



ATTACK ON THE CRESTWOOD TEACHERS IS AN ATTACK ON THE ENTIRE WORKING CLASS!

On June 26, a state administrative law judge ruled that the firings of 184 teachers of the Crestwood school district by the Crestwood School Board last December were "legal". This ruling upheld last April's decision by the Michigan State Supreme Court.

A week later, on July 2, the Michigan Senate Labor Committee, on the pretext of a threatened veto by Governor Milliken, voted to strip several important provisions from a proposed bill to grant a limited right to strike to Michigan teachers.

Together, these actions by the monopoly capitalists, acting through their instrument, the state courts, legislature and government as a whole, are a fascist attack on the right of teachers to organize into trade unions and strike against their employers, the local capitalist governments. By attacking the teachers' sacred right to strike, the monopoly capitalists are attacking the rights of all public sector employees and the rights of the entire working class. The intent of these attacks is to smash the defense organizations, the unions, of the teachers, and then those of other workers, and deprive the workers of their weapon in the battle with the capitalists on the economic front -- their right to collectively refuse to sell their only possession, their labor-power, to the capitalists. The aim of the capitalists' attacks is to smash the workers' resistance and shift the whole burden of the economic crisis caused by themselves onto the backs of the workers.

These fascist attacks are meeting strong resistance on the part of the teachers, fighting through their unions and supported by other sections of workers, and this resistance is bound to grow.

These rulings and decisions are the monopoly capitalists' most recent attacks on Michigan teachers, who have been waging a tit-for-tat struggle against every attempt to smash their unions. During this struggle, many sections of the working class in Michigan have come forward, through their unions, to resist this offensive of the monopoly capitalists.

Teachers and all public sector workers in Michigan have faced legalized suppression of their right to organize and strike ever since the 1947 Public Employment Relations Act (PERA) was enacted to prevent the organizing of CIO industrial unions from spreading to public sector employees. This fascist law proclaims itself "an act to prohibit strikes by certain public employees" to improve "...the conditions or compensation..of employment." This law represents a tactic of the monopoly capitalists to realize their deepest wish of imposing class "peace" on the public sector workers in order to pay the lowest wages and plunder the state treasury to the fullest extent in pursuit of maximum profits.

Michigan teachers have been waging continuous struggles against the slave laws and conditions. The Crestwood teachers, in particular, have been struggling almost continuously for more than eight years to establish their right to organize and to improve their pay and working conditions. Led by the Crestwood Education Association, their union local, they have waged a bitter struggle against the Crestwood School Board which is backed by the state government and the monopoly capitalists. In this fierce struggle, since 1966 only one contract (1970) has been settled without a strike or threat

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ECONOMIC "RECOVERY": A FALSE PROMISE BY THE CAPITALISTS

In recent weeks, President Ford and the auto capitalists have been making a lot of noise about a supposed "recovery" from the present economic crises. On July 4, in a speech to the NAACP, Ford said "I am confident that the economic decline is over." Ford's chief economic adviser, Alan Greenspan, said that the crisis is over "for all practical purposes".

At the same time, the auto capitalists in Detroit have been calling a number of laid-off auto workers back to work. Even Chrysler, which has been hurt more by the crisis than the other auto companies, is calling back its second shift at many plants.

Is the economic crisis over? Is it even coming to an end? Far from it.

As Ford's spokesmen themselves admit, such a so-called "recovery" will mean 7-8 per cent unemployment until the end of the decade. Clearly this "recovery" only means "recovery" of bigger profits for the capitalists off the backs of the workers still employed, who face massive speed-up, while millions of their brothers and sisters will also bear the burden of this "recovery"-- by remaining in the streets. 7 to 8 per cent unemployed for the rest of the decade means about 7 to 8 million workers unemployed at any one time, not to mention the 10 million working people presently on "welfare" or the millions who have given up looking for a job or the youth just coming into the workforce. Such a "recovery" proves that capitalism cannot eliminate the evil of unemployment. Such a "recovery" means nothing but a new phase of the same economic crisis we are now in, and greater and greater exploitation and impoverishment for the workers and oppressed people as the monopoly capitalists shift the burden of the crisis onto their backs.

The capitalists are also lying about a "recovery" in the auto industry. It's not coincidental that the call-backs of auto workers are coming close to change-over time. Many at Chrysler are going back to work in August. This will be just in time to over-produce the 1976 models. Then the workers will once again be tossed away like tissue paper, to walk the streets while the cars go unsold. The "recovery" of the auto industry is just as much a false promise as the "recovery" of the economy as a whole.

You can see this from the capitalists' own figures. They are crowing that the June auto sales were 2.7 per cent above May's. But this June's deliveries were fully 11.3 per cent below last June's and sales for the entire first half of 1975 were 17.2 per cent below those for the first half of 1974--when sales were already depressed and the economy was already deep in crisis. The first half production at Chrysler, the main employer of Detroit auto workers, was down 28.3 per cent from the previous year and its June production was down 34.8 per cent, forcing Chrysler to again offer a rebate on its cars. Not only are the June figures of this year actually low, but comparing them to this May is deceptive. The May figures were some of the lowest yet, so for June to exceed them means nothing.

Clearly this is no real recovery. The recalls and stepped-up auto production, along with the "recovery" propaganda, are only

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WHO ARE THE REAL TERRORISTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

On July 4, the Palestine Liberation Organization exploded a large bomb in downtown Jerusalem, in occupied Palestine, killing nine Israeli zionists. Immediately the U.S. imperialist and Israeli zionist news media raised the tattered flag of condemning the Palestinians as "terrorists".

In the following weeks, the Israeli zionist armed forces made several savage raids in planes, by sea and on the ground against Palestinian refugee camps in southern Lebanon. The imperialist and zionist news media described these raids as a "justifiable" response to "terrorism".

This raises the question: Who are the real terrorists in the Middle East?

