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Fight for Socialism!

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UFW HEIGHTENS STRUGGLE WITH DEMAND FOR PARITY

A Fight For Equality Of Oppressed Nationalities In The Trade Unions

Once again in fields throughout California, the UFW's (United Farm Workers of America) red and black banner is waving in the cold early morning air and cries of "Huelga!" (Strike!) ring out. Over 4,300 UFW members, mostly Mexicanos and Chicanos, are fighting for 40% wage increases which would bring their pay up to the level of other unionized workers in the food-processing industry.

Farmworkers' Victory Would be Unprecedented Step Toward Uniting All Workers

The strike has already hurt the ten major lettuce growers bad, to the tune of \$5 million. And it isn't over yet.

For the UFW the strike raises their struggle to a higher level, going beyond the fight for union recognition won after 14 years of struggle, to a fight for parity in wages and benefits. A strike victory would help raise the living standards of all workers as it points the way for minimum wage workers all over the country, such as in the textile and electronics industries. And most important, it's a milestone battle for all oppressed nationalities in the struggle to assume their rightful place in

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Farmworkers battle sheriff's deputies trying to get scabs to stop work at this Salinas field. The strike, a big blow against national oppression has the full support of the community, forcing growers to go as far as Texas to recruit scabs.

Defend the Jobs in Heavy Industry

Build on Gains of Working Women's Movement

The struggle for survival for all women is getting tougher as the permanent crisis of capitalism is deepening. Layoffs happen in every industry and budget cuts in social service. Poor women must fight for every benefit as the bourgeoisie attempts to cut down welfare rolls. Because of the crisis, the bourgeoisie is squeezing women out of

"Capitalism creates its own grave-diggers," Marx summed up. This lesson isn't only true of the working class in general but also of working women in particular. Working women in heavy industries are the leading force pulling forward the entire struggle against women's oppression. These militant and determined working class sisters in steel,

It is against the crisis—the squeezing in of women down to the poorest levels—that women in newly gained industrial jobs show the class a bright future. It is the most forward motion for working and poor women for better paid jobs and living standards, for fighting for the special demands of women of health and safety and socialized childcare. For women are becoming part of the fight for the political and economic demands of the whole working class against layoffs, wage controls and the Weber case. Working in these largest, most organized industries has broadened women's scope and strengthened their socialized outlook.

These jobs are steps forward for every working and poor woman. Their fight to defend these jobs is a fight to defend women's rights to better paid jobs. Working women are clearer than ever before on the need to defend the

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CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WORKING WOMEN'S DAY

the better paid jobs back to the marginal lowest paid jobs, back to unemployment and welfare. They threaten job quotas with the Weber case which will lead to massive layoffs. Women in job training programs have nowhere to go with their skills.

auto, chemical and construction and other heavy industries are determining the character of the present women's movement and point to its bright future. The jobs that women fought for and won in the early 70's are pace-setting gains for working women.

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SECCION EN ESPANOL

Fight Against Chem Dumping Unites Nationalities

PCB: Poisoning the Poor for Profits

For weeks there were tales of a "phantom truck" riding through the backroads of North Carolina in the middle of the night pouring some oily looking substance on the side of the road. Night after night the truck rolled on, dumping across 15 counties, covering over 210 miles of North Carolina roadside. The substance? PCB (polychlorinated biphenyls)—the initials bring shudders to anyone familiar with its poisonous effects. PCB doesn't break down for thousands of years. It circulates in the environment and is absorbed and remains in the fatty tissues of the body, where it can cause skin disorders, cancer and birth defects. PCBs were among the waste dumped in Love Canal, New York. There skin disorders and the cancer rate increased dramatically, and babies were born deformed.

The state government knew what it was as soon as the dumping began, yet they let children continue playing by the roadside and crops soak up the poison in their roots for weeks. Only until someone had the "oil slick" tested did the truth come out. And now, more than 6 months since the spill, the state has yet to move toward the safe removal and disposal of the toxic PCB timebomb. While state officials have squirmed and stalled trying to come up with a way to protect the bosses, in Warren County several people have already reported strange blisters and rashes on their backs, arms and faces, watery eyes and voice losses.

State Disposal Plan Another Example of National Oppression In the Black Belt South

Why is Hunt so ready to dump the poison in Warren County? Because it's in the heart of the Black Belt South, one of the poorest and most oppressed of North Carolina's 100 counties. 70% of the county's 1,600 residents are Afro-Americans and Native-Americans. 40% of the local population don't have indoor plumbing. Day in and day out life in Warren County is a hand to mouth existence with the average yearly income \$3,000. The remains of Jim Crow still exist. Having toxic industrial waste dumped in the backyard of a mainly black community is another example of the brutal national oppression of the Afro-American people for whom the capitalists reserve the lowest paying jobs, the poorest schools and deadliest poison.

By focusing on Warren County as a landfill site, Hunt and his capitalist backers hope to play on backward racist sentiments to split the community, black against white, county against county, in order to ram through a scheme which will serve the bosses best and make Hunt look good for wanting to "save" money.

People, United, Win a Victory

But Hunt, a racist who can't see beyond the end of his nose, crudely misjudged the consciousness of the masses, their militancy and ability to organize. After his original plan to build a toxic landfill for the poison in

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Hundreds of applicants line up outside the New York City District Council of Carpenters, hoping for a chance at the first job openings in 4 years. Many stood in line for three days, right through the blizzard of Feb. 19 that dumped 12 inches of snow on the city. On the first night of the wait, about 100 of them stayed in line through the below-freezing weather — all were women. About 30% of journeymen carpenters are unemployed.

Breaking the Chains!



RIGHT-TO-WORK BILL DEFEATED IN NEW MEXICO

On February 20th, the people of New Mexico forced Governor Bruce King to fulfill his campaign promise and veto a proposed bill which would have made New Mexico a right-to-work state. Right-to-work laws, existing in 20 states, outlaw closed shops. This victory gives the labor movement in New Mexico two years to strengthen itself before 1981 when the bosses can again push a right-to-work bill.

FIFTY YEARS OF RADIUM RADIATION

50 years after a radium processing plant, the National Radium Corp., operated in Denver, Colorado, radiation from their dumping sites is still way above the federal safety level. One site just 1/2 mile from downtown Denver gave off radiation so strong, the measuring device's needle went off range altogether. The meter registers a maximum of 2,500 micro-roentgens an hour compared to the norm of 15 to 35 an hour for Denver. So far, 14 of the forgotten sites have been found and the number may yet go up to 35. There are as yet no proposals to protect workers in the area or safeguard families.

PAPER WORKERS GET 27% RAISE OVER THREE YEARS

A settlement at the Boise Cascade's West Tacoma Newsprint mill at Steilacoom, Washington, may set a pattern in the west coast paper workers' strike. Last July and early August, almost all of the 22,000 member Western Pulp and Paper workers had closed 27 paper mills from California to Alaska. After seven long months, workers at the Steilacoom mill won a three year contract, 10% for the first year, 9% for the second, and 8% for the third. Crown Zellerbach followed on February 21 by settling with its 5000 workers, the largest bargaining unit of paper workers in the region.

These settlements represent a setback for Carter's 7% guidelines. The government had tried to impose the wage controls on the paper strike negotiations earlier.

ARBITRATOR RULES—NAGI'S CASE DENIED

The arbitrator's ruling in the case of unjustly fired Arab worker, Nagi Mohamed, from Chrysler's Dodge Main plant in Michigan was another injustice—his grievance to get his job back was denied. In 1977, Nagi Mohamed was fired from his job for defending himself against assault by his foreman. In the fight to reinstate him, the Nagi Mohamed/Dodge Workers Defense Committee was formed.

Many Arab, Afro-American and white workers came out to the demonstrations, courthouse pickets and fundraiser organized by the Defense Committee, forging multinational unity. Chrysler's discrimination against Arab workers was also exposed. Though left in the hands of an arbitrator, Nagi did not get his job back. But the broad support among workers in the plant and the community did force the court to drop the trumped up charges Chrysler and the foreman brought against him. They also forced Chrysler to pay Nagi unemployment benefits denied him because he was fired.

INDIANA MINERS WILDCAT TO PROTEST TWO ARRESTS

One thousand three hundred Indiana coal miners staged a one day wildcat, shutting down 3 mines in southern Indiana and one in southwestern Illinois. They walked out to protest the arrest of 2 miners who were charged, along with 190 others, for attacking a B&M Coal Company loading dock on January 7, 1978 during last year's coal strike. Special Judge Plummer had ordered United Mine Workers to pay a huge \$182,000 for damages and \$200,000 appeal bond by December 22nd. When the union did not pay, he arrested the two miners. In face of the wildcats, the two were released.

LOUISIANA CHEMICAL WORKERS WIN LOCKOUT CASE

American Cyanamid was forced to give \$20 million in back pay and interest to 441 members of the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers (OCAW) in its Louisiana plant. The National Labor Relations Board hit the company for unfair labor practice, in one of the largest settlements for this in history. The company locked its doors on January 28, 1976 after a nine month strike by the union. This is the same Cyanamid that forced 5 women to be sterilized in a West Virginia plant. In the Bound Brook New Jersey plant, workers had to strike for two months just to get basic health and safety demands. ■

FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES

Our Readers Speak Out!

"The Gun Never Sets on the British Empire" Need Articles on TV Programs

Dear WVO,

Whew! Another boring day at work. Time to go find an out of the way spot and pick up the new issue of Workers Viewpoint (Feb. 1). Yea, I get to enjoy myself. Being bi-monthly is twice as exciting; on to the WV daily.

I have enclosed a couple articles which may be of interest. Although they all look like bourgeois reporting, one is an editorial from the "Call." At first I was going to do an analysis of it, but it's so full of its own bankrupt line and contradictions that I think it falls on its own merits. With the OL, things definitely go better with revisionism.

Engels noted, Britain's future is intricately tied to its policy in occupied Ireland. This has been the case for the 800 years that this attempted subjugation has been going on.

The facts are that Britain, which once boasted that "The sun never sets on the British Empire" now reflects an Irish Republican Army slogan, "The gun never sets on the British Empire". (I have enclosed some photos taken in occupied Belfast several years ago). The British imperialists, Labor or Tory, and the sector of sold-out trade union lackeys, like the Trade Union Council,

spend millions of pounds in Ireland yearly. A little of the money is used for social welfare programs (as imperialism deepened its grip, unemployment rose) in occupied Northern Ireland. The majority is used for the occupation army and its local puppet army; also, the money is used to reimburse the (mainly) British based capitalists for "property lost" in the civil war or to pay the capitalists to expand their holdings, modernize, etc. This further rips off the people and generates new recruits for the resistance.

This is the fate of England and all 2nd world countries. They must try to expand where they inevitably face increased resistance. Their crisis at home grows. The bourgeoisie crumbles. And so WV publishes pictures of demonstrations in London, England, that look strikingly similar to the ones coming out of Ireland 10 years ago.

C.J.
Baltimore, Md.

Dear WVO,

In our area we have found that while the culture articles on movies are interesting as well as enlightening that people are much more likely to watch T.V. T.V. is an integral part of the degeneration of capitalism, both as a result of the degeneration and promoting that degeneration. Younger workers watch series like "The Newlyweds," subtle pornography, and "The Dating Game," legalized prostitution, while many older people go more for Archie Bunker or one of the many "game" series. Still more people watch the stories each and every afternoon. Our youth are drawn to Charlie's Angels, police adventures and other thrillers. We would like to see a couple of culture articles criticizing these series, as well as the article on big movie hits. We found the Animal House article especially timely, now that T.V. is going to have three such series. Keep up the good work.

A Friend
Greensboro, N.C.



The WV paper surges forward. The Malcolm X article is clear in its uncompromising support of the revolutionary traditions of the masses—much of which has been side-tracked recently (temporarily)—and the invulnerability of principled leadership. The article helps provide such principled leadership. It is that same uncompromising attitude which led to the overthrow of the Shah by the masses in Iran. The international coverage of the paper, particularly around Iran, is excellent.

I do have a criticism, however, of the *British Workers* article. No in depth report of their struggles can be complete without mentioning Ireland (which you neglected). It is important to see England as a 2nd world country, fraught with internal contradictions but also seeking to hold onto its shrinking colonial empire. What preceded much of Britain's present crisis has been a long, protracted war in Ireland. As Marx and



Top: British troops ride through the streets of Belfast. Bottom: Poster by the Republican Movement. "Britain's future is intricately tied to its policy in occupied Ireland."

Rep. Preyer (N.C.) Exposed

Dear WVO,

Last month the U.S. Congressman from our district called two town meetings in Greensboro, N.C. to which every citizen was invited by a mailed-out announcement. The Congressman, Richardson Preyer, is well-known nationally for his chairmanship of the House Assassinations Committee. His announcement said he wanted to "respond to the issues on the hearts and minds of his constituents." Well, we're betting that was the first and last time he'll want to expose himself to the "issues" of a constituency more and more fed up with double talk, lies, gouging

and ass-covering by ruling class politicians. (Preyer is a multi-millionaire, owner of the Vick's Company, a major U.S. pharmaceutical firm.)

Although Preyer had obviously made an effort to surround himself with his old cronies, businessmen, Democratic Party stalwarts, and family well-wishers who all called him Dick, and gushed about how wonderfully he represented us all, there were a few working class people in the crowd who couldn't stomach the PR-media stunt character of the meeting.

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CALLS FOR LETTERS

Communist organizations and Parties around the world must acquire the great traditions of a genuine Marxist-Leninist party summed up by the Communist Party of China: integrating theory with practice, maintaining close ties with the masses and practicing criticism and self-criticism. We think that one way for WVO to start acquiring these traditions is through our newspaper's correspondence.

We ask comrades and friends around the country to send us letters, criticisms, reports on struggles, etc., on our articles and other issues in the communist and workers' movements, the international and national situations, the national movements, working women's movements, etc. This correspondence will contribute directly to our common struggle to build the U.S. anti-revisionist communist party and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat.

write to: **Workers Viewpoint Org.**
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Workers Win Wildcat at Keebler Cookie Factory It's Not The Elves!

Twenty-four hour bonfires only partially shielded the wild-cattling workers from the bone-chilling weather of the coldest February in Philadelphia's history. The anger and determination of the workers did the rest. Keebler workers were out to stop the company's massive lay off plan—they weren't about to let anything stand in their way! As some of the men chopped up the wooden pallets brought by workers from near-by plants to feed the fires, others stood guard at the gate, keeping scabs out and management in. They talked with newsmen, passers-by, and supporters about the issues and importance of their fight.

Keebler's Cookies Made by Workers' Sweat, Not Elf Magic

Contrary to the company's TV commercial, Keebler cookies are not made by blissfully smiling elves, zapping chocolate magic on every cookie. Keebler's cookie profits come from the sweat of workers. Now Keebler wants to cut down the workforce while increasing production through speed-ups.

The final shove that sparked the wildcat was the recent firing of 50 workers and combining the jobs of those left. 200 others had already gotten the ax before Christmas. How many more would go: The company even hired a "management specialist" just to figure out how to make more money with less workers at the Philly plant. Since he was hired, grievances poured in while the company refused to negotiate with the union over the latest wave of firings.

Their hands tied by a deadly "no-strike" clause, Keebler workers had to weigh what an illegal wildcat (no strike fund) would mean for themselves and their families. In the end, they knew they had to take a stand here and now, or pay dearly for it in the future. The fight was important, not only for themselves but for fellow union members. "We're the strongest local in the Keebler chain. If they can do it to us, they can do it to the others."

Militant Rank and File Catches Company Off-Guard

After nibbling away at the weaker locals, the company decided to go for the strongest, most militant, and pace-setting Philly local. The folding of Brinelson's Bakery this past summer, where 200 workers were left jobless, set conditions for the company to take the offensive. They did so figuring that the closing of Brinelson's had sufficiently weakened the Bakery and Confectionary Workers' Union in the area.

But they were wrong. Out of 800 workers, only 8 scabbed. Shop stewards risked their union positions by walking the line with the rest.

The company was caught off guard by the breadth of the strike, especially given the hardships of a dead-winter wildcat.

Keebler workers' militant reputation was not easily won. Two years ago, they went on a 2-week wildcat when

the company tried to cut down break and lunch periods. Though they lost their demands in the wildcat, workers saw that it had helped forge greater unity.

The company, which likes to keep a "Mr. Clean" image exposed themselves even more as the strike moved into the second day. On that day, a foreman, trying to break through the strike lines, ran over a striker. He was rushed to the hospital with serious back injuries. This stained the happy little Keebler elf image with blood, although it was severely downplayed in the press. The strikers turned their grief into new strength. Now it was war! There was no turning back!

After 5 days, it was clear the strike was gaining momentum, not losing. The company gave in to the workers' demand to rehire the 47 workers. But this wasn't the end of the battle. Even though the fired workers are back at work, the right of the company to eliminate them is under arbitration. The other demand—fire the foreman who cut down the striker—was also sent to arbitration, but the workers were solid that they could bring appropriate pressure to do this dog in and defend their fellow workers until they win a decisive victory.

Plant Closings and Runaways Are the Trend

Caught in their own capitalist crisis, companies like Keebler are increasingly laying off and speeding up to make profits. Other plants in the Philly area have just closed shop and moved to the South, looking to exploit the non-union workforce there.

Philadelphia, one of the oldest cities in this country, is not a one-industry town like Pittsburgh or Detroit. Its economic base has historically been a combination of heavy industry and manufacturing, the main aspect being the latter. Yet with every downturn in the economy, the erosion of this base creates havoc more and more on the lives of the working class in Philly.

The capitalists refuse to invest in rehabilitating or building new plants in the city. Many have "taken their business elsewhere", escaping this long-time union city, seeking cheaper labor in the South or abroad, yearning for lower taxes and better land deals outside the industrial Northeast. The big bankers and financial string-pullers are gearing their efforts toward speculating on the money market, gobbling up city bonds, or milking the city treasury with quick-return loansharking to the school system.

Every plant closing is like a bomb dropped on the livelihood of workers in the city. Young workers entering the job market don't know which way to turn—things are not the same as when their parents and grandparents began work. Job training programs that do exist are not geared to meeting the jobs that are available. They offer little but a buffer between high school and the unemployment lines.

In plant cafeterias, neighborhood taverns and diners, union meetings—wherever workers gather to talk about their lives and problems—you can sense the apprehension for the future. The closing of the Frankford Arsenal and Midvale Steel are recurring themes in any serious discussion about the economy. The looming threat of Gould industries—with 5 Philly-area plants—running away and BUDD Automotive Division shutting down part of its operation plant is on many concerned workers' minds. When word of the Food-Fair closing hit the streets, it was the main talk in many shops and unions, with workers visibly angered and anguished at this crime against the working class.

Two Views in Fighting Layoffs and Plant Closings

The city and state politicians and

top labor misleaders, while talking about "how terrible it is" are doing nothing to stop it. Mayor Rizzo made a big hoopla out of landing a deal with Sun Corp.—not to build new factories and plants, but rather to locate their international headquarters in downtown Philly! The area where the Keebler plant is located was targeted by Rizzo as a place to inject over \$300 million in tax breaks and land deals to bribe huge corporations into staying—with workers' tax money! They are asking workers to pay for their own jobs.

The Keebler workers have shown there is another way to save jobs. The partial victory of the wildcat shows that workers can win the fight to keep their jobs. It shows that the only chance to save jobs is to fight like hell for them. When asked what assurance the workers had that the company would stick by its promises, a group of strikers laughed quietly. "The assurance is us. The company knows that if it tries this again, we'll be right back out here." ■

Strike To Save Jobs

NYC School Bus Drivers Defy 3rd Contract Order



Hundreds of striking New York City school bus drivers march across Brooklyn Bridge. They were bringing the demands of their wildcat, job security and parity right to the steps of City Hall.

NEW YORK, N.Y.—2,000 New York City school bus drivers and matrons of Local 1181 and 1061, Amalgamated Transit Workers are standing firm in their strike against the Board of Education. The wildcatting rank and file have been striking since mid-February for job security and to keep parity in wages and benefits with other city bus drivers, provided for in their present contract. The drivers vowed they would risk jail and fines rather than obey two court orders to return to work. Meanwhile, they have been successful in stopping nonstriking buses from operating.

School Board, Mayor Launch Slander Campaign

As a result, the Board of Education could not transport 80,000 children to school. In a fit of panic, Board of Education Chancellor Frank Macchiorella

sent a letter home with the kids saying the bus drivers don't care about the children. Everyday, Mayor Koch goes on the news calling the drivers "goons" and "bastards". He said, "I just hope they apprehend one of these bastards and we will do something about that." This media blitz to drum up sentiment against the drivers points out the sinister aims of the Board of Education.

The wildcat began in mid-February in protest of the Board's overhaul of the system of awarding contracts to the bus companies which would take effect after the present contract between the Board and the union expires in June. The new contract provisions call for competitive bidding and the shortening of existing routes. This would allow smaller companies who may not be

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Workers Themselves Must Defend Rights of Undocumented Workers

"TORTILLA CURTAIN MUST GO!"

LOS ANGELES, CA.—As Carter was scheduled to meet with Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo on Sunday, February 11, over a thousand demonstrators marched in San Ysidro, California, with cries of "Stop the Fence!" and "El Pueblo Unido, Jamas Sera Vencido." With the warm sun beating down, the people marched and chanted, spiraling up and across the walkway, a stone's distance from the border. Workers, students, concerned community members, mostly young Chicanos and Mexicanos united to demonstrate against the "Tortilla Curtain," the proposed 6-mile fence to be constructed in San Ysidro, California, and at El Paso, Texas.

Relying Only on Portillo Is Suicide

Organizers of the demonstration (Herman Baca of the Committee on Chicano Rights and Corky Gonzales of the Crusade for Justice) raised how Mexico is being raped of her resources. How the immigration of thousands of Mexicanos into the U.S. is integrally tied to the lack of jobs and poverty in Mexico. True enough. But they fell for the bourgeoisie's portrayal of the U.S. and Mexico playing a "chess game," with one side using workers as pawns and the other using oil. They led many honest elements at the protest to believe that if Lopez Portillo hangs tough on his oil position, conditions for the undocumented will greatly improve. Nothing could be further from the truth! Although Mexico's demand for better treatment of undocumented workers here will aid our struggle, we must rely primarily on the strength of the workers themselves to defend their rights.

Mexican President Lopez Portillo has taken a consistent stand on the question of oil and undocumented workers during the talks with Carter. He said, "I do not regard oil development in Mexico as a function of oil needs of the United States. I view it in terms of our national development." Communists and U.S. workers must support this because it aids the fight against U.S. imperialism. Representing the interests of the Mexican national bourgeoisie, he wants to see Mexico develop independently and he wants to keep Mexico's developing market under the control of his own class.

But even if Lopez Portillo holds to his strong oil stand (refuses to let the U.S. buy gas and oil at below its price), harassment of the undocumented will continue and worsen. Though Carter may push for an increase in the immigration quotas from Mexico, the bourgeoisie will continue to use immigrants as a scapegoat for the economic crisis and to direct workers' anger away from themselves. Sectors of the bourgeoisie will still push for legislation restricting the undocumented's right to medical services as they are in L.A., social service programs, and employment to assist in apprehending them. Even with the recent raid moratorium,



Over a thousand Chicano and Mexican workers, students and community workers demonstrated in San Ysidro, California chanting Stop the Fence and El Pueblo Unido Jamás Será Vencido.

people in the L.A. area, people active in fighting against La Migra, including El Comité de Igualdad and the Workers Viewpoint Organization, know that street sweeps and commonplace factor "surprise raids" were business as usual.

We have stated in the article, *Fight for the Full Rights of the Undocumented Workers*,

Immigration laws and changes in these laws always reflect the needs of U.S. capitalists. When business is booming and the capitalists can superexploit unorganized and undocumented workers in the U.S., they open the borders to immigration. In times of economic crisis



An effigy of "Uncle Sam" representing U.S. imperialism burns as symbol of Mexican and Chicano peoples' hatred of U.S. imperialists' policy towards undocumented workers.

the capitalists reshuffle their laws, shift the blame on undocumented workers, whip the immigrant workers back to where they came from and resort to other methods of making profits.

"No Borders" Line Gives U.S. Capitalists Right to Exploit Mexican Workers

The answer to the immigrant question is not the view of people like Baca and Gonzalez who push that "We are a people without borders." Having no borders between the U.S. and Mexico would allow U.S. companies to exploit Mexican workers. For example, by shipping parts across the border to be assembled, and then shipping them back across to the U.S. to be finished and sold. Mexico has the right to develop as a sovereign country and close her doors to any U.S. corporation in order to develop her own industries. It is a fact that the U.S. has for many years squeezed the wealth out of Mexico and caused suffering for the Mexican people. The only solution is that there should be free accessibility of Mexicanos into the U.S.

U.S. Bourgeoisie Scared to Death of Revolution in Latin America

The U.S. imperialists are in panic under the fire of people's revolution in

the third world, with Iran a clear example of the mighty blows being dealt to imperialism in the world today. Revolutionary forces in Nicaragua have not only exposed Somoza, but U.S. interests he represents as well. Thus, the U.S. must beef up respect with its neighbor, Mexico. With crocodile tears, Carter was forced to admit to the Mexican people who are crystal clear on the bullying of Yankee imperialism that the past had been "marred by mistakes, even abuses of power." Peddling his "human rights" campaign (see *Human Rights—Cover for War Preparations*, March/April 1977 issue), Carter must try to clean up his tracks and put on a mask of humility. He continued, "We understand clearly that the Mexican oil resources are the natural patrimony of the Mexican people to be developed and used and sold as Mexico sees fit. . . As a good customer, we are prepared to pay a fair and just price for the gas and oil you may wish to sell." U.S. neo-colonialist plunder in Mexico has helped maintain control over the rest of Central and South America. At the heart of the issue is not just the question of Mexican oil, it is the question of the U.S. maintaining its "manifest destiny" in the face of people's revolution as well as contention with the Soviet social-imperialists who have already gained a toehold by way of once revolutionary Cuba. ■

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6 Mos. Later: Who Really Gains from Prop. 13?

San Diego Bus Drivers Strike Against Pay Cut

"If I lose half of my benefits and take a cut in pay, I may as well go on welfare," a San Diego bus driver explains why he couldn't go with the proposed contract offered by the San Diego Transit Corporation.

When the contract expired between the 600 member Amalgamated Bus Drivers Union, Local 1309 and the Transit Corporation on December 31, the drivers were threatened with a \$22 pay cut, losing the cost of living clause, and cuts in benefits. The final offer in January gave no wage increases for the next two years, a 5% increase in

then off again at 10:30 a.m., and then back at 2:45 p.m. until 6:30 p.m." These kinds of schedules make any kind of family life almost impossible.

Cuts in Bus Service Attacks Workers and Minorities the Most

Not only are the bus drivers getting the bad end of the stick, the communities are attacked by cuts in the vital bus service.

85% of the poor in San Diego depend on the buses. The elderly, students, working people all need it to do their daily tasks. If you're late to

that while bus services were being cut, the Andy Williams Golf Open was being subsidized and new funds were allocated for the hiring of 100 new police officers. What's even more exposing, the city council has allocated funds that could go into bus services, into financing a monorail from downtown San Diego to the Mexican border to encourage tourism and foster the regrowth of the downtown area.

Who stands to gain from all this? It's the business interests, through their puppets on the city council, that want this town to develop as a tourist town. They would like to be able to advertise in their color brochures about the ease and conveniences of trips to the border to buy cheap goods from the exploited Mexican people without the chauvinist fears of having to live in a "foreign" country. The big hotels and restaurants would use the rail to insure them a way of transporting workers from Tijuana to exploit as maids and busboys. With expanding tourist trade, the bosses want to insure a steady supply of labor to exploit cheaply. And to keep workers from both countries divided, they fan chauvinist reactions to undocumented workers, saying they're taking away jobs and bus services. In their schemes of developing San Diego, the capitalists have no room for the interests of the everyday people who live here and work here, nor of impoverished workers from Mexico.

This is what Pete Wilson means when he said no funds--no funds for the workers and minorities of the communities, plenty of funds for the capitalists interests of the city. His claim that Proposition 13 is cutting revenues is another example of how the government is forcing workers and minorities to pay for the capitalists crisis.

Proposition 13 Makes the Poor Pay For the Capitalists' Tax Breaks

When Proposition 13 was passed

ment was diverted into supporting the sham Proposition 13 (promised to cut property taxes to a 1% ceiling and restrict how fast they can rise), cooked up by Jarvis and Gann.

Half a year later, it's clear who benefited most from Proposition 13. To date, 6.4 billion in property taxes was not collected. Less than half, only about 2.3 billion went to homeowners. Landlords gained 1.2 billion. But the bulk of it, the 2.9 billion went to commercial and industrial property. It's no wonder why Howard Jarvis--who directs the Apartment Owner Association of Los Angeles, and Ganns, who is a retired real estate salesman--pushed such a heavy media blitz to divert the anti-tax feelings into Proposition 13. Now the city council is using Proposition 13 to force the workers to foot the bill for the capitalists' tax breaks!

