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Where to Now? Rebuild the UMWA Along Class Lines

Coal Pact Ratified by Slim Margin

After more than three months of one of the most significant strikes in recent US history, the coal miners have ratified a contract. The miners fought for and maintained their right to strike over local issues. But on many economic demands, the miners suffered a setback. The introduction of incentives is bound to have a divisive and weakening effect in the future. But the way the miners fought for their demands and refused to follow the union bureaucrats into a full scale retreat represented an extremely significant development in the working class movement.

The capitalist class, in collusion with Arnold Miller and other trade union bureaucrats, mounted an attack to try to set the miners back both in terms of their economic well being and most importantly in their political rights, such as the right to strike.

The miners took hold of their power and made full use of their right to reject sell out contracts, firmly refusing the first two proposals. They backed up these rejections with militant actions, knowing that simply voting against a contract was not going to win their demands. As a result,

the miners were able to force the capitalists and trade union bureaucrats to withdraw some of the worst aspects of the two previous proposals, such as the fines on wildcat strikes.

However, it was also clear that the miners were forced to settle for a contract which falls far short of their demands. There are basically three reasons for this.

First, the leadership of the United Mine Workers of America went into the strike totally unprepared - and unwilling - to do battle with the capitalists. Since he has been in office, UMWA President Arnold Miller has systematically sabotaged or organizing efforts, leaving the union in a weak position with half the nation's coal being non-UMWA.

In the contract negotiations themselves, Miller and his cohorts consistently collaborated with the capitalists, giving in to all the major demands of the companies and vigorously pushing for the miners to accept the three successively proposed contracts.

Miller was prepared to bargain away all the demands of the miners. For the sake of his own



respectability in the eyes of the capitalists he preached class peace. He continually urged the miners to maintain a peaceful strike in the face of continued production of scab coal. The UMWA bureaucrats refused to call on the Western UMWA miners to stop.

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'74-'78 Contract Comparison

HEALTH

1974: 100% Coverage. Funding financed by royalties on production. Joint administration by company and union. **Miners Demands:** Full Restoration of benefits administered by union, not tied to production. **1978:** Deductibles of \$200 for working miners, \$150 for retired. Joint administration, still tied to production. Operators allowed to take out separate insurance policies instead.

PENSIONS

1978: 1950 Fund - \$250 per month, \$225 if receiving Black Lung benefits. **1974 Fund:** sliding scale. For example, if retired at 62 with 25 years, \$337.50 per month. **Miners Demands:** Equalize 1950 and 1974 Funds. Raise all pensions. No pensions tied to production. **1978:** 1950 Fund - \$275 a month regardless of Black Lung benefits. Must have 20 years service. No raise for retirees with less than 20 years. **1974 Fund:** Increased by \$25 by end of contract.

TRAINING

1974: 90 day training period in which new miners not allowed out of sight or sound of another miner. **1978:** Cut to 45 days.

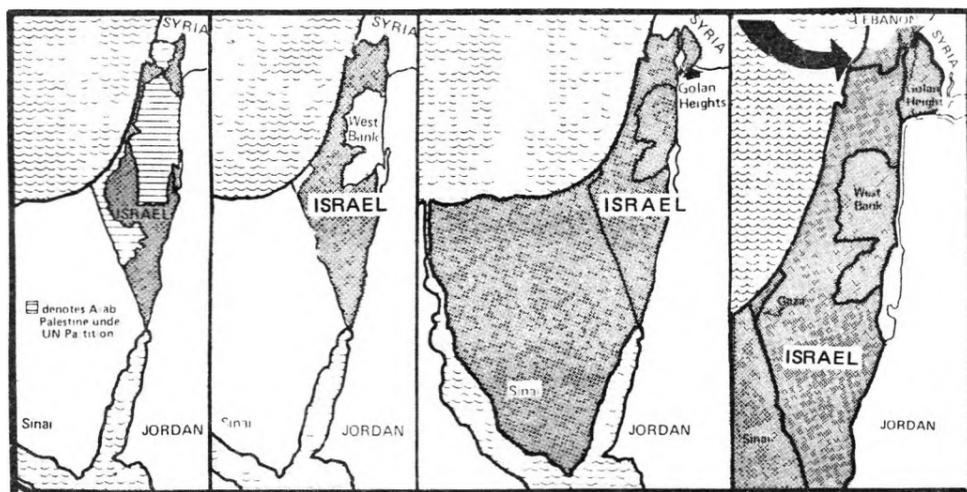
INCENTIVES

1974: No incentives. **1977:** UMWA convention rejects incentives. **1978:** Allows mine by mine acceptance of incentive plans.

RIGHT TO STRIKE OVER LOCAL ISSUES

Under the 1974 contract there was a cumbersome 5 step grievance procedure with an Arbitration Review Board at the top. This process was ineffectual, and miners were forced to wildcat over almost all issues. The capitalists pushed for punitive measures in the 1978 contract which would fine workers who took part in wildcats. The resistance of miners forced operators to break down. But, the cumbersome grievance procedure is maintained in 1978 contract.

Israeli Zionists Grab More Arab Land



1947

1948

1967

1978

Using the cover of retaliating for the Palestine Liberation Organization's raid in Israel on March 11, the Israeli Zionists launched a full scale attack on southern Lebanon on March 14. The Zionists murdered hundreds of innocent men, women and children and left thousands homeless. The Zionists' aim is to drive the PLO from southern Lebanon and to expand their territory.

The Zionists were able to launch this attack because of the treachery of Anwar el Sadat. Because Sadat has viciously attacked the PLO and joined in the reactionary chorus labelling the PLO raid "terrorist" and unwarranted, the Zionists knew the Arab countries would be unable to respond to the invasion of Lebanon. An Arab counter-attack is impossible without the participation of Egypt. The

Israeli Zionists have weapons far superior to those of the Arab states. It is only by the Arabs waging a two-pronged attack that they would be able to divide and equalize the firepower of the Israelis.

The invasion of southern Lebanon also proves that the aims and goals of Zionist Israel remain unchanged. Israel seeks expansion and wants to wipe out all Arab, especially Palestinian, resistance.

It seeks to lord it over the Arab countries by bullying them with its superior weapons supplied by the US imperialists. As the Begin-Sadat talks have shown, the Zionists are unwilling to make any concessions and will continue to occupy and even expand further into Arab territory. As UNITE! has stated before, unless this cancerous Zionist growth is removed from the Middle East, the area will remain a hot spot.

The invasion of Lebanon has also increased the contention between the two superpowers for hegemony in the Middle East. The US imperialists have denounced the invasion in an effort to win the favor of their Arab friends. But they also agree with Begin that the PLO must be removed from southern Lebanon. The US still wants a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt so that it will have unity among its puppet states in the region, and stable bases from which to launch its counter-revolutionary activity.

The Soviet social imperialists on the other hand have denounc-

ed the invasion as unwarranted aggression and genocide against the Arab people. Yet, in keeping with their "no war, no peace" scheme in the Middle East, they have not supplied the Arabs with the offensive weapons needed to counter Israeli aggression. The Soviets hope that world condemnation of Israeli aggression and the potential for another Mid-East war will pressure the US into agreeing to a Geneva conference which the Soviets would co-chair. This would ensure the continued presence of the

Understanding the PLO Raid

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What is the difference between counter-revolutionary terrorism and revolutionary violence?

Soviets in the Mid-East

This situation leaves the PLO under attack from all sides. The Israelis hope, by pushing the PLO back beyond the Litani River in Lebanon, to force the Syrians to exert more control over the guerrillas. Despite the UN peace keeping force, the Zion-

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Editorials

Carter Confirms: No End to U.S. Aggression

In a major defense policy speech on March 14th, President Carter calmed the fears of certain sectors of the US bourgeoisie and the theorists of the "three worlds" He started off his speech by stating that there was a myth that the US was pulling back from protecting its interests and friends around the world. Carter firmly pointed out that this was far from the truth.

This myth — that the US is a declining world power — is the same myth the theorists of the "three worlds" are promoting. They have continually chastized Carter for not strengthening the military prowess of the US and its allies. They have criticized Carter for not building the B-1 bomber and not providing greater aid to the NATO countries. Most recently the criticism has been for not directly confronting the Soviet Union in the Horn of Africa.

Carter went on to cite the ways and means that the US is actively taking up the defense of its spheres of influence around the world.

"We will match, together with our allies and friends, any threatening power through a combination of military forces, political efforts and economic programs. We will not allow any other nation to gain military superiority over us."

"I have ordered rapid development and deployment of Cruise missiles."

"We are working on the M-X intercontinental ballistic missile to give us more options to respond to Soviet strategic deployments."

"I shall not hesitate to take actions for full-scale development and deployment of these systems."

This is not the speech of an appeaser, who is backing down in the face of the enemy. Hardly! Jimmy Carter's speech represents the full intentions of the US bourgeoisie to maintain and expand its position as one of the main exploiters of the world's peoples.

The continued efforts of the theorists of the "three worlds" to come to the direct aid of the US bourgeoisie brings utter disgust and anger to the people of the world. By encouraging the expansion of US imperialism, the theorists of the "three worlds" are actively bringing the world's people closer to a world war, rather than combatting it.

The US bourgeoisie is our deadly enemy and we will not come to its aid to oppose the other imperialist power, the Soviet Union. This speech by the main representative of the US bourgeoisie proves that the correct stand in the world today is to resolutely oppose both superpowers as the main enemy of the people of the world.

throwing the US ruling class — no small task — but you fail to raise a demand that was endorsed by the A F of L way back in 1931: the demand for a six hour day, thirty hour week with no cut in pay.

Our class needs more leisure time to organize itself, study and take part in political struggle. Every hour we work for the capitalists puts more profits in their pockets and lessens our ability to fight them.

The eight hour day is too long! Ask your cadre in industry, I'm sure they'll agree. We need to go on the offensive on the question of the length of the working day.

Historically the struggle for shorter hours has exposed the greed of the capitalist class and united the entire working class, cutting across craft, industrial and national boundaries. I am convinced that this struggle can do the same today. (We cannot) leave the leadership of the movement for a shorter working day in the hands of revisionists, trotskyites and labor bureaucrats.

In Unity and Struggle,
An Autoworker

Party, M L), is its coherent program of immediate fighting demands. But it is in this section of the program that I feel you make a major right error.

The Program calls for the abolition of overtime, making the eight hour day and 40-hour week which we supposedly have now a reality. As a worker in an auto stamping plant where we are sometimes forced to work 12 hours a day, seven days a week, I'm naturally all for that. But I'm amazed that the Program makes no demand for a general shortening of the working day. What conservatism! Here you are in 1978, talking about over-



Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters regarding the Draft Party Program will be considered by the Central Committee of the MLOC and responded to in the commentaries beginning on May 1st. We will publish a number of letters on the Program because we believe they will further aid discussion on the Program itself. We look forward to many more letters in the coming months.

Dear UNITE!

