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COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE, NATIONS WANT LIBERATION, PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION

Communist Analysis of Anti-Bakke Movement All Out Mobilization For Oct. 15!

The US Supreme Court announced that it will hear the Bakke case October 12 and make public its ruling sometime later. In response, the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition for a National Day of Solidarity (ABDC) plans massive demonstrations for October 15 at the San Francisco Federal Building. Groups in Atlanta, Boston, New York and other cities plan coordinated events for Oct. 15. Students and workers around the US will protest the Bakke decision which outlaws special admissions and affirmative action programs for national minorities.

In the 1960's thousands of Black, Latin, Native American and Asian students across the US fought militantly for preferential admissions to the colleges and universities. Black students, in particular played a strong role; the Black movement helped spark movements among other oppressed nationalities and within the working class. National minorities fought for hiring more minority teachers and staff, for special financial aids and ethnic studies departments. After sit-ins, strikes and occupying buildings, local governments and administrators were forced to grant these programs. At factories and workplaces around the US, many workers took up similar struggles and won affirmative action programs for hiring and training of national minorities.

But with the imperialist economic crisis of the 1970's, the ruling class is attempting to take away these gains. People around the world are rising up against US domination. The US is increasing its rivalry with the USSR for control of the world's markets and resources. The two superpowers are preparing for a new world war. To make up for lost profits the imperialists intensify the exploitation of working people and



The hard-won gains of the '60's will be lost without a revolutionary fight. Here students and workers demonstrate against the Bakke decision earlier this year in San Jose.

national minorities at home. To prepare the "home front" for war, they must divide and weaken the working class. The Bakke decision is part of the wider political and economic attack on national minorities. Today the ruling class is united on the need to take away the gains of the 1960's--they differ on how much and how fast.

The Bakke case is more than an attack on affirmative action programs--it sets the basis for the intensification of national oppression throughout

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DESPITE SUPERPOWER PRESSURE

Palestinian People Fight On

In recent weeks the Zionist government of Israel has stepped up its attacks on Palestinian and Arab peoples by invading Southern Lebanon. At the same time the two superpowers are continuing their rivalry to control the vital mid-east area. In particular, various spokesmen for US imperialism have been holding high level meet-



Palestinian students protesting Zionist occupation of the West Bank

ings with world leaders in attempts to force a settlement down the throats of the Palestinians. The US government and media have tried to portray the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as willing to recognize the Zionist settler state by accepting UN resolution #242. A spokesman for the PLO's UN mission labeled this as a lie. UN Resolution #242, the PLO spokesman told the Revolutionary Cause, "doesn't deal with Palestinian rights. The UN should adopt a resolution which calls for Palestinian self-determination, for the establishment of a Palestinian state. That can be the only basis for peace negotiations. The PLO has never changed its position on #242--we oppose it." Why do the Palestinians insist on fighting for a secular and democratic Palestine free from imperialist domination?

Members of the National Lawyers Guild recently returned from Israel with a report that shows why the Palestinians can never recognize the Zionist state. Confirming charges made by Amnesty International, the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) found more than 3,000 Palestinians in Israeli prisons on "security" charges with no chance to appeal. Military interrogators frequently use torture to force confessions. In the West Bank over 60% of all male Palestinians have been imprisoned at least once during the last ten years.

The NLG report tears the mask off Prime Minister Begin's "peaceful" and "legal" settlement of the Palestinian West Bank occupied by Israel.

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Lance Out-Capitalism Next

From time to time a little shaft of truth breaks through the capitalists wall of lies. Watergate, for instance, revealed a lot about the way capitalist politics are actually conducted. These little exposures give us brief flashes of the real face of capitalism - the cut-throat scramble for control of the various levels of state power; the financial corruption, etc. The recent investigation and resignation of Bert Lance as the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (O.M.B.) has once again exposed a little slice of capitalist hypocrisy.

Lance, an old crony of President Carter's, was appointed as part of Carter's campaign to give the people of the US "honest government" without even a hint of "impropriety" behind it. But facts in the Lance investigation revealed that as director of the National Bank of Georgia (1) Lance and his family wrote check overdrafts amounting to over \$400,000 between 1972 and 1976. This includes overdrafts written by Lance's gubernatorial campaign committee. Not a single penny of interest was charged on these checks. (2) Lance and his wife got nearly 20 loans worth \$4 million from Georgia's Fulton National Bank over a 10 year period, while Lance headed Calhoun First National Bank. The Calhoun Bank kept interest free deposits in Fulton National. This is called a correspondent relationship. There would seem to be a connection between Lance's putting his bank's money in Fulton National and that bank's generous loan policy toward him. This is what the capitalists call "improper" banking practice.

(3) Lance's Calhoun bank paid many of his 1974 campaign bills and listed them as "business expenses". Lance claims to have reimbursed the bank for this.

(4) Lance used the same collateral--National Bank of Georgia stock--to secure two loans. One for \$2,625,000 from New York's Manufacturer's Hanover Trust Co. in 1975, and one for \$150,000 from New York's Chemical Bank. These are hardly your simple country banks.

The Lance affair reveals how the major monopoly banking groups in the US control all the major

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To the Editor

On the question of Cuba not being a socialist country because of Soviet Imperialism, I am in agreement with you. I, too, believe that no nation will be socialist if it is being dominated by another country. The Cuban Revolution was an inspiration to me when I was in high school and in the University I used to point towards Cuba when I would refer to socialism. I didn't read Mao nor about China. I had read about the Russian Revolution, but I felt confused between Stalinism and Trotskyism. As then I could not sum-up or analyze these two trends in socialism because basically I was ignorant in Marxism-Leninism. After I left the university, I started to read much by Mao. It was he who gave me an orientation on my class stand--being the son of a campesino--and made me realize and confirmed the fact that much work is to be done among my class and my nationality.

Malcolm X had the same political stand in regards to the Soviet Union. I read the SOVIET LIFE article by Breshnev "The Soviet Union Wants Detente to Continue" and it infuriated me. They totally liquidate proletarian revolution and internationalism because they totally disregarded Third World people in the fight against imperialism. I am against Soviet Revisionism, detente, peaceful co-existence and it saddens me to know that Cuba has taken the side of the Russians.

a compañero in Fresno, California

(translated from Spanish)

Compañeros

I had the opportunity to read an issue of Revolutionary Cause. I was very interested in your good methods of propaganda and revolutionary education. I'd like to know how I could get a subscription to the Revolutionary Cause and acquire other ATM materials?

a friend in Cayey, Puerto Rico

Editorial

Continue the 2-Line Struggle

In REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE Vol. 2, #6 we published an editorial explaining that recently certain individuals had tried to promote a split in the August 29th Movement (M-L). We also explained that the Chicano National Question was a point of difference between ourselves and the factionalists. ATM(M-L) is now in the process of discussing the views expressed in that editorial. Some comrades believe that in fact there is no difference in principle between ourselves and the factionalists on the Chicano National Question. As we sum-up this struggle, we will share the conclusions with our readers.

In the RC #6 editorial we correctly point out that communists cannot support secessionist movements of oppressed nations which aid imperialism or social imperialism. We point out that the tasks of communists is to strive for multi-national unity of the proletariat through socialist revolution. We should have made absolutely clear, however, that the basis for multi-national unity is upholding the right of self-determination for the oppressed nations and a consistent fight for equality of peoples. Communists always uphold the right of self-determination for oppressed nations, even if we oppose a particular secessionist movement. A clear example internationally was the 1971 secessionist movement in Bangladesh. Communists upheld the right of self-determination for East Pakistan, while opposing the secessionist movement because it was instigated by Soviet Social Imperialism.

On the other questions raised in the RC #6 editorial, we still have sharp differences with the wreckers. We differ with the wreckers on the question of two-line struggle. The wreckers have acted in typical bourgeois fashion by treating all differences among comrades as antagonistic contradictions. We affirm the Marxist-Leninist view that in handling contradictions we must make a distinction between right and wrong, and contradictions between the people and the enemy. The former we handle through the method of democratic discussion and persuasion, the latter by drawing a clear line between ourselves and the enemy. Secondly, the wreckers totally failed to expose Soviet Social Imperialism in any of their

theoretical or practical work, they objectively were building a world-wide united front against only US imperialism. For these two reasons alone, ATM(M-L) will continue to expose the counter-revolutionary line and practice of the wreckers.

The last several months of struggle within ATM have been among the most productive in our history. The activities of the wreckers and the splitting off of some honest ATM comrades has forced us to look closely at our own line and practice. While continuing important areas of mass work, ATM will be intensely studying the international and national situations with a view to correcting our own theoretical and practical errors. We ask the readers of the RC to participate in this struggle by sending us your comments and criticisms of the RC and ATM's practice. ATM is confident that this struggle will strengthen our organization ideologically and politically, we are confident that this struggle will have important lessons for the entire communist and working class movements. ★



EL PASO, TEXAS-- "You are one of Los 3, a group known for its militant and violent activities. We don't like your militant attitude," said the federal prison official in denying Ruben Orgaz a transfer to a prison closer to home. Orgaz, after receiving probation for the Los 3 case, was later framed on heroin charges. Like all of Los 3, Orgaz continued his community organizing work in El Paso and was continually harassed by the El Paso Police Department. Orgaz is currently in Terre Haute, Indiana federal pen in solitary confinement and federal authorities may transfer him to Leavenworth.

