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"Self-Determination for the Afro-American Nation in The Black Belt South! Equal Rights for the Oppressed Black Nationality everywhere else they be!" These are the basic demands of the Black Masses, democratic & revolutionary!

## AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY/MALCOLM X '79

The struggle against imperialism by working and oppressed people around the world is intensifying. We have seen revolution grow in the Third World since 1978: the overthrow of the Shah of Iran, the Chinese and Kampuchean peoples' struggle against Soviet social imperialism and Vietnamese hegemonism, the downfall of Idi Amin in Uganda. All of this goes to prove that where there is oppression there is resistance.

Right here in America, the belly of imperialism, the struggle continues against cutbacks in education and health services, against unemployment and price rises in basic necessities such as food, fuel, and clothing.

The month of May is significant because May 19, is the birthday of Malcolm X. His life and words reflected the consciousness that our struggle here in America is part of the international struggle against imperialism.

The correctness of Malcolm's line of self-defence has been shown again and again in the present upsurge of the Afro-American peoples' struggle. The Black United Front in Brooklyn, the struggle for freedom for Gary Tyler in Mississippi, the case of Terence Johnson in Maryland, the whole program of the United League in Mississippi: all are instances of the determination of black people to fight

against police brutality and murder, the Ku Klux Klan, or any other form of racist violence.

May is known throughout Africa as African Liberation month, and here we commemorate African Liberation Day. RCL sees African Liberation Day as an important time to reflect and to act on the liberation of Africa from all imperialism, racism, Zionism and all reaction. The continued progress of the guerilla struggle in Namibia and Zimbabwe show that African peoples are not fooled by the tricks of the racist regime of Ian Smith, nor are they cowed by the mercenary troops of Fidel Castro.

While celebrating the victories of the people we must intensify the struggle. We must unite all who can be united to bring about revolution here in the U. S., a socialist revolution that will overthrow the bourgeoisie and establish the dictatorship of the working people, who will be led by a revolutionary communist party guided by Marxism - Leninism - Mao Tsetung Thought.

Always remember what Malcolm X said: "When you see an imperialist you see a bold sucker, the life blood of the people." The cry of the Afro-American nation is, "Self Determination for the Afro-American Nation in the Black Belt of the South!"

## RCL SUPPORTS Equal Rights Amendment

RCL (MLM): CHANGE OF POSITION ON THE ERA

### INTRODUCTION

Due to additional study and further analysis of the present situation, RCL (MLM) has changed its position on the ERA. We now support the ERA as opposed to our past position of non-support. In this paper we have attempted to outline our analysis and basis for this line change of supporting the ERA.

In addressing the question of whether to support or not support the ERA, we sought to understand the practical application of what are the

literal effects on the existing statutes for women and we should not confuse this with the various interpretations of ERA once it is passed. In theory, the ERA can have many interpretations. The effects of the ERA could be to strike the words of sex identification from law rather than make the entire law unconstitutional, or rights could be extended to both sexes. In other cases, rights could be removed from one sex so that neither sex would have

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## GAS SHORTAGE IS A FAKE

OIL COMPANIES MAKE SUPER-PROFITS WHILE PEOPLE SUFFER!!

Why gas lines? Why are the prices rising every day? Is there really a gasoline shortage? Who is responsible? These are some of the questions that are running through all of our minds these days, as we sit and wait in gas lines wasting our lives waiting for gas, while some people get rich off our misery and are somewhere laying in the sun chuckling at how they chump us off!

First of all there is no gasoline shortage! Like the hyped up "Energy Crisis" of a few years ago, the present gas shortage is a fake aimed at raising prices to unheard of levels. Once the "Oilies" reach about \$1.50 (maybe even \$2.00 some folks are saying) then there will be all the gas you need --- until they get ready for the next price hike.

Why is this? Because supplies of fuel oil are controlled in this country by only a few gigantic oil companies. In fact this squeeze is directly attri-

butable to the capitalist greed of the group called The Seven Sisters, who control most of the oil in the world. They are: Exxon, Shell, Texaco, Gulf, Mobil, Standard of California, British Petroleum. Five of these are American corporate giants. Shell is Dutch & English, BP, of course is English as well.

These corporations fake shortages to jack up prices! They try to blame it on the Arabs, the reason for this is for many years these corporate bandits literally got the oil for nothing. In 1970, they paid the Arabs \$1.80 for a barrel (55 gallons!) of oil. But the rise of revolution throughout the 3rd world (Africa, Asia, Latin America) have forced the oilies to have more money for the oil. But even today they pay \$14.55 a barrel! Or about .26 cents a gallon, and out of the same barrel they use the "waste" to manufacture plastics, fertilizer, insecticide, heating oil. In the 50's and early 60's the oilies paid

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## New York's Judge BRUCE WRIGHT Criticizes Bail System

Judge Bruce Wright of New York City's Criminal Court came under attack again, this time by Mayor Koch and Patrolmen's Benevolent Association's President, Sam DeMilia. Judge Wright had granted release without bail (in his own recognizance) to a Mr. Jerome Singleton, who later was an alleged suspect in the slaying of a decoy cop.

At the time of Singleton's appearance in court, there was no indictment presented by the DA's office within the 72 hours allotted for a felony indictment, as is the usual procedure. Since Mr. Singleton was a respected community member, a full time student, married and the father of 2 children with no previous arrest record, he was released. The furor is over granting this right to a black man, rather than using the bail system, as is too often the case, as a means of having poor people serve time before trial or hearing because they are unable to meet bail.

attacked saying that, not only has Mr. Singleton's case been prejudiced by Koch's and DeMilia's outbursts implying guilt before trial, but that as a criminal court judge he's resist the improper use of the bail system which has been used to consistently violate the democratic rights of blacks and other oppressed people. This call was strongly supported by hundreds of

community residents who packed Rev. H. Daughtry's church for an Easter Sunday service to hear the Judge speak.

The Black United Front, of which Rev. H. Daughtry is the Chairperson, organized a rally Tuesday April 17, attended by 750 - 1000 supporters of Judge Wright's actions in front of New York's Supreme Court. Many other rallies and programs in support of Judge Bruce Wright, whose term expires Dec. 31, 1979 will be held throughout the year by the Black United Front.

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## Why China Counterattacked Viet Nam Hegemonists

In late February, Chinese troops launched a military action against Vietnam. The last Chinese troops withdrew across the border on March 16.

China acted to defend its territory in response to a long string of aggressive actions on the part of Vietnam. The Vietnamese authorities have stationed 50,000 troops in Laos, effectively subjugating that country; they have conducted a campaign of persecution against the Chinese residents of Vietnam, expelling tens of thousands of them; they are invasion force of up to 20,000 troops, and lie that they are uninvolved; they committed thousands of border violations against China in which hundreds of people have been killed or wounded. To support all of this they made a military-political alliance with the Soviet social-imperialists, the most aggressive and dangerous pack of imperialists in the world. These acts pose a grave threat to world peace.

A number of organizations in the U.S. have tried to operate under a "Marxist-Leninist" cover in order to becloud the issue. Leading the way is the Communist Party, USA, loyal servant of Soviet social-imperialism. This revisionist party claims that Vietnam's Soviet-backed invasion of Kampuchea is an indigenous uprising! It follows that they have accused China of "aggression" for defending itself against Vietnam's incursions on its territory.

Some are repeating USSR-CPUSA lines while claiming to be "anti-revisionist". The so-called Revolutionary Communist Party thinks that it can get people to swallow the notion

China drew the only logical conclusion: the Vietnamese authorities will desist from their outlawry only when forced to do so.

The Chinese counterattack was a thorough military defeat for the Vietnamese hegemonists, China wants no more than a peaceful border and has kept no Vietnamese territory. Nevertheless, the Vietnamese authorities persist in claiming that China occupies their territory. This shows that they have yet to negotiate genuinely to settle the question of the border.

The Vietnamese authorities have turned against revolution and socialism and abandoned the people's cause. They think that they are invincible, but without the people they are weak. Vietnam is bogged down in Kampuchea just as the U.S. was bogged down in Vietnam 15 years ago. The Vietnamese hegemonists will be defeated, just as were the U.S. imperialists. Neither will their anti-China adventures bring them any success.

that China's action is a "US-Soviet proxy war". The RCP say that China is a capitalist country which is dependent upon the U. S. I To the RCP, China's achievement of normal relations with the U.S. is a matter of collaboration with U.S. imperialism. The Soviet rulers say the same thing! This historic turn of events poses a great obstacle to their hegemonic ambitions. RCP's unity with the USSR & CPUSA stooges shows that it is the RCP, not the Communist Party of China, which collaborates with imperialism. The cockeyed "leftism" of the RCP revisionists becomes more flagrant every day.

## IRAN

On January 16, 1979, Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlavi was driven out of Iran by the Revolutionary uprisings of the masses of Iranian people. Yes, it is a joyous day for the masses of people of Iran and other working people and oppressed nationalities around the world.

After 37 years of neo-colonialism and imperialist domination, the masses of people rose to smash this oppressive regime. As the revolutionary spirit of the masses reached a turning point in Iran, the Shah no longer had visions of "neo-colonialism forever", but was rewarded with bricks, bottles, bullets, and whatever other kinds of materials the masses could lay their hands on in order to show their resistance against imperialist and neo-colonial oppression.

With the Shah's departure from Iran, a puppet government was appointed by him to continue the carrying out of his orders. The new government was made up mainly of the Shah's former cabinet members, and headed by Prime Minister Shahpur Bakhtiari. The U.S.A. immediately sent out a call stating that they supported this new government, and that the masses should cooperate with this new government. But the masses, based on their understanding of imperialist politics, clearly knew that the Shahpur Bakhtiari government was the same as that of the Shah.

With unrest still at a high point in Iran, the masses cried out for the return of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Moslem religious leader who had been in exile for a number of years. Upon the return of Ayatollah Khomeini, the masses of Iranians rejoiced with great enthusiasm. At last, the masses

felt that the hated Shah was gone and perhaps they could have a government that would reflect the aims and sentiments of the entire Iranian population. These aims and sentiments were best expressed upon his arrival in Teheran when he stated, "We must struggle to cut off the tentacles of colonialism in Shah of Iran. The masses of workers closed down plants,

stopped production of oil, and closed down schools, stores and small shops, to show their solidarity for the movement. Although this affected the local economy of Iran, one cannot help but rejoice over the fact that it primarily affects U.S. imperialism in Iran.

The people of Iran must wage a consistent struggle against all forms of imperialist aggression. This is important because throughout the world when colonialism, capitalism and imperialism have been defeated, they will try to revive themselves unless there is consolidation of the working class struggles, and the democratic revolution, such as is the case in Iran, can move to the next stage, socialist revolution, led by a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist Communist Party, based on Marxism - Leninism - Mao Tsetung Thought.

There are many problems that the masses of Iran are facing and will face in the future; but with the revolutionary zeal and vigor the masses of Iranians have displayed in the smashing of the Shah's neo-colonialist regime, we know that the masses of Iran will rise up again and will be victorious in their struggle against all forms of oppression, and move the democratic revolution to its next stage, socialist revolution!!

# STOP THE MASS KILLINGS IN LIBERIA!

### STATEMENT OF AFRO-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY WITH LIBERIAN RESISTANCE

We, the undersigned list of Afro-Americans, at this time state our unrestricted solidarity with the struggle for freedom ensuring inside the borders of Liberia.

We condemn the use of force utilized by the Liberian government on April 14, to dispel a peaceful demonstration, and unmitigated murder of over 200 men, women and children. In as much as there has been no evidence or proof given by the government that the demonstrators fired upon by the police in Monrovia on April 14, were armed or that those demonstrators intended to display any acts of violence; we, the undersigned, mourn their deaths as Liberian Freedom Fighters. Furthermore, because there is no evidence or proof given by the Liberian Government that intervention by forces outside of indigenous Liberian protestors were present at the demonstration or that there was foreign intervention on April 14th, we the undersigned condemn the use of troops from Guinea and Sierra Leone against the democratic aspirations of the Liberian people as a willful act of aggression, and political oppression.

We believe that any government should be expected to look after the needs of all the people and not follow the whims of a social elite.

We, the undersigned condemn the imprisoning and torture of the political opposition leaders in Liberia. We suggest that all of the names of the dead and wounded be released and that a truthful statement be released by the Liberian government naming what precipitated the violence and killings. We also condemn the abridgement of human rights as stated by the Liberian constitution and extended to the general population. We cite Liberia as a client of world capitalism and call on all freedom loving people the world over to condemn the abject poverty to which the Liberian indigene is subjected to, in view of the luxury in which the privileged ruling class of Liberia sprawls.

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### REVOLUTION IS THE ONLY SOLUTION

On April 14, 1979, in Monrovia (the Capital of Liberia), the Liberian People held a peaceful demonstration to register their protest against the governments proposed increase in the price of rice to \$35 per 100 lb. bag. The average wage in Liberia is \$80 a month! Although this was a peaceful demonstration, the Rev. William Tolbert, president of the U. S. dominated government & a rice grower himself, ordered the killing of 300 peaceful demonstrators, including women and children, and wounding 600 others. Rev. Tolbert and his entire neo colonial government must be condemned and made to answer for their Murderous acts of aggression against the Liberian People. This senseless slaughter shows that oppression as well as its oppressor has no

particular color barrier. This same Murderous Government closed down all universities, fearing that the students and workers were beginning to educate themselves, politically, socially and economically.

The Union of Liberian Associations in America, along with other workers, women and progressive forces have written letters and held demonstrations to protest the brutal killings and senseless slaughter of the Liberian people. Although in some cases, these demonstrations have been small in number, it is the Revolutionary Spirit and drive of the Union of Liberian Associations in America, along with other workers, women and progressive forces, that has spearheaded and brought to the forefront, the cries of the Liberian people for justice and equality.

We encourage Revolutionaries, workers and advanced forces around the world to support the struggle of the Liberian People against colonialist oppression by the Reactionary Government of Rev. William Tolbert. We also condemn the Liberian Government's use of foreign troops from Guinea and Sierra Leone to murder Liberians and demand to know why these governments are interfering into another nation's internal affairs.

"LONG LIVE THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE LIBERIAN PEOPLE"

# REVOLUTIONARY MOTION!!

## NAMIBIA

As the people's war led by SWAPO in Namibia intensifies, the UN plan for a ceasefire negotiated by UN's Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and his special envoy Martti Ahtisaari is in deep trouble. South Africa's foreign minister Roelof Botha has arrogantly resisted ~~and~~ settlement that would change continued dominance of the white minority. This cockiness is on the staunch economic and military support South Africa receives from the U. S. and four other Western powers to the tune of \$8.3 billion as of 1978, a \$1.1 billion increase over 1977. Similar to South Africa's "internal settlement", Namibia's Turnhalle Alliance is a hand-picked group of economically and politically dependent Bantustan leaders and their white counterparts who are attempting to usurp power through so-called democratic elections in the name of the black majority.

Other stumbling blocks have been South Africa's resistance to the ceasefire: 1) composition of the peace keeping force known as the UN Transitional Assistance Group, 2) its Monitoring functions, 3) the forms of the ceasefire plus, 4) the allowance of SWAPO bases in Namibia.

However, the Namibian people with SWAPO at its head is clear that only their people's war will bring democratic rights and liberation for the black majority.

## UGANDA

After years of internal strife, poverty, unemployment, etc. Idi Amin's government has been toppled by a combined force of 20,000 Ugandan patriots and Tanzanian troops under the banner of the Ugandan National Liberation Front.

Over the 5 months of border wars between Uganda and Tanzania many Ugandans fled, seeking refuge in Kenya and Tanzania. It was many of these same patriots who returned as victors, despite the efforts of Amin's own troops (many of whom were Nubian mercenaries) and nominal Libyan support. The turning point in the stop and go war which the OAU unsuccessfully tried to mediate was Libya's threat to Tanzania to "withdraw or suffer the consequences." Tanzania then ordered its troops to march to Kampala.

The main factor was that the Ugandan people were fed up with 8 years without basic necessities such as salt, sugar, cooking oil, etc; the disappearance and off times murder of friends, family and loved ones, etc. Ugandans throughout the country greeted the UNLF as victors. Despite Amin's broadcasts to the contrary, the self-proclaimed leader for life (who came to power in a coup engineered by Israel, West Germany and the U.S.) has been deposed and the struggle to return the country to democratic rule by the people under the provisional government of Yusef K. Lule can begin.