The fact is that the Palestinian people are a nation of people who have been largely uprooted from their homeland, Palestine (so-called "Israel"), by force by the zionists who were stooges of British imperialism, then of U.S. imperialism and today are backed by both U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism in the superpowers' contention for the Middle East. Thus zionist

Israel was established by the violent uprooting of the Palestinian Arabs in violation of their sacred national rights.

The motive of the imperialist powers in seizing Palestine was to grab this strategically very important position at the crossroads of Europe, Africa and Asia and establish a secure base there. The purpose of this base (Israel) is to hold a dagger to the throat of the Arab people (for the sake of extorting high profits out of their oil, cheap labor, etc.) and to act as a springboard for the various imperialists in their contention for world domination, which brings the highest profits of all.

To uproot the Palestinian people, the zionists, backed by imperialism used the most savage terror. The record of zionist terrorism is long and well-documented. It includes assassinations (for example, the first U.N. mediator to Palestine and his aide in 1948), massacres of unarmed villagers (Deir Yassin, Khan Yunis and other villages), obliteration of over 500 Arab villa-

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Editorial

INTRODUCING DETROIT WORKER

With this issue, the Detroit Branch of the Central Organization of U.S. Marxist-Leninists resumes publication of Detroit Worker.

The purpose of Detroit Worker is to take Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought to the working-class movement and to the movements of the Black people and other oppressed nationalities and classes, in order to unite them for proletarian socialist revolution to overthrow the monopoly capitalist class. It will do so by making political exposures of the criminal activities of the U.S. monopoly capitalists and the Soviet social-imperialists in the bright light of day. It will also expose the criminal activities of their lackeys -- the labor lieutenants of monopoly capital and the modern revisionists (such as the "Communist" Party U.S.A.), the trotskyites and other opportunists. Detroit Worker will support all struggles against the evil rule of the U.S. monopoly capitalists and the two superpowers internationally.

The Workers' Advocate, national newspaper of the Central Organization of U.S. Marxist-Leninists, stated in its issue of December 15, 1974:

"To fight against the effects of the present crisis and to eliminate its cause by overthrowing the monopoly capitalist class, the working class needs its own revolutionary party -- a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party like the Bolshevik Party in the time of Lenin and Stalin and like the Communist Party of China led by Chairman Mao Tsetung today. Today the 'Communist' Party U.S.A. is no longer the workers' revolutionary party it was in the 1920's, '30's, '40's and '50's. It has been destroyed from within by agents of the capitalists nestling in the workers' ranks (revisionists) and turned into a reformist capitalist party. This places the urgent task before the genuine Marxist-Leninists of uniting to build a new Marxist-Leninist Communist Party to lead the working class in revolution. The deepening economic crisis, the rapidly growing fascization of U.S. society and the looming threat of world war between the superpowers make the task of uniting the U.S. Marxist-Leninists and building a revolutionary Communist Party ten times as urgent."

In our polemic "Against the Reactionary Idealism and Metaphysics of the 'Communist' League", the COUSML stated:

"Today the decline of U.S. imperialism is accelerating, its contention with Soviet social-imperialism is intensifying, and it is in a deepening economic crisis. The monopoly capitalists are shifting the burden of the crisis onto the backs of the working class at home and the oppressed nations abroad, developing fascism and preparing for imperialist war against the oppressed nations or the other superpower. The task facing the working-class movement is to fight resolutely against the shifting of the burden of the economic crisis onto its back, against fascism and war, and get prepared for proletarian revolution."

Thus, Detroit Worker has two tasks:

1. To help the process of uniting the Marxist-Leninists and ad-

vanced workers into one Marxist-Leninist Communist Party to lead the working class and people in proletarian socialist revolution. Building this Party is the central task of U.S. Marxist-Leninists today. Detroit Worker is intended to help them to unite in practical work on a local basis by opposing opportunism and taking Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought to the advanced workers and other progressive and revolutionary people.

2. To help prepare public opinion and organization for a violent proletarian socialist revolution to overthrow the monopoly capitalist class, establish the dictatorship of the proletariat (the armed dictatorship of the workers over the capitalists) and establish a socialist People's Republic of America. To this end, Detroit Worker will support all struggles in the area directed against monopoly capitalism and its economic crisis, against fascism and against the imperialist superpowers' policies of aggression and war, and work to direct them onto the path of the overthrow of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class.

Detroit Worker will especially work to expose the monopoly capitalists' shifting of the burden of the economic crisis onto the workers' backs, the war preparations of the two superpowers, U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism, their attacks on the oppressed nations of the Third World, the racial discrimination, violent repression and other forms of national oppression practiced by the monopoly capitalists against the Black people and other oppressed nationalities in the U.S., the U.S. colonial rule over Puerto Rico, the growing fascism of the monopoly capitalist state machine and culture, and the increasing plunder and impoverishment of the broad masses by finance capital.

Detroit Worker will vigorously support the struggles of the workers, the Black people and other oppressed nationalities, women, youth, students and other oppressed sections of the American people. It will support all countries fighting for independence, nations fighting for liberation and people fighting for revolution, including the national liberation struggle of the Puerto Rican people. It will follow the leadership of Chairman Mao Tsetung and the Communist Party of China and Comrade Enver Hoxha and the Party of Labor of Albania in the international communist movement and work to combat all shades of revisionism and opportunism.

Comrade workers and other oppressed people: with this introduction, we present Detroit Worker to you. We encourage you to write with your suggestions, criticisms, articles, etc.

Marxist-Leninists, unite to build the Party!

Workers and oppressed people, let us all unite, fight against the monopoly capitalist class, oppose both superpowers, and advance in the glorious cause of proletarian socialist revolution!