Los 3 were convicted on phony arson charges for firebombing a furniture store. Los 3 are members of Chicanos Unidos, a community based nationalist organization that advocates independence for the Chicano Nation. From the late 1960's to the present, Chicanos Unidos has done extensive work in health, drug abuse, recreation, and other projects to benefit the community. Most recently Chicanos Unidos has participated in a major campaign to stop the new ID card system for immigrant workers.

Ramon Arroyos and Alfredo Espinoza, the other defendants, continue to be harassed by El Paso police. Both were arrested during a recent strike at Mountain Pass company. They were arrested for mass picketing and held on \$2000 bail.

Right now Los 3 need financial donations to continue their legal battles. In particular they need legal help from revolutionary or progressive lawyers. Send information or donations to: Chicanos Unidos, P O Box 17111, El Paso, Texas 79917

SUPPORT LOS 3
UPHOLD THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE CHICANO NATION ★

System Retreats in Dawson 5 Case



Family and friends celebrate Dawson 5's release from jail

Dawson, Georgia--The Dawson 5 won a victory August 29th, the first day of their trial as Judge Farkas was forced to throw out the forced confessions of the defendants. The defense proved that Dawson police extorted the confessions by holding a cocked revolver to Roosevelt Watson's head. The 5 are falsely charged with murdering a ranch foreman in this small Black Belt town near Plains, Georgia. With the release of J.D. Davenport and Johnny Jackson on their own recognition--after serving 19 months in jail--all 5 are now out of jail. The state has appealed the ruling. If the higher court doesn't rule in their favor, it's clear to all sides that there will be no grounds to continue the prosecution since all the evidence points to the innocence of the 5.

Mass support from local community residents, from throughout the South, across the country, and even internationally has focused attention on the state's racist attack. Mass pressure forced the state to retreat. When confronted with the evidence, Geer, the original Judge, stepped down claiming "ill health". The pre-trial testimonies exposed the racist history of "Terrible Terrill" County which in the 1960's saw the burning of 3 churches where voter registra-

tion drives for Blacks were being held. A former Dawson cop, William Rucker, told how he had been ordered to sit in the courthouse with his revolver out to "discourage" Blacks from voting. "If any Blacks ever get a foothold in the door," the Police Chief told him, "that will be the end of our jobs. We've got to make sure they never get into political office." As is the case in many places in the Afro-American Nation, Terrill County is 60% Black and so far has had no elected Black official. Police keep lists of any Blacks owning guns.

These exposures of southern "plantation justice" and the broad multi-national unity that is opposing it has forced the state into a defensive position. The state will try to tie the case up in the appeals court, hoping to defuse the struggle. But defenders of the Dawson 5 have no intention of letting up the mass struggle. Freedom for the Dawson 5 will be one more victory in the fight against national oppression and for self-determination for the Afro-American Nation. FREE THE DAWSON 5

UPHOLD THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE AFRO-AMERICAN NATION

(Send urgently needed contributions to Dawson 5 Support Committee, Route 3, Box 32C, Leesburg, Georgia 31763) ★

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Wildcat Ends

Coal Miners Prepare For Strike

(First of a Two Part Series)

The 4 month wildcat of 60,000 coal miners is over. The international board of the United Mine Workers earned its pay as servants of the capitalist class at their August 22 meeting in Charleston, West Virginia. The meeting--for union officials only--was crashed by several hundred angry miners who demanded answers and action from the officers. After hours of heated struggle, UMW President Miller and the International Executive Board (IEB) did the bidding of their capitalist masters and passed a back-to-work resolution. Then they fled the hall in the face of militant rank and file opposition. To top it all off, the union leaders in collaboration with the companies are now threatening to cutback the pensions of 100,000 retired miners. This capitalist offensive is aimed at weakening the union and putting the miners on the defensive when the current national contract expires this December.

A war between the Soviet Union and the United States looms on the horizon. The U.S. cannot be sure that it can hold on to its sources of oil supply in the Middle East if a war breaks out. The U.S. cannot wage war without an ensured energy supply. Therefore it is more and more turning its attention to the development of coal. This is the whole thrust of Carter's so-called "energy plan". At the same time the capitalists want to crush the militancy of the miners before it spreads to other industries. They are using all the weapons at their disposal--their courts, their bribed bureaucrats, police, hired thugs, etc. They are sure to step up their attacks if the miners strike in December.

But the fact that wildcats increased by 12% last year and even more this year is evidence of the truth where there is oppression, there is always resistance.

WHAT REALLY CAUSED THE WILDCATS

The workers were enraged by the union's announcement last June of cutbacks of the medical program which has served the miners for the last 30 years. "If we don't do something now" said a striker for local #1827 in eastern Kentucky, "we ain't goin' to have no welfare cards, no retirement benefits, no nothin'." One observer, Tom Gish, editor of the Mountain Eagle reported on the militant actions of the miners--a report that was never seen in the big capitalist press. "Already the strike has seen eruptions of gunfire and fist fights, the halting and emptying of railroad trains carrying scab coal, the burning of railroad bridges and one key railroad tunnel." Even non-union miners showed their solidarity by sabotaging coal production.

Both Miller and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA) blamed the medical cuts on wildcat strikes which, they said, reduced the amount of coal produced and the number of dollars going into the Fund which is tied to production



Striking Stearns miners in Kentucky stand behind barricades to defend themselves against company thugs. These miners have set an example by taking up armed struggle to protect their rights

rates. District 17 rank and filers pointed out at a July rally that 1) figures prove that inflation cost the Fund twice as much as wildcats, 2) the cut backs were simply blackmail by the coal capitalists to discourage strikes, and 3) the UMW and the BCOA didn't negotiate enough funding in the first place. Furthermore, the BCOA refused to permit a transfer of over \$300 million surplus from a strong pension fund into the weak medical fund. If they give in to this just demand, says BCOA President Brennan, they will just be "encouraging wildcats". What does it matter if 800,000 miners lack adequate health care, according to this capitalist reasoning?

The coal operators' strategy was to forcibly prevent wildcats by threatening the sorest spot in the coal fields: health and safety. Their plan to stockpile coal in preparation for a nationwide strike in December has backfired, in the process rubbing raw all the issues on the contract negotiation agenda.

ISSUES IN THE COALFIELDS

Mining is the most hazardous industry in the country. Coal miners are killed at four times the average rate for industrial deaths. Most of these deaths are preventable, but occur in spite of repeated warnings by both safety committeemen and government inspectors. But the companies could care less. The 393 job deaths between 1974 and 1976 add up to institutionalized murder by the capitalists for the sake of maximum profits. And these figures don't even begin to account for the suffering and death resulting from black lung disease that afflicts so many miners.

The number two grievance in the mines is sen-

iority. The companies are accustomed to promoting men out of favoritism and not based on job-bidding according to seniority. If this happens a miner must go through a long, 5 step grievance procedure filled with red tape, which sometimes takes years. In the meantime he has to live with the company's decision. In the face of all this it is only natural and justified for the miners to wildcat. The right to strike over local issues is of primary importance in the coalfields-- especially since the UMW leadership refuses to take on the issues of health, safety and seniority. The 1974 contract negotiated by Miller gave up that right in exchange for a measly 10%, 4%, 3% wage increase over the following 3 years. At the 1976 UMW Convention though, the delegates overwhelmingly resolved to include the local right to strike in the 1977 contract.

Because the current contract does not include the right to strike over unresolved local grievances, federal courts have repeatedly issued injunctions and fines against strikers at the request of the capitalists. The huge wildcat of last summer started when the courts refused to order the company to abide by an arbitrated decision. When the miners' struck, the courts issued an injunction against them. In response 120,000 sympathy strikers demanded to "Stop the Injunctions" and "Get the Judges out of our union". "Don't they know that slavery ended 100 years ago?" said a Black miner at a Morgantown, West Virginia meeting last year. "How come the companies get all the injunctions they want in a flash and the judges won't even hear us? Well if we're slaves, we're slaves together." More and more miners are starting to learn the answers to that miner's questions--that the courts are only tools of capitalism--nothing more. The strength and persistence of the strikers forced the court to drop the injunctions.

This trend has got the capitalists in a panic, crying about the "anarchy" and "chaos" in the coalfields. The business journal BARRONS (3/28/77) summed up the operators' counter-attacks. The BCOA "wants the courts to force the union to threaten district and local officers with suspension or expulsion and, if necessary, suspend local autonomy and order the membership back to work." They are being joined in this demand by Carter's Secretary of Labor, Ray Marshall who is meeting with the coal operators and the UMW leadership to try and figure out how to crush future wildcats and how to control the miners this December. Local union leaders are caught in the middle of all this and they tend to vacillate. But the will of the rank and file is clear. In 1976 more than 100 injunctions were issued in southern West Virginia yet wildcats jumped from 493 to 983!