## GRENADA: OPPRESSIVE RULE OF ERIC GAIRY COMES TO AN END.

On March 13, 1979 the Gairy reign of terror that existed for 15 years ended when the New Jewel Movement headed by Maurice Bishop led the people in seizing power. The New Jewel Movement has a long history of struggle in the Caribbean and particularly in Grenada. During this struggle in Grenada the organization has learned from past mistakes and gone forward to lead a popular movement against a

government known for brutality and continuous violations of human rights. Two factors led to the takeover; one was the plan by Gairy on Saturday, March 10th, to search and detain key members of the organization. Those on the detention list went underground. It was further learned by inside sources, that Gairy had made plans to completely wipe the NJM and supporters out. These two developments, coupled with the increased repression in the past few months, led to the planning of an immediate assault.

Since the seize, the revolutionary government has been recognized by Jamaica and Guyana. The Associated States, (governments of the smaller Caribbean islands states) won't recognize the new revolutionary government until there is a return to the "constitutional process". This is a reaction by the heads of states of these islands to what has happened in Grenada, namely fear that the masses on their islands might deal with them in the same manner. It is also an attempt to ignore the welfare of the Grenadian people. Under Gairy the so-called "constitutional process" was merely a license for Gairy and his "mongoose squad" to rig elections and violate the democratic rights of the Grenadian people.

The current movement in Grenada is one stage in a long on-going struggle but will serve to inspire the masses in the Caribbean and worldwide to organize and struggle against oppression and eventually make revolution!

## BRITAIN

The Labor Government of Prime Minister James Callaghan lost a vote of no confidence by one vote recently. This led many to believe that Conservative leader Margaret Thatcher would become the first woman Prime Minister as well as lead Britain further towards the right.

Britain's government has been hard pressed by Ireland's national liberation struggle over the last decade. And both Scotland and Wales have been pushing for "self-rule" which, when denied, broke up Labour's precarious support and pushed the Callaghan government to the brink of no confidence. One measure of Britain's problems has been consistent strikes and labor troubles. Recently, sanitation, school, hospital workers and ambulance drivers have broken through Callaghan's 5% wage increase guidelines. Because of these and similar labor struggles including truckers, miners, etc. no British government in over 20 years has been able to serve more than 1 term.

As long as Britain's government continues wage guidelines which insures workers falling further behind the almost 10% inflation rate (over last year), relies on personal income tax for the bulk of its budget (some wages are taxed as much as 83% while corporations are always lightly taxed), continues a "minimum" 6%+ unemployment rate, etc., in short as long as the government represents the capitalists whether "Labor" or Tory, the workers will always respond with a vote of no confidence.

## WORKERS FIGHT TO KEEP WHAT THEY HAVE WON - Hillside, N.J.

As Unity & Struggle goes to press, members of the book binders union GAIU Local 62-B, AFL-CIO have begun a strike against the Blum Bindery. The company had refused to extend negotiations, which expired May 1st to May 4th. Therefore, the workers went

## NJ State College System Teachers Strike

On Tuesday, March 20, over 3200 teachers of the New Jersey State College System went on strike for better wage and contract provisions. The strike was successful beyond all expectations. More than 90% of the faculty stayed out and an even higher percentage of students. The strike had great political impact.

On Wednesday, March 21, State contract negotiators cut a deal with the bureaucrats of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, who sold out the faculty and students. The

bureaucrats accepted what amounted to the State's original wage offer, plus a plan for bonus payments to be given for "merit", i.e., favoritism.

A solid strike brought a weakened contract. This was the fault of the bureaucrats. Experience is the great teacher and it has taught the teachers a lot. They have learned that they are strong when they have unity and that they must never trust the bureaucrats. An alternate slate of candidates is opposing the bureaucrats in current union elections.



DAVID SIBEKO

## THE PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS OF AZANIA

AVENGE THE MURDER OF DAVID SIBEKO!  
FREE AMIRI BARAKA

THE ASSASSINATION OF DAVID SIBEKO, JUNE 12, IN DAR ES LAAM, TANZANIA, WAS A TRULY TRAGIC OCCURENCE. Sibeko, a member of the Presidential Council, of the Pan African Congress of Azania (South Africa), was one of the best known and most articulate spokesmen for the PAC, which is the leading Black Liberation Organization in Azania. For a long time Sibeko was PAC'S representative in the United Nations, and the Director of Foreign Affairs, a position he still held at his death.

Sibeko's murder is all too much like the assassination of Amilcar Cabral, in Guinea in 1973. At that time Cabral was leader of the revolutionary party that finally liberated Guinea-Bissau from the colonial duthes of Portuguese fascists. Cabral was assassinated just a year or so before the final victory of his party (PAIGC)/African Party for the Independence of Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde Islands, completely liberated their country. The assassination was an attempt to stop that movement, but all it did was make the revolutionaries more determined to smash colonialism, and infuriate the masses.

DAVID SIBEKO, WAS A REVOLUTIONARY OF SIMILAR CREDENTIALS. HE WAS A MAN RESPECTED ALL OVER THE WORLD AS A DETERMINED FIGHTER FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION. He was fighting not only to smash apartheid-colonialism in South Africa, and bring peoples democracy to that country, but to carry the revolution forward and upward to socialism!

And he was undoubtedly killed for the same reasons, to try to stop the

liberation movement in Azania, and this shows they are as desperate as the murderous agents of imperialism who snuffed out Cabral's life. What is alarming is that just as Cabral was assassinated in liberated Guinea, where he probably felt safe, Sibeko was murdered in liberated Tanzania. It shows us that we can never drop our guard when dealing with imperialism. The assassins that killed Sibeko were black, just as the ones who killed Cabral. And, as well, the bourgeois press is calling it the results of an internal organizational feud the same way they said about Cabral, and dig this, don't you remember that what they said about Malcolm X when he was killed by agents of imperialism (also black) that it was "an internal struggle". But all three of these giants were murdered by agents of imperialism!

THE WHITE RACISTS WHO OPPRESS AFRICAN PEOPLE WITH THEIR BLOODY COLONIALISM, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE SMASHED. The assassination of David Sibeko, was an act of desperation, just as the utilization of the traitor Toms in Rhodesia (soon to be Zimbabwe in actuality) like the Muzore was and Sitholes as a fake "elected multiracial" gov't is simply desperation and sham, scoffed at by most of the world!

While U.S. corporations try to save the Rhodisian and South African fascists, and the South African gov't spends millions of dollars on phoney public relations propaganda that there is a "new" South Africa and race relations are improving and the barriers to apartheid are evaporating, in truth the white racist regimes are terrified because the African people are clearly on an unstoppable revolutionary offensive whose goal is liberation! The uprisings in Soweto, spearheaded by

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on strike. They are fighting to keep some of the benefits they have won over a period of years.

The Company is seeking to take away one week of their vacation and require workers to be employed three years in order to receive one week vacation. Also to be eliminated are two of the five sick days and three out of the ten holidays they now have. And most damaging is the discontinuation of the Health, Welfare, Pension plans

and the institution of a plan that wouldn't benefit anyone for at least 35 years.

This strike is of special interest to the workers, all over the country because in this crisis of capitalism workers are fighting back against the attempt of the capitalists to take back hard won benefits. This strike will set a precedent for the other workers in the book bindery industry as well as other industries.

## KAREN SILKWOOD AND ANTI-NUCLEAR ENVIRONMENTALISTS PROVEN RIGHT!

The recent malfunction at the nuclear power plant at Harrisburg, Pa., is just another example of the dangers

# Nuclear Coverup

in the nuclear industry because of capitalist control and the attempt of the government to coverup these dangers.

The dangers of the use of nuclear energy was exposed by the case of Karen Silkwood. Karen Silkwood was a worker at the Keep Machee plant, where she was constantly exposing the dangerous conditions there and sought to reveal the numerous nuclear accidents, coverups and plutonium spills throughout the entire industry. She was contaminated and her family has sued Keep Maghee for 11.5 million dollars.

On March 6 the case went to court. This is significant because when Karen Silkwood's car was forced off the road, killing her and the documents she was carrying stolen, it was an attempt to stop the movement to tell the truth to the people. But, the brutal murder of Karen Silkwood has not covered up the fact that these plants are unsafe. In fact the case has further confirmed the fact that the truth about nuclear power is being covered up.

For the thousands in Pennsylvania around the 3-Mile Island plant, there is fear and anger over this accident. Nuclear power can be made to be safe but not under capitalism. It takes real consideration, money and time spent on safety regulations. There can be no speedups, cheap materials or shortcuts. Existing and future plants would have to be away from densely populated areas. However, capitalism's first consideration is given to the making of maximum profit. No matter what risks, hardships, or dangers the workers and population are exposed to! Even if it means working children 18 hours a day or sending miners down

into unsafe mines to get black lung and to be blown up or locking workers in a factory with fire violations to burn up.

In the nuclear industry at present, because of private capitalist ownership of it, workers are exposed to cancer-

causing radiation, so is the surrounding environment. We cannot expect Carter to tell us that as a result of the accident at the 3-mile Island plant, the lives of thousands of people have been endangered, that food has been contaminated, as well as the water and the air. It wouldn't be profitable! Firstly, because the necessary safety and environmental controls would cut down on the capitalists' maximum profit! Property values would also go down; products produced in that area such as milk, eggs, bread, etc. could not be sold. All of this would mean a lost profit. And it is the profit motive that is the concern of the few who control this society. The current billions tied into the nuclear industry would be lost. Although the capitalist owners use public funds, our tax money, for their research, then pocket the profits!

Therefore whatever the issue nuclear plant hazards, environmental regulation, control of radioactive waste and dumping systems, poisoning or other numerous health and safety hazards workers and the general population face everyday in relation to the nuclear industry, the masses of people must fight for public accountability, more stringent controls and safer conditions. But the fight must be finally to change this society, because under capitalism profit will always be placed above the lives of the people. (The film, *THE CHINA SYNDROME* must be seen. It is a good exposure of this fact). If you are interested in working around this issue please contact: Unity & Struggle, P. O. Box 1181, Newark, N. J. 07101.

## Struggle against Male Chauvinism

Several couples, in or associated with Revolutionary Communist League, have been meeting informally to discuss marital problems with the aid of Marxism-Leninism.

Some of the broad areas we've discussed are: mental and physical abuse, feelings of male superiority and female inferiority, sexual relations and problems, responsibility for household work, etc.

In discussing all of these problems, we concluded that based on living under a capitalist society marital relations are built on a foundation of private property which supports and is perpetuated by male supremacy and female subservience and that this contradiction can be consciously struggled against and progress made. Though, on the final analysis, it would take socialist revolution to begin to provide the economic and structural foundations for the full emancipation of women.

Mental and physical abuse of women is directly related to male chauvinists' viewing women as their property to be treated however they please. Within our meetings this included examples of severe beatings based on finally imposing physical strength when the man's political line didn't win out. These acts negative-

ly effected the comradeship, love and children in the family. It also included non-physical but equally oppressive mental abuse. This took the form of constantly belittling the woman's consciousness and ability. Dismissing, for instance, recurring problems one woman comrade had at her worksite as inability to cope as if male comrades didn't have problems at their worksites. Another example occurred when one comrade didn't instantly win over his spouse to being actively involved in practical work, he stopped trying and spent long hours away from home organizing the "community", "masses" etc. This belittled the woman's ability to understand the problems facing working people, and other oppressed sectors and make a decision to consciously struggle against it. It also reflects a great deal of idealism and subjectivism for the male comrade to expect instant victories. Like the struggle to overthrow capitalism, the struggle against male chauvinism and female collaboration is a protracted one.

Another major aspect of our discussions was the extreme amount of self-aggrandisement and infallibility on the part of the men and the low

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them. But if a law serves only to restrict, deny or limit the freedom of rights of one sex, such restrictions might not be extended to both sexes, instead the law could be declared unconstitutional. ERA will do nothing in itself, it must be followed by court and legal action; but ERA does set the stage for increasing class struggle. We learned from Comrade Lenin that "Marxism, teaches the proletariat not to keep aloof from the bourgeois revolution, not to be indifferent to it, not to allow the leadership of the revolution to be assumed by the bourgeoisie, but, on the contrary, to take a most energetic part in it, to fight most resolutely for consistent proletarian democracy, for carrying the revolution to its conclusion." (Lenin, *Sel. Wks.*, V. III, p. 77)

The confusion between effect and interpretation of ERA is the error we made in the past and further concretized this error by not thoroughly investigating ERA from a practical standpoint. Our analysis must also reflect a clear understanding of reforms under the conditions of imperialism so that we do not become reformist. We have learned from Comrade Stalin that: 1) "under certain conditions reforms in general, and compromises and agreements in particular, are necessary and useful, . . . it is not a matter of reform or of compromises and agreements, but of the use people make of reforms and agreements;" 2) "to a revolutionary the main thing is revolutionary work and not reform, to him reforms are a by product of the revolution . . ." and 3) "the revolutionary will accept a reform in order to use it as an aid in combining legal work with illegal and to intensify, under its covers, the illegal work for the revolutionary preparation of the masses for the overthrow of the bourgeoisie." (Foundations of Leninism, p.97, 98) In summation we must be clear that communists use reforms as a revolutionary tactic, that is, supporting the reform increases our contact, participation and integration with the masses we increase our allies and through this increase our influence and are open to more ways to point out the corruption and continuous exploitation in capitalism because we know that the liberal bourgeoisie will grant reforms with one hand and with the other hand take them back. It is this contradiction that we must use to educate the masses to the falsity of reformism, it is this contradiction that will heighten the class struggle and it is this contradiction that sets the conditions for communists to take the lead in organizing and educating the masses to the need for a communist party based on M-L-M that will destroy capitalism and imperialism. It is this understanding that we must be clear on.

### WHAT IS ERA?

The ERA is three sentences that will be added to the U. S. constitution. If ratified it would become the twenty seventh amendment. The text of the ERA reads as follows:

Section 1. Equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce the provisions of the amendment.

Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the ratification.

### History of ERA

The ERA was first proposed in congress in 1923, after the victory of the women's suffrage movement, but for the next 50 years it was voted down by the democrats and the republicans each time it was raised. Finally, in

1972 Congress passed ERA and then the ERA entered the long run of state by state ratification. Before it becomes law, thirty-eight state legislatures must ratify the measure within seven years of its passage to Congress. Thirty-five states had ratified ERA by February 1977 and three more are needed. The deadline was March 22, 1979. This date has now been extended to 1981. This extension was the result of a hard won struggle by supporters of ERA to ensure more time to get the needed states (3) to ratify the ERA. If final approval doesn't come by then, the ERA dies. It then will have to be re-introduced to Congress and go through the ratification by states again until 38 states pass it. When ERA is adopted, the first step in its implementation will be to examine all existing federal, state, and local laws to determine whether they contain classifications based on sex and if so, whether these classifications are constitutionally permissible. When a law is found to be in conflict with the ERA, the second step will be to decide whether this law should be expanded to include both sexes, be nullified entirely, or, when necessary, be replaced by different legislation.



### FACTS REGARDING ERA AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

The following information aided us in determining whether ERA will deprive women of any existing rights and the economic implications of ERA. These points of information are based on the report from the majority on ERA of the Senate Judiciary Committee (SJC):

1. ERA and the military - anti-ERA groups say that if ERA is passed, not only will women be drafted but they will be forced to fight. The response from the Senate Judiciary Committee Report on ERA states that "those women who are physically or mentally unqualified, or who are exempt because of their responsibilities (e.g., certain public officials; or those with dependents) will not have to serve, just as men who are unqualified or exempt do not have to serve today. Thus the fear that mothers will be conscripted from their children into military service if the ERA is ratified is totally and completely unfounded." Other information states that the U. S. army is voluntary and that we do not have a draft anymore and should the draft exist again ERA will not require all women to serve any more than all men are now required to serve.

RCL (MLM) ANALYSIS is that as communists we are opposed to the draft of men and women to fight imperialist wars for the redivision of the world. Bourgeois wars are unjust wars fought to exploit and plunder people and their countries for the benefit of the capitalist ruling class. The motive of these is maximum profit making, to ensure domination of the ruling class over the majority of the people. But we are not opposed to every kind of war, there are also just wars. We refer

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# Step Up Struggle against Welfare Board!

Racism and sexism, in some of its most tragic manifestations was evident in the suit filed and fought by Norma Jean Serena, a Creek Shawnee Native American, against the Armstrong County, Pennsylvania Welfare Board, the Citizens General Hospital of New Kensington, Pa., and two physicians of that hospital. In 1970, Mrs. Serena was sterilized without her knowledge and consent, and her three children were taken away from her and placed in foster homes for three years. They were returned only after delay tactics by the Armstrong County Welfare Department and a subsequent court battle.