WORKERS, OPPRESSED NATIONS AND PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

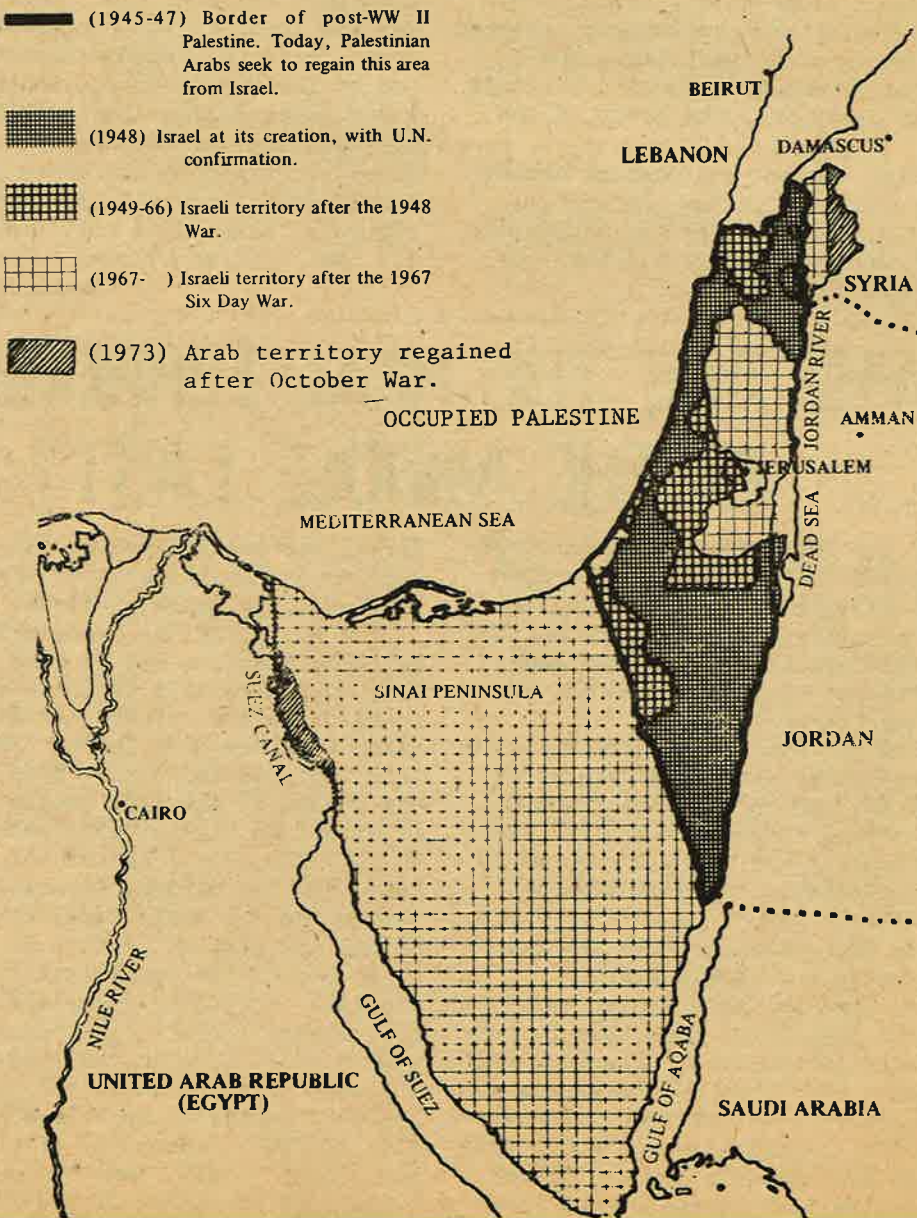
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setting the stage for another splurge of overproduction (overproduction of cars as commodities that can't be sold, not overproduction of more cars than people need) and a new set of lay-offs.

Look again at the rest of the economy. The pillars of American industrial production are auto, steel and construction. Auto is still down. As for steel, Industry Week, a magazine of the steel capitalists, predicted that steel orders would hit the lowest levels of a downward trend in July and August. Lay-offs at Great Lakes Steel locally go way back in seniority, As for construction, new building contracts dropped 9 per cent in May from a year earlier, when they were already depressed. On top of this, retail sales (Which Ford crowed about in his NAACP speech) fell four out of six weeks ending July 5. Even the economic forecasters of Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank have predicted that the present "recession" will be followed, not by a recovery, but by a deeper collapse in 1977-78 which will be a "debacle". (Detroit News, July 1, 1975)

Thus all this talk about "recovery" and a return to "good times" is nothing but false promises from the monopoly capitalists and their government designed to lull the workers to sleep while the capitalists step up their exploitation of them in order to shift the whole burden of their crisis onto their shoulders. Clearly this is not "recovery" but a deepening crisis.

Map of Palestine and other occupied Arab territories



SUPPORT THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION

The struggle of the Palestinian people for national liberation is a just struggle of a people oppressed and uprooted from their homeland by imperialism and zionism and fighting heroically to liberate the entire soil of their homeland.

The Palestinian national liberation struggle is aimed at the zionist state of Israel, which is backed by the common enemies of the Palestinian and American people -- U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism. The U.S. monopoly capitalists are the main supporters of the zionist state of Israel while they also oppress and exploit the American people.

The Palestinian national liberation struggle is part of the irresistible worldwide current of countries fighting for independence, nations fighting for liberation and the people fighting for revolution. This current is vigorously combatting imperialism and in particular the superpowers, U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism.

Thus the Palestinian people and the American people have common enemies -- zionism and the superpowers, U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism -- and common objectives to struggle for -- the complete elimination of the evil system of imperialism. Therefore, we American workers and other oppressed people who want revolution in the United States must support the national liberation struggle of the Palestinian people, just as we must support all nations and peoples who are fighting against our common enemies. Supporting the Palestinian struggle means supporting the organization which is leading the struggle, the Palestine Liberation Organization, which is recognized by the Palestinian people and by 103 countries as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. To fail to support the PLO is, in fact, to fail to support the Palestinian people and instead to support the suppression of the Palestinian people by "our own" U.S. government, by the other superpower, and their zionist stooges.