People of California have been hit hard, first with Bakke, then Proposition 13. Resistance have grown in response to the heavy attacks. Minority students at the University of Los Angeles went on a hunger strike against the Bakke decision. In San Diego, teachers, fire fighters, and other public workers have struggled to maintain their livelihood in the face of Proposition 13 cuts. And in the recent bus cuts, the community is also taking up support of the drivers and fighting the cuts.

Community Coalition Formed To Fight Cuts and Support Drivers

The Community Coalition For Continued Bus Services was formed to support the drivers and stop the bus cuts. It is made up of senior citizens, students, drivers, and members of African Liberation Support Committee and the Trade Union Educational League. They have spoken out at board and council meetings. They have leafleted the bus lines and in the communities to get the true story out. On the Friday before, seven bus lines were to be cut, they organized a militant rally and march to city hall from Horton Plaza, a major transfer point for bus riders. "Now's the time to



San Diego bus drivers unite with community to demand no bus service cuts, no layoffs and cutbacks. The city is using Proposition 13 as an excuse to cut bus service while it's pumping money into the pockets of the tourist industry bosses.

the third year, loss of benefits like 2 holidays, losing up to \$84 in pension per month, and most important, a 10% part time work force. The city is insisting on those terms because they want a low paid, low benefits work force, getting non-union wages.

Throughout the two months of maneuvering by the city council and mayor, the drivers refused to ratify the takeback contract and finally forced the Transit Corporation to arbitration at the end of January.

Wilson Lies to Divert Drivers from Riders

Pete Wilson and the city council claimed the main issue is high wages and that the public should not subsidize the drivers. One of the lies used in his attempt to divide the public from the drivers was that they were the highest paid in the nation. Yet he won't mention that since 1976, the drivers have not had a pay increase. They make better than \$9 because of a cost of living allowance which just keeps up with the cost of living index in San Diego.

Wilson never mentions the conditions that drivers must work under. As one driver said, "Driving a bus, you're guaranteed a seat and that's about it." Drivers often have no time for lunch trying to meet schedules, can't go to the bathroom, work split shifts, have to deal with the public and heavy schedules and traffic. "Last Friday I went to work at 6:42 a.m., was put off at 8:35 a.m., called back at 9:05 a.m.,

the welfare office, because you missed your bus and there isn't another one for an hour, you can lose your benefits for the entire period. This is how crucial good bus service is to many in this city.

San Diego is typical of many sprawling California cities where it's impossible to get around without a car. But with rising inflation and increased impoverishment of the masses, more and more workers find it harder to buy and maintain cars. In the last 12 years, bus ridership has more than doubled.

But while more people are dependent on bus service, the city is more concerned with cutting bus lines. So far, the city canceled 6 routes, they have cut service on four others in half, and laid off 39 bus drivers. By June, they plan to cut another 20 routes and lay off another 150 drivers or more.

Proposition 13 Used To Justify Cutbacks

To justify the cuts and lay offs, the city claims there are no more funds with Prop. 13 cutting out revenues. But until now, they have managed to have dug up "surplus" funds. In fact, the city had to give notice of public funds which are going unused, though allocated, just a few days after the final offer on the drivers' contract.

Capitalist Wants City Funds To Subsidize Tourist Growth

So if the money's there and it's not going into vital services, where is it going to? It's a glaring fact to everyone



The marchers chant, "Now's the time to stand and fight -- decent bus service is our right!" In front of the Mayor's office they tell him, "Pete Wilson Must Go!"

2-1 last June, California homeowners, mostly workers, hoped it would be the relief to exorbitant property taxes they have been paying. The paper value of their homes had ballooned with runaway inflation. Local governments were quick to take advantage with taxes going up to sometimes 5% of the homes' assessed value. But the vast sentiments for tax relief and the tax revolt move-

stand and fight--decent bus service is our right!". The marchers crowded into the sidewalk and headed for Pete Wilson's office. With more speakers and chants, including "Pete Wilson Must Go" the crowd of over 100 vowed to continue their fight. While the issue is no longer on the front pages, support continues to grow. ■

Mexican People Denounce Carter's Grab for Mexican Oil

"Carter is Coming to Exchange Oil for Peanuts"



All over Mexico City, militant signs like "Carter is coming to exchange oil for peanuts" was splattered over the walls

All week long, scores of students and workers surged through Independence Plaza and the streets of Mexico City, angrily chanting "Fuera Carter!" (Carter Out!). Militant signs of protest splattered the walls of Mexico City, with slogans like "Carter is exchanging oil for peanuts!"

Finally, on February 14, when President Carter landed in Mexico, he was given a blistering St. Valentine's greeting he'll never forget as thousands denounced U.S. imperialism to his face. That night, President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico gave President Carter a chilling welcome. Outside the auditorium, past the Secret Service guards, you could hear the voices of thousands of protestors, who burned an effigy of Uncle Sam and denounced U.S. imperialism's naked grab for Mexico's newly-discovered oil. Inside, President Portillo, under enormous mass pressure from the people not to buckle under U.S. imperialism, acidly lectured President Carter about how the U.S. arrogantly views Mexico with a "mixture of interest, disdain, and fear."

Still sweating from the fury of the Mexican people and smarting from this public tongue lashing, President Carter rose to the podium and fumbled with his speech, finally cracking a chauvinist joke about how he first started the habit of jogging in the '60s when he visited Mexico City and had to bolt from the Palace of Fine Arts to his hotel room "when I discovered that I was afflicted with Montezuma's Revenge."

Rosalynn Carter immediately blushed bright red and hid her face. Carter's aides groaned and buried their heads in their hands. But the audience just icily glared back at Carter in unmoving, stony silence.

Times Have Changed

In the '60s, this could never have happened. The audience would have nervously laughed and congratulated the President of the United States for his wit and charm. The President of Mexico would have praised the U.S. and said it was an honor to be so close to the "Free World's" mightiest power.

In the 1960's, Lyndon B. Johnson fumed and raged about Latin American revolutions and dispatched the Marines to the Dominican Republic to gun down workers and students. In the '60s,

LBJ was gloating over sending 500,000 U.S. troops to subjugate the Vietnamese people. In the '60s, U.S. imperialism boasted of its huge belt of military bases stretching from Pakistan to Japan to

"contain China."

But in the '70s, a President of the U.S. went to Mexico like a hungry vampire, drooling over a chance to sink his fangs into Mexico's newly-found oil,

and instead went back to the U.S. considerably humbled by the outrage of the Mexican people. In the '70s, the huge belt of military bases surrounding China has been shattered (of course, now the Soviet social-imperialists want to put on the imperialist mantle of the "containment of China.") And with crushing defeats in Southeast Asia and decisive set-backs in Iran and revolution in Nicaragua and southern Africa, U.S. imperialism finds that it is no longer the "world's policeman." The days of U.S. gunboat diplomacy are largely over.

As events in Mexico City proved, the fact that President Portillo, representative of the national bourgeoisie of Mexico, faced up to the leading representative of U.S. imperialism, shows that the times are changing for the U.S.

On President Carter's final night in Mexico City, President Portillo once again denounced U.S. policy, this time with respect to the vicious policy of

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"Energy Pearl Harbor" or Preparation For War ?

Energy czar Schlesinger, like Chicken Little wailing that the "sky is falling", has issued dark warnings of an "energy Pearl Harbor." Citing the Iranian revolution, where thousands of oil workers shut down the oil pipelines and played a major role in toppling the hated Shah, Schlesinger is dropping dire warnings about a crisis "worse than the 1973" OPEC oil boycott, about gas soaring past \$.80/gallon by 1980 (past \$1/gallon in the Northeast) and about gas rationing. Is this real, or just the same old song and dance, a media hype brought to you by the oil monopolies?

First, as the graph clearly shows, the hardest hit by the heroic Iranian revolution is not the U.S. at all, but the reactionary settler states of South Africa and Israel, which relied heavily on the Shah to supply 90% and 70% of their oil needs, respectively, while the U.S. received less than a measly 5% from Iran. These reactionary settler states depended heavily on Iran for its oil, because many oil producing countries refused to support their grisly policy of apartheid, racism, imperialism, etc. And now that the Shah has been toppled and an Islamic Republic favorable to the PLO has been established, the U.S. will cut into its own oil to guarantee supplies for South Africa and Israel (which will make domestic prices rise). Therefore, U.S. imperialism, and not the Iranian revolution, will be responsible for any price hikes.

Second, there is no absolute oil shortage at all (in fact, there has been an oil glut for the past two years, especially with oil flooding in from England and Alaska; the world is literally awash in oil). But there is a shortage. There is a profit shortage, a shortage of easily plunderable cheap third world oil. As the Department

of the Interior admitted before the 1973 "energy crisis," there is enough oil in the United States to keep the country going at present consumption rates for 100 years. But the oil companies are deliberately keeping the oil in the ground until prices rise high enough for them to dig it out. In fact, oil profits have skyrocketed so much in the past few years that the government last month was forced to give the oil monopolies a weak slap on the wrist.

Third, the recent price hikes by OPEC nations, as bourgeois economists are forced to admit, is less than the drop in the dollar and the inflation rate. OPEC is simply defending itself from the cheapening of the U.S. dollar caused by the internal contradictions of U.S. imperialism.

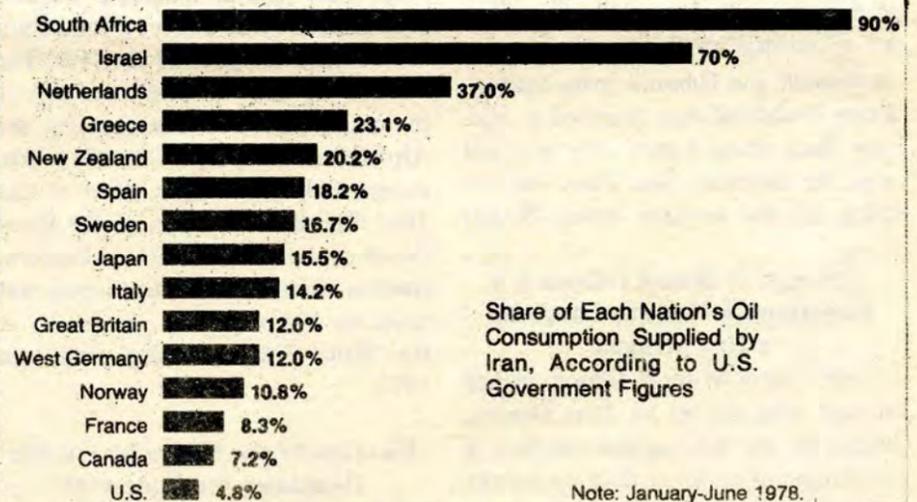
So what's behind Schlesinger's inflammatory remarks about an "energy Pearl Harbor"?

Just last week, the State Department, in the wake of the crushing defeat in Iran, stated that they will not rule out use of military force

in the Middle East to serve the U.S.'s "strategic interests." But in order to carry out such a military action, especially when the memory of the Vietnam war is still burned into the minds of the U.S. people, U.S. imperialism has to create a climate of fear and hysteria, such as an "energy Pearl Harbor." That's what the gas rationing plans, the gas coupons, the dollar/gallon headlines, the gasless days plans, etc. serve, to ideologically prepare the U.S. people for military intervention and aggression, such as in the Middle East.

In the long term, the atmosphere of chauvinism and siege mentality whipped up by the new "energy crisis" also helps to serve preparations for world war with the Soviet Union. With the U.S. on the strategic decline, with the Soviet social-imperialists on the rise, there is great disorder in the world. The U.S. imperialists will try to use this disorder to orchestrate a media campaign to whip up the worst chauvinism, in preparations for world war. ■

Who'd Be Hit Hardest



Note: January-June 1978.

As this chart shows, Iranian revolution hits primarily the reactionary settler states of Israel and South Africa, not the U.S. The capitalists use the revolution as an excuse to raise oil prices.

NEWARK Trade Unions and Minorities Unite to Fight Layoffs & Program Modifications

NEWARK, N.J.—The right of working class and minority youth to a quality education and the jobs of thousands of municipal workers in Newark are under attack. 1,732 educational workers have been laid off. The school day has been cut by 45 minutes. Art, music, recreation, shop and home economics have been eliminated in the name of "program modification".

The struggle to beat back these attacks, has helped unify the trade unions and promote unity between the trade unions and the struggle of the Afro-American and the Puerto Rican communities.

Municipal Labor Council Forced to Fight Layoffs

Kenneth Gibson, black mayor of Newark, announced the cuts right after he was sworn in for a third term as mayor. On December 1st, Gibson announced the layoff of 441 municipal workers. A few days later, the school board announced the layoff of 1,732 educational workers.

The unions (the Newark Teachers' Union, Local 131 of the Hotel, Bar, and Restaurant Workers, Local 617 of Security Workers, and the Fraternal Order of Police) tried to meet with Mayor Gibson to discuss the layoffs only to have Gibson try to deal with the unions one by one and not as a group.

In response to these divisive tactics, five public employees' unions, together with non-city workers, formed a Municipal Labor Council, the first ever in Newark, to fight for these demands. In December, the masses decided that enough is enough, and took the issue to the street. It was a cold day, with a freezing wind sweeping the city. But nothing was going to stop the determination of students who walked out of East Side High School and marched downtown to the school board chanting "We want our teachers back!"

That same day the newly formed Labor Council announced that it would support a move to recall Mayor Gibson and called for a general strike if the educational workers were laid off.

3,000 workers and community members held a militant demonstration in Prudential Plaza in downtown Newark (Prudential is the largest financier in Newark and Gibson's main banker). From Prudential they marched to Military Plaza where a unity rally was held after the demonstration. There was one thing on the workers' minds—Strike!

Attempt to Recall Gibson is a Reactionary Move to Pimp Off a Just Struggle

The move to recall Gibson, picked up and whipped up by John Donato, beaten in the last mayoral election, is a reactionary move to whip up a racist campaign against Gibson. The recall pimps off the legitimate outrage of the masses at Gibson's attacks in order to split the people. The recall serves the



Top: Over 3,000 teachers and community members march through downtown Newark to demand that Mayor Gibson rescind the layoff of 1,732 educational workers.



Left: In the July 1967 rebellion, Afro-Americans defiantly jeer at the National Guard.

bourgeoisie by focusing in on Gibson, instead of the capitalist system. It has little support among the masses, as the failure of the petition drive shows. Making the recall the main issue, as did Newark Teachers Union misleader Carol Graves, diverted the sentiment for a strike into an electoral campaign.

Newark Has a Rich History of Struggle Against National Oppression

The fierce struggle to defend both the right of working class and minority youth to a quality education and to defend the jobs of municipal workers is no accident. It is a direct continuation of the great struggles of the '60s. The Newark Rebellion of 1967 was one of the most powerful rebellions by the Afro-American people in the '60s, second only to Detroit. Out of the 1967 Rebellion the first of the Black Power conferences was held in Newark. Newark was the site of the longest rent strike in history—the 4 year strike at the Stella Wright Housing project in 1972.

Election of the Misleader Gibson Dissipates the Energy of the Black Liberation Movement

During the 1960's, the response of the bourgeoisie to the great rebellions was to coopt the revolutionary energy

of the Black Liberation Movement and other national movements into channels that they firmly controlled, like electoral politics and black capitalism, and to assassinate uncompromising revolutionaries like Malcolm X, Fred Hampton, and George Jackson. The response to the 1967 Newark Rebellion was to divert the streamlets of resistance into electoral politics. Mobilization for the 1970 mayoral elections became the goal of both the Second Black Power Conference in 1968, which called for a "Black Newark" campaign, as well as a larger Black and Puerto Rican Convention called in 1969. The Afro-American masses were led to think that a black mayor would bring a change in their conditions. This was the basis to buy off a whole stratum of community activists through city jobs and poverty programs. Because the 1970 mayoral election was very close, Ken Gibson was in a run-off with Addenzio. Initially Gibson's campaign was financed by the Afro-American masses and through benefit concerts.

In the run-off, Prudential, sensing that his election was inevitable and desirable, threw its money behind Gibson. And Gibson has been Prudential's boy ever since.

The Struggle Against the Lay-offs Has the Solid Support of the Newark Community

People in Newark know that the

fight against the lay-offs is directly linked to the struggle for quality education. The lay-offs affect bus drivers, cafeteria workers, librarians, crossing guards, hall patrols, in addition to teachers. A broad coalition of over 500 community organizations was formed to take up the struggle. They know that program "modification" is going to gut the educational system. Art, music and recreation are not "frills", but vital necessities to the all-around development of young people. That's why 2,500 parents packed the school board meeting that was to make the final decision on the lay-offs and program "modification". The school board chairman, Carl Sharif, hemmed and hawed for an hour in the face of enraged parents. They called a recess and while the people were out they took the vote! When people found out what happened, one parent rushed the staged and punched Sharif in the eye.

The people of Newark are continuing the fight. The fact that the lay-offs have come down has only strengthened the will of the people to struggle. A demonstration has been called for March 6 to continue the struggle. The formation of the Municipal Labor Council and unity between the trade unions and the national movement is already a victory. The slick cover of Gibson is being torn off, and the masses are beginning to see him for what he is, a servant of capitalism. Capitalism always tries to maneuver out of crisis, but there is less room to move than ever before, because of the permanent character of the crisis. ■

SALT: U.S. ON STRATEGIC DECLINE - SOVIET UNION ON THE RISE

In his State of the Union message, Pres. Carter stated flatly, "nothing is more important" in foreign affairs than signing the SALT II (Strategic Arms Limitation Talks) with the Soviet Union. But even as Carter mounts a massive public relations campaign to ram SALT II through Congress, a few congressmen are already wailing "The Russians are whipping us in the arms race!" 170 retired generals and admirals, raising a howl and scream over the enormous growth of Russian military power, took out a full-page ad in the *New York Times*. *Fortune* magazine asks pointedly, "Are we number 2?". It splashes on its front cover two huge gun barrels, face-to-face, one with the ham-

mer and sickle and one with the stars and stripes. adding that the U.S. should be the "world's peacemaker"). Nuclear weapons cannot change this. The over-all strategic disposition of the U.S. is slowly deteriorating, with crushing defeats in Indochina, mammoth revolutionary upheavals sweeping across Iran and Nicaragua, with stunning guerrilla victories in the people's war in southern Africa, and with an economy racked double-digit inflation, haunted by the shadow of depression, and tied down by dirty trade and currency wars with Western Europe and Japan. And as spheres of influence slowly crumbles, the Soviet Union is furiously trying to penetrate and ice out the U.S. in the third world while beefing up its troops

ing billions at an unprecedented rate to contend with U.S. imperialism. Already, the Soviet Union has completely re-outfitted its huge Warsaw Pact forces in Eastern Europe, bristling with the latest most advanced weaponry, to contend with the U.S.'s NATO forces (and the Soviet Union maintains an even larger military force on its border with China). In its crazed drive to outgun the U.S., the Soviet Union has literally gutted its own already-collapsing economy to prepare for world war. A huge chunk of the budget of their crisis-riddled economy is earmarked for war preparations. Inflation, massive debts to Western banks, rampant food shortages of meat and grain, profiteering and corruption, and

breath—it is still cunning and has sharp claws. Though declining strategically, tactically it can still strike back in certain third world countries and against the Soviet Union.

Because the U.S. is on the strategic defensive, this does not mean that the tiger is retreating permanently back to its cave, as some revisionists believe. On the contrary, the tiger is catching its breath, regrouping after its stunning losses in Southeast Asia and Iran, and can still lunge forward. For example, the U.S. is pouring billions into weaponry, outfitting its troops with the latest tanks, artillery, and missiles. This massive armament drive is especially sharp in Europe, the focus of superpower contention. The U.S. bourgeoisie will definitely resort to war over its strategic interests, particularly Europe. In addition, the U.S. is gearing up to send troops to protect its crumbling spheres of influence. Just last week, the State Department publicly stated that the U.S. will not rule out the use of direct military force in the Middle East. The revisionists who only point at the retreating tiger forget its true, vicious character as superpower, still capable of lashing out at the peoples of the world. Furthermore, while it is correct for socialists to utilize contradictions among the enemy, we do not rely on this retreating tiger to combat the lumbering Russian bear, but instead rely on the infinite strength of the masses, especially the third world as the main force against both superpowers. The

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So is U.S. imperialism really "number 2?" Is it on the defensive? Is Soviet Social imperialism on the rise? And just what did Carter mean when he stated in his State of the Union address that the U.S. is no longer the "world's policeman"? Is this controversy real, or just another media hype?

To understand SALT II, to penetrate beyond the bluster, breast-beating, and sensationalism clouding SALT II, we must understand the larger picture of superpower contention and collusion, of conflicts with the second world and revolutionary upsurges in the third world. SALT II must be viewed in the larger political and economic as well as military framework of the strategic decline of U.S. imperialism and the rise of Soviet Social imperialism.

U.S. Imperialism on the Strategic Defensive

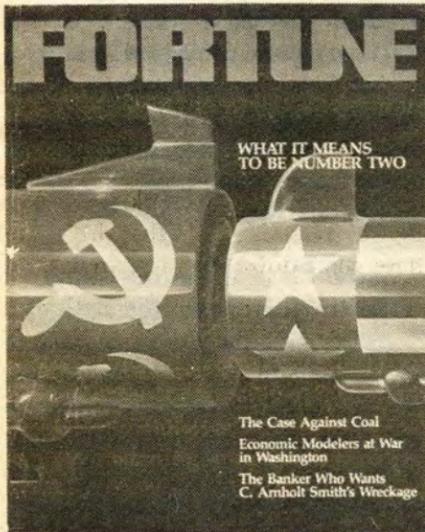
Overall, the U.S. is on the strategic defensive, and the Soviet Union is on the rise. Carter even admitted this when he said the U.S. was no longer the "world's policeman" (while cynically

along Europe and China. All the neutron bombs, cruise missiles, MIRV warheads, and Mobile-X missiles cannot alter these facts. Though the U.S. has thousands of scholars and military men in think tanks, like the Tri-lateral Commission, Rand Corp., Brookings Institute, etc. feverishly working overtime to reverse the tide in Asia, Africa, and Latin America and beat back the sinister influence of the Soviet Union, these schemes and tricks cannot alter the strategic balance.

The Rise of Soviet Social Imperialism

The Russian bear, leaner and hungrier than the slowly retreating U.S. tiger, is lumbering forward. Less exposed to third world peoples than the U.S., cleverly hiding behind the signboard of "socialism", the Soviet Union is the main danger, icing out the U.S. and making a grab for third world countries, at every opportunity penetrating the crumbling sphere of U.S. imperialism.

After the U.S. miserably and completely failed to "contain China" with a huge belt of military bases ringing China's borders, the Soviet Union quickly moved to inherit the imperialist mantle of the "containment of China," trying to station its fleet in Vietnam's Cam Ranh Bay and surrounding China by sending Vietnamese troops to invade Kampuchea. After the U.S.-backed Portuguese colonial empire collapsed in Africa, the Soviet Union slithered into Angola by backing one guerilla group against the other two and unleashed a bloody civil war, gunning down thousands of Angolan patriots with its hired gun, the Cubans. Whether the Soviet Union is grabbing Afghanistan, bribing mercenaries in Zaire, making a grab for Ethiopia, or invading Kampuchea, the Russian black bear is exploiting every weakness of the retreating U.S. tiger. Militarily, the Soviet Union is pour-



The bourgeoisie hypes up hysteria around the military sphere, like in the *Fortune* magazine. But to understand SALT, we must understand the larger political and economic impact of strategic decline of the U.S. and rise of the Soviet Union.

huge economic dislocations caused by war preparations are disintegrating an already crumbling economy and squeezing the Russian people dry.

Retreating Tiger is Catching Its Breath

We can have no illusions about the retreating tiger. Though catching its

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Hawaiian Leprosy Patients Mark One Year of Occupation "Hale Mohalu is Our Land!"

"Hale Mohalu is our land. The documents prove it. Our suffering and blood have touched the aina (land). It is the payment that has been rendered from us. No longer will we be used! We will no longer submit! Not now, and never again!" (A Statement by the Leprosy Patients of Hale Mohalu, a residence and treatment center located in Pearl City on the island of Oahu, Hawaii)

On January 28 in Honolulu, Hawaii over 300 people celebrated Save Hale Mohalu Day in support of the leprosy patients' struggle to defend their home at Hale Mohalu which has been threatened for more than a year by the State's efforts to close it. People from all walks of life, including the Revolutionary Youth League marched and chanted their way through the Chinatown area to the State Capitol. There, one of the patients spoke from his wheelchair of how he had been forced to move from Hale Mohalu to Leahi Hospital. He told of how the patients have been treated like animals, made to move at the State's command. Now he wants to move back to Hale Mohalu and voiced his determination, despite physical afflictions, to do just that. It was the highlight of the day to see and hear this frail, wheelchair-bound man express his militant determination to fight for justice.

Leprosy Victims Exiled and Torn from Their Families

In Hawaii, victims of leprosy, also known as Hansen's Disease, were forcibly separated from their families and exiled to an isolated peninsula called Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai. Little children, still clinging to their parents, were torn away. Husbands and wives were separated, their children deprived of a complete family. As Bernice Pupule, one of the leprosy patients explained,

"A few years later, my sister Ellen who is one year older than I, got leprosy. In 1942, she went to Kalihi Hospital on her 13th birthday. She and my youngest brother Dan were both shipped to Kalaupapa. It really broke my mama's heart. At the time we didn't understand why we couldn't touch or kiss them. I asked my mama, where my brother and sister are going. She said they were going to Molokai and they would never come back again because they had *maipake* or in English, leprosy."

Today, science has developed a drug that will control the leprosy bacillus and render the disease non-communicable. But no miracle drug can erase the effects of leprosy. Many patients now suffer loss of limbs, parts of their faces, and have contracted many other illnesses which require periodic medical treatment. The patients from Kalaupapa must come to Honolulu, on the island of Oahu, for their medical care as there is no full-time resident physician in the settlement. When they come to Honolulu,

they stay at Hale Mohalu which, like the Kalaupapa settlement, is run by the State Health Department. The Hale Mohalu site in Pearl City was originally leased to the State after World War II by the federal government on the condition that the state maintain a leprosy hospital.

State Tries to Forcibly Evict Patients

On January 26, 1978 the lease ended, and the State acquired full title to the 11.2 acres of land worth about \$8 million. They promptly decided to close down the facility and move the patients to another State-operated hospital. The State said they were doing it in the interests of the patients as Hale Mohalu is "rundown" and a "fire hazard". But it was the State which hadn't made any repairs in 21 years! At the same time, George Yuen, the State's Director of Health said that there were "no plans for the 11 acres in Pearl City now occupied by the Hale Mohalu leprosy facilities." Yet, the patients were told one day that they would have no further food or medical services at Hale Mohalu if they failed to move. With such a threat, the State succeeded in forcing eight patients to move. But the rest remained. As Paul Harada described,

"In January, 1978 this thing comes up. My wife Winnie was here (at Hale Mohalu) and I was in Kalaupapa. The moving day came and it was just chaos.

Scourge of Leprosy: Product of U.S. Colonialism

Where did it all begin? In the mid-1800's the scourge of leprosy, like the plague of venereal and other diseases, which devastated the Hawaiian people, was a product of U.S. colonialism. The bacillus, spawned and nurtured by the filthy, wretched conditions aboard ship took the lives of thousands of Asian laborers bound in the slavery-like contract labor system, even before the ships reached Hawaii. The Hawaiian people had had no chance to build up a natural resistance to this and other diseases, but what made disease especially deadly was the vicious aggression of U.S. colonialism in all spheres of Hawaiian society.

Economically thousands of Hawaiians were torn from the land and forced to slave in the sandalwood groves and later the sugar cane fields where they faced the luna's whip and cruel exploitation and poverty. While many appeared to die from disease, actually they were murdered as the present-day U.S. imperialists were building their fortunes by literally working Hawaiians to death.

On the cultural front U.S. colonial aggression wrenched the traditional ties which bound the Hawaiian nation together, further weakening the Hawaiian people's ability to resist. Hawaiians seemed to die from sickness and disease but underneath the surface it was U.S. colonialism, developing capitalism which was the real murdering force.

But the imperialists don't dare tell the real story. Instead in their history books they promote the Hawaiian people's lack of natural resistance of disease as the main cause, and not the conditions of colonialist oppression and plunder, implying that the Hawaiian people are biologically inferior. And these blood-suckers push lies and distort the history of Hawaii to justify their present aggression against and domination of the Hawaiian nation.

People didn't know what to do. This was the first time that we reacted to authority. I guess, in many respects, we didn't know where we stood. Finally, Winnie asked, 'Where do we go from here? Are we right? Are we wrong? Up till then, she and I had about the same

feeling, that the government was taking care of us, cared for us all that time. . . and we felt an obligation to the government. Winnie. . . sort of felt like a traitor to the government by resisting. But since the time she asked the question, I think our attitude started changing."

