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Victory To The Struggle Of The Zimbabwe People !

The African people of Zimbabwe ("Rhodesia") have been waging an heroic armed struggle against the racist and fascist Ian Smith regime for over 12 years. The national liberation struggle of the Zimbabwean people has surged forward in recent months and years which has caused Smith's white-settler government and his backers U.S. and British imperialism to become utterly panic stricken. ZANU (Zimbabwean African National Union) and its military arm ZANLA (Zimbabwean African National Liberation Army) has the full support of the oppressed people and has liberated a base area as large as the state of Mississippi (50,000 square miles with 3 million people) in the northeast of the country. Chimurenga (the War of National Liberation) is certainly advancing!

We are living in the era of the complete defeat of imperialism, when the people all over the world are seizing control of their destinies away from all reactionary, exploiting classes. Today, revolution is in a very high tide in southern Africa and Africa as a whole. Besides Zimbabwe, the people of Angola led by UNITA are fighting for total independence and are heroically resisting the blatant aggression of the Soviet social-imperialists and their Cuban puppets. The people of Namibia, ("South West Africa") led by SWAPO (South West Africa Peoples Organization) are waging a national liberation war against the illegal, racist domination of John Vorster's racist and fascist South African government, with assistance from SWAPO's UNITA comrades to the north in Angola. The black masses of Azania ("South Africa") are also developing their mass movement against the fascist apartheid Vorster regime. Not only this, but all over Africa the peoples' revolutionary struggles are raging.

The tremendous advance of revolution in Africa as a whole and in Zimbabwe in particular has put the minority white racist regimes of Smith in "Rhodesia" and Vorster in "South Africa" in an ever-tightening noose. To prevent the complete collapse of the "Rhodesia" illegal government, Ian Smith and his senior partner Vorster, have relied on counter-

revolutionary dual tactics of (1) "Detente"; (2) increased fascist suppression of the ZANU leaders and the African people in Zimbabwe.

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CAPITALIST SYSTEM CRIMINALLY NEGLECTS EDUCATION OF BLACK AND OTHER OPPRESSED YOUTH

The administration of the Seattle public school system does not fear to tell the truth. It openly admits the massive failure to teach basic skills to the youth, especially the working class and national minority youth. It openly admits the growing trend toward segregation of the schools in the Central Area, Seattle's Black community.

Last November the school district released results of the basic skills MAT (Metropolitan Achievement Test) examinations given to fourth graders throughout the city. Low achievement scores were recorded in the working class schools, especially in the Central Area. In one instance, the "basic skills expert" of the school administration was quick to blame the failures on the pupils and parents from Colman school, k-4 (kindergarten through fourth grade), which has 85% Black enrollment and whose low achievement level in reading was 63%. These inflammatory and racist remarks aroused the anger of the Black parents who protested these backward views at the school district's office. The Colman school has 285 Black youngsters and only seven of them receive special education instruction, not to mention the fact that in Colman A school there is only one Black teacher. The racist and anti-working class American educational system is largely foreign to the Black child's experience and negates the cultural (and language) differences, as it does to a lesser degree with the working class youth in general.

Also in November the Seattle school district released another report, 1975--Racial Distribution of Students and Staff, which clearly

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**SUPPORT THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR
NATIONAL LIBERATION AND TOTAL INDEPENDENCE !
OPPOSE THE MEDDLING OF TWO SUPERPOWERS
IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE !**



SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM INTENSIFIES AGGRESSION IN ANGOLA...CENTERFOLD

ZIMBABWE STRUGGLE...from page 1

For years, Ian Smith said he would never hold negotiations with the nationalist revolutionaries. But, due to the advances of the people's armed struggle, in December 1974 Smith released the detained leaders of several organizations and initiated with them a series of "talks about constitutional talk." Well! What is this? The fascist Ian Smith regime in "Rhodesia" has been condemned all over the world as a racist clique of white settlers that has no right to dictatorially enforce its authority on 6 million African Zimbabweans. Time and again Smith has stated that he will never allow majority-rule, but will instead smash the anti-colonialist struggle of the black Zimbabweans. This newly acquired "reasonableness" of Smith, this "Detente", was simply Smith and Vorster's attempt to trick the ZANU revolutionaries into stopping the armed struggle in order to have talks about "constitutional changes" that could recognize majority rule "in principle" but not in practice. This "dialogue" and "detente" was Smith's attempt to make ZANU and ZANLA surrender.

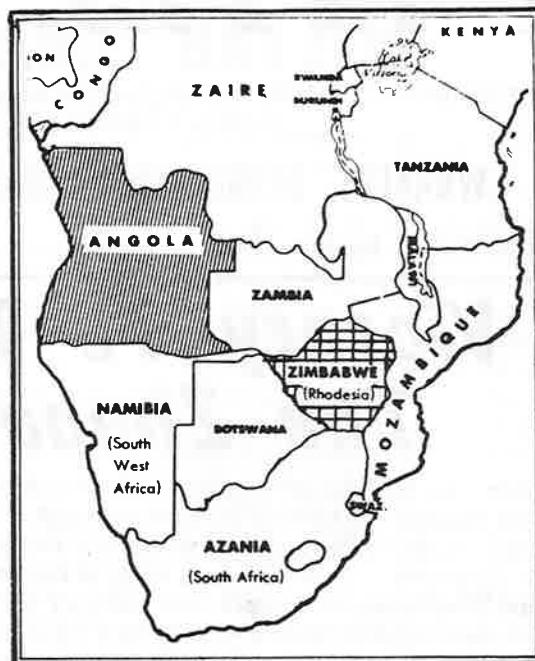
Detente in southern Africa also means peaceful co-existence and dialogue between the racist regimes of Smith and Vorster with the independent black African states. This scheme of Vorster, Smith, the two superpowers and other imperialists is directed at isolating ZANU from the support of surrounding countries (e.g. Zambia) and to force ZANU to stop the war of national liberation.

Simultaneous with the detente schemes, the fascists have stepped up their bloody attacks on ZANU and the Zimbabwean masses. Since the detente exercises were initiated, ZANU has suffered the following:

- 1) the re-detention of Comrade President Ndabaningi Sithole (March 4, 1975);
 - 2) the cold-blooded murder of Comrade Chairman Herbert Chitepo and Comrade Silas Shamiso, his body guard (March 18, 1975);
 - 3) the Black Sunday Massacre of 13 ZANU supporters in Salisbury by the Smith regime's police and soldiers (June and July 1975);"
- (excerpted from Draft Resolution of the Cross Canada Tour on Zimbabwe containing a long list of crimes against ZANU)

Ian Smith wears Hitler's shoes. The fascist clique pursues a "scorched earth policy" against the Zimbabwean masses. This brutality and barbarism includes uprooting whole villages and placing them in concentration camps where starvation and deadly disease are fostered; collective reprisals on communities suspected of supporting the freedom fighters; outright robbery of peasants' property; indiscriminate massacre and bombing of African villages; the torture and detention without trial of thousands of people, and many other atrocities. This is all very reminiscent of U.S. imperialism's crimes against the Vietnamese people.

Such constitutes the counter-revolutionary dual tactics of (1) "Detente"; and (2) bloody suppression, pursued by Smith, Vorster and their imperialist backers. ZANU, under the leadership of Comrade N. Sithole never had any illusions about the Smith-Vorster detente fraud. An editorial in "Zimbabwe News", official organ of the Zimbabwe African National Union-Vol 8 #12 December, 1974 entitled "Zimbabweans' Carry the Revolution Through to the End", stated: "Smith's suggested talks and Vorster's detente in southern Africa are nothing but imperialist machinations to wreck the revolutionary movement in Zimbabwe and indeed the whole of southern Africa." "The road that we in ZANU have taken is one of carrying the revolution through to the end.



