The People's Republic of China, a vast country of over 800 million people, was the target of plunder of no less than 5 imperialist countries just 28 years ago. It was a country of brutality and starvation. Today this proud socialist country is embarking full steam ahead on the road to becoming one of the most economically advanced countries in the world.

The fact that China can house, feed and clothe every single citizen is itself remarkable. Before becoming fully independent in 1949, the Chinese people were driven down along with the people of India, Africa and other colonized Third World countries. All their economic systems were so backward that peasants with nothing more than a plot of land and a handplow or an ox were considered well off.

Today China has not only made huge strides in developing a fully self-reliant nation, but they are in a position to launch a massive nationwide drive to transform themselves into a powerful modern socialist country by the year 2000.

The first steps to unite the entire country and all its different nationalities were made during the first week of March at the 5th National People's Congress, China's parliament. Hua Kuo Feng, the new President, issued the call: "We must apply the results of modern science and technology on a broad scale, make extensive use of new materials and sources of energy and modernize our major products and processes of production. Our economic and technical norms must approach, equal, or surpass advanced world levels."

Reaching these goals will mean great changes in China. Presently over 80% of the people in China are peasants, and agricultural development is generally equivalent to the United States of 1900. While China has become fully self-sufficient and capable of feeding its huge population, it takes 75% of the population to do it.

China plans to turn this situation around completely within the next 10 years by achieving at least 85% mechanization in all major processes of farm production. The key change is that the people will be able to learn and master modern industry and agriculture. Many people who presently work the land will enter the industrial workforce and those who stay on the land will have the means to build up their living standards while building up culture, education and light industry throughout the countryside, thus enabling China to expand its cities into a few huge overcrowded cities.

SOCIALLY UNLEASHES THE WORKING CLASS

Are these just wild dreams and hot air promises like we hear everyday from Jimmy Carter or other two-bit politicians in the U.S.? How will China be able to actually accomplish this monumental task?

The achievements the Chinese are making are the fruits of the long struggle to revolutionize society being carried out in every village, town and city throughout the entire country. Their system is fundamentally different from the U.S., USSR, Japan, or the industrialized countries of Western Europe. Factories are owned by the people in China, not by a few exploiters. Instead there is careful planning to increase production. Today this proud socialist country is embarking full steam ahead on the road to becoming one of the most economically advanced countries in the world.

One such attempt was made by a handful of people who oppose the interests of the majority of Chinese people by disrupting plans to modernize China. Four high Communist Party officials, commonly known as the "gang of four," including Mao's wife, argued that modernization would have a corrupting influence on the people and turn China back into a capitalist country. They tried to stage a coup d'etat, overthrow the socialist government, and set up their own dictatorial regime.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

To help accomplish these demanding tasks, China is placing great stress on developing science and technology. Please see page 18.

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puter.

In education, China is saving to guarantee universal eight year schooling in rural areas and ten year schooling in cities by 1985. In the colleges and universities the emphasis is on science and engineering, combined with political study and practical experience. A corps of skilled youth dedicated to building the socialist economy of China is the aim.

China is encouraging creativity and experiment under the policy of “let a hundred flowers bloom, let a hundred schools of thought contend.” The pur­

pose of all science, education and art forms is to serve the people, in particular the workers and peasants. Widespread and consistent scientific development in all walks of life is being called for. In the course of this, sharp debate and discussion will be encouraged regardless of what forms best serve the people.

The great majority of people in China are bunting with enthusiasm over the plans and are optimistic that the goals can be reached. The whole country is united, no matter how one unites with everyone pitching in to do his part to help build the new China. Technicians, engineers and artists are all marching together as one, with a real sense of pur­

pose and determination to build a bright future.

This stands in stark contrast to the situation in the U.S. and other in­

dustrialized capitalist countries. In these countries there is stagnation and an­

death and despair over a future that only looks gloomy. These countries are rife with division and lack a sense of unity and direction.

Despite their vast industrial wealth, the capitalist countries are crumbling physically and decaying morally. At the heart of the heap are the millions of working people who are being driven down further each day and labor only for the profits of the rich.

China—BEACON LIGHT FOR ALL WORKERS

Since its founding, socialist China has taken on an example of what developed countries for how strong and well-rounded economies can be accomplished without being tied in any way to or another of the advanced capitalist powers. China has shown that it is not mere luck, consumption, or the lack of resources or technology that is the main obstacle to development. It is the imperialists and the people who support and profit from it that keep China from moving forward.

China has three world powers and forces them into backwash.

As China advances to the front ranks of the industrial power, it will in­

crementally increase its strength in the workers in the capitalist countries like the U.S. China will show that working people have unlimited potential without the rich class on their backs. In fact China’s development will help show that there is nothing that is impossible for the world of Third World forces and countries to stand in the way of a decent life for the vast majority of all people.

Unemployment

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have remained high, unemployment

benefits have been cut, and sur­

vival for working class families is diffi­

cult. The Bill is a tool that is political, not economic. It is aimed at distorting the working class in the fight for jobs. The leaders of the AFL-CIO have spent millions of dollars in workers’ dues supporting this bill. Over the last three years they have failed to organize a nationwide movement for jobs. Instead, they push this bill as the best and only means to solve unemployment. Both the bosses and Meany & Co. dangle the lure of full employment, high wages and quality working condi­

tions. But this is more than another empty promise, it is an ambush. This Bill is being used to direct workers

away from the real battlefronts, the fight for union jobs and against Carter’s unemployment policies.