Hawaii's People Rally in Support

Organizations like the Ohana o Hawaii, the Revolutionary Youth League, other community based groups as well as the general community rallied in support. Later the Hale Mohalu Ohana (ohana is the native Hawaiian idea of family) was formed as a broad united front made up of Catholic priests and nuns, politicians, lawyers, and communists. Support was strong because Hawaii's people saw this as yet another example of how their land was being stolen. Ever since Hawaiian pig farmers and their supporters fought the Bishop Estate, one of the largest landowners in Hawaii, at Kalama Valley in 1971, the fight to defend land and housing has been at the forefront of the people's struggles. In Hawaii land speculation, housing developments and tourism have brought vast profits for the U.S. capitalists.

State, Playing Waiting Game, Tries to Wear Down the Patients

Since then, the State has stuck to their decision to close Hale Mohalu. But they are afraid to use direct force because they know that the patients have the support of the community. The State has had to resort to other methods. In September of last year they cut off all electricity, water, food and medical services in an attempt to intimidate the patients. But the patients would not be scared off! They have endured, day

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One of the supporters of the Hale Mohalu struggle. The patients' fight against eviction has won the support of different nationalities and communities.

"TODAY IRAN, TOMORROW PALESTINE!"

A joyous Yasir Arafat, speaking in Tehran, made it clear. "What has happened in Iran has radically changed the strategic balance in the Middle East in our favor and against Israel." And indeed against both superpowers' whole "no-war, no-peace" scheme for dominating this strategic important region. More than any other event since the October War in 1973, when the Arab countries unleashed the "oil weapon" and the Egyptian and other Arab armies smashed the myth of Israeli "invincibility", the revolution in Iran has dealt a powerful blow to the superpowers scheming in the Middle East. It shows how victorious national liberation struggles serve to push the tide of people's revolution forward.

Iran's Role In The Middle East Completely Turned Around

Nothing more dramatically showed the change than the joyous reception given to the PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organization) and Yasir Arafat by the Iranian people and their leader Ayatollah Khomeini. Amidst cheering of thousands of Iranians, the former Israeli trade delegation building in Tehran has been converted into the new PLO embassy and diplomatic relations have been broken with the Zionists.

Under the Shah, Iran played the role of the Persian Gulf "policeman" for the U.S. Armed to the teeth with the latest U.S. weapons and trained by thousands of U.S. advisors, Iran's army was used to put down the national liberation struggle in the area as in Oman, where thousands of the Shah's troops were engaged in fighting. While Iran was used as a spy base and a "front-line" against the Soviet Union by the U.S., the presence of the Shah's army (the largest in the Middle East) served the superpowers' "no-war, no-peace" tactic by threatening Arab counties and peoples in their fight against superpower interference and Zionist aggression. With the Shah holding a gun to their eastern flanks, Arab states in the area could not direct all their forces against Israel. Iraq, for instance, was constantly harassed by the Shah, under the direction of U.S. imperialism. The liberation of Iran has ended this role.

Most important, the Palestinian people have gained a loyal ally in the Iranian revolution. Ayatollah Khomeini has already pledged his aid to the cause of Palestinian liberation. The Iranian people, united with the Palestinian and other Arab peoples by the common bond of struggle against superpower aggression and interference, as well as by Islamic heritage, will definitely support the Palestinian revolution until victory is grasped.

The support of the PLO showed by the Iranian peoples complements the great friendship that the PLO has extended to the Iranian people over the years. For example, when Khomeini was in exile in France, the PLO provided for security guards to protect the leadership from fascist attacks. And even earlier, when the power of the Shah was at its height, the PLO provided weapons and training for Iranian fighters and gave

whatever assistance it could to Khomeini during his long exile in Iraq. These acts of solidarity between the Palestinian and Iranian people are concrete examples of the links forged by liberation struggles against common oppression.

Iranian Revolution Strengthens Arab Unity Against The Superpowers' "No-War, No Peace"

Before Iran, the two superpowers

li Zionists and Sadat. With 70% of their oil cut off by the Iranian revolution, the Zionists now are even more frenzied, trying to keep the oilfields and airbases in Egypt's occupied Sinai.

This has sharpened the contradiction between the Israelis and the U.S. since the U.S. desperately needs the Camp David agreement to suppress the PLO and Arab peoples.

But because of the opposition of

the Egyptian people and army to Israel, and their longing to retake their sacred territory, Sadat has to appear now more in support of the Palestinians and tougher towards the Israelis. And the victorious revolution in Iran has given renewed pride and boosts the hopes for liberation among the Egyptian people. Sadat himself has now to worry about having to take an "indefinite vacation" like the

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The revolutionary unity between the Iranian and Palestinian people was shown in front of the new PLO Embassy in Tehran. The Israeli Zionists who had occupied the building formerly were driven from the country and diplomatic ties cut

had much more room to play their "no-war, no-peace" scheme in the Middle East. The Soviet Union, the main source of war in the world today, as well as the U.S. have long had need to keep the whole Middle East in a constant state of "no-war, no-peace". Each one is trying to gain control of the area for itself in order to control the Middle East's oil, and to fight for their main goal - to control Europe.

"No-war, no-peace" means brief fighting followed by a period of truce, with both war and peace under the control of the two superpowers - the Soviet Union and the U.S. In 1976, the Communist Party of China stated that "To the Soviet Union only such a situation will facilitate its contention with the other superpower for spheres of influence, strategic areas and oil resources in the Middle East; its reaping huge profits through arms sales; and its testing of new weapons in preparation for a new war on a larger scale." (*Peking Review*, June 11, 1976.)

But now the Iranian revolution has pushed the struggle against both superpowers in the region to a new level, isolating even more the U.S. and its Camp David scheme to smash the Palestinian people's struggle, as well as dealing a severe blow to the Soviet Union's hope of domination of the Middle East.

For one thing, it has thrown a wrench into Carter's Camp David machinery. The U.S.' breaking off of Egypt from the rest of the Arab countries is a temporary setback for the Palestinian and Arab people's struggle. But the balance of forces in the Middle East has shifted more against the U.S., the Israe-

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INTERNATIONAL SITUATION: Opportunism of All Sorts Covers for Revisionism & Soviet Social-Imperialism

The following are excerpts from the pamphlet entitled "The African People's Struggle Will Surely Triumph—Build the Communist Leadership of the African Liberation Support Committee" published by Workers Viewpoint Organization in 1977. Although certain significant changes have taken place internationally, the line presented still retains its correct thrust. In this period of great disorder in the world, there is a revisionist wind blowing strongly and we must be vigilant about it—especially about belittling the role of Soviet social-imperialism. In doing so, we will arm ourselves with the correct grasp of Chairman Mao's correct and deep sizing up of the balance of forces in the world as reflected in his three worlds theory.

(Continued from the February 15th issue of Workers Viewpoint Newspaper.)

The Factors For Both War And Revolution Are On The Rise

The situation in the 1960's, when the oppressed nations' struggle against imperialism was undeniably the principal contradiction in the world, determined that the danger of world war still existed but was small, and revolution was the main trend. That is what Chairman Mao summed up in his famous statement in 1970:

A new upsurge in the struggle against U.S. imperialism is now emerging throughout the world. Ever since World War 2, U.S. imperialism and its followers have been continuously launching wars of aggression and the people in various countries have been continuously waging revolutionary wars to defeat the aggressors. The danger of a new world war still exists, and the people of all countries must get prepared. But revolution is the main trend in the world today.

(People of the World, Unite and Defeat the U.S. Aggressors and All Their Running Dogs, May 20, 1970)

Today's situation, where all the fundamental contradictions in the world are sharpening, particularly those between the two superpowers and between the oppressed nations and the superpowers, creates a situation where the factors for both war and revolution are on the rise. Either war will give rise to revolution or revolution will prevent the war. These are the two possible paths to revolution. The more likely situation is that world war will give rise to revolution, though we cannot predict the exact course history will take.

The ATM, of course, ignoring all facts and the rapid change in the world situation in the last few years, continues to keep their heads buried in the 1960's. They summed up 1975:

The trend of the international situation in 1975 confirmed that Revolution indeed is the main trend in the world today.

(Revolutionary Cause, Vol. 1, No. 2, Jan. 1976)

In taking this position, the ATM is actually saying, in the context of struggle around the dialectics between world war and revolution, that *revolution will prevent world war*.



Seeing through opportunists who cover for Soviet social-imperialism, the Iranian people's revolution is a powerful example of how the third world is the main force against the two superpowers, both the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

Sophistry And Eclecticism

The catch here that the ATM demagogues use is the word "revolution", used in the most general, vague sense:

Revolution is the main trend in the world today and will continue to be so long as we are in the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution . . . people are moving history forward toward revolution and . . . revolution is indeed the main trend in the world, in spite of the imperialists' attempts to reverse this irresistible historical trend.

(Revolutionary Cause, Vol. 1, No. 8, p. 4)

It is clear as daylight that the ATM is playing on the difference between the general motion of history under imperialism and throughout all historical periods and a concrete analysis of a concrete situation, the concrete dialectics at any given moment.

In discussing which of the two paths towards revolution is most likely and which will give a correct view as to how best to prepare for the immediate period ahead, ATM's sophistry is borrowed from MLOC and PRRWO (the "old" PRRWO, if ATM prefers).

For that matter, if the ATM wants to equate the statement that "revolution is the main trend today" with the historical truth that "the people are moving history forward toward revolution" throughout the whole era of imperialism, why stop there? Haven't

the people been "moving history forward toward revolution" throughout all of history, from primitive communalism to slavery from slavery to feudalism and from feudalism to capitalism?

Misused in this way, by butchering up Chairman Mao's May 20th statement, particularly the part on the essence of inter-imperialist rivalry, then the slogan "revolution is the main trend today" reduces itself to fundamental historical materialist laws, that "the masses are the makers of history" and history develops towards progress, which are laws that are universally valid at all times.

In 1975-6, the CPC has advanced another concrete analysis of the two trends of war and revolution, saying that "The factors for both revolution and war are increasing." (Documents of the First Session

of the Fourth National People's Congress of the People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, Jan. 1976, p. 59)

Take the years 1912 and 1935, which were just before the outbreak of World Wars 1 and 2. They both fell in the epoch of imperialism, the eve of socialist revolution. The world's people were certainly moving history forward toward revolution. But could anyone say that in 1912 and 1935 the danger of war existed but was relatively small, and revolution was the main trend? We certainly aren't comparing today's situation to those of 1912 or 1935. But this certainly exposes the absurdity of ATM's generalities and sophistry.

Everybody knows of this slogan of the CPC's. Everybody knows that the CPC has not referred to Chairman Mao's May 1970 statement since late 1974 and early 1975. And so don't those who quote these statements actually have real disagreements with the line of the CPC on the international situation or have real ulterior motives?

ATM not only evades the concrete questions, but actually is underhandedly pushing a centrist line on the role of the Soviet Social-Imperialists. Why? Because ATM does not understand the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union and does not believe that the Soviet Union is the most dangerous source of world war. In fact, they don't even believe in Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought, thinking

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WORLD IN STRUGGLE

COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE

NATIONS WANT LIBERATION

PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION!



FRENCH STEEL STRIKE SHAKES CAPITALISTS

Steelworkers in the Lorraine Region of France went on strike to protest the layoffs in the steel industry. The workers demanded a stop to Premier Barre's attempt to streamline and centralize French industry which would mean a loss of 35,000 jobs in the steel industry. Already, French workers are suffering from a 9.7% inflation rate and an unemployment rate of 6.1% or 1,328,000 jobs.

The mill town of Lowry in east-

ern France has been a center of the workers' protest. 2 of the town's 3 mills have already closed with 7,200 workers laid off. Undaunted by police attacks to break up the strike, the workers had taken over the local employers' organization as well as stormed the police station with a bulldozer. Capping weeks of demonstrations, the steelworkers, backed by France's 5 major unions, took their struggle to Paris to maintain pressure on the shaky government of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and to force a change in the French steel policy.

SANDINISTAS LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE

On Tuesday, February 20th, Sandinista guerrillas attacked a national guard patrol and a military outpost just outside of Managua. This attack marks the third day of the Sandinistas' newest offensive against the fascist Somoza regime in Nicaragua.

Since the September offensive, the Sandinistas have actively regrouped, trained and grown, replenishing their forces from the masses of revolutionary minded Nicaraguan people for the onslaught against Somoza. They are more determined and prepared than ever to continue the civil war until Somoza and his like are ground to dust.

BRITISH WORKERS CONTINUE STRIKE

1.1 million British garbage collectors, hospital attendants, school

janitors, gravediggers and other low paid workers in local government are continuing their strike in defiance of a leadership-negotiated 11% pay increase. With inflation over 12% annually and real wages down because of the Labor government's 3 year wage freeze, these service workers are determined not to settle for a measly 11%.

VENEZUELA

Venezuela, a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), announced a \$2 a barrel price increase on exported fuel oil as a necessary measure to compensate for losses due to inflation and the falling U.S. dollar. Already the U.S. oil companies are raising a hoopla over this increase as one more excuse to jack up domestic fuel oil prices, in order to keep their profits up while squeezing the U.S. people dry.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

They Said It . . .

To Our Readers:

"They Said It..." is an idea that came from one of our readers. In it we hope to give our readers a look at the enemy exposing themselves in their own press, and to provide more information on some issues of the day.

While this is new for the Workers Viewpoint Newspaper, it's already done in China. Every day, thousands of copies of a newspaper which contains straight reprints from the bourgeois press around the world are read by cadres in the Communist Party of China. This is in line with the late Chairman Mao's teaching that we shouldn't be afraid of poison, but should vaccinate ourselves against it by engaging it and criticizing it using the tools of Marxism.

We must also do this. But we must take the dangers seriously. For instance,

Kissinger on Iran

...When we said we supported the Shah it was stated as a general objective. When we put forward concrete propositions, however, we advocated such measures as coalition government and general liberalisation. Such propositions tempted the Shah, in order to maintain our support, into directions which exacerbated his problems.

The fundamental challenge of a revolution is this: certainly wise governments forestall revolutions by making timely concessions; indeed the very wisest governments do not consider adaptations as concessions, but rather as part of a natural process of increasing popular support. However, once a revolution is in train it cannot then be moderated by concessions. Once a revolution has occurred, the pre-eminent requirement is the restoration of authority. These concessions, which had they been taken a year earlier might have avoided the situation, accelerate the process of disintegration. After authority is restored there is another opportunity to make concessions.

When friends of the United States are under duress, we cannot take the curse off the necessity of that friendship by force-feeding an internal programme that would have been very wise and farsighted if it had been undertaken voluntarily two years earlier, or that could again be very farsighted six months later. If we attempt to take the curse off our geopolitical necessities by placating our human rights advocates in the middle of the crisis we make a catastrophe inevitable. Ideally a country should avoid revolutions by making timely concessions. I wish that had happened in Iran, but since it did not happen the situation could not be rectified

by frantic concessions in the very middle of a revolution.

... Moreover, events in Iran are bound to create a change in the balance of power in that region. Whatever government emerges will be preoccupied with its internal problems. The balance will thereby tilt towards radical forces in ways not yet fully foreseeable. The very existence of a cohesive and strong Iran prevented Iraq from pursuing aggressive policies in the Gulf. Even under the best conceivable outcome, Iran will be absorbed for a period of years in the restoration of a minimum of domestic tranquility. Iraq and other radical states thereby develop a freer hand. Countries like the emirates—that have the power to affect the economic prosperity of industrial democracies—will become increasingly threatened, and tempted to accommodate.

We cannot resign from the problem by renouncing the role of policeman. . . .

In Iran one has to analyse the tendency of the actual forces that exist. The chief forces in Iran are the army, the genuine and ungentle Khomeini-type religious groups, the National Front, and the radicals who are organising the strikes, who I believe one way or the other are given impetus from communist (or communist-encouraged) organisations. If I analyse the probable policies of the various groups, a combination of the National Front and the army is likely to be more sympathetic to our objectives than almost any other grouping.

... Under the present circumstances the failure of Camp David must be perceived as a sign that the United States and all of those who have bet on the United States are incapable of shaping events. Far from spurring moderation, it would give a tremendous impetus to radicalism which could lead to the

while 99% of the facts presented in any article may be true, the 1% that are lies are usually pivotal to the analysis, and can turn the whole truth upside down. This has happened before, where the CIA has carried out "misinformation campaigns" in a sophisticated way.

So while the column is for your reference, people must make their own judgments about the material in it, as people do every day. We can and must make use of the enemy's media, and train ourselves to do it correctly, and not be afraid to do it because of the dangers involved.

Read it, criticize it and struggle with others over it. Write us your ideas on it. Send in clippings you think we should print and mark off the most important sections. Together we'll turn it into another bullet to use against the class enemy!

eviction of the United States from a key role in that area.

The Economist, February 10-16, 1979

Revolution Insurance

WASHINGTON—"In five years or so, political risk coverage will become part of the insurance portfolio of every American company doing foreign business." That's the view of Joseph P. DeAlessandro, president of National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, whose concern is ahead of the trend.

... And, as if to underline its president's confidence in the future, National Union has just begun promoting political risk insurance for American corporations dealing with China.

The policies are based on the possibility that political upheaval in China—another cultural revolution, for example—could bring about the repudiation of the billions of dollars of contracts now being negotiated in Peking with United States companies. The coverage includes nationalization, confiscation, expropriation, contract repudiation, export credit insurance and other political risks for insurable assets brought into China. . . .

Said Robert Svensk, director of AIG's (American International Group, Inc.) political risk coverage and a former OPIC (Overseas Private Investment Corporation) official: "You just cannot rule out the chance of current (political unrest) in Iran being duplicated some time in the future in say South Korea, or in the Philippines, or even in Brazil, or in many of the dozens of foreign countries where American companies are selling and investing." . . .

Pittsburgh Tribune, January 30, 1979

LETTUCE ...

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the mainstream of the U.S. trade union movement. A victory would be an unprecedented step forward in uniting the working class. For decades the growers have pushed racist lies about how oppressed nationalities are taking the jobs of white workers, undermining their wages and benefits because they're "willing" to work cheap. The growers never mention how, because of U.S. imperialism's domination of the Mexican economy, Mexican workers are forced to travel long miles from their homes and break up their families to find work in the slavery-like fields of the Southwest. The agricultural bloodsuckers force Mexicanos, Chicanos and other minorities to slave for rock-bottom wages and miserable conditions. They depend on a pool of labor they can exploit cheaply for their profits. The conditions oppressed nationalities face on the job is the sharpest expression of national oppression which the bourgeoisie uses to push down the standard of living of all workers.

Growers' Old Strike-Breaking Tactics Aren't Working Anymore

The growers are pulling out all their old tricks: busing in scabs, hiring gun thugs, calling in the police and the courts, hiring an expensive public relations firm to conduct a media campaign of racist lies and chauvinist slander to create public opinion against the strikers and break the unity of Mexicanos and Chicanos. But the heroic UFW rank and file have seen these tactics before, during their 14 year struggle for union recognition. They've turned back the recent attacks of the growers blow for blow.

When the growers bring in scabs, whole busloads are turned away and whole fields are turned out as union organizers and pickets explain the issues—one way or another. Cars belonging to scabs and growers have had their windows smashed and their tires flatten-

ed. Hay stacks have become instant bonfires. One grower's truck was overturned and set ablaze as it tried to take a load of lettuce out. And when the gun thugs and police move in they are met with a storm of rocks and fists.

In the face of the strikers' militancy and determination, the hired guns and the local police haven't been enough. The growers had to call on Governor Brown to send in the National Guard. And when he sent only state highway patrolmen instead, they were forced to pull strings and bring in lawmen from as far away as Arizona.

Unity of Workers on Both Sides Of the Border A Big Asset

In the past the growers were successful at recruiting undocumented workers as scabs. But this time it hasn't been easy. Due to the support of Mexican workers in Mexicali and other border towns, the growers have had to recruit from as far away as Texas and Arizona. As one farmworker said, "Everyone in the area has supported the strike except families of the growers. People come every week to give us support. This makes us stronger." When Rufino Contreras, a farmworker and UFW activist was murdered by a grower's foreman while he tried to turn back some scabs, and his killers were freed the next day on a measly \$7,000 bail, the strikers and community closed their ranks tighter. Over 7,000 farmworkers and supporters marched in the 3-mile funeral procession down the dusty streets of Calexico. At the service in the cemetery they all vowed to turn their grief into new strength to fight until the strike demands are met.

Less Than 1 Cent on Cost of Head of Lettuce Goes to Farmworkers

The growers have pushed the vicious lie that higher wages for farm-



Breaking their backs from sun-up to sun-down, laborers get paid a miserable 57 cents for a box of lettuce. The UFW's landmark strike for parity in wages and benefits is a big step forward in the decades-old fight of oppressed nationalities to be part of the mainstream of the U.S. labor movement — a right denied because of discrimination.

workers jacks up the cost of food and adds to inflation. But the fact is less than 1 cent on the cost of a head of lettuce goes to pay the workers. Unskilled laborers work long hours at the back-breaking job of picking lettuce at a rate of 57 cents a box. The growers turn around and sell the lettuce for \$5.00 a box to wholesalers and sellers. "It is our sweat, our backs, our muscle that have made the farmers of the Imperial Valley the rich men they are today," as one UFW spokesman said. With the cost of food soaring and especially since the strike began, the cost of lettuce, it's not the farmworkers who are getting all the profits. Unstruck growers, wholesalers and retailers are each jack-

ing up their cut, taking advantage of the lettuce shortage to rake in huge profits. This shows the me-first cut-throat competition among the bosses for a quick buck.

The farmworkers are standing firm and the strike is spreading. On February 25th 400 more joined their fellow farmworkers, walking out of Gourmet Harvesting's asparagus fields in the Imperial Valley and adding yet another grower to the list of those being struck. And near Salinas and in parts of Monterey County 400 miles away, farmworkers are also striking while others are calling for strikes. "We're ready to stay out . . . The rich have money, but the poor have time." ■

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U.S. immigration officials. President Portillo sarcastically said, "The most serious issue of our times is the fact that there are men who can buy men and that there are men who have to sell themselves. And this happens very frequently with our poor people who go to the United States."

Third World, Main Force Against Superpowers

These events concretely show that the third world is the main force against both superpowers.

Like the OPEC nations who closed ranks against the superpowers in 1973-4 to take control over their own natural resources after decades of imperialist plunder, Mexico is demonstrating the power of the third world in defying imperialism. Ever since the full impact of the 1972 discovery of oil 15,000 feet beneath the Bay of Campeche (in the Gulf of Mexico) became

known, the Mexican people have clearly shown their desire to join the ranks of other third world countries rightfully seizing control over their own resources. With proven oil reserves of 40 billion barrels (and an estimated potential reserve of 200 billion barrels), Mexico will exert enormous pressure on the oil-hungry imperialist vampires.

For example, the 900-mile, \$1.5 billion pipeline from the Bay of Campeche to south Texas was just nearing completion when energy czar Schlesinger began to bully the Mexican people into lowering their price of natural gas from \$2.60 per 1,000 cubic feet. Infuriated, Portillo had the pipeline rerouted to Monterrey instead. And as a final act of defiance, the pipeline will be inaugurated on March 18, the 41st anniversary of the seizing of the Mexican oil fields from the British and U.S. oil monopolies and the formation of the state-owned Pemex Oil. ■



As the 3-mile long funeral procession for striking farmworker, Rufino Contreras, murdered by a grower's foreman, trooped through the dusty streets of Calexico each marcher vowed to carry on the cause for which he gave his life.

SALT II

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Iranian revolution clearly shows the power of the third world in dealing crippling blows at both superpowers.

Strategically, the U.S. is primarily trying to reverse the historic deterioration and steady erosion of U.S. power by trying to get the Soviet Union to attack China (so the U.S. would emerge as the ultimate victor in the war between the Soviet Union and China). Nursing its cherished dream of once again becoming the "world's policeman", the U.S. deliberately wants a weak China to lure the Soviet Union away from attacking the U.S. and towards China. Though right-wing demagogues, retired military chiefs, and defense contractors may howl the loudest about beefing up the U.S. arsenal and may drop dark grumbings about reversing the verdict of history with "one cosmic roll of the dice", there is no strategic disagreement among the inner circles of imperialism on getting the Soviet Union to attack China.

The U.S. is relying on two tactics to strike back at the Soviet Union: exploiting weaknesses and clumsy blunders of the Soviet Union's adventures, and ideologically and politically penetrating the Soviet Union's sphere of influence.

For example, the U.S. exploited the Soviet Union's blunders in India and Egypt. In India, the U.S. long boasted about "the world's largest democracy" But the Soviet Union cleverly exploited U.S. weaknesses and gained influence with Indira Gandhi, backing her government and even having the revisionist Communist Party of India help her squash massive worker and peasant revolts led by genuine Marxist-Leninists. (The revisionists would lead Gandhi's police right to the door of revolutionaries where they would be pulled out of their own homes and shot right on the spot.) The Soviet Union even backed her murderous attempt to squash all opposition by gunning down revolutionaries and jailing all legal opposition, crushing hundreds of millions under the boot of martial law. But when Indira Gandhi miscalculated and held elections, the angry Indian people threw her out of office, along with her despised son and her Soviet advisors. The U.S., of course, seized the chance and tried to move back in. And in the Middle East, the U.S., British and other European powers were, especially after World War II, steadily losing power to rising Arab national movements supported by the then-socialist Soviet Union. But as the Soviet Union turned capitalist in the late 50's and early 60's, it began to use its influence to make a grab for power. When Sadat of Egypt began to suspect that the Soviet Union's real intentions were to swallow up Egypt, he threw out thousands of Soviet advisors and then sold-out to the other superpower, the U.S.

Alternatively, the U.S. relies heavily on inner penetration of the Soviet Union. Through "detente" and the Helsinki Agreement—which ratified post-World War II boundaries in Europe, recognized the Soviet Union's domination over Eastern Europe, and called

for "human rights"—Carter's cynical "human rights" campaign has stirred up trouble for the revisionists in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. By drumming up a circus-like atmosphere around the so-called "dissidents" (the signers of Charter 77, Sakharov, Sharansky and others), Carter has opened up cracks in the fascist rule in the Soviet Union. Blue jeans, rock music, the Beatles, Voice of America broadcasts, the media hype around the "dissidents" are all part of a deadly serious ideological and political war aimed at the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union can also play this deadly game, too, by building up a huge campaign to exploit the just struggle to free the Wilmington 10, for example.

Behind all the blue jeans and jazz music, of course, the vicious spy war between the Soviet Union continues in the form of double agents in the CIA and KGB, the command system of NATO and the Warsaw Pact, the defense industries, and in whipping up Zionism and nationalism during the "spy trials" of Sharansky.

SALT II: Cover for War Preparations

SALT II negotiations only cover the deployment of strategic nuclear weapons, not tactical weapons used in conventional or guerilla war. But after all, what good are the hydra-headed MIRV's, the killer satellites with laser cannons, etc. if they cannot halt the steady advance of the Patriotic Front, which has already liberated over 2/3 of Zimbabwe? What good is the record \$122.7 billion defense budget if it cannot stop the PLO, the Patriotic Front, the Iranian people, and tens of millions of liberation fighters in the third world?

And not only are strategic nuclear weapons useless in the third world and in Europe, but the U.S. people refuse to fight another Vietnam war. The memories of the war of aggression in Indochina has been burned into the consciousness of the U.S. people. The bitter memories of the atrocities, the burned-out villages, the children seared by napalm, the carpet bombing and assassination squads, are still fresh in people's minds. With the U.S. Army tied down by the U.S. people, the U.S. is reduced to using clandestine CIA actions and sabre-rattling to bully third world countries.

Furthermore, not only are strategic nuclear weapons incapable of halting the historic march of the third world against the superpowers, but they don't deal with the focus of superpower contention: Europe, the prize coveted by both the U.S. and the Soviet Union. And that's why there was a crash program in both superpowers to build the neutron bomb, a tactical nuclear weapon designed for close fighting in populated areas, designed for stopping a Soviet invasion of West Germany. After all, both superpowers want to

control the enormous capital wealth locked in Europe, not blow it off the map.

Why Salt II?

So if SALT II cannot stop the strategic decline of the U.S., cannot beat back the people's wars raging in the third world, and doesn't even mention the NATO/Warsaw Pact confrontation in Europe, then what purpose does SALT II serve?

