARY TYLER! SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE AFRO-AMERICAN NATION! STOP THE DEATH PENALTY! SMASH RACIAL SEGREGATION!

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Dear Comrades,

I am a member of the National Lawyers Guild, and I would like to congratulate you on your excellent article "Anti-Klan Struggle Provides Rich Lessons" (November 15, 1976). This was indeed a timely and valuable political summary of the events surrounding the Klan attack on the Mao Tsetung memorial meeting in Houston, Texas, and, in particular, was a thoroughgoing exposure of the reformist line on how to fight back against political repression.

Many in the Guild completely agree with the view taken by the October League and the defense committee in exposing the nature of the state, calling for non-cooperation with the Houston Grand Jury and placing our reliance upon the masses in defense against KKK terror.

The brothers and sisters involved in the incident correctly fired the Guild attorney who had advocated full cooperation with the Grand Jury in its "fishing expedition" against Houston's growing anti-imperialist movement. I don't think this misguided "liberal" represents the views of an ever-growing number of Guild members.

The Guild is an organization of lawyers and legal workers with a long and proud history of defending the democratic rights of the working class, national minorities and women. Founded in the 1930s, it has long opposed cooperation with the grand juries, which are an instrument of the state and used by the bosses to preserve their class rule.

Of course, there are those within the

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Guild, like the Houston lawyer, who preach reliance upon the state and the so-called "liberal" sector of the bourgeoisie. The most dangerous proponent of "reformism" within our organization, as within the workers' movement, is the CPUSA. But the vast majority of National Lawyers Guild members are honest anti-imperialists. They reject the class-collaborationist view of the reformist and revisionist CPUSA.

An example of this rising anti-imperialist trend in the Guild is the direct participation of over 15 Guild lawyers and legal workers from Houston and around the country in the defense effort to free Walter Birdwell and Omar Godinez. These legal people stand with the working class in the struggle to defeat imperialism.

J.G.,
Denver, Colorado

Comrades:

Last week, I went to the showing of *Breaking With Old Ideas* held here in Berkeley by October Films. Although I almost never cry, I cried throughout the entire film. The class feeling of Principal

Lung and the worker and peasant students was so strong!

Also, October Films did an excellent job of introducing the film. They put on the whole production in such a way that it greatly reinforced the effect of the picture.

A.P.,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Comrades,

I've found *The Call* to be an indispensable weapon against revisionism. Nowhere in the U.S. except in *The Call* can you find out what is happening with the Marxist-Leninist movement in Europe. The recent series on Europe has been invaluable.

You've also taken a clear and convincing position in support of the present government of China.

The Guardian has liquidated the struggle against the Soviet social-imperialists (except for some empty phrases) and has not done a real concrete exposure of it in a year and a half.

Likewise, it doesn't take up the struggle for self-determination for the Black nation (Silber attacks it).

The Guardian is useless as an organizer in Spanish-speaking communities since it chauvinistically only prints in English. In the trade union movement, it highlights opportunists like Sadlowski.

It's pretty clear that the Guardian continually takes a right-opportunist line on the above questions while *The Call* upholds Marxism-Leninism. Count me among those who will help build *The Call*.

A New York Call supporter

MURDEROUS RIP-OFF

SWINE FLU HOAX COMES TO AN END

The government's multi-million dollar swine flu vaccine program was finally halted last month after it became obvious that the vaccine was responsible for paralyzing and even killing over 100 people.

The whole swine flu affair was a hoax from beginning to end. It is a stark example of how health care under capitalism is run for profit and not for people.

President Ford launched the program to "vaccinate every American against swine flu" on the day after his first primary defeat to Ronald Reagan last year. Clearly, it was a propaganda ploy designed to make people think that Ford was doing something about health care for the masses.

But the swine flu program was more than an election-year gimmick. It was also a \$135 million giveaway to the big drug monopolies like Merck, Upjohn and Lilly.

These drug companies were given up to 50 cents per dose to produce the vaccine (which, in itself, did not cost more than 5 cents per dose). They didn't have to do any advertising, since the government ordered over 200 million doses and provided all the media promotion for the shot.

Many experts questioned the safety of the vaccine as soon as the program was announced and it was conclusively proven to be dangerous for children. But the government pressed on with the plan. The drug companies themselves

were afraid of the side effects. They refused to distribute the vaccine until the government agreed to take all responsibility for subsequent lawsuits and damages.

The big swine flu epidemic never came. Despite massive efforts by government agencies to locate cases of it, they could find only two isolated instances in rural areas. The victims recovered in a few days and reported that the disease was not as bad as ordinary flu.

Soon after the inoculations began, the danger of the vaccine was even further revealed. In October, 38 people, most of them elderly, died of heart attacks shortly after receiving the shots. Then in December, 107 cases of a paralyzing disease, the Guillain-Barré syndrome, broke out. At least 58 of the victims of this paralysis, including 6 who died from it, had received the shots in the 3 weeks prior to being stricken.

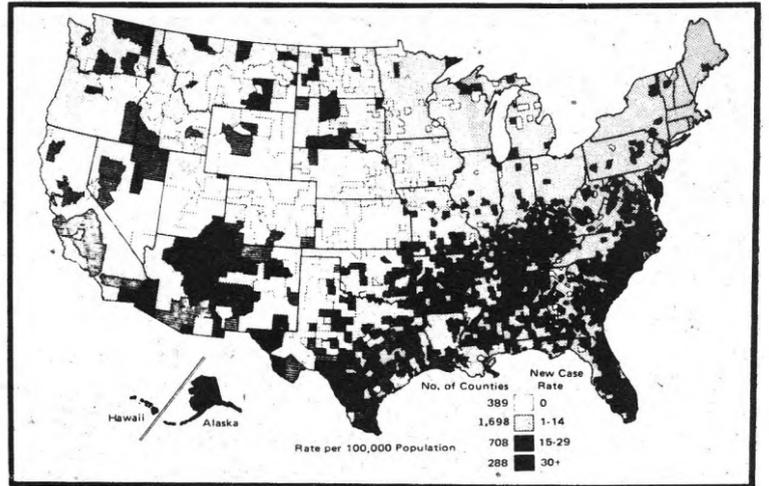
As these alarming reports began coming in, local health authorities suspended their programs. For a while, the government tried to save face by continuing the program, claiming that there was "no direct correlation" between the shots and the cases of paralysis.

Finally faced with mass outrage and mounting deaths, federal authorities had to suspend the program indefinitely. The drug companies didn't object, because they had already pocketed the \$135

million. And so, the swine flu hoax came to an end.

The fact that the capitalists engineered this \$135 million rip-off and killed many people in the process is only half the picture of their crimes on the health front. While throwing themselves full-swing into prevention of this disease that posed little threat to anyone, they refuse to take steps to combat the real killer diseases facing working class and minority people, such as tuberculosis, sickle-cell anemia, high blood pressure and cancer.