I have been studying the Draft Party Program and am impressed by its clarity, brevity and overall correct stand. One of its main strengths, in comparison with the programs of the RCP (Revolutionary Communist Party) and CP(M L) (Communist

Opposition Reflects Split Over Tactics Only

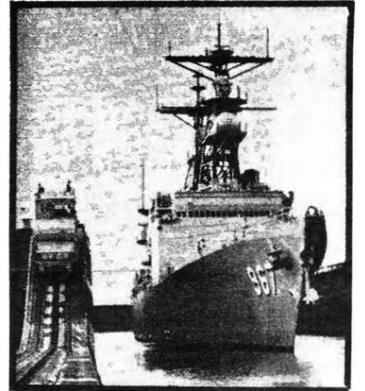
Congressmen Plied with Favors for Canal Support

On March 16, the US Senate barely approved the Neutrality Pact, one of the two Panama Canal treaties signed by the US and Panamanian governments last fall. But to receive the necessary two-thirds majority, Carter was forced to make some last-minute changes regarding the use of military forces. Also, in the final days before the vote, Carter lavishly dispensed political favors to wavering senators.

One of the new amendments grants the US the right to use military force to protect the Canal's "neutrality" beyond the year 2000. Another amendment specifies that US warships will be given priority passage in time of war. Also a reservation has been added which explicitly sanctions the use of the US military in Panama after the year 2000 if any internal problems in Panama should threaten Canal operations. Thus, if Panamanian workers went out on strike, or a popular revolutionary war broke out, the US has reserved the right to interfere in the class struggle of the Panamanian people on the side of the Panamanian bourgeoisie, and against the interests of the proletariat and oppressed masses.

Finally, the US has reserved the right to further negotiations concerning the presence of US military bases in Panama after the year 2000. Among the bases is the infamous US Army School of the Americas and the Inter-America Air Force Academy where Latin American dictators send their military officers for counter-insurgency training. As the US increases its exploitation of the Latin American people, it must maintain these bases in order to defend its imperialist aims. The "Neutrality Treaty" and its amendments in fact guarantee that the Canal will not be neutral in any sense.

But these changes were hardly sufficient to get the full backing of the Senate. To ensure the treaty's passage, Carter was driven to backroom dealing and massive give-aways. Carter won the vote of Senator DeConcini (Democrat-Arizona) after agreeing to purchase 250 million dollars worth of copper for the US strategic stockpile. The depressed copper industry is an important part of Arizona's economy. Senator Huddleston (Democrat-Kentucky) leaned toward the treaty in the end when federal funds for a major tunnel project were suddenly found. Carter had earlier eliminated the funds for that project.



US warship at Canal. US strategy remains the domination of Panama. The bourgeoisie has differed over tactics.

In another deal, Carter abruptly dropped his opposition to a bill paying an extra \$2.3 billion to farmers for not planting their croplands. This was a gift to Senator Talmadge (Democrat-Georgia), one of the largest landowners in the South who has been pushing for farm subsidy programs. These programs are notorious for lining the pockets of large landowners and pushing small farmers into ruin. Talmadge now supports the treaty. Other give-aways may be exposed later.

While there seems to be a split among the bourgeoisie regarding the Panama Canal, it is a split in tactics only. They are united in the strategy of preserving US domination over Panama. But they are in conflict over how best to maintain control in the face of the rising struggle of the Panamanian people.

The reactionary hardliners want a continuation of the status quo. As they express in their jingoist and chauvinist rhetoric, force is the best way to maintain their interests. Carter's "new chapter" in US-Panamanian relations is a liberal mask which ultimately supports the same gun boat diplomacy Carter believes that the Treaty's facade of "neutrality" and his "Human Rights" campaign will better serve US imperialist desires in Latin America by blinding the people to the true nature of US imperialism.

The Panamanian people have shown their rejection of the treaty. Large demonstrations to protest the treaty are continuing. Their determination is growing stronger in the face of the betrayal by their own bourgeoisie and the arrogance of US imperialism. Although the Panamanian people face a powerful enemy in US imperialism, they will surely triumph.

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Coal Strike...

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the flow of western coal by going out on strike

Time after time, Miller and his lackeys threatened union members with the wrath of the International if they did not actively work for the acceptance of the contract

With this kind of treacherous leadership, the miners began to despair of any better settlement

The second reason was the way the capitalists' offensive took shape. The strategy of the bourgeoisie is to cripple the ability of the workers to mount organized resistance to sharpening exploitation. In steel, the capitalists have systematically wiped out the workers' right to strike. In coal, they hoped to push through fines on strikers in order to ensure "stability" in the coal fields so that production can be rapidly increased to meet the bourgeoisie's goal of energy self sufficiency

Failing in this, the capitalists began to push for separate negotiations, hoping to break the union up into many small pieces

The miners were well aware of what this would mean for their ability to fight for their demands. This was a powerful threat hanging over their heads. If there had been revolutionary leadership in the UMWA, the miners would not have been in the position of having to sacrifice their demands in exchange for keeping the union intact

The third reason was the financial situation the miners faced after being out for 109 days. The series of wildcats last summer limited the miners' ability to save enough money to see them through a long strike. With no strike benefits coming in and little chance of getting temporary or part time work in the small mining towns, the miners did not have many options open. The miners faced foreclosures and utilities cutoffs, and in some areas they literally faced starvation

The union leadership is to blame for this situation. It did very little to raise sufficient strike funds before the strike began, and failed to seek help from other unions and community organizations during the strike. Even though \$4.5 million was donated by other unions, the International officers refused to distribute this to the miners because they feared it would only prolong the strike

For all these reasons, the miners just could not continue to hold out.

The vast majority of miners clearly recognize that the new contract is a bad one and that it will not alleviate the problems they have been facing and striking about for the last three years. The fact that the contract received only about 55% of the votes is a reflection of the real dissatisfaction with this settlement

Lessons for the Road Ahead

The bourgeoisie is now promoting the view that the whole strike was for nothing. They say that there was no need for the miners to have stayed out 109 days. They would like the working class to come away from this battle thinking that militant strikes are of little use.

But when we look at the effect of this long and militant strike, we can clearly see its value for the miners and the working class movement overall.

Just by comparing the first proposal and the contract which was accepted, it can be seen that it was a good thing that the miners rejected it and held out for more of their demands. It was because the miners maintained a militant strike that they were able to hold off the onslaught of the bourgeoisie. They firmly rejected the two contracts which contained clauses like fines on strikers, and the rights of owners to fire strikers indiscriminately, which would have seriously impaired their ability to carry on the struggle in the future.

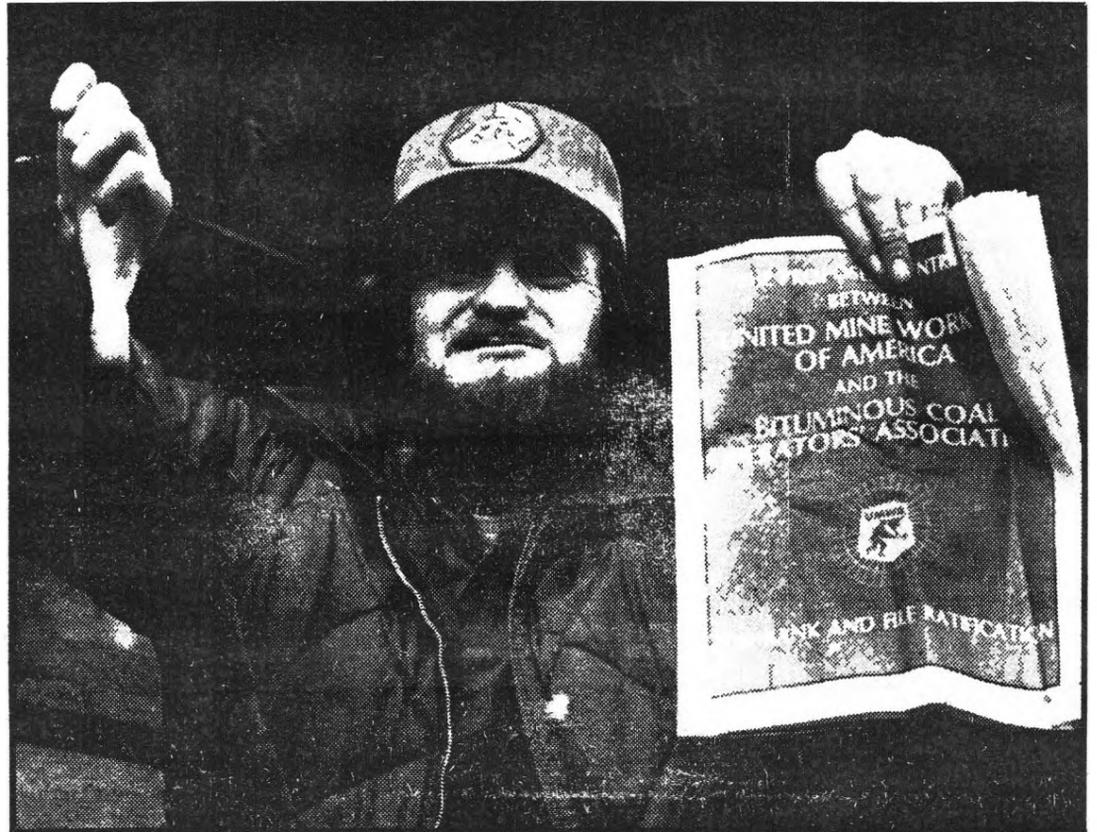
One of the reasons that miners were able to hold off the offensive of the bourgeoisie is because they have the right to ratify their contracts. Without this right, the miners would have been forced like the steelworkers to work under a contract which the capitalists and the trade union bureaucrats arranged. For the miners, this would have meant the first contract negotiated.

The right to ratify contracts is an extremely important democratic right for all workers because it allows for greater control by the rank and file and is the first step in throwing off the trade union bureaucrats' stranglehold over the unions.

But the miners did more than just vote against the contracts. They backed this up with an outright refusal to carry on a "peaceful strike", as the bureaucrats wanted them to do. It was only through the combination of the right to ratify and militant activity that the miners were able to force the capitalists to back down from their demand for punitive measures on wildcats.

At the same time, union democracy and militant action is not enough. With class traitors in the leadership of our trade unions, like Arnold Miller, it means that we are forced to sacrifice many demands in order to gain or even maintain another. As well, without revolutionary leadership, workers often find provisions slipped into contracts, like the introduction of incentives, which will later be used to divide the working class by creating the conditions for the bribery of a section of the workers. It will only be with revolutionary leadership that these dangers will be fully recognized and the rank and file mobilized to oppose them.

The entire way that the trade union bureaucrats carried out this strike clarified in many workers' minds the need to rebuild the



At Cedar Grove, West Virginia, miner says thumbs down to second proposed contract. The third contract offer was ratified by a slim margin on March 24th. The contract is a sell-out, negotiated by reformist trade union bureaucrats. But the rank and file miners' rejection of the second contract, and their militant exercise of the right to ratify, was a telling lesson for workers around the country saddled by no-strike agreements and fighting for the basic right of rank-and file contract ratification.

UMWA into a fighting revolutionary organization that will serve both the short and long term interests of the working class.

With a UMWA built along revolutionary lines, miners will be in a better position to fight for and win their demands the next time there is a major battle between the capitalists and workers in the coalfields.

Last month, the MLOC issued a five-point program for victory in the coal fields. (See UNITE! supplement, March 15) With the settlement of the strike, the main focus of the program becomes the fifth point, the "Road Ahead in the UMWA."

There are many parts of this

section of the coal program, but what they all come down to is that the UMWA must be overhauled to become a union which really wages the day-to-day struggles of the miners. It must aggressively carry out organizing drives, win grievances in a reasonable amount of time, and protect the safety and overall well being of the miners.