Map of southern Africa showing the locations of Zimbabwe and Angola.

We have committed ourselves to using revolutionary methods to wipe out all the forces of reaction, thoroughly, wholly and completely. We must unswervingly persist in overthrowing the reactionary regime of Ian Smith on a country-wide scale and set up a democratic government in which all the people of Zimbabwe regardless of race, colour or creed can participate. By so doing, the people of Zimbabwe will completely throw off settler oppression; the country will be transformed from a settler colony into a genuinely independent state; the Zimbabwean people will be fully emancipated, overthrowing imperialism, capitalism and racism, once and for all and create the prerequisites for transforming Zimbabwe from an agricultural into an industrial country and make it possible for her to develop from a society of exploitation of man by man into a socialist society."

While combatting the illusions that talks could result in anything, and opposing all attempts to stop the armed struggle and dissolve the armed forces, ZANU correctly pursued the policy of attempting to build the maximum unity of all political tendencies of the Zimbabwean people, including with those organizations who were not waging armed struggle and wished a "constitutional settlement" that would establish majority-rule. For this reason ZANU united with other organizations into the ANC (African National Council) so that the Zimbabwe people would be represented with one voice in the negotiations with Ian Smith. On Monday, August 25, 1975 the "preliminary constitutional talks" broke down after only several hours and were disbanded with no plans for their continuation. Smith would not even grant safe passage to all nationalist leaders to attend the proposed "constitutional conference".

After the collapse of the talks, Comrade Sithole stated in an interview on radio Zambia: "The Rhodesian constitutional crisis can only be resolved at gun point through a full scale guerrilla war against the Rhodesian regime." Prime Minister Ian Smith, he said, "should be crushed and brought down on his knees, at Victoria Falls bridge I found Mr. Smith a very difficult man. He was talking to us like kitchen boys and he had no interest in finding a settlement. We've many of our people fighting now who are not interested in laying down their arms. They will only lay down their arms when majority-rule had been won".

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Zimbabwe is a very rich country, abundant in natural resources. Chrome is one well-known example. Presently 400 U.S. corporations operate in southern Africa. The average wage of a worker at GM, Union Carbide, Ford Motor Co., GE etc. is \$386.00 per year. According to U.N. statistics this would be a living wage for less than four months in "Rhodesia". Trade unions and strikes are illegal. Out of six million black Zimbabweans, 8,000 qualify to vote. Of the 270,000 whites, everybody qualifies. The racist system in Rhodesia is obviously a very profitable set-up for U.S. monopoly capitalist corporations.

The U.S. imperialists are most anxious to stop the revolutionary advance of ZANU and the masses they lead. Since the collapse of the August 25, 1975 talks, the U.S. and its economic managers for southern Africa, Smith and Vorster, have been grooming Joshua Nkomo to establish a black, puppet neo-colonial government in Zimbabwe. Nkomo, leader of ZAPU (Zimbabwean African Peoples' Union) was expelled from the ANC for making secret deals with Smith behind the backs of the ANC executive committee. Ian Smith stated that Mr. Nkomo should be the leader of ANC, agreed to subsidize a phoney "ANC Congress" by as much ("Rhodesian") \$30,000 and to provide the delegates with free food in order to set-up Nkomo as "the legitimate leader" who would then make a deal guaranteeing the continuation of the old system of exploitation in "Rhodesia," but with black puppets at the helm. The Soviet social-imperialists are also up to their necks in plots. They have consistently supported the opportunist Nkomo, encouraged him to split from ANC and gave him \$50,000 to support his bid for recognition by the Smith-Vorster regimes.

Michael Mawema, organizing secretary of ZANU stated: "So far as the people of Zimbabwe are concerned, the continuing support by the Russians of ZAPU and Nkomo, is an act of aggression to the people of Zimbabwe, particularly to the armed forces of ZANU." (Nkomo is the brainchild of the "detente" schemes of South Africa's Vorster. In addition, 10,000 South African troops are fighting ZANU inside Zimbabwe, trying desperately to prevent it from becoming a secure base on South Africa's border from which the Azanian ("South Africa") black freedom fighters can launch people's war against the Vorster regime. If the Soviet Union was so interested in fighting South Africa which

is their excuse for their aggression in Angola, why is the Soviet Union hand-in-glove with Vorster in Zimbabwe? Why don't they support ZANU against the South African mercenaries? These are difficult questions for the new tsars to answer.)

Thus, in "Rhodesia" we see the collusion of the two superpowers in trying to arrest the struggle for genuine independence. We also see the Soviet Union trying to ride into control of "Rhodesia" on the backs of a "liberation movement" so as to secure Zimbabwe as a Soviet neo-colony. But the Zimbabwean people have taken ZANU's slogan of "We are our own liberators!" to heart and will never fall prey to the phoney liberation provided by Soviet "assistance". While the two superpowers are cooperating against the revolutionary movement, fundamentally they are at each other's throats vying for spheres-of-influence.

The combined attempts of Soviet social-imperialism, U.S. imperialism and other western monopoly capitalist countries, the Smith and Vorster racist regimes, as well as reactionary black African "independent" states to isolate ZANU and defeat the liberation war--will all fail. ZANU has stated: By liberation, we mean the overthrow of an oppressive system, which, unfortunately, is being defended by Ian Smith, a white man. In that way it might look as if we are fighting against a white man as such. That will be very wrong to think so. Zimbabweans are fighting against an unjust political and economic system. Therefore, if a black man is going to inherit the same system from Ian Smith, best be assured that Zimbabweans will fight tooth and nail until the total liquidation of that system."

The Zimbabwean people under the leadership of ZANU are heroically fighting for total independence and are in the forefront of the world's peoples' fight against the two superpowers who are frantically contending for world domination and are preparing for a world war to redivide the world among themselves. The Zimbabwean revolution is a powerful obstacle to the threat of world war posed by the two superpowers.

American workers! Support the revolutionary Zimbabwean people and their leadership, ZANU. We have the same enemies--the two superpowers and all reactionaries! We have the same goal--the elimination of exploitation of man-by-man!

End item.

PUBLIC MEETING ON ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE



ZANLA Comrades preparing to vaccinate people against cholera (a disease brought to the war zone deliberately by rhodesian troops who polluted water wells).

FRIDAY, FEB. 27, 7:30 P.M.

Y.W.C.A. 2820 E. CHERRY

SPEAKERS FROM:

- 1) Afro-Asian-Latin American People's Solidarity Forum (Seattle)
- 2) Seattle Branch of the Central Organization of U.S. Marxist-Leninists

ALSO: a speech on the subject--
Death to Soviet social-imperialism
and all its lackies!

Victory to the Angolan People!

IN MEMORY OF PAUL ROBESON - GREAT FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE

On January 23 Paul Robeson, progressive Afro-American and staunch anti-fascist cultural and political leader, died at the age of seventy-seven after boldly championing the cause of freedom for the workers, oppressed nations and people of the world for several decades. Paul Robeson was warmly cherished by the working and oppressed masses all over the world and was despised by the monopoly capitalists all over the world. A towering and outspoken opponent of the American racists and the capitalist system, comrade Paul combined his creative talent as actor and his rich baritone-base voice with progressive and anti-fascist politics which aroused in millions of the downtrodden the instinctive thirst for freedom from capitalist exploitation and oppression. Paul Robeson, too, deeply loved the people and the socialist countries in the world.

