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Governor Hunt Calls for Infiltration of Communist Workers Party

Governor Hunt of North Carolina recently claimed that the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) should have the power to investigate "wild and crazy groups". "We've got so much evidence of violence among the Ku Klux Klan, the Nazi Party and the Communist Party," he said. He called on State and Federal authorities to make a concerted effort to infiltrate "extremist" groups to learn what plans they may have for violence. He said that he was prepared

Klan Endorses Hunt for Re-election



North
Carolina
Governor
Hunt

to lobby for changes in federal laws that hamper infiltration and that Congress went too far in its concern for individual rights.

George Gardner of Greensboro, president of the North Carolina Civil Liberties Union immediately blasted Hunt's statement. "I would say the governor has taken the low road to re-election," Gardner said, "the governor knows very well the sorry history of McCarthyism, of the House Un-American Activities Committee and the sorry record of the FBI and police forces in breaking the law, and the governor can expect the Civil Liberties Union to challenge any effort made to interfere with the exercise of free speech."

According to the *Charlotte Observer*. Governor Hunt made big headlines but little sense. "His statements in a press conference Wednesday raise some equally justifiable concern about a wild and crazy state attack in political dissenters. 'I'm much more concerned about what the group might do than I'm concerned about the violation of their rights,' he said. That could be the motto of every dictatorship secret police from SAVAK to KGB", said the *Charlotte* editorial.

Governor Hunt has never made any pretense about discarding the "democratic" shell for repressing the people.

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UNITE! TO STOP KLAN-NAZI TERROR

Remember
the Greensboro Massacre!
Halt Police/Klan Collusion!

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The shots that killed five anti-KKK demonstrators in Greensboro November 3 were aimed at all Blacks, working people regardless of class and color, and all who desire justice in America.

We refuse to be silenced by the new wave of KKK terror, government repression, and those who would tell us to close our eyes, hoping the terror will go away. We must respond with moral outrage commensurate with the magnitude of these atrocities.

The violence in Greensboro is part of a pattern. These cold-blooded murders were encouraged by the Bakke and Weber cases, the anti-alien hysteria, Proposition 13-type legislation, new attempts at union busting. This must be turned around.

Twenty years ago on February 1, 1960, four Greensboro A&T students sat down at the lily-white lunch counter of Woolworth's. Their courage helped accelerate an entire generation of struggle. The nation responded and people won some meaningful steps towards freedom and justice.

Entering the 1980s, we find ourselves in a situation where even the limited gains achieved during the '60s are under increasing attack. Twenty years after the Greensboro sit-ins and the passage of much legislation, the deep yearning for freedom, justice and liberation of Black people has yet to be satisfied.

We call on labor unions, churches, civil rights, human rights, political and all social organizations, who wish to express their concern for the crisis issues which set the conditions for the Greensboro Massacre, to come to Greensboro, N.C. on February 2, 1980, to commemorate the last twenty years of struggle and take part in launching this offensive.

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Olympics: Superpower Contention Snuffs Out Eternal Torch

The U.S. cannot "... continue with international sports as usual in the capital of the aggressor ..." cries President Carter (*New York Times*, 1/21/80). "Transfer" or "cancel" the Olympics is his "advice" to the public and to the Olympic Committees. President Carter's opposition to the 1980 summer Games is a slick political maneuver to further build up public opinion at home and continue whipping up chauvinist reactions among the U.S. peoples. As Oerter, a 4-time gold medalist says, "... we should stop bellyaching and get behind the President." (*New York Times*, 1/21)

Riding on the chauvinist wave from the grain embargo, the U.S. monopoly capitalists and Carter can come out hitting the Soviet Union through the Olympic Games. The embargo only hit one small sector of the people in the U.S. But it hurt the U.S.' economy more than the Soviet Union's. This Olympic issue though, doesn't cost a penny, and hits all sectors of the people. Thus, the

monopoly capitalists can get more mileage out of it, further preparing for World War and fascism. "Sacrifice" was a common word then, and now, the same thing is being played up—"... sometimes people have to make sacrifices for all of us" (*New York Times*, 1/16/80).

Secretary of State Vance further elaborated on the political meaning of the Olympics. "Mr. Vance said he remembered the 1936 Games, which were held in Nazi-run Berlin, and added, 'I think in hindsight that it was a mistake for us to attend the 1936 Olympics.'" (*New York Times*, 1/16/80). Vance sums up that to have participated meant recognition of Nazism in Germany. And to participate in Moscow now, means recognizing Soviet Union's invasion to Afghanistan—and accepting it.

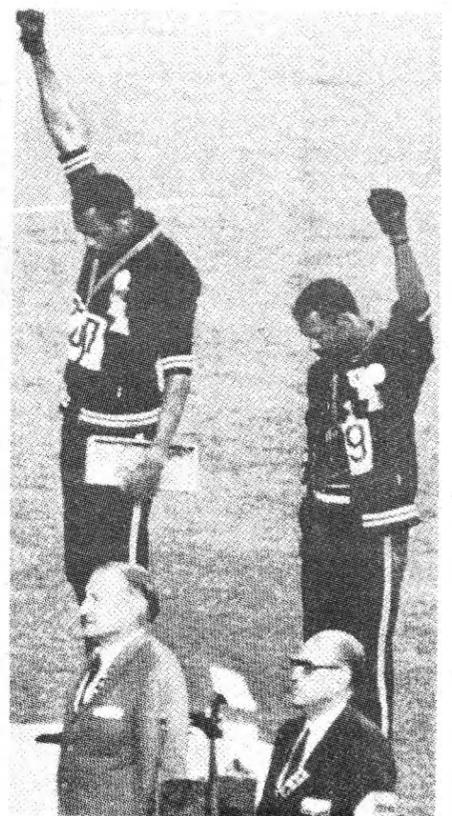
President Carter and his cohorts want to make it a black or white issue—if you go, then you're a traitor to America; if you don't, then you're a patriot. But the athletes who trained for 4 years

are getting the short end of the stick. They want this one life-time chance to make it big, yet they don't want to support the Soviet Union. Then, they don't want to be traitors nor do they want to blow away their years of hard training. "You look forward to this all your life ... Suddenly they just pull it out from under you ... I've trained for 10 years and I've not gotten one red cent from the Government." says a U.S. swimmer.

The U.S. monopoly capitalists have never concerned themselves with the athletes' livelihoods and are now asking them to sacrifice their entire future for the good of America. The monopoly capitalists can come out taking such

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Mexico City, 1968 Olympics, Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their black-gloved fists against racism in the U.S. Afterwards, both were given 48 hours to pack up and leave the games and were black-listed from all sports.



GREENSBORO NEWSFLASH

Nelson Johnson and Other Anti-Klan Fighters' Trial Postponed

The upcoming February 4th trials of Communist Workers Party member, Nelson Johnson, and friends, Willena Cannon and Rand Manzella, have been postponed until Feb. 20. These three comrades had been aiding and caring for fallen comrades at the Nov. 3rd anti-Klan rally in Greensboro. For that, the bourgeoisie is accusing them of inciting to riot and resisting arrest. Support for dropping the charges is a real way to fight Klan terror since these people are actual anti-Klan fighters. We must beat back the attacks on the comrades and expose the state and their tools: the FBI, police, KKK and Nazis. We should mobilize all supporters of the three arrested for the Feb. 20th trials.



Feb. 2nd Mobilization Committee Gets Permit and Coliseum for Anti-Klan Demonstration

GREENSBORO, N.C., Jan. 25
The City of Greensboro agreed this afternoon to allow the Feb. 2nd Mobilization Committee to use the Greensboro Coliseum for its anti-Klan rally and to grant a parade permit for the march on Saturday, Feb. 2.

City Manager Tom Osborne had twice rejected applications for a permit on the grounds that a rhythm and blues concert had already been scheduled and had reserved the Coliseum for Feb. 2. For the first time ever, the City is co-sponsoring the concert, sharing expenses for it and gambling on making a profit off the show. The Committee had told the City that they would march with or without a permit. The

Breaking the Chains of Wage Slavery



STRUCK HARVESTER SEES \$225 MILLION LOSS

Striking United Auto Workers at International Harvester, which makes farm machinery, are taking a toll on the company which reported a \$225 million loss in the fiscal first quarter. The 35,000 workers have stayed out 75 days over a local issue of forced overtime. No new talks have been scheduled since Dec. 15.

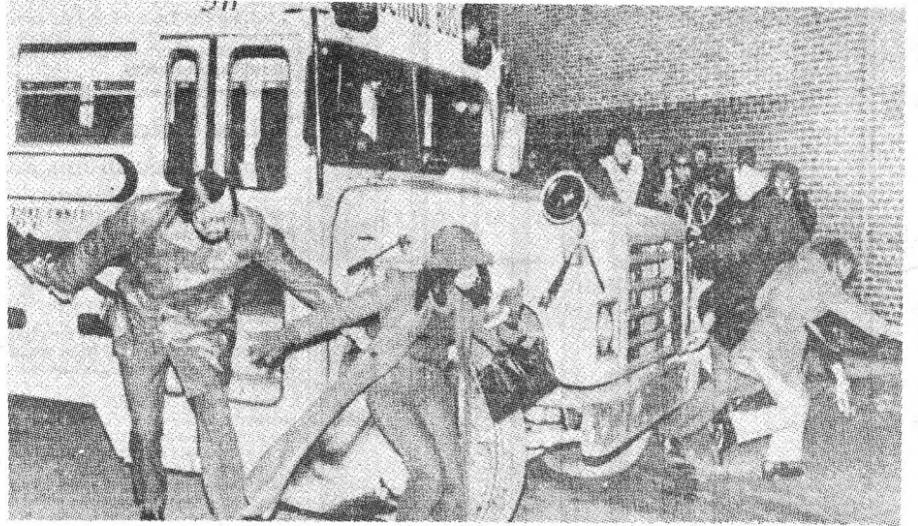
BAYONNE BATTLEGROUND FOR 4 STRIKES

In the small industrial town of Bayonne, N.J. four strikes are being waged at five plants, from the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers (OCAW) strike at Texaco oil refining to the independent union at ICI Americas chemical plant. As the recession makes such a strike wave more common across the country, the Bayonne city cops are stretched thin from escorting trucks across so many picket lines.