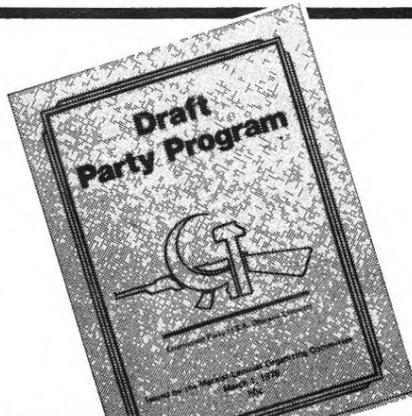
At the same time, the UMWA must also become a union which recognizes that this alone is not enough. It must become an organization which fights to end the very source of the miners' misery: the capitalist system. The disgusting class collaboration between the UMWA apparatus and the capitalists must be ended once

and for all. The traitors in the ranks of the union must be driven out without mercy. The working class and all its organizations must be guided by a revolutionary program and leadership. This is the task ahead in the UMWA.

The road ahead for the UMWA will be tortuous and difficult. The sell out of this contract must be used to further expose the policies of reformism and class collaboration that the treacherous bureaucracy follows. The bitterness felt among miners must now be turned into greater determination to build up the revolutionary fighting strength to smash forever the lie of class peace and to fight for socialism. ★

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Make Every Factory a Fortress!

● A Union Contract After Fourteen Years of Struggle

Hartwell, Georgia, — 1000 workers at the Monroe Auto Equipment Company (makers of Monroe shock absorbers) won their first union contract in February after 14 years of struggle

In 1956, Monroe closed down most of the operations at two of its Michigan plants and set up shop in Hartwell, a town of 5,000 people, in order to run away from the union, the United Auto Workers. The entire business community and press of Hartwell pledged its support to the Monroe Company in keeping the union out

Organizing began at the plant in 1964, and two years later the workers voted in the UAW, despite an anti-union campaign that included Klan type night-riding, running organizers out of town, and a mass hanging-in-effigy and mock burial of Walter Reuther (then President of the UAW)

The company refused until 1973 to even recognize the union. Between 1973 and the fall of 1977 the company "negotiated" but refused to consider any of the workers' demands

A Black member of the Bargaining Committee said that the newly-won grievance procedure is "probably the most important thing for Blacks for years we couldn't even open our mouths in the plant." The campaign to organize the plant did a great deal to unite Black and white workers in an area where the capitalists often depend on national divisions between the workers to keep them disorganized

The victory of the workers at the Hartwell plant is a significant step in beating back the drive by the capitalists to run away to the mostly non-union South and to keep workers in the South unorganized

14 year struggle wins UAW contract for Monroe workers (below). Black-white unity was significant element in long struggle



The struggle against opportunism is the pivot of our tactics in the trade union movement!



● Campaigning Now To Win Strike

Chicago, Illinois — Every struggle requires preparation in order to succeed. And no struggle can be won with a single blow. Campaigns have to be planned, followed through, and built step by step. The Red Forge, the shop paper of the MLOC at Kropp Forge, is working to do just that

The Red Forge began a campaign in January to unite the workers around definite demands for the contract strike coming up this month. This is in sharp contrast to the bureaucrats who run the unions there, the Die Sinkers and Operating Engineers. These forces would have the workers leave the negotiations up to them and restrict the struggle to a simple matter of talking around a table

In March, the shop paper took three of the demands it put forward in January, and explained them in detail: end to forced overtime, clearer job descriptions to end job combinations, and an adequate cost-of-living escalator

This kind of sustained campaign to organize workers and lead the struggle to win their immediate demands is an example of the role that shop papers, under the guidance of a communist party, will play more and more in the class struggle of the workers

● Meat Cutters Dig In For Long Battle

Dakota City, Nebraska — At a mass rally on the first anniversary

Picket at Iowa Beef, Dakota City, Nebraska, is "maced" by County Sheriff. 2,000 workers have been on strike for over a year

of their strike, workers at Iowa Beef Processing voted 1,540 to 47 to stay out until they get a contract that meets their needs. The members of the Meat Cutters Local 222 are demanding a pension plan (they now have none), improvements in their health plan, and retention of cost-of-living provisions that the company wants to take away. They are also demanding a wage increase to bring them up from \$1.00 an hour behind workers in similar plants

The 2000 workers have held out for a year against arrests, teargas and mace, and about 130 strikebreakers

Long strikes like this one—the largest and one of the longest in the Meat Cutters' history—are becoming more and more common. The long term crisis of capitalism brings fierce competition among the capitalists for higher profits, and therefore more stubbornness to refuse concessions and take back what workers have already gained. Worsening living standards and working conditions for the workers are turning every "ordinary" contract dispute into a protracted battle for survival and progress

● Gate Collection at Auto Plant

Willow Springs, Illinois — In solidarity with the striking coal miners, United Auto Workers Local 558 at Fisher Body raised over \$1,400 at a gate collection for the Illinois Miners' Relief Fund

Many Local 558 members have family and friends in the mines, and there is growing rank and file support to make the collection a weekly event

Auto workers understand that with the no-strike ENA imposed on steelworkers, and with Miller's plan to sell out the miners' right to strike, the next attack will be on the UAW. We must stand with the miners!

Bureaucrats' Betrayal in Mineworkers District 5

A Skunk By Any Other Name...

From a Worker Correspondent

Southwestern Pennsylvania — There is an organization of UMWA members in Western Pennsylvania which changes its name as easily as a snake sheds its skin. Whether they call themselves Miners for the Majority, Miners for Unity or Miners for Anything Else, they work for the capitalists and themselves, not the miners

During the election campaign for International President last spring this group called itself **Miners for the Majority**. The name echoed Arnold Miller's propaganda that the "silent majority" of miners supported him, even if the sharp attacks of his opponents made it look otherwise. As it turned out, Miller won the election with only 38% of the votes in a three-way race (This means that only one out of five miners voted for Miller, since only half the membership voted)

After the election, this organization, like a chameleon, changed its name to **Miners for Unity**. The stated principles of the "new" organization were to uphold the UMWA constitution, strengthen the union, and support no political candidates — all under the slogan, "united we stand, divided we fall." In reality the Miners for Unity spent its time building support for Miller and working to ensure that the national contract strike would go peacefully

Just two weeks ago, these same people surfaced under yet another name: **Concerned Miners**. What they were concerned about was maintaining a peaceful strike. Nothing about a successful strike, just peaceful. Of course, they came out against the Taft-Hartley injunction, but called on miners to remain peaceful

Through all of these name changes these people have consistently promoted one thing: the ideology and interests of the capitalist class, the bourgeoisie. They preach that by being "reasonable" and peaceful, miners can reach a "fair" agreement with the capitalists. They sponsored a national day of prayer, calling on miners to end their hostilities toward the coal operators, and to have compassion for their fellow man and see the coal operators as their brothers here on this earth

These class traitors deny that there is a fundamental contradiction between the working class and the bourgeoisie. They want us to forget that it is the coal operators who, in their drive for

profits, have sacrificed the lives of thousands of miners

They want us to forget the violence the capitalists do to us daily, destroying our lungs with coal dust and crippling the bodies of our union brothers and sisters by putting production before safety

By promoting labor peace these rats are doing the work of the bourgeoisie right inside the union

Who are these "Miners For (fill-in the blank)" for? Nobody but themselves. Even their loyalty to Arnold Miller is self-serving. They work as his loyal troops in the coalfields, not because they believe he is a good leader, and not in order to strengthen the whole union. They see their loyalty to Miller as the key to advancing their own careers

Almost without exception these traitors are office holders in the District or the Locals, or hold appointed jobs with the International. They reckon that Miller still has four years of his term left, and that they will be rewarded for their loyalty to him when the contract dispute "blows over"

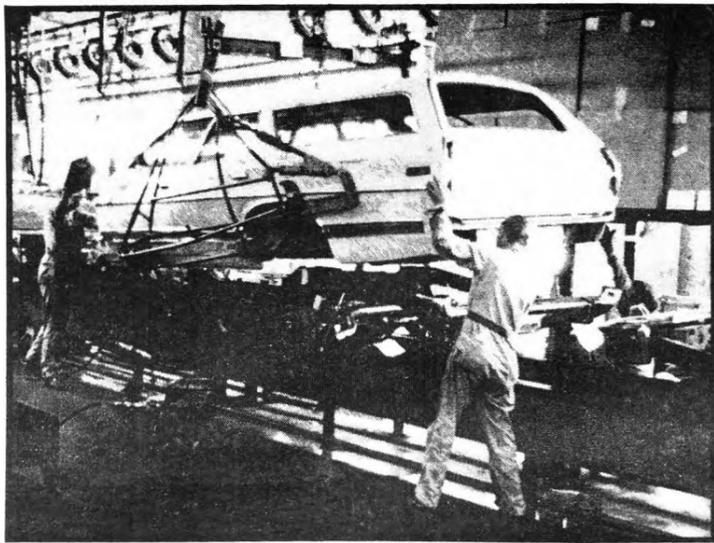
They aren't concerned that Miller's sell-out on the contract will mean that older pensioners will face near-starvation as inflation eats away at their meager income. These "miners for the majority" overlook the fact that Miller's agreement to a contract with provisions for incentives directly violates the resolution the miners adopted at their last convention, opposing incentives. They are not concerned that the incentives will play right into the capitalists' scheme to increase production at all costs — even our lives

These bureaucrats and climbers have betrayed us. These "miners for unity" are more treacherous even than Miller, because the unity they preach is unity with the bourgeoisie against the vast majority of miners. They try to hush up honest miners' dissent against Miller's sell-outs and to break up the unity of miners struggling against the capitalists and against union sell-outs. By their actions they paint all rank-and-file organizations as the work of wreckers and splitters

It is not enough to demand that they stop this treachery. They are the enemy within our ranks. They must be driven out of the union, and we can be sure they won't give up peacefully, because they have a lot to lose

Anyone who doesn't work for the working class works against us ★





Whether here at this Ford assembly plant, the Fisher stamping plant, at Chrysler or American Motors, autoworkers must fight for safe working conditions!



Safety Sacrificed for Auto Profits

Willow Springs, Illinois — It's hard to find a worker who has never been injured on the job at our auto plant, the General Motors Fisher Body Chicago plant in Willow Springs. GM's motto is "Safety First" and that means that safe working conditions are the first to go in the giant corporation's greed for profits

Production Rates Equals Speed-Up

As auto workers, our health and safety is under attack from the moment we enter the plant until we leave eight or twelve hours later. Speed up is responsible for many on-the-job injuries

In a stamping and metal processing plant, a speed up primarily takes the form of production standards or rates. An hourly rate is set for a line. If the workers run enough pieces above this rate they can "make time", finish the daily rate early and leave the shop floor to sit in the locker room or cafeteria until the shift ends or it's time to report for overtime

Through this rate system, GM Fisher Body tries to put the responsibility for speed up accidents on the workers. Workers supposedly set their own pace. But the desire is intense to make time in order to leave the line early and escape the deafening noise, the smoke and fumes, the sparks that burn through layers of clothing, the knife sharp steel, and the monotony of the work

At the same time, the pressure from management is constant. Workers who do not make rate

are threatened to be taken to the office, to be fired, or to be given the worst jobs. "Why are you going so slow, I put you on this job to make some time!"