To acquaint the progressive people in the

Detroit area with the struggle of the Palestinian people we reprint here The Transitional Program of the Palestine Liberation Organization. It shows the goals and path of the Palestinian national liberation struggle.

It should be noted that Point 4 of the program refers to the resolutions of the Palestine National Councils on the goal of the Democratic State. These resolutions point out that the goal of the Palestinian revolution at this stage is to smash the zionist state of Israel and in its place to establish a democratic, secular (non-religious) state, in which Moslems, Christians and Jews can live in equality, on the entire national soil of Palestine. The Palestinian people have a sacred right to such a state, just as the American people had a sacred right to kick out the British colonialists and establish a secular state in our War of Independence.

Further, Point 3 of the program points out that the PLO "strives through all means, and particularly through armed struggle, to liberate the Palestinian land...." This means that the Palestinian people must use revolutionary violence, people's war, as the main form of struggle to win their freedom. They have every right to do so, just as the American people did in the War of Independence. It also means that the Palestinian people will use diplomatic means, such as the visit by Yassar Arafat, Chairman of the PLO, to the United Nations in 1974, as well as other means, to achieve their goals. This is entirely appropriate, just as the Vietnamese people waged struggle with the U.S. imperialists at the negotiating table, side by side with their armed struggle, for years before their victory.

It must also be noted that Point 3 of the program states that the PLO will "establish the people's national, independent fighting authority on every part of the Palestinian land to be liberated." This means that the PLO will set up a Palestinian state on whatever part of Palestine that is liberated first, without waiting until all the rest is

liberated. This is very important in order to prevent imperialism from simply transferring part of Palestine from control of Israel to control of the reactionary Jordanian regime. The Palestinian people have every right to exercise their right of self-determination over Palestinian land in any way they see fit, to set up and develop a state on part of it while fighting to liberate the whole, as the Vietnamese people were forced to do.

Finally, it must be noted that Points 3 and 4 of the program reject any scheme which conspires to give the Palestinian people a part of their homeland on the condition that they give up their struggle for their entire homeland. Instead, the PLO is struggling to liberate the "entire national soil" of Palestine. In fact, the establishment of a fighting Palestinian state on part of Palestine would be a powerful base area from which to struggle to eliminate the zionist state completely and liberate all of Palestine.

We call upon all revolutionary workers and other democratic people in the Detroit area to strongly support the Palestine Liberation Organization as the concrete way to support the Palestinian national liberation struggle and render part of our proletarian internationalist duty to the struggling people of the Third World, who are fighting our common enemies. We further call upon all progressive people to reject all slanders of the Palestinian people as "terrorists" and to reject those rumor-mongers and slanderers in progressive circles who are attacking the PLO, its Chairman Yassar Arafat and the PLO's program. Such, for example, are the open trotskyites including the National Caucus of Labor Committees, who make the absurd claim that Yassar Arafat is a "CIA agent". Such, also, is the so-called "Communist" Labor Party, formerly the "Communist" League, which attacks the PLO and Yassar Arafat as "opportunist". We warn these elements that they are acting as great-nation chauvinists, siding with the imperialists and betraying the proletariat and oppressed nations.

Workers and all revolutionary and democratic people:

SUPPORT THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE!

SUPPORT THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION!

THE TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION

Adopted at the 12th session of the Palestine National Council, held in Cairo, June 1-8, 1974

● On the basis of the Palestine National Charter and the political program of the Palestine Liberation Organization adopted at the 11th session from January 6-12, 1973 and as a result of the deep conviction that the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the area is impossible without the restoration of the full national rights of our Palestinian people, particularly its rights to repatriation and self-determination on its entire national soil, and in the light of the political conditions that emerged between the two sessions, the Council resolves the following:

1) Reaffirms the previously adopted stand of the Palestine Liberation Organization with regard to the Security Council Resolution 242, which obliterates the national rights of our people and deals with our cause as a question of refugees. Therefore, the Council rejects dealing with Resolution 242 on this basis and at any level, Arab or international, including the Geneva Conference.

2) The Palestine Liberation Organization strives through all means, and particularly through armed struggle, to liberate the Palestine land and to establish the people's national, independent fighting authority on every part of the Palestinian land to be liberated. This requires creating an additional shift in the balance of power favorable to our people and their struggle.

3) The Palestine Liberation Organization struggles against any scheme or projected Palestinian entity the price of which is recognition, peace, secured boundaries, abdication of the national right, or the denial to our people of their right to repatriation and self-determination over its national soil.

4) Any emancipatory step achieved, constitutes a link in the chain of the strategy of the Palestine Liberation Organization to establish the Democratic

Palestine state called for in the resolutions of previous Palestine National Councils.

5) The PLO will struggle with the Jordanian patriotic forces for the establishment of a national Palestinian-Jordanian front whose goal is the establishment of a democratic national regime in Jordan that will establish an organic link with the Palestinian entity that will come about as a result of combat and struggle.

6) The PLO strives to establish a combative front between the two peoples and with all other forces of the Arab liberation movement who accept this program.

7) In the light of this program, the Palestine Liberation Organization struggles to solidify national unity and to elevate it to the level which enables it to perform its national tasks and responsibilities.

8) The Palestine national entity, after it comes into existence, will struggle to achieve a federation of the confrontation states in order to complete the liberation of the entire Palestinian soil and as a step on the road to complete Arab unity.

9) The PLO strives to strengthen its solidarity with the socialist countries and with the international forces of progress and freedom to defeat all reactionary imperialist-Zionist schemes and machinations.

10) In the light of this program, the leadership of the revolution shall formulate the tactics that will serve to attain these goals.

The Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization shall endeavor to implement this program. Should a vital position related to the future of the Palestinian people emerge on the scene, then the Council shall be called for an extraordinary session to deal with it.

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of a strike. The teachers have waged five strikes for their rights during this time. Even so, they have been forced to work for three entire school years -- the extremely inflationary years of 1971 and 1973-4 without a contract or pay increases.