Ms. Serena, a 40 year old divorcee, was living with her two children in Apollo, Pa., an area whose Welfare Department has had numerous instances of overt racial prejudice. A public official complained to the Welfare Department that she was living with a black man who was not her husband. Apparently as a result of this complaint, a plan was designed by the Welfare Department to take Ms. Serena's two children away, put the expected child up for adoption after birth, and insure that she had no more children. A D.P.A. worker began to talk to Mrs. Serena about sterilization. They also told her that her children were extremely ill and that they needed medical attention that she was unable to provide. The children were taken to Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh for a few days, after which they were taken to foster homes where she was told they would stay temporarily. Meanwhile the foster parents were told to expect that they could adopt these children.

After Ms. Serena gave birth to her child on Aug. 16, 1970, this child was also taken to a foster home. They told her that she was too ill to care for it. On Aug. 18, the doctors performed a bilateral salpingectomy (sterilization). Ms. Serena had no knowledge of signing any consent forms. The forms were dated, in fact, the day after the operation and Ms. Serena was under sedation when she apparently signed them. This act completed the racist plan by the Welfare Department to deprive Ms. Serena of her three children, and of any future children. Ms. Serena filed suit on March 24, 1974 in U.S. District Court for \$3,000,000 against eight employees of the Armstrong County Welfare Board, the Citizens General Hospital, and two doctors (Drs. Carter and Houston) who were involved in her sterilization, on the basis that her sterilization violated her rights guaranteed by the 1st, 5th, 9th, 13th, and 14th Amendments to the Constitution. The case did not come to court, however, until January of this year.

The most blatant confirmation of the plan by the D.P.A. office came in court in a signed statement from Ms. Shott, a foster parent with whom one

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of Ms. Serena's children had been placed. She stated that in a meeting with Ms. Serena's caseworker, she told her that she and the doctor were going to make sure that Ms. Serena had no more children, and that when Ms. Shott protested that Ms. Serena's consent would be needed for the operation, the caseworker replied, "She will sign the papers. She's too stupid to know what she's signing."

True to character, however, the state used such false issues as Ms. Serena's "morals", and the fact that she had been considering sterilization herself to deter the attention from the basic violation of her human rights.

While Ms. Serena was awarded \$17,000 in damages for depriving her and her children of each other for three years, and "misrepresenting" (lying) about the health of her children in order to do this, she lost the suit concerning her sterilization, reconfirming the fact that Third World women (Black, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Native American, etc.) have been, and still are victims of genocide through sterilizations without consent, and other "birth control" measures rather than having the right to determine for themselves what should happen with their bodies. This is an integral part of the triple oppression that third world women face - from capitalism itself (as workers), from racism, and from sexism.

The oppression of women as a class and the triple oppression of Third World Women such as Ms. Serena has its base in the system of monopoly capitalism which maximizes the profit of the bourgeoisie by putting certain classes of workers on the bottom to be used as reserve labor (super-exploited labor) and then pushing the racist and sexual chauvinist ideas which accompany these divisions - thus producing welfare workers and doctors such as those involved in the Serena Case.

In addition, women fall into a vicious cycle often times, due to their economic status (lack of training, low-paying jobs or lack of jobs, etc.) and the male chauvinism which leaves them many times as the sole parents of children. This leaves them with D.P.A. as their only resource and thus they become prey to whatever D.P.A. requires of them in order to continue receiving assistance.

In the final analysis, this oppression, in its many forms, will not be alleviated through the courts because they are only another instrument of the state, used by the ruling class to implement and justify exploitation. Women's oppression, as well as national oppression, can only be eliminated by the destruction of the system of monopoly capitalism and the building of a socialist society capable of beginning to rectify the various ways in which oppression has been manifested.

## steel haulers

STEEL HAULERS TAKE ON TRADE UNION BUREAUCRATS OF THE TEAMSTERS IN PITTSBURGH AND ACROSS THE NATION

Since November 1, 1978, independent steel haulers who own their own rigs have been on strike-fighting for collective bargaining rights independent from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. The Fraternal Association of Steel Haulers (FASH) recognize that like other big industrial and trade unions, the Teamsters bosses do not represent the interests of workers, but rather, represent the interest of the steel company owners.

This is a unique strike in that the primary issue is not simply economic demands. More and more, the contradictions between the rank and file and the high paid union bureaucrats intensify to the point of forcing the workers to use one of their mightiest weapons - the Strike. In 1974 alone, according to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there were 240 strikes against the corrupt trade union bureaucrats.

These steel haulers suffer from no illusion about non-violent struggle. They enforce their strike themselves and scab drivers had better beware. At least two dozen trucks have been shot at, bricked, or tires slashed since the strike began. Several drivers have been shot also.

The FASH strike also points out more clearly the fact that the Trade Union structure and their bureaucrats have become riveted to the bour-

geois state apparatus. The Steel Companies and the Teamsters have joined hand in a civil suit and have taken it to their cohort - the Federal District Court in Pittsburgh.

Undoubtedly the courts will rule in favor of the companies and the Teamsters. The courts always rule in favor of the company and in the interests of the bourgeoisie, the owners of the industry. Even the labor laws in this bourgeoisie "democracy" lean heavily in favor of the ruling class.

These are all important lessons for the working class struggle against the ruling class. That's why Lenin called strikes a "school for war." But he went on to add quickly that strikes should not be mistaken for war itself. The real war will be a class war, a civil war. We will not be just going for union representation or higher salaries or better working conditions. The working class will be going for the whole banana - to overthrow the ruling class and seize ownership of the means of producing wealth so that the wealth can be more evenly distributed to meet the needs of the people, not the needs of maximum profit.

Although strikes and other forms of struggle for reforms are important they can never deliver the ultimate solution to all our economic, social and political problems. The ownership of the wealth and means of producing wealth must change hands from the current owning class to the working class. There is no other way.

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to the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (B), p.167-168 which says "It was not to every kind of war that the Bolsheviks were opposed. They were only opposed to wars of conquest, imperialist wars. The Bolsheviks held that there are two kinds of war:

- Just wars, wars that are not wars of conquest but wars of liberation, waged to defend the people from the foreign attack and from attempts to enslave them, or to liberate the people from capitalist slavery, or lastly, to liberate colonies and dependent countries from the yoke of imperialism; and
- Unjust wars, wars of conquest, waged to conquer and enslave foreign countries and foreign nations. To be continued

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## male chauvinism

self-image and lack of self confidence on the part of the women. This, we analyzed, as being based on societies property relations, family upbringing and perpetuated through our current relationships. This inflated view of the men's correctness led to nicknames such as "Mr. Not-Guilty" and "God" as well as the abuse mentioned earlier. This image was always perpetuated at the expense of the women. Through our group discussions, the men saw how their daily "attitudes" yielded the opposite results of their desires for more self-confidence on the part of women; the women saw that they were not alone in their respective situations or their analysis of them.

Our couples meetings came out of our concrete need to discuss the problems and seek solutions in our relationships. Individually and organizationally we questioned what mechanisms could be developed to bring cadre and non-cadre together to discuss male/female relations, finally several couples decided to take the initiative, serve dinner on a rotating basis and open the discussions.

The major benefits of these meetings have been the general honesty, criticism and self-criticism and some rectification that has resulted. The collective of times helped comrades deal with criticisms that had previously been dismissed subjectively. We

also realized that we weren't going to solve each others problems in our discussions but many aspects of each problem were discussed with each member relating his or her specific experiences with it, so that couples left with enough information to continue to work towards a solution. Generally, we deepened our understanding of the contradictions that aid in the development - or lack of it - of male/female relationships and sharpened our ability to use Marxism-Leninism in analysing and solving these contradictions. (To be continued next issue).

# RCL's POSITION ON SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE AFRO-AMERICAN NATION IN THE BLACK BELT SOUTH

## Black Power, Self-Determination

The 1928 and 30 Comintern documents and the 1930 position of the CPUSA are eminently useful; because they set the correct Communist line on the black National Question in the U.S.A., which, despite the normal changes created by the passage of time, which must be addressed are still clearly valid and revolutionary today. Most farmers now farm laborers, increasingly proletarian character of Afro American nation.

The recognition of the Black National Question as a National Question and not a race question was revolutionary, because it raised the question of Power. Not a muted plea to polyantha humanitarianism, etc. As the Resolution of the Communist International on the Negro Question in the United States stated, "The Communist Party of the United States has always acted openly and energetically against Negro oppression and has thereby won increasing sympathy among the Negro population. In its own ranks, too, the Party has relentlessly fought the slightest evidences of white chauvinism, and has purged itself of the gross opportunism of the Lovestonites Accounting to the assertions of these people, the 'Industrial Revolution' will sweep away the remnants of slavery in the agricultural South, and will proletarianize the Negro peasantry, so that the Negro question as a special national question would thereby be presumably solved, or could be put off until the time of socialist revolution in America . . . In the interest of the utmost clarity of ideas on this question, the Negro question in the United States must be viewed from the standpoint of its peculiarity: namely, as the question of an oppressed nation, which is in a peculiar and extraordinarily distressing situation of national oppression not only in view of the prominent racial distinctions (marked difference in the color of skin, etc.), but above all, because of considerable social antagonism (remnants of slavery) . . . The struggle of the Communists for the equal rights of the Negroes applies to all Negroes, in the North as well as in the South. The struggle for this slogan embraces all or almost all of the important special interests of the Negroes in the North but not in the South, where the main Communist slogan must be: 'The Right to Self-Determination of the Negroes in the Black Belt.' These two slogans, however, are closely connected. The Negroes in the North are very much interested in winning the right of self-determination of the Negro population of the Black Belt and can, thereby, hope for strong support for the establishment of true equality of the Negroes in the North. In the South, the Negroes are suffering no less, but still more than in the North, from the glaring lack of all equality; for the most part the struggle for their most urgent partial demands in the Black Belt is nothing more than the struggle for their equal rights, and only the fulfillment of their main slogan, the right of self-determination in the Black Belt, can assure them of true equality . . . The demand for equal rights, in our sense of the word, means not only demanding the same rights for the Negroes as the Whites have in the United States at the present time,

but also demanding that the Negroes should be granted all rights and other advantages which we demand for the corresponding oppressed classes of whites (workers and other toilers). Thus in our sense of the word, the demand for equal rights means a continuous work of abolishment of all forms of economic and political oppression of the Negroes, as well as their social exclusion, the insults perpetrated against them and their segregation . . . It is the special duty of the revolutionary Negro workers to carry on tireless activity among the Negro working masses to free them of their distrust of the White proletariat and draw them into the common front of the revolutionary class struggle against

There seems little doubt that increased presence and organizing in the Black Belt south, particularly in the Black Belt national land, is called for. The line calling for self-determination for an Afro-American or Black Nation is a revolutionary call for democratic rights. Not only Lenin, C. P. and Stalin have made this call, including the CPUSA, before it degenerated; but all genuine communists must uphold his call. But various Black Nationalist and revolutionary organizations have this call, demonstrating the revolutionary thrust of oppressed nations and peoples fighting imperialism.

In the North, we are speaking of an unassimilated proletariat that



A National Black United Front is a necessity for the Oppressed Afro-American Nation in the Black Belt South and oppressed National Minority in the rest of the country.

the bourgeoisie . . . They must ruthlessly unmask all Negro politicians corrupted or directly bribed by American bourgeois ideology, who systematically interfere with the real proletarian struggle for equal rights for the Negroes."

## Self-Determination in Black Belt

The Black Belt is the geographical site of the Black Nation and the heartland of the oppressed black nationality throughout the United States. The depression of the ghettos is linked directly to the domination and depression in the Black Belt, the anchor of oppression. The view of national revolution in the Black Belt is still valid and the cry, "Self-Determination, Liberation for the Black Nation," speaks not only to the Black Belt land and its related border areas, but to the national consciousness of black people throughout the United States. The struggle for equal rights or democratic rights in the United States nation is linked to the national oppression of the black belt, and as the C. I. document states, the two struggles for democratic rights and self-determination must be linked together as they are part of one struggle. It is exactly why the Black Liberation Movement takes on and has always taken on a distinct national character. There is no doubt the call for self-determination of the Black Belt weakens imperialism. The national character of the black people in the U.S.A. is still so tightly formed that Self-Determination and Liberation of the black nation speaks directly to them. And the largest movement of black people in the U.S.A. (Nation of Islam), until recently, made self-determination of the Black Belt their cry for 30 years.

has been among the most active base of the multinational proletariat. And the C. I. document is clear when it says that "The struggle for equal rights and the propaganda for the slogan of self-determination must be linked up with the economic demands of the Negro masses."

The cry of self-determination, liberation of the black nation, upholds the revolutionary thrust of the black liberation movement. And the demands of the C. I. still seem relevant, no matter that now many of the black peasants have been transformed into a rural proletariat, as farm laborers and migrant laborers (In 1959, 7.7 of all farm operators were black; only 3.8% in 1969, as compared to 14% in 1920.

A demand of self-determination of the Black Belt in the 1928 Comintern Resolution, stated: "a. Confiscation of the landed property of the white landowners and capitalists for the benefit of the Negro farmers." Now, we are talking directly to capitalist farming industry; agribusiness, which has driven even small white farmers off their land. The land was never divided from the latifundist capitalist stage, for the most part when the transfer of ownership went North to the monopolists, they kept increasing their land holdings and the agribusiness monopolies were added to the others so that today, "one per cent of America's farms produce 25% of the nation's food. Eight per cent of the farms account for more than one-half of the agricultural sales. These farms are run by corporate farmers; big corporations such as Dow Chemical, Southern Pacific Railroad, Tenneco." (Foodprice Black Mail/United Front.) Of course, state-owned and cooperative large-scale farming are methods of Socialism, but "dividing" the land is a thrust of democracy on the way to Socialism, as democracy as such is a prerequisite to Socialism. In the same sense, Black Liberation cannot be seen as a bloodless "gift of socialism," though socialism obviously will be a condition for complete liberation. "The aim of socialism is not only to end the division of mankind into tiny states and the isolation of nations in any form; it is not only to bring the nations closer together, but to integrate them. And it is precisely in order to achieve this aim that we must, on the one hand, explain to the masses the reactionary nature of Renner and Otto Bauer's idea of so-called 'Cultural and national autonomy' and, on the other, demand the liberation of oppressed nations in a clearly and precisely formulated political program that takes special account of the hypocrisy and cowardice of socialists in the oppressor nations, and not in empty declamations and not by way of 'relegating' the question until socialism has been achieved. "In the same way as mankind can arrive at the abolition of classes only through transition period of the dictatorship of the oppressed class, it can arrive at the inevitable integration of nations only through a transition period.

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In reference to the Board of Education's "program modification" and the laying off of teachers, security guards, aides, and cafeteria workers we have to understand just what is the root cause of our problems and then, like our parents used to say "we can get to the bottom of this".

The root cause is imperialism and here in the U.S., specifically U.S. imperialism and the fact that it no longer has hegemony in the international world market and is therefore not able to demand and receive large trade exchanges from weaker countries is coming home to working people all over the United States. This stems from the fact that the U.S. has continually stuck to its policy of aggression in other countries, propping up illegal governments such as Iran (before the revolution of the people) Israel, Rhodesia and South Africa and finally in its frantic military arms race with the Soviet Union, the greatest menace to world peace and tranquility. So whenever a country struggles against and runs the U.S. out of its country such

as Kampuchea (Cambodia), Vietnam, and Guinea Bessau, then that means the U.S. has less to steal from and less another country that it can drop its goods on and even worse, it has lost another source of resources that it can plunder under the guise of "aid".

This has led to the military budget and lopsided development of the national economy and increasing inflation which really means depression. The reason for this is because the rulers of this country see it more important to secure their financial interests in other parts of the world than to see that the people here in our society are guaranteed proper food, clothing and shelter. Witness the U.S. sending billions of dollars of equipment to countries like Saudi Arabia, Israel, South Africa, and others that are "sympathetic" or "allies" of the United States like the Philippines for example. And as this group of allies and friends gets smaller and smaller this means that Rocky (David is still alive and running Chase Manhattan) have to make their maximum profit so cities like Newark must take the weight and make sure the capitalists continue to make maximum profit off of our labor which is why they plan to raise our living costs (such as gas, food, oil, and basic utilities).

Other problems such as overproduction in agriculture is also very important to us here in Newark. After having three (75, 76, and 77) good harvests and not

People should be clear about the Gibson, Sharif, Kittrels led bourgeois attack on our children.

Total Workers Fired = 1,723

450 fired by Municipal Government including 87 recreation employees, ALL recreation centers are closed, 62 Health & Welfare employees, 75 Public Works employees, 200 Police.