FRASER SAYS KENNEDY'S THE ONE

On Jan. 16, United Auto Workers president, Doug Fraser, personally endorsed Senator Edward Kennedy's presidential candidacy. On the same day, the International Ladies Garment

Workers Union (ILGWU) called on its 400,000 members to vote for Carter, as the labor aristocrats continue to make the workers more cynical by wrapping themselves up with bourgeois politicians.



STRIKEBREAKING AT ANY COST

CLEVELAND, Ohio--The picketers locked arms in front of the school "desegregation" program bus, and the bus ran right over them. Three were injured including Frederick Harris whose legs were run over as the school clerks' union recognition strike went on. As strikes continue to be more numerous, longer and spreading into new strata like office and service workers, strikers are labelled "violent disrupters." But more people are finding out themselves it's a matter of slashing tires and spraying windshields, or getting run down by the union busters.

City has now agreed to move the concert to Sunday, Feb. 3. Earlier in the week the Committee had filed a lawsuit against the City for blocking the use of the Coliseum. Mayor Melvin and Osborne said today that "an accommodation could have been reached sooner if Committee members had been willing to sit down and talk."

THE COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY STANDS FOR:



The Communist Workers Party, U.S.A. (CWP) is the political party of the U.S. multinational working class. The CWP, formerly the Workers Viewpoint Organization, is a fighting, nationwide organization. Our members come from all backgrounds and nationalities. Our immediate goal is to lead the U.S. proletariat (working class) and oppressed nationalities to overthrow this rotten capitalist system by violence and establish a socialist system—the dictatorship of the proletariat. Under socialism, we workers will be our own masters and will rule over the monopoly capitalists in the interests of the vast majority of people. Our ultimate aim is communism, a society where there are no longer classes or class differences and no longer any exploitation of man by man.

The Communist Workers Party fights for the emancipation of all humanity. Our main contribution is to make socialist revolution here in the U.S. We support the struggles of all oppressed people and nations and fight together with them against both imperialist superpowers, the U.S. and Soviet Union, and against colonialism, neo-colonialism, Zionism, racism and all reaction. We oppose world war and fascism and work for proletarian revolution throughout the world.

Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought is the theoretical basis guiding our thinking. It is the science of revolution—the historical lessons of thousands of years of class struggle summed up into general principles by the great communist revolutionaries, Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tsetung.

We oppose the sellout traitors of today's revisionist Communist Party of the Soviet Union and Communist Party of China. They've become bourgeois (capitalist class) parties and revised Marxism to serve their own selfish interests. To ensure that our party does not betray the working class, the CWP conscientiously studies Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and criticizes revisionism. We submit to close supervision by the masses, boldly do criticism and self-criticism of errors, and constantly recruit fresh forces and cleanse our ranks of those who've gone stale.

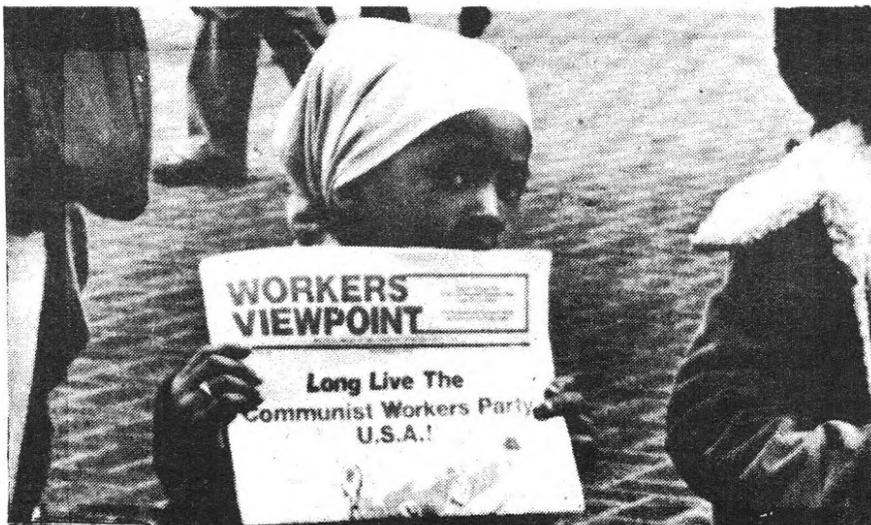
Today's economic crisis is bringing untold suffering on the American people.

Millions of our youth are unemployed, strung out on drugs, and turning to crime. Divorce rates are soaring and families are being torn apart like never before. The root cause of this is capitalism. Capitalism is a system where a small gang of vultures like the Rockefellers and Morgans own the factories, mines and land, and make all their profit off our sweat and blood. This class, the bourgeoisie, uses its state (the police, courts, prisons, armed forces, and all levels of government) to rule over us. That's why we must overthrow them and seize state power.

The CWP fights for jobs for all, for better wages and working conditions, for decent housing, education, and childcare, for equal rights for oppressed nationalities and undocumented workers, for the right of self-determination for oppressed nations in the U.S., and against police brutality, the KKK/Nazis, and discrimination of women and the elderly. But the only way to end all social evils is for all workers and oppressed to unite, smash every attempt by the bourgeoisie to divert the blame for the crisis onto scapegoats, and to destroy the whole capitalist system. Only then can we continue the revolution under socialism until the classless society, material abundance, and spiritual height of communism is realized.

We do political education daily and in the course of taking up day-to-day struggles to help the masses learn who are our friends and who are our enemies. Today, our first priority is to awaken the proletariat to build up its party, by winning over to communism wave upon wave of workers and advanced elements and training them how to make revolution. We strive to make every factory our fortress, every community and school our base, to kick the hacks out of the trade unions and make them into fighting organizations. Thus we are now building our army in preparation for seizing state power.

We call on all workers and revolutionary-minded people to join with the Communist Workers Party in the struggle against this bloodsucking system and build up the Party as your own to prepare for the dictatorship of the proletariat.



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Our Readers Speak Out!

The Fallen Talents

This worker, one of the Sbicca 65, was attacked by La Migra (Immigration and Naturalization Service) at the time he wrote this letter. He fought the deportation charge, but was unsuccessful and has since been deported—DARE TO STRUGGLE, DARE TO WIN!

November 1977— Sbicca Factory. Because of the misery of bad salaries and bad conditions of work, a group of 12 workers, feeling the boot in their neck, decided to join together. The workers decided to go on strike but it was not successful, because one percent of the workers of a factory of 1,000 cannot alone win victory. They realized that nothing could be done so they decided to go to the Employment Office to ask for guidance. They were told that they had to get a good union.

The Retail Clerks Union—The famous union that became interested in Sbicca. Six of the 12 workers returned to work. And six continued outside working together with the Good Organizer who arrived with the desire to put an end to the bad conditions of work, violations, humiliations, favoritism and low wages. The campaign was very good and the memory of the organizers who worked very hard was left behind. The other six workers returned to work

and were compensated for lost time. This was very good.

The people anxiously awaited the first union election. May 11, 1978—the day of the election the timid people went to vote under the pressure of the supervisors and the boss. The day before the election the boss made promises like all the politicians. Result was the election went in favor of the company (with the National Labor Relations Board) and the government. But as always, the big capitalists buy off certain people, so the charges were of no use.

May 17, 1978, 8:30 a.m. The INS arrived like rabid dogs to arrest all of those who looked Latin. The people of Sbicca were used to these trappings because the INS came regularly, three times a year. Sbicca was the first calamity to befall the INS because out of 125 arrested, 65 workers remained. The famous *Sbicca 65* so named thanks to their supporters in the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. The workers then had to fight against the INS and against the boss. Since the INS came after the first union election, the company blamed the union and the union blamed the company. But the truth was that the company ordered the INS to come. The 65 received guidance about their rights as workers, as



The INS, the company goons and the union hacks can never break the fighting spirit of undocumented workers organizing militant unions and seeking a better way of life.

human beings, about how to answer all the INS agents, the police and the state. The organizing of the workers committee continued through the direction of the Comité de Igualdad and Workers Viewpoint (Communist Workers Party). But when the union saw that the strength the committee was gaining, they divided the workers, taking reprisals against the members (WVO and El Comité) who had helped so much to organize the workers. The treadings in the factory continue—the low wages (\$2.90 an hour), layoffs, firings, the bad conditions of work (no place to eat, dirty bathrooms, machinery that smashes the hands of the workers, etc.) But the promises of the boss were empty—because although the health insurance is a bit better, the conditions of the

work are much worse. The struggle continues, the people are more conscious of what they want but the most difficult is to organize ourselves since there are so many departments and so many workers. And although the company, through the means of harassments, layoffs and their lackeys' actions, wants to inspire fear, we continue to make advances. The union is the working class. If we make the union ours, only thus can we win and gain a good contract. The struggle against tyranny continues. We won't rest until workers get what they deserve. One day the "fallen talents" will rise up.

J.G.,
one of the Sbicca 65
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Oklahoma Blacks Rise in Armed Rebellion

IDABEL, Ok., Jan. 21—For two days and two nights, blacks in Idabel, Oklahoma, fought running gun battles with city, county and state police to avenge the murder of an Afro-American youth. This is the trend of the 80's. As the oppression increases, there will be more armed uprisings.