In health care as in all other fields, the capitalists put their money where it will reap the greatest profit, never thinking twice about the lives and well-being of the people.



Millions of dollars were readily spent on the swine flu hoax, while thousands of working class and minority people suffer from killer diseases like TB. Map above shows how TB hits especially hard at minority people concentrated in the Black Belt and Southwest.

KING'S BIRTHDAY FOCUS OF ATLANTA STRUGGLE

Atlanta, Ga.—January 15 marks the birthday of the Black civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Since his assassination in 1968, thousands of Afro-Americans and other working people have struggled in factories, communities and schools for the right to celebrate his birthday as a holiday.

January 15 has become a day to pay tribute to the heroic battles of the civil rights movement and chart the future course of the Black liberation struggle. In Atlanta where King lived, strikes and demonstrations have traditionally taken place on this day.

Taking note of this tremendous mass sentiment, the ruling class has

tried to channel the celebrations of King's life into support for the capitalist system. This year offers a most glaring example.

Under the slogans of "Jobs and Justice" and a "New Order for a New Day," President-elect Jimmy Carter will be the grand marshal of the King Day parade in Atlanta. Flanked by labor misleaders like AFSCME's Jerry Wurf and Democratic Party figureheads like King's widow, Coretta Scott King, and Andrew Young, Carter hopes to portray his new administration as the champion of the Black people's struggle.

But Georgia's working class and minority people know what Jimmy Carter's version of "jobs and

justice" means. They know him as a plantation owner, a slave-driver and as the governor who repeatedly unleashed troopers and dogs against demonstrators who marched on his office for jobs.

Carter represents the same big capitalist interests who saw fit to murder Martin Luther King in 1968. But today, they find it to their advantage to sing King's praises, hoping to turn the Black liberation movement away from its revolutionary path.

To expose this capitalist demagoguery, the October League, the Atlanta Workers Committee to Fight Back, and other groups, are building a counter-demonstration. Speakers will show how the Afro-American people's struggle is a revolutionary struggle for self-determination and an end to capitalist oppression.

The counter-demonstration will also demand "Jobs or Income Now!" and expose Carter's phony "solutions" to the economic crisis. It will stress that mass action of the people themselves is the way to carry out the struggle, not reliance on the likes of Carter, Young and the labor bureaucrats.

Other demands of the counter-demonstration include: "Hands Off Southern Africa!," "Abolish the Death Penalty!," "Free Gary Tyler!," and "Remember Dr. King, a Freedom Fighter!"

Martin Luther King's birthday is a time to intensify the fight against national oppression and the capitalist system that breeds it. No talk of "jobs and justice" can hide the fact that capitalism has meant nothing but injustice for Black people.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING stops to talk to people along the route during civil rights march.

CALL SUB DRIVE OPENS

The campaign to expand *The Call* to 16 pages has been highly successful and the expanded paper has been published since the first of the year. Building on the successes of that campaign and the enthusiastic response of our readers, *The Call* will carry out a national subscription drive during the week of January 17-24.

The subscription drive is being organized at a time when more people than ever before read, write for, and sell the paper. Study circles and factory distribution networks are being built around *The Call* in plants and communities across the country. Growing numbers of worker correspondents are contributing articles that bring to life the struggles and demands of the workers in the pages of *The Call*.

The importance of the subscription drive lies in increasing the number of people who read and study the newspaper each and every week, thus strengthening and expanding *The Call's* influence among the masses.

To give readers an added incentive to subscribe now, we are offering a free copy of the new issue of *Class Struggle*, the theoretical journal of the October League. The latest issue is a special memorial tribute to Mao Tsetung. It will be sent with every full one-year sub received by Jan. 31.

Subscribing now is also a chance to save money. New subscribers pay only the old rates (\$10 for one year, instead of \$12 for the new 16-page *Call* effective February 1).

The sub drive will be aimed especially at factories and communities where the people have had first-hand experience with *The Call* as the voice of their struggle. Door-to-door canvassing and subscription tables at factory gates will be utilized as well as special events.

In addition to expanding the paper's weekly readership, the sale of subscriptions will also provide much-needed funds for continuing such programs as free distributions to striking workers, prisoners, and others who cannot afford to purchase the paper.

The Call is a powerful weapon for educating and organizing the working class in the struggle to overthrow capitalism. We know we can count on our readers to make this sub drive a huge success.

Buy a subscription for yourself or give one to a friend! Help us get the voice of the revolutionary struggle to more people every week!



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Subscribe to The Call Receive free copy of Class Struggle

As an added incentive to new Call subscribers, we are offering a free copy of the new *Class Struggle* issue with every one-year Call sub received by Jan. 31. Or, you can receive instead the pamphlet "Cinco Tesis Filosoficas" by Mao Tsetung in Spanish.

You also save money by subscribing now before the increased subscription rates go into effect Feb. 1.

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'Our party must become a party of the youth'

One of the highlights of the recent Communist Youth Organization convention was the speech given by October League Chairman Michael Klonsky on the relationship between the new communist party that is being built and the CYO. Below, we print excerpts from the speech.

On behalf of the October League, I bring our warmest revolutionary greetings to the Communist Youth Organization and its Second National Convention.

The young communists are the ideal of our organization, just as the party which is presently being put on its feet represents the ideal of every revolutionary youth. I know I speak for all the groups in the Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Party when I say that we will always support the CYO in all its endeavors.

The party and the CYO must develop the closest and warmest fraternal relations on the basis of our common ideology, Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. To the party, the youth organization of communists is a mighty reserve and a training school for young communists to fill the ranks of the party and become successors in the great communist tradition of our class.