The ability of the union to win the miners' demands depends on the organized strength of the rank and file. Secondly, it depends on the number of organized miners compared to non-union miners. For example, the Blue Diamond Coal Co. can withstand the strike at its Justus mine at Stearns as long as it can make a profit at its non-union Leatherwood and Scotia mines. In the same way the BCOA can withstand UMW demands as long as it can turn a profit at non-union mines. Right now only 54% of the bituminous coal mined is done so under union contract compared to over 70% in 1972. Between 1975 and 1985 western coal will jump from 15% to a projected 55% of the total coal produced. Most Western Coal is non-union. All this makes the demand to "organize the unorganized" vital to the very existence of the UMW.

(Next month Class Struggle requires class conscious leadership)

WOMEN STRIKERS STAY STRONG

ESSEX WALKOUT

Elwood, Indiana--On April 6, 220 workers went out on strike against Essex Wire Co., in Elwood, Indiana. Essex makes plastic electrical connectors and distributor caps. Eighty percent of the Elwood plant's products go to Ford, GM, Chrysler Essex Co., is owned by United Technology Inc., which had over \$5.1 billion in sales in 1976.

This corporate monster figured it could easily overpower the workers since 80% of them are women, many older, divorced or supporters of their families. But the strikers have stood up to them for 6 months now. And it is no wonder. All they have to go back to is 100-130 degree temperatures, forced overtime, speedup and all for only \$2.76/hour. They get practically no medical insurance, \$600 deductible maternity benefits, no pension plan and no cost of living pay. The company offered to pay the workers a whopping \$3.38/hour by 1980! They promised to discuss the possibility of a pension plan 2 years from now. The workers have rejected the 2 contract offers by votes of 146-6 and 140-8.

It is these conditions which are motivating the strikers to stand and fight off the violence of the management, security guards, Madison County police and 2 professional strikebreaking gangs which have teamed up to slug strikers with clubs and logs and firing at them with high powered slingshots. For weeks, guards shot indiscriminately at picketers and at the union's temporary offices near the plant gates.

On July 11, the early morning darkness was

lit up by a flare as the guards opened fire on the strikers. One of them, Carol Frye, mother of 2, was shot with a .22 caliber bullet, shattering her spine. The toll so far--7 strikers shot, 80 picketers arrested and 13 run into with cars. The governor ordered 60 riot trained Indiana State troopers to occupy the plant area to cool it down and give an "image" of "law and order" to the continuing strikebreaking.

The Essex strikers face the double exploitation of being women and workers. Many plants do not hire women. When they do, the capitalists make extra profits by keeping women in the lowest paying jobs. For example, the capitalists at GM make almost the same equipment as Essex, but pay the mostly men workers at a Elwood GM Parts plant \$7/hour. The strikers at Essex are setting a militant example for women across the U.S. in their fight for equality.

Through all this the women strikers have shown their determination and the strength found in unity. As one of them put it, "For every woman that was hauled off to jail her husband was there to take her place. Our men are supporting us all the way." The working class community of Elwood sent about 200 people every morning and evening to the plant gates to help stop scabs from entering. In addition, workers from the UAW local at the Delco-Remy plant in Anderson raised \$3700 for the strikers and together with the local in Kokomo helped on the picket lines. The Essex strikers are determined to win and deserve the support of all working people.

IMPERIALIST ECONOMIC CRISIS

Class Struggle in Britain

Workers around the world are feeling the effects of the imperialist economic crisis. Because of the uneven development of capitalism, the lesser capitalist countries of Europe are particularly hard hit. The two superpowers are busily grabbing up markets and natural resources throughout the world. With their world-wide profits cut back, the ruling classes of countries like Britain are increasing the exploitation of their own workers.

In the 1970's the British economy has gone steadily downhill. Inflation runs at 17% per year, while the average increase in worker's wages is less than 10%. Over 2 million British workers are unemployed. Industrial production is stagnating with production at only 3% above the levels of 1970. As a result the British capitalists have relied increasingly on foreign loans to keep the economy from collapsing. Britain owes a staggering \$22 billion in foreign debts and it increases yearly. With typical capitalist logic, the British government doesn't use its resources to provide jobs for the workers, but pours money into war preparation. The government has just purchased \$246.7 million worth of US military hardware.

Feeling the effects of the imperialist crisis, increasing numbers of British workers are fighting back. In February of this year, 6,000 workers struck the government-owned British Leyland Motor Corporation in a direct confrontation with sell-out union leaders who opposed the strike. 57,000 bakers just concluded a militant nationwide strike that shut down 80% of the country's bread production.

In one of the most significant spontaneous

workers struggles of recent years, workers from all over Britain have been supporting strikers at Grunwick film processing plant in London. The mostly Indian and Asian immigrant workers originally went out on strike demanding better wages, an end to racial discrimination at the plant, better working conditions and union recognition. In the face of scabs and police violence, the strikers mobilized thousands of workers for mass pickets. During one recent demonstration an estimated 12,000 workers confronted 4,000 British police.

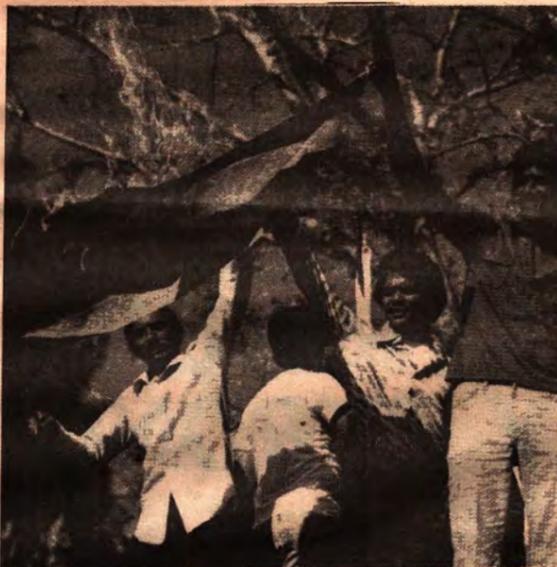
Throughout Britain working class solidarity is increasing as the rank and file reject the sell-out policies of the reformist trade union officials. In Britain the union leaders are directly tied to the reformist "Labor" Party government--often serving as advisors and government ministers. The union leaders have agreed to a "social contract" whereby the unions limited wage increases to 5% over the past 2 years. In union after union, the workers have been voting to oppose the bureaucrats and struggle for a decent standard of living. Joe Gormly, leader of

Mass Struggle Forces

Panama Canal Treaty

"I took Panama," said President Teddy Roosevelt in 1903. In that year U.S. imperialism with its infamous "gunboat diplomacy" signed a "treaty" with a Frenchman named Philippe Bunau-Varilla while its battleship the U.S.S. Nashville docked at the port of Colon. This treaty gave the U.S. perpetual rights to control over the Canal Zone which they have made use of to control all the shipping that goes through the Canal. The US has made an estimated \$3 billion from the tolls paid by the shippers. To protect its investment, the US has constructed 14 military bases in the 550 square mile area of the Zone. At Fort Gulick the US military trains CIA agents and military operatives from several Latin American governments in counterinsurgency tactics.

The Panamanian people have never stopped fighting for their sovereignty. They have always demanded that they be given control over the Canal Zone. This is a completely just demand. In 1964 thousands of Panamanian patriots demonstrated in the Canal Zone, raising the Panamanian flag, and tearing down the US flag - the hated symbol of



The people of Panama show their hatred towards U.S. occupation of their country by burning a replica of a U.S. flag.

their domination. In the face of these actions, during which US troops killed 21 demonstrators, the US imperialists were forced to begin negotiations with the government of Panama on a new treaty. For 13 years the US has dragged its feet. In the face of growing opposition to its stand on this issue from throughout Latin America and the Third World, as well as from the people and government of Panama, the US has been forced to conclude two new Canal treaties with Panama.

These treaties provide

- * That 60% of the land of the Canal Zone immediately revert to Panama. The other 40% will revert on January 1, 2000.
- * The old Treaty giving the US perpetual rights to the Canal is ended.
- * Complete control of the canal shall pass to Panama on the expiration of the treaty date--December 31, 1999 at 12 noon. On that date all US military bases will close and all troops withdrawn.
- * Management of the Canal shall be shared jointly by the US and Panama, until the Treaty expires.
- * The Canal shall be permanently neutral.
- * For the duration of the Treaty the US will have "primary responsibility to protect and defend the canal."