On September 3, 1974, after struggling for more than a year to force the school board to sign a contract with them and grant them pay increases, the Crestwood teachers were forced to answer the board's obstinacy with a militant strike. In October they were ordered back to work by a Wayne County Circuit Court and ordered into daily negotiations under binding arbitration. By December the school board still refused to bargain "in good faith" and had even rejected a settlement proposed by the state mediator. The CEA was demanding pay raises to bring the Crestwood teachers up to the level of other Wayne County teachers. To oppose the school board's refusal to act, the teachers resumed their strike on December 4.

By December 30 the school board had fired the teachers, broken off negotiations with the union and declared that it was reopening the schools using scabs as teachers. During this time the Crestwood School Board initiated contempt proceedings citing the October order to return to work. 12 teachers were fined \$200 each by the court.

On January 6, 1975, with 90 per cent of the teachers on strike, the board opened the schools with scabs. 300 militant pickets manned the lines that day, including teachers, auto workers, steel workers and large numbers of building trades workers. Attacking the teachers with their armed state machine, the capitalists sent police to arrest fifteen pickets.

That evening a press conference was held to declare solidarity between the UAW, the Michigan and Detroit Federations of Teachers, the Metro Detroit AFL-CIO Council and the striking teachers. The president of the Michigan Education Association pointed out that "...teachers...are being subjected to the same brand of union busting tactics used ... years ago." The MEA Executive Secretary said that under the Public Employment Relations Act "school boards have been dealt all the high cards...they can simply refuse to bargain, fire their teachers and carry on..." If teachers strike they are subjected to injunctions, fines, jailings and even loss of employment.... (Teachers' Voice, organ of the MEA, February 10, 1975.)

Furious at the strike-breaking tactics of the capitalist, 6000 area teachers declared that they would wage solidarity strikes with the Crestwood teachers. Under the threat of these strikes and the solidarity of other sections of the workers, on January 10 a special panel of the Wayne Circuit Court judges was forced to order the firings illegal. The court ruled that under the state Teacher Tenure Act the teachers were entitled to hearings before they could be fired; this they had not received, so the firings were illegal. On January 12, at the request of the school board, the Michigan Appeals Court delayed the re-hiring of the teachers. But under the threat of yet another mass strike, the Appeals Court was also forced to rule the firings illegal on the same grounds. These victories show that only the persistent struggle of the teachers and other workers could wrench even the least of concessions from the capitalist government.

But on April 4 of this year, the capitalists struck back at the teachers through the Michigan Supreme Court, which overturned the lower courts' concessions and declared the firings to be "legal." This court arrogantly declared that the Teacher Tenure Act did not apply to the Crestwood teachers' firings, but instead it was "superseded" by the fascist Public Employment Relations Act under which the teachers had no rights to hearings at all. Thus the capitalist government struck back and eliminated its own concessions.

At the same time that the state court openly backed up the school board's firings of the teachers, practicing fascist suppression of the teachers' right to organize, the

court left a supposed "loophole" in its ruling. It said that the teachers could appeal its ruling to the Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC). If MERC found the school board guilty of "unfair labor practices", the teachers would be reinstated. The June 26 ruling of the state administrative law judge was a ruling of this agency fully supporting the fascist decision of the Supreme Court. This ruling was hurriedly issued just while the teachers were on vacation, and could not answer it with a strike. This shows the spineless deception practiced by the capitalist government while it suppresses the teachers' rights. The court also said that the teachers can appeal this latest ruling once again. In this way it hopes to convince the teachers that by endlessly "going through legal channels" the government can be made to serve the workers.

Just at the moment that the state courts were issuing their newest ruling suppressing the Crestwood teachers, the capitalists were working overtime through the state legislature to prevent Michigan teachers from gaining legislation granting them a limited right to strike. Under great pressure from the teachers' strikes and from trade unions, the state House passed a bill granting the teachers the right to strike for five weeks at a maximum. Under the pretext of a threatened veto by Milliken, the Senate Labor Committee immediately watered down the bill to allow only three-week strikes and restricting the right to strike in other ways. Such a bill leaves the teachers in almost the same position as before -- knowing that after three weeks of striking, the school board will again "hold all the high cards" and will be backed up legally if it refuses to negotiate seriously.

In answer to the repressive rulings and the pending legislation, the teachers union, MEA, has stopped all contract negotiations on a statewide basis. Militant teachers are discussing how to fight the court rulings and legislative decisions with mass action. No amount of fascist suppression will ever succeed in depriving the teachers of their sacred right to strike!

The struggle of the Crestwood teachers, and the pending legislation in the Michigan legislature, shows that the state machine (the government at all levels -- federal, state and local -- including army, police, courts, etc.) does not serve all sections of the public equally but instead it is nothing but an instrument of the monopoly capitalists to suppress the workers and people in order to step up their exploitation and impoverishment of the majority of the population. Only a most bitter struggle is able to wrench the least concession from the capitalist government, while the capitalists constantly use their government to attack the workers. This shows that, as Lenin teaches, "THE STATE IS AN ORGAN OF CLASS RULE, AN ORGAN FOR THE OPPRESSION OF ONE CLASS BY ANOTHER...."

In this time of economic crisis, the U.S. monopoly capitalists need class peace at home in order to shift the burden of the crisis onto the backs of the workers and in order to have a secure home base for the world war they are preparing with the social-imperialist Soviet Union. Because of this, the monopoly capitalists are using their state more and more nakedly to suppress the basic rights of the working class and people. At present, fascist legislation and other attacks against the workers' right to organize and strike are developing on many fronts, while at the same time a massive strike wave of public sector workers has broken out nationally. The struggle of the Crestwood teachers, supported by workers throughout Michigan, against the Crestwood School Board and the entire state government is one front in this developing battle. Workers of all trades should unite as a class to support the teachers' struggle, oppose the fascist union-busting of the capitalists (especially directed against the public sector workers) and oppose the shifting of the burden of the economic crisis onto the workers' backs.