This armed rebellion was sparked by the murder of 15-year old Henry Lee Johnson in the parking lot of a white-only private club. The police covered up Henry's murder, saying he was beaten to death in a fight.

Idabel is a town of 6,000 in the southeastern corner of Oklahoma. The town is segregated, with blacks, whites and Native Americans living on opposite sides of the tracks. Many blacks have been beaten and murdered by the police in recent years, and the cops always look the other way when blacks are attacked.

The day after the murder, 200 blacks held an armed march on City Hall to give the Mayor an ultimatum. "Get something done by 7:00 p.m. or there will be bloodshed in the streets." The demonstration was met by more than 300 city, county and state police. Gunfire filled the air as the marchers

held their ground. Eyewitnesses said, "it was like a battleground."

At 8:30 p.m., 150 blacks marched on the Black Hat Club, the scene of many racist attacks, and burned it down to the ground. Throughout the night there was sporadic fighting with the police. Windows were smashed, gas pumps were pulled out of the ground, and small stores were attacked. In the fighting, an ex-cop was killed and a state trooper was shot in the face. A black man, William Mach, was also killed. They found his body in a ditch behind a gas station the next day.

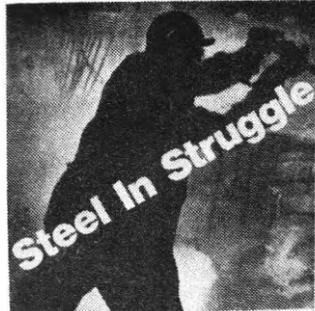
As soon as the news of the situation broke, Imperial Wizard Bill Wilkinson announced the KKK was going to Idabel to start a Klan recruiting drive. They want to use the struggle of blacks against national oppression to whip up more racial antagonism and divert the anger and frustration of white workers caused by the capitalist economic crisis against blacks.

The armed uprising in Idabel is a clear indication that the line of peaceful non-violence is dead. Afro-American people will meet the fascist onslaught of the 80's with determined armed resistance. □

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Crane Operators "SICK" Over Job Elimination By Automation

BALTIMORE, MD.—On December 18, the crane operators in Bethlehem Steel's Hot Strip, Cold Strip, and Tin Mills at Sparrows Point organized a sickout and overtime refusal to protest Beth Steel's latest job elimination plan—to replace all crane operators with remote control units. Because the economic crisis has begun to awaken steelworkers into action and because of the leadership provided by members and supporters of the Communist Workers Party, the crane operators' action has grown into a broader campaign to fight the company's job elimination plans.

Most steelworkers are very cynical about having any fighting chance to save their jobs. But with the news of U.S. Steel closing 13 mills, Bethlehem's plan for the cranes struck all steelworkers like a bolt of lightning.

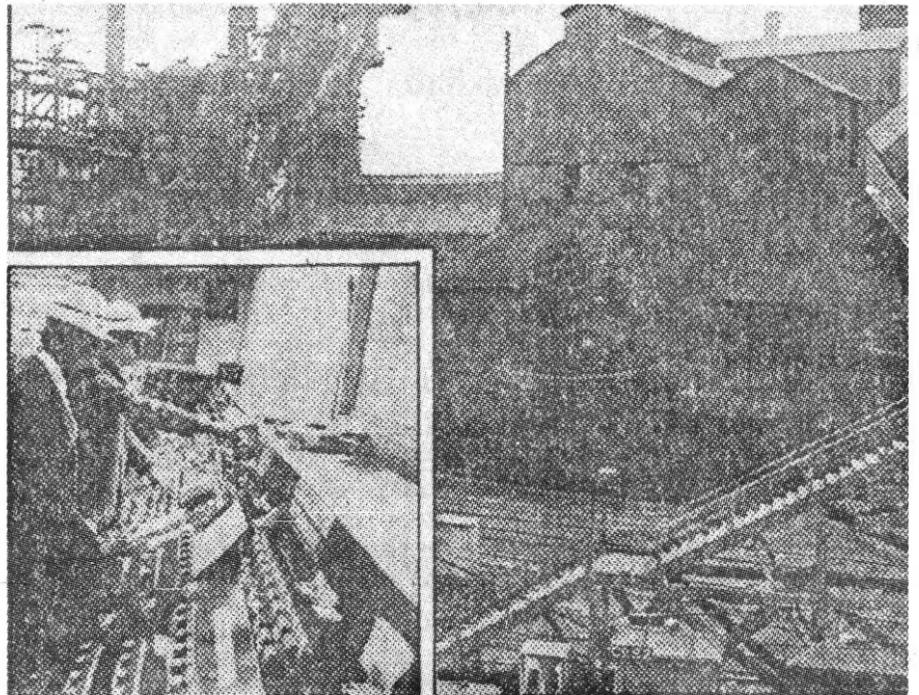
"I Won't Be Replaced By Some Damn Black Box!"

The union bureaucrats' original plan was to have a meeting just for the crane operators. But the crane operators forced

open the meeting to anyone concerned about the jobs being lost. Over 150 workers attended.

Crane operators spoke about what it means to lose your livelihood and how dangerous the new cranes would be. They demanded immediate action even though the union had forced the company into apparent postponement on a contract technicality. Workers from other departments told of all the jobs that have been lost in the last years: the computerization of the hot strip mill, elimination of bearing changers, gaugers and scalemen.

The union hacks admitted they had no idea what jobs had already been lost and what the company planned for the future. Their only plan was to make the elimination of crane operators a "local issue" in the upcoming contract negotiations. (Local issues are agreements not covered by the national contract; steelworkers may strike over local issues but not over national issues.) This would postpone any action against the company for months.



Automation in the mills (like the computer control at Republic Steel in Warren, Ohio above) threatened crane operators' jobs at Bethlehem's Sparrows Point plant in Baltimore. CWP helped organize against this and all job eliminations.

Workers Rally To CWP Supporters' Plan

But the rank and file threw their support behind three proposals put forward by CWP members and supporters: 1) that the union establish a job elimination committee open to the rank and file, to centralize information on job losses and develop plans on how to fight; 2) the union immediately inform all its members about the job eliminations through its newspaper, a leaflet and a special plant-wide meeting; 3) that all departments plan job actions to be carried out as soon as the company tries to proceed with its plan.

The proposals were so popular with the rank and file that the union officials had to verbally accept them. But when the time came local president Dave Wilson suddenly decided to postpone the committee formation until it could be discussed at the next general meeting of the local, a month away. Anticipating this delaying tactic, CWP members and supporters had already begun to make plans with the active and advanced workers to establish this committee and work for its recognition by the union.

Capitalist Automation Part of Social Decay

Some workers hesitate opposing automation because they feel they may be opposing "social progress" even though it may cost them their jobs. This confusion is reinforced by union misleaders like Wilson who stated, "automation like the new coke ovens, which will eliminate half of those jobs...cannot be prevented."

But the monopoly capitalists don't automate to uplift the whole society. They will only improve technology to the extent it creates more profits for the few. That's why there is a big difference between automation and improving working conditions for the masses or improving the quality of the product. Automation (like replacing highly skilled crane operators with a black box, or increasing conveyor belts for bulk mail) often makes it more dangerous for the few workers left with a job—it is a capitalist shortcut toward more profit.

As the capitalists compete with other capitalists for the market, they

mechanize like this to get more production out of less workers. Jobs in highly automated industries like oil refining appear to be highly paid. But compared to the actual surplus value the oil worker today creates for Exxon, etc. the worker gets almost nothing in return. On top of this, automation under capitalism throws huge numbers of workers onto the streets, jobless. And they become a capitalist trump card, their oppressed numbers used as a threat to keep employed workers in line.

Once the laboring masses control their own futures through socialism, they can use automation to increase the variety, amount and quality of goods produced for the people's benefit, creating more jobs for a more diversified life. Only in capitalist society, where the workers cannot control their own destiny and the machines created by them are used to increase their own exploitation, are the masses expelled from the workforce by automation.

Although the steel industry has been streamlining by closing whole operations and mills, at locations like Sparrows Point (where the remaining steel capital is centralized) streamlining is done mainly through automation and job recombination. In the last decade, Local 2609 has lost nearly 3,800 jobs (out of 9,800) with no loss in steel output.

Automation is part of the bourgeoisie's strategy for the 80's, along with increasing productivity and streamlining the workforce. And as more people are pushed to become poorer and poorer, more goods stay rotting in the warehouse—is this social progress? No, it is social decay.

CWP Fighting Leadership Skyrockets WV Sales

During the week the company's plans for the cranes were announced, *Workers Viewpoint* sales shot up higher than the *Baltimore Sun* sales at the plant gate. The speed with which the steel industry is collapsing adds proof to the workers how socialist revolution is an immediate and practical question. □

CAPITALIST AUTOMATION STEALS JOBS—TAKE ACTION AGAINST JOB ELIMINATIONS!

Big Oil Won't Slide By Striking Oil Workers

The 60,000 oil workers, members of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers union (OCAW), who refine 70% of the country's oil continue their strike which started January 8. Negotiations broke down as the workers stayed out over two main issues—wage increase and a fully paid medical plan, issues which forced their 1979 contract to reopen.

Strike activity has stepped up in scattered cities, with 50 strikers arrested at the Amoco Oil refinery in Texas City, Texas, earlier in the strike. At Tenneco Co. in Chalmette, La., a supervisor was shot to death near the plant gate, and a striker charged with murder. But as there is little network among OCAW

locals, a lot of the struggle remains scattered and workers often don't hear what's going on in other places.