Primarily, to cover for preparations for another world war. All the talk about "arms control," "peace," "limiting nuclear weapons" is just a bed-time story, designed to lull people to sleep, to derail the genuine movement for dis-

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The ink was barely dry on the SALT I treaty in 1972 when President Nixon ordered the crash program to develop the B-1 bombers and the \$1.3 billion Trident submarine, and when Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird argued the merits of long-range cruise missiles, neutron bombs, and MIRV's. In fact, the period between SALT I and SALT II (1972-9), despite "arms control" and the rhetoric of "detente", has been the *most furious period of arms preparation in world history*. In 1978 alone, for example, the Soviet Union added a whopping 1,000 strategic nuclear warheads to its arsenal. And the very same day that Secretary of State Vance flew to Geneva to put the fine print on the SALT II accord, the government was arguing the necessity of building the Mobile-X missile (a mobile missile capable of carrying up to 10 separate nuclear warheads). Even while the SALT talks dragged on, the Soviet Union sent the largest military airlift in its history to prop up the fascist regime in Ethiopia, outfitted the Vietnamese with billions of dollars of hardware to throw up against the peoples of Kampuchea, engaged in huge nuclear armed troop maneuvers in Eastern Europe, stepped up its campaign to build the neutron bomb and perfect satellite warfare, installed multiple warheads on its missiles, and beefed up its mammoth troop build-up along the Chinese border. All in the name of "peace"!

SALT II, like its predecessor SALT I, only *streamlines* the arms race (the only difference between the two is that SALT II covers heavy bombers, while SALT I covered land-based and submarine-based ICBM's). Like SALT I, it puts a ceiling on conventional nuclear carriers (1,150 carriers for each side) but says nothing about qualitatively new weapons. That's why SALT only streamlines the arms race, slowing the pace of conventional nuclear carriers (bombers, ICBM's, and submarines,) but opening the floodgates for satellite killers, neutron bombs, cruise missiles, laser and particle cannons, Mobile-X, etc. This is an old imperialist trick. In

Why the Sensationalism Over SALT II?

So if strategic nuclear weapons cannot reverse the steady decline of U.S. imperialism and is a ruse to paper over furious war preparations, then why are key Congressmen and Pentagon chiefs grumbling over SALT II and ask-

ing "are we Number 2?"

First of all, even if a bitter floor fight breaks out in Congress over SALT II, these are only tactical, relatively minor scuffles over shades of interpretation. There is no major split over the over-all strategy of U.S. imperialism. "Friction" generated between "soft-liners" and "hard-liners" is just dual tactics, all within the framework of "detente". No one in Congress is challenging the larger framework of superpower contention and collusion, no one is questioning "detente" as a cover for war preparation. The only differences in Congress are in how best to prepare for war with the Soviet Union. No matter how much the bourgeois press speculates over "differences" between Vance and Brzezinski, you know that they believe in the *same* over-all strategy. Any "differences" are to fool the Russians and the world's peoples.

The World Is in Great Disorder

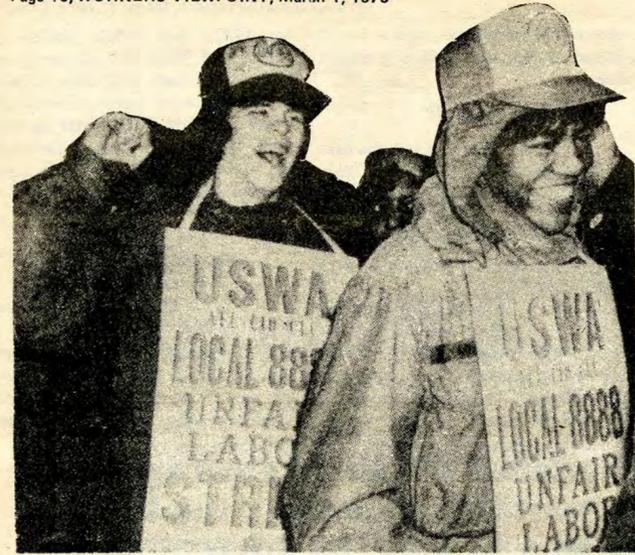
The world is in great disorder. With the two superpowers feverishly penetrating into each other's spheres of influence, and with third world countries throwing off the yoke of the two superpowers, the world is in great turmoil. The two superpowers try to hide this great upheaval with their sweet talk about "detente" and SALT II. They throw out olive branches while sharpening their knives. But SALT II does not promise true disarmament, only a streamlining of the arms race.

SALT II is not order in this era of disorder. Real order, of the highest order, will arise out of revolution by the peoples of the world.

Not the cynical statements and worthless agreements of the two superpowers, but the revolutionary upsurges and great movements of the oppressed against all forms of exploitation and oppression will bring order out of disorder! ■

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right to hold the better paid, "mainstream" jobs.

Defending these gains will be decisive in building the working women's movement.

Deepening Economic and Political Crisis Underlies Stability of 40's & 50's

Prior to World War II, there was no tradition of women in heavy industry it was "normal" for them to be completely shut out. World War II, when women flocked into heavy industry to replace men sent to the front or to support the war effort, was an unusual time. Immediately after the war ended women were either driven from their industrial jobs or left voluntarily for the home. U.S. imperialism emerged out of the war as the top political, economic and military power in the world. This was the basis for the relative "stability" of the 50's and early 60's.

But underlying the dominant "order", the economic and political contradictions within U.S. imperialism were building. Since World War II, six economic crises have rattled the foundation of monopoly capitalism, with a seventh about to hit soon. With each

crisis, more and more women were forced, out of economic necessity, to leave the home and enter the labor force, getting jobs in garment, textile, electronics and other light industry, as well as the clerical and health fields.



Women Working To Support Families Permanent Feature Of Monopoly Capitalism Today

In the drive to fight discrimination and get out of these low paying jobs, others began the long and difficult battle to break into the higher-paying, better-benefit jobs in heavy industry. These heroic forerunners filed suits and took whatever individual actions they could trying to crack the discrimination barriers in industries like steel, construction and auto.

Feminist Movement of the 60's: Shock Troops for Women's Emancipation

Then in the late 60's the political stability of monopoly capitalism began to shatter as the people of Southeast Asia showed that U.S. imperialism was

a paper tiger. The anti-war movement, the rebellion of the Afro-American people and other oppressed nationalities, the student and feminist movements all awakened and inspired the masses of U.S. women. The feminist movement in particular, mainly students and petty-bourgeoisie, were shock troops of the developing women's movement electrifying the consciousness of women all over the country and pointing the way of militant struggle.

The isolated, scattered struggles of working women were raised to the broader struggle to end all women's oppression. The most advanced gains for women that were seized in the mass upsurges of the 60's and 70's were the jobs won for working women in steel, auto, chemical and other heavy industries. And as the spontaneous women's upsurge died down and the feminist movement degenerated into bourgeois feminism and gay rights, these gains survived, pushing the struggle of working women to move to a higher level.

Trade Union Organization Strengthens Women's Movement While Petty-Bourgeois Feminists Sharpen Limitations of It

What distinguished the stable and determined strength of the working women's movement from the looseness, vacillation and instability of the petty-bourgeois feminist movement is organization. By breaking into the mainstream of the trade union movement, the highly discipline, socialized centers of large-scale production, working women gained an important weapon—strong organization. And the petty-bourgeois women's movement, with its individualistic outlook, with many getting into handicraft way of life (individualized mode of production), couldn't help but scatter.

Take Part in Social Production, Only Path to Emancipation

Getting into better paying, more organized mainstream jobs have loosened the bonds of domestic drudgery on working women and pointed the way for those in clerical and light industry jobs. Liberated from some of the chains of domestic work which narrows consciousness, working women's scope has been broadened by the experience of modern, large-scale industry. Lenin summed up:

The emancipation of women will only be possible when women can take part in production on a large, social scale, and domestic work no longer claims anything but an insignificant amount of her time. And only now has that become possible through modern large-scale industry which does not merely permit of the employment of female labor over a wide range, but positively demands it, while it also tends towards ending private domestic labor by changing it more and more into a public industry. (The Woman Question)

Today, with the U.S. economy in a state of permanent crisis, the bourgeoisie is forced to take back the gains of the 60's and 70's. They have to attack the standard of living and jobs of all workers, especially women and oppressed nationalities. But over the past few years, working women have had a chance to build up a militant tradition and presence in heavy industry—they're determined to keep their jobs and willing to fight tooth and nail for them.

In steel, the Weber case threatens to demolish industry training programs which have given thousands of women a chance to become machine operators, laborers and apprentices. In addition to their day-to-day fight for company-paid childcare, maternity leave, better wash-house conditions, against the company policy of setting up women to be fired while still on probation (battles which have benefitted men workers, too), women steelworkers are taking up the Weber case. They know that what's at stake is their right to work in steel at all.

In the auto plants, the struggles against layoffs have always been important for working women, and especially now with the bosses stepped-up attacks. Last hired, women autoworkers are at the bottom of the seniority lists along with oppressed nationalities. So when times are hard, they're the first fired, and with the overall capitalist crisis, the trend will be towards more women being laid off for good.

Women in the chemical industry have had some success breaking in, but staying healthy and alive is another story. Saying that certain chemicals used in some departments caused deformed

fetuses in pregnant women, American Cyanamid forced five women chemical workers to be sterilized or lose their jobs. But at another Cyanamid plant, women workers showed the way to beat these attacks. They organized and united with men workers who also face the same health and safety dangers. Together the workers forced the company to back off on their 'sterilize-or-out' threat.

The fight of women to maintain and move beyond the inroads they've already made in heavy industry is the fight for women's equality in the concrete! That's why all women uniting to beat back these attacks should be in the forefront of women's fight for equal rights. Also, women's gains in breaking into the better paying jobs has given inspiration to their sisters in the more marginal and clerical industries to spur organizing and raise their standards. Especially in recent years, there have been more pockets of organizing among office workers. Clerical workers demanding decent wages, benefits and against harassment by their bosses are organizing into groups and unions like the Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU). Domestic too are seeing slaving in the home doesn't mean they have to be chained to poverty level wages with no benefits. So the fight to defend these most advanced gains for women from the upsurge of the 60's and 70's is a most important fight for equal rights for women now. It facilitates raising the standards for all women in the marginal and light industries as well as clerical workers and women on welfare. And can be a tremendous step towards unifying and raising the level of the women's movement as a whole.

As the bourgeoisie comes down with their attacks women workers will fight to defend their hard-earned jobs and the place they've won in the U.S. labor movement. The fight against the increased attacks will raise the struggle and consciousness of working women to a higher level. And through the course of the fight, women and men workers will forge stronger unity and respect for each other as brothers and sisters of the same class family—the multinational U.S. proletariat! The experience will help women workers to see the need to smash the double yoke of capitalist and domestic slavery that oppresses them, providing good conditions to win these vanguard women fighters to communism.

Petty Bourgeois Feminist Leadership Sputters

Today's permanent economic crisis affects all classes, including the petty bourgeoisie. Working women are taking the brunt of the attacks and are fighting back in growing numbers. With the rise of the spontaneous struggles of women in the trade unions and on welfare breaking out more and more, the petty bourgeois feminists' leadership has sputtered

and lost momentum. Their main issues, the ERA, reproductive rights, and lesbian rights, are no longer the focal points. Feeling the crisis in their own declining standard of living, the petty bourgeois feminists must respond. So lately they have been talking about working women in trade unions, about getting working and welfare women into the national budget, and of getting behind the growing mass sentiments for increasing the welfare grant. The New York City chapter of NOW (National Organization of Women), the largest in the organization, recently went down to the docks with picket signs to support the women who went there to apply for openings for jobs as longshore-women. The title of the International Women's Day event this year is "Celebrating Working Women".

The main contribution the petty bourgeois feminists have made is that they have fought against women's oppression in a more organized way, putting the struggle against women's oppression as a mass movement in the forefront. Now, working and poor women are more conscious of their fight as women and of the common bond among working and poor women, and women of national minorities.

Poor and Working Women's Demands Go Way Beyond The ERA

The rising demand for equal rights for women is clearly seen in the mass

motion for the ERA. Since the Houston Conference, and the UN's International Year of Women, thousands of women have been swept into the momentum, demanding women's equal rights. The essence of the grassroots motion is genuine demands against women's oppression. These are genuine sentiments that all working men and women must unite with.

While the ERA has rallied thousands of mostly petty bourgeois women with trade union superstructure support on a national level, the essence of the demands of working and poor women goes way beyond the ERA. The concrete demands for better paying stable jobs, for education, equal pay for equal work, for daycare and against forced sterilization will have more far reaching effects to better women than the ERA, which is still a general empty statement, a piece of paper. When joining in the ERA motion, we must raise our concrete positive program for women. When we talk to women we must do propaganda around the fact that the ERA will promise us nothing, that capitalism will never consistently uphold women's rights.

With the granting of an extension to June 30, 1982, the ERA issue has cooled off quickly, even for the petty bourgeois feminists. That's three more years of only fighting in the Congress and lobbying. NOW has set up an ERA

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Resurgence of the Welfare Rights Movement Beginning

A powerful welfare rights movement developed in the '60s, influenced by the momentum from the Afro-American national movement. Under the National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO), welfare recipients fought for and won some of their basic needs—rent, utilities, clothing and food. Fearful of the movement this organization represented, the bourgeoisie bought off many of the grassroots leaders to disintegrate it. The NWRO eventually broke down into regional units, dissipating its strength as a national organization. But single mothers, men, and families on welfare have continued the struggle around welfare rights. For the first time in several years, welfare rights organizations are joining together in New York for a state-wide demonstration at the capital in Albany on March 14. They are demanding an increase in the welfare grant, an end to utility shut-offs, and no more harassments.

Welfare Recipients Face Rising Cuts

There hasn't been an increase in the welfare grant in New York City since 1974, while the welfare grant of \$258 for a family of four covering everything except rent has been drastically eroded by inflation. In 1979, welfare recipients get only half of what is needed to cover food, rent, clothes, utilities, and other necessities. There are over 860,000 children on welfare in New York State alone. These children are going hungry and cold.

The tragedy of the 18 month old baby who froze to death in New York City last month is not an isolated incident. Many children and the elderly are freezing to death because landlords will not provide heat. But the welfare grants don't stretch far enough to cover utility bills, so utility companies just shut off the heat.

Daily harassment by the welfare department is another burning issue for recipients. First they make it almost impossible for you to get on welfare. The application form is a complicated 11 pages long. If you do get on welfare, you are called down every few months to recheck your eligibility. If you don't show up, welfare will just cut you off. Often, even if you do go in for your appointment, they will cut you off anyway. This is what happened to Ana, a middle-aged Puerto Rican mother disabled by a chronic lung disease, "I went in for my appointment. I did everything I was supposed to do. But they cut me and my son off anyway. Even though they admit it is their mistake, I have to fight like hell to get them to start sending us our checks again."

This kind of harassment is being laid down on a policy level. In New York City, Mayor Koch hired Blanche Bernstein, a racist economist, specifically

to reduce the welfare budget after she conducted a state-wide study on how to cut down the welfare rolls. First she tried denying even eligible applicants. At one point last year, more than 50% of all applicants denied were later found to be eligible. When this was exposed, more and more people found themselves being kicked off "by mistake" like Ana. Bernstein is trying to reduce the budget by denying and kicking people off of welfare. The welfare budget has increased over the last few years, but the welfare rolls have actually gone down. Clearly, the increased money is going to support a more complicated and expensive bureaucracy, rather than raising the standard of benefits for welfare recipients.

Harassment Escalated to Physical Brutality

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ratification committee devoted solely to lobbying and letter writing to their local politicians.

To fight for the ERA alone strait-jackets and narrows the struggle to only lobbying and petitioning Congress, pinning our hopes on a constitutional amendment. This has sidetracked many women from taking up the real pressing demands. Our concrete demands will build a fighting basis of unity for the women's movement. Most importantly, these demands rally and organize the working women's struggle and raise them to the forefront of the women's movement.

Sometimes they will fight very militantly and attack the bourgeoisie. But not tied to production, they lack tight organization and a protracted outlook. However, among this strata, ideas are very fluid, changing rapidly in a short time. So they are open to many ideas, especially in times of difficulty when they too feel the effects of the economic crisis more and more. So working class women must have their own independent line and organization in order to provide leadership in the women's movement, including the petty bourgeois feminist forces, in order to strengthen the fight against capitalism. By providing staunch leadership, some of the feminist forces can be won over though they themselves cannot sustain a movement.

Bourgeoisie Tries to Sidetrack Resistance

So why did Carter, representative of the U.S. bourgeoisie, support the ERA all along? Because he desperately needs the ERA. It is about the only issue he has left to shore up his rapidly crumbling image, and for the bourgeoisie the price is cheap. As one welfare mother pointed out, "Sure he will push the ERA, cause it don't cost him one cent!" He got the loudest applause at his midterm State of the Union address for supporting this amendment. While cheerleading for the ERA, he hasn't supported the desperate need for an increase in the welfare grant. In fact, he has cut \$20 billion in food stamps, WIC—child nutrition, and the milk program, taking the food right out of our hungry children's mouths. And under Carter's administration has come the Bakke decision which is a rallying point for attacking gains and special programs fought for by women and minorities.

Bureaucrats and Misleaders Slip And Slide

The trade union bureaucrats, after giving in to the defeat of the Labor Law Reform Bill without mobilizing the rank and file for it, made the ratification of the ERA their number one national issue. They've become another cheerleader for the ERA, while in most trade unions women have to force the bureaucrats to take up the real fight for women's concrete demands against the cutbacks in heavy industry, for daycare, for maternity benefits, etc.

But since the main issues of the petty bourgeois feminists are being

pushed into the background by the growing working class women's movement, the bourgeoisie and their misleaders are wracking their brains for new issues to sidetrack the rising resistance. Objectively the firing of Bella Abzug by the White House only helped to promote her misleadership in the women's movement. Bella Abzug has to keep up her image by coming out against Carter's budget. Her effectiveness as a misleader would be destroyed if she didn't appear as a friend of women's rights. In this time of permanent economic crisis, the capitalists are forced to cut back. At the same time, they know that the masses will resist, so it is important for them to keep this resistance stuck along the reformist road and away from militant struggles and revolutionary ideas. So they try to present the question of leadership as one between Carter and Abzug, or Carter and Costanza. This is an attempt to keep the masses within a bourgeois box of bourgeois choices. They are trying to build up mass motion and draw women into fighting on the issue of Abzug's firing.

One sucker who swallowed the bait is the revisionist Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist). These so-called communists say,

But the real story goes deeper than simply the chauvinist attitudes of the administration. A deep rift is developing within the ruling class, and significantly within the Democratic Party, over economic matters. The rift between the Kennedy liberals and Carter's faction has grown in recent months since their open falling out over the question of a national health plan... This falling-out has exposed once more Carter's offensive against the rights and living standards of the people and especially against women and minorities. (*Call*, January 29, 1979)

Blinded by their own illusions in bourgeois democracy, they think that Kennedy, the liberal, would be indignant at Carter's cuts in the budget. Carter's image has gotten so exposed that bourgeoisie like Kennedy, to look good, have been forced to come out against Carter's budget. Without "liberals" like Kennedy who pose as the people's friend, the capitalists' state would stand totally naked. The CP(ML) once again covers up the dual tactics of the bourgeoisie, which serve to keep the masses' faith in their so-called democracy.

They even go so far as to conclude, "It also shows the futility of the liberal schemes during these times of crisis." Outside of being a little "vague," like the revisionists, this implies that the bourgeoisie will no longer use liberal schemes for pacification. This is the most dangerous and incorrect view. As we said in the last issue on Ford Foundation's appointment of Franklin Thomas, the bourgeoisie is forced to push reforms to a higher level. This means that "They cannot spend the hundreds of millions to co-opt the movement and create a strata of poverty pimps as they did ten years ago. They are forced to seek ways to split up and divide the working class and the oppres-

sed nationalities through sham schemes like the Boston forced busing plan." (*WVO*, Feb. 15, 1979)

The latest step in the creation of a "safety valve" for the anger of the masses of women is in the formation of the Progressive Alliance, made up of people like Doug Fraser, Vernon Jordan, and Bella herself. "Safety valves" and reforms are still the main form of rule by the bourgeoisie to keep the lid on the masses' anger and resistance.

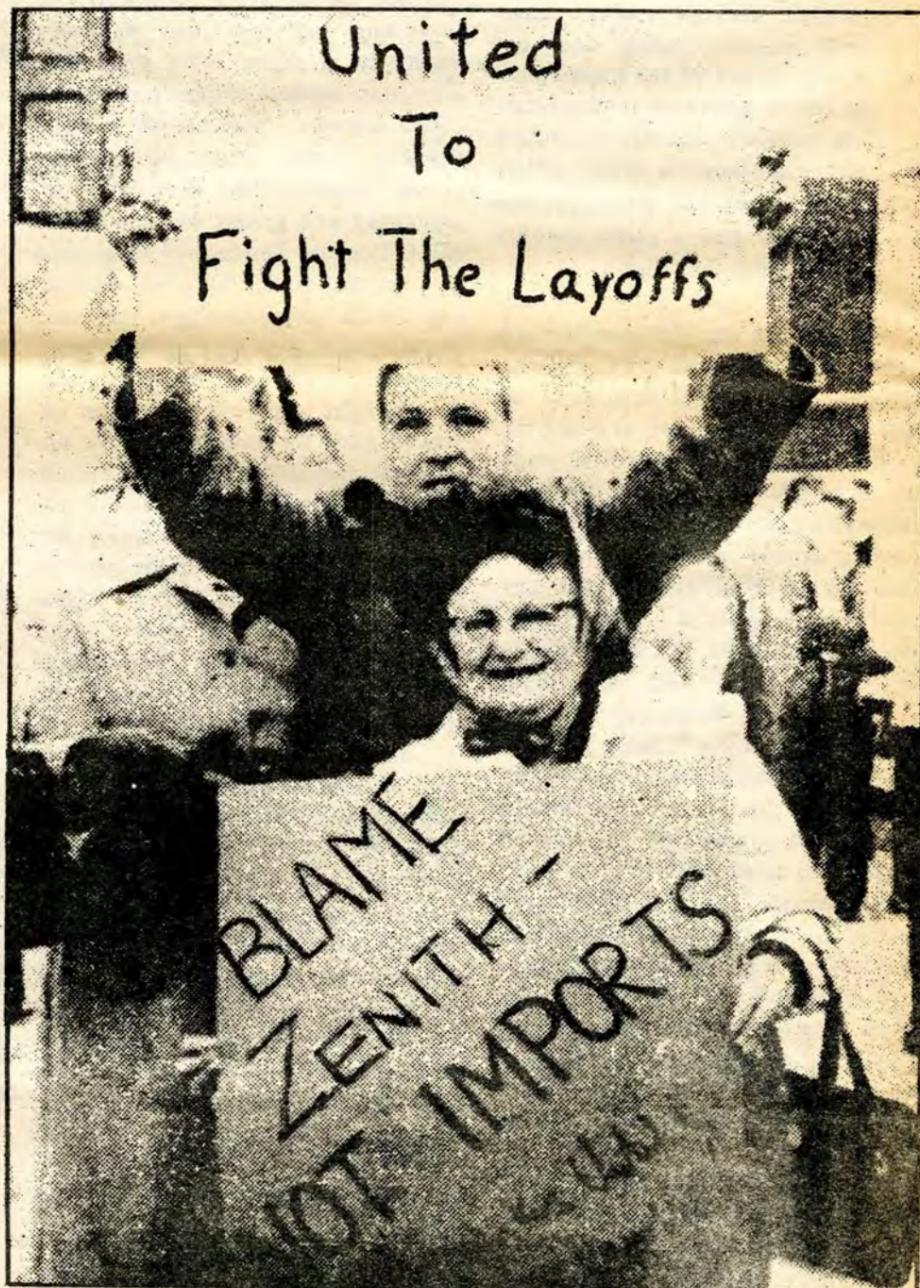
Capitalism Digs Its Own Grave

The present economic crisis and the rise of working women's struggles has brought the issues of working women to the forefront of the women's movement. Petty bourgeois feminists have had to address them like NOW's latest International Women's Day—"Celebrating Working Women." Meanwhile the bourgeoisie is scrambling about seeking new ways to keep these struggles bottled up. The "woman in the home" has become an economic impossibility, even for many of the petty bourgeoisie. The old bourgeois line on the role and values of the family have been cast asunder. The old roles are no more.

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The great disorder nationally and internationally means that people's minds are wide open to socialism. Active women are seeking a way out. But class consciousness cannot develop on its own. Only communist propaganda and organization can give the systematic understanding and solution. Raising the political consciousness of the women's movement and fighting for concrete demands will raise the political level and the standard of living of women and push forward the struggle of the entire working class. ■



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Shah. That's why it will be tougher than ever for the U.S. to snatch Camp David out of the fire, with the talks now on the verge of collapse.

Moreover, the powerful Iranian revolution creates the conditions for a more independent stand against the two superpowers. The Arab states historically politically and economically closer to the U.S.—specifically Saudi Arabia—are now thinking twice about relying on the U.S. and are forced to come closer to the other Arab countries.

The Iranian revolution and its strong support for the PLO will influence the other Arab peoples to force their rulers to take a stronger stand for Arab unity and more consistent support of the Palestinian people's struggle.

And the new balance of forces within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has now strengthened the oil countries who are now demanding higher prices for their oil to recoup losses caused by the U.S.' exporting inflation through the dropping dollar.

Signs of the growing rift between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia was shown in the recent cancellation of Saudi Arabia's Prince Fahd trip to the U.S. at a time when the U.S. was pushing hard for another Camp David. And on February 26th, Saudi Arabia rejected the U.S. demand that it be allowed to build a military base on Saudi Arabian soil.

Iranian Revolution A Force Against Relying On One Superpower To Fight Another

The consistent stand of the Iranian people against both the U.S. imperialists and the Soviet Union will influence deeply public opinion among the Arab countries and peoples against relying on one superpower or another. It will therefore create better conditions for the countries in those areas to consistently oppose both the U.S. and especia-

lly the Soviets in the Middle East. Moreover, it exposes and weakens the reactionary hopes of the Soviet Union to establish their stale goulash communism anywhere in the area.

The Iranian revolution also sharpens the contradiction between the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe. Defending the national sovereignty and resources of Iran, the Iranian revolution has also stopped the plunder of its natural gas by the other superpower — Soviet Social-imperialism. For years under the Shah's rule, the Soviet Union had stolen Iran's natural gas for dirt cheap prices and then resold it at higher prices to the COMECON countries in Eastern Europe. But with the cutoff of Iranian gas now, the Soviet Union will have a much harder time trying to honor their contracts with the East European countries. The whole premise of the COMECON (Community of Mutual Economic Assistance), of "international division of labor" is becoming more and more exposed as the contradictions between the Soviet Union and the Eastern European 2nd world countries have increased as East European industries begin to feel the crunch of the natural gas shortage.

And not only does the Iranian revolution weaken the superpowers ability to meddle in the Middle East, it also reduces the danger of world war between the two superpowers by limiting superpower contention and collusion in the Middle East. For example, Iran is no longer the U.S.' listening post on Soviet missile tests, and no longer a military base directed against the Soviet Union. Iran is now taken out of both superpowers' spheres of influence. But more important, because the Iranian revolution strengthens Arab unity, it gives the superpowers less room to maneuver and splinter up the Arab states. The stronger the unity between Arab states,

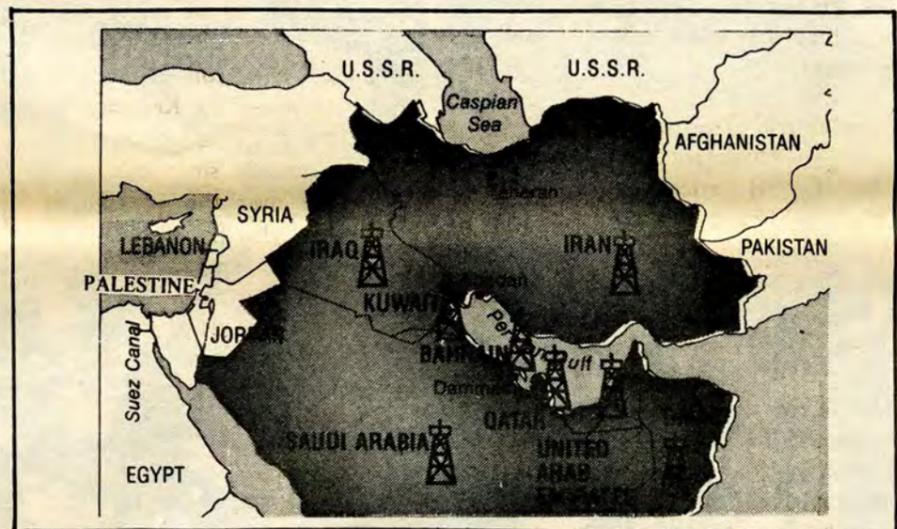
the weaker is the superpowers ability to slither or bully their way into the strategic Middle East.