British police attack and arrest Grunwick workers and their supporters.

the National Union of Mineworkers, recently supported the government's lid on wages. At the union convention 300 demonstrators answered him back with shouts of "bosses' man!" and "traitor!" The struggle of British workers will continue until the final overthrow of their capitalist government through socialist revolution. ★

* Despite statements by US politicians, the Treaty doesn't give the US any rights to intervene militarily after 2000. In fact the Treaty specifically states that Panama will be the only country allowed to maintain armed forces in the Canal area after 2000.

The Treaty represents a step forward for the Panamanian people in the struggle for complete control of the Canal. Ultimately, of course, they must have total sovereignty, free from all imperialist control. The US working class must support the Panamanian people in that noble struggle. The new Treaty represents a compromise. It still allows the US control over a considerable portion of the Canal territory and Canal operations for quite some time. But in historical terms that time will be relatively short--23 years.

What is more serious is the provision which makes the US imperialists responsible for "defense" of the canal until 2000. The Treaty will force Panama to expedite US war ships going through the Canal. These provisions allow for continual US domination of the area on the pretext of "defense" and is obviously a provision favorable to the US imperialists. This accords with their desire to protect their vast investments in Latin America--investments which translate into the plunder of the wealth of many Latin American countries. In the port city of Colon, for example, 600 US companies conduct business tax free grossing \$750 million a year with no export taxes, custom duties, or any other type of personal or corporate tax. For these reasons 1500 students demonstrated in Panama City September 7 demanding immediate US withdrawal from the Canal and opposing the Treaty. However, 100,000 more Panamanians demonstrated in support of the Treaty when President Torrijos arrived home September 9.

The US working class should support ratification of the Treaty. It will not only increase Panamanian sovereignty over a considerable portion of the Zone, but will help to expand the struggle for complete control over their country--their complete independence. The US had to sign this treaty. The struggle of the Panamanian people, its growing isolation throughout the world, and in Latin America; its growing domestic economic and political problems; as well as its intensified rivalry with its social-imperialist rival (the U.S.S.R.) has forced the US to take another look at its relations with Panama and to compromise its "right" to control the canal.

Is it correct for the government of Panama to exploit these contradictions to its advantage--to secure the new Treaty from the US? Yes it is. This Treaty was gained at the price of years of struggle and sacrifice by the Panamanians. It represents only one more step of advance toward their goal of complete sovereignty.

At the same time as the people of Panama are kicking out the US, (after 74 years of struggle), they must keep watch out for that other superpower--the U.S.S.R.--which has the nerve to call itself the "natural ally" of the Third world countries. The U.S.S.R. has called for "internationalization" of the Canal. In other words they don't want the US in control, but neither do they want Panama to exercise its legitimate right to benefit from its own resources. This "natural ally" will "support" Panama only for its own gain in superpower rivalry. The Panamanian people have won a victory. They have forced concessions out of the US. Soon they will have complete control over the canal. They will surely be wary of handing the fruits of their victory over to another superpower. ★

Revolution's the Main Trend



"THE MURDER WILL BE AVENGED BY THE AZANIAN PEOPLE and the national liberation struggle in a manner not ever seen before," said David Sibeko, UN representative of the Pan African Congress at a New York demonstration against the South African regime. Indeed, the murder of Steven Biko, the 20th Black to die in jail in the last 18 months, has set off a storm of rebellion in South Africa. Biko was a leader of the Black movement for full equality: he founded the South African Student's Organization, was President of the Black People's Convention, and played a leading role in the Soweto rebellions of a year ago. Since his death thousands have gathered to show their continuing commitment to tear down the apartheid system. As one speaker put it, "Steve Biko has not died in vain, for among us there will arise 1,000 Steve Bikos." ★ ★ ★

IN SPITE OF A LAW BANNING ANY RALLIES IN THE Philippines, on September 21, 5,000 students and workers assembled from both ends of Rizal Avenue in Manila. It was the 5th anniversary of the proclamation of martial law in the Philippines. Swinging their nightsticks, riot police injured and arrested many while attempting to stop the march aimed at the Presidential Palace. Still demonstrators marched on, unfurling a red banner proclaiming "Long Live the Patriotic Youth" and chanted "down with martial law", "Marcos, Hitler, dictator, lapdog". Five years of martial law has only increased the resistance of the people. ★ ★ ★

"NO REACTIONARY FORCE, HOWEVER POWERFUL, can prevent people from obtaining peace and freedom," said Vietnamese Foreign Minister, Nguyen Duy Trinh in his first speech to the UN. After pressure on US imperialism from throughout the world, unified Vietnam was finally admitted as a member of the UN this year. Praising all those who are demanding the US contribute to their reconstruction, Trinh said that the "bloodiest neocolonial war in history" had left millions killed or disabled, ruining much of the economy. But since the collapse of the US backed southern regime 2 years ago, a new era of peace and socialism has begun. ★ ★ ★

THE EDITOR OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF NORWAY'S NEWSPAPER, KLASSEKAMPEN (Class Struggle) was jailed September 30 for "espionage". Klassekampen published secret telegrams on North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) exercises in Norway. The paper charged that the Parliament had entered into a secret deal with the US involving military and intelligence arrangements in violation of Norway's proclaimed policy of not allowing foreign military operations in their territory.

Iron Ore Strikers Say: 'SHUT IT DOWN AND LET IT RUST'

For the first time in 18 years, over 19,000 iron ore miners from the Mesabi Range in Northern Michigan and Minnesota went out on strike. The strike has remained solid since August 1 as United Steelworkers of America members working for US Steel, Inland Steel, Hanna Mining and others stopped production of 90% of the iron ore produced in the country. The strike is particularly important because it objectively challenges the no-strike Experimental Negotiating Agreement (ENA).

The strikers are demanding an end to forced overtime, improved seniority, and better health and safety. However their main demand is for equal wages with the steel mill workers. Presently, miners get 30¢ an hour attendance bonus, mill workers may get as much as \$1 an hour incentive pay. The pay difference and over 1200 unresolved local grievances have driven the miners to defy the companies and confront the ENA. The USWA bureaucrats and the capitalists from 10 major steel companies signed the ENA in 1973. It prohibits strikes over nationwide contract issues, but leaves open the possibility of local strikes if approved by the International President. To avoid a direct challenge to the ENA, the union bureaucrats changed the workers demands for wage increases to read "incentive pay plan". The incentive pay plan hinges workers increased wages to increased productivity--speed-up--and ultimately promotes the capitalists' interests.

Nevertheless, the steel monopolies see the increasing anger of the rank and file and are not going to give in to any strike, whether national or local. They have filed suit arguing that the strike is really a breach of the ENA because workers are demanding increased wages--already settled in national contract negotiations. The companies are becoming increasingly desperate as they lose an estimated \$2 million a day in production. As winter approaches, the Great Lakes freeze over and make shipment of iron ore to the mid-west nearly impossible. As much as 20% of the country's steel production may stop as iron ore supplies run out.

Neither the international nor top union officials are doing much beyond verbal support for the strike. International President Lloyd McBride was forced to sanction the strike when workers voted by a 10-1 margin to walkout. Local union bureaucrats like Linus Wampler, Direc-



Striking iron ore miners at Hibbing Taconite Co in Minn defying the Experimental Negotiating Agreement.

tor of District 33, have kept the strike localized. Wampler, who won election on a slate endorsed by reformist Ed Sadlowski, has refused to ask USWA local 5000 (seamen) not to load taconite. Solidarity between steelworkers in the mines, on the ships and in the mills would guarantee a victory. But the international and District bureaucrats are more interested in keeping the strike localized.

Following its policy of class collaboration, the Communist Party USA has given full backing to local bureaucrats like Wampler. They ignore Wampler's insistence on keeping the lid on the strike. They claim Wampler represents a genuine force for democratizing the USWA. This is consistent with the CPUSA's general policy of supporting the "lesser evil" among union bureaucrats. As the rank and file steelworkers are quickly learning, however, the "lesser" evil is still an evil.

Genuine Marxist-Leninists must help bring the striking steelworkers an understanding of their leading role in the struggle to destroy

imperialism, to lead the struggle for socialist revolution. Under socialism, it will be the workers who control the economy and companies like U.S. Steel, Inland and Hanna. Only then will we stop layoffs. Only then will mines be reconstructed to guarantee the health and safety of the workers and stop the exposure to dangerous dust, workers will be rotated so no one would have to work permanently on the ovens or blast furnaces. Only then will iron miners and all workers achieve true democracy and a decent standard of living ★

Women Fight Abortion Fund Cutbacks

A reporter asked President Carter if he thought it unfair that rich women can afford abortions, while federal funds for abortions are denied poor women. Carter answered "Well, as you know there are many things in life that are not fair, that wealthy people can afford and poor people can't. But I don't think the federal government should take action to try to make these opportunities exactly equal."

Carter was speaking in defense of the Hyde Amendment, which cutoff federal funds for abortions except if the woman's life is endangered. While the capitalist government hopes to save \$61 million per year by cutting out abortion funding, women's groups have estimated that hundreds more women a year will die as a result of illegal or self-induced abortions.