While some plants were shut down to keep other refineries running, supervisors and professional employees were found working 84-hours per week in knee-deep filthy coke, engineers unloading oil tankers, operating pipeline valves. While the companies brag that they won't lose any production and aren't worried about explosions on the job, union picketers laugh saying, "If they could really run without us, they never would have hired 60,000 workers in the first place." □

NY Hospital Workers' Union Condemns Klan



District 1199, a union of predominantly Afro-American and minority workers, was built in struggle against national oppression. Many recounted personal experience with the KKK and were deeply outraged by the murders of the 5 in Greensboro on Nov. 3rd. The following is reprinted from 1199 News, Jan. 1980.

1199 Executive Council warns of KKK resurgence
NEW YORK. The District 1199 Executive

Council has warned members of a resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan and urged them to unite against the bigotry and violence that the Klan represents.

A statement adopted by the Council Nov. 23 reviewed the recent increase in racist Klan activity both in the North and in the South, including the fatal shooting of five leaders of an anti-Klan rally Nov. 3 in Greensboro, N.C.

The statement urged vigorous prosecution of 14 Klansmen indicted in Greensboro, and went on to say:

"The brutality of the Klan has been directed over the years at Jews, Catholics and trade unionists as well as blacks. These groups have a common interest in condemning blind prejudice. We urge our members to increase their united vigilance against the bigotry that characterizes the Klan mentality. There is no place in American life either for the Ku Klux Klan or for the hatred and violence it represents."

Court Injunction Stops Anti-Communist Scabs!

IUE Local Pres. Scolieri Blocks Redbaiters

OAKLAND, Ca.—There was a time in America when a black person spoke up too much, he became a target for a lynching. Whether he wanted a job, to vote or a decent place to stay, that didn't matter because "a nigger was a nigger." That was Jim Crow. His very asking threatened "the natural order of things."

Cathy Scolieri, President of Local 853 International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers is a communist supporter of the Communist Workers Party. Because of it a few members of Local 853 at General Electric in Oakland think they can take away her office and kick her out of the union with the ease and sense of self-righteousness that once accompanied the lynching of an Afro-American. She too has raised serious questions about the "natural order" of capitalism, where a few bloodsuckers own everything and the rest are obliged to work for them. More than just raising questions in her two years as president, she has helped to organize the workers in Local 853 as they have never been organized before so that they would be in a position to improve their condition in society. Yet the company and a few misleaders in the local would like to ride like night riders on the prejudices against communism to maintain the status quo.

Seven workers led by past president Al Daviau have charged Cathy with violating the clause from IUE Local 853 Constitution: Art. 111, Sect. 1B. "No individual shall be eligible to hold office in this Local who is a member of the Communist Party or who consistently pursues policies and activities directed toward the achievement of the program or purposes of the Communist Party, or of any other totalitarian or fascist organization."

Record of A Class Fighter

All along the line Cathy Scolieri has worked to make Local 853 a more democratic union and a union capable of fighting General Electric. When she

first came into the union three years ago 9-10 workers attended the irregular union meetings. Now each month at meetings scheduled on weekends and once for each shift 25-40 people attend. Where before there were only scattered union members in this open shop, now most are in the union.

When it came to improving working conditions, G.E. was held accountable for its actions. In 1978 a vacant job, second shift leadman, was posted. When it disappeared from the walls and was filled by a former employee, people stopped their jobs in an uproar (right in front of the general foreman and some company big wigs) as Cathy was called in by the workers to stand up for them. The company had to re-post the job. A worker who had quit the union years before because of its inactivity joined that night. In addition Cathy helped remove a few warning notices, got back-pay in several cases and helped push through disputed medical insurance payments.

Many of the workers here are Afro-American, and there has been a long struggle to get action on G.E.'s Affirmative Action Clause. As local president, Cathy backed and joined a job action where some Afro-Americans walked into the plant manager's office because the company claimed no one was qualified for the job in the maintenance shop. Al Daviau, lead man in maintenance and chief accuser of Cathy, should have something to say about this. Cathy's fight against discrimination didn't stop at the shop door either. When the Weber "reverse discrimination" case was before the Supreme Court, the Local endorsed a demonstration where Cathy spoke and blasted the lie of reverse discrimination.

Negotiations A Breeze for the Company Without Cathy

Last July Local 853 rejected a contract which was later passed nationally by the IUE. One of the main reasons the workers took such a strong position was

that the local pressed for more communication, for more say-so in negotiations, for a strike vote and for no extension of the contract. Under Cathy's encouragement, the workers actively prepared for a strike, which would have come up against Carter's 7% wage ceiling. They carefully scrutinized the contract language before rejecting it.

Cathy became secretary of a West

Coast Unity Committee, made up of all the West Coast locals, to prepare to fight this sell out next time around.

Making charges when they did, Al Daviau and others have helped J.E. wriggle out of negotiations over job posting agreement, which were scheduled to occur a week after the charges came out. By splitting the union over communism, the company will continue to violate job posting agreements, which almost caused walkouts on two shifts last year. This is certainly not "in the best interests of IUE Local 853." Yet scab Daviau, who wrote and xeroxed leaflets against Cathy on company time and on company equipment, has his eye on the presidency in the union elections in February.

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COME ONE! COME ALL! COMMIE WITCH HUNT

COME ONE! COME ALL! TO THE COMMIE WITCH HUNT!

Join Al Daviau and his friends in the Crucifixion of Cathy:

- For being a Commie
- For protesting the murder of union organizers by the Ku Klux Klan.
- For working with the Communist Workers Party
- For being an Uppity Young Woman
- For being a dedicated union worker

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This is only the beginning. There are others to hunt down and crucify! Like for example, Terry Garr; he was crucified for protesting the witch-hunt (obviously that makes HIM a commie too!). It was discovered that he and Cathy were attending secret meetings of the Alameda Central Labor Council (must be a Commie plot). They were also discovered organizing a Health and Safety Committee (obviously another Commie plot). But the Commie Witch-Hunt put a stop to all that!

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Look around...there are other Commies to crucify! They might be your best friend, or even closer. The Commie might be YOU, how do you know? You could have been deceiving yourself all these years.

There is an easy way to find out: ask yourself these questions:

- Have you ever had any doubts about Capitalism?
- Have you ever had bad thoughts about General Electric?
- Have you ever wished for a really strong Union?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then YOU could be a COMMIE! Quick, turn yourself in to the Commie Witch Hunt.

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Written, printed, and handed out at the Company gate by Terry Garr

This is a leaflet distributed by the secretary of IUE Local 853, who resigned upon hearing of redbaiting against Cathy Scolieri. The IUE split off from UE (United Electrical Workers) in 1949 when the UE refused to sign non-communist affidavits under the pressure of the McCarthy era.

End U.P.S. Harassment - Defend Jan Sunoo

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca., Dec. 28—The white walls of the United Parcel Service building in Berkeley repeated, "Avenge the Murder of the CWP 5!" one time for each fallen comrade.

Inside Jan Sunoo, Mission Shop Steward for three years and Communist Workers Party member, received a discharge letter for "defacing U.P.S. and City Property." The letter con-

tinued, "On Dec. 27, 1979, graffiti was sprayed with black spray paint on the front of the U.P.S. facility stating the same comments that you made on Dec. 19th and the same comments that are made in the newspapers that you are selling to U.P.S. employees." The boss doesn't know who put the slogan up.

For Sunoo, an active shop steward, who called the first mass U.P.S. meeting within Teamsters Local 278 three years ago, co-founded the first Steward's Caucus and newsletter *Second Trip*, organized support for Teamsters Local 351's four month strike against Safeway in 1978, and was elected delegate to Teamsters for a Democratic Union convention, this was not the first time he stood up to harassment. The week of Dec. 19th U.P.S. called the cops on a team of people, including Sunoo's wife, for selling *Workers Viewpoint*. Afterwards the division manager, Bob Dubansky called Jan into the office asking him, "Why don't you do us a favor and resign? Why don't I go and get the

papers right now?"

U.P.S.'s history of intimidation and firings against Jan and many active stewards and workers is being met with a new wave of organizing to defend against the harassment, and building the Committee to Avenge the CWP 5. Another worker, Bill Burton, was fired last year for refusing to do a pick up that often leaked rancid, foul-smelling blood. Although the workers lost in arbitration, Bill has gotten OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) to re-open the case.

In Jan's discharge letter, U.P.S. accused him of selling "anti-American papers." Yet the workers know that U.P.S. represented American capitalism when they ran over and killed a Picket Captain several years ago in New Jersey. The workers have also seen that Jan Sunoo and the *WV* paper stand up for union democracy, beating back the company attacks, building the Committee to Avenge the CWP 5 and preparing for the Feb. 2 Anti-Klan demonstration.

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Committees to Avenge the CWP 5 are being built country-wide. This warning painted on a Chemical Bank in Brooklyn, N.Y., haunts the bourgeoisie.

Revolution Continues Under Independent Zimbabwe Patriotic Front Counters British Cease-Fire Violations

Betraying the cease-fire agreement signed between the Muzorewa regime and the Patriotic Front, the British imperialists have allowed the 4,000 South African troops to remain in Zimbabwe. They are using the Rhodesian army to roundup Patriotic Front forces, and in the last few days, Britain reimposed press censorship and curfews in the cities. In addition, the British and U.S. media have flaunted their hatred of Robert Mugabe and the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU—one of the two members of the Patriotic Front). Trying to split the unity of the liberation forces, the media constantly plays up Joshua Nkomo and ZAPU (Zimbabwe African People's Union—the other member of the Front) and blocks out ZANU.