In 1927, he left the U.S. for Europe in order to escape the racial discrimination encountered in the stage and screen business. For twelve years, he stayed out of the U.S., and during that time he paid attention to his own experience and to the world around him and started to draw progressive and revolutionary conclusions from his observations and experience and study.

In 1934, Paul Robeson was drawn to the Soviet Union to observe the development of the formerly oppressed nationalities and races in the construction of socialist society. What he saw truly pleased him. Inequality and discrimination was broken down in a mere twenty years. National culture flourished in the formerly oppressed nations and the young men and women there were mastering the sciences and arts and mastering their own destinies as well. Robeson held up as an example of equality and emancipation for the Black people the Soviet Union, the land of Great Lenin and Stalin.

In 1938, Paul Robeson actively took up the banner of anti-fascist struggle and stood on the side of the patriotic, anti-fascist forces in the Spanish Civil War. He made these observations: "And so it was that I, as an artist, was drawn into that movement (ed: the anti-fascist movement led by the working class) and I came to see that the struggle against fascism must take first place over every other interest... And I saw, too, that the struggle for Negro rights was an inseparable part of the anti-fascist struggle." Robeson's experiences in Spain finally brought him back to the U.S. He was deeply moved by what he saw in Spain: "...that it was the upper class--the landed gentry, the bankers, and industrialists--who had unleashed the fascist beast against their own people. From the ranks of the workers of other lands volunteers had come to help in the epic defense of Madrid, and in Spain I sang with my whole heart and soul for these gallant fighters of the International Brigade... My heart was filled with admiration and love for these white Americans, and there was a sense of great pride in my own people when I saw there were Negroes, too, in the ranks of the Lincoln men in Spain. Some of them, Oliver Laws and Milton Herndon, were to be among the heavy casualties suffered by the volunteers and would be buried with their white comrades in the Spanish earth... a long way from home? Yes, from America, my own home, and I knew in my heart that I would surely return there some day."

The following year Paul Robeson returned to the U.S. He tirelessly plunged into active political and cultural work among the Afro-Americans and the entire working class. He helped establish the Council on African Affairs and served as its chairman. For eighteen years the Council on



African Affairs served as the one organization in the U.S. which organized the people to support the liberation of Africa from colonial bondage. In addition, Robeson fully supported the economic and political struggles of the American working class and militantly spoke out for equal rights and freedom for Black people. He correctly stated that the American racists were the first cousins, if not brothers, of the Hitlerite Nazis. And during World War Two, he unshakably held these positions and gave his full support to the Great Anti-fascist War.

The American bourgeoisie hated the ground Paul Robeson walked on. In 1942 in Seattle, the owners of the Olympic Hotel denied him room accommodations when he came here to sing. In response, scores of Black and white people carried out sit-down demonstrations in protest against this Jim Crow discrimination. Among the leaders of the people fighting racial discrimination was the Afro-American Communist Carl Brooks and Afro-American militant Eugene Moszee, whom the police murdered three years later in his small gas station in the Central Area. In 1948 the monopoly capitalists organized fascist goon squads to attack Robeson as he sang in concert on two different occasions at Peekskill, New York. None of these things deterred his spirit.

Thousands of workers, organized by Communists and other progressive people, came to the defense of Paul Robeson at Peekskill and in other parts of the country. In 1950, the U.S. government revoked his passport for speaking out against the war threats of U.S. imperialism at the huge World Peace Conference in Paris in 1949. He said that his people "would never fight the Soviet Union." Commenting on the so-called "crime" committed by Paul Robeson, W.E.B. DuBois stated: "It was that while he did not rail at America, he did praise the Soviet Union; and he did that because it treated him like a man and not like a dog; because he and his family for the first time in life were welcomed like human beings and he was honored as a great man. The children of Russia clung to him, the women kissed him; the workers greeted him; the state named mountains after him. He loved their homage. His eyes were filled with tears and his heart with thanks. Never before had he received such treatment."

For nine years, Paul Robeson was put under

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UNITA representative repudiates reactionary propaganda of U.S. imperialists and Soviet social-imperialists

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH PEOPLE'S CANADA DAILY NEWS

In an interview on Tuesday, January 27, Comrade Jeremias Chitunda, the UNITA representative to the United Nations reported on the current political and military situation in Angola.

"I wish to say that the propaganda of the U.S. imperialists and the Soviet revisionists that UNITA has been suffering losses on the battlefield is completely false. We would like to expose the propaganda of the revisionists that MPLA and its Russian friends are "encroaching" on UNITA territory and "making headway". This is completely false.

"UNITA's brilliant men are fighting courageously and they have not lost an inch of territory over the last month.

"The Angolan people are determined, under the leadership of UNITA, to defend their country against the Cuban invasion which now stands at over 13 battalions (comprising around 12,000 troops). Included in the invading force are 4,000 Katangese troops. (The Katangese troops are the same troops that Tshombe used to murder the beloved Lumumba in the '60s, at that time they were in the pay of the CIA, and are presently working in the pay of the KGB and are integrated with the Cuban troops.)

"The Cubans and Russians can pump in

more and more mercenaries but the Angolan people will not waver. Our people are determined to fight until the country is completely free of foreign troops and to fight for a truly socialist society.

"Contrary to the MPLA lies, the Secretary General of UNITA spent last weekend (the weekend of January 24 — ed.) in the North-Central towns of Novo Redondo and Cela which are still under UNITA control contrary to the reports in the bourgeois press.

"On the Eastern front, the city of Luso is under UNITA's firm control. The battle lines in this region have also not changed for over a month.

While the situation is extremely serious in our country, the best the enemy has achieved so far is a stalemate. They have not gained any ground."

Regarding South African troops in Angola, Comrade Chitunda said:

"UNITA was the first movement to denounce the S. African invaders as early as August 1975. South Africa invaded Angola against the will of the Angolan people. Their intentions were no different than any other of the invading troops. Whether they have achieved any of their treacherous aims or not, we hope that their withdrawal at this time will signal the withdrawal of other invading forces in Angola.

"The propaganda that UNITA is working with or collaborating with the South African invaders is a monstrous lie. UNITA opposes any foreign invasion or interference in our sacred homeland.

UNITA reiterates her firm position for the formation of a government of national unity. Such a government must include all patriotic forces which will defend the territorial integrity and sovereignty of our country. UNITA believes that the enemies of the Angolan people will do everything to exploit the existence of three factions in the country in order to fulfil their plans of divide and rule. It has always been the tactic of the imperialists to try and maintain their exploitation by dividing the oppressed people and having them fight amongst themselves.

"UNITA and the Angolan people will not cease their struggle. We will fight to the end to establish a genuinely independent Angola without foreign interference."

"The tasks which face the Angolan people to defend their country are gigantic. We face formidable enemies. But our struggle is part of the struggle of all the oppressed people of the world and therefore we enjoy the support of the entire international community that upholds genuine freedom, human liberty and justice. Genuine independence and total liberation of Angola will be a victory for all of progressive mankind. We call upon all progressive and democratic people to give firm support at this important point in our liberation struggle.

End Item.

from PCDN, January 28, 1976

Socialist in word, imperialist in deed. We Will Kill You Just The Same!

