UAW SETTLES FOR 54-HOUR WEEK

Militant rank and file showing solidarity and determination while picketing Chrysler plant. The workers were firmly committed to the struggle for voluntary overtime, but were sold out at the bargaining table.

FASCIST COUP IN CHILE

Years of effort on the part of the CIA (representing US imperialism) and Chilean fascists finally paid off with the murder of Salvador Allende and the overthrow of his social-democratic government in Chile.

Chile's new fascist rulers have thus far established their control through a well organized reign of terror aimed at stifling resistance from progressive left forces. Despite the news blackout on the internal situation in Chile, reliable sources have reported that there seems to be a policy of unrestricted violence against all opposition to the fascist regime. Many reports have come in describing the horrific resistance of armed workers who occupied factories and fought valiantly to resist the fascists who eventually overwhelmed them with superior numbers and armaments.

U.S. COMPILICY

The US government has thus far kept silent on the situation in Chile, but it will not be long before the fascist junta is officially recognized.

The long history of US imperialism interference in the internal politics of Latin America and in Chile particularly is well documented. The CIA, under orders from US capitalists, caused the defeat of Allende in the 1964 elections, and during the period 1971-1973, untold millions of US dollars were spent to insure the overthrow of Allende and his progressive government.

IMPORTANT LESSON

The lessons to be drawn from the fascist takeover in Chile are ominous and have far reaching implications for workers everywhere. Allende and his socialist party came to power because the Chilean people were tired of being exploited by capitalism both from within and without. Allende's attempt to build socialism from the top down, i.e., without first solidifying a base of power and support among the people, was in effect, doomed from the start.

Marx in his footnote to the Communist Manifesto, pointed out the folly of attempting to build socialism "by laying hold to the ready-made state machinery" of the capitalists. If the people are to hold power, they must be firmly in control and that means a people's army - capable of countering the inevitable capitalist onslaughts such as those that were launched against the Bolsheviks.

The fascist regime appears to be firmly in control now, but it cannot survive without stepped-up US support. The Chilean people need our support in their continuing resistance to the fascists.

Once again, the militant rank and file of the UAW have been sold out by Leonard Woodcock and company. Many are beginning to realize however, that the "strike" against Chrysler was actually pre-agreed to by Chrysler and Woodcock in order to stifle radical rank and file opposition and to make it appear that the bigger gains of the new contract were hard won. The strike of course was "miraculously" settled just days after the walk-out was called. The whole scene, as portrayed by the media, was very dramatic and carefully engineered to make it appear as though Chrysler and the UAW leadership were at great odds over the issues.

The most significant demand of the UAW rank and file was for voluntary overtime, and it was all but sold-out completely to Woodcock. Auto workers had been working a 70 hour week, but now, thanks to Woodcock and Co., they are only forced to work 54. The question of overtime has always come under the category of "management prerogative"; in other words, management can force workers to work any amount of overtime, whether they want to or not, with only the stipulation that they are paid time and a half. The eight-hour day which was supposedly won decades ago is now reduced to half a day in most factories in the United States.

The sell-out contract with Chrysler gives the United Auto Workers a 9-hour, six-day week. The other major "benefit" to arise from the workers was a 5.5 percent wage increase each year of the three year contract, which doesn't come close to meeting the inflationary rise in the cost of living each year.

At press time, the negotiated sell-out contract was in the process of being ratified by union locals. There is a good chance that "wild cat" strikes will result when locals recognize that they have been sold out. The UAW has a long history of successful "wild cat" strikes, and they have always been used as a weapon to combat sell-outs by union bosses.

In the coming months, all workers must support any wild-cat strikes by the United Auto Workers in the Ford, American Motors and GM plants, which will subject the plants to basically the same contract negotiated with Chrysler. This pre-arrangement of the "Big Three" auto plants to negotiate contracts with the UAW for a contract acceptable to all is just another move to undermine the union and the right to strike. UAW rank and file must fight these union-busting bastards and reject the sell-out contract.
FACTS ABOUT THE ENERGY CRISIS

Through magazine articles and newspaper editorials, radio and TV programs, the US government and the oil monopolies have recently stepped up their propaganda about the "gasoline shortage" and "energy crisis." They claim that the oil supply in the US is almost depleted and that the US has become dependent on importing oil from "politically sensitive" areas in the Middle East.

Yet 2.8 trillion barrels of oil reserves are still estimated to be in the US. Over 9.6 million barrels of oil per day were produced in the US in 1970 in comparison with 6 million per day in Saudi Arabia. In 1967, when the Suez Canal was closed, the US was easily able to dip into its stocks to supply 2.6 billion barrels to Western Europe.