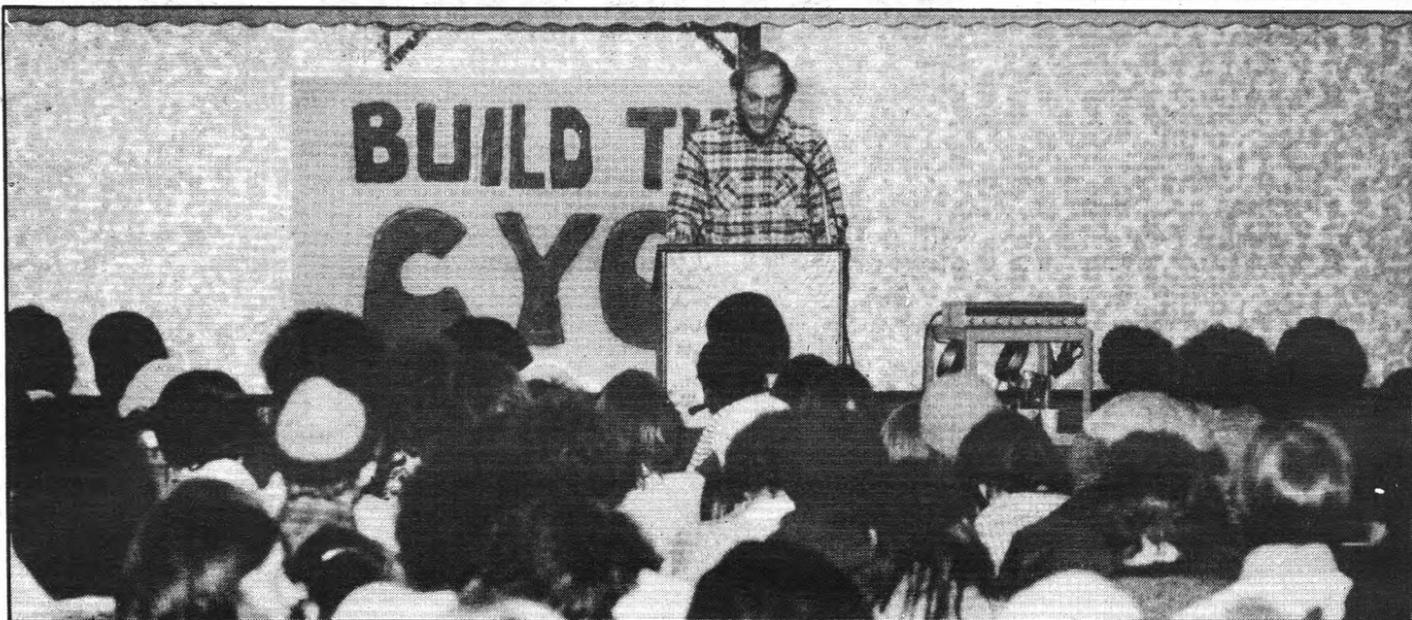
ARMY OF 100 MILLION

According to government statistics, the youth constitute more than half of the population of this country. Historically, this army of 100 million or more has played a powerful role in the struggle for democratic rights and against imperialism, fascism, imperialist war and racial discrimination. Experience has shown that the youth are the most eager to learn, the least conservative ideologically and are extremely open to what is new. They have always dared to think, speak and act. They are the most vital and active force in every society and constitute the present and the future of socialism and communism.

It is no wonder then that our party must become a party of the youth and the youth must predominate in our party. The party, after all, represents the future and the rising ideology that will shape the world of tomorrow.

But the young people cannot simply come to revolution and to scientific socialism spontaneously, or on their own. Mass struggles such as the fight against war and fascism, the struggle against the cutbacks and the crisis, the movement of the students, the struggle against racism and national oppression all bring millions of young people into the political movement. But if they are not educated in the revolutionary ideology of the working class, if they are not rallied around the vanguard party of the working class, they will instead be turned around by the bourgeoisie.

The imperialists, reformists and opportunists of every stripe, including the revisionists and the fascists, are all directing their propaganda at the youth. Look at the situation in Boston or right here in Chicago's Marquette Park area. The youth are being bombarded from the one side by the demagogic rhetoric of the KKK and the Nazi Party (who sometimes even strike an anti-capitalist pose to spread white chauvinist, fascist ideology among the young white workers) and from the other side by the revisionists, Trotskyists and liberal preachers (who are



OL CHAIRMAN Michael Klonsky called on the Communist Youth Organization to train millions of young revolutionaries. (Call photo)

telling the youth to trust in God, the courts and the Democratic Party to solve their problems).

Can we leave this powerful revolutionary reserve in the hands of the ruling class and its agents? Or should we build special forms of organization capable of doing what every revolutionary movement of the working class has had to do—win the youth to the side of the proletarian revolution.

These special forms include an organization such as the CYO, which must be built under the leadership of the party as a special training school in Marxism. While closely linked to the party ideologically and closely following the leadership of the working class and its party, the CYO must also have its independent character and should not copy the party form of organization.

"WHY A MASS ORGANIZATION?"

It must be a mass organization of advanced youth united around the theory and ideology of Marxism-Leninism. Some may ask: "Why a mass organization?" and "How can a mass organization also be communist?" The answer lies in the special work that is necessary among the young, revolutionary-minded workers, students and other youth. The CYO cannot be confused with the party itself, which must be organized along cadre lines with only the most advanced elements of the working class admitted to its ranks.

If there are more than 100 million young people in the country, the advanced or revolutionary-minded section constitutes several million of these youth. The CYO must not be so narrow as to exclude these advanced youth, striving hard to become revolutionary in every sense, but presently lacking the ideological training and experience to fully qualify themselves as communists in the same sense as party members. Therefore the rule for membership of the CYO and the party and the level of its members will quite naturally be different.

The communist youth are those trained in the storms of class struggle, learning the skills of organization from experience, with the freedom to make mistakes. Let the opportunists jump up and down at the mistakes of the communist youth. What are they doing to train the successors of the revolution?

Last year at the first CYO convention,

the hall was crawling with fools calling themselves the "Revolutionary Wing," who flocked here for one reason only. Their message to the CYO was "Give up, you can't succeed. You're too backward to build an organization."

Like all opportunists, they had no faith in the masses and played on the lack of experience of the CYO members to try and divert them away from their tasks. They tried their best to drive a wedge between the OL and the party-building forces on the one hand and the CYO on the other. But they were sent packing by 200 young revolutionaries who learned about opportunism through their struggle against it at that meeting.

The Revolutionary Communist Party is another opportunist trend which has little or no faith in the young revolutionaries. They have chained their youth organization to themselves in order to promote their rightist, economist and white chauvinist line, while at the same time, dragging it through each mistake they themselves make—such as being the Attica Brigade one day, the Revolutionary Student Brigade the next and, suddenly, without any discussion or dissent, a new "communist youth organization."

FEAR YOUTH INDEPENDENCE

The revisionists and Trotskyists are all afraid to give the youth their organizational independence for fear that they will accidentally stumble upon the writings of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tsetung, and see through the bankrupt morass of reformism and social-pacifism they are peddling.

Lenin, in his writing on "The Youth International," chastized those who didn't recognize that "the youth must of necessity advance to socialism in a different way, by other paths, in other forms, in other circumstances than their fathers." "Incidentally," he added, "that is why we must decidedly favor organizational independence of the Youth League, not only because the opportunists fear such independence, but because of the very nature of the case. For unless they have complete independence, the youth will be unable either to train good socialists from their midst or prepare themselves to lead socialism forward."

But this independence must never be taken to mean independence of ideology from that of the working class or from

the leadership of the working class. The CYO has a mass character and members made up from all class and national backgrounds. This is a good thing, but there are also dangers.

While the CYO must pay particular attention to the study of Marxism-Leninism, there are some petty-bourgeois elements who will try and turn this fine organization into a study circle of intellectuals only and away from its role as a fighting organization of the masses.

The CYO has shown that it can combine study with mass struggle—with the fight against the war preparations of the two superpowers, with the fight to save Gary Tyler and smash the chauvinist attacks on Afro-American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Asian, Native American and other minorities and for the right of self-determination, regional autonomy and democratic rights.