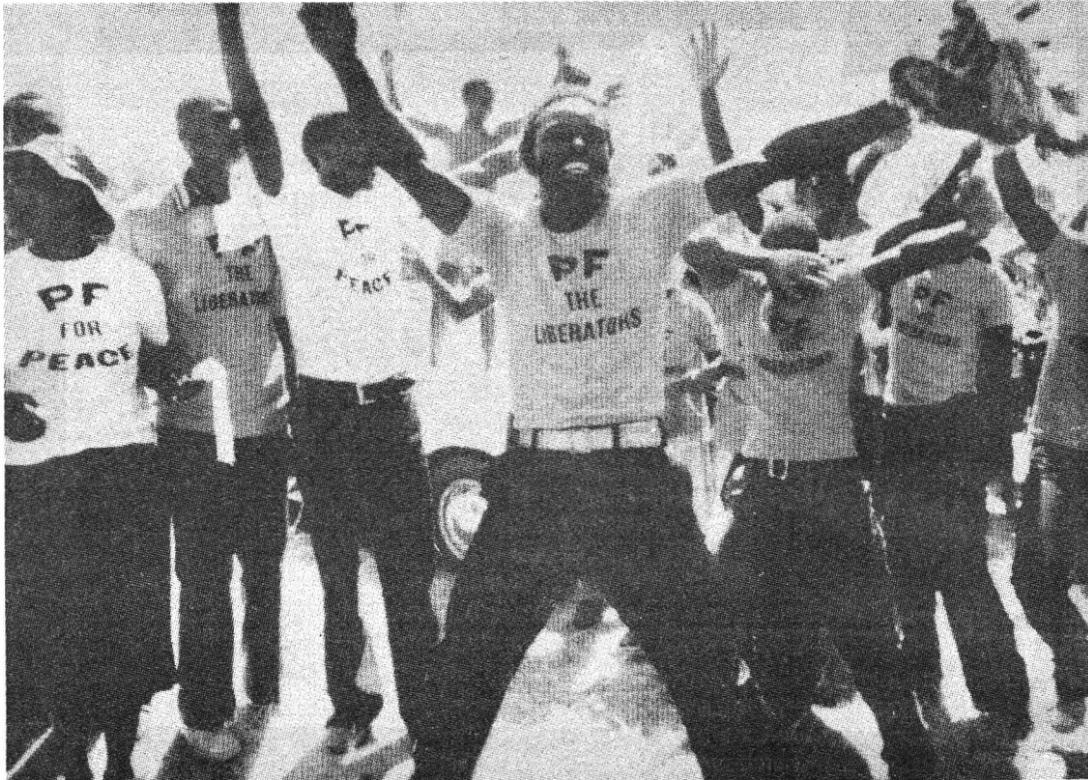
Countering Reactionary Tactics with Sharp, Revolutionary Tactics

ZANU has countered these treacherous imperialist tactics blow for blow. Mugabe told his soldiers not to hand over their guns and to ignore any orders by peace-monitoring troops as

long as South African troops remain and Britain fails to implement their part of the agreement. ZANU has kept most of its forces in the bush, with

many villagers reporting to the assembly points in ZANU's place. The assembly points that ZANU has concentrated on are those where the Muzorewa and

South African forces are weakest. Mugabe vowed that if the British violations goes on, ZANU will pull out of the assembly points and resume the armed struggle.



The massive outpouring of support for the Patriotic Front (as seen above when Zimbabweans greeted the returning Front delegations) is one example of the Front's strength.

cenaries (aid by South Africa) in Muzorewa's private army give Smith and Uncle Tom Muzorewa any power.

The imperialists are afraid that if the war continues and South Africa gets more involved, the door would be open for the Soviet imperialists to sneak in like they did in Angola. That's why the U.S. and Britain had to agree to a cease-fire.

Cease-Fire Aids Zimbabwean People's Struggle

The cease-fire gives the Zimbabwean people's struggle a wider field in which to operate. It gives the liberation forces a chance to step up political education using new forms like campaigning for the elections and organizing open demonstrations. That's why Britain reimposed press censorship and curfews. The opportunity to learn new forms of struggle will steel and temper Zimbabwean revolutionaries. This training is invaluable for revolutionaries to continue the revolution under the new conditions of independence.

In addition, the cease-fire also helps front-line states like Mozambique and Zambia (who have supplied the Patriotic Front with supplies and base camps during the 7 years of armed struggle at great sacrifice). South African bombing raids on refugee camps, railways and roads have brought havoc to the already hard-hit economies of these countries. The cease-fire gives these countries breathing room to rebuild their shattered economy, repair roads, railways and bridges. The planting and harvesting of needed food can now go on.

Trots Call Cease-Fire A "Sellout"

The Patriotic Front approached the cease-fire from a position of strength with the balance of forces in the world in their favor. The cease-fire is a victory for the Zimbabwean people (as long as the Patriotic Front maintains their independence and initiative).

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"Pakistanis Will Have to Fight Their Own Battle"

U.S. imperialism recently offered a two year, \$400 million military and economic package to Pakistan. This reverses their earlier blackmail of Pakistan when all economic aid was cut off to stop Pakistan's development of nuclear weapons. But President Zia of Pakistan dismissed the U.S. aid as peanuts. Zia also refused to discuss Pakistan's nuclear program nor his martial law government with the U.S. "If the U.S. can support 20 other countries which I won't name where there is no U.S. type of democracy, then I don't think we should undermine President Carter's intelligence that he will be asking me," said Zia.

Zia, a national bourgeoisie, can see that as war preparation between the two superpowers sharpen daily, the U.S. desperately needs Pakistan. He also knows that U.S. imperialism cannot be trusted. Zia therefore made it clear that no U.S. military bases or substantial U.S. military presence will be allowed in his country. "I rule that out totally" he said. "All we are trying to do is enable us to stand on our own feet and fight for ourselves."

What is the significance of Zia's statements? It means that not only Iran, but a military

junta like Zia's could stand up against both superpowers.

Pakistan has historically been clear on Soviet social-imperialism through the negative lesson of her neighbor—India. Completely dependent on the Soviet Union economically and politically, India sinks deeper into poverty and starvation by the day. Before Zia, President Bhutto had a close relation with socialist China, fighting against both Soviet Union and the U.S. Zia continued this tradition even though he executed Bhutto in order to preserve his own political power.

Neither Iran nor Pakistan are socialist countries. But as part of the third world, their fight for independence weakens both superpowers and is strategically very important for the proletarian revolution in this era. Even a military dictator like Zia understands that Pakistan must fight their own battles and not rely on the U.S. "It would be foolish on my part to expect that the Americans or Chinese would come in to fight for the freedom of Pakistan. Pakistan will have to fight for its own freedom," Zia said. But those chicken hearted "socialists" and Trotskyites, blinded by their chauvinist viewpoint based on the petty bourgeois

strata, could not see the objective balance of forces in the world. They absolutize the internal suffering of the people without seeing the dual nature of the national bourgeoisie. Their total hatred of the third world and capitulation to one or the other of the superpowers make them a reactionary force compared with the revolutionary third world. □

Strategic Balance of Forces Favors Patriotic Front

Resuming the armed struggle is one thing the U.S. and British imperialists and Rhodesian reactionaries are afraid of. Even before the cease-fire, the Patriotic Front controlled 80% of the Zimbabwean countryside. They have tremendous support in the cities too—30,000 demonstrated in protest against the shooting of Mugabe's nephew, and 50,000 people jammed the streets to greet the first Patriotic Front delegation to return to the country. The Rhodesian army has disintegrated. Only 4,000 South African troops and 25,000 mer-

Ruble Now Afghanistan's Official Currency

The Russian ruble is now the official currency of Afghanistan, announced Babrak Karmal, Soviet puppet now heading the Afghan regime. This dinosaur of colonialist tactics shows how crude the Soviet imperialists are. The Soviet Union didn't bother to build a fifth column of "liberal" support in Afghanistan or even rely on a revisionist party before they staged a coup d'etat. Thousands of Soviet troops were airlifted into the country to put Karmal (a loyal Soviet dog who had lived in exile in Czechoslovakia for years) into power. To hell with

world opinion, might makes right to the Soviet imperialists.

After Amin, former head of Afghanistan, was executed, Karmal's takeover speech was read over the Kabul radio. The transcript for the speech was transmitted by TASS (the Soviet press agency). Karmal didn't even get into the country until two days later. And as soon as he took over, every government ministry was staffed by Russian advisors. With the Soviets running the government, the clumsy new Tsars might even be tempted to declare Russian as the official language. □

The Soviet Union needs Afghanistan to contend with the U.S. as well as to contain China. Afghanistan gives the Soviets a closer route through the Arabian Sea to the Persian Gulf and the Straits of Hormuz. That's where most of the oil to Western Europe (the focus of superpower contention) and the U.S. must pass.

Driven by inherent contradictions at home, the Soviet superpower has to contend with the U.S. for world domination—to fight to redivide the world and conquer new markets and natural resources. Afghanistan is making the people of the world clear on the clumsy but vicious nature of Soviet social-imperialism. □

"COLD WAR ECONOMY" - UNDREAMED-OF HARDSHIP AHEAD

The two superpowers are foaming at the mouth trying to outdo each other in redividing the world to save their crumbling economy. The recent invasion of Afghanistan is a direct challenge to the U.S. imperialist's oil interest in the Middle East. The U.S. imperialists' preparation for war spells suffering and added misery to all those living in the U.S.

Even the monopoly capitalist class and its representatives have been forced to admit to the war-prone vulnerability of capitalist production. As *Business Week* magazine stated, "Economic policy... will increasingly be made to further foreign policy goals, however uncomfortable and costly their domestic and political consequences may be." War preparation means an increase in defense spending, which will cause a huge deficit and higher inflation.

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1) *Defense spending*: The defense budget for 1980 already amounts to \$138.6 billion and will go up to \$157 billion in 1982. This budget represents an annual 4.5% increase after inflation. It will continue to go up as the contention for world hegemony between the two superpowers intensifies.