OIL MONOPOLIES VS PEOPLE

This past summer has seen a flurry of political activity: oil politics has been second only to Watergate. "First the big oil monopoly with the government's cooperation created a gasoline shortage to squeeze out the so-called independents or smaller oil corporations, and pressure congress into approving the ecologically dangerous Alaska oil pipeline. Next a game was begun between the oil giants - primarily Mobil and Texaco. At the same time the "liberal" and "conservative" wings of the Bourgeois press joined in a propaganda battle against the oil producing nations - both Time and Newsweek featured articles claiming that the oil producing nations were having the audacity to hold the US over the barrel. In order to stress its big stick policy in the Middle East the US government cast a veto in the UN security council (only the fourth US veto) in support of Israel's policy of aggression.

OIL USED FOR WAR

The results. Although one day of the barbaric air war in Vietnam consumed as much petroleum as one day of cars on the entire US interstate highway system, the American people were subject to gas rationing and high gasoline prices. The oil monopolies got the concessions they wanted in Alaska, and strengthened their control over the market, driving many so-called independents out of business, and further dominating the individual gas station owner.

TEXACO & SHELL: RECORD PROFITS

By manipulating the supply of gasoline and raising the price of fuel oil, the oil monopolies raked in record profits - this is the real meaning of the energy crisis that no amount of TV propaganda by Johnny Cash can cover up.

Texas's net income advanced 44.5% in the quarter ending June 30th. Net profit in the quarter totaled $96 million, compared to $18.5 million in that period a year ago. Gross revenues were $2.7 billion. Shell recorded a 45% gain in profit in the quarter ending June 30th. So much for the bleeding heart claims of poverty by Shell during their workers' recent strike. These record profit figures also expose the Nixon government's so-called freeze, and anti-inflation wage guidelines of .5%.

PLUNDER OF MIDDLE EAST

Oil concessions mean big profits for the oil monopolies. Thus the US government via the CIA overthrew the government of Iran in 1953, and that of Venezuela in 1956 when they attempted to complete nationalization of their oil resources. Today US and Russia are scrabbling for hegemony in the oil producing areas. Between 1900-1960 gross profits of US oil companies in Iran alone totaled $2 billion, while workers were only paid $1.20 a day in 1940. It only costs 12 cents to extract a barrel of oil (42 gallons) in Iran that is sold in the US for $3.75.

No wonder that the oil producing countries of the world have finally joined in an effort to limit this plunder, by nationalization and other means. And that the people of the Middle East are forming national liberation movements to control the wealth and resources of their countries for the social benefit of the people.

World capitalism is in a state of decline and reactionary competition. The oil monopolies are enemies of the American working people, and the people of the oil producing nations. The monopolies are spending millions of dollars in propaganda to divide us and cover up the facts - to avoid record profits from manipulation, and from the exploitation of the working people of the world.

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The national question is of importance to American Marxist Leninists. A correct understanding of the problem is a precondition for the achievement of unity between white and minority workers on day to day issues, for the discussion of minority peoples, and for the creation of a mass united front for the ultimate elimination of capitalism. For this reason, prior to the publication of a detailed pamphlet on this subject, we are writing this article, a good deal of space in this issue to a brief discussion of national liberation and national liberation in the U.S. Discussion of self-determination and what constitutes a nation has been correctly formulated from Stalin's definition, which was approved by Lenin: "A nation is a historically constituted, stable community of people based on a common language, territory, economy, and psychological make-up. It is a single one of those characteristics to be lacking and the nation ceases to be a nation. It goes without saying that a nation is subject to the laws of change, has its history, its beginning and end." Class Unity and the Jim Crow Nation After the failure of reconstruction in the South, but we must remember that this state of Jim Crow was forced upon black people by the alliance of Northern capital and the Southern bourgeoisie. Prior to that, the plantation system provided for the development of considerable unity at times was forged between black and white trade unionists small farmers and trade unions. Prior to the solidification of Jim Crow, both populists like Watson are made to hate each other because upon that hatred is reared the cornerstone of the arch of populism which enslaves you both) and black workers' leaders like Thomas Fortune. "When the issue is properly joined, the rich be they black or be they white, will live upon the same soil; and the poor be they black or be they white will be found upon the same land. [They] will speak out for black-white unity against racism and monopoly capitalism. By the end of the nineteenth century we find the existence of Jim Crow (segregation, exploitation, denial of democratic rights, legal racism) and a Black nation in the South. And a split between the Black and white laboring masses. This was a pre-condition for the expansion and growth of monopoly capitalism. The healing of that split is a condition and key aspect of the struggle to overthrow US. monopoly capitalism today.