"In defence of socialism"

That's the signboard of your aggression
Against the people of Angola
But your mask is falling off
You're exposed for what you are
Socialist in words, imperialist in deeds
Soviet Social Imperialists
You are digging your own grave.
Mr. Brezhnev and Co.
You think you can sneak in
Through the back door
After the U.S. Imperialists
Have been thrown out the front
But the people of Angola
Are freedom loving people
With Liberation on their minds
Independence in their hearts
And Revolution is their soul

So don't go to them with a
Hammer and sickle on your chest
And fascism in your heart
Because they will kill you just the same!

Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun
With the gun, the colonizers conquered
The gun is all they understand.
A people that have blessed their homeland
With their own sweat and blood
Who with gun in hand
Freed themselves from the puppets of U.S. Imperialism
Will never lie down before your puppets
But Messrs. revisionists, you will never learn.
A weak nation can defeat a strong,
The people of a small country

Can certainly defeat the aggression of a big country
When they dare to rise in struggle
Take up arms
And seize their destiny firmly in their own hands.
Soviet Social Imperialists, you have lifted a big rock
Only to drop it on your feet.

So don't come to us with a
Hammer and sickle on your chest
And fascism in your heart
Because we will kill you just the same!

You have robbed us of the victories
Of the 1st Dictatorship of the Proletariat
Of the workers and peasants of
Lenin's and Stalin's homeland
And now you are trying to rob us
Of the victories of the people
Of Asia, Africa, and Latin America
But we will not be deceived
We will not be defeated
And you will pay for your crimes.
With Chairman Mao at the helm
And the People's China as our reserve
The tide of revolution is rising
The east wind is prevailing
The people of the world are marching forward
With gun in hand
We will never be your slaves
We will put you in your graves
Along with your class brothers.

So don't come to us with a
Hammer and sickle on your chest
And fascism in your heart
Because we will kill you just the same!

(Editors Note: This poem is reprinted from People's Canada Daily News, January 13, 1976. The poem was accompanied by a letter which concluded as follows. "Enclosed is the first poem that I have ever written. It attempts to express the contempt and class hatred revolutionary people around the world share for the revisionists who have seized control of the Party of Great Lenin and Stalin, and the crimes they have committed under the banner of 'Socialism'.")

MILITANT CAMPAIGN HELD IN SEATTLE TO Support the

The Angolan People's Liberation Support Committee carried out a city-wide campaign to support the national liberation and total independence of Angola, to denounce Soviet social-imperialism for instigating civil war in Angola, and to oppose the meddling of the two superpowers in the internal affairs of the Angolan people. Inspired by the great victories of the Angolan people and armed with proletarian internationalist politics, revolutionary people in Seattle went against the tide of social-imperialism (socialism in words, imperialism in deeds) and sideline intellectualism to form the committee and wage the campaign in January. The Seattle Branch of the Central Organization of U.S. Marxist-Leninists (COUSML) and the Afro-Asian Latin American Peoples' Solidarity Forum (Seattle) led the process of building the committee. The members of the committee worked hard to propagate the anti-imperialist and proletarian internationalist line on Angola and aroused great sympathy and support among the people of Seattle.

Over 5000 leaflets and 1000 posters were distributed throughout Seattle in the first three weeks of January. In addition there were four sidewalk marches on January 16 and 17 which greatly clarified the life-and-death issues in Angola. The downtown march on Friday was particularly bold and was warmly received by the people. When comrades militantly shouted the slogans, "Victory to the Heroic Angolan People" and "Angola Belongs to the Angolan People", the people on the streets expressed their approval. And when other slogans were voiced, such as "There Is Nothing Good In U.S. Imperialism... There Is Nothing Good in Soviet Social-Imperialism... There Is Everything Good in the World's People" the people were likewise pleased to hear the truth and many youth and working class people responded, "That's right!", "That's the way I've felt for a long time!", "Right on!", and other favorable comments. Many passers-by in cars waved or gave the clenched fist. The spirited sidewalk demonstration proceeded through the busier sections of downtown from 2 to 5p.m. On four different street corners, speeches were made in support of the total independence of Angola and the two superpowers were militantly raked over the coals for their interference in Angola. Speakers encouraged the masses to always remember that what appears to be a real hornet's nest in Angola will tomorrow be the liberation of Angola and the graveyard for the reactionary forces. Hundreds of leaflets were distributed in the area. Other marches were held the following day in the University District, Capitol Hill, and the Central Area.

The last public activity organized by the committee was a public rally on January 17th held in the Central Area. There were speeches, solidarity messages, and poetry reading--all of which clarified the issue and inspired many people with revolutionary politics. Over fifty people attended and the formal and informal discussion was very vigorous and lengthy.

A representative from AALAPSF(S) first spoke on the fighting history of the Angolan people in resisting Portuguese colonialism since the 16th century. He made the following comments:

The fierce resistance to the Portuguese intrusion and the barbaric slave trade resulted in the depopulation of Angola, to a point where today there are less than six million people in a country twice the size of Texas. Historically the Angolan people were particularly successful in fighting colonialism when the tribal peoples united against the common enemy. So determined was

the wave of opposition to foreign domination that by the late 1800's there were less than a dozen Portuguese in the Angolan interior. As the twentieth century dawned, armed rebellions broke out one after another and these struggles took their toll on the foreign marauders. The speaker concluded with remarks on the war of national liberation which began in 1961 and was led by MPLA, FNLA, and UNITA. While all three organizations made definite contributions to the struggle to overthrow Portuguese colonialism, UNITA has provided leadership to uniting the liberation movements against the common enemies (i.e., the Alvor, Mombassa, and Nakuru Agreements which spelled out the defeat of the Portuguese and the establishment of national unity through transitional government, as well as their consistent opposition to the interference of the two superpowers, the South African racists, and other reactionary forces). Also UNITA liberated 65% of the country and received the support of the vast majority of the Angolans through their policy of self-reliance and people's war based on the peasantry and led by proletarian consciousness. MPLA and FNLA have both made the serious mistake of having their leadership based outside Angola and relying heavily on "aid" from one or the other superpower to the point of domination.

The next speech was given by a representative from the Seattle Branch, COUSML. He gave an analysis of the international situation, the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union and its subsequent imperialist aggression, the present situation in Angola, and the duties of the revolutionary people in the U.S. He made the following points:

The international situation is characterized by great disorder, the factors for both war and revolution increasing. An objective analysis of the year 1975 shatters to pieces all this empty talk about "detente." This is the empty talk of Ford, Brezhnev, Castro, and other political swindlers. The liberation of many countries throughout the world last year (Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Mozambique, Sao Tome, Principe, and others) was given as proof positive of the bright future awaiting the world's people after struggling people ride out great storms. The historical trend of "countries want independence, nations want liberation, and the people want revolution" as summed up by Chairman Mao becomes crystal clear when the world is viewed all-sidedly.

The phoney talk about "detente" literally falls to pieces when the subject of Angola comes up. The Soviet revisionists are presently carrying out an international "Big Lie" campaign to justify their bloodthirsty aggression in Angola through their spokesmen in various countries. In the U.S. it is the revisionist party ("Communist" Party USA) which acts as public relations firm for the Soviet social-imperialists. In Seattle, they have formed the MPLA Support Committee which has gone to great lengths to prettify imperialist aggression in Angola and to carry out the same dirty work the U.S. monopoly capitalists do so well--i.e., completely confuse the situation in Angola and call for superpower interference. The opportunist trend led by the revisionists locally has buttered up assorted sideline experts with their juicy lies and slanders (especially against UNITA) and the bourgeois intellectuals have taken the bait. Many of these people then encourage others to do nothing since "Savimbi (ed: leader of UNITA) is petty-bourgeois", "UNITA has changed colors and has struck an alliance with South Africa", "China doesn't sup-

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Angolan People's Struggle for Total Independence

port UNITA", "China is playing an opportunist role in Angola", ad nauseum. The Big Lie campaign of the revisionist and trotskyite dogs has in some cases rescued the sideline experts from doing something for revolution just in the nick of time.