2) *Budget deficit*: The increase in defense spending at home, foreign military assistance and farm support as a result of the grain embargo will lead to a

huge budget deficit. The budget deficit for last year already reached the \$40 billion mark. The \$15 billion projected deficit for 1981 is just an illusory figure.

3) *Inflation*: In order to finance the growing deficit, the government is forced to print more money, issue bonds and sell treasury notes. What is left is soaring inflation, far exceeding the present 13% annual rate which is occurring even in a relative slump of the economy with no vigorous investment in bonds and stocks.

War Preparation Means Suffering For The U.S. People

The only way to curb inflation is for the government to take measures that will force Americans to pay.

**no tax cuts*—except maybe a tax break for real estate speculators or bigger tax loopholes for big business. In fact, taxation for the broad masses will probably increase to finance the defense spending.

**higher interest rates*—needed to control the flow of money supply especially from the central bank. This is important to stem the further international dumping of the U.S. dollar.

This means hardship for small business—which relies on credit to survive, and for people to get mortgages for homes. Small businesses are eaten up by big ones, and the American dream is shattered.

**mandatory wage and price control*—will be implemented, which means big capitalists will simply hoard essential commodities until price controls are lifted, while real wages are forced down due to soaring inflation.

**social services will be cut even more*—resulting in more suffering for the elderly, inhumane medical services and a lousy education for the future generation. While youth unemployment is

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Skyrocketing inflation in the early 1900's turned German Marks into building block toys for the kids.

New Lease on Counter-Revolution Proposed CIA Charter

Recently Carter made a proposal for "easing legislation that restricts the operation of the CIA". Senator Huddleston also said that there is strong sentiment to "un-handcuff" the intelligence services. But when has the CIA ever been handcuffed?

It was the CIA, under director William Colby, that carried out the coup against President Ngo Dinh Diem of

South Vietnam on Nov. 1, 1963 and operation "Phoenix" which killed over 20,000 Vietnamese. All over the globe from the plot against Chilean President Salvador Allende, to the "Bay of Pigs" attempt to overthrow Castro, from the landing of U.S. Marines in the Dominican Republic 1965, to the Israeli/CIA attack on Palestinian guerrilla leaders in Beirut 1973. The CIA, as the right arm of U.S. imperialism has a long history of attempts to plunder the world's people and sabotage revolutionary struggles.

Surveillance, sabotage and murders are stock tools of the trade for U.S. imperialism and has nothing to do with the interest of the U.S. people.

In 1977, there were exposés about secret LSD experiments, new torture techniques, crash programs on brainwashing, etc. It was under the guise of reforming the CIA that Carter centralized and streamlined the entire intelligence and repressive apparatus. Carter gave the CIA direct control of the entire intelligence budget which includes the National Security Agency and the National Reconnaissance Office. He removed clumsy duplication between the Department of Defense and the CIA. This reform made the CIA, NSA and NRO more efficient and more deadly.

Right now they are saying "unhandcuff" the CIA and repeal the Hughes Ryan amendment. The 1974 Hughes-Ryan amendment was passed under the guise of reform because of pressure from U.S. people after Chile, Vietnam, and Watergate. This amendment never restricted the CIA but made it somewhat vulnerable to being exposed, because information was passed on to eight Congressional Committees. Now riding in the wake of Iran and Afghanistan, Carter is proposing a new charter for the CIA. The new proposed charter calls for more secretive and expanded CIA activities. It proposes that the CIA should only report to two intelligence committees. In addition, the President won't have to approve of CIA activities except in special cases.

With heightened contention between the Soviet Union and increased economic and political independence from the third world, the U.S. is openly preparing to unleash the CIA with more independence and power to carry on its aggression against the U.S. people and the people of the world.

In Today's World, Gold Flies While Paper Sinks

On New York's 47th Street, people were getting into line—"any line" as one put it. Cashing in on skyrocketing prices for gold, they were turning in their jewelry and other items for cash in the city's gold district. Downtown, at the Commodities Exchange, gold had just jumped to \$820 an ounce. It was another record, one of many in the last few months.

The Very Sane "Gold Craze"

For their own reasons, the government of the biggest monopoly capitalists call this a "craze" and "wild". But in today's world, both the buying and selling of gold, not necessarily by the same people, is crazy like a fox.

For many workers and petty bourgeoisie, selling gold is a necessity. Hit by double-digit inflation for necessities like food, housing, gas, and heating oil, and with rising joblessness, real wages and thus living standards are dropping like stones. People are practically unable to save and unwilling to. But with credit cards and credit drying up, people have to draw on their savings and on pawnshops. In November, the saving rate in

the country hit a bottom 3.4%, the second lowest rate since 1949's 3.6%. The lowest was in October this year—3.3%.

Why Buyers Buy

The big buyers of gold aren't going to make jewelry or cap teeth. Gold is bought to hoard. And the biggest concern of the buyers is not the fluctuation of the gold markets but the larger world balance of power. First of all, the decline of the U.S. is pushing those who hold the dollar into other currencies and especially gold. The dollar today, because of the balance of forces arranged against the U.S. by the third world, second world and the vicious Soviet Union, is dropping almost daily. On the other hand, the European economies are even more vulnerable. Thus paper currencies are sinking and gold flies.

This is especially true for the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) who hold billions of rapidly depreciating dollars. In the 50's, 60's, and even the early 70's, the dollar was the foundation of the world

currency system. But since the rise of the third world and increasing fights with the second world, the illusory long-term strength of the U.S. has been exposed. With the chickens coming home to roost, they see the emperor has no clothes. Iran was the first to kick the dollar out as a medium of exchange for its oil. Objectively, many other countries in the Middle East are doing the same, exchanging dollars for other currencies and gold in particular. And the dollar drops even further, as confidence erodes. The inability of the U.S. to intervene in Iran or stop the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan doesn't help.

Gold and the U.S. Crisis

Another effect of the gold rush is what it means for the U.S. economy. Speculation today is rampant among the bourgeoisie and the largest, most respectable banks like Chase Manhattan and corporations engage in it to protect themselves from the crisis. But parasitic to the bone, the U.S. economy needs a massive transfusion of capital into its productive industries to get out of the crisis. Only this way can the rapid improvement of the workers be stemmed, their resistance dulled and another temporary stabilization of capitalism achieved. If not, it means war and fascism together—and proletarian revolution.

Thus to get out, speculation must be curbed and the money shifted into productive and especially non-defense industries. But the bourgeoisie must agree to do this and it means deciding which monopolies go under. Caught between the devil and the deep blue sea, the bourgeoisie is on the horn of this very critical political problem.

For them, in fact, gold might be a very good personal investment. □



CWP "Eggravates" Kennedy

NEWARK, N.J., Jan. 16—Communist Workers Party members and supporters waited for Ted Kennedy's arrival at his \$1,000 a plate fundraiser. Curious onlookers and news media were there. As Kennedy emerged from his limousine, CWP supporters shouted, "What is your position on the murders in Greensboro?" and greeted him with a hail of eggs—one landing squarely on Ted's face and the rest on his Secret Service men.

The local police and Secret Service men threw two Communist Workers Party demonstrators to the ground and pinned another to the wall. The more the demonstrators shouted, the more frantic the Secret Service men became. They hustled the three away into an adjacent hotel—afraid that their Gestapo-type character would be exposed. Everything was filmed by a news station film crew. Charges of assault and battery, resisting arrest, and creating a disturbance were made later, and a thousand dollar bail posted for each demonstrator.

People loved Kennedy's egging, which got nationwide TV coverage. The people inside the county jail treated the demonstrators like heroes, saying, "You guys are all right!" After their release, the father of one demonstrator phoned: "I have only one question. How could you possibly miss?" The reply was, "Do you really think I missed?"

All the presidential candidates, from Kennedy to Carter to Bush, lie



Bullseye! As Kennedy gets egg all over his face, a Secret Service pig gets his, scrambled.

that the Iranians, the minorities and the immigrants are the cause of our problems here at home. These politicians are secret supporters of the Klan and Nazis who spearhead their scape-



Here, pigs wrestle CWP supporter shouting "Remember the CWP 5!"

goat politics to pave the way for fascism. That's why none of them will say one word to condemn the FBI/Klan/Nazi murders of the Communist Workers Party 5. Today, Kennedy is

the bossman of the S-I bill which would make it illegal for anyone to demonstrate or picket. This comes naturally to Kennedy, whose father, Joe, supported Hitler during World War II. These are the reasons the Communist Workers Party "eggrevates" all the candidates and will keep on doing it.

We will not stop at Newark, Hartsell or San Francisco. The Communist Workers Party will be at the 1980 Democratic National Convention to confront the candidates, to demand no war, no fascism, and to demand that the Klan/Nazi/FBI murderers get punished. The Communist Workers Party is the only alternative to the bankrupt Democratic and Republican parties. □

CONTRIBUTE NOW

THE PARTY HAS BEGUN ITS LEGAL FIGHT TO AVENGE THE CWP 5. THE DE-OF OUR ARRESTED COMRADES AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS SUIT AGAINST THE KLAN, NAZIS AND GREENSBORO POLICE WILL COST A MINIMUM OF \$250,000 FOR THE FIRST YEAR.