NATION TO NATIONAL MINORITY

Today black people are for the most part working people (proletariat) and petty bourgeois (entrepreneurs). A dispersed minority living primarily in cities throughout America. Historically we have urbanization and proletarianization which has taken place at an extremely rapid rate in the South in the last ten years parallels the historical development of black people in this century. The Black Belt region has been destroyed by dispersion (less than 30% in the South), destruction of the peasant class and the bourgeoisie, industrialization and urbanization. Today over 55% of Afro-Americans live outside the South, three fourths of Afro-Americans live in metropolitan areas. Minority workers make up 40% of the workforce in certain sectors of the economy: the capitalists make a $2.2 billion profit every year from the exploitation of black labor.

Jobs or Wages?

Common to many incorrect positions on the "left" is a voluntarism which minimizes class struggle and passes over the only possible objective basis for black separatism -- the existence of a nation. For example, at the 1967 convention of the Trotskyite Socialist Workers' Party embraced all forms of black nationalism on the following grounds: "What we advocate is the right of the Negro people to decide their own affairs." October League: Black Nation Today

Trots: Do Your Own Thing

In 1928 and 1930, before the dispersal and proletarianization of the Black nation, the Comintern and the then revolutionary CPUSA correctly advocated the establishment of a Black State in the South. Then 86% of black people lived in the South, 745 in rural districts. This 1925 position is however propagated some forty years later by the October League in spite of changed historical conditions: "The US is a multi-ethnic country. That is, within the borders of the US there exist several oppressed nations and nationalities... It is the resolute duty of the proletariat... to resolutely uphold in practice the right of all oppressed nations to self-determination (including the right to secede and establish its own independent state)" (01 May 32 program).

CP: Nationalism of a new type

One aspect of the CP's reformist line is that black people can use dignity and full democratic rights by reforms under capitalism. The other aspect of the revisionist position were fully outlined by Claude Lightfoot in a 1967 report to the National Conference of the "CPUSA. Lightfoot argued an American Exceptionalist position: "In dealing with the American Negro we are dealing with a people that has a history different from other people on earth, and to fully understand his make-up we must take into consideration side by side, race and oppression operate independently of the national boundaries." Certain national attributes that the Negro was evolving in his Black self-determination, the right to set up a separate state, autonomous region or some other type, but in the US, the possibility of self-determination could only become a revolution. Revolution Revolutionary Union summarized their update of the autonomous nation line. Above we have the RU speakers talk out of both sides of their mouth on this subject, we quote in detail below: "Blacks still constitute a nation within the US, but is has been transformed from an overwhelmingly peasant nation tied to the land to an overwhelmingly proletarian nation under new conditions. The territory of the Black nation, which includes all areas of Black concentration, exists within the same boundaries by side with the white nation, e. the conditional US. To say that Black people are a nation but a national minority is to deny the right of Black people to determine their own destiny. We uphold the right of self-determination, the right to set up a separate state, autonomous region or some other type. But in the US, the possibility of self-determination could only become a revolutionary situation. We regard the whole of the Negro's struggle as a revolutionary struggle since we have a revolutionary conception of Black liberation. We hold that the struggle must be based on the struggle of the mass of Black people. Revolution Revolutionary Union."
NATIONAL QUESTION (CONT.)

reality with the overthrow of monopolist capitalism. (our stress)

STOP PHARSEOMONGERING

But this is very un-Marxist, as if one, was a realist pharisee and cannot stand up to the test of reality. It has its roots in the New Left and the utopian, utopian, utopian theory of the student movement of the sixties. It has at its basis the Americanesse, which has its roots in the idea that black people in the US constitute a factor unique in Marxist analysis (keep in mind that we are talking about the black capitalist European countries one third of the labor force is foreign, or minority workers). When the black nation ceases to exist and becomes a national minority one simply invents a new category to justify tailing separatism and narrow nationalism.

For a nation dominated by imperialism (eg. Vietnam) the struggle for national self determination is a revolutionary struggle. But if there is no nation, no multi-class internal economy, no territory, if the black people form a key oppressed sector of the working class, in a single nation, if there can be no progressive struggle for national independence -- that is certainly possible, in such a situation, the O.I., and R.U. lines can only disrupt the movement of the Afro-American workers, encourage it to-weary itself out in unreal struggle, and finally be destroyed from the struggle of other sectors of the working class.

As a strategy workers and progressive revolutionary impulsesswis to embrace an ideology which has its roots in the past and the petty bourgeoisie. However, this is a matter of course correct to ally ("from the masses to the national bourgeoisie") when they are making progressive demands, although they make take certain national nonsense. This means defending nationalists against attacks by the police state, clearly distinguishing the spontaneous nationalism of black people from white capitalist, and in trade unions whose job is to divide, building caucuses national in form and class in content, as well as integrated left caucuses.