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ges, kidnappings, bombings of civilians and dynamiting of houses, and more recently, savage terrorist raids on Palestinian refugee camps and the jailing of thousands of Palestinians, making widespread use of torture. The Zionists have always used terrorist gangs such as the Hagannah, Stern and Irgun gangs in the past and the "Jewish Defense League" in the U.S. today (which last fall attacked and attempted to kill a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization in New York). Add to this the launching of aggressive wars and annexations against the Palestinian and surrounding Arab lands in 1948, 1949, 1956, 1967 and 1973. As a result of this aggressive terrorism, more than 1.5 million Palestinians have been uprooted from their homeland, and their homeland (and other Arab lands) has been occupied by a racist, fascist settler regime, the Zionist state of Israel.

Therefore, the revolutionary violence employed by the Palestinian people is violence in a just cause, a people's war of national liberation, while the reactionary violence of the Zionists is violence in an unjust cause, a counter-revolutionary war of colonialist suppression. The Palestinian people, led by the Palestine Liberation Organization, are waging a revolutionary war to exercise the right of national self-determination by smashing the Zionist state of Israel, liberating their entire homeland and building a democratic secular state where all nationalities and religions can live in equality. This goal and the use of revolutionary violence to attain it has received the support of over 103 countries in the world at the last United Nations General Assembly session. The Zionists, on the other hand, are fighting to continue their suppression of the national rights of the Palestinian people, to continue to occupy Palestinian lands and the lands of other Arab countries, and to serve imperialism. For this, the Zionist regime has been condemned by the overwhelming majority of mankind.

Furthermore, Israeli Zionism would not last two weeks if it were not supported by the two imperialist superpowers. U.S. imperialism, Israel's main supporter, provides it with immense quantities of money and weapons. Soviet revisionist social-imperialism provides Israel with what it needs most -- manpower -- in the form of Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union, with thousands going in the past few years, strongly bolstering Zionism. Furthermore, both superpowers have given Israel "guarantees" of "secure borders" on the major part of Palestinian land Israel now holds. Finally, at a crucial time, when the Arab armies were winning the revolutionary October 1973 Middle East War, both superpowers stepped in, imposing a U.S. Security Council cease-fire which prevented the impending Arab victory and even allowed Israel to regain considerable lost territory. Thus, when Israel commits its aggression against the Palestinian and other Arab peoples, it has the backing and connivance of both superpowers.

Thus the Israeli Zionists (and their superpower backers), not the Palestinians, are the real terrorists in the Middle East.

BOTH SUPERPOWERS SUPPORT ISRAELI ZIONISM

Both U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism have reiterated their support for the Zionist state of Israel in recent months. This shows that the contention between the superpowers for control of the Middle East is increasing and that both superpowers are deadly enemies of the Palestinian people.

The March 19 issue of the Detroit Free Press carried a UPI release reporting that Leonid I. Brezhnev, head of the New Tsars of the Kremlin, declared that Soviet revisionist social-imperialism would guarantee the borders of Israel on their 1967 basis (when the Israeli aggressors had seized the major part of the Palestinian land they now hold). He said that the Soviet Union advocates: "the solution of the fundamental problems: the liberation of all the Arab territories occupied in 1967, the realization of the lawful rights of the Palestinian Arab people, including the establishment of their own statehood, effectively ensuring the secure, independent and free existence of each and every state in the Middle East."

Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei A. Gromyko, speaking in Moscow at a dinner for the Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam, further clarified the Soviet stand. He said that the Soviet Union is prepared to give Israel "the strictest guarantees" "to ensure the right of all states of the area, including the state of Israel, to independent existence and development."

Thus the Soviet social-imperialists are not only "guaranteeing" the right of the Zionist usurpers to keep most of the Palestinian homeland but they are promising military defense of the Zionist conquests (what can "strictest" mean but this?). This is why the New Tsars are called socialists in words but imperialists in deeds, social-imperialists. Since the new bourgeoisie headed by Khrushchev came to power in the 1950's, it has re-

The Truth About the Fighting In Lebanon

During the past three months, large-scale fighting has broken out in Lebanon. The American news media has described it as a battle between "Christians" and "Moslems". This is an imperialist lie.

The fighting was started by a Lebanese fascist party called the Falange (the same name used by the notorious Franco fascists of Spain). Its intent was to serve U.S. imperialism and Israeli Zionism by driving out the Palestinian guerrillas from their bases in Lebanon, from which they have been launching heroic struggles to liberate their homeland from Zionist rule.

On March 6 a commando unit of the Palestine Liberation Organization attacked a hotel in downtown Tel Aviv where a U.S. imperialist official was staying. In the battle, the heroic commandos wiped out more than 50 Zionist soldiers and policemen and then sacrificed their lives. This terrified the Zionist authorities and they planned to respond, not in their usual manner -- an open raid on Lebanon -- but by ordering their agents in Lebanon, the fascist Falangists, to attack the commandos. In the Israeli parliament, Zionist premier Rabin blurted out the truth as to who is behind the Falangist attacks: "We have chosen not to reply to this operation because we are planning on and waiting for a confessional (religious) war to occur in Lebanon which would have the same result...." (Al Sha'ab newspaper, April 4, 1975).

When the Falangists attacked the Palestinians, the U.S. imperialist and Israeli Zionists spread the lie that the fighting was motivated by "Christian" against "Moslem". This is how they try to hide the truth from the American working class and the people of the world.

But the Palestinian guerrillas and the Lebanese people, fighting in unity, have defeated all the attempts of the Falangists to suppress them. Another plot by Zionism and imperialism to liquidate the Palestinian resistance has met the same fate as its predecessors.

stored capitalism in the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union is now an imperialist superpower contending with U.S. imperialism for world hegemony. It would like to use Israel as one of its stepping-stones to domination of the Middle East, just as the U.S. does.

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt gave further confirmation of the Soviet Union's stand in support of Israeli Zionism. He stated recently that the Soviet Union had warned him four times against attacking Israel within its 1967 borders.