Arab Peoples' Revolution Pushed Forward

The most strategic effect of the victorious Iranian revolution is in pushing forward the whole tide of people's revolution in the Middle East. It certainly has opened up the possibility of more anti-imperialist revolutionary struggles and victories against the two superpowers under the banner of the struggle for an Islamic republic, which in reality is for people's democracy, and freedom from superpower domination. Because the Arab world (and other countries like Afghanistan) is tied by common religious heritage, there is no doubt that the revolution in Iran led by Ayatollah Khomeini, a high Muslim, leader, will inspire the Muslim masses in other countries to fight against imperialism and all reaction. And the bourgeoisie knows this and fears it. In an article in the February 26th *New York Times*, it said that "Egypt is the most vulnerable to an Islamic uprising similar to the one that led to the ouster of the Shah from Iran". And a concrete indication of this was the demonstration by students in Cairo in support of the Iranian revolution and Ayatollah Khomeini soon after the Shah was kicked out of the country for good.

The impact of the Iranian revolution extends far beyond the borders of Iran herself. The Islamic movement was given immense support in its struggle against imperialism by the mass upheavals in Iran, which are bound to shake the foundations of imperialism throughout the Moslem world. This is an example of the correctness of Mao's poem on the international situation, which states, "The moon torments the sun." The sun, representing the British colonial empire, which boasted that the sun never set on its colonies, is now a symbol of the two superpowers. And the superpowers are tormented by the people of the moon, the Moslem states who historically rose up against British colonialism and now are directing their guns at both superpowers.

Most significant, however, is the fact that Iran has a growing number of genuine Marxist-Leninists in Iran who are striving to form a Communist Party, to lead the revolution to a higher stage, as well as to consolidate the present victory. This will aid the spread and consolidation of Marxism in the whole Middle East, affecting the revolutions in other countries. This is a historic thing which the superpowers and all reactionaries fear most of all — the revolutionary struggle of the masses for independence, liberation and socialism led by genuine communists. ■



Poison for Profit...

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Chatham County was beaten back by the residents, led by the Chatham County Citizens for a Better Environment, Governor Hunt proposed burying the PCB in Warren County only 7 feet above the county's high water table. When it was pointed out that federal law requires PCB to be buried at least 50 feet above the water table, the state marched in the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) who exposed themselves as hand in glove agents for the bosses when they heard plans to waive 60% of their minimum safety requirements and then declared they were considering reducing the minimum PCB burial limit to 5 feet. And Hunt wouldn't even consider the Warren County residents' demand to transport the PCB to one of the three safest landfills for toxic chemicals in the country, in Alabama. There the PCB would be

buried more than 600 feet above the water table, a safer site approved before federal health and safety standards were watered down. Word of the state's plan spread fast. 700 people packed the National Armory in Warrenton to fire questions and challenges to state and EPA officials. A Citizens Concerned About PCBs committee was formed in Warren County which united black, white and Native-Americans from broad sectors of the population. The committee demanded answers and action, and after the public meeting was over forced the governor to meet with them. In the face of determined community resistance and already backed against the wall because of his fascist stand toward the Wilmington 10 and his attacks on black colleges, Hunt was forced to back off on his plan—at least environmentalists, Native-Americans, black and white, behind Warren County's PCB disposal plan. Already the two counties most affected by the dumping, Chatham and Warren, are working together to strengthen their common ability to fight. And other counties are also uniting. Chatham and Warren are

inviting each other to their public assemblies. Warren County recently held a benefit concert featuring a local bluegrass band to raise money for the struggle, and new friends, white workers and their families attended. The two counties are also working closely with support groups in the state. The African Liberation Support Committee and several energy and environmental groups in Greensboro held a support rally at Guilford College to help push out the issue throughout the state. One environmental group for example threw their efforts 100% in support of the battle against PCB by producing an article, linoleum cut, PCB song, getting hundreds of support petition signatures, speaking at the rally and spreading the word to their friends.

"We Will Stand As One", that's the title of the song written especially for temporarily.

Trying to get some breathing space in the wake of the people's victory, the bosses came up with a stall tactic—the Weber plan. The plan calls for mixing activated charcoal in with the PCB on the ground. But both the state

government and the EPA know that charcoal can't reduce the quantity or toxicity of the poison or even stop it from spreading. The move is meant to cool down the people's anger and give the state time to "prove" that it's safe to bury PCB in Warren County.

Solidarity Between White and Black Growing

But if the capitalists and their watchdog Hunt are trying to make use of the breathing spell, the people are making better use of it. The PCB is an immediate danger to 15 counties and as the poison seeps into the ground and into crops, creeks and lakes it will eventually endanger the entire state. The common threat to all can help to unite workers, farmers, professionals, students, the struggle. And iron unity forged in the course of the fight against the capitalists and their dogs like Hunt and the EPA is what's needed if the people are to win more victories, with black, white and Native-American workers, farmers, students, professionals and environmentalists all learning important lessons from each other. ■

Hawaii ...

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after day, without electricity and water, weeks of heavy winds and rains which brought the ceiling down, and the day to day grind of maintaining the facility. Still, they remain determined to defend their ground. To be sure, the lack of services and physical deterioration of the building have taken its toll on the patients. They have, one by one, come down with all sorts of ailments, from ulcerated feet to ear tumors. A couple months back, one patient suffered pneumonia and had to be rushed to the hospital late at night. The heavy winds and rains have been hard on the building and the patients themselves, who have had to mop and clean up, even those in wheelchairs. But, despite these obstacles, the patients' spirits are high. Supporters are planning to help fix the building and a political campaign to build mass support throughout the state

has begun.

State Tries to Split the Struggle By Pushing Outside Agitation Line

It is the unity between the patients and the support groups and between the struggle at Hale Mohalu and the struggles in communities all over Hawaii that the State fears. They accuse outside agitators of brainwashing the patients. But the response of the patients has been clear. Francis Palea declared, "All our lives, we've been treated like animals and pushed around. At one time, I didn't think we had much hope; but if we patients and our friends stick together, I feel we can win."

Courts and Politicians Getting Exposed

Many of the Ohana still have faith that the courts will eventually side with them and that politicians like Mayor Frank Fasi will be able to turn the tide. However, increasingly, the patients and supporters are realizing that only through their own effort to reach out to

more and more people will they be able to gain anything. Even Hale Mohalu Day, though proclaimed by Mayor Fasi, was a victory for the people. The masses made Hale Mohalu Day happen, not the politicians. The courts have denied them time and again, saying they have no grounds to sue the State. The State has had to justify its crass action toward the patients with their own law which says they may move leprosy patients anywhere they choose without having to consult the patients first. But this has only helped to educate the patients and all those who support their struggle. As Frank Duarte learned,

You try to get some legal help, they say: 'See your legislator.' How are you going to see the legislator when most of them are a bunch of crooks? When you talk to the politicians, they will say to you, 'My hands are tied.' But when the election comes, they go around shaking everybody's hands; their hands are not tied. You put them in

office and all of a sudden their hands are tied again! But for the Big Five (Five of the biggest U.S. monopoly capitalists in Hawaii) their hands are not tied. They are not elected for the people. They fight the poor people!

Hale Mohalu Continues the Long History of People's Struggle

The story of the leprosy patients and their determined struggle to stay at Hale Mohalu is winning the support of the broad masses in Hawaii. Hawaii's people have been struggling for centuries ever since they were first "discovered" and proclaimed to be an English territory by Captain James Cook in the late 1700's. Today, the struggle continues against U.S. imperialism which dominates and exploits the islands. The struggle at Hale Mohalu shows clearly the sickness, the most bloodsucking disease of this system. At the same time it shows the strength, the pride and the growing consciousness of the patients and their supporters. ■

Bottom: Some of the 300 people demonstrating their support for the patients at Hale Mohalu. Right: January, 1978, the State threatens the patients that they would no longer have food or medical service if they failed to move. In a tense moment, one of the organizers comforts a fellow patient.



Letters ...

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Just a few highlights:

—In a discussion of President Carter's new "austerity budget", a young black mother stood up and asked why so many daycare funds were being cut, when it would mean working women would have to quit their jobs, and be forced onto the welfare rolls, as well as daycare workers themselves being laid off. Preyer just looked a little uncomfortable, and said, "Hmmm, yes, well, some good programs will just have to be cut." (!!!) End of discussion

—A retired veteran of 3 wars rose and said he had a 3 page list of grievances to discuss with Preyer. But he wouldn't go into them here if he could just make a brief statement. In a voice breaking with emotion, he asked, "Do you know what it's like to devote your whole lifetime defending your country, and go home only to find it's being betrayed and cor-

rupted by a government of men who refuse to listen to the people, and only operate in their own interests?" Preyer was squirming like a stuck pig, and the first chance he got to interrupt this man, he called on someone else! —Then a woman textile worker spoke up, saying she had to comment on a statement made by Preyer earlier in the meeting, that "the textile industry provided a great service to our economy by giving jobs to the unskilled, less educated workers, including minorities and women, who were unable to get jobs in higher paying industry." The woman was furious, and looking Preyer straight in the eye, she said, "I am a textile worker, and I am not particularly uneducated or unskilled. (At this point Preyer tried to cover his embarrassment by mumbling, "Oh I didn't mean to imply. . ." But the worker cut him off, "I earn one of the highest wages it is possible for a woman to earn in a mill in the whole industry, and I still cannot

feed my family! I pay the same thing for my groceries that Herman Cone (mill owner) pays for his. I don't get a sympathetic discount because of the service my industry is doing for the economy by paying such rotten wages!" She went on to say that the only fighting chance that working people had was to organize into strong unions, and that was made almost impossible in North Carolina by right-to-work laws. Then she challenged Preyer's position on the right-to-work laws, which he, and every other political official and candidate in N.C. uphold. She also challenged the new "tax reform" just passed by Congress, which gives the biggest break to the people who make over \$20,000 a year.

Preyer was looking more and more horrified as people began to stand up all over the room to support what these people had said, or add their own complaints. Suddenly an aide appeared at Preyer's shoulder, and said he had to

leave. Relieved, he abruptly adjourned the meeting. Later, Preyer was quoted by the news media as saying he was "dumbfounded at the outpouring."

The shell of bourgeois democracy is still by far the best cover the capitalists have, but bourgeois politicians are finding it more hazardous every day to open themselves up to the sentiments of the masses. On the other hand, these little "escape valve" opportunities for the masses to speak out will divert their anger and let the capitalist off the hook if they aren't part of a larger movement to organize the working masses and eventually overthrow this rotten heap of bloodsuckers.

We must use every opportunity to expose these leeches for what they are, and build the organization of our class and its party, the WVO, to get rid of them.

RA
A Friend of WVO

Int'l Situation

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MLMTT is only applicable to Chinese conditions, for the Chinese revolution. In negating the contribution of Chairman Mao on the historical experience of the dictatorship of the proletariat, through his summing up of the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union and class struggle in China it's no wonder ATM cannot understand Soviet Social-Imperialism and thus the danger of world war today. It is no wonder they have an opportunist line on the international situation.

STRATEGY & TACTICS: OL & RCP REVISE MARXISM

ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

OL, RCP Distort the Direction of the Main Blow

What is the direction of the main blow and what is the content of the OL's "innovation" that Soviet Social-Imperialism is in fact the direction of the main blow? What is the RCP's position on the direction of the main blow? And why is their position also incorrect and, in fact, a position permitting them to mutate, in the fashion of the notorious *Guardian*, away from the correct verdict on the nature and role of Soviet Social-Imperialism?

Lenin applied the content of the direction of the main blow in the struggle against Czarism during the first stage, the bourgeois democratic stage of the Russian Revolution. In that struggle, Stalin summed up:

Direction of Main Blow: liberal-monarchist bourgeoisie, which was serving to win over the peasantry and liquidate the revolution by a compromise with Tsarism.

(*Foundations of Leninism*)

Lenin vividly described the *class nature* and class relations of the liberal bourgeoisie represented by the Cadets, and the motion of other classes in class struggle. For example, the Cadets were the social props in the first stage of revolution. On their class character, Lenin remarked:

It is to the advantage of the Russian liberal to pose before the Russian readers as a representative of the whole 'democratic opposition' in general . . . when the Cadet looks to the fight he draws distinct lines of 'class contradiction': here the nobility, there the big bourgeoisie. But the moment the liberal turns his glance to the left, he puts the word 'class contradiction' in ironical quotation marks. The class distinction disappears: the liberal, the capacity of the general 'democratic opposition', are supposed to represent the peasants, the workers and the urban democrats (urban petty bourgeoisie - ed.).

(*Political Parties in the Five Years of the Third Duma*)

The liberals need voters, they need a crowd that would trust and follow them (in order to compel the Purishkeviches to make room), but they fear the political independence of the crowds.

(*Liberalism and Democracy*)

As we can see here, Lenin's understanding of the social prop is based on *class analysis*, *class struggle*, and its *motion*. The OL, in copping to a correct line only in form, is copping only to the phrases and words, for example, as we illustrated before, using the term 'liberal bourgeoisie' in both the U.S. and in Mexico (which is very dangerous) in the same way. This again, of course, is something these hopeless pedants like OL and Nicholas cannot help but practice.

Using a similar methodology of grasping class analysis and changes in class relations, Lenin and Stalin summed up the role of the Mensheviks and Socialist Revolutionaries as the direction of the main blow during the 2nd stage of the Russian revolution. For they strove to put an end to the revolution by compromising with the imperialists because of their fear of the working class and its revolutionary alliance with the lower and middle peasantry.

RCP's View on Direction of the Main Blow

While the OL flips from liquidating the direction of the main blow (i.e. historically, their line that liberals and militant trade union misleaders are direct reserves of the proletariat, rather than the direction of the main blow) to their "everything is liberal" line, the RCP, to their 'credit', still stubbornly holds onto their consistently opportunist line that Stalin was wrong on the question of the direction of the main blow.

Both Superpowers are the Targets of Revolution: U.S. Imperialism is More Exposed Soviet Social-Imperialism is More Hidden & Dangerous

On the international situation this same line, which in essence does not distinguish, as the way Malcolm X once put it, the difference between the 'wolf and the fox', shows that the RCP does not and cannot tell the difference between U.S. Imperialism and Soviet Social-Imperialism. While the U.S. has been most thoroughly exposed over the past two to three decades, the Soviet revisionists are much more sinister and dangerous since they still fly the flag of 'socialism'. They are only just beginning to be exposed to the people of the world.

This line of not distinguishing the 'wolf' from the 'fox' is essentially the line that does not view the Soviet Social-Imperialists as the most *dangerous* (the most treacherous and deceptive, the hidden danger to many) of the two main enemies of the people of the world - the Two Superpowers.

It is no accident, then, that the pragmatist RCP only sees Soviet Social-Imperialism as a main danger to China and not to the people of the world. Because they see danger only as a *direct* physical threat, they thus view Soviet Social-Imperialism as only the main danger to China since the Soviet Union is right next to China. In any case, certainly the RCP is inching its way, in the manner of the *Guardian* in the last few years, to reverse the verdict on the role and nature of the Soviet Social-Imperialists. This line certainly can justify this.

Avakian, Word Magician; Fight Appeasement?"

In the RCP's recent international conference,



in which the RCP was attempting to apply the line of 'winning over the middle forces', but in fact conciliated to all forms of opportunism, Avakian demagogically tried to muddle the question of the 'main danger' and justify the RCP's emerging centrist line on this question of Soviet Social-Imperialism by posing the point this way:

"...what does it mean for U.S. revolutionaries, the working class and people in the U.S. to so-call 'fight appeasement' and fight against a section of the ruling class that carries out so-called 'appeasement policies' the way it is being raised by some like Hinton and the OL and others like today. It means urging our own imperialists to be more vigorous in carrying out their own imperialist aims and intentions for domination, exploitation and oppression." (*Revolution*, Dec. 1976)

Now forces like the OL, as we pointed out earlier, certainly don't know what they are talking about. And we also disagree with Hinton's 'neutralizing U.S. Imperialism' line. But the point is precisely that the Soviet Social-Imperialists are the main danger and therefore their detente scheme, as well as the appeasement line of some U.S. monopoly interests, must be exposed. Exposure of detente and appeasement is extremely important. Chairman Mao formulated the line to expose appeasement and detente, to educate the people of the world, and in order to prepare and alert the people so they can turn world war around to revolution in as many countries as possible. These are some reasons why we must expose detente and appeasement as it is the fastest, most deceptive and quickest way to world war. The demagoguery of the RCP is by playing with semantics, by changing the term 'exposure of appeasement' to 'fight appeasement'.

RCP, in debating the OL, is actually looking for a bogus target to hit. In debating the spineless OL, the RCP tries to make themselves look good. But they are just opportunist twins that complement each other so well!

Avakian, by demagogically toying with sophistry, by twisting words and playing with semantics, by changing 'exposure of appeasement' to 'fight appeasement', objectively makes people think that raising vigilance on appeasement and detente is actually holding the line of siding with one imperialist to fight another. This is, of course, totally sham. There is no such thing as 'fight appeasement'. Appeasement itself is a dangerous *line* which feeds the other imperialist's appetite, provoking its wild ambitions.

The main thing is whether communists recognize and expose the danger of the appeasement line. Whether we realize that the Soviet Social-Imperialists are more dangerous in the sense of being younger, leaner, more disguised and sinister than the U.S. Imperialists. Based on that, there is the need to make that distinction to warn the working class and other oppressed people and countries of the world. In refusing to make such a distinction, the RCP inevitably aids the Soviet Social-Imperialists and does great harm to the U.S. proletariat as well as peoples around the world struggling against the Superpowers.

right brutality in the welfare centers. Last May, Sheryl Black, a welfare advocate, saw a young black woman viciously beaten. Waiting her turn to see a social worker, the woman was sitting on a table, rocking back and forth, obviously distressed. She moaned softly, "Oh lord, my children are hungry and they won't help me." Two security guards came up, grabbed her, and dragged her into a steel-caged office. When screams and moans filled the room with sounds of a body being thrown against the walls, everybody in the waiting room rushed over to the door screaming, "Stop it, stop it! Open up!" One guard opened the door and pulled in Sheryl who was up in the front of the crowd. The guard handcuffed her and threw her to the floor. Stunned, Sheryl saw the other guard kick the woman several times in her teeth and stomach. Moaning and crying as she bled, she reached out her hand toward Sheryl and pleaded, "Miss, Miss, help me, I'm pregnant. They're gonna kill my baby." One week later, the woman lost her child in a miscarriage. There had been increasing incidences of such outright brutality in the last year. Sheryl lost no time to mount a full-scale campaign to expose and stop this kind of police brutality in the welfare centers.

Welfare Mother Fights Capitalist System

Sheryl, an ex-welfare mother, is driven by hatred and anger against the entire capitalist system for the kind of brutality she and her children were forced to bear while on welfare. "I'm half Native-American. I fell in love and married a young black guy and had 3 kids." One of the thousands of unemployed workers, her husband was barely able to read and write, even though he almost passed the 12th grade. They had no chances for education or decent paying jobs, and were forced to get on welfare in order to feed and clothe their family. When her third child was born, she remembers begging from neighbor to neighbor to get a couple cans of formula for the baby. "My husband would go out and come back with two cans of formula he had stolen after the baby had been crying from hunger for 3 hours straight." At the same time, the department of social services cut her husband off their welfare grant for refusing to work a job on the exploitative Public Works

Program (forced work). Everyday was a crisis. Boxed into this impossible situation, personal contradictions sharpened and turned into resentment, which grew so that Sheryl became a battered woman. Finally they separated. At one point in her life, Sheryl had to surrender her children to the founding home. Her boys have had to work since they were 8 and 9 years old, packing groceries for \$5 to \$6 a day to help support the family.

When Sheryl was finally able to get off welfare, and had some time to think back, she began to realize that it wasn't she that was to blame. And it wasn't her husband's fault either. Welfare starved her and her children and forced them out on the street homeless. Welfare tried to downgrade and humiliate her in every way possible. She began to dedicate her life to organizing and educating other people on how to fight for their welfare rights. After doing advoca-

cy work for several years, day in and day out, she got burnt out. She began to realize that she couldn't fight within the welfare system to change it. Searching for answers has led her to studying Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought. "There is nothing more they haven't done to me except put me up against the wall and shoot me!" Nothing can stop her now.

Organize on a Higher Level to Fight the Crisis

While more and more people are forced onto welfare by lack of jobs and skyrocketing inflation, the bourgeoisie is cutting back programs that are needed more than ever. The federal government has cut the CETA program (50% women, 30% welfare recipients, 60% minorities), the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC), food stamps, the child nutrition program, free school lunches, the milk program, and are closing down community

hospitals. All these programs particularly affect women and their families. This is the economic crisis brought on by the capitalist system which pressures families like Sheryl's to break up, and increases the number of abused children and battered women daily. Forced by the growing mass demands, in New York City, politicians at every level, Mayor Koch and even Blanche Bernstein, are mouthing support for an increase in the welfare grant. At this point, none of them are willing to fund it. But out of this economic crisis, the welfare movement, growing since the '60s despite some setbacks, is resurging once again. The planning process for a national welfare rights conference early this summer has already begun. It is essential to sum up the lessons of the NWRO so that this time, the welfare rights movement will be more conscious, organized, and powerful than ever before. ■

Bus Strike

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unionized to successfully compete with the larger companies, and lower the quality of school bus service since many drivers won't have the professional training to take care of the children, particularly the handicapped.

Board Attacks Wage and Benefit Parity Between School and Other City Bus Drivers

The School Board wants a contract which would pay drivers for only actual time worked (in the morning and afternoon), reducing these full-time jobs to part-time. This would force drivers to look for other jobs with unemployment already high. This is one part of the Board's plan to eliminate parity in wages and benefits among school bus drivers with the other city bus drivers.

The present parity clause guarantees that school bus drivers get the same wages and benefits as other city drivers regardless of which bus company is chosen by the city contractor.

Squeezed by the banks and the federal government, the city is cutting back—at the expense of workers and the community. Koch and Macchiorella's "tremendous" concern for the kids begins and stops with the almighty dollar. Recently, the Board of Education administrators just gave themselves raises amounting to thousands of dollars each. Meanwhile, they want to eliminate all the matrons on the buses. The present bus drivers are profession-

ally trained to deal with children, particularly the handicapped. The new bidding system will open the way for the cheapest, worst quality service.

Support from Parents, Community, and Other Unions Crucial

The drivers' union is the most organized force. It is taking the lead in fighting government cutbacks. Before they went on strike, the drivers sent letters to parents expressing anxiety that the Board of Education's system of open bidding would put their children in the hands of less experienced, untrained drivers. For the drivers to win, support from the parents and community is crucial.

Other New York City unions came to Local 1181-1061's support when

Teamsters Local 238 and the Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association kicked Koch's "emergency plan" in the butt. He wanted to force other city employees, under threat of disciplinary action, to drive the children to school. Teamster President Barry Feinstein proclaimed, "This union will not scab the jobs of another union that is on strike." Thus far, Koch has been unsuccessful in reducing the school bus strike's impact. Therefore, he stepped up his propaganda campaign, calling this an "illegal" strike and a sweetheart contract if drivers were paid for the whole day instead of "actual" hours worked. However, he has refrained from actually enforcing the two back-to-work court orders because of the militancy and unity of the rank and file school bus drivers. ■



Drivers picket City Hall demanding parity and job security.

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Organize a un Nivel Mas Alto Para Luchar la Crisis

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LOS PUEBLOS QUIEREN REVOLUCION!



TRABAJADORES BRITÁNICOS CONTINUAN HUELGA

Un millón de trabajadores británicos que laboran en la colección de basura, ayudantes de hospitales, conserjes de escuelas, sepulteros y otros trabajadores de pagos bajos en el gobierno local están continuando su huelga en desafío al liderato que quiere negociar por un aumento del 11 por ciento. Con la inflación sobre el 12 por ciento anualmente y los salarios disminuyendo a razón de la

propuesta del gobierno laboral de congelar los salarios por 3 años, estos obreros de servicio público están determinados a rechazar el mísero de 11 por ciento en aumento.

VENEZUELA

Venezuela, un miembro de la Organización de Países Exportadores de Petróleo (OPEC), anunció un aumento de \$2 por barril en petróleo exportado como una medida necesaria para compensar las pérdidas debido a la inflación y el decaimiento del dólar

de E.U. Las compañías petroleras de E.U. ya están elevando un alboroto sobre este aumento como una excusa más para aumentar el precio del petróleo doméstico, a fin de mantener sus ganancias altas mientras exprimen al pueblo estadounidense seco.

SANDINISTAS LANZAN NUEVA OFENSIVA

El martes, 20 de febrero, guerrillas sandinistas atacaron una patrulla de la Guardia Nacional y un puesto militar en las afueras de Managua. Este ataque marca el tercer día de la nueva ofensiva Sandinista contra el régimen fascista de Somoza.

Desde la ofensiva en septiembre los Sandinistas activamente se han re-

agrupado, entrenado y crecido, rellorando sus fuerzas de las masas nicaragüenses con mente revolucionaria para el ataque furioso contra Somo-

za. Ellos están más determinados y preparados más que nunca para continuar la guerra civil hasta que Somoza y los suyos hayan sido convertidos en polvo.



LECHUGA

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se acercaron fueron recibidos con una descarga de piedras y puños.

Ante la actitud belicosa y determinación de los huelguistas, los pistoleros asalariados y la policía local no son suficientes para contener a los huelguistas en su justa lucha. Los agricultores tuvieron que acudir al gobernador Brown a que mandara la Guardia Nacional. Y entonces cuando él solo mandó a patrulleros de la autopista estatal en vez, ellos fueron forzados a hacer uso de su influencia y trayeron alguaciles desde tan lejos como Arizona.

Unidad de Obreros en Ambos Lados de la Frontera una Gran Ventaja

En el pasado los agricultores fueron exitosos en reclutar a obreros indocumentados como rompehuelgas. Pero esta vez no ha sido tan fácil. A causa del

apoyo de los obreros mexicanos en Mexicali y en otros pueblos de la frontera, los agricultores han tenido que reclutar desde tan lejos como Tejas y Arizona. Como un campesino dijo, "Todo el mundo en el área ha apoyado la huelga excepto las familias de los agricultores. Gente viene todas las semanas a darnos apoyo. Esto nos hace más fuerte." Cuando Rufino Contreras, un campesino y activista de la UFW fue asesinado por capataz del agricultor mientras él trataba de retroceder a algunos rompehuelgas y sus asesinos fueron liberados el próximo día bajo una fianza miserable de 7,000 dólares, los huelguistas y la comunidad cerraron sus rangos más fuertes. Más de 7,000 campesinos y apoyantes marcharon en la procesión funeral de 3 millas por las calles polvorosas de Calexico. En el servicio en el cementerio todos juraron a convertir su pena en fuerza nueva para luchar hasta que las demandas de la

huelga sean logradas.

Menos de un Centavo del Costo de una Cabeza de Lechuga Va a los Campesinos

Los agricultores han empujado la mentira viciosa que salarios más altos para los campesinos eleva el costo de comida y aumenta la inflación. Pero el hecho es que menos de un centavo del costo de una cabeza de lechuga va para pagar a los obreros. Obreros no especializados trabajan larga horas en el trabajo agotador de recoger lechuga a un costo de 57 centavos la caja. Los agricultores se voltean y venden la lechuga por 5 dólares la caja a los mayoristas y a los vendedores. "Es nuestro sudor, nuestras espaldas, nuestros músculos que han hecho los campesinos del Valle Imperial los hombres ricos que son hoy," como dijo un vocero de la UFW. Con el costo de comida remontando y especialmente desde que comenzó la huelga, el costo de lechuga, no son los

campesinos que están recibiendo todas las ganancias. Agricultores que no han sido afectados por la huelga, mayoristas y minoristas están elevando su pedazo, tomando ventaja de la escasez de lechuga para ganar ganancias grandes. Esto enseña la competencia cruel de yo primero entre los patrones por un dólar ligero.

Los campesinos están parados firmes y la huelga se está extendiendo. El 25 de febrero 400 más se reunieron a sus compañeros campesinos, saliendo en huelga de las fincas de espárragos de Gourmet Harvesting en el Valle Imperial y añadiendo aún otro agricultor a la lista de esos que se han ido en huelga. Y cerca de Salinas y en partes del Condado Monterey a 400 millas de distancia, los campesinos también están en huelga mientras otros están llamando por huelgas. "Estamos preparados a quedarnos afuera... Los ricos tienen dinero, pero los pobres tienen tiempo." ■



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obreros avanzados a través de un proceso a largo plazo, en muchos años de lucha y estudio, deben de alzarse a ser intelectual-obrero, un obrero comunista. Esta es una tarea muy difícil, dado la necesidad de la lucha cotidiana para vivir. Y esta fusión no puede llevarse a cabo sin el rol crucial de la teoría revolucionaria, y la abrumadora y profunda experiencia de las luchas de clase del pasado.

Es por esto que decimos que la participación del Partido en las pequeñas batallas en contra de la burguesía es el punto de partida, la base, pero la agitación y propaganda comunista, es el factor dirigente en ganar y entrenar a los avanzados.