Meanwhile Gibson has managed to SAVE 29 million dollars as a surplus, by depriving the people of services. Gibson says Congress deprived Newark of "anti-recession" aid and so there is 11 million dollars less to work with. A bizarre situation, \$29 million surplus, but \$11 million deficit? If Carter and the state government are to blame why doesn't Gibson mobilize a march on Washington rather than put the weight on the people.

In Education the cutbacks are: 26 Home Ec teachers, 17 Industrial Arts teachers, 22 Physical Ed teachers, 22 Librarians, 43 Recreation teachers, 30 Recreation directors, 65 Cashiers, 36 Bus Attendants, 36 Attendance counselors, 65 Security guards, 582 Aides, 706 substitute teachers, 39 teachers termed "excess" and various other personnel which will result in the lowering of services.

The justification for these cuts are the height of bureaucratic double talk designed to hide the facts rather than reveal them. For instance, the cuts in Home Economics, Industrial Arts (shop), Physical Education, Recreation, Art and Music teachers (included among recreation and "excess" teachers) removes those programs from elementary schools. These specialized subjects are now to be taught by the regular homeroom teachers. Supposedly, the basis of these cuts is philosophical rather than fiscal (financial). Sharif, Kittrels and company say the removal of art, music, physical ed, shop and recreation will allow the students to go "Back to Basics". But actually teachers will have less time to teach basics if they must pretend to teach art, music, physical ed, etc. and these subjects are in reality lost to our children permanently!

The firing of Librarians at the same time one is babbling about improving reading? Only a jackass could believe such a lie. In truth 1 librarian will now have to travel to several schools (4 minimum) and while at one school the others' libraries are closed! The standard norm is 1 librarian for 500 students, in Newark, where reading scores are already 2 and 3 years below the national norm Sharif and company are saying 1 librarian per 1,640 pupils. Reading scores will plummet even further.

### People's Resistance to School Lay-offs in Newark

U.S. imperialism is in great disorder. Its main source of super profits is being drained away with the main trend of revolution throughout the third world (Asia, Africa, and Latin America). The super profits are from the exploitation of labor and resources of the people and natural resources in the third world. Super profits are being cut to pieces because third world countries and peoples are struggling for independence and self-reliance. However, U.S. imperialism still wants the same super profits it was getting before and is forced to put the weight on its own working class to maintain these high levels of profits and to finance its war preparations.

The lay-offs and cut-backs in social services to working class people in the U.S. are a direct result of U.S. imperialism being put on the defensive. Education is one of the social services being hit the hardest in lay-offs and budget cuts. In Newark, a city made up largely of oppressed nationalities, the school budget cuts have hit us like a "slap in the face". The Newark Board of Education (members appointed by the Mayor) has stripped the elementary schools of all its trained cultural and vocational personnel, along with its bus attendants, librarians, school aids, cafeteria workers, and security guards. The people's resistance to these mass lay-offs has been the

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### Gibson, Sharif, Elected School Board .... 'Thorough & Efficient'

In a stunning example of the truth of the basic communist philosophy of dialectical materialism which holds that under certain conditions things can turn into their opposites, Kenneth Gibson now stands obviously revealed as a living symbol of what people of Newark must fight against, in struggling to destroy the racist system of monopoly capitalism, where once before he could be regarded as a symbol of the democratic rights people are struggling for. But now he is a cold hearted government bureaucrat, a messenger boy for the bourgeoisie, who not only brings the people the message that the bourgeoisie, through their now not so

smiling representative Jimmy Carter, are trying to make the American people shoulder the weight of their continuous defeats internationally, but Gibson also is the front line stooge, who must implement the ruling class' reactionary policies and justify them as well!!!

And by doing this Gibson is further revealed as a low and dishonest opportunist who stood up in front of the people in the 1970 Black and Puerto Rican political convention and swore to lead the fight to make their lives better. He pledged to uphold the platform of this city-wide convention which mobilized the masses to elect

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## Less Money..

selling the goods at prices that the American people could afford they are then forced to cut prices for the goods coming from the farmers because they have an overabundance of produce. Then this means that the farmers must take the brunt of this and cannot afford to produce for the next year unless they are given more money. WHICH IS WHY THE FARMERS WERE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. RECENTLY RAISING SO MUCH HELL. But what the capitalists will do instead of solving their problems they will boost up our prices of produce and make even more money and at the same time starve the farmers.

Inflation and high unemployment are two of the most important problems here in the Newark/New York area and nationally. In the first half of 1977, food prices rose at an annual rate of 13.6%, heating rose 19.2%, medical fees rose 10.1%, gas and electricity rose 11.4% and overall consumer prices for the whole year went up 6.5% as against 4.8% in 1976. These two problems coupled with the U.S. working people struggling more and more against monopoly capitalism in the forms of strikes and job actions makes our work here in the U.S. more serious and needs more work in terms of explaining the root cause of our oppression and therefore paving the way for resolving our problems.

## Gibson, Sharif & Co.

him over the corrupt and racist Hugh Addonizio. In education, for instance, the convention platform which Gibson promised the people to uphold said:

but now he represents the essence of opposition to this correct line. Obviously, the real dangerousness of the man is that he was elected out of a militant peoples struggle, but now he is used by the bourgeoisie to attack the people. The so called "program modifications" in Newark's education system are racist to the bone in keeping up the bourgeois super exploitations of the oppressed nationalities which is part of the basic social organization of capitalism. To have these modifications carried out by a negro gives them more credibility in the largely Black and Puerto Rican city of Newark, and allows the rulers to sidestep the obvious charge of racism.

And of course even stooges have their stooges. Witness Carl Dawson/Sharif the man with the grey flannel suit, the old organization man of the 50's who could only join the Muslims now post Malcolm and post Elijah when the emphasis is on business and religion rather than resistance to Black National Oppression! Dawson had a reputation around Newark for most of his life as a "stuck up" "white boy" who despised Blacks, now under the cover of his brand new "Islam" he can carry out, as President of Gibson's hand-picked Board of Education, outrages

forming of a broad coalition of students, parents, teachers, cafeteria workers, and community activists.

The coalition grew out of the community's opposition to the Board's lay-offs and restructuring of the elementary school curriculum. The "Program Modification" is a blatant attempt by the Board to deprive our children in the elementary schools of cultural and vocational education (art, music, home economics, industrial arts and physical education). The Board claims, that these skills are "frills" and our children do not need them taught by trained personnel at this early age. They say that the classroom teacher is qualified to teach these courses. The community says that the classroom teacher is not as qualified to teach specialized courses such as music, art, physical education, and industrial arts as a teacher who has been trained and certified in these areas. Also in the high schools, the program modification calls for substitute teachers to "monitor" the classes and not follow any lesson plans or teach the children, just keep them quiet until the period is over.

The Community Coalition is strongly

# PEOPLE'S RESISTANCE

opposed to this attitude and "Program Modification" that deprives our children of their democratic right to quality education. The coalition has drawn up demands:

- 1) Rehire all laid-off school personnel;
- 2) Restoration of cultural, vocational and recreational programs;
- 3) Elected school board;
- 4) Recall Gibson.

The coalition has organized and participated in boycotts at various schools to protest the lay-offs and "Program Modification". Some of the most successful school boycotts have been led by the students at their schools and through their city wide organization, the Student Coalition. Students have led boycotts, demonstrations, and walk-outs at Arts High, Barringer, and Broadway.

At other schools throughout the city, parents and community workers have shown strong support for mass resistance in boycotts at Roberto Clemente, Clinton Place, Madison, Barringer High School, and other schools.

The coalition is beginning to grow throughout the city. A new and broader unity between the community and teachers can be seen in the coalition meetings. This new unity has matured through the understanding that quality education is the goal of all concerned, the community and the teachers. Only with the combined efforts of both groups can we get the lay-offs rescinded. Parents are understanding that supporting the teachers and other laid-off school workers in getting their jobs back is an important part of the battle that has to be fought for "thorough and efficient" education in Newark. At the same time, teachers are learning that the parents will support them in their fight for their jobs back once they understand that the lay-offs are taking away badly needed educational skills which these teachers can provide.

The lay-offs are forcing a unity in Newark that we never had before. More and more people are coming together, uniting on struggling against a common enemy, the Board of Education and the Gibson clan, the tools of the bourgeoisie. The oppressed are resisting the oppressors and the people will surely win!

against blacks (and all the people of Newark) that no white bureaucrat could get away with!

What is nastier still, is despite Dawson/Sharif's lies to the contrary, he fought openly against the people in the late 60's and 70's, when he worked for Hugh Addonizio against Gibson, as a henchman of Larrie Stalks! This shows as well how completely Gibson has turned into his opposite since he has united with most of the old Addonizio negroes and raised them to high up patronage posts such as the one Sharif holds which pays \$21,000 as a Gibson "aide".

It also further points out how severe is the need to get rid of the Gibson hand-picked Board of cronies and patronage appointees and have an elected Board of Education.

600 Boards of Education in New Jersey only 24 are appointed!

Gibson, Sharif, and the Third Blind Mouse, Kittrels, the Superintendent of Schools, have conspired to completely destroy education in Newark with this sham "Back to Basics" which is a catch phrase to initiate a legally inferior school system, separate and unequal exactly like the apartheid system of racist South Africa. And Newark is to become their model Banustustan, where art, music, physical education, recreation and library service are called "peripheral" and "frills", in opposition to 2,000 years of Western Civilization.

And Gibson's hand-picked Board of MisEducation grimly goes along with a decision that will plunge us actually into a pre-human state since there were drawings even in the walls of caves!

What is obvious is that the Gibson-Sharif-Kittrels attack on Newark's children cannot possibly meet the criteria for "Thorough and Efficient" education that the State constitution calls for. A group of parents are already initiating a suit against Sharif and the Board since the apartheid "program modifications" clearly are in violation of the T&E laws. Kittrels' own guidelines dated August 1977 say that a T&E education must enable a student "to learn to express oneself in the fine and practical arts as well as enjoyment of leisure time". Can the firing of all art, music, physical education and recreation teachers do this?

Can the closing of playgrounds and abandonment of youth to juvenile delinquency do this?

To remove formal training in the arts, music and physical education from ghetto schools is racist to the bone. If Gibson and Sharif had brought such proposals to any middle class district in New Jersey they would be laughed out of town, possibly tarred and feathered (not a bad idea)! But many of the youth in ghettos like Newark only survive because of Music, the Arts, Recreation and Physical Education. The list of nationally known athletes, musicians, etc. coming out of Newark schools is impressive. Most Newark parents cannot afford private lessons for their children.

The firing of bus attendants saying they are "non-essential" and that "it is the responsibility of each student to behave properly" is ruthless. Last year fights broke out in one district that spread to the streets because of conflicts set up by a busing situation. The children didn't create the busing programs, nor did they create the dangers and violence inherent in the oppressive and exploitative system of capitalism and its attendant evil racism. The firing of security guards will leave many schools with small children with no

security guards at all! This means the doors of the schools are locked, possibly creating another danger in case of fire. This also stops parents from coming in the schools to observe during the school day.

The Newark Board of MisEducation has also illegally cut the lunch period to 30 minutes. The state constitution says lunch periods must equal instruction time or 45 minutes. Now children must eat in less than 25 minutes. There is no time left for recreation and relaxation which actually makes the students less receptive for their afternoon classes and rushed in eating!

At no time were parents, teachers or students asked for input in this program modification, which is also supposedly illegal. The goal of Gibson and company is to create a completely separate and unequal school system in Newark. A legally inferior school system such as in the Banustustans of a partheid South Africa.

The Board can run its education program in Newark for 38 million dollars. They have \$53 million (where does the \$15 million go?) the problem here is not at this time principally fiscal but this so called philosophy of "Back to Basics" is really a racist attack on the children of Newark's working people, such a program would only be tried in a city where there are a large percentage of Blacks, Hispanics or other oppressed nationalities!

No, Gibson and company are telling us "to hell with your children", but we must answer with unceasing struggle against these mindless messenger boys. Our message to Gibson, Carter and the rest is "We're fired up - won't take it no more!"

It is clear to the majority of parents, teachers, students, school workers and concerned people in Newark that the skin game is exposed. The color of Gibson's skin does not change his upholding of the bourgeoisie's attacks on the People of Newark. A few "black faces in high places" has not changed the oppressive and exploitative capitalist system. Our fight in education is part of the struggle of the majority of people for democratic rights which is the animating drive that eventually will topple capitalism itself!

## BROAD ATTACK ON EDUCATION

Education is under attack nationwide. In New Jersey the blows are coming thick and fast.

The Basic Skills Tests (BST's) are an example. BST's were given statewide in New Jersey for the first time last year. Students flunked 43% of the tests. 74% of the students entering county

colleges flunked elementary algebra. It is the school systems which have flunked the BST's! They are an educational disaster area! There must be a major overhaul of the schools in order to bring them up to a reasonable level of effectiveness.



## Fuerte Ataque Contra la Educacion

El contenido verdadero del "plan de evaluar a los maestros" se manifiesta en la intención del gobernador de Nueva Jersey, Brendan Byrne, servidor leal del capitalismo, de cortar 30 millones de dólares este año de la ayuda financiera estatal a los distritos escolares locales. La burguesía quiere que nosotros paguemos por los despidos futuros de maestros y por eso grita, "Los maestros no enseñan". Byrne quiere ahorrarle a la burguesía dinero y manda al demonio la educación la educación de nuestros hijos.

Lo que tenemos que contestar es, "Al demonio con los cortes de los capitalistas." y asegurar que el lema tenga resultados. Las cortes, las juntas escolares y las legislaturas son, en este país, armas de la burguesía para arrebatarle los derechos al pueblo. Sin embargo, esas instituciones pueden convertirse en vehículos de la voz popular, si sabemos utilizarlas, por ejemplo a través de exigir que los miembros de las juntas escolares sean elegidos y no nombrados. Las huelgas militantes de maestros, los boicotes de escuelas, la actividad masiva de los padres, la unidad entre estudiantes, maestros y padres: estas son las vías de lucha del pueblo para asegurar un sistema educativo decente.

Aunque el capitalismo padece ahora su más profunda crisis histórica y se desintegra por todo el mundo, en su rabia sigue haciendo daño. La única solución para los trabajadores es la lucha de clases continua e intensa. (Hemos a un lado las falsas ilusiones y preparémonos a luchar!

## La Oposición de la Gerte a la Cerrada de Escuelas en Newark

Programa de Modificación" exige que los maestros substitutos "guarden" a los estudiantes en la escuela secundaria, y que no sigan el plan de la lección, que deja el maestro regular, que no enseñe, sino que mantengan a los muchachos quietos.

La Coalición de la Comunidad se opone fuertemente a esta actitud y a "El Programa de Modificación" que les roban a nuestros hijos su derecho democrático a una educación decente. La Coalición exige lo siguiente:

1. Revolver los trabajos a todo el personal escolar que ha sido despedido.
2. Restituir los programas culturales, vocacionales y de educación física.
3. Cambiar la organización de la Junta Escolar de miembros nombrados a miembros elegidos.
4. Revocar el puesto de Gibson.

La coalición ha organizado y participado en boicotes en varias escuelas para protestar los despidos y "El Programa de Modificación". Unos de los más exitosos boicotes han sido dirigidos por los estudiantes en sus propias escuelas y en su organización de la Coalición Estudiantil a nivel municipal.

Los estudiantes han dirigido boicotes, manifestaciones, y huelgas en Arts High, Barringer, y Broadway.

En otras escuelas por la ciudad entera, padres y trabajadores de la comunidad han mostrado un fuerte apoyo a la

resistencia masiva en los boicotes en Roberto Clemente, Clinton Place, Madison, y más escuelas aún.

La coalición empieza a crecer por toda la ciudad. Una unidad ancha y nueva se manifiesta en las reuniones de la coalición. Esta unidad nueva ha madurado a través de una comprensión que la educación decente y de alta calidad es nuestro objeto común, el de la comunidad y el de los maestros. Solamente a través de nuestros esfuerzos colectivos podemos luchar por el regreso de los maestros y trabajadores despedidos. Los padres llegan a entender que el apoyo a los maestros y otros trabajadores despedidos es una parte importante en la lucha que tiene que hacerse para conseguir una educación "fundamental y eficaz" en Newark. A la misma vez, los maestros llegan a entender que los padres los apoyaran en su lucha por los trabajos perdidos, porque éstos reconocen la necesidad de la educación que sólo los profesores preparados pueden proveer a los muchachos.