While some states never subsidized abortions, since the amendment, free abortion on demand has been discontinued in 21 states, only 15 remain upholding this right. This cutback, along with those in education, workers' medical benefits and others, is but another means the capitalists use to shift the burden of their economic crisis onto the working people.

Women across the country continue to build actions for the right of all women to safe abortions. In Detroit, women defended their pro-

abortion picket line from a violent attack by fascists. Committees have formed in Los Angeles, New York, Boston, Chicago and 11 other cities. So far the demonstrations have attracted mostly students and radical activists from the women's movement. Workers across the country must begin to take up these and similar struggles for women's democratic rights.

Capitalism thrives off the oppression of women and all workers. In the current economic crisis, capitalism wants to force women out of production and back into the home. Cutbacks in abortion and childcare funds force women into the reserve army of labor--into the home and unemployment lines.

Under socialism, the working class guarantees full equality for women. A peoples government would provide childcare, special health needs for women, and family planning that meet both the needs of society and the individual woman. Socialism strives to eliminate domestic slavery and develop women politically and economically. Communists and class conscious workers must link together the struggle for women's democratic rights with the goal of socialist revolution.

FIGHT FOR FREE ABORTION ON DEMAND
FULL EQUALITY FOR WOMEN THROUGH SOCIALIST
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**Oppression
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SEVERAL HUNDRED MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE TEXAS FARMWORKER'S UNION marched through Washington, D.C. on Labor Day at the end of a 2,000 mile march from Austin, Texas. The March for Human Rights raised demands for union rights for farmworkers and an end to "right to work" laws that prohibit union shops in much of the Black and Chicano nations. The mostly Chicano marchers were well received by industrial and farm workers along the route through the Afro-American nation.

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THE SUPPORT GROUP FOR FILIPINA NURSES NARCISO AND PEREZ set October 11, for demonstrations across the country. The state made the two nurses scapegoats for the deaths in 1975 of several patients at the Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital. The nurses were convicted last July thanks to a phony FBI "investigation". The DA and FBI were unable to provide a motive or any direct evidence of guilt, but they were convicted anyway. They have been sent to Alderson Prison in West Virginia for "psychiatric testing". A number of nurses at the VA hospital have quit in protest, while the defense has pointed out the deadly consequences of the rotten conditions and understaffing in the VA hospitals. Petitions (well on their way to the projected goal of 60,000 signatures) and letters of support can be sent to: Narciso and Perez Support Group, 4439 N. Kimball, Chicago, Ill. 60625

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SHOWING ONCE AGAIN THAT MINORITY WORKERS are taking the brunt of the economic crisis, government figures for August show 14.5% unemployment for Blacks and other minority nationalities. This is more than double the 7.1% average, and equals the post WW II record. At the same time, Commerce Department statistics show another month of decline in the economy while factory orders dropped a big 3%. And while Jimmy Carter smiles, a White House spokesman stated, "It is our view that the fundamental economic situation is good for continued healthy recovery!"

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OCTOBER 4 MORE THAN 23,000 IAM MEMBERS went out on strike against Boeing Co in Seattle, Washington. The International Association of Machinists demanded a 10% wage increase for each year of the contract, improved pensions, health benefits and seniority. This is the first IAM strike at Boeing, since 1965.



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Bracero Plan in Disguise

Carter's Plan for Undocumented Workers

In recent months demonstrations have been held in cities across the country opposing Carter's new "amnesty" plan for undocumented workers. In El Paso, Texas, a group of workers and community activists has organized the Project for Mexican Rights to fight the new identification card system for immigrants. They have organized demonstrations and rallies to protest the plan.

On August 4, President Carter announced his amnesty plan. The plan calls for:

--Those in the US prior to 1970 to become legal residents with the possibility of citizenship after 5 years. However, the immigrant must prove continuous residence for the last 7 years without ever having left the country. According to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) figures, out of 12 million, only 500,000 fit this category and a mere 50,000 are expected to be able to prove it.

--Those who entered the country between 1970 and January 1, 1977 will be given "temporary status". In other words they will be allowed to live and work here for the next 5 years, paying taxes but receiving no federal benefits like unemployment, medicaid, social security or food stamps. They will not be permitted to bring in their families. They will constantly face the threat of their temporary status being revoked for participating in organizing drives, strikes or demonstrations. Finally at the end of 5 years these same workers, required to register with the INS, will face massive deportations if it suits the political needs of the capitalists. Although Carter denies it, this is nothing but a 1977 Bracero program. In the 1950's and 60's the Bracero Program allowed the temporary immigration of Mexicans to work in slave-like conditions in the fields.

--All those who enter the US after January 1, 1977 will be deported immediately. To do this Carter proposes doubling the Border Patrol from 2000 to 4000 men and combining the Border Patrol and INS.

The strongest reaction so far to Carter's proposal has come from the Chicano and Latino communities which see themselves as a target for indiscriminate raids by the INS. In the labor movement the United Farmworkers Union has taken a strong stand against the plan. Carter's plan, stated the union, will "promote wholesale discrimination in employment against all workers who have dark skins and speak languages other than English." The UFWA adopted a position opposing deportations over a year ago only after the rank and file waged sharp struggle against Cesar Chavez's earlier support of the INS.

So who likes the amnesty plan? The capitalists. In spite of the proposed \$1000 fine for every "illegal alien" hired, farm operators and factory owners seemed pleased. They face little chance of conviction since in order to fine the employers, the government must first prove that they "knowingly" hired undocumented workers. The capitalists will still have their pool of cheap labor. They will still call on the INS to deport workers during a union organizing drive or strike. Carter's plan, while making token concessions to undocumented workers, will in fact



Workers and students across the country march in favor of democratic rights for undocumented workers

legalize a new wave of repression and denial of democratic rights to undocumented workers.

UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS

Millions of undocumented workers come to the US every year--from the Caribbean countries, from Central and Latin America and even Iran. By far the largest majority, however, are from Mexico. Because imperialism oppresses countries of the Third World, workers are forced to immigrate to advanced industrial countries in search of work. This is true for the North African workers in Europe and for Latin Americans in the US. As long as imperialist oppression exists, no amount of laws, no increase in border patrols will stop immigration into the US.

The capitalists are fully aware of this fact. They consciously channel undocumented workers into certain low paying industries like agriculture and garment. They're able to rake in extra profits by keeping those industries low paying (sometimes below minimum wage) and non-union. Why, then, are the capitalists screaming about "illegal alien hoards"?

The 1970's are a period of intense economic and political crisis. Around the world, US imperialism is fiercely struggling with Soviet Social Imperialism for control of the world's markets and resources. At home mineworkers, steel workers and auto workers, are militantly fighting for their rights. Students and national minorities are once again rising up to demand their democratic rights. So it is no coincidence that in the early 70's, the government stepped up its anti-alien propaganda machine and heavily increased deportations.

The US bourgeoisie uses anti-alien hysteria to politically divide the working class, to deflect the growing anger of workers on to undocumented workers. With a divided working class, the capitalists can better drive down the wages and working conditions for everyone. With a divided working class, they can better prepare for a new imperialist war against their superpower rival.

Communist and class conscious workers must take the lead in fighting for the unity of the working class. Immigrant workers have toiled for over 100 years on the railroads, in the factories and farms of the US. They have been among the hardest fighters in the proletariat's struggle for emancipation. The struggle for immigrant's democratic rights is part of the struggle of all workers and oppressed people for revolution. All workers must oppose Carter's amnesty plan and demand the complete abolition of all "illegal" alien laws. ★

Myth of 'Illegal' Alien Rip-Off



We have all read reports that "illegal aliens" are using up the government services that should be going to American citizens. The LA Police Department, for example, claims that LA County wastes \$150 million in health and educational services on undocumented workers. These and similar reports claim that foreigners are bleeding dry welfare programs without paying anything into them. Economist David North recently interviewed 793 workers who had been grabbed by the INS in cities throughout the country. His findings:

--they had worked in the US for an average of 2½ years.

--77% had paid Social Security taxes, 73% had paid federal income taxes, about 50% had paid for health insurance.

-- only 27% had used public hospitals; 4% had children in public schools, less than 4% had ever collected unemployment benefits; less than 2% had ever received food stamps, less than 1% had ever received welfare payments.

THE FACTS show that undocumented workers pay far more into the capitalist government coffers than they ever get back in services. Even in emergencies, undocumented workers are afraid to use government services that other workers take for granted. North's statistics showed that 25% of the undocumented workers had performed hard work at below the minimum wage. Like every other worker in the US, the immigrants produce the wealth and only the capitalist class benefits. ★

Commemorate Jayuya



Jayuya, Puerto Rico, October 30, 1950 -- "To take our country, they will first have to take away our lives!" With these words in mind members of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico rose up in arms to fight for the independence of their country from US imperialism. The uprising was brutally crushed by US and Puerto Rican puppet troops. But the people of Puerto Rico have not been defeated. Their desire for independence has not died down but continues to grow. The US working class can honor the memory of Jayuya by supporting the struggle of the Puerto Rican people.

