70 Million Won't Vote
All Capitalists Are Evil; Don't Vote for Any

As the "sleeping-pill" election winds down, the U.S. ruling class is in a frenzy over the prospect that over half the people of voting age will not even go to the polls. An orgy of last-minute appeals and threats makes no difference to whom you vote for: just vote. Exercise your "democratic" privilege in this bi-centennial year. It reached the ludicrous point of the New York Times chiding Negro correspondents pleading that even if they dislike both candidates, it's their duty to vote for the one you hate the least! (The old "lesser evil" theory.)

Why this hysteria? U.S. capitalism was built on the fraud that "the people decide." Now, despite the millions of words, the TV commercials, the "debates," the crescendo of "dangerous apathy," the machinations of Meaney's AFL-CIO "leadership," the majority of U.S. citizens are deciding not to decide. Before the election, generally a higher percentage of the professionals, the middle class, etc., an even lower percentage of the working class cast ballots; possibly two-thirds of the workers in the U.S. won't vote! If all this happens, a president will be elected with about 25 percent of the electorate's votes. And of that minority, perhaps a third will be voting not for the "lesser evil." That means that somewhere around 15 percent of all eligible voters will be actually voting for the "winner," or about one-sixth of over 191 million voters. That's something for the U.S. ruling class to worry about.

The "bi-centennial election" will go down in history not as a "re-affirmation" of capitalist "democracy," but rather as a majority rejection of this circus.

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Actually the 200-year "heritage" of "our forefathers" has come full circle. When the framers of the U.S. bosses' constitution (particularly Hamilton and Madison) were trying to convince the merchants of New York and Pennsylvania to ratify that set of ruling-class laws, the arguments in the Federalist papers went like this: the property-owners are in a majority; the property-holders are a minority. The danger always exists of the majority of landless violently overthrowing the minority of owners. The role of government—specifically this new U.S. Constitution—is to prevent this from happening, to protect the minority of property-holders. Therefore, "we need a republic," in which the minority rule, not a democracy in which the majority rule. So, there must be "checks and balances" to stop the majority from taking matters into their own hands: two houses of Congress with one (the Senate) not elected by popular vote (that came later, in 1913); a Supreme Court appointed by the President (who Hamilton wanted elected for life); property requirements for voting, etc.

Obviously these arguments convinced the rich N.Y. and Pennsylvania merchants, because they approved this bosses' document. Now, 200 years later, the property-less non-voting majority is expressing its non-belief in the capitalist "democratic process."

All this is no accident. U.S. "democracy" is actually an economic-political class system called capitalism. A class system is one in which classes use government (state power) to enforce its rules—in this case a minority of owners over a majority of workers (just as those "forefathers" envisioned). The electoral system, the "checks and balances," are part of this fraud. As the working class recognizes this and doesn't vote, it will be one more sign that the bosses will be unable to keep workers down under their "democracy," and lead the rulers—the Rockefellers, Kennedys, GM's, etc.—to solve their problems by moving to fascism. Then all facades are out the window—the bosses will rule with open, naked terror.

Therefore, the working class and its allies need to adopt those communist ideas—of class analysis—as our own, to reverse the process, to put the "property-less majority" on top and the bosses on the bottom, six feet under. That's called a revolution.

There is no "lesser evil." There is only one evil—capitalism; and it is ALL evil. It must be smashed and replaced with a working-class system, socialism, which is democracy for the overwhelming majority, the property-less. That democracy is not what those "forefathers" had in mind, but what they feared. A united, anti-racist, pro-working class, capitalist-led revolutionary movement can make those fears a reality.

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"I won't have a mandate..."

Carter's decision to run appears to be a political move to his opponent's shortcomings. He won't even stand for a mandate. He asked Ford, stepping down from the presidential race, to run again, and the candidate, who already gained the backing of the party, has declared his candidacy. The next President will have a mandate, he argued.

"The Carter election should have been a shoo-
in-the-door campaign." He complained that a Democratic leader in one state major state, "the fact that it's even done shows what a sorry candidate and campaign we've got." Mr. Carter's lead has shrunk dangerously in state after state, giving President Ford the edge. If Carter does not win Michigan, Mr. Ford's hopes rest less on barnstorming