Los despidos han forjado una unidad en Newark que no conocíamos antes. Más y más gente se une, y se dedica a luchar contra el enemigo común: La Junta de Educación y la banda de Gibson, los títeres de la burguesía. (Los oprimidos resistimos ahora a los opresores, y nosotros ganaremos sin dudal!

El imperialismo estadounidense está en un desorden fundamental. Sus fuentes principales de super-ganancias van desapareciendo a causa del proceso revolucionario en todo el Tercer Mundo (Asia, Africa, y America Latina). Las

super-ganancias resultan de la explotación del trabajo y de los recursos naturales en el Tercer Mundo. Ahora las super-ganancias se desintegran porque los pueblos del Tercer Mundo luchan por su independencia política y económica. Sin embargo, el imperialismo estadounidense todavía busca sus super-ganancias, si no puede conseguir las a través de la explotación de los obreros del tercer mundo, las ganará de la explotación de su propia clase obrera) ha quitado a las escuelas elementales todo el personal con entrenamiento personal y vocacional, junto con los asistentes de autobuses, bibliotecarios, asistentes escolares, trabajadores de la cafetería, y guardas de la seguridad. La resistencia popular a estos despidos masivos ha tomado la forma de una ancha coalición de estudiantes, padres, maestros, trabajadores de la cafetería y de activistas de la comunidad.

Los despidos y los cortes en los servicios sociales para los trabajadores en los Estados Unidos son resultados directos del imperialismo norteamericano que se ha visto obligado a tomar una posición defensiva.

La educación es el servicio social que más sufre a causa de los despidos y los cortes. En Newark, ciudad compuesta mayormente de nacionalidades oprimidas, los cortes en las presupuestos escolares nos han golpeado como una "bofetada." La Junta Escolar de Newark (miembros nombrados por el alera aquí en los Estados Unidos. Así puede mantener el alto nivel de ganancias y también puede prepararse para una guerra.

## SUBJECTIVISM

RUNS AMUCK WITH "RCP"



From the same people who gave us "A Nation of a new type" as a new cover for the same old white chauvinism that ends up denying the existence of the Afro-American Nation; the same people that also brought us "The main danger in the Anti-Revisionist Communist movement is Narrow Nationalism"; so it was very plain, even several years ago that the then Revolutionary Union not only suffered from extreme subjectivism but white chauvinism as well.

Although RU always came on super "left" at times rhetorically, their constant posture always showed them far right. They have, and correctly so, the reputation for being straight out Economists in the factories, tailing the workers in the strike struggles, but never providing communist leadership. In Boston, during the crisis around the busing several years ago, RU ended up tailing the most backward sector of white workers with their infamous headline/slogan SMASH BUSING, which opposed on the face of it, the democratic rights of Afro-Americans and other minorities who were being bused into South Boston.

Then RU, declared itself The Party, The "Revolutionary Communist Party" of all things. Not that they were alone, INSTANT party building was and is

one of the most negative aspects of the still young anti-revisionist communist movement in the U.S. Yes, they ranted and raved they were the party, but they (like the other instant parties) had neither unified Marxist-Leninists; won great numbers of the advanced workers to communism, nor had a genuine program that the masses could unite around. Their cry of "Revolutionary Communist Party" was and is, pure subjectivism.

Then when Chairman Hua, and the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party leaped on the Gang of Four, crushing them quickly and dramatically, RCP, which had never bothered to teach its cadres Marxism-Leninism, trembled with uncertainty, and after a typical petty bourgeois philistine performance split in half because Chairman Avakian and the folks around him upheld the Gang of Four. Another faction, the Revolutionary Headquarters broke away from the RCP, refusing to attack the CPC and Chairman Hua, although their lines are far from consistent.

Now what's left of the RCP hiding behind the sham banner of "upholding Mao Tse Tung" (which they have almost NEVER done) these opportunists and fake leftists/real rightists are mak-

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Instead of this there are legislators, "educators", and others who actually propose to give "attendance certificates" rather than high school diplomas to students who end up unable to pass BST's! This is to say that it is OK to rob kids of their education so long as it is the kids themselves who must bear the blame.

The capitalists, the rich, are behind this hypocritical scheme. The capitalists appoint the school boards in poor and ghetto communities, elect the legislators and tell the newspapers what to say. To the rulers, education is just an expense. But they fear the people and make great efforts to mislead them.

The "teacher evaluation" hoax put out by the bourgeoisie through its tool, the NJ State Board of Education, is another example. The Board plans to use student performance as an index of teacher performance. It is already known that student progress is generally unsatisfactory. But this is due to the conditions in which the school systems exist: high unemployment, racism, discrimination against women, the sum total of the backwardness of capitalism. A society in chaos must produce a school system in chaos.

ing big noises about demonstrating against the coming of Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao Peng to the U.S. for discussions following the long sought after normalization of relations between the U.S. and China. This puts "RCP" in the same bed with the Kumingtang, Soviet Social Imperialism and the Goldwaterites here in the U.S. plus assorted trots and neotrots of varying hideousness. Sham communists of the "RCP" the great masses of people

The real content of the "teacher evaluation" plan is shown by the intention of NJ Governor Brendan Byrne, loyal servant of capitalism, to cut state aid to local school districts by \$30 million this year. The bourgeoisie want someone else to take the weight for the teacher layoffs they have planned so they yell, "The teachers aren't teaching!" Byrne is out to save money, and to hell with educational needs!

What the people need is to say, "To hell with the capitalists' cutbacks," and to find ways to make it stick. Courts, school boards, and legislatures are usually bourgeois tools for the denial of the people's needs. However they can be used to raise issues and to rally the people, such as the demand for an elected school board rather than an appointed one. Militant teachers' strikes, school boycotts, mass activity among parents, student-teacher-parent unity: these are the means of the people to fight for their educational needs.

Capitalism is in the midst of the most profound historical crisis. It is crumbling all over the world. There is no way out for working people other than the most intense and protracted class struggle. Cast away illusions, prepare for struggle!

around the world celebrate the normalization of relations between Peoples China and the U.S., only their enemies oppose it! And genuine Marxist-Leninists surely uphold the Revolutionary leadership of the Communist Party of China and the invincible progress of the Peoples Republic of China. But "RCP" is showing its true colors and lining up with its true friends, the enemies of revolution all over the world.

# UNITY STRUGGLE

El Organismo Político de la Liga Comunista Revolucionaria — Marxistas Leninista,  
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EDICION ESPECIAL

## EXTRA LA CRISIS DE EDUCACION EN NEWARK

### DEMUESTRA EL FALLO DEL CAPITALISMO

#### Menos Dinero Para Viviendas — Educación Y Servicios Sociales—Pero Mas Dinero Para Las Preparaciones de Guerra de las Grandes Potencias

Hace poco, en su discurso ante el Congreso Nacional, El Presidente Carter explicó tranquilamente que el gobierno estadounidense gastará más en armas militares en el año que viene y menos en servicios sociales. Esos, que incluyen ayuda financiera para la construcción de domicilios, educación y welfare, siempre han sido peores aquí en Newark que en cualquier otra parte.

En cuanto al "programa de modificación" de la Junta Escolar y del despido de maestros y de los guardas, ayudantes, y trabajadores de la cafetería, es necesario entender la raíz del problema para poder bregar con la situación.

La causa fundamental es el imperialismo, específicamente el de Estados Unidos porque ya no disfruta de la supremacía en el mercado internacional, y por lo tanto no puede exigir y recibir las ventajas de negocios de países menos fuertes. Esta pérdida del poder se hace sentir en los trabajadores norteamericanos. La presente crisis resultó del pánico nacional de agresión imperialista, y del apoyo de gobiernos ilegales como el de Irán (*antes de la revolución popular*) Israel, Rodesia, y Sudáfrica, y finalmente en su contienda frenética de armas con la Unión Soviética, la mayor amenaza a la tranquilidad mundial. Cuando una nación vence a EE.UU. en la lucha libertadora, éste pierde una fuente de recursos naturales y también un mercado donde echar sus

productos industriales. O sea, ya no puede aprovecharse del otro país (por ejemplo Kampuchea (Cambodia), Vietnam, Guinea Bisau) mientras la explotación se disfraza de ayuda.

Todo esto ha conducido a que la presupuesta militar sea desproporcionadamente alta, y a que suframos bajo la presente inflación, que es otro término para la depresión económica. Los gastos militares provienen de la necesidad de la burguesía de asegurar sus intereses financieros en otras partes del mundo. A los que mandan no les importa asegurar que los trabajadores de nuestra sociedad tengan una vida decente. Piense en las armas que cuestan billones de dólares que manda Estados Unidos a países simpatizantes o aliados como Arabia Saudí, Israel, Sudáfrica, y las Filipinas. Mi entera el número de "aliados" se reduce cada vez más, Rocky (Davis todavía vive y domina el Chase Manhattan) tiene que ganar lo más posible de ciudades como Newark y que aprovecharse cada vez más de nuestro trabajo mientras hace subir el costo de sobrevivir (por ejemplo los precios de gasolina, comida, electricidad y calificación.)

Otros problemas, como el de la sobreproducción de productos agrícolas, también nos afectan aquí en Newark. Después de 3 años de buenas cosechas ('75, '76, y '77) y de tratar de vender

la mercancía a precios que el pueblo no puede pagar, la administración federal se ve obligado a bajar los precios para bregar con la sobreproducción. Esto quiere decir que los mismos labradores agrícolas tienen que sufrir las consecuencias, y que no pueden producir más mercancía a menos que reciban más dinero. POR ESO HAN ESTADO QUEJANDOSE TANTO EN WASHINGTON RECIENTEMENTE, Pero, la solución de los capitalistas será subir el precio del pan y otros productos agrícolas, subiendo también sus ganancias, y a la misma vez les quitarán aun más a los trabajadores de la tierra.

La inflación y el alto nivel de desempleo son dos de los más importantes problemas aquí en el área Newark/New York y a nivel nacional. En la primera mitad de 1977 el precio de comestibles subió en una proporción anual de 13.6%, la calificación subió 19.2%, servicios médicos subieron 10.1%, el gas y la electricidad subieron 11.4%, y en general el costo de la vida subió 6.5% en contraste con el 4.8% de 1976. Estos dos problemas, juntos con la lucha creciente de la clase obrera en los Estados Unidos contra el capitalismo avanzado (en huelgas, etc.) conducen a la necesidad de un esfuerzo serio de nuestra parte en cuanto a explicar las causas de los problemas y a resolverlos.

reorganización fundamental de las escuelas para que alcancen un nivel aceptable de instrucción.

En vez de los cambios necesarios tenemos los legisladores y "educadores", y otros que hasta proponen dar "certificados de asistencia" a los estudiantes que resultan poco preparados para bregar con los exámenes estandarizados. Esto quiere decir que el estado quiere darse el permiso de robarles a los estudiantes su educación, con tal de que los mismos muchachos paguen por el robo.

Los capitalistas, los ricos, son los que han formulado esta trampa. Los capi-

talistas nombran a los miembros de las juntas escolares (school boards) en las comunidades pobres, eligen a los legisladores, y les dictan a los periodistas las noticias. Para los que mandan, la educación es sólo un gasto innecesario; pero temen al pueblo y se empeñan en enganarlo.

La "evaluación de los maestros" es otra trampa por parte de la burguesía que dispone de los servicios de sus títeres en la Junta de Educación del Estado de Nueva Jersey. La Junta planea evaluar la eficacia de los maestros a base de los conocimientos del estudiantado. Pero, ya se sabe que los muchachos están poco desarrollados escolásticamente, gracias a las condiciones del sistema educativo: un alto nivel de desempleo, el racismo, el sexismo, y más que nada el sistema racionario del capitalismo. Una sociedad caótica tiene que producir un sistema educativo caótico.

### La Oposición de la Gente a la Cerrada de Escuelas en Newark

La coalición resultó de la oposición de la comunidad a los despidos de la Junta y a la reorganización del currículo de la escuela elemental. El "Programa de Modificación" es una tentativa descarada de la Junta de arrebatarnos a nuestros hijos en la escuela elemental su educación cultural y vocacional (arte, música, economía del hogar, artes industriales y educación física). La Junta mantiene que estas destrezas son "innecesarias" y que nuestros hijos no tienen que aprenderlas a una temprana edad de personal preparado. Dicen que el maestro regular de la clase esté capacitado para enseñar estos cursos. La comunidad dice que no; que el maestro académico no puede tener la misma preparación ni la misma eficacia en estos cursos especializados que los que fueron certificados a enseñar los cursos nombrados. También, "El

### FUERTE ATAQUE CONTRA LA EDUCACION

El ataque contra la educación opera a nivel nacional. En Nueva Jersey los golpes son frecuentes y fuertes.

Los exámenes de destrezas básicas (basic skills) son un buen ejemplo, puesto que 43% de los estudiantes fra-

casaron al tomarlos. El porcentaje aumenta a 74% en cuanto al examen de álgebra para los que ingresan en los colegios del conado (county colleges).

Lo que ha fracasado es el mismo sistema educativo! Tiene que haber una

# UNITED LEAGUE TOUR

## NATIONAL OPPRESSION

The Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition which formed the East Coast Tour Committee for the "United League" of Mississippi, recently sponsored a week long tour (April 2-7) for the United League. Tour stops were Washington, D. C., Boston & New York. This focus of the tour was to give greater exposure to this rapidly developing grass-roots militant organization, fighting for democratic rights and the democratic struggle it has been waging in Northern Mississippi for land, freedom, jobs, open unions, black elected officials, end to local police backed klan, repression, and removal of klan members from the local judiciary and city governments.

The N. Y. session of the tour featured United League Coordinator James Agnew, who spoke with oppressed nationalists (blacks, hispanic Americans, Native Americans and Asian Americans) working people, and students of Pedro Albizu Campos elem. school, C.C.N.Y. and the Williamsburg Coordinating Committee. ABDC seeing the need to link-up the democratic rights struggles of the United League with other critical mass issues called a press conference during the N. Y. tour that highlighted the Weber case. This case revolves around a suit brought by a white employee of Kaiser Aluminum in

Louisiana to end a "revolutionary Affirmative Action skilled trades apprenticeship program which would have opened the door slightly for a small percentage of oppressed nationalities in the U. S. (Blacks, Latins, Native Americans, Chicanos, Asian American, etc.) & women to become part of the skilled workforce at that plant.

The Sears case, a suit brought by a Sears Roebuck Inc. against the Federal Government which seeks to end all affirmative Action Programs nationally. This would also have a devastating impact upon blacks, Latins, Native Americans, and women, allowing companies to resist hiring minorities.

In addition ABDC co-sponsored a "Mississippi Branch" legal services staff association and the national organization of legal service workers. Presentators at the branch addressed the increasing movement by the most reactionary segment of the right and its forces in the U.S. to suppress peoples advocates i.e. progressive political activists, progressive activists, lawyers, progressive legal workers, who struggle against the continued political suppression, deprivation of democratic rights, economic exploitation working people and oppressed nationalities by U.S. Imperialism.

### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

## WHAT IS THE WEBER CASE ?

Information Supplied by:  
L.A. AD HOC COMMITTEE TO  
FORM A COALITION TO  
OVERTURN THE WEBER  
DECISION

The right wing trend in the U.S. has produced another big "reverse discrimination" case that threatens the rights of millions of oppressed nationalities and women. The case of Weber vs. Kaiser Aluminium is an attempt to extend the racist Bakke decision to the bread and butter issue of equal employment opportunity. It also attacks the flexibility of unions in the collective bargaining process.

### WHAT DOES WEBER ARGUE?

Brian Weber, a white worker at Kaiser's Gramercy, La. plant, contends in his suit that he is a victim of 'reverse discrimination'. He claims that the affirmative action program in the 1974 labor agreement of Kaiser and the United Steelworkers (USWA) violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. The agreement set up an on-the-job training program designed to admit whites and blacks on a one-to-one basis. Candidates would be admitted from separate black and white seniority lists until the number of black skilled workers matched the black population of Gramercy.

### WHY ON THE JOB TRAINING BASED ON RACE?

The population around Gramercy is 40 per cent black. But in 1974 less than 2 per cent of the plant's skilled craft workers were black! There were no women! And only 15 per cent of the other workers were black. Kaiser's blatant discrimination resulted in a court order to pay \$500,000 to blacks in another Louisiana plant. Kaiser feared more suits.

Presidential order 11246 bans employment discrimination by those who do business with the government. An-

other discrimination judgement against Kaiser would have resulted in loss of millions of dollars in government contracts. Kaiser and the USWA implemented the quota based on-the-job training program to avoid these events. The number of black craft workers has doubled as a result.