Y el trabajo comunista bien redondeado, balanceado es necesario para fundir el comunismo con la clase obrera y en particular a los obreros avanzados. El espíritu que debe caracterizar nuestro trabajo para el período que viene es mejor captado en las palabras de Lenin:

"... la tarea de los socialistas es ser los líderes ideológicos del proletariado en su lucha actual en contra de los enemigos reales y actuales que se paran en el actual camino del desarrollo económico y social. Bajo estas circunstancias el trabajo teórico y práctico se juntan en uno que es aptamente descrito por el veterano Social-Demócrata Liebknecht:

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en el mercado monetario, saca más bonos para pagar otros bonos, etc., etc., lo cual agrava la crisis.

Y en lugar de invertir en industria con utilidad social, como el acero, ferrocarril, y transportación pública, estos parásitos capitalistas frenéticamente especulan en el mercado monetario, febrilmente cambian bonos municipales y etc. Pero al final, porque nomás alimenta a la ola gigante de la inflación, son los obreros los que pagan.

El capitalismo desarrolla aparentemente una situación cómica, donde por un lado, reses son destruidas para ser enterradas, miles de toneledas de leche son echadas al océano, nuestras fábricas están semi-dormidas operando en un promedio de 60 por ciento de capacidad, los almacenes están retacados de productos. Y por el otro lado los precios de la carne están elevadísimo. Y no tenemos con que comprar los productos que se pudren en los almacenes. A esto le llamamos la crisis de la sobreproducción, causada fundamentalmente por los capitalistas cambiando la crisis hacia nuestras espaldas, al atacar nuestro nivel de vida. Y además, ningún dinero esta yendo a industrias útiles porque ahora todo se hace a crédito. Eso es porque nuestra economía es realmente vulnerable. Es como un gran gigante sentado en un cojín de aire caliente. Con el menor cambio se desplomará todo. La bancarrota de una industria importante llevará a la bancarrota al banco que la está apoyando. Y luego la bancarrota del banco llevará a la bancarrota de muchas industrias que dependen de su crédito.

El capitalismo fue progresivo en el pasado en el sentido de que estimuló la producción. Forzó adelante la modernización de la sociedad. Pero hoy, el capitalismo lleva a fábricas a su inactividad. Ha creado una situación donde el invertir en industrias útiles no es apoyado. Destruye productos a causa de la crisis de sobreproducción. Detiene los nuevos inventos en ciencia, especial aquellos que requieren inversiones masivas o los que amenazan el poder de los monopolios. Así es que el capitalismo hoy día no solamente ya no empuja a la sociedad sino que la retrasa. Detiene el potencial de todos los que trabajan. Y para sostener su economía tambaleante, saquean la riqueza de otros países, tragando el mundo en grandes imperios coloniales y desatando a los perros de guerra.

Es por eso que llamamos al capitalismo de hoy imperialismo, es el último y estado más alto del capitalismo. Y eso implica que el capitalismo se asoma a un derrumbe inevitable. Sus días están contados.

Y los crecientes ataques de la burguesía está creando a los que algún día los van a enterrar. Desde los 50's y los 60's cuando el nivel de vida era relativamente mejor, el pensar de la gente ha hecho grandes cambios. La gente fue atraída a los levantamientos de los 60's y primeros de 70's en el movimiento nacional estudiantil, a través del tumulto de la guerra de Vietnam. Y luego vino "Watergate". Ilusiones sobre el gobierno y sociedad de los Estados Unidos han sido sacudidas.

Y la gente ahora arrebata por algo en que creer, por algo en que pelear. Diferentes gentes, sin liderazgo, están buscando sus modos espontáneos para luchar. Para 900 de ellos, fue Jonestown. Para un hombre fue matar a su supervisor y patrón de la compañía por haber perdido su trabajo. Para otra mujer, su modo de acusar y juzgar al estado por la muerte de su madre fue llevar la cabeza de su madre a los escalones de la capital del estado. Wilma Jean en California disparó en contra de aquellos que querían correr de su residencia a su familia.

Entonces, la gente está preguntando y buscando soluciones como nunca antes en la historia de los Estados Unidos. Para los comunistas, esto quiere decir que existen mejores condiciones que nunca antes desde la gran Depresión de los 30's para educar y dirigir a los obreros hacia el camino de la revolución proletaria.

Fusión Creciente del Marxismo-Leninismo-Pensamiento Mao Tse Tung con el Movimiento de la Clase Obrera

El Presidente Mao nos ha enseñado como el "gran desorden a través de la tierra llevará a un gran orden". En medio de esta confusión, hay un gran paso a paso, lento pero segura moción desarrollándose hacia una resolución. Y esta gran moción es la fusión del Marxismo-Leninismo-Pensamiento Mao-Tse Tung con el movimiento de la clase obrera. Y es en este firme paso a paso movimiento que el futuro brillante de la clase obrera de los Estados Unidos es manifestado concretamente. Como dijimos el "Primero de Mayo 1977", menos de dos años atrás,

"El movimiento obrero, en su lucha espontánea en contra de la clase capitalista, por un nivel de vida decente, mejores condiciones de venta del trabajo y para romper las cadenas de la esclavitud salarial, continuamente busca el socialismo científico. A través de sus muchos enfrentamientos y batallas con la clase capitalista, los obreros buscan el modo de como llevar la lucha hacia el final. Pero este entendimiento científico solamente puede ser traído de afuera porque tal entendimiento no sale espontáneamente del movimiento obrero mismo. El socialismo científico es una ciencia y debe de ser estudiada como tal. El movimiento del socialismo científico, el Marxismo-Leninismo-Pensamiento Mao-Tse Tung, y sus representantes, los Marxistas, buscan fusionarse con el movimiento espontáneo de los obreros, porque es sólo cuando los obreros mismos entienden esta ciencia que puede ser convertida en una fuerza material que destruye el reino criminal de la clase capitalista. La fusión de estos dos gran movimientos acelerará el final del sistema capitalista de esclavitud salarial y abrirá el futuro brillante del sistema socialista, bajo la dictadura del proletariado."

Hace veinte años, el Partido Comunista-E.U. abandonó la lucha por la dictadura del proletariado y el comunismo. Esto fue un gran atraso para el movimiento de la clase obrera. La degeneración de PCEU y el crecimiento del revisionismo alrededor del mundo, fue el mayor factor que llevó la estabilización temporal capitalista del Occidente. Esto condujo a una falta de liderazgo revolucionario ideológico y político a la clase obrera, y combinado con un alza relativo en el nivel de vida en los E.U., condujo al debilitamiento de la independencia de la clase obrera y al fortalecimiento de las ilusiones sobre la democracia burguesa entre las masas.

Pero los movimientos espontáneos a fines de los 60's y a principios de los 70's, estimulados por la creciente ola de revolución en los países del tercer mundo, dieron el crecimiento al movimiento comunista anti-revisionista. La lucha de los 70's fue aguda e intensa para reconstruir el partido comunista genuino de la clase obrera de los E.U. En la lucha de las dos líneas, los oportunistas fueron separados de "izquierda" y derecha-Partido Revolucionario Comunista, Liga de Octubre, Organización de Obreros Revolucionarios Puertorriqueños y Liga de Obreros Revolucionarios. Y esta lucha culminó en una gran victoria marcada por el Primero de Mayo 1977 cuando resumimos que "la cuestión del Partido estaba resuelta", que la Organización Punto de Vista Obrero había sentado una firme base para el Partido del Proletariado de los Estados Unidos.

La formación del Partido es un gran paso único hacia esta fusión. Es el factor esencial en llevar a cabo la educación comprensiva y sistemática de las masas del Marxismo-Leninismo-Pensamiento Mao-Tse Tung en medio de la lucha cotidiana en contra de la burguesía.

El trabajo Comunista Comprensivo es Necesario Para Ganar y Entrenar a los Trabajadores Avanzados

El significado de la presente situación de confusión es que estas son las mejores condiciones desde los '30s para llevar a cabo este trabajo. Esto es esen-

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cial para romper a través de las capas de vendajes, las ilusiones sobre el sistema capitalista de los E.U. el cual las masas han estado saturadas durante los '50s y '60s. El Partido es la cosa principal que trairá claridad sobre la prevalente confusión entre los obreros a fin de que ellos tomen la lucha para derrocar al criminal capitalista y establezca la dictadura del proletariado en los E.U.

Al hacer la *preparación sistemática, y comprensiva* para la dictadura del proletariado, el Partido debe reconocer siempre que el primer paso de esta preparación consiste en ganar y entrenar a los obreros avanzados para edificar el Partido. Un aspecto de esto fue que el Partido penetrara, y echara raíces en medio de las luchas de masas y aprendiera de las leyes particulares que gobiernan el desarrollo de estas luchas. Por casi dos años, hemos puesto énfasis en entrar, penetrar en las luchas espontáneas de las masas—uniéndonos a nuestros hermanos y hermanas de clase en la lucha cotidiana resistiendo los ataques de los capitalistas, y en el curso de estas luchas, y en el curso de estas batallas traer el comunismo a la clase obrera, ganándonos a los obreros avanzados y entrenándoles a ser revolucionarios profesionales. Hemos puesto énfasis en penetrar en la corriente más grande de lugares de trabajos y diferentes comunidades—la corriente mayoritaria de la vida de los Estados Unidos. Para lograr esto, el Partido ha enfocado en sistematizar y concentrar nuestro entendimiento de los diferentes movimientos del pueblo de los E.U., particularmente el movimiento sindical, los movimientos de las nacionalidades oprimidas y las minorías nacionales, y el movimiento juvenil-estudiantil. Esta claro que los logros han sido tremendos en hacer esto.

Los Oportunistas se Sumerjen Más Profundo en el Fango

Todo esto esta al contrario de los oportunistas y revisionistas en nuestro movimiento. El resultado que ha tenido el ventarron revisionista corre por el mundo hoy día, sobre nuestros revisionistas en los E.U., ha demostrado más claro que nunca, el hecho de lo correcto en nuestra lucha persistente en contra del pragmatismo, el desdén de la teoría, y las ilusiones sobre la democracia burguesa. El carácter de clase pequeño-burgués del revisionista Partido Comunista (Marxista-Leninista) resalta más claro cada año. Para estos pequeños-burgueses que son parásitos sobre la clase obrera, los principios no existen. El único "principio" que siguen es mejor descrito por un viejo dicho chino que dice "Aquel que tenga la leche debe ser la madre." El pragmatismo del PRC (Partido Revolucionario Comunista), su "esquema para llegar a rico facilmente," su desdén total de la teoría, su desdén chovinista para las experiencias de las masas del mundo, pagadas con sangre, lo ha llevado a su desintegración de su organización. El ventarron revisionista ha confundido totalmente a estos escoriales. Lo ha obligado, al menos la mitad de ellos, que todavía se llama el PRC, a colgarse a un Trotskismo más declarado, oji-abierto, y a la otra mitad "F' Cuartel de los Obreros Revolucionarios" se mantiene firme en todos los puntos de vista atrasados del PRC original.

Las Tareas que Yacen por Delante

El entender las leyes de los movimientos particulares, penetrar en estos movimientos, y poder dar un liderazgo correcto, es sólo parte de las leyes de fundirse, unirse, hacerse uno. Este aspecto del trabajo nos permite entrar en las batallas donde se concentran los avanzados. Nos permite atraer círculos de avanzados cerca al Partido y ganarnos su respeto. Pero esto no es bastante para entrenar a revolucionarios profesionales. Como escribimos en el *Diario Punto de Vista Obrero* Contenido No. 5:

Los obreros avanzados deben de ser imbuídos, instruidos en el modo de ver el mundo del comunista, y entrenado como revolucionario profesional. El instinto espontáneo en contra de la explotación y opresión y aún un básico entendimiento del capitalismo no es suficiente. Los

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Congreso y cabildando. La Organización Nacional de Mujeres (NOW) ha establecido un comité de ratificación de la ERA dedicado solamente a cabildar y escribir cartas a sus políticos locales.

Por luchar solamente por la ERA sólo restringe y limita la lucha a sólo cabildar y solicitar al Congreso cifrando nuestras esperanzas en una enmienda constitucional. Esto ha desviado a muchas mujeres de asumir las verdaderas demandas urgentes. Nuestras demandas concretas construirá una base de unidad luchadora para el movimiento de las mujeres. Más importante, estas demandas reúnen y organizan la lucha de las mujeres obreras y las elevan a la vanguardia del movimiento de las mujeres.

Las feministas pequeña burguesas tienen que confiar en ejercer influencia sobre algunos de los sectores grandes de mujeres de la clase obrera. A veces ellas lucharán muy militantemente y ataca a la burguesía. Pero no atadas a la producción, le carece organización ordenada y una perspectiva extensa. Sin embargo, entre ésta estrata, las ideas son muy fluidas, cambiando rápidamente en un tiempo corto. Así que ellas están abiertas a muchas ideas, especialmente en tiempos de dificultad cuando ellas también sienten los efectos de la crisis económica más y más. Algunos pueden transformarse. Pero careciendo persistencia, ellas no pueden sostener un movimiento por sí mismas. Así que las mujeres de la clase obrera tienen que tener su propia línea independiente y organización para proveer liderato en el movimiento de mujeres, incluyendo a las fuerzas feministas pequeña burguesas, para fortalecer la lucha contra el capitalismo.

La Burguesía Trata de Desviar La Resistencia

Entonces, ¿por qué Carter, el representante de la burguesía de los E.U., apoya la ERA desde el principio? Porque él desesperadamente necesita la ERA. Es casi el único tema que él ha dejado para apuntalar su imagen en rápido desintegración, y para la burguesía el precio es barato. Como una madre en asistencia pública señaló. "¡Seguro que él empujará la ERA, a causa de que no le costará ni un centavo!" El obtuvo el aplauso más alto en su discurso sobre el Estado de la Nación a mitad del período por apoyar esta enmienda. Mientras dirigiendo los vitores para la ERA, él no ha apoyado la desesperada necesidad por un aumento en el subsidio de welfare. En realidad, él ha cortado 20 billones de dólares en cupones de alimento, WIC-nutrición de niños, y el programa de leche, sacándole la comida de las bocas de nuestros niños. Y bajo la administración de Carter ha venido la decisión Bakke que es un punto de reunión por atacar las ganancias y programas especiales luchados por mujeres y las minorías.

Burócratas y Líderes Engañosos Se Resbalan

Los burócratas sindicalistas, después de rendirse a la derrota del Proyecto de la Reforma de la Ley Laboral sin movilizar a la miembresía para él, hizo la ratificación de la ERA su tema número uno nacional. Se han convertido en diri-

gentes de vitores para la ERA, mientras que en muchos sindicatos mujeres tienen que forzar a los burócratas a asumir la verdadera lucha para las demandas concretas de mujeres contra los cortes en industrias pesadas, para cuidado de niños, para beneficios de maternidad, etc.

Pero desde que los temas principales de las feministas pequeña burguesas están siendo empujados a la oscuridad por el creciente movimiento de mujeres de la clase obrera, la burguesía y sus líderes engañosos se están rompiendo los cerebros para nuevos temas para desviar la creciente resistencia. Objetivamente la despedida de Bella Abzug por la Casa Blanca sólo ayudó a promover su liderato engañoso en el movimiento de mujeres. Bella Abzug tiene que mantener su imagen por salir contra el presupuesto de Carter. Su eficacia como una líder engañosa será destruido si no aparecía como una amiga de los derechos de mujeres. En este tiempo de crisis económica permanente, los capitalistas son forzados a cortar. Al mismo tiempo, ellos saben que las masas resistirán, así es que es importante para ellos a mantener esta resistencia atada a lo largo del camino reformista y lejos de las luchas militantes e ideas revolucionarias. Así ellos tratan de presentar la cuestión de liderato como una entre Carter y Abzug, o Carter y Constanza. Esto es un intento a mantener las masas dentro de una caja burguesa de alternativas burguesas. Ellos están tratando de construir una moción de masas y envolver mujeres a luchar sobre el tema de la despedida de Abzug.

Un tonto que se tragó la carnada es el revisionista Partido Comunista (Marxista-Leninista). Estos llamados comunistas dicen,

"Pero la verdadera historia va más profunda que simplemente las actitudes chauvinistas de la administración. Una desunión profunda se está desarrollando dentro la clase gobernante, y significativamente dentro del Partido Demócrata, sobre asuntos económicos. La desunión entre los liberales Kennedy y la facción de Carter ha crecido en recientes meses desde sus desacuerdos abiertos sobre la cuestión de un plan nacional de salud... Este desacuerdo ha expuesto una vez más la ofensiva de Carter contra los derechos y niveles de vida del pueblo y especialmente contra las mujeres y las minorías." (*El Clarin*, 29 enero 1979)

Cegados por sus propias ilusiones en la democracia burguesa, ellos piensan que Kennedy, el liberal, estaría indignado a los cortes de Carter en el presupuesto. El imagen de Carter ha sido tan expuesto que la burguesía como Kennedy, para verse bien, han sido forzados a salir contra el presupuesto de Carter. Sin "liberales" como Kennedy que se pasan como amigos del pueblo, el estado capitalista se pararía totalmente expuesto. El PC(ML) otra vez encubre las tácticas duales de la burguesía, que sirve a mantener la fe de las masas en su llamada democracia.

Ellos van hasta tan lejos a concluir, "También enseña la futilidad de las esquemas liberales durante estos tiempos de crisis." Afuera de ser un poco "incierto", como en revisionistas, esto implica que la burguesía ya no usará esquemas liberales para pacificación. Esto es el punto de vista más peligroso e incorrecto. Como dijimos en la última edición sobre el nombramiento de Franklin

Thomas a la Fundación Ford, la burguesía es forzada a empujar reformas a un nivel más alto. Esto significa que "Ellos no pueden gastar los cientos de millones para apropiarse el movimiento y crear una estrata de alcahuetes que viven de la miseria de los pobres como hicieron diez años atrás. Ellos son forzados a buscar maneras para dividir la clase obrera y las nacionalidades oprimidas por medios de esquemas falsas como el plan de exportación forzada de Boston." (*OPVO*, 15 febrero 1979)

El último paso en la creación de una "válvula de seguridad" para el ira de las masas de mujeres es en la formación de la Alianza Progresista, compuesta de gente como Doug Fraser, Vernon Jordan, y Bella misma. "Válvulas de seguridad" y reformas todavía son la forma principal de gobierno por la burguesía para mantener la ira y resistencia de las masas restringida.

El Capitalismo Es Su Propio Sepulturero

La presente crisis económica y las crecientes luchas de las mujeres obreras ha traído los temas de las mujeres obreras a la vanguardia del movimiento de las mujeres. Las feministas pequeña burguesas han tenido que dirigirlos como el último Día Internacional de Mujeres—"Celebrando Mujeres Obreras" de la

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biendo welfare. Primero, ella trató de negarse hasta a esos que eran elegibles. En un punto el año pasado, más de 50 por ciento de todos los solicitantes negados fueron encontrados más tarde a ser elegibles. Cuando esto fue expuesto, más y más gente se encontraron siendo puesto en marcha "por error" como Ana. Bernstein está tratando de reducir el presupuesto por negar y poner en marcha a gente en welfare. El presupuesto de welfare ha aumentado sobre los últimos pocos años, pero las listas de welfare actualmente han reducido. Claramente, el dinero aumentado está yendo para apoyar una burocracia más complicada y cara, en vez de elevar el nivel de beneficios para los recipientes de welfare.

Hostigamiento Aumentado a la Brutalidad Física

El hostigamiento ha aumentado a brutalidad abiertamente en los centros de welfare. El mayo pasado, Sheryl Black, una defensora de welfare, vió a una mujer joven negra viciosamente golpeada. Esperando su turno para ver a un asistente social, la mujer estaba sentada en una mesa, meciéndose, evidentemente angustiada. Ella lamentaba suavemente, "O Dios, mis niños tienen hambre y ellos no quieren ayudarme." Dos guardias de seguridad vinieron, la agarraron, y la arrastraron en una oficina con una jaula de acero. Cuando gritos y lamentos llenaron el cuarto con sonidos de un cuerpo siendo tirado contra las paredes, todo el mundo en la sala de espera se apuraron a la puerta gritando, "¡Paren, paren! ¡Abren la puerta!" Un guardia abrió la puerta y agarraron a Sheryl que estaba en frente del gentío. El guardia la esposó y la tiró al suelo. Atontada, Sheryl vió el otro guardia patear la mujer varias veces en sus dientes y estómago. Quejándose y llorando según sangraba, ella extendió su mano hacia Sheryl y le rogó, "Señorita, señorita, ayúdeme, estoy embarazada.

Organización Nacional de Mujeres. Mientras la burguesía están escarebajando buscando nuevas maneras de mantener estas luchas reprimidas. La "mujer en la casa" ha venido a ser una imposibilidad económica, hasta para la pequeña burguesía. La línea vieja burguesa sobre el papel y valores de la familia han sido despedazados. Los papeles viejos ya no son.

El Día Internacional de Mujeres Obreras este año tiene significado particular en luz de la campaña del Partido a "¡Estudiar, Propagandizar, Organizar!" Ahora es el tiempo para todos compañeros a profundizar el movimiento de mujeres, resumir las lecciones, valorar la situación política, y afilar las líneas.

El gran desorden nacionalmente e internacionalmente significa que las mentes del pueblo están muy abiertas al socialismo. Mujeres activas están buscando una salida. Pero conciencia de clase no puede desarrollarse en sí misma. Sólo propaganda comunista y organización puede dar el entendimiento y solución sistemática. Elevando la conciencia política del movimiento de mujeres y luchar por las demandas concretas elevará el nivel político y el nivel de vida de mujeres y adelantar la lucha de la clase obrera entera.

Ellos van a matar mi bebé." Una semana después, la mujer perdió su niño en un aborto. Ha habido crecientes incidentes de tales brutalidad abiertamente en el último año. Sheryl no perdió tiempo en montar una campaña total para exponer y parar este tipo de brutalidad policial en los centros de welfare.

Madre en Welfare Lucha Contra Sistema Capitalista

Sheryl, una madre que estuvo en welfare, es impulsada por odio y ira contra el sistema capitalista entero por el tipo de brutalidad que ella y sus hijos fueron forzados a cargar mientras recibía asistencia pública. "Yo soy mitad india americana. Me enamoré y me casé con un joven negro y tuve 3 niños." Uno de los miles de obreros desempleados, su esposo casi no podía leer ni escribir, aunque él casi pasó su duodécimo grado. No tenían oportunidades para una educación o trabajos con pagos decentes, y fueron forzados a obtener welfare para alimentar y vestir a su familia. Cuando su tercer hijo nació, ella se recuerda rogando de vecino a vecino para obtener unas cuentas latas de leche para su bebé. "Mi esposo salía y regresaba con dos latas de leche que se había robado después que el bebé había estado llorando de hambre por 3 horas sin parar. "Al mismo tiempo, el departamento de servicios sociales cortó a su esposo del subsidio de welfare por rehusar a trabajar un trabajo en el Programa explotador de Servicios Públicos (trabajo forzado). Todos los días fue una crisis. Encajonado en esta situación imposible, las contradicciones personales se agudaron y se convirtieron en resentimiento, que creció tanto que Sheryl vino a ser una mujer estropeada. Finalmente se separaron. En un punto en su vida, Sheryl tuvo que rendir sus hijos a una casa de expósitos. Sus muchachos han tenido que trabajar desde que tenía 8 y 9 años de edad, empaquetando comestibles por 5 a 6 dólares al día para ayudar a soportar la familia.

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mujeres obreras del aflojamiento, de la vacilación y la inestabilidad del movimiento feminista pequeña burguesa es la organización. Por romper en la corriente principal del movimiento sindical, el altamente disciplinado, centros socializados de producción de larga escala, mujeres obreras ganaron una arma importante — organización fuerte. Y el movimiento de mujeres pequeña burguesas, con su punto de vista individualista y modo de vida artesano (modo de producción individualizado), no pudo pero esparcirse.

Tome Parte En Producción Social, Único Paso Hacia La Emancipación

Penetrando trabajos de mejor pago, más organizados en la corriente principal han aflojado los enlaces del trabajo fatigoso doméstico de mujeres obreras y ha señalado el camino para esas en trabajos de oficina y de industria liviana. Liberadas de algunas de las cadenas de trabajo doméstico que limita la conciencia, el alcance de mujeres obreras ha sido ampliado por la experiencia de la industria moderna y de larga escala. Como Lenin resumió:

La emancipación de mujeres sólo será posible cuando las mujeres puedan tomar parte en producción en un escala larga, social y trabajo doméstico ya no reclama nada pero un insignificante cantidad de su tiempo. Y sólo ahora ha eso venido hacer posible por medio de industria moderna y de larga escala que no sólo permite el empleo de labor femenino extendido, pero positivamente lo demanda, mientras que también tiende hacia terminar el labor doméstico privado por cambiarlo más y más en una industria pública.

(La Cuestión Sobre la Mujer)

Hoy, con la economía de los E.U. en estado de crisis permanente, la burguesía es forzada a retractar las ganancias de los 60's y 70's. Tienen que atacar el nivel de vida y trabajos de todos los obreros, especialmente mujeres y nacionalidades oprimidas. Pero por los últimos pasados pocos de años, mujeres obreras han tenido una oportunidad a construir una tradición militante y presencia en industria pesada — ellas están determinadas a mantener sus trabajos y dispuestas a luchar aña y carne por ellos.

En acero, el caso Weber amenaza a destruir programas de entrenamiento de industrias que le han dado cientos de miles de mujeres una oportunidad a ser operadoras de máquinas, obreras y aprendizas, además de su lucha día tras día por cuidado de niños pagado por la compañía, permiso de maternidad, mejores condiciones de casas de lavado, contra la póliza de la compañía de causar mujeres ser despedidas mientras todavía están en período de prueba (batallas que han beneficiado a hombres obreros también), mujeres obreras de acero han tomado el caso Weber. Ellas saben que lo que están en riesgo es su

derecho a trabajar en acero en modo alguno.

En las plantas de autos, las luchas contra despedidas siempre ha sido importante para mujeres obreras, y especialmente ahora con los patrones aumentando su ataques. Las últimas empleadas, mujeres obreras de auto están en el último lugar de las listas de prioridad conjuntos con las nacionalidades oprimidas. Así que cuando las cosas están duras, ellas son las primeras despedidas, y con la crisis capitalista total, la tendencia será hacia más mujeres siendo despedidas para siempre.

Mujeres en la industria de químicas han tenido algunos éxitos en penetrar, pero permaneciéndose saludables y vivas es otra historia. Diciendo que ciertos químicos usados en algunos departamentos causaron fetos deformados en mujeres embarazadas, American Cyanamid forzó a 5 mujeres obreras de químicas a ser esterilizadas o perder sus trabajos. Pero en otra planta Cyanamid, mujeres obreras enseñaron la manera de derrotar estos ataques. Ellas organizaron y unieron a hombres obreros que también se enfrentan a los mismos peligros de salud y seguridad. Juntos los obreros forzaron a la compañía a retractar en su amenaza de esterilizarse o salirse.

Según la burguesía les cae encima en sus ataques la mujeres obreras lucharán para defender sus trabajos ganados con esfuerzos y el lugar que han ganado en el movimiento laboral de los E.U. Los ataques en aumento elevarán la lucha y conciencia de las mujeres obreras a un nivel más alto. Y en el curso de la lucha, mujeres obreras y hombres obreros forjarán unidad más fuerte y respeto para cada uno como hermanos y hermanas de la misma familia de clase — el proletariado multinacional de los E.U.! La experiencia ayudará a las mujeres obreras a ver la necesidad para aplastar el yugo doble de la esclavitud capitalista y doméstica que las oprime, proveyendo buenas condiciones para ganar a estas mujeres luchadoras vanguardias al comunismo.

Liderato Feminista Pequeño Burgués Chisporrotea

La crisis económica permanente afecta a todas clases, incluyendo la pequeña burguesía. Mujeres obreras están llevando el peso de los ataques y se están defendiendo en creciente números. Con el aumento de las luchas espontáneas de mujeres en los sindicatos y en asistencia pública brotándose más y más, el liderato de las feministas pequeña burgués se ha barbotado y perdido impulso. Sus temas principales, la ERA (la Enmienda de Derechos Iguales), derechos reproductivos, y derechos lesbianos, ya no son puntos focales. Sintiendo la crisis en su propio declinante nivel de vida, las feministas pequeña burguesas tienen que responder. Para revitalizar sus organizaciones, ellas necesitan el apoyo de las mujeres de la

clase obrera, que compone la vasta mayoría de todas las mujeres en este país. Últimamente ellas han estado hablando sobre mujeres obreras en los sindicatos, sobre meter a mujeres obreras y mujeres en asistencia pública en el presupuesto nacional, y respaldando a los crecientes sentimientos de masas para aumentar subsidios de asistencia pública. El capítulo de la ciudad de Nueva York de la Organización Nacional de Mujeres (NOW), el más grande en la organización, recientemente fueron a los muelles con letreros de piquetes para apoyar las mujeres que fueron allí para aplicar para empleos vacantes en trabajos de cargadoras. El título de su evento del Día Internacional de Mujeres este año es "Celebrando Mujeres Obreras".

