In the Fight for State Power

The Role of Industrial Workers

Part II

But the fight against racism is not something that is just in the interests of minority workers nor something that should be supported by white workers on "moral" or "humanitarian" grounds. Rather, since the existence of racism is a life-and-death matter for capitalism, it also becomes a life-and-death matter for the WHOLE working class:

1) Without unity of minority and white workers, the whole working class is helpless at the mercy of the boss, who uses one group against the other.

2) Racist feelings of white workers means losing the leadership potential of minority workers for the whole working class, derived from their special oppression and special need to fight the source of that oppression—capitalism.

3) The fight against racism in the plants directly affects the bosses' will, really "cues the ante" of the struggle, because it is the source of super-profits for the bosses, something they can't do without.

4) The fight against racism occurs not just at the point of production but in all aspects of life—housing, schools, hospitals, etc. (and have led to many working-class rebellions). Class struggle against racism outside the plants can many times determine forward movement in the plants.

The fight against racism is not just a fight by minority workers for equality and freedom but is a fight of the whole working class. Because of the existence of super-profits for capitalism growing out of the surplus value extracted from all workers, the fight against racism is inter-twined with the emancipation of the whole working class. Racism can't be ended without the destroying of its source—capitalism—and the working class as a whole can't liberate itself without unity and without the leadership of minority workers.

Therefore, what was said about bringing industrial workers into the Party goes "double" and "triple" for minority workers: more minority workers are absolutely essential to the whole struggle for socialism, to defeat the ruling class' dictatorship and replace it with the dictatorship of the proletariat, a dictatorship over the bosses.

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For International Working Class Solidarity:

MARCH ON MAY DAY
Saturday, May 1st
1: PM at 13th & Connecticut
March endorsed by
AFSCME Locals
1006 and 1184

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Delano
Car Caravan to Delano leaves San Francisco P.L.F.
Office: 691 Geary St. (at 17th St.) from 4-7 PM
on Friday, April 30th.
Tickets: #4 Registered
#3 Unemployed
For outdoor May Day Rally in Delano Plaza or March on to ...

Los Angeles
at 1 PM on Broadway and 3rd St.
for MARCH!

Philadelphia
Assemble at: Washington & 3rd at 11:AM for MARCH to Slavery Bell

Houston
Rally in Hermann Park at 11:00AM MARCH to Ben DVD Hospital

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