At the same time, U.S. imperialism, the mainstay of Israeli Zionism, declared through the mouth of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger that it would also defend the borders of Israel with force. He said, "It has always been my belief that a settlement in the area will require some sort of American assurance as to the viability and security of the state of Israel."

But the "pledges" of the superpowers can never stop the people's revolution. All of U.S. imperialism's "pledges" to Chiang Kai-shek, Nguyen Van Thieu and Lon Nol could not

save their skins and they were defeated by the Chinese, Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples. The same fate awaits the Israeli Zionists. As the Palestine Liberation Organization has stated in its Transitional Program, "the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the area is impossible without the restoration of the full national rights of our Palestinian people, particularly its rights to repatriation and self-determination on its entire national soil." The Palestinian people, led by the PLO and persisting in armed struggle, will certainly win complete victory.

A GIANT WITH FEET OF CLAY

A June 13 column in the Detroit Free Press by influential columnist Joseph Kraft wails, "What can the United States do to prevent the cartel of oil exporting nations from raising prices again?"

This statement shows the fear of U.S. imperialism in the face of the raw-materials producing countries of the Third World who are uniting against superpower plunder and in defense of their own natural resources. The Arab oil-producing countries, in particular, were bled white by decades of plunder of their oil resources at dirt-cheap prices. Their raising of prices and use of oil as a weapon against Israeli Zionism in the October 1973 Middle East War are perfectly justified counter-blows at the imperialist plunderers and especially the superpowers. No amount of attempts by the U.S. imperialists to blame the Arab countries for the U.S. economic crisis can be allowed to hide this fact. (In fact, the high gasoline and fuel oil prices in the U.S. since 1973 are the result of the price-fixing of the American oil monopolies and not the fault of the Arab countries.)

Kraft's "solution" for the imperialists is to strangle the supply of modern technology to the oil-producing countries in hopes of suppressing their struggles. This in it-

self is a self-exposure of imperialism. Why do the Arab countries need modern technology? Because they have been plundered for centuries by imperialism and colonialism and have been prevented from developing their own industrial bases. They are oppressed nations, like all the countries of the Third World, who face exploitation and bullying by the superpowers.

But the oppressed nations of the Third World today are uniting and combatting the imperialist plunder and superpower bullying and are developing their own national economies. Every defeat of imperialism makes this development more possible.

The struggles of the oil-producing and other Third World countries hurt the U.S. monopoly capitalists and the Soviet social-imperialists, the worst enemies of the U.S. working class and oppressed people. Therefore, we should support these struggles. We should not be deceived by any imperialist propaganda blaming the Arabs for our problems. Our real enemies are the U.S. imperialists and the Soviet social-imperialists, not the oppressed nations and peoples of the Third World.

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DEATH TO THE FASCIST INDIRA GOVERNMENT! LONG LIVE THE ARMED AGRARIAN REVOLUTION OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE!

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STATEMENT BY THE INDIAN PROGRESSIVE STUDY GROUP (DETROIT)

Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister of big landlords and comprador (foreign-dependent) bureaucrat capitalist classes in India, cracked down on her opponents following her declaration of emergency on June 26, 1975. This declaration came two weeks after she was convicted of corrupt practices in the 1971 elections, and only two days after she was stripped of her seat in the Indian parliament. Facing a "nation-wide struggle" to overthrow her from power, and a mounting wrath of the long-suffering Indian people, Mrs. Gandhi invoked the fascist Maintenance of Internal Security Act to let loose her bureaucrat-military machine on the "loyal" opponents contending for political power and a share in the "spoils". Discarding the last shred of the fig-leaf of "democracy", the regime has sent thousands of its opponents to jails, imposed a strict press censorship, and more recently, on July 4, 1975, banned 26 political parties and other organizations.

These events and the other repressive measures taken by the Indira regime laid bare the stark features of the Indian ruling classes as much as they exposed the hegemonistic "interests" of U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism, and their contention for control of India. Although concerned about the instability of their puppet regime and worried about its inability to rule in the old way, the Soviet social imperialist press supported the measures taken by the Indira regime. Tass stated on June 26th, "a number of right wing opposition party leaders were arrested today in accordance with the 'Internal Security Act'." The APN report of June 30 from Moscow explains, "the Soviet Union and India have long-standing good bilateral relationship. That is why the Soviet Union and all progressive mankind approve of the measures taken by India." The Times (London) of July 5th reported, "there is some mystery about the movement of a delegation of highly placed Soviet officials who arrived in Delhi shortly before the emergency was proclaimed last week." The Globe and Mail (Canada) reported on July 9th that the Indira government was engineering a "growing campaign to implicate the Central Intelligence Agency in India's worst political crisis since independence." These press reports indicate the upper hand of the KGB over the CIA and the solid grip of the Soviet social imperialists in India. The press in the imperialist United States, seeing the Indira government move closer to its rival superpower, got panicky and condemned her actions. The New York Times in an editorial on June 27 hoped that "democracy" will soon return to "what was until yesterday the world's largest democratic state." Richard Strout wrote in the Christian Science Monitor of July 2, "Chaos there is far more dangerous to American interests than Vietnam where we spent so many billions." Of course, these press chieftains of U.S. imperialism never explain how India was a "democracy" until June 26th, or what is the "American interest" in India not the nature of the "longstanding good bilateral relationship" between the social imperialists and their puppet clique in Delhi. But these press reports show that both superpowers have "interests" in India. One superpower has labelled the landlord-comprador capitalist government of fascist Indira a "democracy", whereas the other calls it "progressive", "peace-loving" and "non-aligned". The great U.S. working class and people, the great Afro-American people, and other national minorities including the patriotic East Indians resident here would like to know more about the "progressive" and "democratic" Indira regime.