La contribución principal que las feministas pequeña burguesas han hecho es que ellas han luchado contra la opresión de mujeres en una manera más organizada, poniendo la lucha contra la opresión de mujeres como un movimiento de masa a la vanguardia. Ahora, mujeres obreras y pobres están más consciente de su lucha como mujeres y del enlace común entre mujeres obreras y pobres y mujeres de las minorías nacionales.

Las Demandas de Mujeres Pobres y Obreras Van Más Allá de la ERA

La creciente demanda por derechos iguales para mujeres es claramente visto en la moción de masas por la ERA. Desde la conferencia en Houston, y el Año Internacional de Mujeres de la Organi-

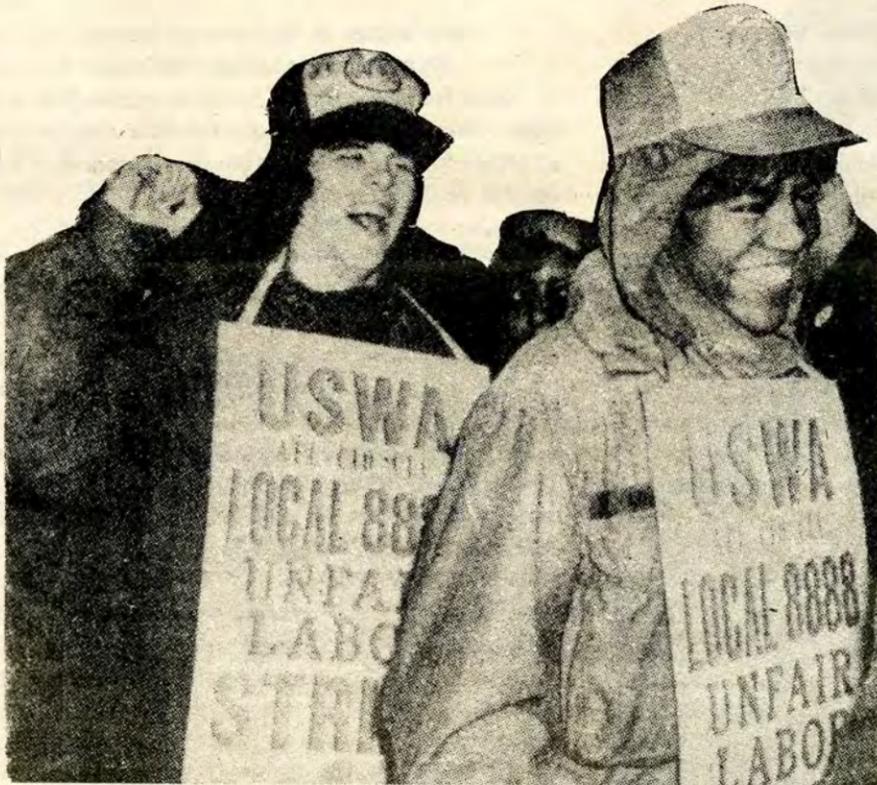
zación de las Naciones Unidas, miles de mujeres han sido barridas en el impulso, demandando derechos iguales para mujeres. La esencia de la moción popular son demandas genuinas contra la opresión de mujeres. Estos son sentimientos genuinos que todos hombres y mujeres obreros tienen que unirse con.

Mientras que la Enmienda de Derechos Iguales (ERA) ha unido a miles de mayormente mujeres pequeña burguesas con el apoyo de la superestructura de sindicatos a un nivel nacional, la esencia de las demandas de mujeres obreras y pobres, van más allá de la ERA. Las demandas concretas para trabajos estables de mejores salarios, para educación, pago igual por trabajo igual, para cuidado de niños y contra la esterilización forzada tendrán efectos de largo alcance para mejorar mujeres que la ERA que todavía es una declaración general vacía, un pedazo de papel. Cuando se unieron a la moción de la ERA, tenemos que plantear nuestro programa positivo concreto para las mujeres. Cuando hablamos a mujeres tenemos que hacer propaganda alrededor del hecho que la ERA no nos prometerá nada, que el capitalismo nunca defenderá consistentemente los derechos de mujeres.

Con concediendo una extensión hasta el 30 de junio de 1982, el tema de la Enmienda de Derechos Iguales se ha serenado rápidamente, hasta para las feministas pequeña burguesas. Eso es sólo tres años más de luchando en el



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Mujeres Trabajando Para Sostener A Sus Familias Aspecto Permanente del Capitalismo Monopolio de Hoy

do. Esta fue la base para "estabilidad" relativa de los años 50's y a principios de la 60's.

Pero debajo de el "orden" dominante, las contradicciones económicas y políticas dentro del imperialismo Yanqui se estaban desarrollando. Desde la segunda guerra mundial seis crisis económicas han hecho temblar la base del monopolio capitalista, y una séptima que se avecina. Con cada crisis más y más mujeres fueron forzadas, por la necesidad económica, a abandonar los hogares y formar parte de la fuerza laboral, consiguiendo trabajos en las industrias de la aguja, tejidos, electrónicas y otras industrias livianas, como también clerical y en los campos de la salud.

Hoy los Estados Unidos están en una crisis económica permanente donde la economía no se reestable totalmente de una crisis cuando azota otra. (Las crisis siguen unas a otras.) Las mujeres que trabajan para sostener a sus familias, muchas veces el único sostén, ha venido a ser una característica permanente del monopolio capitalista de los Estados Unidos. La mujer reconociendo la necesidad de trabajar para poder proveer a sus familias se espuelearon a mejorar sus salarios y condiciones de trabajo en la industria liviana unionizándose, luchando para levantarse al mismo nivel de los hombres trabajadores. En su campaña de lucha contra la discriminación y salirse de los trabajos de salarios altos, trabajos con mejores beneficios en la industria

pesada. Estas heroicas precursoras pusieron demandas y tomaron cualquier acción individual que podían para romper las barreras de discriminación en las industrias como la de acero, construcción y de automovil.

El Movimiento Feminista de los 60's: Tropas de Choque Para la Emancipación De las Mujeres

Entonces al final de la década de los 60's la estabilidad política del monopolio capitalista comenzó a arruinarse cuando el pueblo vietnamés demostró que el imperialismo de los Estados Unidos era un tigre de papel. El movimiento contra la guerra, la rebelión del pueblo afro-americano y otras nacionalidades oprimidas, los movimientos estudiantiles y feministas todos han levantados e inspirado a las masas de mujeres en los E.U. El movimiento feminista en particular, principalmente estudiantes y pequeños-burgueses, fueron las tropas de choque del desarrollo

del movimiento de mujeres a través del país y señalando la vía de la lucha militante.

Las luchas aisladas y esparcidas de las mujeres trabajadores fueron elevada a la lucha amplia para poner fin a la opresión de la mujer. Las ganancias más avanzadas para la mujeres que tomaron partes en los repuntes masivos de los 60's y 70's fueron los trabajos ganados para mujeres trabajadores en el acero, auto, química y otras industrias pesadas. Y cuando el repunte espontáneo de las mujeres se acabó lentamente y el movimiento feminista se degeneró en feminismo burgués, derechos homosexual y se menjó, estas ganancias sobrevivieron, empujando la lucha de las mujeres trabajadores a moverse a un nivel más alto.

Organización Sindical Fortalece El Movimiento De Mujeres Mientras Las Feministas Pequeña Burguesas Aguden Las Limitaciones De Él

Lo que distinguió la fuerza estable y determinada del movimiento de las



El Resurgimiento del Movimiento de Derechos de 'Welfare' Comenzando

Un poderoso movimiento de derechos de "welfare" (asistencia pública) se desarrolló en los 60s, influido por el impulso del movimiento nacional afro-americano. Bajo la Organización Nacional de Derechos de Welfare (NWRO), los recibidores de asistencia pública lucharon por y ganaron algunos de sus necesidades básicas: renta, servicios públicos, ropa y comida. Temerosa del movimiento que esta organización representaba, la burguesía compró a muchos de los líderes populares para desintegrarla. La NWRO finalmente se dividió en unidades regionales, disipando su fuerza como una organización nacional. Pero madres solas, hombres y familias en asistencia pública han continuado la lucha alrededor de los derechos de welfare. Por la primera vez en varios

años, organizaciones de derechos de welfare se están reuniendo en Nueva York para una demostración de todo el estado en la capital en Albany el 14 de marzo. Ellos están demandando un aumento en los subsidios de welfare, un fin a los cortes en servicios públicos, y un fin a los hostigamientos.

Recibidores de Asistencia Pública Se Enfrentan a Cortes en Aumento

No ha habido un aumento en el subsidio de welfare en la ciudad de Nueva York desde 1974, mientras el subsidio de welfare de \$258 para una familia de cuatro cubriendo todo menos la renta ha sido drásticamente gastada por la inflación. En 1979, recibidores de asistencia pública obtienen sólo mitad de lo que es necesitado para cubrir la comida, renta, ropa, servicios

públicos y otras necesidades. Hay más de 860.000 niños recibiendo asistencia pública en el estado de Nueva York sólo. Estos niños están pasando hambre y frío.

La tragedia del bebé de 18 meses de edad que se murió del frío en la ciudad de Nueva York el mes pasado no es un incidente aislado. Muchos niños y los ancianos se están muriendo del frío a causa que los caseros no proveen calefacción. Pero los subsidios de asistencia pública no alcanzan suficientemente para cubrir las cuentas de las utilidades (electricidad, gas), así que las compañías de servicios públicos sólo apagan la calefacción.

Hostigamiento diario por el departamento de welfare es otro tema ardiente para los recibidores. Primero ellos lo hacen casi imposible para que usted

pueda recibir asistencia pública. La aplicación es once páginas largas y complicadas. Si obtiene asistencia pública, les hacen ir cada pocos meses para re-verificar su elegibilidad. Si no aparece, ellos le cortan la asistencia. A veces, hasta si va para su cita, ellos la cortan de cualquier modo. Esto es lo que le sucedió a Ana, una madre puertorriqueña de edad madura desahilitada por una enfermedad crónica de pulmón: "Fuí a mi cita. Hice todo lo que tenía que hacer. Pero me cortaron la asistencia y a mi hijo de cualquier modo. Aunque ellos admiten que es su error, tengo que luchar como el diablo para que me empienzen a mandar los cheques de nuevo."

Este tipo de hostigamiento está siendo planteado a nivel de póliza. En la ciudad de Nueva York, el alcalde Koch empleó a Blanche Bernstein, una economista racista, específicamente para reducir el presupuesto de welfare después que hizo un estudio por todo el estado de como cortar las listas de esos reci-

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de papel del imperialismo de E.U. puede estar torciendo su cabeza para nunca regresar, es también posible que esté tornando su cabeza para recobrar oxígeno para así tomar tres pasos hacia atrás y atacar nuevamente con mayor ferocidad. Todos los imperialistas nunca abandonan su sueño. Esto es determinado por su necesidad de clase. Nosotros vemos que esto es su verdadera naturaleza ya que tratan de salir como amantes de la paz, "negociando paz" en el Medio Oriente y escalando tropas alrededor del mundo. Pero actualmente, esta reunión cumbre del Camp David es una traición y cualquier país que la tolere está ayudando al imperialismo estadounidense. Mientras deseamos la paz, no podemos suplicar por ésta. Aunque apoyamos el desarmamento no apoyamos la disminución "détente." Eso no es desarmamento verdadero pero una máscara más para cubrir sus contenciones de apuñalar por la espalda. Debemos de cuidarnos de esos que tienen puñales detrás de sus espaldas como también de esos que "flotan ramas de olivos." De la misma manera, preferimos la paz a la guerra, pero no le tenemos miedo a la guerra. Así que si la guerra da alze a la revolución o si la revolución previene la guerra, estamos optimistas y preparados. Así, que si la burguesía tiene su reunión, nosotros sabemos que la ola revolucionaria de la historia está contra ellos. Como dijo el Presidente Mao, el desorden es una cosa buena! El orden es la unidad temporal de opositivos en la contradicción. La orden sólo puede ser creada a través del desorden; si no hay desorden, ¿Cómo puede haber orden? ¡Así que mientras el viento revisionista retrocedor puede estar soplando fuertemente a través del mundo y generando mucha confusión, nosotros estamos confiados que un nivel más alto de orden y unidad saldrá de todo esto! Es por esto que ir contra la corriente es un principio marxista. ¡Este es el tiempo de ir contra la corriente!

De la Aparente Confusión Vendra Claridad

Dentro de los Estados Unidos, la clase capitalista esta aumentando sus viciosos ataques sobre los obreros y minorías oprimidas. Las despedidas, los cortes, la decisión Bakke, la brutalidad policiaca más viciosa que nunca—estas son las señales de nuestro tiempo.

Hoy las cosas se ven muy confusas para el pueblo de los Estados Unidos. Muchos se han desilusionado y están más cínicos. Esto es bueno. Es una milla necesaria que hay que viajar en el camino hacia un futuro brillante sin explotación y opresión de clase. Porque de esta confusión vendrá la claridad, que todo el podrido sistema capitalista tiene que ser enterrado. ¡Esta aparente confusión es una condición necesaria para que el pueblo se libere de los viejos prejuicios y ilusiones del capitalismo yanqui—y que entiendan firmemente que la única solución es la revolución socialista!

El dolor y la agonía son los dolores de parto de la vieja sociedad embarazada con lo nuevo. Los obreros no tienen nada que hacer pero luchar para atrás—a pesar de que sus líderes no hacen nada.

El año pasado, sin duda alguna, el pueblo luchó para atrás de cualquier modo posible. Con la proposición 13 llegó la repentina rebelión de los impuestos, lo cual enseñó el coraje de las masas en contra de la montaña de impuestos que es arrebatadas de su sueldo por el gobierno. Pero también enseñó la dirección espontánea que tomó—oponiendo a los obreros del gobierno y recipientes de welfare en contra de los propietarios de casas. La huelga del carbón de 112 días es una piedra mileraria en el recién movimiento sindical que ha traído más unidad entre los sindicatos, algo raramente visto en estos tiempos. Forzó a intervenir al gobierno—dán-doles a los obreros la oportunidad de ver al desnudo,

la guerra política, de clase contra clase. La decisiva derrota de Rizzo en Filadelfia y la tremenda reacción al aumento en número en la viciosa de la brutalidad policiaca en Brooklyn y en otras partes se han levantado Frentes Unidos de Negros en Filadelfia y Nueva York. Pero sin liderazgo comunista este levantamiento espontáneo en la comunidad afroamericana es momentaria y no se ha aprovechado de las lecciones de los grandes levantamientos durante los 60's.

Movimiento de Base Crece a Pesar de Derrotas en las Luchas Sindicales

En el frente económico, en las luchas sindicales, la clase obrera ha estado luchando para mantener el existente nivel de vida mientras que la burguesía está forzada a quitarles las ganancias duramente adquiridas por los obreros, para aumentar sus lucros. Lo significativo de la larga huelga del carbón a principios de año pasado fue no que tanto más ganaron sino tanto no les quitaron a los propietarios del carbón.

El año pasado, las huelgas han sido más frecuentes, y han durado más que el año anterior. La huelga de los supermercados de 18 semanas en el norte de California en contra del programa de aceleramiento el cual los obreros han nombrado "el hombre convertido en máquinas". La huelga de más de 2 años, en Stearns, Kentucky por un contrato de la unión. Y la huelga de casas de ancianos de 5 1/2 meses en Riverdale, Nueva York, los obreros de pulpa y papel de la costa del oeste han estado en huelga desde el verano pasado y hace poco fueron golpeados con las "guías salariales—7 por ciento" del gobierno en sus negociaciones por un contrato. Todo esto enseña la naturaleza de las luchas en el movimiento sindical de hoy. La mayor parte del tiempo terminan en derrotas a pesar de que los obreros dan una buena lucha.

Pero ello representa el creciente movimiento de base sindical—que resalta a la inacción de los burócratas del sindicato y sus décadas de desorganización en los sindicatos, desde que el Partido Comunista E.U. por su línea revisionista dejó al "CIO" a los burócratas. Entonces, mientras que la miembrecía baja en las uniones del AFL-CIO, obreros avanzados y activos salen de estas luchas. Y cuando la crisis se profundiza ellos denuncian a los malos líderes aún peor. Con sus pedestales, tambaleándose, los viejitos no más apuntan sus dedos "al levantamiento de la ala derecha reaccionaria". Tapando al Partido Demócrata y apoyando a Carter, a pesar de sus continuos ataques en contra de los "controles salariales", ellos tratan de mantener a las uniones bajo el ala del sistema capitalista.

Imperialismo Yanqui en Crisis Permanente

Golpeado por seis crisis económicas desde la Segunda Guerra Mundial, el mito del pueblo creado por la burguesía de que los Estados Unidos es la tierra de un pollo en cada olla y un carro en cada casa, ha sido sacudido muy fuerte. Los padres de familia ya no pueden decir que sus hijos harán mejor, especialmente con una buena educación. Las pruebas de competencias que atraviesan 40 estados, cortes severos en la educación que destruyen admisión abierta, estudios étnicos, colegios para negros, ha roto el engaño. Con la inflación pegándole a todos en el bolsillo y los ahorros, la gente trata desesperadamente de cuidar lo que tiene y ganarle a la crisis. El año pasado, el pueblo compró carros y casas pidiendo préstamos por todas partes, contuvo por un año a la recesión. Fue temporalmente contendida pero es seguro que este año vendrá.

El proletariado se empobrece más y más. El capitalismo yanqui está en decadencia, constantemente inyectándose con masivos gastos del gobierno particularmente en el presupuesto militar, para prevenir la depresión. ¿Y quién paga por los billones de dólares de gastos alocados y desperdiciados? Tu y yo. Por lo menos un 1/4 del presupuesto local and federal que es exprimido de nuestros impuestos está destinado nomás a pagar el interés de estas deudas masivas. Medidas y tapa-baches apenas paga el interés de esta deuda: el gobierno imprime más dinero (haciéndolo menos en valor) manipula el dólar

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Al entrar al año nuevo, el mejor modo de captar la situación internacional, es con las palabras del Presidente Mao, "Los siguientes 50 o 100 años más o menos, empezando desde hoy, será una gran era de grandes cambios en el sistema social a través del mundo, una era llena de tumultos, sin precedente alguno en ningún otro período histórico del pasado. Al vivir en tal era, debemos prepararnos a entablar grandes luchas las cuales tendrán en forma, una fisonomía diferente, a las del pasado." Unos cuantos años pasan como si fueran 20 años. Los imperialistas han reaccionado sin cesar a los cambios monumentales en el mundo desde su decisiva derrota en Vietnam y la ocupación de Checoslovaquia. Los eventos del pasado año, el crecimiento de un viento revisionista soplando a nivel mundial, el quiebre de la unidad árabe a consecuencia del acuerdo "vendido" de "Camp David," la invasión de Kampuchea—ha permitido que los imperialistas respiren un poco de aire. Pero esto no es más que un pequeño suspiro, porque ellos están sentados sobre un volcán que constantemente estalla, y les quema el trasero. Están forzados a tratar de apagar todas estas lumbres, brincando de una llamarada a otra: África del Sur, Nicaragua, Irán, el Medio Oriente. Pero antes de que puedan alcanzar la manguera, otra lumbre salta en otro lugar. Para ellos, todos los días es una crisis. Su ciencia es la supervisión de crisis.

Hoy el Tercer Mundo Es La Fuerza Principal En Contra de Las Dos Superpotencias

Al leer el periódico y prender el radio, todos los días oímos de nuevas manifestaciones y enfrentamientos armados con las tropas del sha en Irán. Levantamientos y huelgas masivas están en la escalada desde que se introdujo el nuevo gobierno civil bajo el Primer Ministro, Bakhtiar. Todas las promesas del sha de "tomarse un descanso" no pueden contener la ola revolucionaria. Las masas iraníes no descansarán hasta que hayan empujado al sha de su trono, darle fin a la ley marcial, y al control extranjero. Para la burguesía y los revisionistas Irán los dejó traumatizados. Pero a los pueblos revolucionarios alrededor del mundo, este es un suceso muy bienvenido y anticipado que nos inspira a todos. Sabemos que lo de Irán se repetirá por todo el globo mundial.

Veamos el continente africano, en especial a Zimbabwé, Namibia y Azania. La liberación de Zimbabwé es solamente una cuestión de tiempo. Las masas revolucionarias, dirigidas por el Frente Patriótico, controlan firmemente el 85 por ciento del país. El régimen racista "Smith" está a punto de desplomarse, sus fuerzas armadas se desintegran ante sus propios ojos y los "settler" blancos huyen a más de mil por mes. En Namibia, las fuerzas del Occidente que apoyan al África del Sur fueron forzadas a aprobar el "plan de independencia" de la O.N.U., el cual fue acordado en marzo por África del Sur, las naciones del "frente," la Organización de Unidad Africana, y la Organización de los Pueblos Africanos del Sud-Oeste (OPASO). Pero ya África del Sur ha renegado del plan. Durante todo esto, OPASO está determinado a "renaudar la lucha armada para defender la salud de nuestro pueblo y la integridad de nuestra madre patria. El centro de todo lo que es reaccionario, África del Sur, se esta aislada más y más, y la resistencia heroica del pueblo azanio le ha dado ataques al corazón de Vorster. Su renuncia apunta más a su inabilidad de pisotear al pueblo que a su "pobre" salud. El que lo reemplaza, Botha, no podrá hacer mucho más ya que su oposición al acuerdo de la O.N.U. lo demuestra. Le tiene más miedo al OPASO que a las débiles amenazas de sanciones por los Estados Unidos.

Todo el África se está levantando. Las luchas de los pueblos del África del Sur están llegando a un punto clave en la historia ya que el movimiento de apoyo se fortalece y crece día a día y se desparrama más que nunca.

Claro está que, el tercer mundo, sus países, sus naciones y lo más importante, sus pueblos, es la fuerza motriz en contra del imperialismo y las dos superpotencias hoy en día.

El quiebre total del colonialismo y la desintegración del imperialismo representan el heraldo y el amanecer de la revolución proletaria socialista.

Mientras que las dos superpotencias creen que pueden determinar la historia, tratando de manobrar en el tercer mundo, como en Angola. El curso de la historia va en contra de ellos.

Su trasero se quema no simplemente del calor de las luchas de los pueblos del tercer mundo. Las guerras de intercambio comercial representan la resistencia del segundo mundo al imperialismo yanqui que trata de imponer, tirar su crisis a las espaldas de ellos. Con la crisis del dólar resalta agudamente la constante contradicción entre los imperialistas. Los Estados Unidos está forzado a manobrar desesperadamente para cambiar la carga de su crisis económica hacia los países europeos, mientras que exprime al proletariado en casa más y más. También, los países del Este de Europa, como Rumania, se están levantando en contra del imperialismo socialsoviético. Pero los países del segundo mundo se unen con más fuerza para pelear la dominación de las superpotencias.

Europa es el punto clave entre la lucha de las dos superpotencias. Es por eso que la lucha por control del Medio Oriente es tan feroz. Las superpotencias saben que sin la corriente de petróleo del Medio Oriente y otros recursos necesarios para Europa, los países capitalistas del Occidente serían estrangulados.

El Pueblo Quiere Revolución Es el Punto Clave

Pero mientras que todos los países pueden y se liberan del control imperialista y colonialista y se independizan, estos países no pueden deshacerse de la contradicción interna entre el rico y pobre basado en la explotación y la distribución desigual en la sociedad. Es dentro de esta contradicción donde yace la semilla de la revolución proletaria. Es en este sentido que la revolución del pueblo es el punto clave de "países quieren independencia, naciones quieren liberación y el pueblo quiere revolución."

El punto final de la revolución es llegar a realizar una sociedad comunista. Para llevar esto a cabo, el proletariado y su partido político deben de resolver a llevar a cabo una revolución continua, también deben de formular las diferentes pólizas y tácticas correspondientes a los diferentes estados revolucionarios en cada período histórico diferente. Estas son las estrategias de la revolución.

Ventarrón Revisionista Sopla A Nivel Mundial

El viento revisionista, a pesar, fundamentalmente no depende en la lucha de clase, y construcción socialista para empujar a la sociedad hacia adelante y consolidar la dictadura del proletariado. Su "teoría de la toda importante fuerzas productivas" se basa en desarrollar la sociedad a través de la industrialización y como las avestruces esperan que el gran orden empujará la producción adelante, y así la sociedad crecerá. Pero bajo este mixto estéril de comunismo, como lo podemos ver en la Unión Soviética, una manada de elementos capitalistas festejan y mientras que las masas soviéticas sufren. Ellos se enfrentan a una escasez de carne y papas, y sus platos se llenan de grano proveniente de los Estados Unidos, con la cosecha pudriéndose porque los trabajadores se van del campo para vivir en las ciudades. La historia demuestra con ejemplo tras ejemplo que el poder político se proviene de las armas. Chile lo ha demostrado. Los revisionistas tomaron a Chile y a India como modelos de la transición pacífica y los Estados Unidos empuja a la India como "un modelo demo-

crático" de gran esperanza para los países pobres y subdesarrollados. Pero aún ésta "democracia" la burguesía admite más y más que ha prolongado el sufrimiento y miseria de las masas Indias.

Desorden a Nivel Más Alto Dolores del Parto Revolucionario

¡Mientras que el repliegue, la reacción revisionista sople muy fuerte a través del mundo generando mucha confusión, de la cual los "Trotskos" afanosamente se alimentan, tenemos la confianza de que el futuro es en realidad brillante! Al igual que dar a luz, en este mundo, a un niño, uno no puede dar parto sin sentir los dolores. Hoy, la clase revolucionaria despierta pero esto no llega fácilmente. Estos golpes tan duros templan al pueblo y a través de esto, los elementos genuinos realizan.

Los pueblos revolucionarios del mundo aprenden por el camino más difícil, el único camino, quienes son sus verdaderos amigos. Y quienes son sus verdaderos enemigos. Los que pertenecen a la familia proletaria brillan en agudo contraste. Al fango y peste de la burguesía moribunda.

Hoy, la burguesía, la nueva y la vieja, por todo el mundo se abrazan como hermanos extraviados finalmente reunidos, y viendo ninguna razón por la cual seguir peleando. Forjados en el horno de la lucha de clases, el proletariado puede ver más claro que nunca jamás que los capituladores de clase en realidad nunca entendieron el Marxismo, nunca han estado al lado de los pueblos oprimidos. Así como el Presidente Mao saco a relucir en su crítica de la novela, "Al Margen del Agua," que habla de una guerra campesina para darle fin a la dinastía "Sung del Norte." novela que, fue muy leída por varios siglos, los capituladores nunca se opusieron al emperador, aunque se oponían a la corrupción bajo su reino. La novela apoyaba la línea capitulacionista de aceptar la oferta de amnistía del emperador, y los capitulacionistas se unieron a las fuerzas del emperador, oponiéndose nomas a los "oficiales corruptos" y no al emperador mismo. Nunca se opusieron al emperador, nunca se encendían con el odio hacia la burguesía. Esta reacción revisionista nos lleva a una claridad y entendimiento más profundo de la línea para los pueblos oprimidos del Presidente Mao. Ellos aprenden como nunca antes visto, quienes son sus verdaderos hermanos y hermanas de clase y también quienes son los hermanos de la burguesía pretendiendo ser parte de la familia proletaria. Por lo tanto la capitulación lleva a un orden más grande a un nivel más alto.

El Presidente Mao vio el gran peligro del revisionismo que se enfrenta a Vietnam, China y otros países que han expulsado al imperialismo yanqui—que si no se oponían al revisionismo al igual que imperialismo, ellos tendrían que pasar a través de una segunda revolución. Pero, por ejemplo, él tenía grandes esperanzas para los revolucionarios vietnamitas que habían traído al imperialismo yanqui a sus rodillas. Hoy, vemos como, instigados por los soviéticos, el feroz liderato revisionista ha abandonado toda apariencia de internacionalismo proletario recurriendo al nacionalismo burgués en Vietnam. Desparando mientras sobre Kampuchea y dando "mordidas" a oficiales vietnamitas corruptos, la Unión Soviética esta apoyando a las ambiciones reaccionarias vietnamitas en contra de sus vecinos. Es claro que sin el empuje social-imperialista, los reaccionarios vietnamitas no hubieran quebrado la amistad forjada en la lucha armada. Los imperialistas yanqui usan el apoyo Chino a Kampuchea como una "guerra de bonos" entre la Unión Soviética y China. Pero su verdadero interés se tratar de "cucar" a los soviéticos sobre la China, para que los Estados Unidos obtenga una rienda libre en Europa y tratar de tomar de nuevo su posición del más fuerte.

Así como el Presidente Mao nos previno en su poema "Trimetrical Classic," escrito antes de la derrota yanqui en Vietnam, habían dos posibles significados para "el tigre desvia su cabeza." Mientras el tigre

! "Cortina de Tortilla Tiene Que Irse!"