Greensboro Justice Fund
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Partial List of Endorsers of Feb. 2 Anti-Klan Demonstration

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National Association of Black Social Workers; National Conference of Black Lawyers; Michael Lomax, Fulton County Commissioner, Georgia; A. Reginald Eaves, Fulton County Commissioner, Georgia; Marvin Arrington, Atlanta City Councilman; Council of Southern Mountains; Urban Appalachian Council; National Lawyers Guild; Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom; NAACP—Greensboro Branch; People's Alliance, Headquarters in NYC; Institute for the Black World—Atlanta, Georgia; The State of West Virginia, Human Rights Commission; Gray Panthers from Jackson, Mississippi; Inter-religious Foundation for Community Organization; Southern Organizing Committee for Economic and Social Justice; Equal Rights Congress; Concerned Citizens Against the Klan in Greensboro; Communist Workers Party; National Anti-Racist Organizing Committee; Triangle Vigil Committee; Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Center for Constitutional Rights; Anti-Repression Retorts Team, Jackson, Mississippi; National Committee to Support Amalian Brothers, St. Louis; Texas Farmworkers Union; Dallas Coalition for Human Dignity; Gerald Horn, Director Affirmative Action Coordinating Committee (for identification purposes only); Michael Kenneth Kenebrew, Committee for Justice, Raleigh, North Carolina; Baltimore Anti-Klan Committee; Christian Council of Metro-Atlanta, Dr. Donald Newby, Director; Citizens Party of North Carolina, Carrboro, N.C.; National Black Human Rights Coalition, headquarters in NYC; Philadelphia Black United Front Coalition to Help Oust Rizzo; Kalamu Ya Salaam, Editor of Black Collegiate Magazine; Paintmaker Local 1961 of Atlanta, Georgia; Representative Parren J. Mitchell, U.S. Congressman from Maryland; United League of Northern Mississippi, Skip Robinson, President; Martin Luther King Movement, Tyrone Brooke, Executive Director; Highlander Center of Newmarket, Tennessee; National Mobilization for Survival; John Conyers, U.S. Congress. □

Self-criticism of Mike Nathan Article

The November 19th issue of Workers Viewpoint contained an article entitled "Mike Nathan's Co-Workers Walk-Out". Many of the statements in the article were untrue, and based on rumor instead of fact.

The workers at Lincoln Community Health Center in Durham, where Mike was a pediatrician, were shocked and enraged at Mike's murder by Nazi and Klan assassins. Some were aware of Mike's communist beliefs and some were not, but all respected him nevertheless. Many Lincoln workers, feeling they had lost a great doctor and a personal friend, attended his memorial service.

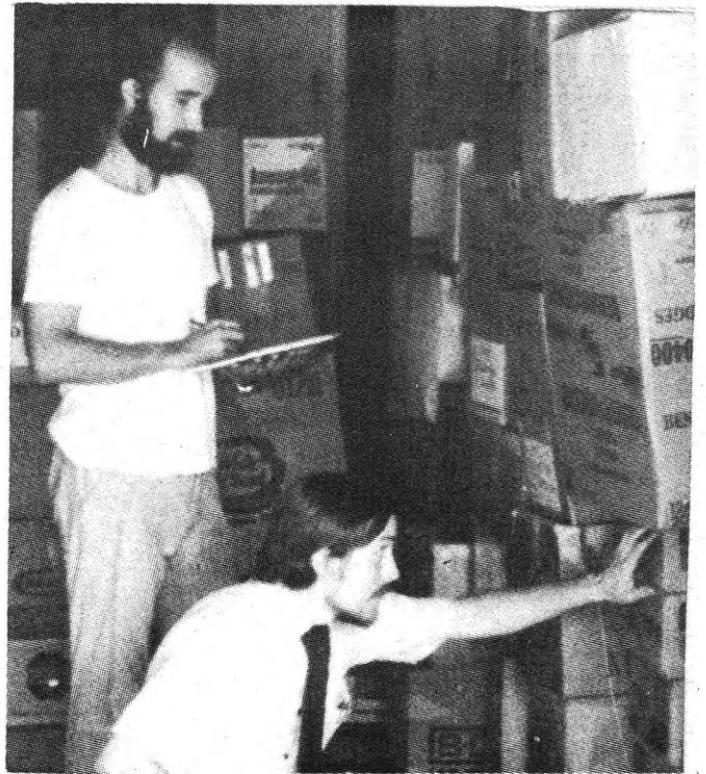
But the health center walk-out which is reported in the November 19 article did not actually occur. In addition,

the details of how Mike came to work at Lincoln are incorrect.

Mistakes like those in the November 19 article can cause the Party to lose credibility among the many workers who read Workers Viewpoint to learn the truth. We will try to avoid making similar mistakes in the future and are being far more careful about documenting facts. We recognize that the true story of Mike's life and the heroic way in which he died needs no exaggeration.

The following is a letter from Mike's widow, Marty. It shows how Mike's role as a people's doctor and his deep love for the masses cannot be separated from the communist convictions for which he died on November 3.

Mike Nathan (standing) is pictured here with a fellow member of Committee for Medical Aid to Southern Africa. They are shown preparing a shipment of clothing and medical supplies for liberation fighters in Zimbabwe.



Letter from Marty

MIKE NATHAN: COMMUNIST DOCTOR WHO LOVED THE PEOPLE

Dear WV,

Since Mike Nathan's murder by the Nazis, Klan and government on Nov. 3, a lot of people I never knew before have come up to me to tell me how much they miss him, how angry and grieved they are that he is gone. As his wife, I knew how hard he worked at his job at Lincoln Community Health Center in Durham, how he would come home late, never miss a day of work, and respond to calls from anxious parents by trips to the emergency room in the middle of the night. But it is only since his death that I have realized how important it is to people to have a doctor that is both Red and expert—a Communist doctor that truly cares for people. The day I went back to work, a fellow worker came up to me and said that Mike was the *only* doctor she had ever known to come all the way from home into the ER

(emergency room—ed.) at night to see her baby with asthma. After he made sure the child was better, she said, he took the time to explain to her what had happened and what she should do about it. She said she would never forget that, and she did not think she would be able to find such a good doctor for her baby again.

Mike went into medicine because he wanted to help people. In college at Duke in the 60's, he had been active in the anti-war movement, had worked with Operation Breakthrough for voter registration drives in the Afro-American community (and was once beaten up by racists because of it), and had supported the union drive by mainly black workers at Duke University. He was soft-spoken but took strong stands. Ten years later people at Breakthrough still speak with respect of his honesty and dedication.

He entered medical school in 1969. Disgusted by the greedy, corrupt medical care system, that, under capitalism, is geared for profit for doctors and drug and hospital supply companies, he thought about dropping out of medicine. He got a chance, though, to go to Guatemala. He learned first hand the ugliest brutality of imperialism. Crushed by the U.S. multinational banana companies and their puppets, the people suffered from malnutrition, TB, malaria, parasites—all disease attributable only to a criminal economic system that denies decent living conditions and health care to the masses. Mike found that his medical skills could be put to good use. He resolved to become a doctor and fight disease *and* imperialism.

Back in Durham, he began to study Marxism-Leninism-Mao-Tsetung Thought and with Jim Waller and Paul Bermanzohn, helped build a local chapter of Medical Committee for Human Rights. The committee took up the fight to save the local black hospital—Lincoln—and started brown lung screening programs in textile mills around the state. But Mike's study was convincing him more and more that all these crimes—oppression and exploitation of workers, the Vietnam War, national oppression, cutbacks in health care,—were linked and had their root in the system of monopoly capitalism. He and others decided that the only real solution to any of these problems was the overthrow of capitalist rule and the establishment of the dictatorship of the working class.

After finishing his medical training at Dallas and Charlottesville, Va., we returned to Durham in 1978. We came back to work with WVO as the only Party capable of carrying on revolutionary struggle in this country. Mike spent his days treating the working class children of Durham at Lincoln, while most

of his nights were devoted to meetings fighting the competency test, organizing medical support for the Patriotic Front in Zimbabwe, and study, and caring for our small baby. He planned the Party's first aid for ALD, 11/11, and China Grove. He carried on his medical work, although he complained bitterly about his ineffectiveness. Everyday he would see children who were malnourished or sick because their parents could not afford preventive medical care because they worked at Duke or Burlington (local hospital and textile mill—ed.) or could find no job. He hated most treating babies who were victims of child abuse or neglect—whose parents had been abused by capitalism so severely that they struck out at their families.

Mike's hatred toward fascist groups like the Klan and the Nazis was personal as well as political. He realized the significance of the promotion of the Klan by the bourgeois state and media. It was an attempt to divide the class and crush the struggle of workers and Afro-Americans as they begin to unite to fight against the increasing exploitation and misery of imperialism in its worst economic crisis. Besides, his father's entire family had been murdered by the Nazis in Europe. He went to China Grove and to Greensboro, understanding the need for the working class to fight. At China Grove he had leafleted crowds of white workers and had stood unflinching before Klan guns. And at Greensboro he went forward, not back, to give aid to his fallen comrades during the attack by the state and the fascists. And the cowardly dogs murdered him and four others, truly the best fighters for the working class.

He was a doctor because he loved the masses. He was a communist because he knew that being a doctor was not enough, that humanity's most killing disease is capitalism. Our grief at losing him is great. Our tears flow as we vow to live like him, to dedicate our lives to the masses and to the Party that means our liberation, the CWP.

Sincerely
Marty Nathan

Klan Endorses Hunt....

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The history of struggle in North Carolina is living proof. In North Carolina, where workers are least organized, Hunt has attempted to block the fight to unionize and repeal the "right-to-work" law. National oppression, the frame-up and incarceration of the Wilmington 10, cases like the Charlotte 3, the struggle to save black colleges, and stopping the competency tests, all shows that Gov. Hunt had always adopted the tactic of outright repression. Hunt was counting on developing a climate that allows wire tapping and supporting infiltration of people's organizations to cover the already extensive repression on CWP and supporters. Job firings and red-baiting are not enough. His hatred and fear of the masses and the leadership of the CWP in the working class makes him the most loyal friend of the Klan. The Klan loves him so much that Virgil Griffin, grand dragon of the Klan in North Carolina offered his support to Hunt for reelection because "he would destroy the communist Party in North Carolina." "We think Hunt is the best man for governor and the best governor the state has ever had", Griffin said. They offered

this endorsement at a fundraising rally for the 14 Klan members charged for the November 3 assassinations.