Many of the older workers do not give in to this pressure. They have seen from their own experience the danger of working so fast. They have the scars, the missing fingers and smashed hands which testify to the need for safety

But the pressure on new hires is extreme, especially in the first 90 days when they have no union protection. The most inexperienced workers are put on lines with the highest rates — rates so high the older workers would not attempt them. Foremen take full advantage of the probationary period to push these workers to dangerous speeds on unfamiliar machinery, and the casualty rate is high. GM might as well issue bandages and slings to new hires as standard equipment

Unsafe at Any Speed!

The speed of work is made doubly dangerous by the poor maintenance of the lines. Weld operators face a shower of sparks every time they press their buttons. Press operators must be constantly on guard against repeating — when the massive press comes down again as the operator puts in the next piece of steel.

Machines are patched up when they should be shut down for repair. If you're lucky, the safety man will be around to force an unsafe machine to be shut down. Usually it is only after a worker

gets burned, slashed or a hand caught in a conveyor belt that these conditions are attended to.

General Motors has the best safety record of the "Big Three" auto producers. But statistics don't always reflect actual conditions. GM's plan for cutting down on lost time injuries is not to provide safe working conditions. It is to put injured workers back to work. It is common to see a worker with a broom in one hand and a sling on the other, or bandaged fingers hitting palm buttons on the line. This is GM's record.

Immediate safety problems are more obvious than long term health hazards. Toxic fumes, flashes, and the stress produced by working 12 hours a day, seven days a week are serious problems ignored by auto corporations.

One major attack on our health is common to all workers in major industries — the constant high levels of harsh noise. Ear protection is grudgingly provided. But despite warnings and fines from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), nothing is done to cut down on noise at the source. With 1977 profits at \$3.3 billion, it is cheaper for GM to pay the fines and deafen the workers.

Fight for Health and Safety!

GM says it's our fault when we get hurt. They say safety is our responsibility. Well, we will take responsibility for our safety by fighting together in demanding safe working conditions.

We must demand the right to refuse to operate unsafe machines. We must be able to turn down overtime and have more time to rest. We demand that the company correct general problems such as the unbearable noise levels. We demand union protection from the time of hire. And we must have democratically elected union safety committees with the power to shut down unsafe jobs.

The union must be forced to back up these safety demands of ours without any collaboration with the company.

These are immediate steps which must be taken to improve health and safety of all workers. But we also recognize that under capitalism, preventive measures are seldom taken which ensure the well-being of the working class. Just as the capitalists don't want to shut down unsafe machines until someone loses a hand, the capitalists don't want to take other preventive measures which might cost them a loss in profits.

What a stark contrast to working conditions in a socialist country, where the safety of the workers really does come first. In socialist Albania, prevention is given primary emphasis. The labor code of Albania requires extensive protective equipment and clothing and frequent health check ups for workers. Workers with difficult jobs work five, six or seven hours a day at full pay.

So while we fight for health and safety demands right now, we must also fight for the only real protection of our health and safety: socialism.



The following is reprinted from the Steel City Organizer the MLOC shop paper at U.S. Steel Gary Works.

She was new on the job. The foreman told her to lift and carry materials weighing 80 pounds across the pits. She couldn't do it alone and asked another woman, also new, to help her. They both got fired for not being able to "do the work."

She was new on the job. The foreman called her over and told her to start flipping rails, that all laborers flip rails. (They don't.) She couldn't do it and was fired.

She was new on the job. The foreman told her to go over and open the gate on the furnace by herself. She couldn't do it and was fired.

She'd been in the mill over a year, but was new in the department. The first week the foreman asked her out and one time tried to kiss her.

She'd been in the mill for months. One day the foreman called her in his office and tried to feel her breasts.

Sound familiar? No wonder, as these are just some of the more blatant examples of the constant sexual harassment and discrimination all women at U.S. Steel face every day. Being a woman at U.S. Steel is one strike against you right from the start, and if you're a Black woman, that's two strikes.

Women are constantly being told on the job that women don't work as well as men, that the mill is "no place for a woman." There are constant sexual innuendos, or often, outright propositions (and not just from foremen). There is the constant hassle of crowded or inadequate washhouses, and no toilets at all in some parts of the mill. Finally, there is the attitude that equal work for equal pay means women should be able to do alone jobs usually done by two men — like flipping rails or opening the gate in the blast furnace. For a lot of women, not being able to do it and being on probation has meant being out of a job.

In the past several years, U.S. Steel has been under a lot of pressure from the federal government to hire more national minorities and women. But nothing in the rules said that once hired the company had to keep these workers in the mill. And it's no coincidence at all that the probation period was doubled in the first contract after the Consent Decree and increased hiring of national minorities and women had been forced into effect.

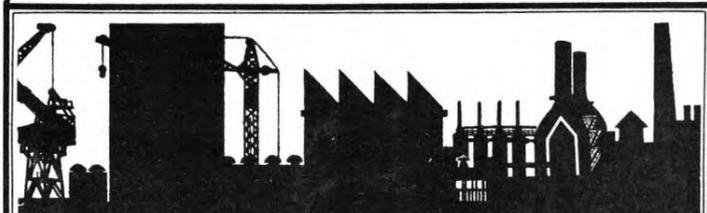
The time is long past due for us to actively take up the struggle against these attacks by U.S. Steel and Big Steel against all workers, and women and national minorities in particular. The center of this struggle must be in our union, starting at the local level.

The MLOC and the Steel City Organizer strongly support the immediate formation of Women's Committees in all locals, committees with contractual status equal to the Civil Rights Committees. This means that these committees must have the right to bargain with management for the rights and demands of women in the mills and against attacks on women like firing and other discrimination and harassment based on sex. The program for the Women's Committees must include demands for:

- Equality in hiring and promotional opportunities
- An end to discrimination and harassment based on sex, an end to arbitrary firings of women, especially during probation
- Childcare paid for by the company, not by our taxes out of our pockets. U.S. Steel paid NO taxes in 1976! They should pay for childcare!
- Full maternity benefits
- Special on-the-job training where necessary to keep women on the job
- Right to ratify the contract, and
- Right to strike to win these and other demands. Smash the ENA!
- Full democracy in the union — the right to elect all committee heads

Join us in concretely supporting the struggle for women's equality here at Gary Works! Build strong and militant rank and file Women's Committees in each local union now! Fight for official union recognition and rights for these committees and a democratic union! Brothers and Sisters! Come to meetings and get involved!

Fight for Women's Equality!



Steel City Organizer

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

YOUR SAFETY IS PART OF YOUR JOB The Management of this plant is sincerely interested in your safety and a great deal of care and consideration is taken to assure the safety of all employees. Safety guards on machines and equipment are provided to help keep you from being injured.

THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE IS A CAREFUL EMPLOYEE. Accidents do not happen—they are caused—caused by someone not being thoughtful, someone not exercising the proper care in his work or actions. During the hours you are at work in the plant, we will do everything possible to make your job safe but a large part of the responsibility is yours.

Records show that carelessness is the cause of most accidents. You can help by keeping constantly in mind the thought of safety for yourself and others.

From "You and Your Work With Fisher Body",
a guide book for employees

From the Pages of History



□ Ludlow Massacre

On September, 12, 1913, a strike broke out at Colorado Fuel and Iron Company mines owned by J D Rockefeller, in Ludlow, Colorado. Major issues were the eight hour day, safety in the mines, cash wages instead of scrip and a union.

The company refused to negotiate, stockpiled arms and evicted miners from company-owned houses. The miners set up camps in tents brought in by union organizers. Armed clashes with company thugs were frequent. In October the governor brought in the National Guard.

On the day of the massacre the Guard and thugs began shooting at the strikers. Miners set up a position that would draw fire away from the tent city. But that night, April 20, 1914, during a lull in the fighting, the Guard turned on the women and children, spraying them with bullets and setting tents on fire. Eleven children and two mothers were killed. Miners from New Mexico came to Ludlow in solidarity. The fighting continued and 46 Guards were killed. Still the company refused to negotiate and the strike was broken.

□ Colfax Massacre

In an attempt to undermine Reconstruction and the struggle of Black people for land and political liberties after the Civil War, the old landlord class resorted to open terror against the Black masses. Forming secret organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan, they lynched, raped, beat, burned and terrorized hundreds of Blacks and

poor whites. At Colfax, Grants Parish, Louisiana on the night of April 13, 1873 over 60 Black people were brutally massacred.

□ M L King Assassinated

Dr King was shot and killed on April 4, 1968 while in Memphis, Tennessee to support the garbage workers' strike. Blacks in over 180 cities across the country rebelled in retaliation for the murder. Though himself a pacifist and reformist, King was one of the leaders of the growing movement for democratic rights and against national oppression.

□ Lenin Born

V I Lenin, leader and teacher to the world's working and oppressed people, was born on April 22, 1870. He became head of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and led the Russian October Socialist Revolution which established the world's first socialist country.

□ Vietnam Independence Day

The Vietnamese fought 30 years of people's war, against the Japanese, the French and the US imperialists. But on April 28, 1975 National Liberation Front tanks rolled onto the streets of Saigon, as the last US troops and officials fled. On April 30, 1975, Vietnam was declared an independent country. The people of the world hailed this victory. The Vietnamese, under the leadership of the Vietnam Workers Party reaffirmed Mao Tsetung's teaching that a small country can defeat a large country if it is a just and revolutionary war.

CP(M-L) Builds New Unity Committee

Unity of Opportunists Built on Shifting Sand

In the world today sharp lines of demarcation are being drawn between Marxism-Leninism and opportunism. As we move toward the formation of the genuine vanguard party of the working class in the US, genuine unity is being forged around the **Draft Party Program** which the MLOC recently issued.

In stark opposition to this principled approach to party building, the Communist Party, Marxist-Leninist [CP(M-L)] has once again issued a call for the formation of a Unity Committee, whose purpose is supposed to be to unite all those Marxist-Leninists who have not, up to now, joined the CP(M-L). But, as in its earlier party building efforts, the CP(M-L)'s recent call is not built around a party program.

In 1975, the CP(M-L)'s forerunner, the October League (OL) called on Marxist-Leninists to unite to build the party based on a loose set of principles. They did not at that time see the need for the party to be founded on a party program.

And now over two years later, the CP(M-L) says that this new Unity Committee can be formed around some kind of "unity statement". They have once again forgotten the program, even though they now have one

We must ask, is the CP(M-L) abandoning its program? Do they think it is not their basis for unity? If it is not, then what is their basis of unity?

The CP(M-L)'s aim is to unite all those forces in this country who uphold the revisionist theory of the "three worlds", which will lead to class collaboration with the US bourgeoisie.

They have no need to unite on other questions of principle or on their program, if unity can be reached on this theory, which they claim to be the real guide for the strategy and tactics of world revolution. In addition, they would prefer that their practice in the trade unions not be questioned, or that their chauvinist stand towards the Black and Chicano Nations or their splitting and wrecking of the Gary Tyler work not be raised. The CP(M-L) wants its pure and simple unity around the theory of the "three worlds".

To unite with the CP(M-L) on this basis is to unite with collaboration. They don't oppose the US bourgeoisie — they chastize it for not building B-1 bombers. They praise Tito for calling for an end to the presence of Soviet troops in Africa, but they leave the US bour-

geoisie alone. This is the unity that the CP(M-L) wants to build — this is not the unity that the working class of the United States needs to build.