Latina Nurse Fights Stanford University Hospital

Palo Alto, Calif -- Stanford University Hospital is nestled in the beautiful countryside just south of San Francisco. From the outside it looks like a plush hotel. But behind its tree-lined entrance and automatic glass doors is a hospital administration bent on exploiting its workers, busting their union drive and discriminating against minority workers and patients. One woman, Nancy Fuller-Badger, a Latina nurse, has been waging a powerful crusade against the Stanford Hospital administration and is being singled out for systematic attacks because of it. In a public statement, she explains the workers' case.

"We, Hispanic-Americans here at Stanford Medical Center, we the lab assistants, technicians, secretaries, clerks, LVN's (Licensed Vocational Nurses--Ed), nursing assistants, interpreters (only one for the entire hospital!), maintenance engineers, custodians, maids, cooks, dishwashers--are all necessary to provide the essential environment for the potential Nobel Laureate winners. Without us doing their dirty work, they could not find the time for research, and winning awards, and more recognition at Stanford."

What has Stanford done to repay this labor? The statement goes on to say, "What we received is degrading treatment, harassment, demoting, discrimination, exploitation, abuse, and intimidation of our aliens."

Stanford, while charging enormous fees for its services, has maintained very low wages through fighting a union shop. But a recent

union recognition vote produced enough signed cards to demand an election, to be held in February of 1978. The Union trying to represent the workers is the United Stanford Employees.

One of the worst abuses has been attacks on Spanish-speaking workers and patients. Many Spanish-speaking patients are denied proper medical care because they don't understand what is being done to them. They lie in bed afraid and uninformed. Because there are practically no translators, doctors have made serious mistakes like prescribing drugs to which a patient is allergic. Nancy has responded to these attacks on her people by using every spare moment to translate for patients and workers. And what's the Stanford Administration's reaction? They gave Nancy two "corrective actions" (reprimands) and threatened to fire her for "leaving her station" in order to translate.

Denying patients and workers the equality of languages is perfectly rational--if you're a capitalist. Hospitals are always trying to cut patient services, to cut costs. Patients who cannot speak English don't know all the ways they are being cheated and short-changed. Stanford denies Latin workers their democratic rights--including the constant threat of deportations--in order to divide the workers and continue paying low wages. Thus Stanford can rip off even greater profits. They want to silence any workers protesting this sweet system.



Nancy Fuller-Badger

Nancy is presently under extreme pressure from Stanford. When the RC interviewed her shortly before work, her face was severely puffed up from a bad allergy attack. She explained that she couldn't stay home because her supervisor, Stan "Sadist" Sayles, had threatened to fire her for "excessive absences," and has threatened other employees for just talking with Nancy.

Nancy is not only fighting the Stanford Hospital Administration. Nancy realizes the important link between the workers' and student movements. She is active in the movement to defeat the racist Bakke Decision and has tied her case to the fight against all discrimination. Like thousands of other militant workers across the country, Nancy Fuller-Badger is telling the capitalists, "I demand my rights. We are not afraid of you and we will fight until we win."

(For more information about the struggle at Stanford Hospital, contact Nancy Fuller-Badger, P O Box 7152, Stanford, CA 94305)

DON'T BUY COORS BEER



GOLDEN, COLORADO-- On April 5 Brewery Workers Local #366 walked out on strike against Coors brewery. After 6 months about 800 out of the 1400 members of the local remain out on strike. The workers walked out after Coors wanted to eliminate the union shop and seniority rights. In addition to restoring these rights, strikers are demanding an improved grievance procedure, an end to unreasonable disciplinary rules, an end to forced physical exams and lie detector tests by the company. Strike supporters told the REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE that "the Coors strike isn't about wages, it's a fight for workers' democratic rights."

Coors is the largest employer in the state and has a long history of union busting. Immediately after the strike began, Coors hired 400 scabs and a private army of security guards to protect them. In the 6 months of the strike so far, police have arrested several pickets and scabs provoked violence against the strikers.

The Chicano people have known Coors as a racist employer for many years. In 1966 G.I. Forum, a Chicano community organization, called a nationwide boycott of Coors beer. In an area of over 120,000 Chicanos and Mexicanos, Coors had only hired 27 Chicanos and Mexicanos in 1966. By 1977 Coors employed a grand total of 92 Chicanos and Mexicanos, 59 Blacks and 65 women. Coors employs 1500 workers at its Golden plant. Coors bosses continue the vicious system of national oppression as a means of making greater profits and keeping workers divided. The Coors strikers are demanding an affirmative action program and an end to discriminatory hiring.

In response to Coors' attacks on their democratic rights, the Brewery Workers #366 has launched a nationwide boycott of Coors beer. Coors sales dropped in Texas and California so much that it is no longer the top selling beer in either state. Coors sales in Montana dropped 25%. Although the AFL-CIO national leadership has formally endorsed the boycott, they have only allocated \$40,000 so far in actual support. The rank and file of the local #366 and other supporters across the country are the real backbone of the boycott. They are not relying on the bribed bureaucrats to win the strike.

The cartoon printed next to this article is the first page of an excellent anti-capitalist comic book being distributed by Coors strike supporters. The comic book describes the rip-off of surplus value by the capitalists at Coors, the national oppression facing Chicanos and Mexicanos and the need for working class solidarity to win the strike. It is an excellent agitational tool for unions, caucuses, community and student groups. Donations to the strikers or requests for copies of the comic book may be sent to

Brewery Workers #366 and Colorado Coors Boycott and Strike Support Coalition, 4510 Indiana St., Golden, Colorado 80401. Northern California Coors Boycott Committee, 150 W. Grand Ave., Oakland, Ca 94612, or Southern California Coors Boycott Committee, 2724 W 8th St., Los Angeles, Ca. 90005.

society National minorities are forced into the lowest paying jobs, forced into the worst schools and receive the worst health care Imperialism directly profits from the lower wages paid to minorities Imperialism particularly attacks the oppressed peoples of the Chicano and Black nations in the South and Southwest

The argument that whites suffer "reverse discrimination" negates the century of oppression faced by national minorities It is used to justify the forcing of minorities into the worst jobs, housing, etc The reverse discrimination argument further divides the working class The struggle to defend the rights of minorities is the task of all workers--part of the overall struggle against imperialism

A COMMUNIST VIEW OF THE ANTI-BAKKE MOVEMENT

For almost a year Marxist-Leninist groups such as ATM(M-L), I Wor Kuen, and others have helped build the movement against the Bakke decision We have helped organize mass marches, rallies, demonstrations and build multi-national unity against the Bakke decision.

While we believe that the Bakke decision can be defeated, the entire system of imperialism will never be defeated except through socialist revolution Only under socialism will national minorities and all workers gain full democratic rights A socialist education system will enrich minority culture, a socialist economic system will encourage the development of national minority communities Socialism guarantees the true right of self-determination to all oppressed nations, including the right to form a separate state. Under the dictatorship of the proletariat, all forms of discrimination are outlawed Because there are no capitalists to profit from the exploitation of national minorities and workers, there is no material base for continued discrimination The struggle to eliminate racist ideas will continue for some time even after a revolution, but only a socialist revolution can lay the basis for eliminating racism

For any socialist revolution to be successful, it must be led by a single, unified communist party Such a party will represent the interests of workers throughout the US Unlike the scattered Marxist-Leninist groups that exist today, a unified vanguard party will be able to mobilize various classes and strata to build a united front to defeat imperialism. This new communist party will be built in the heat of class struggle, in the heat of theoretical struggle and in giving revolutionary leadership to practical struggles like the anti-Bakke movement Every successful revolution has been led by such a party, that's why ATM(M-L) sees this as our central task.

To defeat the Bakke decision and continue the struggle against national oppression, the movement must link the struggle against Bakke to a struggle against imperialism ATM(M-L) believes the following three points are key in developing that movement.

TARGET IMPERIALISM -- The Bakke decision is not coincidence, nor is it the policy of a few bad men. The Bakke decision flows logically from imperialism--a system which profits from the exploitation of all workers and oppressed people The UC administration and Regents represent this system of imperialism. The Regents sit on the Boards of Directors of companies like IBM, AT&T, Crocker Bank and Pacific Telephone. They always protect their corporate interests as in the recent case of continuing their investments with companies that support apartheid in South Africa. Similarly, the US Supreme Court upholds the policies of imperialism. We must target not only the Supreme Court and the Regents, but the whole capitalist system which will benefit from the Bakke decision.

Imperialism is the enemy of all working and oppressed people--regardless of nationality The capitalists will use the precedent of Bakke to attack affirmative action for women. Struggles of working and oppressed women have forced the capitalists to provide special women's studies programs at universities and forced certain industries to hire women. In a strictly legal sense the Bakke case doesn't affect women. But the imperialists will use the logic of Bakke to deny affirmative action for women. The common struggle against imperialism calls for the closest unity of national minorities and women against a common enemy.