As for the role of the People's Republic of China, it leads the international united front against superpower hegemonism and has always played a progressive role in Angola and in Africa. During the Angolan war of liberation, China assisted all three liberation organizations against the Portuguese colonialists and repeatedly warned against imperialist interference. When independence was established by the three organizations and the Portuguese army was basically defeated, China stopped all aid and warmly greeted the steps toward national union. China is the bastion of world revolution and leads the people forward everywhere.

Now, what about Soviet social-imperialism? Today the Soviet Union is an aggressive, imperialist country which has provoked a civil war in Angola in order to intensify its contention with U.S. imperialism for world domination. Angola is extremely rich in natural resources and is strategically situated on the Southern Atlantic. Before Krushchov came to power through a coup d'etat, the Soviet Union was a great land of socialism which had prospered through the 1930's had smashed up the fascist armies in World War II, and had consistently aided oppressed nations and peoples throughout the world. It was the land of Great Lenin and Stalin.

When Krushchov came to power, he laid all these great achievements to rest. He forcibly removed the tried and tested Marxist-Leninists from the Party and drummed a big "refutation" against Marxism-Leninism. Trotskyite dogs all over the world jumped for joy. Krushchov revised the universal truths of Marxism-Leninism to suit the purpose of justifying the restoration of capitalism. The dictatorship of the proletariat became known as the "state of the whole people"; territorial integrity became known as "limited sovereignty"; imperialist plunder of the Third World became known as the "international worker-peasant alliance"; and Marxism-Leninism became known as "goulash communism." So the rise to power of revisionism meant the rise to power of the big bourgeoisie--of the fascist, Hitler type. Today the Soviet revisionists are sitting on a volcano. The Communists inside the Soviet Union are persisting in their underground organizing and the masses of workers and oppressed nationalities are rising up in struggle (Kharkov, 1967; Kiev, 1969; Knieproetrovsk, 1972).

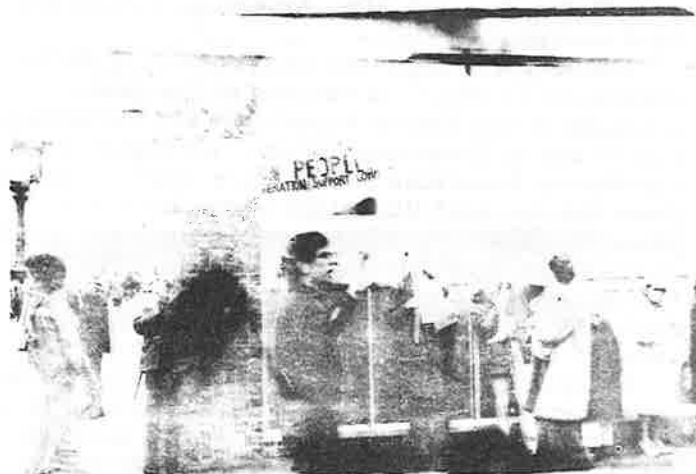
The revisionists turned the socialist state ownership into state monopoly capitalist ownership. In the name of the "new economic system", the capitalist principle of profits governs the economic activities of all enterprises. Enterprise managers are entitled to "hold, use, and dispose of the establishment's properties"; they have the right to "lease, transfer and sell the idle means of production"; and they are allowed to "recruit and dismiss workers" on their own authority and fire workers from their plants as they see fit. The relationship between the bureaucrat capitalists and the workers is entirely one of exploiters and exploited, the rulers and the ruled. An average workers' pay is only 60 or 70 rubles a month, while the salary for a bureaucrat capitalist can go as high as several thousand rubles (not counting the graft and corruption). In essence, the only real difference between the economies of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.



The leaders of the three Angolan liberation organizations. (l. to r.): Augustinho Neto, MPLA; Holden Roberto, FNLA; Jonas Savimbi, UNITA. The victorious centuries-long struggle of the Angolan people against Portuguese colonialism teaches the necessity of unity. But the Soviet social-imperialists have provoked a bloody civil war in an attempt to turn Angola into a Soviet base in Africa.



Dr. Jonas Savimbi of UNITA with a captured Cuban soldier. Just as U.S. imperialism used South Korean and Taiwanese puppet troops in Viet Nam, so the Soviet social-imperialists have sent over 11,000 Cuban puppet troops to massacre the Angolan people.



A Contingent from the Angolan People's Liberation Support Committee. Downtown Seattle- January 16, 1976

is that production is more highly concentrated and monopolized in the Soviet Union due to the fact that state ownership pervaded socialist economy during Lenin and Stalin's time.

State monopoly capitalism is the base of the dictatorship of the Soviet bureaucrat monopoly capitalist class and the economic root cause for the external aggression and expansion by Soviet social-imperialism and hegemonism that it pushes. The foreign policy of the Soviet Union is the continuation of the domestic policy of the New Czars.

In addition, the Soviet Union is today racked by economic crisis and social and cultural de-

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cay. Let me give one example, on the cultural front. In 1968 a film Czechoslovakia, A Year of Test won the State Prize for Literature and Art because it praised the invasion of that country. Recently, a long novel Thunder of Rockets is highly acclaimed in the Soviet Union by the revisionists since it relates the dream of a rocket commander. A nuclear war breaks out, he boards a plane, gives orders from the air to attack the enemy with nuclear warheads and wins victory. Preparation for war is the main economic, political, social, and cultural activity in the Soviet Union today.

This is the same Soviet Union which has provoked civil war in Angola and anyone who supports this activity is making a big mistake. To do so is to encourage the war-like masters of the Soviet Union, today the main source of a new world war.

It should be clear that there is absolutely nothing good in either U.S. imperialism or Soviet social-imperialism. The collusion and contention of the two superpowers for world domination should be given no quarter. The best way to support the people of Angola is to wage revolution right here in the U.S. The Seattle Branch, COUSML, strongly calls upon American workers, oppressed nationalities, and all progressive people to support the struggle of the Angolan people for total independence.

Both main talks were warmly received. They were followed by two solidarity messages which were also greeted with much applause.

A solidarity message was given on behalf of the African--Afro-American Study Group. The speaker condemned the two superpowers for plunging Angola into civil war and called for national unity. The Afro-American people and Angolan people have long-standing and warm relations and have common heritage. The speaker called upon the Afro-American people to unite with the American working class and wage struggle against the racist and fascist monopoly capitalist class right here. In this way the cause of both Angolan and Afro-American people are best served.

The last message was delivered by a Native American comrade, a veteran of the great struggle of the Native Americans for hereditary rights and self-determination. He stated that the Native American people have much to learn from the national liberation struggles taking place in the world and that revolutionaries must carry their cause through to the end. He gave the advice on an elder Native American who said that anything in this world can be accomplished if one dares to shoulder the task.

The poetry reading followed. An Afro-American woman read two poems ("Blue is the Sky of Angola" and "Sky of Africa"). Both poems came from the heart of national liberation struggles in Africa and both were related in heartfelt sympathy and support for the great struggling African people. The comrade followed the poetry reading with the three slogans of the committee: **SUPPORT THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION AND TOTAL INDEPENDENCE; DENOUNCE SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM FOR INSTIGATING CIVIL WAR IN ANGOLA; and OPPOSE THE MEDDLING OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE; and VICTORY TO THE HEROIC ANGOLAN PEOPLE!**

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virtual house arrest. He did not capitulate to the racist and fascist U.S. government during the McCarthy days. He did not make deals. He was unafraid because he had deep faith in the masses of people.