No, the US proletariat is marching forward to build its genuine party. And, as can be seen from the last issue of UNITE!, there is a genuine call for unity among Marxist-Leninists. This will be built on the basis of genuine unity around the Party Program. This program clearly and concisely lays out the strategy which is based on the revolutionary alliance of the working class and oppressed nations in opposition to the bourgeoisie and its social props.

The difference between this revolutionary strategy and the strategy of the CP(M-L)'s "three worlds" strategy is the difference between Marxism-Leninism and opportunism — the difference between revolution and class collaboration.

Yes, we call on Marxist-Leninists to unite into a single party, but this unity will be forged on the Marxist-Leninist principles as laid out in the program and not on opportunism, such as the theory of the "three worlds" ★

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Build the Party of the Working Class! Study and criticize the Draft Party Program! Struggle for unity based on principle! I want to order _____ copy(ies) of the Program. At 50c each, I enclose _____

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Draft Party Program



A Call for Questions

The **Draft Party Program** sets out the true aims, objectives and demands of the working class in battle against US imperialism. This **Draft Party Program** will provide the basis for a new Marxist-Leninist Party to be formed soon. On May 1st — the International Day of Workers Solidarity we will begin a series of commentaries on this Program. These commentaries will explain important aspects of the Program, and draw demarcation with all other opportunist trends in the US. In order to deepen the understanding of the proletariat and its allies, we will respond to questions and criticisms of the Program.

Do you have questions about the Program you would like answered?

Are there parts of the Program you would like explained in depth?

Are there differences with the Program you would like discussed in the pages of UNITE!?

If so, send your questions and comments. Please forward these by May Day if possible. Questions received after this date will be responded to after the commentaries are completed. Send all mail to MLOC, PO Box 4781, Chicago, Illinois 60680 U.S.A.

Draft Party Program

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ZANU Interview: Smith's Settlement Unacceptable "We Continue to Fight"

As reported in the last issue of UNITE!, Ian Smith's racist settler regime has negotiated an "internal settlement" with three reformist Black leaders - Joseph Chirau, Ndabaningi Sithole and Bishop Muzorewa. This sell out permits the Smith regime to retain political, economic and military control over the Black majority in Zimbabwe.

The proposed settlement has been condemned by the United Nations, and by oppressed nations and people the world over. UNITE! recently interviewed a representative of the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) about this settlement and the current situation in Zimbabwe.

UNITE! - Would you comment on the new proposals that Ian Smith has put forward and reached some agreement on?

Zimbabwe African National Union - The internal settlements or proposals which Ian Smith and his three stooges are working on are unacceptable to us. This is simply an attempt to salvage colonialism, racism and imperialism.

Look at their proposals. There are supposed to be 100 people

in the national assembly and out of the 100, 28 are supposed to be Rhodesian Europeans, elected specifically from the white voters roll. This minority of 28 can veto any law and legislation which may be passed by the majority.

The Smith regime will still have its army maintaining law and order, the colonial racist army. This is why we denounce the proposals as a sell out.

UNITE! - You don't think the settlement changes the situation internally at all?

ZANU - No, because the only people who can call for a cease fire are ZANU and Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) in the Patriotic Front. Ian Smith can sign any documents with those stooges. Those arrangements will only remain on paper. They cannot be implemented, since we are going to continue fighting.

UNITE! - Do you think these developments are a sign of the weakening of US imperialism in Zimbabwe?

ZANU - Yes, that is quite true. The Western countries, led by the U.S.A., are losing the war in

Zimbabwe. We are defeating them. There are nationals from the U.S.A., France, West Germany and Britain fighting, but still we are scoring more victories against them and the imperialists are giving in. But they would like the Black (Rhodesian) Front to have some Black stooges, while they remain in control of the military and economy. That is what the struggle is about.

Now they are resorting to a neo-colonial situation. But it is too late because we have turned Zimbabwe into an operational base. There is fighting all over Zimbabwe right now. Our fighting forces have confronted the Smith regime a mile from Salisbury. A few years ago we were fighting mostly in the countryside but now we are also operating in the cities. This shows how much the situation is explosive, and is to our advantage.

UNITE! - Carter is going to Nigeria and Liberia soon, which is the first time in years that a U.S. President has travelled to Africa. What is the significance of this?

ZANU - Analysts have been saying that the U.S. is now fo-



Co-leaders of the Patriotic Front, Robert Mugabe of ZANU and Joshua Nkomo of ZAPU at the United Nations. The Patriotic Front has denounced Smith's "internal settlement".

cussing on Africa. If those countries want some dialogue or visits with the US government it is up to them. But as far as we are concerned, we still have differences with the US. The US government has been exploiting our people for decades. These differences have to be resolved by the US withdrawing the economic investments to the Smith regime and any support they are giving right now. Until that is done, there is no way we can have dialogue or any business with them.

UNITE! - What would you request from the progressive people of the US at this time in your struggle? What kind of support should be provided?

ZANU - First of all, we want political support. We would like the progressive people to understand why we are fighting.

Second, we would like them to know that what Ian Smith is up to is a neo-colonial solution which is going to perpetuate the exploitation of our people. Progressive forces in this country should continue supporting those who are waging armed struggle. These are the people who are bringing independence.

Apart from that we need material support. Clothing for our refugees, who number in the thousands in Botswana, Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique. We need medicines. We need educational facilities for these people. And of course, funds. We can buy these things in Africa if people send us some funds.

Send all contributions to
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Soviets and Ethiopian Junta Turn Guns on Ethiopian and Eritrean Revolutions

Somalia Turned Back in Ogaden Desert

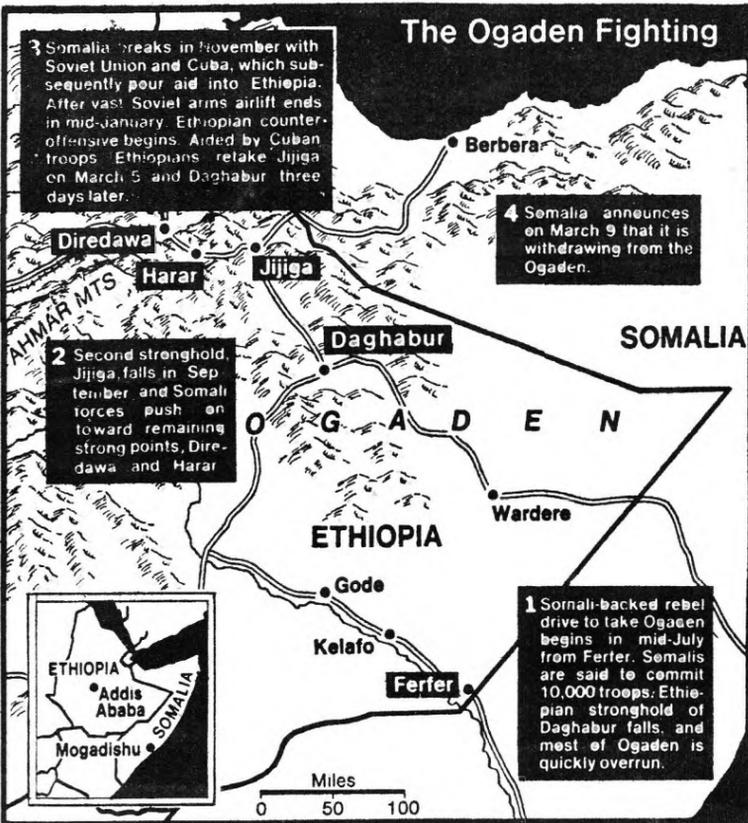
The eight month old reactionary war on the Horn of Africa between the Ethiopian and Somali juntas has ended. Backed by Soviet advisors, 10,000 Cuban mercenaries, and a billion dollars in Soviet armaments, the fascist Mengistu regime routed the Somalis and recaptured most of the Ogaden region. Somalia's President Said Barre announced on March 9, through his new imperialist master, Jimmy Carter, that Somalia would withdraw its troops from the Ogaden.

The effect of this defeat for Somalia is to push it more firmly into the orbit of US imperialism and to increase the contention between the two superpowers for control of the horn.

In conjunction with his announcement of Somalia's withdrawal, Carter announced that military aid for "defensive purposes" would be extended to Somalia. He also repeated his warning to the Soviets not to invade Somalia and argued that they should leave Ethiopia, since the border war was over.

But the Soviet aim in Ethiopia has not been only to defeat the Somali invasion but primarily to stabilize the fascist Mengistu regime. The Ethiopian regime is under siege not only from Somalia and the Western Somali Liberation Front, but also from the proletariat and the other oppressed nationalities internally and the Eritrean struggle for national independence.

The Soviets must control a



stable Ethiopia having access to the strategic Persian Gulf. To do this, the struggle in Eritrea, which provides a northern link between land-locked Ethiopia and the Gulf, must be crushed. The Soviet social imperialists hope thereby to gain control of the major shipping lane for Middle East oil to Europe and Japan, in order to exert political blackmail and dominance over Europe, its most valued prize.

Thus the Soviets are not about to withdraw their Cuban mercenary troops from Ethiopia.

Their mission is to suppress the revolutionary struggles there. They will now turn their guns on the Eritrean and Ethiopian masses, who are waging revolutionary struggles against the Mengistu regime.

With the defeat of Somalia, the Soviet-backed Ethiopian junta can now transfer more of its Cuban mercenaries to the Eritrean front. They already have 2000 troops in the Eritrean capital city of Asmara and two Soviet battleships bombarding the port city of Massawa. Ethiopia's outlet

to the sea through Eritrea is vital to Soviet designs. They will go all out to crush the Eritrean national revolutionary movement.

A new democratic Eritrea standing firmly opposed to both imperialist superpowers would be deadly for the designs of both superpowers. It would inspire the masses of the Middle East and Africa, showing the genuine road to national liberation through self-reliance and the armed struggle of the masses, and not by an alliance with either of the two superpowers. This is why both superpowers want to crush the Eritrean revolution led by the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF).

At the same time we must realize that US imperialism is not resigned to total defeat in Ethiopia. It will mount every effort to drive a wedge between Mengistu and his new Soviet bosses. Failing this the US imperialists will step up their efforts for the pro-US reactionary movements, such as the feudal Ethiopian Democratic Union or the counter-revolutionary Sabbe renegade clique in Eritrea, in order to try to topple the Mengistu regime.

The US can also be expected to drum up support among its lackeys to raise a hue and cry about Soviet intervention in Africa. But genuine revolutionaries must not be fooled by this rhetoric coming from the reactionary governments in Africa and the Middle East. Their only

aim is to replace a pro-Soviet bourgeois regime with a pro-US bourgeois regime. It is the masses of Africa and the Middle East who must oppose imperialist domination of their countries and mount the genuine revolutionary struggles that will bring into being new-democratic and socialist societies that are truly independent of the two superpowers.