While the Bakke case is a special attack on national minorities, it comes at a time when the government is cutting back educational opportunities for white working class youth as well. At City University of New York, for example, the capitalists cut out the open admissions and increased tuition which prevented many white working class youth from attending college. Based on a common program of support for the demands of national minorities, all nationalities must join in the struggle to defeat the Bakke case, establish quality education for all working people, and overthrow imperialism. The struggle against national oppression weakens imperialism--it is in everyone's interests to fight national oppression. This fight must include upholding the right of self-determination for the Black and Chicano na-

tions No one can be free so long as imperialism forcibly occupies those oppressed nations

WORKERS MUST TAKE THE LEAD--Different classes and strata are active in the anti-Bakke movement The Bakke case directly threatens the jobs of thousands of teachers, administrators and other professionals who currently work in special minority programs. The Bakke case is also a direct attack on the interests of minority workers and students Corporations and universities around the country will eliminate their affirmative action programs if the Bakke decision is upheld The demands for more minority professionals and continued affirmative action are legitimate demands that all progressive people must support Today groups representing the interests of the petty bourgeoisie, intelligentsia and labor aristocracy are active in the anti-Bakke movement, groups like the NAACP, MALDEF, CASA, Socialist Workers Party and the Communist Party USA To the extent these forces influence the movement, it will remain limited to reform demands

Only the working class can lead the struggle to defeat the Bakke decision, end national oppression and establish socialism. The working class is concentrated in large scale industry and holds the power to stop the capitalists' profits by stopping production Workers are the only class who have no material interest in maintaining capitalism, who are politically capable of overthrowing it.

Sections of the petty bourgeoisie and intelligentsia are oppressed by imperialism as well They are allies of the working class and can be a powerful force for mass struggle So far many hundreds of revolutionary intellectuals have demonstrated against the Bakke case and have played a most active role. The working class must begin to see cases like Bakke as part of their own struggle In particular, workers must begin to play a leading role in the anti-Bakke movement

To date, the ABDC has had some success in reaching out to workers. The most recent Santa Barbara California advisory committee meeting involved a number of workers from local plants who are integrating the anti-Bakke struggle into their work. Two of the keynote speakers were workers. A number of unions have passed resolutions opposing the Bakke decision, including United Steelworkers #1981 and United Auto Workers #1364. Forums in East LA and the Bay Area attracted workers, but there is still much to be done The anti-Bakke movement and advanced workers must take agitational and propaganda materials to the basic industries and to the unions Union locals and caucuses must be mobilized to participate in demonstrations and rallies against the Bakke decision. Workers must become actively involved in leading the ABDC and other anti-Bakke groups

EXPOSE THE OPPORTUNISTS--As in any mass movement, a number of opportunist groups are participating in the anti-Bakke work. Everyone wants the greatest possible unity to defeat the Bakke case But no movement can succeed in overturning the Bakke decision, let alone in defeating imperialism, if the leadership puts their own reformist interests ahead of the masses.

Today more and more students are realizing in the course of struggle that opportunists like the Communist Party USA, CASA, and the Socialist Workers Party are unable to provide revolutionary leadership to the movement.

The CPUSA, CASA and other opportunists are participating in the National Committee to overturn the Bakke Decision (NCOBD) Although honest

ATM (M-L) DEMANDS

1. Overturn the Bakke Decision.
2. Open Admissions with No Tuition--guarantee a minimum of proportional admissions for minorities. Students and workers must fight for free, quality higher education for everyone. Open admissions means that anyone who desires to attend college should be able to do so. Until recently, New York public colleges had this system and thousands of working class and minority youth received a college education. The demand for open admissions is not a substitute for the legitimate demands of minorities for preferential admissions to colleges. Because of the history of national oppression in the US, minority students must be guaranteed admission in no lesser numbers than their percentage of the population.
3. End cutbacks, expand social services and the hiring of minorities and working class women. The Bakke decision will affect not only students, but workers as well. Therefore we must demand the increase in social service programs and affirmative action programs for women and minorities at workplaces and universities.

individuals are participating in the national Committee, its political line and actions--particularly those of its leading organizations--will never defeat the Bakke case

The National Committee limits the struggle against Bakke to a struggle for "racial equality" The NCOBD has struggled against linking the anti-Bakke movement to the fight against imperialism and national oppression. In their major brochure, "Fight Racism--Overturn the Bakke Decision!" for example, the NCOBD doesn't mention imperialism once Indeed the CPUSA and CASA see "racism" as only a bad set of ideas that can be legislated away with militant reforms. They liquidate the national question as part of the revolutionary overthrow of imperialism

The leadership of NCOBD essentially represents the political interests of the petty bourgeoisie and labor aristocracy who are anxious to "move up" as doctors, lawyers and school administrators The NCOBD has completely failed to actively involve workers in their campaigns, preferring instead to get endorsements from bourgeois politicians like Oakland Mayor Lionel Wilson. The position of the NCOBD guarantees that the Bakke struggle will deadend into harmless legal challenges and an alliance with the bourgeoisie. In the course of the struggle, students and workers must expose the phony support of these opportunists and drive them from the anti-Bakke movement

THE OCTOBER 15 DEMONSTRATIONS

Large numbers of demonstrators will converge in San Francisco and other cities for the Oct. 15 demonstrations. They will demand an overturning of the Bakke decision, increases in special admissions programs for minorities and increased affirmative action for women After the Oct 15 demonstration the ABDC will be laying plans to continue the struggle and develop it around the country. ALL OUT FOR OCT 15!

UNITE ALL NATIONALITIES TO DEFEAT BAKKE
EDUCATION AND JOBS ARE A RIGHT,
NOT A PRIVILEGE
FULL EQUALITY FOR NATIONAL MINORITIES
AND WOMEN THROUGH SOCIALIST REVOLUTION

Lance Out...

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politicians in the US. By marrying the boss' daughter, Lance started out as a small town bank owner in Calhoun, Georgia. Lance acquired political friends around the state by handing out generous loans. Then Governor Jimmy Carter appointed him head of the Georgia Highway Commission. But Lance was still a local banker, far from the centers of power on Wall Street. The big banks are always anxious to develop allies for their investment and political policies in different regions of the country. The major bankers, particularly the Rockefellers, took a liking to Lance and to Carter. Lance was able to take out a loan of \$3.4 million from Rockefellers' First City National Bank of Chicago to help his controlling interest in the National Bank of Georgia. These publicly disclosed loans are undoubtedly a small portion of the backroom

deals and financing of Carter and his friends by the Wall Street financial groups. Jimmy Carter and Bert Lance, far from being "just country folk" and "Washington outsiders" have had their hands in Wall Street's till for many years. And they, like every other administration before them, carry out the needs of those same monopoly groups.

The Bible-thumping hypocrisy of capitalism was thoroughly revealed in the Lance case. The notion that capitalists and workers are bound by either the same laws or the same code of ethics bites the dust. Not a working man or woman in this country could get away with consistent check overdrafts of \$100 much less \$100,000. The Lance affair has shown us once again that the laws are written by the capitalists for the capitalists.

Lance is no exception to his class. The entire capitalist class steals its loot from the workers in the form of profits to begin with. And the financial dealings of Bert Lance are typical goings-on for the capitalists.

The exposure of Lance is a good thing. It educates more of the working people as to the real nature of capitalist deceit. Undoubtedly Lance's exposure is a move on the part of one group of capitalists' interests against another. It certainly was no accident. Time will eventually reveal who benefits from Lance's ouster. In the meantime we are finally able to understand just why Carter considered Lance such a "trusted friend" and was ready to turn over the Office of Management and Budget to that crook. Over a two year period, while Lance was head of the National Bank of Georgia, he lent Carter's agribusiness operation almost \$5 million. Is it any wonder why Carter would say to Lance, "Bert I'm proud of you"? ★

A Study Guide for Lenin's What Is To Be Done? - Ch. 4

(This is the 3rd in a series of study guides on WHAT IS TO BE DONE)

Lenin devotes the majority of chapter 4 to explaining the idea that "the character of any organization is naturally and inevitably determined by the content of its activity." He showed that the narrower political tasks one sets, the narrower will be the organization required to fulfill those tasks. On the other hand, the broader we set our political tasks, the broader and more extensive will be our organization. The Economists of Lenin's time said that the main task of the communist forces was to lead the economic struggle of the workers. This task does not require an organization of political struggle, but rather a trade union organization. It is the trade unions which take up the economic struggle of the workers, and this naturally flows from the nature of the task, which is relatively simple, straightforward--to fight for better conditions in the sale of the workers' labor power. But the political struggle of communism is far more extensive and complex than the economic struggle and aims to undermine the very foundations of capitalist rule. Therefore it requires an organization of revolutionaries, of people who devote their whole lives to revolutionary activity. This is qualitatively different from the organization of workers (the trade unions).