India is a country of peasant masses who constitute around 80% of its population and live in half a million villages spread throughout India. The big landlords, allied with foreign imperialists, have been fleecing the Indian peasantry ever since the British colonialists inaugurated feudalism in 1793, after smashing up the independent economy which was flourishing and self-sufficient prior to their criminal aggression. In India's semi-feudal economy, 80% of the land is concentrated in the hands of 20% of the landlords and rich peasants, while the starving peasantry has no land or very little land. The landless and poor peasants are tied to the landlords through "bonded" slavery and have to turn over 50-90% of their annual harvest to the landlords. The extortionate and usurious capital continues to fleece the peasants. Eviction of the peasants is widespread and has intensified since the inauguration of the so-called "green revolution". Social oppression of low castes including the lynching of the "untouchables" reminiscent of the middle ages is continuing unabated. During the regimes of Indira and her father Nehru, the landlord class has strengthened its leech-like grip over the Indian peasantry. Today Indira's government provides legal privileges and police and military support to the landlord class in return for their support to the ruling regime, the same way as the British colonialists acted before her. Through her food procurement, distribution and credit policies, in service of the landlord class and the foreign imperialists, Indira's regime made the peasantry extremely vulnerable to any regional imbalance in the food output. Even in the best of times, Indian peasantry faced starvation and extreme deprivation. Her deliberate policies, in support of the landlords, make it certain that Indian peasants would be the first to march to their graves during droughts and other calamities. They also become an easy prey to the vulturous landlords. The landlords utilize fully these famines to extort "debts" from the peasantry and in the process ejecting the peasantry from their land and concentrating in their own hands all land, wealth and power. They also release their hoarded grains dur-

ing these famines, selling them at exorbitant prices, thus reaping superprofits.

Indira's government has deliberately sold out the interests of the Indian peasantry and people to the imperialists and social-imperialists, although her sell-out has been more tilted towards the Russian imperialists since her defence treaty with them in 1971. During the regimes of Indira and her father, under the humiliating P.L. 480 agreements, U.S. imperialism dumped its 'surplus' wheat in India, underselling the small producers and middle peasants in the rural areas, making their farm land waste and forcing a large number of peasantry to flee their homes. This also meant the entry of U.S. monopoly capital to rob the raw materials and labor of the Indian people.

U.S. imperialists, unable to resolve their crisis in agriculture, shifted the burden of this crisis onto the backs of the Indian peasants and worker, repatriated super-profits from India, and still continue to fleece the Indian people by placing enormous "debt" servicing burden on them. The plunder of the Indian people by the Soviet social imperialists is more naked. Imposing enslaving agreements, under the signboards of "aid" and "division of labor", they control most of India's industrial sector and plunder labor and other resources. Indian ruling class has incurred over \$15 billion in debt, mainly to the two superpowers, most of it under Indira's regime. This "debt" was used to bolster the bureaucrat-military machine, never to solve the problems of the Indian peasants and people. Indira's government extorted from the Indian people products like sugar, Basmati Rice, tea, coffee, shrimp, cashew nuts, peanuts, canned food, mangoes, etc., as "debt repayment" to the Soviet social imperialism, at prices far below the average international prices, when the Indian people direly need what they produce.

Indira's regime constantly blames "monsoons", "floods" and "God" whenever famines ravage and take a heavy toll of Indian people, when in fact it is the imperialists and their lackey Indian government of big landlords and comprador capitalists who are solely responsible for these famines and sufferings of the Indian people. In socialist China there is no famine and starvation in spite of "floods" and "droughts". If we had a government representing the interests of peasantry, workers and other oppressed people, who constitute over 90% of our people, India would have been self-sufficient in food long time ago. Indira's fraudulent excuses for famine cannot hide her criminal class nature. India, with more cultivable land than China, and with less population, has experienced recurring famines during the regime of Mrs. Gandhi.

In 1967, one year after Mrs. Gandhi came into power, there was a big famine in Bihar, in which millions starved and hundreds of thousands perished. The year 1972-3 was a year of another big famine, in which over 200 million faced starvation and thousands died. This happened despite the fact that Mrs. Gandhi won her election in March 1971 on the slogan "Garibi Hatao" (Remove poverty)! This is an unpardonable crime for which no judge could convict her under the Indian "democracy" and its state machine. Compared to this, her so-called conviction for corrupt election practices, which she could so easily disregard, shows what kind of "democracy" India is.

Reports say that famine in varying degrees has broken out in Rajasthan and eight other states this year. In Rajasthan, 24 of the 26 districts have been hit by famine, affecting 30,000 villages and involving about 50% of the state population. About 9 million are seriously threatened in Orissa state alone. Many had no choice but to flee and even sell their children. The Indian people, through their excruciating experiences, trials and tribulations are coming to know, more clearly now than ever, what kind of "democracy" India is and whom the ruling Congress Party in India serves and really intends to serve. The great U.S. working class and people, who have profound sympathy for their brothers and sisters in India and who are the genuine allies of India's revolutionary people, are realizing more clearly than ever what crimes U.S. imperialism, Soviet social imperialism and their lackeys like Indira Gandhi-type reactionaries have committed against the Indian people.

Indira's government has committed heinous crimes against the people living in towns and cities as well. Facing high and rising unemployment, skyrocketing prices, exorbitant taxes and lack of food, workers and oppressed people in the cities rose up in several heroic strike struggles in the last few years. The fascist Indira government, faithfully serving the comprador bureaucrat capitalists, who live by selling out Indian land and labor to foreign imperialism, suppressed ruthlessly each one of these just struggles. At the same time the Indira government exports several goods produced with the sweat and blood of the Indian workers to Soviet social imperialism, priced much below international prices under enslaving agreements. The Indira government's oppression of public sector employees, petty bourgeois sections, students and youth is no less criminal either.

The dark rule of the reactionary Indian ruling classes is being challenged on all fronts. The heroic peasantry, workers and other people, under the leadership of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist), are escalating the Armed Agrarian Revolution to bring about a People's Democratic India, free from the scourge of the oppressive ruling classes and imperialist domination.

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