On May 18, 1952, the Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers Union organized a concert to be held at the Peace Arch Park at Blaine, Wash. Over 30,000 Canadian and American people came to hear him and to demonstrate their friendship and protest the reactionary restrictions on travel imposed on him by the U.S. government. The local ruling circles were driven to a frenzy by this display of international solidarity against the racial discrimination of the U.S. government. After the concert and demonstration, government police agents attacked many people, most of whom were Communist organizers and staunch supporters of Paul Robeson.

Since the mournful death of Paul Robeson on January 23, various opportunists of the "left" have been dragging the honorable comrade's name through the mud. Trotskyite slander sheet "The Militant" wrote an article entitled: "Paul Robeson: The Real Tragedy", in which they slander Robeson as supporter of imperialist war and as follower of "Stalinism." Now, what the trotskyites mean by Stalinism is Marxism-Leninism and the building of socialism, which they dreadfully oppose; and Paul Robeson supported scientific socialism and great Stalin and hated the trotskyites, whom he compared to the KKK. As for the revisionist trend, they try to say Paul Robeson was a professional revolutionary and Marxist-Leninist leader. Why do they say this? Paul Robeson never pretended to be a professional revolutionary, one who boldly takes up the decisive task of building the

Party among the people and mobilizing them for revolutionary politics. Robeson honestly and straight-forwardly said he was an artist who had deep sympathy for scientific socialism and socialist countries. He was a courageous fighter for Black people's rights and expressed internationalism with the oppressed nations and people of the world. Paul Robeson was not a professional revolutionary, nor an opportunist. The revisionists (especially the "Communist" Party USA) are not professional revolutionaries. They are opportunists. Since 1960, the "C" PUSA has been taken over by Khrushchovite revisionists and the Soviet Union itself has become an imperialist country. In the 1950's the CP leadership directed many of its cadre to work in the churches, to have roots in the community by being "respectable" church-goers, Sunday school teachers, gospel singers. This was total capitulation to bourgeois ideology. Paul Robeson propagated religious beliefs most of his life, and this was one aspect of his world outlook. The revisionists promote Paul Robeson's religious spirituals and his stage career as the dominant aspect of his life, which is completely untrue, and they then label him "Marxist-Leninist." What the revisionists mean by "Marxist-Leninist" is really traitor to the working class and servant of the bourgeoisie. They maliciously try to make Paul Robeson in their own image.

Only professional revolutionaries armed with Marxism-Leninism Mao Tsetung Thought can chart a course for the American proletarian revolution, can arm the people with revolutionary politics, and lead them to victory.

All progressive and revolutionary people mourn the death of Paul Robeson and hail the great accomplishments and fighting spirit of the progressive, anti-fascist Afro-American.

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DIPLOMATIC VICTORIES WON BY THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION

The Palestinian Liberation Organization recently won the right to participate in the U.N. Security Council debate-- beginning with the Jan. 12, 1976 session. The vast majority of nations in the world supported the P.L.O. participation as the Israeli Zionist Prime Minister Rabin ran around the U.S. slandering the Palestinian people and trying to confuse the American working class about the real issues in the Middle East. Condemned by the world's people and with the just cause of the Palestinian people being presented at the U.N., Rabin and his U.S. imperialist masters are very worried about just what the American working class might be thinking and thus the big "pro Israel" campaign in the bourgeois press in January with Rabin, Ford, and various congressmen chanting their decades old verses about Israel's "existence".

The Security Council voted 9 to 1 (with 3 abstentions) for a resolution that favored creation of a Palestinian state and called for Israel's withdrawal from all occupied Arab territory. U.S. Ambassador Moynihan vetoed the resolution and again exposed who it is that supports the racist and fascist Israeli Zionists. Moynihan said the veto was not cast lightly but "our responsibility to seek further progress toward an overall peace settlement in the Middle East required us, even if we stood alone, to preserve the framework for negotiations" established by the 1967 and 1973 resolutions.

By seeking to "further progress toward an overall peace settlement in the Middle East" the U.S. imperialists seek to continue the present "no war, no peace" situation in the area. This facilitates their collusion and contention with the Soviet Union to control the Middle East. All over the world the U.S. imperialists and Soviet social imperialists are in intense rivalry. In the Middle East the U.S. monopoly capitalists are using Israel as a base for expansion in order to extend their control over the oil reserves, commercial routes and militarily strategic points. The U.S.S.R.'s new czars are trying to infiltrate Israel through massive emigration of Soviet Jews into the racist settler state. The situation is complex with both super powers actively going about their dirty work in the various Arab countries as well.

The U.S. monopoly capitalist class wants to be able to use the American youth and workers as cannon-fodder in a war against the Arab people in the Middle East. For this reason they are working overtime to slander the Arab peoples. They paint Israel as an innocent victim and the Arab people as the aggressors. The U.S. monopoly capitalist press has been promoting Israeli Prime Minister Rabin's slanders of the Arab people as "anti-semitic" and "Hitlerite". Rabin said before the Security Council vote took place that a U.S. veto "will bring the Arab extremists to their senses and will allow a sort of advancement toward peace." However, one only has to look at the facts of the Palestinian question to see that it is not the Palestinian people, but the U.S. backed Israeli Zionists who are driven to war and aggression. For today, the majority of Palestinians live in refugee camps having been expelled from their country by the Israeli Zionist settler colonialists. This was accomplished through armed terror. A minority of Palestinians remain inside occupied Palestine (Israel) and are subject to intense racial discrimination and attacks at the hands of the Zionist ruling clique. It is in fact the Israeli Zionists and the Nazis who share the common view that the Jewish and non-Jewish

masses cannot live together in harmony. It was the Israeli Zionists who incited the Jewish people in Palestine to expel the Palestinian people from Israel, where for centuries the Palestinians have inhabited the territory of Palestine, living in peace with other minority groups who had also chosen to live there. Palestinians of the Jewish faith, as well as Christians and Moslems, lived side by side and in harmony until the Zionist movement developed at the turn of the 19th century. The Palestinians, on the other hand, want to regain their homeland, establish a democratic, non-secular state, where Jews, Muslims and Christians can live together.

The Soviet Union feigned support for the Security Council Resolution, that favored creation of a Palestinian state and called for an Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territory. However, China's delegate to the Security Council Lai Ya-li said, the Soviet Union is "the most dangerous source of a new world war" and that while the Kremlin pretended to support the Arabs, it had "honey on its lips and murder in its heart." In other words, the Soviet Union is feigning support for the Arab people in order to further its competitive scramble with the U.S. for oil and strategic positions in the Middle East. The Soviet Union has been play-acting a role of support for the Palestine national liberation struggle for a long time, trying to infiltrate into the region. (This ludicrous display of sham anti-colonialism is occurring at the same time as the U.S.S.R. is sending its own troops as well as Cuban troops into Angola. This is a blatant attempt to utilize the Angolan peoples' anti-colonialist struggle against Portugal in order to extend Soviet domination and spheres of influence right into the heart of Africa, and in fact, make Angola a Soviet colony.) This is the sham support and real opposition to the world's peoples' just struggles that the U.S.S.R. offers.

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indicates a hardening trend of racial segregation in the central city schools.