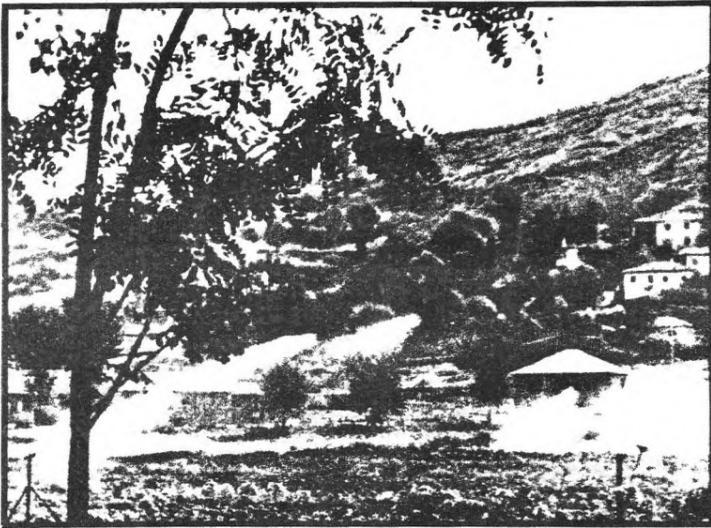
The intervention of the Soviets is a set-back for the struggle of the Ethiopian and Eritrean masses. They now have to fight a fascist Mengistu regime propped up by Soviet arms and Cuban troops. The task of the supporters of national liberation and socialism is to step up exposure of the Soviet and US imperialists' interference in the Ethiopian and Eritrean revolutions and to build active support for the genuine revolutionary struggles of these two heroic peoples.



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Development of Socialist Relations in the Countryside

Life on an Albanian Farm



"Artificial rain" irrigation at the "November 29" farm

What is it like to be a farmer in socialist Albania? Overcoming immense odds, how has a stable advanced agriculture been built in the People's Socialist Republic of Albania?

The vast acres of land which make up the "November 29" farm, named after the day of liberation in 1944, were once a dense swamp breeding disease and poverty for the people of the region. Today after an intense reclamation program the farm is 34,100 acres of fertile farm land. The main crops are wheat, corn, sunflower and cotton. A variety of vegetables are grown, and livestock and poultry are raised. The poultry sector produces more eggs than all the farms of Albania produced in 1950.

"November 29" is the largest farm in the country. Many teams or brigades administer and work different sectors of the farm. Brigades are made up of peasants, scientists and veterinarians. Today there are more agronomists, veterinarians and technicians on this farm than in all of Albania in 1938.

The Pluk section of the farm was once the poorest land. Now, if you were to visit on a warm summer day you would see a dozen tractors turning the golden fields to deep brown as the wheat stubble is furrowed. Steep mounds of wheat would lie on the threshing floor.

The determination of the farm members has produced amazing results. By studying the land, using the most advanced irrigation and fertilization methods, the yield at the Pluk sector has steadily increased 12% more wheat was harvested in 1976 than in 1975.

Here in the U.S., farmers are paid by the government to let their fields lie barren. Congress just passed a bill which will pay farmers over \$2 billion to idle their acres. Under capitalism, technological know-how and productive ability are great, yet there is hunger and poverty. The capitalist economy requires that land go unplanted and crops be destroyed in order to keep prices up and profits high.

At "November 29" every family lives in a well furnished house. On this farm there are 10 schools, 11 kindergartens, 11 maternity homes, 7 clinics, 5 health centers and dental clinics, 56 various shops and several cultural centers. Workers are paid guaranteed wages, and receive pensions comparable to industrial workers. Even the most remote mountain villages in Albania have electricity and telephones. This is a standard unmet by any other country. Even in the U.S. in rural areas in the Southwest, the Black Belt South and Appalachia, people live without electricity or telephones.

Land Reform

In 1944 Albania was the most backward country in Europe. Agriculture was in a primitive state. Fields were dug with wooden, hand held plows. Peasants lived in semi-slave conditions. Agriculture could not support the entire population. There was hunger and suffering under the old feudal bourgeois relations.

Today all agriculture rests on a socialist base. There are two types of socialist ownership, two types of farms. There are cooperative farms, owned collectively by the farmers, and there are

state farms like the "November 29" farm, owned by the whole people.

After liberation in 1944, the Party of Labor of Albania (PLA) knew the old relations in the countryside had to be overthrown. Agriculture had to be developed if socialism was to be built.

The first step the Party took was a program of land reform implementing the principle of "the land belongs to him who tills it." Committees of peasants were set up to redistribute the land. The estates of the large landowners were confiscated and divided among the peasants. All old debts were cancelled. The buying and selling of land was prohibited. At this time the first state owned farms were set up. The Party adopted a policy of political alienation, economic isolation and liquidation of the wealthy farmers as a class.

Collectivization

The initial program of land reform was completed within 14 months. Once the peasants had been freed from semi-slavery, and the development of crops and livestock had begun, the basis existed for developing socialist relations of production in the countryside. The small plot

economy could not sustain the rapid socialist development.

Organized by the Party, voluntary groups of peasants banded together, combined their land, machinery and animals into collective farms. The farms are jointly owned by the farmers and administered by elected committees with Party members in the lead.

Collectivization was carried out gradually but persistently. As the peasants saw the superiority of the collective system, they stepped forward in district after district to form collective farms. Large scale agriculture allowed for better organization and coordination, more rapid development of mechanization and scientific technology. The results were greater productivity, which led to greater social wealth and a better standard of living.

Because it is more productive, the trend towards large scale farming has occurred in capitalist countries too. But these large farms in countries like the U.S. are not in the hands of farm workers or the working class. They are owned and controlled by large corporations and large farmers. The rise of agribusiness has meant the ruin of the small farmers. They have been driven into debt and forced off

the land.

With the complete collectivization of the countryside, the basis now exists to pass on to a higher type of socialist relations. The struggle today is to complete the development of the state owned farms, like the "November 29" farm. 18% of all farms are now of this type.

From the start the PLA undertook the development of the countryside, laying the basis for rapid socialist development in all spheres and narrowing the difference between town and country. The Party did not wait for the productive forces to develop along capitalist lines after the initial land reform. Instead, they began to build cooperatives. It was the collectivization that itself spurred on the development of the productive forces.

By following a correct line and relying on the masses of workers and peasants, agriculture has been transformed into a modern industry in only 34 years. The development of socialism in Albania has not meant the abandonment of the countryside, but its development. There has been no ravaging of the land, but instead it has been protected and developed. In Albania there are no farmers striking and demonstrating in order to save their farms, feed their families and plant their fields. Socialism has brought the continuing improvement of the land and life for the Albanian farmer. ★

CP(M-L) Praises the Revisionist Tito

When Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito visited the U.S. from March 6 to 9, President Carter, along with all sections of the U.S. bourgeoisie, showered Tito with praise for building Yugoslavia as an independent country and as a leader of the non-aligned movement. This meeting shored up an old alliance between the revisionist Tito and the U.S. bourgeoisie, which dates back to Tito's betrayal of Marxism-Leninism during the Second World War.

Since that time Yugoslavia has received varying amounts of military and financial aid from the U.S. Between 1951 and 1961, under the "Agreement Regarding Military Assistance", Yugoslavia received \$2 billion in arms aid from the U.S. Since 1961, Tito has received U.S. aid in more round about ways, including through various NATO countries and U.S. alliances in the Balkan area. This has amounted to

some \$1 million a year. Last month, Carter submitted to Congress a military sales bill allowing for \$25 million in military sales to Yugoslavia over the next two years.

Carter and Tito found themselves agreeing on many issues, including a call for the Soviet Union and Cuba to pull out of the Horn of Africa. Chiming in with this cosy duo came the Communist Party (M-L). In its newspaper, "The Call", the CP(M-L) praised Tito for calling for a withdrawal of Soviet and Cuban forces.

But like Carter and Tito, the CP(M-L) wants the U.S. working class to overlook the fact that the U.S. is also moving aggressively in the Horn. Of course the U.S. is going to demand that the Soviets leave, so the U.S. itself can have more room to maneuver. The CP(M-L) apparently wants to help the U.S. bourgeoisie in this task.

This outright social-chauvinism is completely in line with the revisionist position. The CP(M-L) holds on to the international situation, the theory of the "three worlds." This theory attacks only one of the superpowers, the Soviet Union, and allows the U.S. to go about the world untouched.

Not only does this revisionist theory do the dirty work for U.S. imperialism, it also promotes traitors to the working class, like Tito. In their article on Tito, the CP(M-L) overlooked the fact that Tito has completely betrayed the cause of revolution not only in Yugoslavia but also in the rest of the world. The CP(M-L)

failed to mention the deals the U.S. struck with Tito and instead praised their criticism of Soviet social-imperialism!

Carter issued a statement pledging U.S. backing for Yugoslav national security and the unity of Yugoslavia, which promised "to take firm measures to prevent and prosecute" criminal terrorist activities by anti-Tito groups in this country. Yugoslavia currently faces severe internal struggle among its various nationalities, whose political rights have been suppressed by Tito.

But not a word was said of this by the CP(M-L), even though it is common knowledge that there is severe national oppression in Yugoslavia. This is because it is a capitalist country.

Tito, Carter and the theory of the "three worlds" all work well together—all against the working class and oppressed people of the world.

The theory of the "three worlds" leads to this kind of outright support for U.S. imperialism and reactionaries like Tito. This theory must be smashed. Events prove that both the Soviet Union and the U.S. are the main enemy of the peoples of the world, not just one of the superpowers.

No matter how much the social props like the CP(M-L) try to gloss over the reactionary character of U.S. imperialism and the revisionist Tito, they will be exposed and smashed by the revolutionary struggle. ★

Spanish Workers Hold Congress

The first Congress of the Asociacion Obrera Asambleista (AOA) was convened in January in Vallecas. Attending were 1772 delegates of various nationalities, regions, cities and villages of Spain, from various sectors of production as well as delegations of the revolutionary trade unions of Germany, Canada, Chile, France, Greece, Portugal, Tunisia, Venezuela, Switzerland and Timor. A delegation of the trade unions of Albania was invited but did not take part because the reactionary Madrid regime did not give the delega-

tion entry visas.

The Congress approved the platform of the general demands of the AOA and a number of statements and resolutions on women workers, national minorities, etc. The Congress stressed the determination of the working class to raise its voice in protest against the policy of the wage freeze, layoffs and other manifestations of the general crisis. The Congress also severely condemned the hegemonic policy of the U.S. and Soviet imperialists, capitalism, reaction and reformists and revisionists of all hues.

This Congress of the AOA is a victory for the revolutionary line of the workers' movement in Spain and a victory for the correct Marxist-Leninist line of the Communist Party of Spain (M-L) [PCE(M-L)].

The PCE(M-L) stressed that the intensification of the support for the revolutionary trade union line in the workers' movement is an important and immediate task, because the trade union movement is the political school which educates and raises the consciousness of the broad masses.

Giscard Retains Power in France

Revisionists and Social-Democrats Defeated in Bid for Control of French Parliament

The government forces supporting French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing defeated the so-called "left" alliance of France's Socialist Party (PS) and the revisionist "Communist" Party of France (PCF). The government forces won a 91 seat majority over the left coalition in the second round of parliamentary elections on March 19. The official figures showed that the margin between the government parties and the left coalition was less than 400,000 votes out of more than 26 million cast — 51% to 49%.

There has been much international attention focused on these elections because the alliance of the PS and PCF was supposed to have a good chance of coming to power. But, contrary to the French bourgeoisie's charges during the election campaign, a victory by the left coalition would not have brought communism to power in France. What the French capitalists feared was the reforms that the alliance

called for, which included the nationalization of banks.