Going wherever young workers and young people in general are struggling, the CYO can win to its side the most active youth. It can win the youth in Detroit struggling against police harassment and the fascist curfew, the youth struggling outside the unemployment offices in Philadelphia for the right to work, the youth in New York demanding an end to the cutbacks, the students in Iowa demanding the right of communists to speak on their campus and the youth all over the country demanding that brother Gary Tyler be set free.

Special work, of course, must be done among the young workers in the factories who must become the backbone force of the CYO and among the minorities and women who are among the most oppressed of the youth. It is from these sections that we should draw our most trusted and capable leadership.

Finally I would like to say those of us who have grown to be past 30 have much to learn from you—from the seriousness and devotion to the cause of liberation which many of us never thought of at the age of the comrades here today.

We are confident of the future because of you.

LONG LIVE THE CYO!
LONG LIVE THE UNITY BETWEEN
THE CYO AND THE NEW PARTY
OF THE PROLETARIAT!
LONG LIVE THE UNITY OF THE
WORKING CLASS AND THE
REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH!



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READ, WRITE AND SELL THE YOUNG COMMUNIST



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A massive deportation raid was carried out at the Davis Pleating plant in Los Angeles on January 4. More than 150 workers, many of them women, were deported in a blitzkrieg raid following a smaller one a few days earlier.

The raids came in the wake of a long struggle on the part of the rank and file to protect the democratic rights of the undocumented Davis workers, the majority of whom are Mexicans.

Following the raids, workers immediately began organizing a counterattack against the capitalist bosses at Davis, their immigration agents—the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), and their goons in the workers movement—the bureaucrats of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU), Local 482.

The raid at Davis was carried out in order to break up the growing unity and organization of both documented and undocumented workers. The capitalists at Davis fear this growing unity as do their sellout lackeys in the trade unions.

WORKERS FIGHT BACK UNITY BUILT IN FACE OF DAVIS DEPORTATIONS

Having failed in their earlier attempts to stop growing militancy among the workers by firing two rank-and-file organizers, the bosses thought that deporting half the work force could end the class struggle at Davis. In the past they successfully used threats of deportations to spread confusion and fear among the workers. Their attempts however, have been met with increased resistance over the last four months.

The day of the raid, friends of the deportees got word to them in the holding tank at INS headquarters in L.A. to regroup in Tijuana, Mexico in order to carry on their fight. The INS dumps Mexican workers deported from California

in Tijuana, a border town.

Although it rained heavily the night of the raid, the fascist “migr” agents did not permit the workers to get jackets or even notify friends or relatives. But organizers went among fellow workers and relatives of the deported workers that same night and delivered coats, food and money to more than 50 Davis workers in Tijuana.

A hotel room was set up as the center of operations there, and lodging was arranged with Tijuana residents. The solidarity among Mexican workers and the fighting spirit of those who had been deported, showed that the class struggle will go forward, despite the efforts of the Davis bosses to

stop it.

The struggle against deportations at Davis has been going on for several months, focusing on both the bosses, and their agents in the union. The bureaucrats of Local 482 refused to help any of the deportees although they were dues-paying members of the ILGWU. The bureaucrats’ only comment on the deportations was to blame the raids on the October League for “drawing attention to the undocumented workers.”

Ignoring the deportations, the ILGWU bureaucrats called a union meeting for January 11 to “open up contract negotiations.” A Davis worker told *The Call*, “What kind of negotiations are they talking

about, when half of the workers were deported?”

A demonstration was held in front of the Davis factory on January 11 at lunchtime. The bosses locked the gates, thus preventing the workers from joining in. Activists from Local 482 and workers from GM in Van Nuys, as well as representatives of the L.A. Labor Unity Organization, the October League, MAPA and Raza Unida Party angrily condemned Davis’ oppression of undocumented workers.

Davis workers are building the fight against deportations throughout the large Chicano and Mexican community in Los Angeles as well as among other forces in the labor movement. They are winning support and building unity among workers of many nationalities.

The militant actions of the Davis workers have set an example for the labor movement around the country. They have demonstrated that neither fascist deportations nor police attacks can keep the workers from fighting back.

Bosses lock out Tampa workers

COURT UPHOLDS MARSHALL FRAME

Tampa, Fla.—Workers at McGraw-Edison here suffered two serious blows at the hands of the company and the state in the last two months.

The courts handed down a decision in late November upholding the frame-up conviction of Edison worker John Marshall and his sister Eddie Ruth. Then, on December 17, McGraw-Edison shut down the plant, throwing its workers into the streets.

The struggle to defend the Marshalls as well as the fight to block the plant shutdown are two fronts in a single battle to end the increased attacks by the capitalists against the jobs, living standards and rights of the workers.

John and Eddie Ruth Marshall were arrested following a protest against foodstamp cutbacks in May of 1976. Both are members of the Tampa Fightback and active leaders in building a city-wide movement for “Jobs or Income Now!”

In addition, John Marshall led the fight inside McGraw-Edison and inside the United Steel Workers, Local 6450, against discrimination, on-the-job harassment and the mounting layoffs which preceded the plant shutdown.

Workers in the plant rallied behind both struggles, passing a resolution at a union meeting last October demanding that the union support the Marshalls against the frame-up conviction. They also began to mobilize against Edison’s schemes for closing the plant.

Strong opposition against this developing rank-and-file movement came not only from the courts and the company but especially from the union bureaucrats. USW misleaders sabotaged efforts by the rank and file to fight the layoffs and the shutdown and launched, instead, a red-baiting campaign aimed at driving a wedge between leading activists and communist fighters like the Marshalls and the masses of workers.

The union misleaders used red-baiting to disarm the workers in the face of the bosses’ attacks. They pushed through a union “resolution” banning “political” discussions at union meetings and defended the company’s “right” to discriminate and to shut down the plant altogether.

CAMPAIGN INITIATED

A number of Edison workers, together with the Tampa Fightback and the October League (M-L), initiated a campaign to expose the union bureaucrats, defend the Marshalls and intensify the fight for jobs or income.

Prior to the Dec. 17 shutdown, a week of mass leafleting took place at the local unemployment office, as well as at the factory gates.

The leaflet, put out by the OL, pointed out how the capitalist system was at the root of all these attacks and stressed the treacherous role of the union bureaucrats as defenders of this system and agents of the bosses.

To fight the system on all fronts, the leaflet indicated, workers need to “turn the unions into organizations of class struggle” and “sweep the union misleaders from our ranks.”

Although McGraw-Edison is now closed and the Marshalls falsely convicted, the fight goes on. John Marshall explained to *The Call* that he and other workers are going to link their struggle to the campaign initiated by the OL to boycott the steel elections.

“Our view is that the unions should be taking up all the struggles of the working class,” Marshall said, “including the struggle of me and my sister, and not just be bargaining units. But the bureaucrats who run the unions use them in selling out and attacking the workers. We need to expose the nature of these bureaucrats, here at Edison and especially the top ones, like Sadlowski and McBride (USW candidates for the president—ed). That’s why the boycott campaign is so important.”