Recently, unpublished test results from 10th grade MAT examinations show high failure rates. City-wide, the tests revealed a low achievement rate of 36%, with Garfield and Ballard (predominantly white working class students) high schools, respectively, ranking the worst.

And at Seattle Community College, a report to the faculty on student reading, math, and writing skills in college transfer classes stamped a further condemnation on the public school system. 67% of the students sampled in the study could not write at a level acceptable for college transfer.

Both the low achievement of basic skills and the increased racial segregation of the schools reveal the bankruptcy of the public "education" in capitalist society. The worsening conditions of the schools accurately mirror the decay of the social system which brought them into being. The system of monopoly capitalism that is rotting like worm-eaten timber is responsible for all the injustice and inequality in society, including the schools.

Since the 11,000 Black youth in grades k-12 are being most sharply attacked today, the education of the sons and daughters of the Afro-American people, who are doubly oppressed (as wage-slaves and as a people), has become a burning question. Capitalism is the deadly enemy and exploiter of Black people, other national minorities, and white working class. Daily and hourly the poison of capitalist society -- as seen in television and radioprograms, in movies, and in the promotion of degenerate "role models" (pimps, millionaires, Green Berets, and assorted political swindlers), in Sunday school fairy tales about "reality", etc. -- reaches out to infect the beautiful and courageous youth. Ability is certainly not at issue, contrary to what the districts' "basic skills expert" mumbled in his beard last November. Young people hold the future of this country in their hands. This is why the monopoly capitalist ruling class tries so hard to confuse and cloud their thinking. Chairman Mao's observation of Chinese youth equally applies to the youth of this country: "You young people, full of vigor and vitality, are in the bloom of life, like the sun at eight or nine in the morning. Our hope is placed on you. . . The world belongs to you."

But the monopoly capitalist class holds state power (the U.S. government at all levels) and uses education to suit its needs, the needs of a small parasitic minority. Besides completely falsifying history and hiding the criminal nature of the capitalist system, the youth are kept in schools as a preparatory period for entering the labor market and their education in school is largely determined by the needs of the labor market in the capitalist economy.

As a matter of fact, the sons and daughters of the American working class and national minorities have never received "quality" education. In 1840, the capitalists instituted "universal and free education" since the growing industrial base of laissez-faire capitalism demanded that the workers be able to read and write to a certain point. Where the toiling masses were not required to have these skills, "universal education" did not exist. In the rural South, which had a backward agrarian economic base, education existed only for the landed gentry and the bourgeoisie. During slavery, an educated slave was a great threat to the white slaveowners since the slaves wanted their freedom and knowledge is a most powerful weapon in the struggle for liberation. Nat Turner, great leader of slave revolts, was an articulate man who used these skills to

organize. Even after the civil war and after the defeat of Reconstruction by the big bourgeoisie and the former plantation owners, Black people in the U.S. were not educated since it was not necessary for their role in production -- i.e., sharecropping, and they still feared the revolutionary potential of the Black people. By 1910, a full decade after laissez-faire capitalism was transformed into monopoly capitalism, there was a 50% illiteracy rate among Black people nation-wide. In the last half century, production has become more advanced technically and therefore educational skills have advanced only for those students, limited in number and from bourgeois backgrounds, to be trained for managerial and technical occupations.

Today, the monopoly capitalist class is caught up in a deepening economic crisis and the labor market is glutted; over 8 million workers are out of work; and the need for educated youth in the labor market has dwindled. Hence, the education of Black youth, who come from the most exploited and oppressed section of the labor force, is completely neglected.

So the school system serves to perpetuate the national (racial) and class divisions in society and will in no way, shape, or form educate the youth in terms of basic skills or in the truth about the world they live in. The Black youth, especially the children in the formative and decisive grades k-4, are today "caught between a rock and a hard place".

Debts are long overdue and it's high time for real changes in the education of our youth.

Over the last ten years, basic skills programs have produced little results. In 1965, the federal government provided \$1.3 million in Title I funds for basic skills programs. Then there were 28 Title I schools (K-12) in the city. To qualify for funds, the school had to score in the "lowest three stanines" in the MAT exams, which rank students on a 1 through 9 scale. Of the 28 Title I schools in 1965 11 were located in the Central Area. In 1975, Title I funds were the only available supplemental funds for basic skills and the total amount has dwindled almost in half. And the number of Title I schools has jumped to a total of 43 schools. At Lowell school (K-4), a Title I school, there is one special reading instructor to teach reading to pupils who have fallen behind. She is so over-worked that she gives up both coffee breaks in order to help the children. About one-fourth the students are Black and there is only one Black instructor, who has taken it upon herself to learn to teach remedial reading at the school and at Garfield in the evenings. Special programs over the last ten years were designed to be mere band-aids on a body filled with gangrene. Garfield's "Magnet Program", designed to attract white students, was allocated \$300,000 for vocational and academic education, but fell flat on its face. Other programs -- Head Start, Follow Up, and other "pre-school intervention" programs -- were too limited to be effective.

Not only is there massive failure to educate the youth there is also a real trend toward racial segregation of the K-4 and Garfield High School. The number of Black students in these schools is increasing as the number of white students decrease. At the same time the Central Area is becoming more and more impoverished. Real estate and banking interests are speculating on the land and establishing "holding patterns" of blocs of homes for future profiteering. The banks refuse to give loans to homeowners in the Central Area on equal terms so that many people

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move out, especially to Rainier Valley or to suburban areas where dealing with the banks is easier. As the Central Area becomes ground down economically, the schools there naturally suffer.

In addition to increased segregation of the Central Area schools, the problem of school funding is once more on the horizon. In March and April the special school levy will be up for approval. This is the only time a worker has a choice to vote on taxation. Choosing between putting bread on the table or increasing his taxes, he will choose the former. If this does in fact occur the school budget will be cut from \$115 million to \$75 million. Most of the budget goes to pay for teachers' salaries, so a large number of teachers will lose their jobs--especially the young and minority teachers. The effect on the school children, the parents, and the teachers will be crippling.

Allowing the schools to deteriorate is a deliberate policy of the racist and fascist ruling circles who are presently caught up in a thoroughgoing economic crisis. And to foster the segregation of the schools now, taking advantage of the low level of the peoples' mass movement which had so vigorously fought for school integration in the 1960's, is likewise a conscious policy of the capitalists who eagerly sow divisions among the people and who fear the revolutionary unity of the people like the plague. Integration of the nationalities and races at the schools breaks down the ages-long Jim Crow segregation practiced against Black people and enables the youth to value and respect the experience of others. More importantly it enables them to unite in common struggle against the reactionary authorities. And to learn basic skills while in school arms the youth with knowledge that can be turned into a weapon against the exploiters.

In this revolutionary era in which we live, the responsibility of knowing and changing the world rests on the shoulders of the working class, the most self-sacrificing and unselfish class, and its party--the followers of Marxism-Leninism Mao Tsetung Thought. The practice of changing the social system from capitalism to socialism, which serves the broad masses of the people and not the handful of monopoly capitalists, is determined in accordance with scientific knowledge, just as changing nature requires scientific knowledge. Our youth need knowledge of basic skills and need to learn the truth about the world they live in.

So the fight on the educational front is a matter of grave concern to the working and oppressed people. Afro-American people have learned many bitter lessons in the fight for better education of their youth. As the Black people's struggle around education intensified in 1968 and 1967 in Seattle, the bourgeoisie was forced to grant concessions to Black people. The Central Area School Council came into being in 1968 as a result of mass pressure of the Afro-American struggle. It made a number of contributions to bettering education in the Central Area, but in the long run it proved to be only tokenism and diverted the people into school board elections and bourgeois politicking. It was funded by Model Cities and as a result it had to rely on the capitalist government. In the final analysis, it brought no real changes, only a few more Black faces in the school administration. Today, it does not function really because Model Cities cut off the funding.