WATERGATE

"He produces anarchy itself in the name of order, by rubbing off from the whole machinery of government the veneer of sanctity, by profaning it, by rendering it at once nauseating and laughable."

(text on Napoleon III)

It is as if Martin Eichman were to be found and charged with a parking offense. Nixon faces the most damaging political crisis of his career, not for bombing Vietnam and Cambodia, but for bugging up. Nixon's spy ring was, as it were, a global espionage network, able to plant a wire on the globe every 90 minutes. The CIA has agents spying, killing, burning, and stealing from London to Los Angeles; telephone tapping in the US is a growth industry. But while the whole faction of imperialiszt politicians gets bugged -- then the lid blows off. And when the lid blows off all Black is all good washing others dirty linen in public. The truth can be vaguely seen through the smoke of burning secret files.

From the WORKER, publication of the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist).

UNITE DON'T DIVIDE

What is at stake however is more than a polemic on the national question. The concrete effect of advocating separatism, the "right" of self determination and narrow nationalism within the US is to split the working class and progressive forces.

Imagine organizing exploited "white" workers on the line that what communism will offer us is deportation out of New York or Boston or Chicago to a socialist ghetto somewhere else in the country, for you and your family to earn a living there from the site of the future black autonomous region.

Division also only result from moralistic appeals by white radicals to white workers that they should not acknowledge that they are "less exploited" (a liberal theory not only in its sense of collective guilt, but in its non-Marxist misusue of the term exploitation with a stare to surplus value). Blanket moral and idealistic accusations by well-meaning radicals to the white workers are "racist" without examining and overcoming their class fears about crime, discrimination, "where do incorrect ideas come from?" can only serve to divide. Frightening the black workers in common with liberal piety, uniting all who can be united against a black workers' struggle and the corporate state cannot be accomplished by those who gloss over the fact that the majority of the American working class remains "white" (ie many other groups are national minorities), suffers exploitation, a declining standard of living and economic insecurity, and has had a glorious, militant and violent history of class struggle.

WAY TO REVOLUTION

The Afro-American people as a whole (proletariat, petty bourgeois, students, professionals etc) are oppressed by imperialism and capitalism (a fact overlooked by the Trotskyite FLN). A majority of American people suffer racism, denial of human respect and common dignity. Black people are victimized by the police, are kept within slums or ghettoes, are denied vital social services. All these sufferings in these areas are just, democratic and significant. Here the broadest front alliance amongst oppressed black people and other progressives should be focused upon in addition to existing progressive national forms of struggle should be supported. However as reforms in these areas can only be limited under capitalism, the cause of racism and oppression, these struggles must be guided by a Marxist Leninist perspective.

We workers are hit most of all at the point of production. Black and other minority workers have played a leading role in the militant struggles of the US working class. Here is where the key fights will take place against capitalism, the corporate state and emerging fascism in trade unions and workers caucuses because that are the natural United fronts of the working class, as well as in related areas where workers are oppressed in the communities and neighborhood. The industrialization and dispersion that has broken up the Jim Crow nation has generated conditions for united class struggle. Future articles in PW will deal with the history of black workers' struggle, with the unity achieved with other American workers, and with the role of a Marxist Leninist party in relating class struggle to the perspective of socialist revolution.

TENTH PARTY CONGRESS

WORKER CHOSEN VICE CHAIRMAN

Recently Chairman Mao Tse-tung presided at the 10th Congress of the Communist Party of China. At the first meeting of the new Central Committee of the Politburo were chosen, including Wang Hung-wen, a 36 year old textile worker from Shanghai, who was also elected one of the five Vice Chairman by Yung Kuei, a farmer and head of the model commune at Tachi. Only in a socialist China, where the workers and peasants hold state power, can working people be elected to the highest leadership positions.

POLITICAL REPORT

Chou En-lai delivered the political report, which stressed that "Lenin pointed out repeatedly that imperialism means aggression and war. At this time the main feature of imperialism is rivalry or competition between the great powers, privileged or world hegemony."

Chou stated that "therefore on the international front our party must uphold proletarian internationalism... strengthen our unity with the [Socialist] and the

reased people and nations of the whole world... and the broadest united front against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, and in particular the two superpowers -- the US and the USSR.

CHINA SUPPORTS

NEW REVOLUTIONARY FORCES

Chou also affirmed the need to unite with "all genuine Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations throughout the world." The report emphasized the importance of a correct political line: "If one's line is correct, even if one has not a single soldier at first, there will be soldiers, and even if there is no political power, political power will be gained."