“Workers are seeing the need for a change,” Marshall pointed out, “they’re discontented. Reformists like Sadlowski, who act more militant to try to lead the discontented workers down a dead-end street, keep them tied to nickel and dime changes. We need to use the campaign to do education,” he concluded, “involve Edison workers and other unemployed in the struggle to expose the bureaucrats and get rid of the whole system.”



BOSSSES AND BUREAUCRATS are target of cartoon drawn by Tampa worker and distributed on leaflets.



Miami hotel workers holding the line

The strike of thousands of hotel workers continues strong in Miami Beach, Fla. Maids, food servers, bartenders, laundry workers and bellhops, members of Local 353 of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, have walked off the job at seven luxury hotels.

They are demanding 10% wage increases the first and second year of a three-year contract, plus improvements in hospitalization and a guaranteed 60¢ tip for maids serving conventions and tour groups.

While serving a wealthy elite accustomed to leisure, these workers, mainly women and minorities, are terribly paid, exploited and harassed. Despite hardships, they have shown no signs of dismantling their pickets or ending their strike without winning their demands.

Bottle workers say— ‘Hire Davenport’

Baltimore, Md.—Assault charges have been dropped against Preston Davenport, a Black worker at Carr-Lowry Glass Co., after protest demonstrations at both the factory and the court where he faced trial on January 6.

Last August, Davenport was attacked by a racist foreman on the job. When he defended himself, he was fired and then charged with assault. Although the charges have now been dropped, Davenport is still fighting to get his job back.

In a letter to *The Call*, Davenport explained that workers were supporting his struggle because conditions are so bad “especially for Blacks and women.” The local bureaucrats of the Glass, Bottle Blowers Association, Local 200, he stressed, wouldn’t do a thing for him or any other workers.

“Since I was fired,” Davenport said, “conditions have gotten even worse. The packers (mainly women) aren’t allowed to chew gum, go in their purses or even talk to each other... There is constant harassment by the foreman of most workers now, where before they seemed to pick on only a few.

“Some workers at Carr-Lowry are starting to get together to help me fight my case,” Davenport continued. “But we need to have many more workers with us. Printing this in *The Call* would help us a lot. *The Call* prints the truth.”

Carr-Lowry workers, and members of the Baltimore Fight Back and the October League, are now organizing to get Davenport’s job back.

1976 IN REVIEW

FLAMES OF LIBERATION SWEEP AFRICA

1976 was a stormy year on the African continent. It was characterized both by the heroic advances of the liberation struggles and the frenzied rivalry between the U.S. and the USSR for domination and control.

When the black ghetto of Soweto, South Africa, erupted in rebellion on June 16, world attention was fixed on the southern African liberation struggles. In Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Namibia (Southwest Africa) and Azania (South Africa), the liberation struggles advanced steadily.

The Zimbabwe People's Army (ZIPA) stated in a recent communique that, in the first three quarters of the year, 1,256 enemy soldiers were killed and new battle fronts were opened up across the country. Robert Mugabe, a leader of ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union), asserted recently that "there will be no victory at the negotiation table unless there is a victory on the battlefield."

In Southwest Africa, the Namibian people under the leadership of SWAPO (Southwest African People's Organization) continued to carry out guerrilla battles against the illegal occupation by the South African racists. The United Nations recently affirmed the road of armed struggle as the Namibian people's best recourse.

Inside South Africa itself, the bastion of apartheid rule, the mass struggle surged forward to new heights. Strikes numbering in the hundreds of thousands closed the country's gold and diamond mines as Black workers fought back against the intolerable conditions of apartheid, demanding "Black power." The Pan African Congress of Azania (PAC) recently condemned the killing of more than 500 Blacks by police since last June, but vowed to continue the fight against the white-minority regime at all costs.

Outside southern Africa as well, guerrilla fighters won new victories. In the western Sahara, the POLISARIO liberation front succeeded in liberating a large segment of

the desert territory formerly colonized by Spain.

This great tide of liberation has frightened the superpowers, who have dramatically stepped up their contention in Africa over the last year. The U.S. imperialists, for example, suddenly dispatched Henry Kissinger to Africa for the first time in his eight-year term of office. With the thunder of liberation wars echoing behind him, Kissinger pleaded with African leaders to get the guerrilla fighters to lay down their arms. Espousing a "new Africa policy," Kissinger tried to shore up the U.S. position by paying lip service to the fight for majority rule in Zimbabwe and dangling the bait of a billion dollars in economic "aid."

Now the Carter administration hopes to sell its "new Africa policy" to the world through the mouth of Andrew Young, the Black congressman from Georgia who has been designated as United States Ambassador to the U.N. But whether U.S. imperialism has a black face or a white face to hide behind, it remains committed to propping up the fascist regimes of Smith in Rhodesia and Vorster in South Africa.

For its part, the Soviet Union has been even more aggressive than the U.S. in pursuing its ambitions of African conquest. After the massive Soviet-Cuban armed intervention succeeded in turning Angola into a neo-colony in 1975, the social-imperialists frantically sought to expand this base.

But the African people learned a profound lesson from the experiences of Angola, where 150,000 Angolans died as a result of the Soviet-instigated civil war. As Zambia's president, Kenneth Kaunda pointed out last year, "Africa has fought and driven out the ravenous wolves of colonialism, racism and fascism from Angola through the front door, but a plundering tiger is coming in through the back door."

Through its acts in Angola, the Soviet Union demonstrated to the African people



"BLACK POWER!" was a demand heard with growing force across southern Africa in 1976.

that it is even more dangerous than the U.S. imperialists. A leading member of the OAU's Liberation Committee concluded, "If in the 1960s Africa began to know U.S. imperialism, then in the 1970s, it began to know Soviet social-imperialism."

Because of these experiences, 1976 was a year of sharp condemnation of the Soviet Union in Africa and growing unity of the African countries against both superpowers. For example, more than 20 African heads of state took a stand against all foreign aggression in Angola, including Soviet aggression, during the special OAU summit in January.

Inside Angola itself, guerrilla fighters continued to struggle against the Soviet-Cuban occupation and have vowed to fight on until their country is free from all foreign control.

Similar lessons about the Soviet Union were repeated from one end of the continent to the other. The Egyptian people stood up in April, tearing up a "friendship" treaty with the Soviet Union and denouncing Brezhnev for trying to dominate Egypt and sabotage the Arab struggle against Zionism.

Perhaps most important of all, the Soviet Union was turned back in its scheme to turn Zimbabwe into another Angola. The Soviet Union tried to pressure some Zimbabwean liberation organizations and some southern African countries into supporting a "multi-national" Soviet-Cuban "liberation" army to take charge of the war in Zimbabwe. But the Zimbabwean people saw that this plan could only end up as it had in Angola—with the imposition of a new colonial master.