Education will not fundamentally change until there is proletarian revolution, brought about by the revolutionary unity between the American workers' movement and the Afro-American struggle in overthrowing the monopoly capitalist class. Then, the working class will organize education in its own interests and will guarantee the fullest intellectual, moral, and physical development of the youth.

Workers of all nationalities should unite in the struggle for improvements in education of the youth, regardless of the outcome of the special levy vote this spring. As well, the working and oppressed people should fully support the special demands of the Afro-Americans for:

1. increased minority staff and programs to meet the needs of Black youth;
2. an end to the growing segregation of the K-4 and high schools; and
3. the teaching of the real history of Black people in the U.S.

The future belongs to the people, not to the monopoly capitalist class!

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YVONNE WANROW, courageous Native American woman, continues fight against racist and fascist courts

Yvonne Wanrow was convicted of second-degree manslaughter in Spokane Superior Court a year ago and today faces a twenty-five year prison sentence. Her "crime" was to defend herself and her family from a known sexual degenerate who forced his way into the Wanrow residence in Spokane and was suddenly stopped in his tracks by a well-placed bullet. Yvonne Wanrow, a Native American mother who fearlessly defended herself and her family from this rapist, was then charged by the reactionary authorities in Spokane with murder. From top to bottom her trial was a railroad and now Yvonne Wanrow is in appeals court

in Olympia on February 23. A defense committee has been established to fight for the right of Yvonne Wanrow as a Native American and as a woman to defend herself. SWM fully supports the call of the committee to defend Yvonne Wanrow at the Olympia trial.

The case of Yvonne Wanrow clearly shows the racist and fascist nature of the U.S. government at the "judicial" level. It also shows that the local ruling circles become panic-stricken when a woman stands up and defends herself, especially a Native American woman. Long Live the Fighting Spirit of Yvonne Wanrow Death to the Monopoly Capitalist Class!

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CITY LIGHT WORKERS WIN VICTORY IN PROTRACTED STRIKE BATTLE

Seven hundred workers in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW Local 77) at City Light won a definite victory on January 23, 1976 when they approved a 22 month contract guaranteeing them wage parity with other electrical workers in the state of Washington. The local monopoly capitalists, through the city government and Mayor Uhlman, challenged the workers to battle for their 15.29% wage increase demand by obstinately sticking to their offer of only 11.5% while using every trick in the book in an effort to deny the electrical workers their traditional wage parity with other utility workers. But, Uhlman and his loyal pack of rip-off artists were not able to break the solidarity of the IBEW workers, who with justice on their side made many sacrifices for 98 days and won their basic demands.

Seattle City Light is the second largest municipally owned electrical utility in the U.S. Local electric rates are among the lowest in the country. The monopoly capitalists benefit from state ownership in that:

- (a) state capitalist ownership is more efficient than private capitalist ownership;
- (b) taxpayers' money can be used to finance its operation thus guaranteeing cheap power to local industry and in this way assist industrial profit margins in competition with outside concerns;
- (c) In providing relatively "cheap" electricity to the neighborhoods of the masses of people, one factor in the cost of reproduction of labor power (the cost of living) in Seattle is relatively less expensive than in other areas, enabling the capitalists to push harder for smaller wage scales and thus higher profits. This is why the monopoly capitalists choose to run the industry collectively on a non-profit basis.

In this way state ownership of industry in capitalist society serves the interests of the ruling capitalist class. This state capitalist ownership is similar to the organization of the Soviet Union's entire revisionist bureaucrat monopoly capitalist economy. State ownership that serves the masses of people, socialist state ownership, can only exist in a society such as the People's Republic of China; where the working class is the ruling class; the profit, wage-system is abolished; and a planned economy organized. Thus, rather than the City Light strike being some kind of conflict between the "workers and the public" as Mayor Uhlman suggests, the strike was a straightforward battle between the workers and the monopoly capitalist class (represented by Seattle City Light and the city government).

The previous City Light contract with IBEW #77 expired on March 31, 1975. In July 1975, right in the middle of the continuing negotiations, the Seattle City Council repealed a resolution requiring City Light to pay the same wages that prevail in other utilities in the state. Like rich kids with their own bats, mitts and baseballs, the government changed the ground rule right in the middle of the contest. This decision was upheld in October, 1975 by the Washington State Government's Department of Labor and Industries-- graphically illustrating the allegiance of the government to the interests of the monopoly capitalists and destroying any myths of "impartiality and neutrality of government mediation" in the struggle between labor and capital.

In addition to using the law to serve their interests in the contract battle, Uhlman and the bourgeois press launched a steady stream of abuse at the City Light workers, referring to them as "unreasonable", "unproductive", "featherbedders", "threatening the taxpayers with a

municipal fiscal crisis as in New York City", etc. The city government resorted to laying off supporting government employees and also threatened the workers with a fascist injunction to deny them the right to strike in order to "safeguard and protect public health and safety".

The lying nature of Mayor Uhlman is further exposed by examining the issue of the 11.5% wage settlement that he insisted the City Light workers accept "in accordance with other city employee union contracts recently signed". Uhlman claimed that the City Light workers were being "unreasonable" when they staunchly stuck to their guns in demanding the 15.29% wage increase that would give them parity. But those city employees' unions that accepted an 11.5% increase were doing so for contracts that expired in September, 1975, not March 31 as IBEW's did. The two contract periods cannot be equated by any logically thinking person if one considers the increase in the cost of living between March and September 1975 (5% according to the U.S. government CPI). This is but a glimpse of the massive deceit employed against the City Light workers by the capitalists in an attempt to isolate them from support by the rest of the working class and especially from support by other city government workers. (In this light, it should be noted that Seattle Worker and the Marxist-Leninist Communists were in the forefront to clarify the issues and defeat the lying of the bourgeoisie during the strike. Is it any accident that the Seattle Police Department attributed the bombing of the City Light substation on New Years Eve to "followers of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought"? In truth the bombing was perpetrated by the "George Jackson Brigade", a group of frustrated petty bourgeois youth who have nothing to do with Marxism-- nor the heroic black revolutionary George Jackson-- and everything to do with anarchist terrorism. Despite any good intentions these anarchists may have, as shown by their statement claiming the bombing was done in support of the City Light strikers, throughout history the anarchist trend has often been utilized by the police against the interests of the working class. Lies and slanders don't change facts, and the Seattle Police Department won't succeed in its efforts to isolate the revolutionary communist workers from the rest of the working class.)

The 22 month contract signed on January 23, 1976 covers a period from April 1975 to January 1977. Retroactive increases in wages paid from April 1975 to January 1976 were won by the workers. Mayor Uhlman, a pompous grandstander, shouted "victory for the taxpayers" on January 23, and claimed that if the wage savings of the capitalist state during the 98 day strike were taken into consideration, as well as other factors, the total cost to the government for the year was within his 11.5% wage increase figure. Yes Mr. Uhlman, the workers and their families did suffer income losses during the strike, a strike you cynically and viciously forced on them. But the strike proved that no amount of deceit can defeat a just cause, and further, lying won't save you either. The government was defeated in its attempts to shift the burden of the economic crisis onto the electrical workers at City Light. The union won its basic demands and is in an excellent position to deal the monopoly capitalist class further blows in the future.

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