Most importantly, the French bourgeoisie, as well as that of the rest of Western Europe and the US, feared that the Soviet social imperialists would gain influence in the government through the PCF.

The PS and PCF made such a strong showing and have been gaining strength because of the failure of the present government to deal with France's economic crisis. The French people, especially the working class, had become dissatisfied with the economic austerity program of Giscard's Prime Minister Raymond Barre.

The left alliance in France however, did not present an alternative to the present rule of the capitalists. It only sought to reform the economy and peacefully set the stage for their revisionist version of "socialism".

Both of these parties are revisionist parties. The PS and PCF are loyal servants of the bour-

geoisie who seek to make class peace with the capitalists and to turn the proletariat away from its goal of overthrowing capitalist rule, establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat, socialism and communism.

The PS is a revisionist party of the social democratic type, of the old Second International which betrayed the revolution during World War I. The PCF is a revisionist party of the modern type which arose with the betrayal of communism in the Soviet Union by the renegade clique led by Khrushchev after Stalin's death. Georges Marchais, leader of the PCF, has renounced the dictatorship of the proletariat, and called for a peaceful road to socialism thus sealing a total betrayal of the French working class.

The genuine Marxist-Leninists in France are struggling to build a genuinely revolutionary party to expose and drive out these traitors to the working class. The French working class must



Valéry Giscard casting his ballot in national election.

be won to genuine communist leadership. As the Party of Labor of Albania has advanced, "In the present conditions, especially, when the question of the proletarian revolution has been put on the agenda and is not just an

aspiration of the working class, it is essential to show the workers that the working class cannot achieve its revolutionary world aim without waging merciless struggle against these renegades."

Revolution
Until
Victory!

Understanding the PLO Raid

It is the Israeli Zionists who have shown complete disregard for civilian lives. They forced the gun battle which killed people on the hijacked bus. They have murdered hundreds in Lebanon, including this child.



The bourgeois media in the US and throughout the world labelled the Palestine Liberation Organization's March 11 raid on Israel as terrorist. They have compared this attack with the kidnapping of former Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro. Because of this many honest people are confused about what is counter-revolutionary terror and what is revolutionary violence.

In the December 1977 issue of UNITE! we pointed out that terrorism was the strategic outlook of anarchists. Anarchists have no faith in the masses as makers of revolution and history and thus believe capitalism will be destroyed by the so-called "revolutionary" activity of small groups. This is the outlook of the frustrated petty bourgeoisie who finds an outlet for its indignation through terrorist acts unconnected with a revolutionary strategy.

Counter-revolutionary terrorism gives the bourgeoisie an

excuse to increase repression and institute fascism. These are the reasons why this type of terrorism must be rejected by the working class and all genuine revolutionaries.

Then what of the PLO raid? The PLO is the united front organization of the Palestinian people. It plays the leading role in the Palestinians' just struggle against the occupation of their homeland by the Israeli Zionists. As the PLO stated about the raid, "We must continue the liberation struggle by different means, including armed struggle, until victory." The strategic outlook of the PLO is to win the masses to its just cause and wage armed struggle until victory.

The PLO made a tactical decision to raid Israel for a two-fold purpose. One was to demand the release of comrades held by the Zionists. The second was to refocus attention on the Palestinian struggle, in the face of attempts by Egyptian Presi-

dent Anwar el-Sadat to reduce the struggle in the Mid East to a border dispute between Egypt and Israel. Due to bad weather the Palestinian commandos were forced to beach at a place other than their target. Pursuing their objective, they hijacked a bus in order to reach their destination.

But it was the Israeli Zionists who forced the gun battle in complete disregard for civilian life. The Israelis and all imperialists gladly sacrifice lives to maintain their exploitive system and to put down just rebellions and revolutions.

Revolutionaries use many tactical ways to carry out struggle, including revolutionary terror. But counter-revolutionary terror by the bourgeoisie and aimless terror by anarchists must be rejected. This is what distinguishes the PLO raid from the Moro kidnapping by the Red Brigade, a group which has no connection with the struggle of the Italian masses. ★

Zionists Grab More Arab Land...

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ists will only pull out of the occupied territory if it will be resettled by their right wing Christian allies in Lebanon. The Arab countries, on the other hand, want to control the PLO so they can dictate the terms of war and peace.

But the PLO raid in Israel, as well as its long history of rebounding from attacks of reactionaries on all sides, proves that the PLO will not be dealt out. The Palestinian question is at the heart of the Mid-East problem and must be resolved

if there is to be a settlement in the region. The PLO, along with its allies among the Arab people, will wage revolutionary struggle until victory.

The working class and its allies throughout the world must condemn Israeli Zionist aggression and slaughter of the Lebanese people and Palestinian refugees. We stand firm in our support of the PLO and the Arab people's just struggles. We must condemn and expose all attempts by the two superpowers and their lackeys to crush and contain this just struggle. ★



On Saturday, March 18, more than 125 demonstrators marched through the Loop denouncing the Zionist invasion of Lebanon. The demonstrators shouted slogans denouncing US imperialist support of Israel and the Sadat sell out of the Arab struggle, and supporting the Palestine Liberation Organization. The demonstrators were greeted with many "right ons" as they passed shoppers on the crowded downtown streets. The demonstration was sponsored by the Arab Organization of Chicago and reflected broad support for the Palestinian people.

"The Just Cause of the Arab Peoples' is Invincible"

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Building Multi-National Unity A Sum Up and Self-Criticism

Deepening The Struggle Against White Chauvinism

In a shop in New Orleans, a white communist is struggling to organize a union. The comrade forged good ties with Black workers, but failed to take up the struggle to build multi-national unity. Isolation and alienation from the white workers developed, until steps were taken to overcome the problem.

In a factory in Atlanta, a white communist failed to struggle against white chauvinism while battling for a better contract. As a result, workers remained divided and a sell out contract was pushed through.

These communists belong to the Marxist Leninist Organizing Committee. They are part of a deviation, the tendency to belittle the struggle against white chauvinism, which was discussed at the historic First Congress of the organization.

"While the fight for the right of self-determination for oppressed nations is a strategic question, the heart of our work to carry this out must be the struggle against white chauvinism, which is the main obstacle to multi-national unity. When we look around in our districts, we do not see the struggle against white chauvinism being placed in the forefront of the struggle for multi-national unity. We see that there is no hesitation to mobilize the Black workers around the Dawson Five question, there is no hesitation to mobilize workers around other oppressed minorities. But

History of Opportunism

The history of the struggle against white chauvinism is marked with deviations such as these. The Communist Party USA in the 1930's and early 40's did some good work to build multi-national unity, which included the trial and expulsion of white chauvinists within the Party itself.

But the revisionists who seized control of the CPUSA under Earl Browder took the wind out of this struggle. They liquidated the Party's work in the South on the grounds that an oppressed Black Nation no longer existed. They stopped building and leading mass organizations such as the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, in which multi-national unity was being built.

When the Party itself was liquidated in the 1940's, a strong force of struggle against white chauvinism was lost. As the example of the CPUSA has taught, liquidating the battle to build genuine multi-national unity in the struggles for socialism and self-determination for oppressed nations is the first step to the complete destruction of the Party as a revolutionary force. This is what the failure to seriously take up this struggle can mean.

Since that time, various organizations which have developed have been riddled with white chauvinism. They have failed to struggle aggressively to build multi-national unity and defeat

struggle within the white proletariat.

The MLOC has also bowed to this error, as the examples show. In the South in particular, there has been great hesitation to confront white chauvinism head on and to expose it as bourgeois ideology, serving only the interests of the capitalist class.

Why Is It Important to Build Multi-National Unity?

Because national chauvinism and white supremacy are pushed by the bourgeoisie, many white workers think Black people are their main enemy. They are told Black workers take away their jobs, cause the crime rate to rise and property values to fall. They are told integration of schools leads to poor education. The Klan, the National States' Rights Party and others publish degrading and grotesque lies about Black people.

After years of this bourgeois propaganda, many are led to believe they have more in common with white capitalists than they do with Black workers. As a large percentage of the white working class comes under this influence, their class struggle against their real enemies — the imperialist bourgeoisie — is stifled and grows weak.

Workers of different nationalities battle each other instead of uniting to defeat their common exploitation by the bourgeoisie. The longer the working class is divided by national chauvinism and white supremacy, the longer it will be exploited and oppressed by the bourgeoisie in every aspect of life.

How can the socialist revolution succeed if only part of the working class and its allies are fighting for emancipation? How can self-determination be won if only Blacks fight for it? This would be impossible. Victory will only come when a united multi-national working class leads the revolutionary struggle.

Why Should the White Working Class Fight for Multi-National Unity?

Where genuine multi-national unity is built, the struggle of the working class advances by great strides. The struggles to unionize steel, coal, and other basic industries were successful only when multi-national unity was built. As far back as Reconstruction, Black and white labor joined together to fight against capitalist exploitation, and found strength in that unity. The political rights to vote, own land, be educated and organize unions were originally won in the South during Reconstruction when Blacks and whites for the first time formed integrated political caucuses in the Republican Party.

All inhabitants of the Black Nation would benefit from winning the right to self-determination. By fighting for self-deter-

mination and socialism, white small farmers are fighting for redistribution of the land, and an end to debt and high taxes.

By struggling for an end to the oppression of the Black

built primarily on the shop floor. White communists must battle the white supremacy and national chauvinism which is expressed daily in the context of immediate struggles for union-



The MLOC pledges to struggle against national chauvinism among white workers as the focus of struggle for multi-national unity of the entire working class.

Nation, white industrial workers are fighting for better working and living conditions, the right to unionize and strike, the right to refuse to support wars of aggression in foreign countries and other rights now denied them.

The Cause of the Error

What has caused the failure of the MLOC to aggressively take up the fight against white chauvinism, and to explain to white workers their interest in building multi-national unity?

Timidity, passivity and liberalism have all played their part in leading to this error. But the main reason this deviation has occurred is the continued existence of white supremacy and national chauvinism within the MLOC.

Any white communist who does not take up the battle against white chauvinism with white workers head on, and fight to build genuine multi-national unity in the shops and mines where they work, is guilty of national chauvinism. In failing to adequately mobilize its cadres in the past to fight for multi-national unity, the MLOC has bowed to national chauvinism.

Overcoming the Error

Recognizing this error, the MLOC has begun the struggle to rectify its practice. In the South, the organization has initiated a campaign against the Klan, to confront fascist white supremacy head on. As this campaign grows, and more workers see the organization truly taking up the battle against white supremacy, the basis for building lasting multi-national unity will grow.

Multi-national unity must be

ization, better working conditions or democratic rights. They must raise the struggle for the right of self-determination of the Black Nation, and fight for support of this among the white proletariat. They must do so by linking the immediate struggles with the struggle for socialism, and pointing out how socialism will never be reached without multi-national unity. They must combat white supremacy in their unions, and fight for Black participation in all union activities and posts. The influence of the labor aristocracy and trade union bureaucrats, who actively spread white supremacy, must be broken.

White communists bear the responsibility of struggling directly with white chauvinism. Multi-national unity will not be built by working only with Black workers. It will not be built by working only with a select few white workers and ignoring the masses of white workers for whom the struggle against white chauvinism is a real problem.