As a result of the Zimbabwean people's

firm rejection of superpower domination, the liberation forces were able to advance steadily on the battlefield. At the same time, they maintained their unity at the Geneva negotiations, refusing to compromise with the racist Smith regime. Despite pressure from both superpowers, Zimbabwe's leaders insisted on the armed struggle as their only guarantee for liberation.

In addition to the advances made in the liberation wars and the growth of the struggle against the superpowers, 1976 was also a year of fruitful cooperation and exchange between many African countries, resulting in firmer unity.

The completion of the Tanzam Railroad also provided an inspiring example of unity and solidarity among third world countries. The extensive project, completed last June, was the product of joint Chinese-Tanzanian-Zambian efforts at every step. When the superpowers refused any aid to build the railroad ten years ago, China offered aid free of charge. The completion of the railroad ahead of schedule exposed the logic of the imperialists, who said that the trains would never run without their "aid."

In the year ahead, the superpowers will undoubtedly continue their aggressive rivalry in Africa. But the last year's events have been instrumental in awakening Africa to the fight against both the "wolf" and the "tiger," both the U.S. and the USSR. As the continuing rebellions in South Africa and the intensified war in Zimbabwe show, the whole African continent is on fire with the spirit of liberation. These flames will ultimately burn and destroy the rule of imperialism and the superpowers forever.



IRANIAN STUDENTS in Europe protest repression in Iran.

PROTESTS CONDEMN EXECUTIONS IN IRAN

The recent execution of eight revolutionary patriots, including two women, and the arrest of twelve others by the Iranian government have touched off a storm of international protest.

In at least four U.S. cities as well as Hamburg, Rome and other European capitals, Iranian students held hunger strikes last month to denounce the repression in Iran.

One of the murdered revolutionaries, Parviz Vaez Zadeh, was a leading member of the Revolutionary Organization of the Tudeh Party of Iran (a Marxist-Leninist

organization). His murder followed the assassination and torture of several other members of the organization over the last year.

In Berkeley, California, 50 Iranian students participated in the hunger strike. They were joined by 150 other people at a solidarity rally in late December. Slogans and banners at the meeting denounced imperialism and the two superpowers, and called for intensified opposition to the Shah's repressive regime and its secret police force, known as SAVAK.

STRATEGY DEBATE HEATS UP EXPOSE OF WAR DANGER

On his retirement as U.S. Air Force Chief of Intelligence, Maj. General George J. Keegan Jr. made public his belief that the Soviet Union has already surpassed the U.S. in military strength and is now actively preparing for war.

Keegan stated, "By every criterion used to measure strategic balance . . . I am unaware of a single important category in which the Soviets have not established a significant lead over the United States." He specifically cited Soviet superiority in land and sea forces as well as missile systems.

Keegan's statement, itself part of a campaign to justify increased military spending in the U.S., is another exposure of what the superpowers are really doing under the cover of "detente." While talking about a "relaxation of tensions" in the world, both superpowers are rapidly accelerating their arms race. In particular, the Soviet Union is increasing its aggressive capacity at an unprecedented rate.

One of the factors which Keegan cited as evidence that the USSR is preparing for "total war" is its vast network of nuclear shelters. Tens of thousands of shelters have been built recently to protect Soviet missiles, weapon stockpiles and the top military and government personnel. According to Keegan, this shows that the USSR is fully prepared to use nuclear weapons and sus-

tain a U.S. nuclear response.

Immediately after Keegan's statement, CIA Director George Bush appeared on television to "deplore" recent leaks and public disclosures about military intelligence estimates. Bush and the Ford administration as a whole have consistently promoted the lie that the Soviet Union only "seeks parity" with the U.S. and not "superiority." The incoming Carter administration has echoed this view.

The inability of the ruling class to confine the strategy debate to its inner circle is itself a sign of sharp splits and divisions in the ranks of the top U.S. monopoly interests.

Although sections of the U.S. ruling class differ with each other over how best to carry out the rivalry with the Soviet Union, they are all committed to intensified war preparations. In the last month alone, the U.S. appropriated billions of dollars for the new B-1 bomber system. A massive new helicopter and tank program was also outlined by army officials for NATO forces.

But even with these multi-billion dollar U.S. plans, Soviet war preparations are proceeding at an even greater rate. The massive militarization being carried out by both superpowers, and particularly the USSR, cannot bring about a world of "peace," but can only lead to war.

RCP TAKES STAND WITH THE 'GANG'

Marxist-Leninists around the world have hailed the victory of the Chinese people under the leadership of Chairman Hua Kuo-feng in smashing the counter-revolutionary "gang of four." But the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) here in the U.S. has taken its stand with the "gang."

At their "Conference on the International Situation" last November and again in the January issue of their newspaper, Revolution, the RCP openly attacked Chairman Hua. They insinuated that the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese people had elected a "chimpanzee" as party leader and that China had turned revisionist.

At the November Conference, the RCP refused to answer questions about their stand on the "gang of four." When asked about the struggle in China, long-time RCP spokesman Clark Kissinger could only respond by denouncing the OL and other Marxist-Leninists as "flunkys" for making statements congratulating Hua Kuo-feng on his leadership in defending socialist China.

Kissinger finally blurted out: "If a chimpanzee had been elected Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, he would have gotten a telegram of congratulations from Michael Klonsky (OL Chairman)."

The January issue of Revolution features a letter of "clarification" from Kissinger, in which he repeats his disgusting slander. This is RCP's only concrete statement

about the current struggle in China in the January issue of the paper. In recent comments by RCP leaders, they have chimed in with the Guardian centrists and the bourgeois press in speculating that "revisionism" has triumphed in China and that Chairman Hua Kuo-feng does not uphold the line of Chairman Mao.

The reason the OL and other Marxist-Leninists internationally have expressed full support for Chairman Hua is because the struggle against the "gang" is part of the worldwide fight against capitalism and revisionism.

The struggle in China is one between the socialist road and the capitalist road. The "gang of four" attempted to seize party and state power and carry out capitalist restoration as Khrushchev did in the Soviet Union in 1956. Restoration of capitalism in China would have been a terrible blow to the working class in every country which draws its hope and inspiration from China.

For these reasons, the struggle in China is a question of major importance for communists everywhere.

The RCP, while claiming to be a "Marxist-Leninist party," is actually opposing the Marxist-Leninists in the world today and particularly the great Communist Party of China. Not surprisingly they have found themselves in the company of Trotskyists, centrists and revisionists who have also used Chairman Mao's death and the

struggle against the "gang" as an opportunity to step up their attacks on socialist China. The RCP leadership has even found it difficult to sell their counter-revolutionary line on China to their own cadres.

The RCP's stand on the recent events in China is actually not a new phenomenon. It flows from their long-standing opposition to China's line on many questions.

The November Conference, organized immediately after Chairman Mao's death, fully revealed RCP's opposition to the line of Chairman Mao and the Chinese Communist Party on the international situation. Prettifying Soviet social-imperialism, attacking the

third world countries' struggle, and siding with the "gang of four," the RCP was hardly distinguishable from the many Trotskyists and centrists whose participation in the conference was fully encouraged.