### WHO BENEFITED FROM AFFIRMATIVE ACTION?

Blacks were not the only ones who benefited. Previously all skilled workers were hired from outside the plant. Without the affirmative action program, neither Brian Weber nor any other employee had a chance to upgrade themselves. Like most affirmative action programs, this one benefited all workers, not just minorities & women.

### WHERE DOES THE CASE STAND NOW?

According to Title VII, quota programs like Kaiser's are legal if discrimination has been practiced. But neither Kaiser nor USWA presented the facts in their flimsy 'defense' of affirmative action. And the lower courts made the racist ruling that no discrimination had been practiced at Kaiser. Therefore they declared the program illegal. The case has been appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which will probably make its decision by June.

### WHAT WOULD THE IMPACT OF WEBER BE?

If upheld by the Court, Weber could gut Title VII and Executive Order 11246. All quota affirmative action programs not ordered by a court—both for minorities and women—would no longer be legal.

This means that unions could not negotiate anti-discrimination programs with racist employers; public pressure could not force discriminatory institutions to remedy their injus-

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## STOP Killer Cops!

### STRUGGLE AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY!

Richard Hayes (a.k.a. Dickie Allen), a 29 year old black man, was shot through the top of the head and killed while handcuffed and shackled with a waist chain, and with almost certain indications of the use of ankle chains on Dec. 4, 1978. Two white federal marshals were escorting him from the Post Office Building back to the Allegheny County Jail when Elizabeth Quick (draw), one of the Marshals, assassinated him in cold blood. Despite conflicting testimony, cover-up, and perjury, on Dec. 16, an all white jury of the Allegheny County Coroner's Court ruled this murder "justifiable homicide."

Although this murder is just the latest in a continuous bloody trail of incidents in Pittsburgh, as well as throughout the U. S., it stands out particularly because of the totally cold-blooded way this man was slain (completely chained), because of the open collaboration of the City Police, the F. B. I., and the Federal Marshal's office to cover up the facts and manufacture an elaborate story. They had to quickly remove his leg-irons; they had to slap Elizabeth Quick out of panic stricken hysteria (screaming she didn't mean to pull the trigger of her 357 magnum), and they had to manufacture a story about Hayes being a karate expert and attempting a karate style escape.

The many discrepancies and unanswered questions regarding both the facts and the testimony of witnesses called before the inquest include the following: 1) Despite testimony to the contrary, there is some evidence that Richard Hayes had on leg irons (which is the usual procedure) and this would belie the whole story of an escape attempt and the karate kicks he was supposed to have been throwing; 2) County Police Officials confiscated the victim's hair from the family (who had it in a plastic bag and had obtained it from the hospital) under the guise of wanting to do a powder burn test to determine if he was shot from a close range. The test was never done because the hair was "lost;" 3) Elizabeth Quick testified that she pulled her weapon to shoot because he was "kicking Bill" but at another point she testified that she fired when he was standing upright, turning to his left starting to escape and that the bullet entered the side of his head. The coroner's report, however, shows the wound entering the top of his head, indicating that he was neither "kicking Bill" nor turning to run; 4) Her partner, William Oskin, a 6'4" 230 lb. young man testified that he

hit Hayes on three or four different occasions, knocking him backwards, and once into the Post Office wall. He said that he had a weapon but decided not to pull it because the situation didn't warrant it. Yet she, 20 feet away (according to her testimony) pulled her weapon, very nervously pointed it and "it went off" in her trembling hand.

These are just some of the more obvious contradictions already evident which clearly point out the collaboration and cover-up attempted by the state as it continues in its patented trend towards fascism (rule by open force and terror). Fascism is being resorted to by the U. S. Bourgeoisie ruling class as their worldwide empire is being uprooted from its foundations. Just like Somoza in Nicaragua, the Shah of Iran, and the murderous Junta in Chile, they will stop at nothing in their last ditch efforts to stem the rising tide of the people's resistance. When they cannot maintain their cover - "democratic" rule—they quickly resort to military means.

But rather than curbing the people's resistance, these incidents arouse the people's resistance even more. The black community and progressive people within the multi-national working class are fired up over this incidence and have organized a coalition of organizations and individuals called The Richard Hayes Coalition to Stop Killer Cops in order to struggle against police repression, and to push for conviction of Elizabeth Quick. The coalition held a very successful "casket-march" through downtown Pittsburgh in driving cold rain to the site of the murder. A militant closing rally included speakers from the Political Prisoners Solidarity Committee, the Revolutionary Communist League (M-L-M), the African Liberation Support Committee, and the NAACP. The coalition has held several meetings formed various committees, and held an educational and moving memorial program for Richard Hayes and other victims of police repression.

Participation in marches, and coalitions such as the Richard Hayes Coalition to Stop Killer Cops is good because it is a good school of war for people. However, it is not the war itself. Only armed revolution, led by a vanguard communist party, can defeat the forces of imperialism and smash its apparatus of suppression - the State (police, courts, legislation, etc.). Monopoly Capitalism and its worldwide network—imperialism—are what must ultimately be destroyed if Killer Cops will ever be stopped.

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# David Sibeko

African youth, and the Black Consciousness movement, show the liberation movement is unstoppable no matter what repression the racists use. The victories of The Patriotic Front in Zimbabwe show the invincibility of the African people's struggle.

The death of Sibeko is a blow of tragic proportions against the liberation move in Southern Africa, but it will be avenged, just as the murder of Steven Biko by the same white racist agents of imperialism and colonialism will be paid back in blood!

All over the world imperialism is in trouble. Here in the U.S., the fortress of imperialism, the American bourgeoisie, the capitalists who own and control this exploitative system, are "sitting on a volcano" (as Mao Ze Dong said.) The international defeats suffered by the U. S. imperialism in the third world have sent them reeling in decline. The superprofits they use to cool out workers and oppress nationalities are being burned away by revolution, which is the main trend in the world today!

To try to make their maximum profits, the watch word of capitalism, these capitalists are not treating the American workers like they were in Asia, Africa or Latin America. Cutbacks, layoffs, elimination of social programs, removal of art, music, physical education, recreation, from elementary schools . . . the phoney oil shortage so they can make their 1970 superprofits even though the oil producing nations will no longer be bullied by the super crook in the red, white and blue!

In order to suppress the American people in this period of increasing imperialist crisis, the bourgeoisie moves the whole society toward the right. They try to make the people take the weight of their defeats, and because we refuse, the repression is intensified. Despite Jimmy Carter's creaking grin, and babble about he is making the society better, it gets worse and more and more reactionary. He spearheads the elimination of all the gains made by the people in the rebellion-60's. The Baake decision

Weber Case, Sears-Roebuck's attack on all affirmative action, the restoration of the death penalty, the reappearance of the Kean & Nazis fascist S-1 bill under another title . . . all these things speak to the rightward push the rulers are making.

The recent attack on activist, writer, Amiri Baraka (Le Roi Jones) is another case in point. After beating Baraka and manhandling his wife, all in front of their children, the police then put out the slander that Baraka was arrested for beating his wife. An obvious lie, but a lie clearly aimed at character assassination of this long-time black activist and socialist, and throwing mud on the Black Liberation Movement itself. But two of the policemen who arrested Baraka and his wife have already been involved in police brutality cases including the shooting of a man in the Bronx. Though the bourgeois owned racist media has been intent on carrying these intentional distortions, despite the fact that Baraka's wife Amina called a press conference even before Baraka got out of jail to demonstrate to the public the police department's obvious lies and attempts at character assassination.

But this is the way the bourgeoisie always attacks. Either by character

assassination or outright violence and murder. The goal is always the same, to blunt the spearhead of peoples' liberation, to oppose the revolutionary aspirations and struggle of the people, to prop up imperialism and its attendant sicknesses racism and the oppression of women. But imperialism is doomed! The people of the world have declared this, and even in the USA, imperialism's fortress, soon there will be formed a Revolutionary Marxist-Leninist Party, a party of the working class and oppressed nationalities and their allies to smash monopoly capitalism and build socialism! Just as in South Africa, revolution is the only solution. The assassination of David Sibeko, the attacks on Amiri Baraka, are just fuel for the invincible forward march of the people!

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## RCL'S United League Address

The most important development of the 60's in the BLM was the emergence of Malcolm X as spokesman for the black masses, winning the BLM away from its temporary leadership by the Black bourgeoisie and petty bourgeoisie. When Malcolm first appeared the leadership of the movement had put forward slogans like We Shall Overcome, Turn the Other Cheek, Non-Violent Revolution bolstered by the revisions CPUSA, and Malcolm X countered them with the political lines of the black masses, Self Determination, Self Respect and Self Defense. And under Malcolm's influence the entire movement changed, and in a few years, revolutionary nationalism, self defense, attention to Africa began to dominate the BLM. For instance the student movement, when influenced by the pol line of the blk. bourgeoisie was called the student non-violent coordinating committee, with a pacifist as chairperson. Influenced by Malcolm X's line they dropped the non-violence from the name, and succeeding chairpeople were Stokely Carmichael, whose slogan "Black Power," was a further popularization of Malcolm's call for Black Nationalism. And then Rap Brown who called for open rebellion, and said that the black rebellions were rehearsals for revolution!

Malcolm X was assassinated by the U. S. state because once he split from the nation of Islam it was clear that his direction was no longer cultural and religious nationalism, but anti-imperialism and revolution! His death left the national movement in a shambles, principally because there was no Communist party in the U. S., no revolutionary party guided by scientific principles to turn the spontaneous workers movement into revolution, that is why the fire of the 60's subsided.

Without a communist party, once Malcolm X was murdered, the black petty bourgeois gravitated to the leadership of the BLM by default, because usually the middle class attaches themselves either to the bourgeoisie or the working class! In the late 50's they had attached themselves to the black bourgeoisie, singing we shall overcome, in the 60's they attached themselves to the black masses because of Malcolm's leadership. But once he died, the BLM was dragged off into cultural nationalism on one hand, with its idealism and metaphysics,

trying to impose pre-capitalist African culture on the black proletariat as a prescription for liberation, or into the pop art gun cult Eldridge Cleaver transformed the Panthers into. Despite the rhetoric, both the gun cultism and cultural nationalism began to tie in more and more to reformism, because the petty bourgeois leadership of the BLM post MALCOLM began to attach itself more and more to the black bourgeoisie, and black power shortly came to mean electoral politics only. Not Malcolm's cry of Self Determination, which finally is the bottom line for black people in our struggle for democratic rights. Because the basic democratic demand in the U. S. for the Afro-American people is Self Determination for The Afro-American Nation in the black belt south, Liberation for the Black Nation! That is, political control over the lower south, the homeland of Afro-Americans in the U. S. where even now 52% of us live, 8 out of 10 of us were born there, and outside of the blk. belt we live in 26 urban centers, whose connection with that cry for Self Determination must be community control, the most developed application of democratic rights. Without self-determination for black people in the South, political control of the South the Afro-American Nation, democratic rights in the North, West & C. is meaningless. It is impossible to be "equal" without political power. Equality without political power is a sham!

By the mid 70's the BLM had openly split around the question of nationalism or socialism, many of the national organizations prominent in the 60's and early 70's had become marxist organizations. But too often, the public acceptance of Marxism, was not accompanied with thorough understanding, and a great many of the positive developments of the 60's were abandoned because people felt they were not "marxist oriented." People who were able to organize 1000's of people in the 60's suddenly did not understand how to do it, based on book worship and dogmatism.

In the late 70's revolution is still the main trend, but we are in a bourgeois state actively seeking to move the entire society far to the right, despite the smiling capitalist lacky, Jimmy Carter, & his rhetoric about human rights. The Baake decision, the Weber case, Sears Roebuck's supreme court attack on all affirmative action programs, the re-intro-

duction of S-1 under code name S-1432, the "re-appearance of the Klan and Nazis, the attack on all the gains of the 60's, all make it clear about the direction and goal of these attacks. The U.S. imperialists are in an economic crisis, like imperialism all over the world. They are getting kicked out of everywhere. Since Vietnam they have been in open decline, and the new imperialists, the soviet social imperialists (socialism in words, imperialism in deeds) have actively and aggressively sought to run in the backdoor everytime the U.S. was being kicked out the front door. This will eventually lead to WW3, Meanwhile, 3rd world revaluation means the continuing and ever sharper loss of the superprofits brought about by super-exploitation of the 3rd world, and with this loss of profits the bourgeoisie, the U.S. ruling class in order to insure maximum profit must drop the weight of its losses onto the backs of the multinational working class. The layoffs, cutback in social programs outlined by Carter in his state of the Union message, while simultaneously spending more on military hardware, are the results of U. S. imperialism's defeats all over the world! In Nwk, black bureaucrats have cut out music, art, physical education out of the elementary school curriculum, saying it means "back to basics". But in reality, merely reflecting Massa Jimmy's speech which he made for his masses, the 6/10 of 1% that own this country.

Despite the move to the right, the struggles of the working people increase everyday in opposition to the growing reaction. The black united front of Crown heights rose up to fight against national oppression in Brooklyn, specifically the "killer cops" whose role it is to keep us "in our places" - submission or death. The United League of Tupelo rose up in opposition to national oppression in the black belt, carried via the bloody klan. Peoples opposition to the legal lynching of Gary Tyler, Dessie Wood, Assata Shakur and Terrence Johnson, all show that even though the Bourgeoisie is trying to move to the right, the people will fight fight fight fight fight fight! Where there is oppression there is resistance, and the struggle of the Afro American people for democratic rights and self determination is a key and explosive force that eventually will help ignite the socialist revolution in this country that is the only solution to exploitation and oppression, of the great majority of people in the society. More and

more black people are coming to understand that black liberation will be a product of socialist revolution, and that the main democratic demand of the people must be self determination for the nation in the south, liberation for the black nation! The central task of all revolutionaries remain however, building a revolutionary m-1 party based on m/m, the most advanced members of the working class, that can draw together a massive united front of the exploited and oppressed majority and utilizing armed struggle smash capitalism and build socialism.

**SELF DETERMINATION FOR THE AFROAMERICAN NATION IN THE BLACK BELT SOUTH!**

**LIBERATION FOR THE BLACK NATION! SOCIALIST REVOLUTION**

## Afro-American National Question

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... of the complete emancipation of all oppressed nations, i.e., their freedom to secede." (C.W. Lenin, Socialist Revolution and Self-Determination, Vol. 22, p. 146.) The motive of black struggle is Black Liberation, but we must relate it directly to Socialist Revolution, so that land division is the democratic thrust which is the first motion of voluntary socialist union. Failure to want to break up huge capitalist farms for peasants constitutes "Imperialist Economism" . . . and neglects the stage of democracy - The other demands of Self-Determination of the Black Belt in the 1928 document spoke to: "b. Establishment of the state unit of the Black Belt (which meant 'the bringing together into one governmental unit all districts of the South where the majority of the settled population consists of Negroes' as the unit of state power; c. Right of Self-Determination. This means complete and unlimited right of the Negro majority to exercise governmental authority in the entire territory of the Black Belt as well as to decide upon the relations between their territory and other nations particularly the United States."

Self-Determination has been roundly misinterpreted by a host of opportunists and chauvinists. But Self-Determination means just that, the right to decide. "This is the meaning of self-determination: that the Negro people, in full possession of their homeland, have the right to decide the political

# REVOLUTIONARY CULTURE.....



## SCARED STRAIGHT

AUTHOR COMMENTS ON PRISON GROUP

### THE LIFER'S GROUP: THE BLIND LEADS THE LAME

The revolutionary impetus needed to bring about change in the prison system is in serious danger of evaporating into still more empty anger and facile posturing by men and women prisoners who, try as they might, cannot swallow what they have been conditioned to love and cannot love what they must swallow: bourgeois capitalist values. This is acutely pointed out when one views the thrust of the Lifer's Group at Rahway prison in New Jersey.

By definition the Lifers are made up of some the most rebellious, if not revolutionary, men. But they have become imbued with a sense of helplessness - which has to be the worst feeling in the world when one has proclaimed, but more likely imagined, oneself to have the heart of a lion. Helplessness, combined with the special loneliness of a convicted felon, and a heavy dose of false pride can distort any reality. . . . Stronger than death. How else to account for so many prisoners dying for loneliness, for trying to feed false pride?

Thus I am disturbed by prisoner organizations like the Lifers - not because their hearts aren't in the right places (I'm sure some few are) but because they don't seem to understand their technique for getting kids to conform is, at best, anachronistic, and, at worst, bullshit. The kids who listen to the noisy prattle of empty threats know that the convicts are, in reality, just putting on a piece of egoistic show biz, a jive bluff backed by no authority save emotional bombast. It all ends at the front door in any case.