What is the significance of Hunt's attack on the CWP? Charles Finch, CWP spokesperson stated at a press conference, "The main thing the governor is trying to do is trying to rally support for an investigation of the Communist Workers Party and we condemn it completely." Governor Hunt, the highest law officer of the state is trying to justify and legalize the brutal assassination of five Communist Workers Party members by the Klan on November 3rd. Hunt's attack is not just on the Communist Workers Party. It is an attack on the whole working class. Hunt used the Klan to hide his real intention—to open the door to increased repression of all people fighting for justice.

But as we can already see, every attack on the CWP will raise more support and anti-Klan sentiment from the masses. The February 2nd demonstration is a clear example of this. Wave upon wave of new fighters are taking up the struggle and the legacy of the CWP 5. □

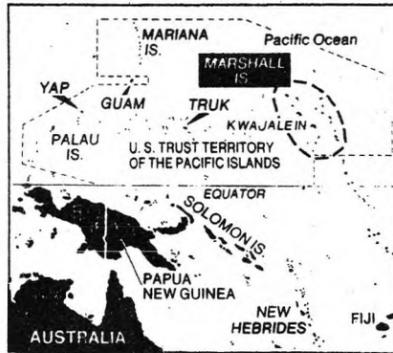
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Liquor and Welfare, But No Jobs For Marshall Islanders

The Marshall Islands, 32,000 people on 600 islands in the Pacific Ocean, was granted "independence" by the U.S. on Jan. 14. "Independent" but they cannot join the United Nations. "Independent" but the U.S. retains exclusive control of military matters for at least the next 15 years. In return for this strategic control of the air and sea lanes between Southeast Asia and the U.S. will pump in \$90 million a year to bring the people the "American way of life" and "civilization."

\$90 million and not one penny spent on creating jobs, forcing the people to be dependent on welfare

checks for survival. Crates and crates of surplus food will be shipped—spam, tuna fish and peanut butter—but not a penny to develop the land for cultivation or to buy fishing nets and fishing boats. \$90 million spent on cases and cases of beer and liquor to get the people into a drunken stupor so they forget their life of misery under U.S. imperialist plunder. \$90 million of Voice of America radio and TV with soap operas and game shows, the top 40 hit parade—locking people into the idiot box to drown out the exploding bombs at the nuclear test sites on the Bikini and Enewetak atolls. For another



\$9 million a year, the U.S. will pluck the people, too doped up and dependent on U.S. imperialism to resist (they hope), and plop them on deserted islands so the U.S. military can have exclusive use of the Kwajalein atoll.

From Micronesia to the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean, U.S. imperialism is grabbing for military bases in preparation for a war with the Soviet Union. □

Cold War Economy...

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epidemic, only \$2 billion is being invested for youth education and skilled training. And even this amount won't go to quality education and real jobs, but instead more competency tests designed to whip out an obedient work force geared to war production.

Militarization of the Economy A Sign of Economic Decay

Increase in military industry will lead to a certain vigorousness in some basic industries especially those related to aerospace, transport and defense contracts. It will also sustain some regional banks that finance small manufacturers of components for defense supplies. But meanwhile the overall production of the economy will actually decline. Why? Because tremendous energy, manpower and resources are put into the production of waste that eventually has to be burnt or destroyed in the battlefield. Consumption industries like steel and railroad are left idle. The huge investment in defense spending creates a false sense of prosperity, but actually makes the economy more stagnant.

The little stir created by investment into military industry won't solve the 9% unemployment in the country. According to a recent government forecast, every \$10 billion addition to the present military spending will only reduce unemployment by less than 0.1%. At the same time, every \$10 billion pumped into the military will explode the inflation note into outer space.

World War Is Not In The Interest Of The U.S. People

World War is a war between imperialists to redivide the world in order to conquer new markets and sources of raw materials, to extract superprofits from countries and people around the world. That's why military spending in the U.S. has been increasing even before the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan. Detente between the two superpowers has never meant peace, but only a smoke screen for more war preparation. The recent brutal act of the Soviet Union only brought the contention between the superpowers into the open and made it a watershed issue to accelerate the danger of World War III.

The U.S. people are being asked to pay for the imperialist self-interest for profits. A war economy means U.S. people are asked to tighten their belts while the bourgeoisie gluttonously reaps huge profits. And since these attacks will bring tremendous resistance from the masses, the bourgeoisie has only one logical option—fascism at home. □

Scolieri Blocks Redbaiters...

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When Cathy first received the letter of distorted charges, Terry Garr (recording secretary of IUE) handed in his resignation because, "I refuse to be part of the 'redbaiting' plot being enacted by Al Daviau and our IUE (International) Rep. W. Szymanski." Other workers have formed a Committee to Defend Cathy. They are circulating leaflets and petitions through the plant to advance her good work in the local and to get more support. A reporter from the *San Francisco Examiner*, who was interested in the case because Cathy was formerly part of the leadership of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), Bay Area Chapter, interviewed her for an article.

In a letter to the membership written by Cathy she stated, "Charges have been brought against me by (seven workers) that I 'have been engaging in activities and a course of conduct contrary and detrimental to the welfare and best interests of IUE Local 853...'. I ask the members to look at my leadership record and decide. It's because I'm a communist that I have fought so hard for people in this local for so long, that is my record... The anti-communism of Daviau and the rest... is outright siding with the company in this case. That is the main issue at stake.

"That is why these charges are an attack on the welfare of all the Local members. [It] is illegal if I was removed from office and membership on these charges. The Labor-Management Report and Disclosure Act does not allow a

union to discipline a member for expressing or supporting communist ideas and principles.

"One way or another G.E. and IUE try to get rid of fighters. Offering jobs, setting people up for firing and whipping up anti-communism are some of the ways. I'm fully prepared to fight back these anti-union and illegal charges all the way." □

Olympics...

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a firm stand because they can effectively follow through on this boycott. They can oppose granting visas to U.S. athletes, and pull out NBC investments on television rights. (NBC has already spent more than \$60 million in preparation of the Games and has also agreed to "back the President".) Pulling out NBC's investments would hurt the Soviet Union since financially, the Soviets cannot foot the bill for similar TV coverage.

Olympics—A Political Arena For the Superpowers

In the Olympic Games, U.S. has always raved about how it should not be used as a political arena. But their hypocrisy shows through when in 1968, they blacklisted 3 Black athletes—Larry James, Tommie Smith, and John Carlos—for raising their black-gloved fists in pro-

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On January 23, Cathy's lawyers Dan Siegel and Allen Yee obtained a preliminary injunction stopping all disciplinary proceedings against her. At her Jan. 16 union trial committee hearing, (whose verdict must be approved by 2/3 vote at the Feb. 3 union meeting) the union hacks pushed for her to be expelled from union membership and not allowed to run for re-election. Judge Renfrew, Federal District Court of northern California, ruled this violated Cathy's constitutional right to free speech and may irreparably harm her in the union election. He made this ruling before 20 workers who came from Bay Area plants to support Cathy's fight.

test against national oppression. Or when they slandered the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) for having seized the Israeli athletes' campsite in the 1972 Games in Munich. The PLO had demanded all Palestinian political prisoners be freed from Zionist Israel. The Olympics has long been a place for ideological war by both superpowers (U.S. & U.S.S.R.). But now, when the situation is to their advantage, cries about "no politics in sports" are being muffled.

The Soviet Union however, in response to the U.S.' threat, will have to continue with the Moscow Olympics. To do otherwise would be admitting that they were wrong to invade Afghanistan and would mean a tremendous political defeat. But with this intense superpower contention in the Olympics issue, there will most likely be two separate Games with neither superpower backing down. □

Patriotic Front...

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But the Trotskyites turn this reality on its head. "Sellout" and a victory for U.S. imperialism, that's what the Revolutionary "Communist" Party (R"C"P) called the cease-fire in their rag, the *Revolutionary Worker*. Why? Because the coalition government that emerges from the cease-fire elections will probably not be a

"pure" socialist government. The R"C"P just doesn't believe that an independent, non-aligned Zimbabwe with a coalition government (even with an imperialist dog like Muzorewa in it) is in the interest of the people of the world.

The R"C"P has absolutely no confidence in the Patriotic Front and the Zimbabwean people to continue the revolution under a genuine party after independence is achieved. They have never understood Chairman Mao's three worlds line, and therefore can't see the

strength of the third world today. To the R"C"P, the masses don't make history and the third world is not the main force against the two superpowers (U.S. and U.S.S.R.)—to them there is only the two worlds of the superpowers. The R"C"P sees no victory for the third world unless its socialist, and class struggle ends there. Seeing things only in terms of the two superpowers, the logical conclusion of this bankrupt view is to prefer a Soviet takeover of Zimbabwe because only this would mean a defeat

for the U.S. The R"C"P is a secret supporter of Soviet social-imperialism.

Patriotic Front Will Emerge Victorious

An independent, non-aligned Zimbabwe that keeps both superpowers out is the best condition for revolution in that country to continue. It aids the liberation struggles in Namibia and Azania and means one less place for which the superpowers can compete.

By grasping the strategic balance of forces as well as re-

maining tactically sharp, the Patriotic Front will emerge victorious. Campaigning for the elections, organizing open demonstrations and using different forms of political education all show that class struggle and party building has taken a different form in Zimbabwe. The election and the resulting coalition government will further differentiate the class forces, showing who really fights for the people. The Patriotic Front and the people of Zimbabwe will be steeled and tempered even more. □