Even RCP was embarrassed by its unity with these class enemies. In the January issue of Revolution, RCP claims that they "snuck in" and "got onto panels, by denying affiliation with any Trotskyist or revisionist group." But these excuses are to no avail, because RCP admits in the very same article that they themselves "screened" and selected all the panelists.

The RCP's growing unity with the Trotskyists, centrists and revisionists is the result of their political line which completely liquidates the fight against modern revisionism.

In the January Revolution, for example, the RCP says that it is "ludicrous" to call revisionism one of imperialism's main props and denounces the OL for carrying out consistent struggle against the revisionist Communist Party USA.

Support for revisionism and capitalist restoration is the essence of the RCP's stand on China. In China, Marxism-Leninism has dealt revisionism a crushing blow. But RCP insists on standing on the wrong side of this struggle, giving aid and comfort to the revisionism of the "gang of four."

Remembering Chou En-lai - great communist fighter

January 8 marked the anniversary of one year since the death of Chou En-lai, Premier of the People's Republic of China and a heroic communist fighter.

In the two pictures, Comrade Chou En-lai is shown delivering the Central Committee Report to the Tenth Congress of the Chinese Communist Party (see below), and shaking hands with Wang Chin-hsi, the Taching oilfield worker known as the "iron man." (see picture on right)

Chou En-lai was a great communist leader and a tireless fighter against imperialism, social-imperialism and revisionism. For decades, he was Chairman Mao Tse-tung's closest comrade-in-arms and was deeply loved and respected by the Chinese people.

In the current struggle against the counter-revolutionary "gang of four," their attempts to slander Chou En-lai and force him out of office have been exposed.

The "gang" particularly hated Premier Chou for the call he made to turn China into a "powerful, modern socialist country by the year 2000." This call, based firmly on the principles established in Chairman Mao's 1956 article, "On the Ten Major Relationships," was attacked by the "gang" as part of their plot to destroy China's socialist economy.

A People's Daily article last December 12 also revealed that



the "gang of four" had suppressed many articles that were written after Chou En-lai's death to honor his memory and popularize the most important episodes from his life. Various members of the "gang" forbade the press to publish articles written by cadres and workers honoring Premier Chou.

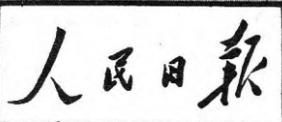
Now that the "gang" has been exposed, these articles are appearing in Chinese publications again. The December 12 article in the People's Daily reprinted an article which described the ten months Premier Chou spent in 1946-47 carrying out negotiations in Nanking with the U.S. imperialists and Chiang Kai-shek

reactionaries.

The article showed Chou En-lai's self-sacrificing spirit and the enthusiasm and confidence in the revolutionary cause which he was able to inspire in all those around him under very difficult conditions. The article also stressed the contributions made by Teng Ying-chao, Premier Chou's wife, who was recently elected to the position of Vice-Chairman of the National People's Congress.

All over China last week, the masses of people once again paid their respects to Chou En-lai, whose militant life has taken on a new symbolic meaning in the fight against the "gang of four."

From the World Press



The major news publications in the People's Republic of China carried a significant New Year's Day editorial entitled: "Advance from Victory to Victory." The editorial, published in People's Daily, Red Flag Journal and Liberation Army Daily, called 1976 "an extraordinary year, one in which we won a great historic victory."

The editorial mourns the death last year of Chairman Mao Tse-tung, Premier Chou En-lai and Chu Teh as well as recalling the horrible earthquakes and natural disasters which befell China this year. It points out that: "At a time when the Party was confronted with tremendous difficulties, the Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng led the people in smashing at one blow the plot of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-party clique to usurp supreme party and state power." The editorial calls the struggle against the "gang of four" a "soul-stirring class struggle that averted a major setback in the Chinese revolution, a major retrogression in Chinese history and a major disaster for the Chinese people."

The editorial also sets forth the tasks for the new year: "to deepen the great mass movement to expose and criticize the 'gang of four'; to strengthen party building and carry out in the whole party a movement for education in Marxist ideology; to deepen the mass movement 'in agriculture, learn from Tachai, in industry, learn from Taching' and to strive to 'push the national economy forward'; and bring to a new upsurge the mass movement to study works by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin and by Chairman Mao."

The editorial calls the contradiction between the people and the "gang of four" a contradiction "between ourselves and the enemy," and a "life-and-death struggle between the two classes." It adds: "We must not be kind-hearted but battle hard against this counter-revolutionary sinister gang."

The New Year's editorial reiterates China's determination to liberate Taiwan and to "steadfastly continue to carry out the revolutionary line and policies in foreign affairs formulated by Chairman Mao himself. Uphold proletarian internationalism, strengthen our unity with the international proletariat and the oppressed nations and oppressed people of the world, strengthen our unity with the third world countries and unite with all countries suffering from imperialist and social-imperialist aggression, subversion, intervention, control and bullying, so as to oppose the hegemonism of the two superpowers—the Soviet Union and the United States."



(Hsinhua photos)

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urban renewal projects all over the city by burning out the people with "accidental" fires and "gang-caused" arson.

The fight for jobs has also become a focus of the Pilsen struggle. In Chicago, as in cities across the country, Chicanos and other minorities are used by the capitalists as a labor reserve to hold down the wages of all workers. Lowest paid, last hired, and first fired, Chicanos have suffered especially from the current high unemployment.

The racist hiring system in Chicago has come to the forefront in the current struggle. With a Latino population of over 700,000, only 7 of Chicago's firemen are Latinos. Moreover, City Hall has refused to comply with a court order to desegregate the fire department, deliberately hiring no firemen at all for the past three years.

In an effort to hide the city's history of discrimination, Chicago's Mayor Bilandic scurried to reassign the city's few Latino firemen to Pilsen "if they are willing." But he refused the demand to hire more Latinos.

"Hire Latino Firemen!" was the demand of Pilsen residents and supporters who demonstrated at

City Hall on January 3. The WSC also linked this demand to the fightback's general campaign for "Jobs or Income Now!," stressing the need to target the whole capitalist system as the cause of unemployment.

In addition to the need for jobs in the Chicano community, the demand for more Latino firemen has focused attention on language discrimination. A factor contributing to the huge number of deaths in the Pilsen fires was the inability of the firemen to communicate with the people they were supposed to rescue.

The city's refusal to hire and train Spanish-speaking firemen is only one example of how the imperialists use language as a tool of oppression. Attacks on the Spanish language, coupled with the lack of bilingual education, greatly facilitates the capitalists' ability to keep Chicanos in substandard housing, low-paying jobs and other oppressive conditions.