Obreros Mismos Tienen Que Defender Derechos de los Indocumentados

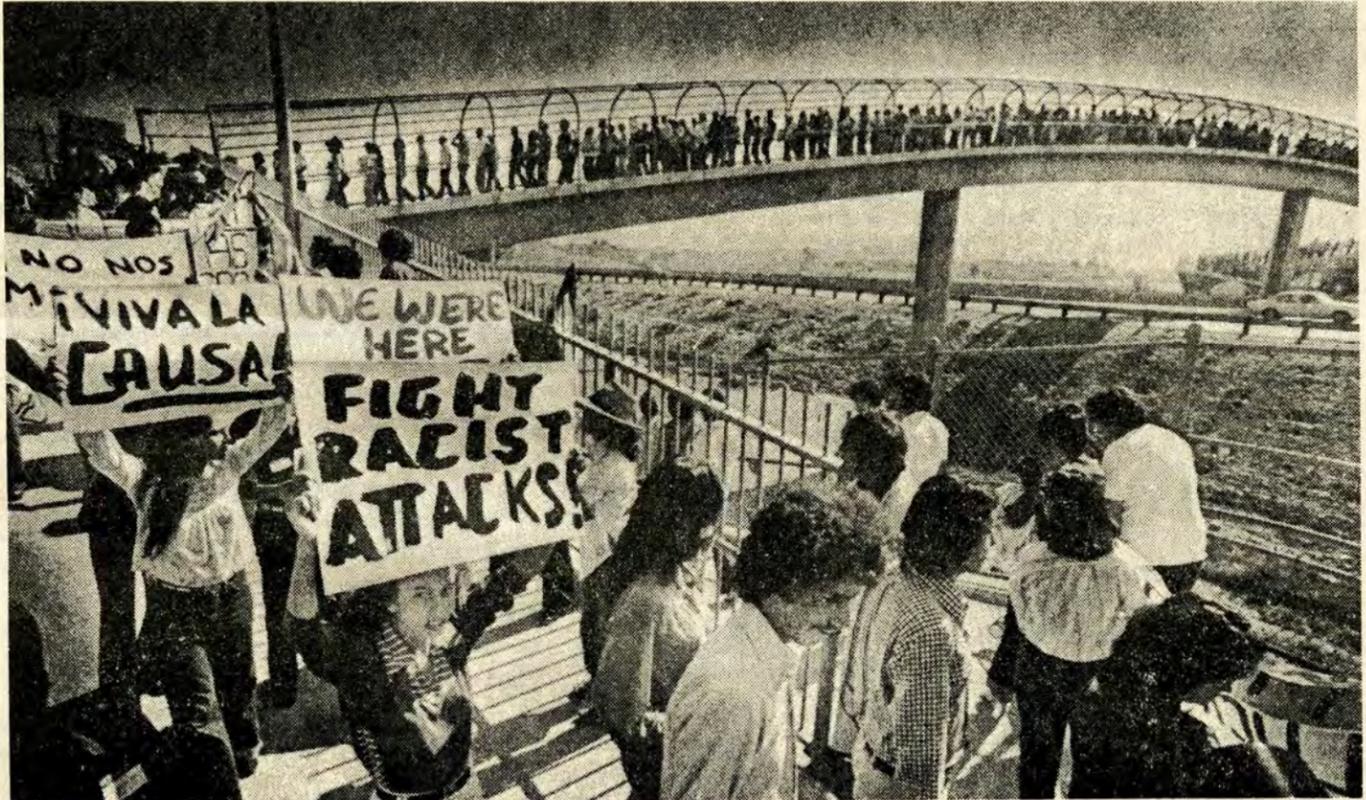
LOS ANGELES, Ca.—Según Carter estaba programado a reunirse con el presidente mexicano José Lopez Portillo el domingo, el once de febrero, más de mil demostradores marcharon en San Ysidro, California, con gritos de ¡"Paremos la Cerca!" y "El Pueblo Unido Jamás Será Vencido." Con el sol caliente batiendo, el pueblo marchó y cantó, cruzando el pasillo a una tirada de piedra de la frontera. Obreros, estudiantes, miembros de la comunidad concernidos, la mayor jóvenes chicanos y mexicanos se unieron para demostrar contra la "Cortina de Tortilla," la cerca propuesta de 6 millas va a hacer construída en San Ysidro, California, y en El Paso, Tejas.

Confiar Sólo en Portillo es Suicida

Organizadores de la demostración (Herman Baca del Comité sobre Derechos Chicanos y Corky Gonzales de la Cruzada Por Justicia) elevó como México está siendo ultrajada de sus recursos. Con la inmigración de miles de mexicanos a los E.U. es integralmente atado a la falta de trabajos y pobreza en México. Bastante cierto. Pero fueron embaucado por la representación de la burguesía de los E.U. y México jugando un juego de "ajedrez," con un lado usando los obreros como peones y el otro usando petróleo. Ellos dirigieron a muchos elementos honestos en la protesta a creer que si Lopez Portillo se mantiene duro sobre su posición sobre el petróleo, las condiciones para los indocumentados mejorará vastamente. ¡Nada podía ser más lejos de la verdad! Aunque la demanda de México para mejor tratamiento de obreros indocumentados aquí ayudará nuestra lucha, tenemos que confiar primariamente en la fuerza de los obreros mismos a defender sus derechos.

El presidente mexicano Lopez Portillo ha tomado una posición consistente sobre la cuestión de petróleo y los obreros indocumentados durante las conversaciones con Carter. El dijo, "Yo no considero el desarrollo de petróleo en México como una función de las necesidades petroleras de los E.U. Lo veo en términos de nuestro desarrollo nacional." Los comunistas y los obreros de los E.U. tenemos que apoyar esto porque ayuda la lucha contra el imperialismo de los E.U. Representando los intereses de la burguesía nacional mexicana, él quiere ver a México desarrollar independientemente y él quiere mantener el mercado en desarrollo de México bajo el control de su propia clase.

Pero aun cuando Lopez Portillo se mantenga firme en su posición sobre el petróleo (rehusa que los E.U. compren gas y petróleo a menos del precio), hostigamiento de los indocumentados continuará y se empeorará. Aunque Carter pueda empujar por un aumento en las cuotas de inmigración de México, la burguesía continuará a usar inmigrantes como chivos expiatorios para la crisis económica y desviar la ira directa de los obreros de si mismos. Sectores de la burguesía todavía empujarán



Más de mil obreros, estudiantes y miembros de la comunidad chicana y mexicana demostraron en San Ysidro, California cantando *Paremos la Cerca* y *El Pueblo Unido Jamás Será Vencido*.

por legislación restringiendo el derecho de los indocumentados a servicios de medicina como son en L.A., programas de servicios sociales, y desempleo para ayudar en capturarlos. Hasta con la reciente moratoria de correrías, el pueblo en el área de L.A., el pueblo activo en luchar contra La Migra, incluyendo El Comité de Igualdad y la Organización Punto de Vista Obrero, saben que recogidas en las calles y factores comunes de "ataques sorprendidos" fueron negocio como siempre.

La Burguesía de E.U. Muerta de Miedo de Revolución en América Latina

Los imperialistas de los E.U. están en pánico bajo el fuego de la revolución popular en el tercer mundo con Irán un ejemplo, claro de los golpes poderosos siendo dados al imperialismo en el mundo hoy. Las fuerzas revolucionarias en Nicaragua no sólo han expuesto a Somoza, pero a los intereses de los E.U. que el representa igual. Así, los E.U. tiene que reforzar respeto con su vecino, México. Con lágrimas de cocodrilo, Carter fue forzado a admitir al pueblo mexicano que están bien claros de los abusos del imperialismo yanqui que el pasado ha sido "dañado por errores hasta abusos de poder." Tratando de diseminar su campaña de "derechos humanos" (vea "Derechos Humanos—Cubre Para Preparaciones de Guerra," PVO marzo/abril 1977), Carter tiene que tratar de limpiar sus huellas y ponerse una máscara de humildad. El continuó, "Entendemos claramente que los recursos de petróleo mexicano son el patrimonio natural del pueblo mexicano para ser desarrollado y usado y vendido según México lo desee. . . Como un buen cliente, estamos preparados a pagar un precio justo por el gas y el petróleo que desee vender." El pillaje neocolonialista de los E.U. en México ha ayudado a mantener el

control sobre el resto de América Central y Sudamérica. Al fondo del tema no está sólo la cuestión de los E.U. mantener su "imperialismo" a pesar de la revolución popular igual que la contención con los social-imperialistas soviéticos que ya han ganado un agarradero por medio de una vez revolucionaria Cuba.

Hemos declarado en el artículo, "Luchemos Por los Derechos Totales de los Obreros Indocumentados,

Leyes de inmigración y cambios en estas leyes siempre reflejan las necesidades de los capitalistas de los E.U. Cuando el negocio está en prosperidad repentina y los capitalistas pueden a superexplotar a los obreros no organizados e indocumentados en los E.U., ellos abren las fronteras a la inmigración. En tiempos de crisis económicas, los capitalistas reorganizan sus leyes, trasladan la culpa a los obreros indocumentados, azotean a los obreros indocumentados para atrás de donde vinieron y recurren a otros métodos de hacer ganancias.

Línea de "Ningunas Fronteras" Le Da El Derecho a Los Capitalistas de E.U. a Explotar Obreros Mexicanos

La respuesta a la cuestión de inmigración no es la vista del pueblo como Baca y Gonzales que empujan que "Somos un pueblo sin fronteras." No teniendo fronteras entre los E.U. y México permitiría a las compañías de los E.U. a explotar los obreros mexicanos. Por ejemplo, por enviar partes a través de la frontera a ser ensambladas, y entonces a enviarlas para atrás a través de los E.U. a ser terminadas y vendidas. México tiene el derecho a desarrollar como un país soberano y cerrar sus puertas a cualquier corporación de los E.U. para desarrollar sus propias industrias. Es un hecho que los E.U. ha por muchos años exprimido

la riqueza de México y causado sufrimiento para el pueblo mexicano. La única solución es que debe haber acceso libre de mexicanos a los E.U. ■



Quemaron en efígie a "Tío Sam" representando al imperialismo de los E.U. como símbolo del odio del pueblo mexicano y chicano para la póliza de los imperialistas de los E.U. hacia los obreros indocumentados.

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nados, la huelga levanta la lucha a un nivel más alto, yendo más allá de su lucha en que se reconozca su unión ganada después de 14 años de lucha, a una lucha de igualdad en salarios y beneficios. Una victoria huelgaria ayudará a levantar el nivel de vida de todos los trabajadores ya que apunta el camino para un salario mínimo para los trabajadores en todo el país, como en las industrias del tejido y la electrónica. Más importante aún es una época de batalla para las nacionalidades oprimidas contra las condiciones de siembra y cosecha y asumir el lugar que le corresponde en la corriente del movimiento sindical de los E.U. Una victoria como ésta será un paso sin precedentes hacia la unificación de la clase trabajadora. Por décadas los agricultores han empujado mentiras racistas de como las nacionalidades oprimidas les están quitando los trabajos a los trabajadores blancos, sin importarles sus salarios y beneficios porque ellos están "dispuestos" a trabajar barato. Los agricultores nunca mencionan como, por la dominación imperialista de E.U. de la economía mejicana, los trabajadores mejicanos se ven forzados a viajar largas millas desde sus hogares y separarse de sus familias para encontrar trabajo bajos y en condiciones miserables. Ellos dependen de una reserva de trabajo que pueden explotar baratamente para sus ganancias.

Las condiciones que las nacionalidades oprimidas afrontan en sus trabajos es la más aguda expresión de la opresión nacional que la burguesía usa para empujar hacia abajo el nivel de vida de todos los trabajadores.

Pero una victoria de los trabajadores agrícolas despojará de ésta táctica a los agricultores y unirá a los trabajadores de toda la industria como nunca antes. No solamente la UFW ganará

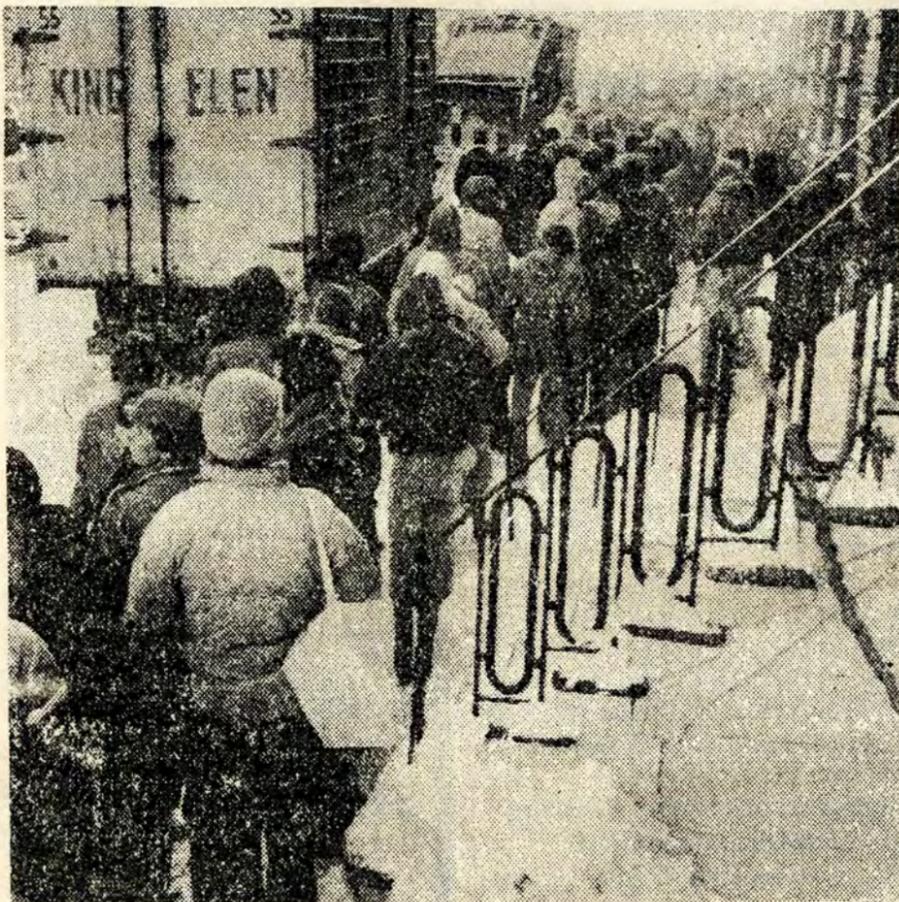
el lugar que le corresponde en la corriente del movimiento sindical, pero la lucha es una señal luminosa que alumbrará el camino a las nacionalidades oprimidas a través del país, particularmente en el suroeste y en la correa negra del sur. Por eso es que los agricultores están desesperadamente tratando de romper la huelga y porque agricultores de tan lejos como la Florida han expresado su inquietud sobre la huelga y han apoyado 100 por ciento la coalición de 28 miembros de los agricultores de California y Arizona.

Las Viejas Tácticas Rompehuelgas de Los Agricultores Ya No Le Dan Resultado

Los agricultores están usando todas sus viejas tretas trayendo rompehuelgas, empleando pistoleros, llamando a la policía y las cortes, alquilando firmas de relaciones públicas muy costosas para llevar a cabo una campaña de publicidad de mentiras racistas y calumnias chauvinistas para crear una opinión pública contraria a los huelguistas y romper la unión entre mejicanos y chicanos. Pero los miembros de la Unión de Trabajadores Agrícolas (UFW) han visto éstas tácticas anteriormente, durante sus 14 años de lucha para que se reconociera la unión. Han devuelto los recientes ataques de los agricultores golpe por golpe.

Cuando los agricultores traen rompehuelgas, los autobuses son desuiciados y todos los trabajadores dejan de trabajar para escucnar los temas que tratan los organizadores y demás personas que forman el piquete. Carros que pertenecen a los rompehuelgas y a los agricultores le han roto sus cristales y le han vaciado sus llantas. Montones de hero han sido convertido en fogatas instantáneas. El camión de un agricultor lo volcaron y le prendieron fuego cuando trataba de sacar un cargamento de lechugas. Y cuando los pistoleros y la policía

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Cientos de solicitantes en línea afuera del Distrito Consejo de Carpinteros de Nueva York, esperando por una oportunidad de la primera apertura de empleos en 4 años. Muchos estuvieron en línea por tres días, a pesar de la tormenta de nieve del 19 de febrero, de 12 pulgadas en NYC. En la primera noche de espera, más de 100 de estos aspirantes al trabajo se quedaron en la línea en temperaturas bajo cero—todas eran mujeres. Hay más de 30 por ciento de los obreros que han terminado el aprendizaje están desempleados.

¡Rompiendo las Cadenas!

LOS MINEROS EN INDIANA VAN A HUELGA ILEGAL PARA PROTESTAR DOS ARRESTOS

Mil trecientos mineros del carbón en Indiana salieron a un día de huelga, cerrando 3 minas en el sur de Indiana y una en la parte sureste de Illinois. Ellos salieron de sus trabajos para protestar contra el arresto de 2 mineros quienes fueron acusados junto a 190 otros, por atacar al muelle de carga de la Compañía de Carbón B & M el 7 de enero, 1978, durante la huelga del carbón el año pasado. El juez especial Plummer, había ordenado a los Mineros Unidos a pagar \$182,000 por daños y \$200,000 como bono de apelación para el 22 de diciembre. Cuando la Unión no pagó, él arrestó a los dos mineros. Por razón a las huelgas, los dos fueron prestos en libertad.

LOS TRABAJADORES DE LA QUÍMICA GANAN CASO SOBRE CIERRE FORZOSO DE LA PLANTA

La American Cyanamid fue forzada a dar \$20 millones en sueldos atrasados e interés a 411 miembros de la Trabajadores de Aceite Química y Atómica (OCAW) de su planta en Louisiana. La Junta Nacional de Relaciones Laborales le dió a la compañía por su práctica laboral injusta, en uno de los acuerdos más grande de este tipo en la historia. La compañía cerró sus puertas el 28 de enero del 1976, después de nueve meses de huelga por la unión. Esta es la misma Cyanamid que forzó a 5 mujeres a esterilizarse en una planta de West Virginia. En la planta de Bound Brook, Nueva Jersey, los obreros estuvieron que ir a huelga por dos meses para obtener sus demandas por beneficios básicos de salud y seguridad.

REGLAS ARBITRARIAS—EL CASO DE NAGI NEGADO

La regla arbitraria en el caso del obrero árabe suspendido—Nagi Mohamed, de la planta principal Dodge-Chrysler en Michigan, fue otra injusticia—sus quejas para obtener su trabajo fueron negadas. En el 1977, Nagi Mohamed fue despedido de su trabajo por defenderse contra ataque por su capataz. En la lucha por reinstalarlo, el Comité de Defensa Nagi por los



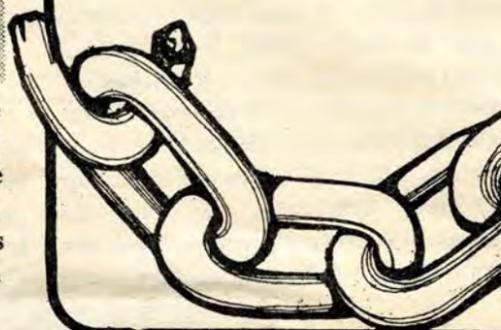
Obreros de Dodge fue formado. Muchos obreros árabes, afro-americanos y blancos salieron a las manifestaciones, piquetes en la corte y organizaron para levantar fondos para el Comité de Defensa forjando la unidad multinacional. La discriminación de la Chrysler contra los obreros árabes también fue expuesta. Aunque quedó en las manos de los árbitros, Nagi no obtuvo su trabajo. Pero el apoyo amplio entre los obreros en la planta y la comunidad forzaron a la corte en suspender los falsos cargos hecho por la Chrysler y el capataz. Ellos también forzaron a la Chrysler a pagar beneficios de desempleo los cuales se le habían negado a él porque había sido suspendido.

EL PROYECTO DE "DERECHO-A-TRABAJAR" DERROTADO EN NUEVO MEJICO

El 20 de febrero el pueblo de Nuevo Mejioco forzó al gobernador Bruce King a cumplir con su promesa que hizo durante su campaña y vetó el proyecto propuesta, el cual hubiera convertido a Nuevo Mejioco en un estado con la ley del "derecho-a-trabajar". Las leyes del "derecho-a-trabajar", que están implementadas en 20 estados, prohíbe a los talleres cerrados. Esta victoria le da al movimiento laboral en Nuevo Mejioco dos años para que se fortalezca antes del 1981 cuando los jefes pueden una vez más empujar el proyecto del "derecho-a-trabajar".

CINCUENTA AÑOS DE RADIACIÓN DE RADIUM

Cincuenta años después de que una planta donde se procesa el radium, la National Radium Corp., operando en Denver, Colorado, la radiación en sus sitios de descarga esta todavía sobre el nivel señalado por la seguridad federal. Uno de los lugares solamente media milla del centro comercial de Denver dió radiación tan fuerte que la aguja de medir la radiación se salió de línea por completo. El metro registró el máximo de 2,500 micro-roentgínico por hora comparado con lo normal de 15 a 35 por hora para Denver. Hasta ahora no hay una propuesta para proteger a los trabajadores en el area o evaluar a sus familias.



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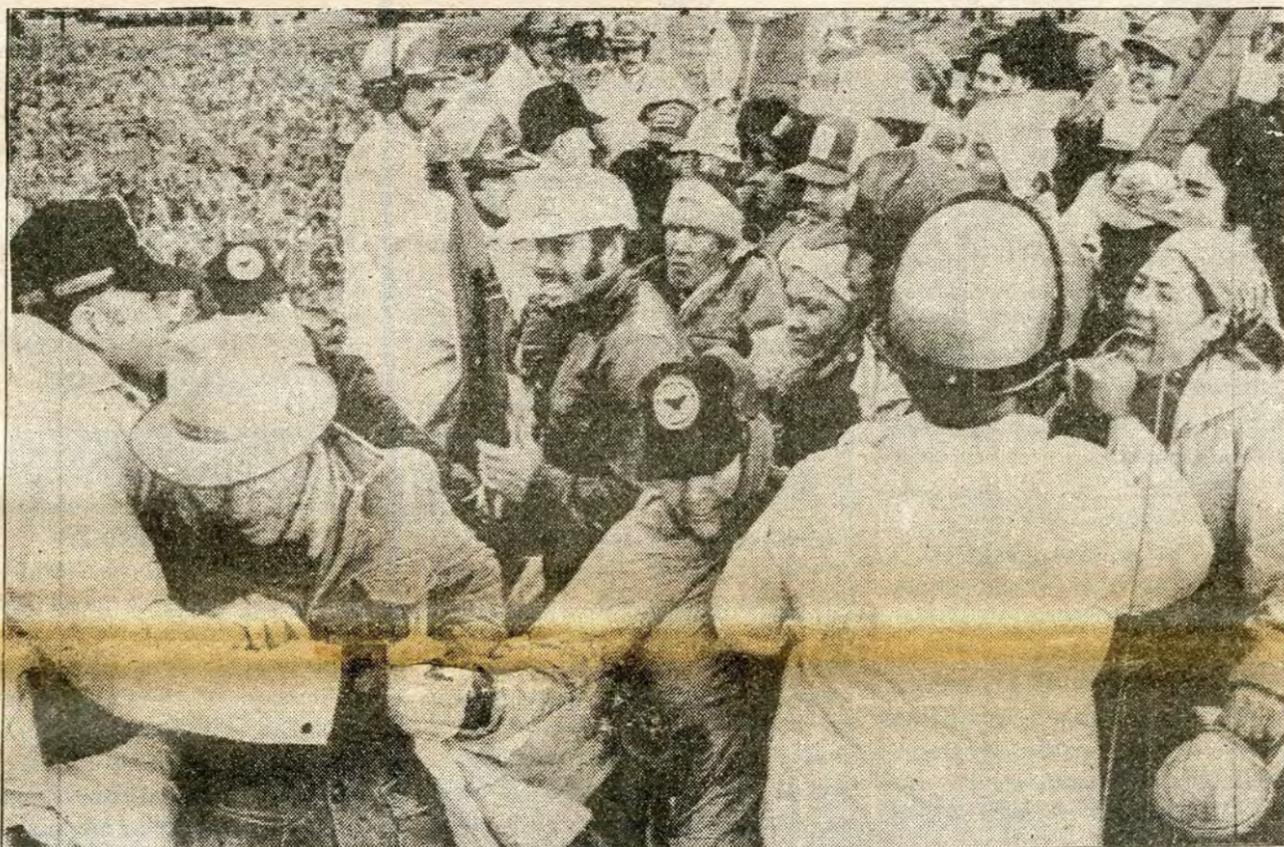
Otra vez en los campos agrícolas a través de California ondea la bandera roja y negra en el aire frío de la mañana de los trabajadores agrícolas unidos (UFW) y el grito de huelga se deja escuchar. Sobre 4,300 miembros de la unión de trabajadores agrícolas, en su mayoría mejicanos y chicanos, están luchando por un aumento del 40 por ciento de sus salarios que los pondrá al nivel de otros trabajadores unionados en la industria de la preparación de alimentos.

**La Victoria de Los Trabajadores
Agrícolas Será Un Paso Sin Precedente
Hacia la Unificación de Todos
Los Trabajadores**

La huelga ha perjudicado ya a los diez agricultores más grandes cultivadores de lechugas, tan malamente que ya asciende a la suma de \$5 millones sus pérdidas. Y todavía no es nada.

Para los trabajadores agrícolas unio-

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Campeñinos pelean con alguaciles diputados tratando de parar a los rompeshuelgas de trabajar en esta finca de Salinas. La huelga, un gran golpe contra la opresión nacional tiene el apoyo completo de la comunidad, forzando a los agricultores a ir tan lejos como Tejas a reclutar a rompeshuelgas.

Continúe las Ganancias del Movimiento de las Mujeres Obreras Defienda los Trabajos en las Industrias Pesadas

La lucha por la supervivencia de todas las mujeres se está poniendo más tenaz según la crisis permanente capitalista se agudiza. Despidos están sucediendo en todas las industrias y cortes en el presupuesto en el campo del servicio social. Las mujeres pobres deben luchar por todos los beneficios en cuanto que la burguesía trata de cortar la lista de recipientes del bienestar público (Welfare). Debido a la crisis, la burguesía está forzando a las mujeres fuera de los trabajos mejor pagados y empujándolas hacia los trabajos de menos paga y hacia el desempleo y el welfare. Ellos amenazan con cuotas con el caso Weber que llegará a despedidas masivas. Las mujeres en los trabajos con programas de entrenamiento no tienen donde ir a buscar trabajo con sus experiencias por la escasez de trabajos y el aumento de desempleo.

"El capitalismo crea sus propios sepulcros," resumió Marx. Esta lección no solamente se aplica a la clase trabajadora en particular. En la industria pesada la mujer trabajadora es la fuerza

principal que lleva hacia adelante la lucha entera contra la opresión de la mujer. Estas hermanas de la clase trabajadora, militantes y determinadas en las industrias del acero, automotriz, la química, la construcción y otras industrias pesadas están determinando el carácter del movimiento presente de la mujer y apunta hacia su futuro brillante. Los trabajos por cual mujeres lucharon y ganaron a los principios the los 70's son ganancias de vanguardia para la mujer obrera.

Está en contra de la crisis —el empujar a la mujer a los niveles más pobres— eso de que la mujer en sus trabajos industriales recién adquiridos le demuestre a su clase un futuro brillante. Es el paso más adelantado para la mujer pobre y trabajadora hacia mejores salarios en los trabajos y mejores estandartes de vida para luchar por demandas especiales de la mujer en el campo de la salud y seguridad y cuidado de niños socializados. La mujer está viniendo a formar parte de la lucha por las demandas políticas y económicas de

toda la clase obrera contra las despedidas, control de salarios y el caso Weber. El trabajar en estas industrias más organizadas ha ampliado el alcance de la mujer y ha fortalecido su punto de vista socializado.

Estos trabajos son un paso al frente para toda mujer pobre y trabajadora. Su lucha por defender los derechos de la mujer a mejores salarios en los trabajos. Mujeres obreras están más claras que antes en la necesidad de defender el derecho a retener los mejores pagos trabajos en la "corriente principal".

Defendiendo estas ganancias será decisivo en construir el movimiento de las mujeres obreras.

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Antes de la segunda guerra mundial no había participación de la mujer en la industria pesada—era "normal" para que le cerraran las puertas. Cuando la segunda guerra mundial, que la mujer acudió a la industria pesada a reemplazar

al hombre que fue reclutado para la guerra, fue un caso inusual. Inmediatamente al terminarse la guerra la mujer fue hechada afuera de sus trabajos de industria o se retiraron voluntariamente a sus hogares. El imperialismo Yanqui surgió de la guerra como el poder mayor político, económico y militar del mun-

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