To ask kids to conform to a system

that they know rejects them is to deal in misconception in the extreme. It is an insult because the kids, like the average convict, are black and poor - members of what is now being called the "Underclass" - and must have, first of all, a way of dealing with bare survival in old, decaying cities, rather than to inculcate the sterile values of Joe and Joan Suburbanite. It is the Lifers who need straightening out; their tribute to and rehashing of middle class liberalism and reformism will never go far enough to correct anything, muchless really change anything. Wearing their defeat on their sleeves, the Lifers forget that kids only really listen to winners who demonstrate ability to rise above America's social, economic and political bullshit. Who, in an oppressed situation, wants to hear a bunch of hot air which systematically negates real needs saying in effect: "The system is okay, it's just me and you who are fucked up."

Apologists for capitalist-racist America have come as readily from the slave-quarters as they have from every other nook and cranny in this society. I don't believe the majority of the motives have been malicious; I do believe, though, that they have been willfully self-deceiving because their hope is, has been, so all-consuming . . . but hope has to have a reason to be, and it will not be satisfied - because it can't - to live on itself. There is no redemption within a dead system, a system that is literally begging to be changed. Unreasonable hope, as displayed by the Lifers will not make life any better nor any more tolerable. Only the spirit of Attica will prevail because the sacrifice is, in the final analysis, total.

is the direct possibility of a single proletarian revolution throughout the entire state; the right of Self-Determination was a negative demand." (Red Papers, No. 5) But no such meaning can be gained from Lenin and Stalin, except by Chauvinists! It was Secession that would, under such circumstances, be deemed negative, but never Self-Determination! Failure to support the right of Self-Determination was to be a "scoundrel and an imperialist"; and the Social Democrat that failed to support this right must be treated as such, said Lenin, "The right of nations to self-determination means only the right to independence in a political sense, the right to free, political secession from the oppressing nation . . . Consequently, this demand is by no means identical with the demand for secession, for partition, for the formation of small states. It is merely the logical expression of the struggle against national oppression in every form." (Lenin on, National & Colonial Question, p. 5)

The C.I. document makes the same distinction "In particular, some misunderstandings have arisen from the failure to make a clear distinction between the demand for 'right of self-determination' and the demand for governmental separation, simply treating these two demands in the same way. However, these two demands are not identical. Complete right to self-determination includes also the right to governmental separation, but does

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### LADY I NEED A NEW WORLD TO LOVE YOU IN

Dedicated to women all over the world on I.W.W.D.

In this world of pain place called America pressure of capitalism bearing down trying to bend my mind, bust my back - splitting us apart trying to break my heart - I need you. I don't want to love you as a slave but I will - cause your love gives me more strength to fight -

Lady I need a new world to love you in, where our love is not beaten up by the pressure of paying bills or wondering about layoffs, where the scars of indignities are not carved into our minds, where heartbreak blues are transformed into revolution reds,

Lady I need a new world to love you in where parents are not strangers to each other or

their children, because they are forced to work 6 and 7 days and 9 and 10 hours, by rich men who rob us of our labor and lust after your body.

Lady I need a new world to love you in where my ability to love you ain't based on how much money I make, cause our love don't rise from no money it comes from our desire to fight for real freedom to grow and develop, and love, yeah love. what I really need to give you the best of what's in me is freedom from oppression and exploitation.

Lady I need a new world to love you in.

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## SO BEGINS ANOTHER DAY

An excerpt from Nathan Heard's new unpublished prison novel

Breakfast had seemed particularly lousy this morning to Beans: a daub of blackstrap molasses between two slices of stale bread, soft only in the middle of the sandwich where the blackstrap had soaked through. There was a slice of fried bologna so thin that one could almost read a newspaper through it; a bowl of milk, which one could drink or ruin by letting the Lineman behind the steamtable plop a ladleful of mush (that was alleged to be farina but went down the gullet like lumps of gravelly grits) into it. A paper-thin pat of slightly rancid margarine was speared from a flat pan of cracked ice and unceremoniously, depending upon one's "Killer" reputation or the server's mood, plunked onto the tray. Hot, unsweetened coffee completed the morning meal. The coffee was supposed to have sugar in it, but the kitchen detail had long years ago instituted the practice of selling sugar for cigarettes or drugs or liquor or sex, so very little sugar was available for the pandemically indigent bulk of the population. No kitchen officer in the history of the prison had ever succeeded in stopping the jail's sugar black market, or "swagging", as the enterprise is known. And this was largely true because the officers, to a man, were part and parcel of the thievery; every 500-pound bag they allowed out of the storeroom meant two hundred and fifty pounds in their homes.

Beans reflected upon this, among other things, as he sat on the tripod in his cell sipping the still piping-hot coffee from his tin cup, which acted as a kind of inferior thermos for hot coffee and cold drinks. Officer Jamison, The Petty, was working seven-wing today which was the reason Beans sat on the tripod instead of his bed. Jamison often wrote charges for unkemptness when he was unable to find something else to mete out his particular brand of justice upon. Beans sat waiting for the work-bell to scream.

In spite of all the reasons he had for brooding, including the ominous cloud of ambivalence hanging over his involvement with the inmate work strike, Beans felt, all, a conspicuous elation. He had put in for a job-change to the kitchen-detail and the decision of the Classification Board was due back today. There was a grand excitement threading through him. Upward mobility in the making, like better food and better circumstances, more days off his sentence. Yes. He had good reason for wanting more time off.

So needed that kitchen job; desired it with a passion, and the mere chance to eat good every day was not the greatest of his considerations. To eat good, however, was the main reason for most of the dudes on the detail, though they soon found how hard it was to get near the victuals with impunity. For the goods were controlled by only a few guys, with the hack's permission of course, and they had learned their lessons of control of many by few with thoroughness. But the true catalytic agent for Beans was the singular emotion of deep love that he still felt for Denice . . . it had not been altered by the long years of frustration and self-imposed separation. The job paid the most in "work-time" and was the highest stipend proffered (40 cents per day) seven days per week instead of the usual five-day work schedule of the vast majority of prison jobs. Working in the kitchen meant he could knock seven days per month off of his sentence, so that he only served twenty-three days of every thirty. The kitchen would get him to Denice sooner and that, for him, was *raison d'être* enough to hurry home.

Now it is certainly no longer a secret that there are many dudes to whom the prison milieu is home. After having traversed, as so many of them have, the length and breadth of municipal, state and federal penal systems from preteens to forever, they have become quite institutionalized . . . they may not even know or like it, but

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future of that area." (Haywood, For A Revolutionary Position On The Negro Question)

Lenin has said, and Stalin, a nation has the Right of Self-Determination up to and including Secession. But that secession itself was to be decided by the people according to the context. The ultra "left" Communist League<sup>6</sup> says that Self-Determination and Secession or as they say "Independence" is the same thing. But it is not. Self-Determination is the right to decide. Perhaps the decision will be regional autonomy, regional control by the black masses in the area of the lower South. But Self-Determination is not automatically secession, otherwise there would be no need to use both words. But without the right to secession, Self-Determination is a sham. <sup>6</sup>Now "Communist" Labor "Party", an opportunist group calling itself a party which has swept from "left" opportunism to open revisionism or from "left" revisionism to right revisionism.

Chauvinist "Revolutionary Communist" Party ("RC" P), on the other hand takes Self-Determination to be Secession, but for the opposite end, saying that "Lenin and Stalin insisted that when the national question is an 'internal state problem,' when there

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only a few cents a barrel, and made super duper profits at the expense of the world's people. Now they want to raise their profits to the level of that superexploitative period, so they blame it on the Arabs, on OPEC which is the organization of the oil producing nations aimed at stopping the oilies exploitation. But the real villains are the big capitalists of the Seven Sisters.

The ripoff is so blatant that even fellow capitalist Teddy Kennedy had to blow the whistle on Jimmy Carter, who's "solution" to the fake oil crisis was to allow the oilies to charge anything they wanted to by removing regulated prices. Even Sec'y of Energy Schlesinger had to let the cat out of the bag by pointing out that the big oil companies have tankers delaying in the high seas till the prices go up, or delivering their oil to other ports keeping it out of the U.S. till they get their \$2.00 a gallon!

These 7 Sisters are the instruments of wealth of the Rockefellers, Morgans, Mellons, Duponts, and the rest

of the 6 of 1% of the U.S. population who are the Corporate Class, the monopoly capitalists that actually run this society. These are the Robber Barons whom the government officials work for and answer to.

It is this ruling class, called the Bourgeoisie, who own and control the means of producing wealth -- the land, factories, mineral wealth, transportation, communications. These are the bandits we must sell our labor to or starve to death. These are the real policy makers of this system. And it is this small class of thugs, against whom we must focus our anger and finally smash, if life is ever to be lived where everybody in society has an equal chance, and real progress and real happiness will be for all!

U.S. imperialism is in crisis, since its defeat in Viet-Nam, it has been in open decline. The imperialists are caught between revolution in the 3rd world, which cuts back their superprofits, as in the oil situation -- but also they are everyday having to contend more and more with the other

Superpower imperialist, the Soviet Union, as to who will control the world. This will undoubtedly lead to World War Three!

Because they are caught between a rock and a hard place, the Imperialists must try to push the weight of their losses onto the American people, and treat American workers just like the peasants and workers in the third world. This will force the American people to more and more revolutionary positions, as the bourgeoisie eliminates social programs to spend money on weapons -- as Jimmy Carter said in his State of the Union message. They cutback, and layoff, close hospitals, destroy the education system, and push repressive legislation like the Baake decision, Weber Case, or support racist attacks like the Sears-Roebuck attempt to remove all affirmative action. Carter smiles while directing for his bosses the elimination of all the gains of the rebellion-60's.

The gas lines are part of the bourgeoisies attack on the American People. But we must begin to fight back, organize, and struggle not only against the oilies but against monopoly capitalism itself. Because only the smashing of capitalism by the people, led by

a Revolutionary Marxist-Leninist Communist Party, and the building of Socialism -- the collective and public ownership of the means of production by the people, under the revolutionary dictatorship of the proletariat, the absolute control by the majority, the working people, will put an end to such attacks as the Oil Bandits are waging on us now.

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Citing recent statistics, the study notes that receipts for each of the estimated 393,000 minority-owned U.S. firms averaged only \$41,200 for the last reportable year. The 100 largest black-owned companies generated receipts of only \$870 million in 1977. If all of the "Black Enterprise 100" were merged into one company, it would rank 271st on the "Fortune 500" industrial list.

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tics; and "pressure" from the government would be to no avail either.

Thousands of corporations would dump existing programs which they never wanted in the first place. And the right to collective bargaining would be eroded.

### WHY IS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION SO IMPORTANT?

Confronted by the powerful freedom movement of the 1960's, the government was forced to strike down overt racist laws and practices. This was a great victory, but millions still could not get a decent job or education because of "hidden" discrimination and biased testing for "qualifications".

Dissatisfied, workers, women and students militantly demanded a complete end to racism and sexism. They fought for and won programs which forced biased employers to take affirmative action by admitting, hiring, promoting or paying equal wages to qualified women and minorities. Enforced by a powerful people's movement, these programs are part of the overall struggle of the American people for democratic rights. Because of the international crisis of capitalism

the U.S. bourgeoisie is trying to force oppressed nationalities and women back "in their place" as part of the overall wave of cutbacks, layoffs, and rightward movement all designed to maintain maximum profit and eliminate the gains of the 60's. This is why affirmative action is a focal point of struggle between racists and anti-racists today.

### IS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION "REVERSE DISCRIMINATION"?

But have anti-discrimination programs gone too far--to the point of 'reverse discrimination' against white males as Weber claims? The facts say no. Minority income is still only 60 per cent of white income, unemployment is more than double. Another generation of third world youth is being condemned to the streets by joblessness. Women earn 57 per cent of male wages. Clearly programs which combat these inequalities need to be expanded, not eliminated.

### DOES AFFIRMATIVE ACTION VIOLATE SENIORITY?

Affirmative action is perfectly consistent with the seniority principle. Both promote equity among workers

and oppose arbitrary discrimination by employers against any worker. Unfortunately seniority has often been manipulated to reinforce the last hired, first fired status of minority and women workers imposed by discriminating employers. The program at Kaiser, however, is a fine example of workers voluntarily using seniority to promote democratic rights through the collective bargaining process. Brian Weber's suit is an attack on the collective bargaining process.

### WHAT IS THE REAL ISSUE?

The issue in the Weber case is: Are programs which force employers to remedy racial and sexual discrimination by hiring or promoting qualified women and minorities legal? Or should racism and women's oppression go unchecked?

Racism is the systematic separation of people on the basis of 'race' or color, for purposes of exploitation and oppression. People of color have had their land stolen and been forced to labor as slaves, contract laborers, bracers, and last hired-first fired industrial reserves. Minorities and women have been made the shock absorbers of U.S. capitalism, smoothing the way for others by doing the dirty work and

being deprived of the fruit of their labor. A victory for Weber would reinforce the racism that infects every aspect of U.S. life.

### WHY STRUGGLE AGAINST THE WEBER CASE?

The crisis of the capitalist economic system has led capitalists to protect their profits by making working people bear the burden. The 'New Right' concentrates its attack on minorities and women whom they blame for problems which have basic economic causes. They play on the hardship faced by all workers and appeal to racism and chauvinism in order to prevent a united working class fightback.

A victory for Weber would be a setback for all progressive people. Three great democratic movements--oppressed nationalities, women and labor--must recognize their common interest in defeating the racist Weber case and combine with all democratic forces to do so.

### OVERTURN THE WEBER CASE UNITE AGAINST RACISM AND THE OPPRESSION OF WOMEN

But the question at the present time is not this. As long as capitalism rules in the United States, the Communists cannot come out against governmental separation of the Negro zone from the United States.

As long as capitalism rules in the United States, communists cannot come out against separation; but at the same time, this does not mean that communists support reactionary bourgeois separatist schemes. What is clear is that it is the right of self-determination that is upheld at all costs, and it is an error as the document suggests to think that the right of self-determination is revolutionary only if it means separation. The right to exercise state power over the area by the black majority is truly revolutionary. But in our current political work, we must also stress that regional autonomy has been a successful method of resolving the relationship of liberated nations within a multinational socialist state, but certainly voluntary union with the United States nation under the dictatorship of the proletariat. In any view, the liberation of the Black Belt before the proletarian revolution of the United States nation would cause the liberation of the black nation. We struggle for a union of those struggles -- Liberation of the Black Nation/Socialist Revolution, Democratic Rights/Self-Determina-

tion/Socialist Revolution! We push, in essence, the old slogan "Revolutionary struggle against the ruling White Bourgeois through a fighting alliance with the revolutionary white proletariat," and all oppressed people.

The statement in the C.I. resolution to 1928 states that, "The Negro working class has reached a stage of development which enables it, if properly organized and well led, to fulfill successfully its double historical mission; (a) to play a considerable role in the class struggle against American imperialism as an important part of the American working class; and (b) to lead the movement of the oppressed masses of the Negro population." And this brings us exactly into our present time.

One main struggle that we have touched on before that plagued the CPUSA then and was spoken on in detail was the question of chauvinism, and it still plagues us in our need to build a multinational communist party. This chauvinism, of which the material base is imperialism, has caused those all around us to liquidate the true black national struggle and a critical link between the black masses and Socialist Revolution. The question of Self-Determination, of recog-

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not necessarily imply that the Negro population should make use of this right in all circumstances, that is, that it must actually separate or attempt to separate the Black Belt from the existing governmental federation with the United States. If it desires to separate, it must be free to do so; but if it prefers to remain federated with the United States, it must also be free to do that. This is the correct meaning of the idea of self-determination, and it must be recognized quite independently of whether the United States is still a capitalist state or whether a proletarian dictatorship has already been established there. The document also goes on to say, and again fly in the face of the assimilationist Lovestone-Browderites and petty bourgeois socialists, "If the proletariat has come into power in the United States, the

Communist Negroes will not come out for but against separation of the Negro Republic from federation with the United States. But the right of the Negroes to governmental separation will be unconditionally realized by the Communist Party; it will unconditionally give the Negro population of the Black Belt freedom of choice even on this question. Only when the proletariat has come into power in the United States, the Communists will carry on propaganda among the working masses of the Negro population against separation, in order to convince them that it is much better and in the interest of the Negro Nation for the Black Belt to be a free republic, where the Negro majority has complete right of self-determination but remains governmentally federated with the great proletarian republic of the United States.