Chicago's big newspapers and TV stations have blamed the fires and deaths on the inability of Pilsen residents to speak English, seizing on the language issue to whip up racism and take the heat off the system. "Latinos are quick to pick up words like 'rights' and 'discrimination.' They should be able to (learn) 'help, fire!'" was

the conclusion of TV commentator Joel Daley.

Many rank-and-file firemen have recognized the need to be trained in the city's minority languages along with hiring more Latino firefighters. But the agents of the capitalists in their union have echoed the racist slanders. Asked what he thought about improving rescue efforts through bilingual programs, the president of the Chicago Fire Fighters Union ranted: "This is America. Let them speak English."

But this chauvinist demagoguery aimed at splitting the unity of white and Latino workers cannot cover up who is to blame for the Pilsen fires and for the whole history of national oppression of Chicanos. The big landlords, the bankers and real estate interests,

their agents in the labor movement and their mouthpieces in the media—all share responsibility for the murders of these and hundreds of other poor and minority people.

While the struggle in Pilsen has brought out hundreds who are ready to fight the capitalists, some reformists in the community have opposed linking the demand for fire protection to other issues. They argue that the struggle is best carried out "one issue at a time." With this narrow approach, they are preventing the struggle from hitting its real target—the capitalist system and national oppression.

The struggle against rotten fire protection in Pilsen cannot be separated from the struggle that Chicanos all over the country are waging against every aspect of national discrimination, for full de-

mocratic rights, and for political power under a system of regional autonomy. In order to win Chicano liberation, the immediate demands of the people, such as fire protection, must be linked to this broader struggle and target the capitalist system.

Only by getting rid of this enemy once and for all—only by establishing socialism—the rule of the working class—and regional autonomy for Chicanos can Chicano people win their historic battle for equality.

"Full democratic rights and regional autonomy for the Chicano people!" is the rallying cry which can broaden and strengthen the fight against fires in Pilsen, drawing support from Chicanos and working-class fighters throughout the city and across the country.

POLICE MURDER . . .

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that the power is in the people, and the people are coming together."

Following the demonstrations, a meeting was organized for Dec. 26 at a segregated hall and the mayor ordered some racist henchmen not to unlock the doors. This move met with no success, however, as nearly 75 people from the community met in the cold on the steps outside.

Convinced that mass support and militant action were the only way to fight racist terror, the people drew up a petition to rally support for their demands. Within 3 days, 600 signatures were collected from Black and white residents. Many white workers from the Enterprise Aluminum plant put their names on the petition.

By the end of the meeting, a boycott of the largest shopping

The petitions were delivered to the mayor Dec. 30, throwing him into a frenzy. He had 15 members of Concerned Citizens arrested on "criminal trespass" charges for organizing the meeting four days earlier on the steps of the locked meeting hall. But the Black community rallied to their support and by that afternoon everyone was out of jail.

These repressive actions by city officials spurred over 100 defiant people to a meeting that same evening. Despite attempts by a reformist from the Voter Education Project to divide the communists from the community people and derail the struggle to the "voting booth," the people were not taken in. "This isn't a campaign meeting," shouted one worker, "This is an action meeting."

By the end of the meeting, a boycott of the largest shopping

center in town was organized. The boycott still is continuing as we go to press, drawing strong support from both white and Black people in Eatonton.

Behind the scenes of the racist murder and curfew law lie the handful of capitalist millionaires in the county that own large tracts of land and virtually all the businesses in the area. One Black woman, an activist in the struggle, pointed out that these capitalists are behind local Klan activity.

The militant struggle in Eatonton, a town which lies in the heart of the area where Black people developed as an oppressed nation during slavery, reflects the demand of the entire Afro-American people for self-determination. In the face of killer cops, court orders and Klan terror, this fight is advancing.

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he will go along with "whatever the Puerto Rican people decide."

Carter's demagoguery is even more dangerous than Ford's open support for statehood because it hides behind this banner of "self-determination." Both Ford and Carter represent the same monopoly capitalist class which reaps enormous profits from the colonial plunder of Puerto Rico. One hundred of the top 500 U.S. corporations have plants on the island.

While the imperialists and their spokesmen like Ford and Carter may differ among themselves over whether statehood, commonwealth or some new scheme is a more profitable and stable arrangement, they unite around the need to maintain U.S. control over the island.

Each year, U.S. imperialists walk away from Puerto Rico with some \$1.2 billion in profits—free from any taxes.

The imperialists' concern for maintaining this paradise for exploitation is what lies behind all the recent statements about Puerto Rico.

Many Democratic Party faithfuls were quick to jump on the Carter bandwagon also, denouncing Ford for trying to "go around the U.S. Congress." But their appeals for a more "democratic" process to determine the status of Puerto Rico means nothing more than another referendum held, like those in 1952 and 1967, under U.S. colonial guns.

Like Ford's statehood proposal,

the only purpose of such a referendum would be to undercut the independence movement.

Falling right in line behind these liberal imperialists is the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP). The January 9 issue of their newspaper Claridad is filled with praises for the liberals who have come out against statehood.

In an article entitled "Politicians attack statehood," the PSP prettifies the congressmen who have expressed opposition to Ford. They paint liberal spokesmen for the imperialists like Senator Henry Jackson and Congressman Phillip Burton as reliable allies in the fight against statehood and for independence. The article quotes Burton saying, "Congress will never support statehood."

PSP TAILS REFORMISM

Above all, PSP tails after the reformist demagoguery of Puerto Rican congressman Herman Badillo, covering up his historic opposition to independence and his proven loyalty to the imperialists. Badillo, Claridad points out, labelled as "illegal" Ford's attempt to "push his plan on his own."

Just like Jimmy Carter and other Democratic liberals, Badillo pretends he is "neutral" and a supporter of Puerto Rican self-determination. Claridad helps to spread this lie.

PSP insists that their party is dedicated to independence. But they actually lend support to the imperialists and social-imperialists who have tried to sabotage the independence movement and turn it from the path of revolutionary armed struggle. The PSP serves

them by preaching reliance on the imperialists and especially the Soviet social-imperialists as a strategy for gaining independence.

They promote the reformist illusion, for example, that the U.S. will surrender control over Puerto Rico voluntarily. In the recent Claridad, PSP calls on the U.S. government to "transfer all the powers it now maintains to the Puerto Rican people" without mentioning the need for armed struggle to bring this about.

Another example of their reformism is their all-out support for the Dellums Bill, which calls on the U.S. government to cede Puerto Rico its independence.

At the same time, the PSP is working closely with the revisionist Communist Party (CPUSA). The PSP helped the CP penetrate the Puerto Rican national movement, handing it positions of influence in their Puerto Rican Solidarity Committee. They have spread the CP's revisionist teachings, combining reformism at home with support and reliance on the social-imperialists and "detente" internationally.

But reliance on one or another superpower can never bring liberation; it can only exchange one imperialist master for another. The Puerto Rican people have shown time and again by taking up armed struggle that they are not relying on the benevolence of the colonialists. They will fight on until they win independence from all imperialist domination.



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