As the job situation has failed to im­

prove, the political situation is heating up. Several countries are rife with the non-­

peaceful way to solve the problem of unemployment, as the government is running a campaign to make a crisis out of the problem.

Jerry Brookshire, Johnny Starks, Mary Darby, Warren McGuffin, Clifford McKissick—all Black and all murdered by Milwaukee police. Nobody was suspended or fired for these cold­

blooded murders. Most of the officers involved have since been promoted.

The police have turned their arrog­

ance and brutality is a force that the Milwaukee power structure has to reck­

on. Despite the fact that many of these cases have been mistreated, too many strikers have been arrested, or pushed around, or beaten. The enforcement of law and order, intimidation, terror, and beating has taken the form of spontaneous protest and organized resistance. Twice in the past year Milwaukee cops have paid with their lives for brutalizing people on the streets. (See article on Ray Mendosa on this page.) A number of marches and demonstrations in 1975, following a series of police murders, forced the cops to back off temporarily.

Often the focus of the people’s hatred has been Chief Breier, who rose in the ranks of the MPD by shooting an un­

armed burglary suspect and suspecting in 1968 that if the Blacks rose up he’d “cover his ass.” He has a lifetime

hate appointment, on the theory that this will keep him from being tempted to be cor­

rupt! Last February the city council was forced to do an extraordinary ordin­

ance to limit future police chiefs’ terms to 7 years. But this has not cooled out continuing de­

mands for change.

Meanwhile the cops are still enjoying whatever privileges they enjoy. They evade faithful ser­

vice to the bankers and industrialists—

law and order, intimidation, beatings, and repression is necessary to keep the whole right-off system rolling. And Chief Breier is going to try to get in the quality of his “under­

cover” work.

COPS CATCH WITH PANTS DOWN AGAIN

Milwaukee, Wisc.—Five squads from Milwaukee police calls station responded to the call. They rushed the house and found three drunken men, one identified “parrying” with one woman. The men turned out to be three of “Milwaukee’s finest,” the woman a police captive. She had been taken home from the party by the man who later came home from the woman’s husband, a po­
lice sergeant. This incident was followed by reports of policemen engaging in with details of her “interdepartmental” liquor and sex escapades with as many as 40 different policemen. One party alleg­
edly took place on New Year’s Eve on the grounds of the Police Training

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gave front page coverage to the protests, repression and the continued resis­
tance due to the presence of the picket­ers.

The police were prepared to go on the offensive at the slightest provocation. While cops lined the doors outside, about 30 officers remained inside, facing the crowd, withplainclothes detectives circulating through the stands, making the number of policemen equal to about 10% of the crowd! Despite all the empty show of members of the Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB) made it inside to put up a banner saying “South Africans—Out of the Davis Cup—Victory Will Be Ours”.

On Saturday, more than 3000 people marched from the Capital Building, through downtown Nashville, and into Centennial Park. Protester chants such as

“Freedom Fighters” rang out, making a strong show of support. The South African people’s liberation struggle. Once at the park, debate broke out over how best to react to the court’s decision. The RSB had planned to a 2 to 3 hour rally, pushing it as an alternative to direct confrontation. Meanwhile the Soweto Brigade con­

tingent, led by the RSB and including many local college students, urged peo­
ples to go back and picket the Vanderbilt gym, the key site of the struggle—where the matches were being held, where the spectators were, where the press and TV cameras were. By encouraging people to stay at their hours long rally, the NAACP kept the level of activity high by being in the scene of the confrontation. They further exposed themselves by playing “The Star Spangled Banner” at the beginning of the rally—in the midst of a weekend of protest against US support

sign. But always there’s a clear double aim. They have been following an an­

nouncements of short suspensions and long suspension of officers ordered to sign. But always there’s a clear double standard. The cops know that as long as they are careful, they can get away with anything from tavern shakedowns, taking bribes and “favors,” to burglary and robbery.

The incidents of brutality and murder are the most blatant of police crimes that have gone unprosecuted. Last year or six or seven Milwaukee cops vio­

lently beat Roger Lyons to death in a midnight tavern. Lyons was an Outlaw motorcycle club member. A coroner’s jury investigated the death, concluding that there was not enough evidence to charge any one cop. District Attorney McCann tried to cover for the obvious story that the cops had avoided him, and that maybe someday the case would be solved.

Before Lyons, it was Charles Davis, going to do fight Black people’s op­

pressure here!” The answer was to build a social movement to turn the heat on those who prop apartheid up—for they are the very same rich who make the power structure in Milwaukee.

Throughout the weekend it was evi­

dent that people’s anger was directed not just at apartheid but at those who support and profit from it and who oppress people, especially those who are not ‘white’.

“Discrimination here, apartheid there/Gotta fight that system first,” one sign said.

The next day’s matches. Then the pickers form­

ded large groups at the edge of the sidewalk, forcing those leaving to pass through them. They angrily confronted each individual, demanding of them, Why are you here? How do you feel about apartheid?—and that maybe someday the case would be solved.

Protesters chanted “‘Gotta fight that system first,”’ one sign said.

People left Nashville prepared to con­

tinue the battle. They had exposed the South African government once again—putting it in the spotlight and focusing people’s anger on it.

The thousands in Nashville spoke in demonstrations around the world. The final protestor summed up: “It showed the government and the ruling class getting nervous about the whole thing, it showed the strength of the people.”