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# PIN-YIN SYSTEM

HOW TO SPELL PERSONAL NAMES  
IN CHINESE PINYIN SYSTEM

News agency will adopt the Chinese phonetic alphabet

(Pinyin) system instead of the presently used Wade-Giles spelling in romanization of Chinese personal names on January 1, 1979.

Names of party leaders of China are listed as follows. The old spelling is in brackets for reference.

Chairman of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party:

Hua Guofeng (Hua Kuo-Feng)

Vice-chairmen of the Party Central Committee:

Ye Jianying (Yeh Chien-Ying)

Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao-Ping)

Li Xiannian (Li Hsien-Nien)

Chen Yun (Chen Yun)

Wang Dongxing (Wang Tung-Hsing)

Members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee:

Hua Guofeng (Hua Kuo-Feng)

(The following are listed in the order of number of strokes in their surnames.)

Wang Zhen (Wang Chen)

Wei Guoqing (Wei Kuo-Ching)

Ulanhu (Ulanfu)

Fang Yi (Fang Yi)

Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao-Ping)

Deng Yingchao (Teng Ying-Chao)

Ye Jianying (Yeh Chien-Ying)

Liu Bocheng (Liu Po-Cheng)

Xu Shiyou (Hsu Shih-Yu)

Ji Dengkui (Chi Teng-Kuei)

Su Zhenhua (Su Chen-Hua)

Li Xiannian (Li Hsien-Nien)

Li Desheng (Li Teh-Sheng)

Wu De (Wu Teh)

Yu Qiu (Yu Chio-Li)

Wang Dongxing (Wang Tung-Hsing)

Zhang Tingfa (Chang Ting-Fa)

Chen Yun (Chen Yun)

Chen Yonggui (Chen Yung-Kuei)

Chen Xilian (Chen Hsi-Lien)

Hu Yaobang (Hu Yao-Pang)

Geng Biao (Keng Piao)

Nie Rongzhen (Nieh Jung-Chen)

Ni Zhifu (Ni Chih-Fu)

Xu Xiangqian (Hsu Hsiang-Chien)

Peng Chong (Peng Chung)

Alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee:

The following are listed in the order of the number of strokes in their surnames.)

Chen Muhua (Chen Mu-Hua)

Zhao Ziyang (Chao Tsu-Yang)

Seypidin (Saifudin)

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## SO BEGINS...

the fact is that it's their way of life; they are used to it, which means there has to be a certain perverted comfort about it. Everything follows easily once they accept the relief of the greatest burden: responsibility for oneself. They are released one day and everybody knows damn well that they will return.

"Hey, muthafucka! Don't be too long out there, I'ma try'n hold yo cell for ya!" is the familiar call a released man is most likely to hear as he steps out.

"Try to keep your nose clean — and stay out of places like this," offers perfunctorous officials.

Convict phrase, or Parole-Board cautioning, matters little because a return is almost guaranteed since the economic, political and social situations have remained the same or worsened and, unfortunately, so have the average guy's ideas concerning survival on

nizing and struggling for Liberation of the black nation and relating that to the struggles for democratic rights, of the black oppressed nationality and the overall struggle for socialism. And it will be the active struggle for an end to their national oppression (and its super economic exploitation) which makes the black proletariat a leading-force in the thrust for Socialist Revolution. And this national oppression leads directly to the struggle for the liberation of the Black Belt Nation.

It is the question of self-determination that plagues the black people. In the face of chauvinism from "friends", national oppression and racism from imperialism, and the cultural aggression suffered by some black petty bourgeois socialists. The Black Liberation Movement is not just a struggle against racism, it is a struggle for power! This is the validity of Black Power and why we go backwards if we think that black cries for Black Power were reactionary. What was reactionary is not seeing that it was only the defeat of imperialism that could bring Black Power! Haywood puts it like this: "Even with the elimination of legal discrimination and the abolition of exploitation, the historically-formed inequality — the economic and cultural disparity between Negro and White — will not disappear with one blow; the age old rancor of the oppressed Negro people will not disappear; nor will the deeply ingrained white chauvinism among the white masses. The Negro masses in the Deep South must have guarantees in the concrete form of political power to protect their equality. It is impossible for the working class in the United States to organize an effective revolutionary movement and advance to Socialism without fighting for full freedom to the Negro Nation in the Deep South; that is to determine their own fate. . . They will have both the right and the means (the state apparatus) to determine their future relations with the United States nation." (Haywood, For A Revolutionary Position On The Negro Question.) We must show that the Black Liberation Movement, in all aspects, is part of the struggle to make proletarian revolution. The call for self-determination of the Afro-American nation is a part not only of the struggle of oppressed nations and peoples against imperialism, which is the motor of revolution around the world, but is part of the international proletarian revolution. That is, in order to liberate the black nation and win democratic rights for blacks anywhere in the United States, there must be a Socialist Revolution made by the multinational working class. We must not make Black Liberation an "automaton of socialism," that is, incorrectly imply there is no need to struggle for Black Liberation, as revisionists put out, because the only struggle is for socialist revolution. Genuine communists know that the struggle to liberate the black nation is a part of the struggle to destroy capitalism and build socialism, and to must not be liquidated. We are not asking, as narrow nationalists accuse, "for black people to wait for everybody else" before black people make revolution. The fact is that the only revolution that can be made in the U.S. will be the result of the building of a multinational revolutionary Marxist-Leninist Party to guide the multinational proletariat and the working masses in socialist revolution.

Our Concerns Then Can Be Reduced To These:

1. The Afro American National Question must be seen in the context of our central task of this period, Party Building. It is a key question to be solved correctly in order that the black sector of the proletariat and advanced elements of the black nation and black oppressed nationality be drawn into the new Marx-

ist-Leninist Communist Party. Historically, an incorrect position on the Afro American National Question has blatantly contributed to the degeneration of would be Communist movements.

It is critical that we have propaganda and agitation putting out the correct communist line on the Afro American National Question.

2. Black people are an oppressed Black Nation whose land base is the Black Belt South. Everywhere else in the U.S. they are an oppressed nationality. We struggle for Liberation for the Black Nation and Socialist Revolution. We are Marxist-Leninists whose ideology is Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung thought.
3. The Black Nation has not been "assimilated" into the United States Nation and will not be under capitalism. Assimilation through the productive forces of imperialism is the program of the bourgeoisie black and white and the revisionists.
4. Both the black bourgeoisie and petty bourgeoisie have a dual character. National oppression makes sectors of them both potential allies under certain conditions, though more and more the black bourgeoisie is becoming comprador in character. We will unite with the progressive sector of the petty bourgeoisie, influence the middle sector, and relentlessly expose and attack the reactionary sector which serves the bourgeoisie.

We should also conduct a "carefully worked out" campaign against the petty bourgeois preacher-agents of imperialism as suggested by the Comintern 1928 statement.

5. It is urgent that we also begin work in the Black Belt. We must work along a set of planned actions to promote the process of the building of a multinational vanguard party, waging unyielding struggle against opportunism, especially chauvinism and narrow nationalism around the Afro American National Question, polemicize against incorrect party building efforts of both the right, which is the main danger, like Revolutionary Community Party (RCP), October League, and the "left" such as the Dangerous Duo (RRWO + RWL).
6. We recognize that black people in the USA have a special relationship to Africa, and we will continue to do much political and mass work, propaganda and agitation around African Liberation. And continue to struggle to make ALSC viable again, struggling against the "Left" liquidationist sectarianism of the wing and the right danger inside the ALSC as well.

We must also continue to reflect the fact that the struggle between imperialism and the Third World, is the principal contradiction in the world today, and the motor driving revolution around the world. And that the Afro American Nation in the USA is part of that struggle against imperialism, which adds another revolutionary dimension to the fact of the black proletariats key role in the struggle against U.S. capital, along with the rest of the multinational proletariat. We must make it clear that the Superpowers are the main enemy of African Liberation and that Soviet Social Imperialism at this time is the main danger to the independence of the Third World peoples and the peoples of the world, and represents the main danger of war in the world today; but also point out the dangers of neo-colonialism as a growing form of imperialism in Africa.

7. Our slogans must touch the thrust for equal rights and self-determination, but seek to join the Black

Liberation Movement with the movement for proletarian revolution. But we should not make Black Liberation appear that it is an "automaton of Socialism," rather that the struggle for Black Liberation is a part of the struggle for Socialist Revolution.

Our slogans are:

"Liberation for the Afro American Nation in the Black Belt South"

"Democratic Rights and Self-Determination"

"Equal rights and Self-Determination"

"Black Liberation-Socialist Revolution"

Emphasizing continuously the struggle for national liberation as the Black Nation's way into the whole struggle for Socialist Revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

## DEFINITIONS

Revisionism — theory of opportunists who claim to be Marxists, but actually cut the revolutionary essence out of Marxism, namely, proletarian revolution (violent overthrow of the bourgeois ruling class) and the dictatorship of the proletariat (absolute control over the society by the working class). "On the plea of 'freedom to criticize' Marx, it demanded a revision of the Marxist doctrine (hence the term revisionism); it demanded renunciation of the revolution, of Socialism and of the dictatorship of the proletariat" (History of the C.P.S.U. (B), p. 37.)

Revisionism is based on imperialism, and as the Chinese point out, "For base is 'precisely the parasitism and decay of capitalism.' As a result of the daily ripening revolutionary crisis the monopoly-capitalist class is bound to leave no stone unturned in sabotaging the revolutionary movement of the proletariat. And the super-profits grabbed by monopoly capital of a few big countries through exploitation and plunder of the world make it possible to bribe the labor leaders and the upper stratum of the labor aristocracy. This bourgeoisified privileged stratum is the main prop of revisionism, the watchdog of the capitalist and the corrupter of the workers movement." (Social-Imperialism, p. 3.)

"Judged from its birth and growth, revisionism did not emerge by chance but was a product of the era of imperialism and the proletarian revolution. Revisionism is the inevitable commitment of imperialism" (Ibid.)

Revisionism is the main danger in the revolutionary movement today. Mainly because a revisionist clique led by Khrushchev (and later Bresnev) restored capitalism in the Soviet Union after the death of C. Stalin. This turned what was once the stronghold of socialism into a Social-Imperialist country (socialism in words, imperialism in deeds). The restoration of capitalism serves as the material basis for social-imperialism. Revisionism now centered in the S. U. where it exercises state power, is also pushed throughout the world by various revisionist parties, the main basis in the U. S. being the CPUSA.

American Exceptionalism — revisionist theory put forward by leaders of the CPUSA in the late 1920's. This theory says that American capitalism has particular features that make it different from other capitalism. That American capitalism is still in its young and vigorous "free enterprise" stage, and has not reached its monopoly stage. Therefore, there could be a peaceful transition to socialism by extending democracy throughout the country and raising the level of the productive forces.

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# WVO PHILISTINE TO THE BONE

## WVO: PHILISTINE TO THE BONE

In WVO's most recent newspaper (Vol. 4, No. 2) their continuing philistinism around the China question reaches its foulest level so far! It stinks like something dead for quite awhile but not buried... like a dead Parrot, as a matter of fact... its "wings" still not mercifully interred. Bury that Wing WVO, it stinks!

WVO still, like the so called "Revolutionary Wing", a dead duck if there ever was one, parrots the overthrown Gang of Four. Ever since the Gang's overthrow, WVO has kept rolling its eyes and ducking its head, but never said anything direct or open. But it whispered to us that it thought, the "comrades in China are making errors", but it would never come out. Now it is begining to show its love of dead things by coming out with an attack on China, yet it is careful to keep it all low key and muffled.

The editorial, What Is To Be Done in WVO newspaper is a treacherous example of how "Left" sectarians, fearful of the reaction of the masses to their babble, infer, whisper, imply, slander, yet still want to be considered not only genuine Marxist-Leninists, but the leading circle. Nay, they continue to call themselves "The Party". Now that is real subjectivism! Bah. Humbug. Genuine forces in WVO should identify themselves immediately by attacking their revisionist leading leadership, and speaking out clearly of their support for the Peoples Republic of China, Vice Premier Teng Hsiao Ping, the 4 Modernizations, and the Normalization of relations between the U.S. & China, and for Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought.

WVO's backwardness consists fundamentally of Gang of 4 type subjectivism and dogmatism (despite criticisms by genuine comrades that WVO is not really "Left", but conscious Rightists and therefore political swindlers). WVO takes Lenin's great essay What

Is To Be Done, and tries to twist it into the shape of WVO's subjective pseudo-theoretical phrasemongering, and of course they are unsuccessful.

The Gang Of Four stifling of socialist democracy is well documented. The Red Guards in 1967 during the height of the Cultural Revolution accused them of being anti-democratic and Trotskyist (See Shanghai Journal, and Chairman Mao Speaks To The People). Their "All Around Dictatorship" was a dictatorship over the people, high-handed, and with ultra "left" justification. Their attempt to suppress the Chinese masses outpouring of sentiment for Premier Chou is well known--it led to the Tienanmen Square incident. WVO tries to equate the recent calls of more democracy for the people now coming out from under the Go4 dictatorship as the revisionists "Freedom of Criticism", which was really the freedom to revise Marxism, which Lenin pointed out, and defeated. Absolute mindlessness and subjectivism.

WVO also cannot stomach the Chinese Communist Party fighting against dogmatism and metaphysics since they feel a draft as well. When the Chinese say, "practice is the sole criterion of truth", it shakes WVO and all dogmatists and metaphysicians, because they would have us believe, as WVO, especially, but as the dead duck wing, that theory is the only criterion of truth. But Comrades, (and we are using this word because we still have some hope that there are genuine forces treading water with WVO's Swampketeers, who will fight to transform it, or swim away) read ON PRACTICE, please! Theory should guide practice but it cannot be substituted for practice. If JT tells us he can walk through a wall, we want to see it!

Conditions actually do change WVO, change is the only constant! Our practice only remains scientific if it takes this into consideration. There

is no theoretical chaos in the Peoples Republic of China, in WVO there is a great deal. Teng Hsiao Ping was chosen by Mao to handle the day to day business of leading the country, the Gang of Four intervened, and though it is true that Vice Premier Teng made errors (as has everyone else, except PRRWO and RWL, that's why they don't exist anymore), the Communist Party of China and its Central Committee saw fit to restore him to his posts. (Has there been a coup in China, WVO?) WVO says about Vice Premier Teng, that he is "a traitor", why because he made mistakes... that would make us all traitors! Is WVO "a traitor" because it put out the "Revisionist Premises" ? or pushed "Unite To Expose," or united with PRRWO & RWL? Be serious. WVO is very gullible. Apparently they've been trying to learn Marxism from the New York Times again. The normalization of relations between the Peoples Republic of China and the United States was laid out clearly by Mao. Mao said that the U.S. would finally have to recognize China. Why don't you great theorists at WVO read the actual document normalizing relations. The Chinese did not give up anything. The withdrawal of U.S. troops from Taiwan, the abrogation of the military pact between the U.S. and Taiwan, the recognition of PRC as the only gov't of China, these are victories for the masses of the world. Only a superlefty or a super-righty could oppose these. The U.S. has been trying to show China as revisionist (which WVO doesn't even have the courage to spit out) because it hides the fact that, the U.S., left their old buddies the Kai Shek clique in the lurch, high and dry. So now they have to fill the airwaves with a cover story that China is no longer a socialist country.

Vice Premier Teng's visit to the U.S. was a great triumph for the people learned more about China, its policies, the danger of World War 3 and the Social Imperialist USSR than they have ever before! The normalization, the visit, and the modernization are important to the people. WVO, don't you know that the dictatorship of the proletariat must rest on an economic base, that socialism is a mode of

production, an economic system. Contrary to the Go4 which saw socialism as phrases to be mongered which the Wing parroted & WVO continues to mouth. Why are you opposed to a modern socialist country? Its like hippies canonizing poverty. WW3 is on the way WVO, and the United Front against the superpowers, and especially to isolate and head off the USSR in its warmongering is eminently correct. Kampuchea should prove this, as we watch the Vietnamese underhegemones stalk into empty Kampuchean cities animated by the Soviet Union's superhegemones. Taking this into consideration the drive to modernize China by the end of the century (which Mao called for) is not only correct, but critical!

WVO's subjectivism, and garbage slanders must be repudiated, and opposed by Genuine Marxist-Leninists. We see the spectacle of the so called "RCP", who the bourgeoisie calls "MAOISTS" to hide their own exit from Taiwan... and we know about the Trotlike Cousin and Sunrise, and MLO's (CPUSAML!) joining the Soviet Social Imperialist & Trots in condemning China and now WVO is stumbling and trotting down a dismal subjectivist road WVO come to your senses before its too late!



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