Our own movement is similarly confused on what is the correct form of organization communists must build. From the "left" we have groups which advocate only propaganda to the advanced as the content of their political activity. It is no surprise then that they advocate an organization whose main form of work is polemics, forums, etc. At the same time in their mass work their concept of organization centers around the building of "cores" which consist of Marxists who devote the bulk of their time to debate. It can be summed up that those who restrict the content of political activity from the "left" are naturally and inevitably building an intellectualist sect as the type of organization which conforms to that activity.

The danger from the right is far greater. This danger does not always assume the form of classical economism. Its present day adherents are sometimes afflicted with some type of small circle spirit. They narrow down the content of political activity to either the most immediate



struggles in which they are involved, or else to activity only among a small section of workers, or to work among a particular nationality. Given this narrowness of political activity there flows a corresponding narrowness of theory and organization. There is no setting of nationwide tasks and campaigns, and therefore no effort is spent to build an organization capable of nationwide struggle. But this is precisely the type of organization required by the class struggle--an organization which is consistent in Marxist-Leninist principle, with a nationwide, regularly appearing and frequent press, which is rooted in the major industrial and political centers of the country. The only political activity which calls forth such an organization is the development of nationwide political agitation.

AN ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL REVOLUTIONARIES

Why does the task of nationwide political agitation call for an organization of professional revolutionaries?

In this chapter Lenin shows that revolutionaries must train themselves to provide a communist perspective on all important social and political questions. This is no easy task. But we must master this task if we are to fulfill the requirements of nationwide political agitation (to train the class in class consciousness).

Secondly, Lenin explained the need for an apparatus to produce and distribute nationwide political agitation. Thirdly, Lenin fought for an organization which could send capable people to "all classes"--in order to gather material for agitation and propaganda, and to lead the struggles of those classes. Fourthly, he showed the need to train leaders who can not only provide political knowledge on all questions, but can lead the various manifestations of the class struggle--these tasks compel revolutionaries to develop a strong illegal apparatus since the state will not be blind to the growth of influence which will follow on the organization of political agitation.

The requirements of which we have spoken demand an organization of professional revolutionaries. Professional revolutionaries--be they workers or not--devote their whole lives to communist work. Of necessity many of these people will be organizers of some type. But we must have people who can carry out other tasks--propagandists, money raisers, "technical experts", agitators, literature distributors, etc. The purpose of this organization is not to centralize the MOVEMENT, but to centralize the secret functions of that movement--to safeguard them from the state--e.g., the production and distribution of literature, military functions, etc. The purpose of the organization of revolutionaries (the Party) is to be able to lead and maximize the effectiveness of the work of "non-Party" organizations, such as trade unions, student organizations, welfare organizations and so forth. The more centralized, disciplined and specialized our organization of revolutionaries, the better will we be able to give actual leadership to the organization of the masses, to turn their organizations into real fighting organizations without changing at all their mass character. The less organized that we are, however, the less effective will be the mass organizations in their struggle with imperialism, and the more open will they be to the traps and demagoguery of the opportunists.

STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1) What is primitiveness in matters of organization?
- 2) Why do communists need to build an organization of professional revolutionaries?
- 3) Why does an organization of professional revolutionaries ensure that "the greater will be the number of people from the working class and from other social classes who will join the movement . . . ?" NEXT MONTH, CHAPTER 5

Palestine...

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since June 1967. Since Begin's Likud Party electoral victory last May, three settlements in the occupied territory have been given "legal" status as part of Israel. Ariel Sharon, the Likud's settlement specialist, plans on settling thousands of Zionists in the occupied territories as soon as possible with new road networks to formalize their ties with Israel. Begin claims that these settlements will improve the lot of the 1.3 million Palestinians who live in the area by providing jobs and government services. In fact, since the 1967 "six-day war" 84 settlements have been established, with 80% of the arable land touching the west bank of the Jordan River confiscated by the Zionists forcing over 200,000 Palestinians to emigrate.

NO MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT WITHOUT THE PALESTINIAN RIFLE

"Israel will never return the liberated areas of the West Bank of the Jordan or the Gaza Strip and does not want a single Palestinian in those areas," said Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan speaking on the new Israeli peace proposal for the Middle East. The proposal presented to the U.N. General Assembly on September 20th represents the hard line of the Zionists' refusal to hold discussions with the PLO even as part of a unified Arab peace delegation, and no discussion on the refugee problem until the Palestinians renounce any aspirations to nationhood.

This so-called peace treaty is just another frantic attempt to split the ever growing unity of the Arab people on the question of peace in the Middle East. And again their moves are meeting with failure. In Lebanon the PLO and Lebanese supporters launched counter offensives against the Phalangists and Israeli troops. Strategic villages captured only 4 miles from the Israeli border are set up as base areas to retake Palestinian land. In the occupied territories demonstrations of support have been turned into full scale military clashes with the Israeli police. The mayor of Ramallah expressed the mood of the people. "They will not frighten us away this time. The Palestinians will fight to the last drop of blood, with sticks, with stones, with our voices. We will fight by staying here."

Reaffirming their struggle to regain their national rights at the August meeting of the PLO, Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO, said, "The Palestinian revolution will continue the battle until the Palestinian people are able to found

their independent state and freely determine their fate."

SUPERPOWER MEDDLING

The Palestine issue is the essence of the Middle East conflict. The Middle East - because of its vast oil reserves and because of its strategic military and shipping location - is key to the control of Europe. And Europe, because of its concentration of industry, skilled workers and markets, is the strategic focus of contention between the U.S. and the USSR. Both superpowers therefore are doing all that they can to exploit the situation in the Middle East. Imperialist meddling has been expressed most clearly by Secretary of State Vance's assertion that the US must play the "decisive role" in any settlement of the Middle East question.

Because of growing worldwide support for the Palestinian's and the worldwide isolation of the Zionists, the US has been forced to give the appearance of a shift in its policy toward the Palestinians. They are also trying to give the appearance of a "harder line" toward the Zionists. Their aim is to try and split the unity of the Arab countries, to try and edge out their Soviet rivals in the battle for influence in the Middle East. But facts show that there has been no real change in the US position. The US is trying to force the PLO to recognize Israel as a state. This is a demand that the victims recognize the "legitimacy" of the robbers who stole their lands and drove them from their homes. At the same time the PLO has expressed its willingness to consider the settlement of a "mini-state" which could become

a sovereign base of operations for the Palestinian people to wage the struggle for the complete restoration of their national rights.

The other superpower, the USSR, is also fishing in these troubled waters, with even less success than their US rival. While calling themselves the "natural ally" of the Palestinian people they have continued to supply the Israeli army with manpower in the form of emigrants from the Soviet Union. They have refused to supply Egypt with promised spare parts for their armed forces, and have ordered their Eastern European lackeys to follow suit. In return for this social imperialism, the Russians were kicked out of Egypt and this year the Egyptians have cut off all shipments of cotton to the USSR. The Soviets have also been thrown out of the Sudan and are facing another setback in the Horn of Africa as the Ethiopia-Somalia conflict continues and the USSR tries to make a gain out of it by supplying the Ethiopian fascists with Migs and tanks. Relations with Syria are now uncertain as the imperialist essence of the USSR becomes clearer with each passing day. Their failure to deceive the countries and peoples of the Middle East has forced the Soviet Union to follow the same strategy as the US -- "high level diplomacy". They have insisted on reconvening the Geneva conference under superpower control. The USSR supports UN resolution #242 requiring the PLO to recognize Israel.

Despite the maneuvers of the superpowers, the Geneva Conference as Arafat put it, is nothing but a "theatrical conference . . . which will accomplish nothing" without the participation of the PLO. It is not the big powers which will decide the fate of the Palestinian people but the people themselves.

WHAT THE US WORKING CLASS CAN DO

US capitalists have been Israel's main economic and military backer since its establishment in 1948. The Zionist settler state couldn't survive very long without this aid. The same capitalists that oppress and exploit the masses of working people in the US are also responsible for the oppression of the Palestinian people. The Palestinian people are the allies of the US working class. We can take up the common struggle by

--Opposing superpower war preparations. No more arms to Israel. Superpowers out of the Middle East.

--No military intervention in the Middle East. --Support the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Oppose the Zionist settler state of Israel and demand the recognition of the national rights of the Palestinian people--their right to reclaim their homeland and to build a democratic, secular state open to all Jews, Christians and Moslems.★

As the RC goes to press, the US and USSR issued a joint statement in hopes of convening a Geneva peace conference on the mid-east before 1978. Both superpowers agree that Zionist Israel is a legitimate state. For the USSR in particular, this is an official admission of their sell-out of the Palestinian cause.

For its part, Israel attacked the statement because it made vague mention of the "legitimate rights" of the Palestinian people. Israel adamantly refused to negotiate or even recognize the existence of the PLO. Because they see the superpowers attempting to impose a settlement, the Israelis have publicly announced stepped up preparations for a new mid-east war.

As the war clouds grow daily in the mid-east, only the armed struggle of the Palestinian and Arab masses can bring about a just settlement and lasting peace in the area.