The recent rise in membership and influence of the Klan in white working class communities shows that the battle against white supremacy and national chauvinism has not been strong. As the bourgeoisie moves towards fascism — a rule of terror based on dividing the class through national chauvinism and genocide of Blacks and other oppressed nationalities — the struggle to build multi-national unity must be taken up strongly.

Recognizing its past errors, the MLOC is determined to continue to mobilize and build the struggle for multi-national unity until all white supremacy is finally defeated. ★



By struggling for the democratic rights of Black workers, and for self-determination for the Black Nation, genuine revolutionary unity of the working class and its allies will be forged.

when it comes to going into the ranks of the white working class, and there waging the struggle against white chauvinism, that is where comrades get weak knees. And no doubt, it is because there you deal with the Klan, the Nazis and every other counter-revolutionary force in this society. But that is where the center of our work on the national question must be placed." (Class Against Class, No 10, p 28)

white supremacy in their own organizations. The Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), because it denies the right of the Black Nation to self-determination, has no real basis to build genuine multi-national unity. In the South the Communist Party (M-L) works mainly with Black workers, and fails almost completely to struggle against white chauvinism in the working class. They believe multi-national unity will develop magically, without consistent

Struggle Against Land Theft

Native Indians Take 'Longest Walk'

The National Indian Coalition is supporting a major effort by Native Indians of all tribes to call for the defeat of eleven pieces of legislation now in Congress. This legislation, if passed, would abrogate all treaties, impose regulations on Indian hunting and fishing rights, limit tribal regulatory powers and severely restrict Indian water rights. These acts would also necessitate closing all schools, hospitals, and health clinics now financed by the US under treaty agreements.

The main bill is House Resolution 9054, or the Cunningham Bill. Deceptively titled the "Native American Equal Opportunity Act", the bill rationalizes these attacks by claiming that Native Indians shouldn't have special rights. But Native people experience savage oppression, not privilege. The claim that Indians

have special rights turns everything upside down. The laws represent the capitalists' actual privilege of super exploitation of Native Indians.

The Cunningham Bill, in addition to abrogating all treaties, would take away exemptions from zoning laws and land tax on reservation land. Without water and fishing rights and with severe restrictions on grazing rights, many Indians would lose their sole means of support. Too poor to pay land tax, many will be forced to sell their land. Zoning laws will be used to drive people from their housing because it is substandard, and the cohesiveness of the reservations will be destroyed. Special funds for education and health care will be abolished, which will further drive people off their land.

These are the legal means which enable the capitalists to

steal the land and resources and to further the genocide of the Native Indians. Combined with the extralegal terror of murders, forced sterilization and cultural destruction, this drive is reminiscent of previous seizures of land of Native Indian peoples as well as that of the Black Nation and the Chicano Nation.

This imperialist land grab is led by the energy corporations which seek to control the huge reserves of uranium, coal and natural gas found on many western reservations. The energy corporations are joined by big ranchers, fish canneries and lumber and mining companies, all seeking their share of the plunder of Native Indian lands. They are also aided by reactionary chauvinist forces like the John Birch Society and Minutemen vigilantes.

But the Native Indian peoples

are organized to halt the further exploitation of their land and resources. They have organized a walk for survival, called The Longest Walk. Native Indians of all tribes are marching from Sacramento, California to Washington D.C. to meet with Carter and Congress. They have been assured that Carter will meet with them when they arrive.

The Longest Walk is symbolic of forced walks or marches in the past. The Trail of Tears in the mid 1830's, the Long Walk of the Navajos in 1864 and the Long Walk of the Cheyennes. These were forced removals in which thousands lost their lives as they were herded from their homelands to unfamiliar destinations.

While the Walk can give needed publicity and gain support for the demands of the Indian people and possibly force some conces-

sions from the bourgeoisie, we do not place any hope on the Congress or Carter.

Carter has shown in his handling of the coal strike that he totally supports the energy companies. He will use comprador (traitor) Indian leaders to try and convince the masses of Indian people that these bills will benefit Native peoples, allowing them "self-reliance" and the choice to develop without the paternal hand of the government.

The only thing that will stop the plunder of land and resources will be an alliance of Native peoples with the multi-national US proletariat for the complete destruction of the capitalist system and the establishment of socialism in the US. This alone will ensure the Native peoples control of their land and resources and the assurance of their existence as a people. ★

Murdered 14-Year Old Tyrone Neal

Killer Cop Indicted

Chicago, Illinois — Police Officer Fredrick Everly was indicted by the States Attorney Office on March 23 on charges arising out of the murder of 14 year old Tyrone Neal last October (UNITE! reported on the Neal murder in the November and February issues.)

Officer Everly wantonly shot down the unarmed Neal youth. Eyewitnesses testified that he said he would kill any of the three youths spread eagled against a wall if they could not produce identification. Yet, the States Attorney office only issued an involuntary manslaughter indictment, thus accepting Everly's version that the gun accidentally went off.

This indictment points to only

one of the hundreds of cases against the Chicago police for crimes against citizens. This indictment can only be seen as a public relations gimmick to placate the masses in Chicago who are outraged at the level of need less brutality, harassment, shootings and outright murder by Chicago police. Everly certainly wasn't given an indictment commensurate with his crime.

The very fact that this indictment was issued at all testifies to the effectiveness of the mass protests at the latest rash of killings. In the Everly case, community residents were mobilized and marched on the police station serving notice that Everly had to be tried for murder. However, the campaign was not

sustained enough and did not generate enough pressure on the state to get a full murder indictment against Everly.

The valuable lesson of this campaign is that the masses of people, if organized, can force the state to rein in some of its hired guns.

But the Neal campaign points to the real need for the existence of a revolutionary mass organization which is capable of building and sustaining wide mass support. It must be an organization that will not only take up specific cases of brutality such as the Neal case, but that will take up all of the struggles for democratic rights and self defense against reactionary attacks, whether from the police or the Nazis.



Fire Everly, indict him for murder and jobs for youth were the demands raised by the Woodlawn Committee Against Police Brutality which sponsored this rally in November 1977.

This organization must have genuine communist leadership which understands the link between the people's everyday strug-

gles for better living conditions and the final aim of overthrowing the rotten capitalist system and instituting socialism. ★

Prison Officials Move to Silence Jailhouse Lawyer

Maxine Smith In Solitary Since 1976

Maxine Smith has been imprisoned at Dwight Correctional Institute in Illinois since 1972. She was convicted of shooting her boyfriend after a domestic quarrel.

In prison, Maxine developed legal skills. When a law library was established at Dwight, she became first the law librarian, and later a jailhouse lawyer.

She is the only woman jailhouse lawyer in the state of Illinois. She actively took up grievances of other prisoners and shared her knowledge with them so that they were able to be in a better position to fight for their rights. She became known as one of the best jailhouse lawyers in the state of Illinois.

Throughout the time Maxine has been in prison, she has fought against the wretched conditions at Dwight. The prison officials knew that she had to be silenced

In October of 1976, Maxine was charged with violating an institutional regulation by having a camera and a microphone and was placed in solitary confinement. To this date, prison officials have been unable to produce any statute which shows these items to be contraband.

The officials intend to keep Maxine from continuing on as a jailhouse lawyer. They have told Maxine that she can get out of solitary if she would accept a job in the laundry. Maxine refused this assignment, determined to be able to continue to provide legal assistance to other prisoners. Therefore she remains in solitary confinement indefinitely.

The attack against Maxine Smith is not an isolated incident at Dwight. Officials at Dwight have consistently ignored prisoners' grievances about the lack of adequate medical care, the ab-

sence of vocational and educational programs, poor diet and harsh treatment. They have disbanded an inmate advisory council and terminated law classes.

In the face of these deteriorating conditions the women at Dwight have fought back. In 1975, 25 women filed a joint grievance which was denied. In early 1976, prisoners organized several demonstrations against the poor food and petty rules. In July of that year a demonstration was met with state troopers and tear gas. The demonstrators were placed in solitary confinement and held for ten days without hearings, legal counsel, medical care, showers or exercise.

Maxine Smith protested these actions by the prison officials, which is really one of the reasons she was placed in solitary.

Maxine's resistance to threats,

bribes and coercion has strong support among other prisoners who have refused to replace her in the law library. Maxine Smith stands out as a powerful example to all prisoners, and especially women prisoners who are fighting against the oppression in the jails and prisons of US imperialism.

Like Maxine, hundreds and thousands of prisoners are resisting the extreme oppression they face. And in these hellholes, many prisoners are daily coming to the realization that it is the capitalist system that placed them behind bars in the first place and is now responsible for the wretched conditions inside the prison walls.

Letters of support for Maxine Smith and financial contributions to help cover legal expenses can be sent to



Maxine Smith, jailhouse lawyer, is an example for all who fight against oppression in the jails and prisons of US imperialism.

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Workers' Movement

■ **IRAN** — The reactionary feudal regime of the Shah of Iran ordered troops to march on the city of Tabriz in northeastern Iran in late February to suppress demonstrations that had been raging for several days. These demonstrations had been launched to protest a recent massacre of 100 people by the fascist regime. Fierce fighting occurred between the demonstrators and police. Demonstrators destroyed the city hall and the headquarters of the Shah's Resurgent Party and damaged 78 banks. Even before the Army took over Tabriz more than 125 people were wounded by police gunfire and large numbers of people were arrested.

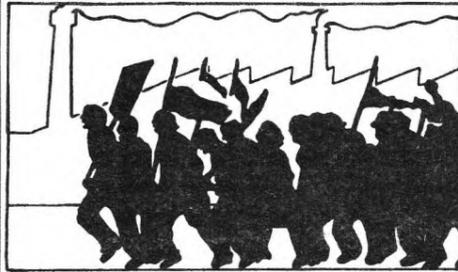
The outburst of demonstrations and strikes all over the country and bloody clashes between the people and the police and army show the growing isolation of the Shah's regime and the determination of the working class and the people to smash it. It is arms supplied to the Iranian feudal regime by U.S. and Western imperialism which is keeping it propped up.

■ **GREECE** — About 250,000 Greek workers in Athens and elsewhere staged a 24-hour strike demanding higher wages and better working conditions. Taking part in the strike were workers in telecommunications, public transport, power sectors and airlines as well as post office and bank employees, medical workers and taxi drivers. This is one of the largest strikes to occur in Greece in recent years.

■ **ITALY** — The student struggle against the oppressive measures of the bourgeoisie is assuming a new impetus in Italy. During February, a large number of students boycotted classes in Bologna and came out into the streets protesting against the decadent educational system and police violence. They also demanded the release of their comrades arrested during last year's protests. In Rome, too, students, workers and anti-fascist youth organized demonstrations, they occupied high schools and demanded democratic freedom and the release of those arrested.

The bourgeoisie organized fascist gangs to disperse the demonstrators and the police made many arrests. The bourgeoisie, through these means, aims to paralyze the student movement and isolate it from the masses. But further demonstrations organized throughout Italy against these fascist attacks testify to the great indignation of the student and working youth against the bourgeoisie which suppresses and exploits them.

■ **GUATEMALA** — A strike of Guatemalan public service workers which began in late February has spread across the country, involving about 75% of the country's 90,000 public workers. Called to protest against the government's refusal to increase wages, the walkout has affected tele-communications, the postal service, schools and hospitals, and many government departments.



■ **BOLIVIA** — Thousands of miners and other workers have gone out on strike and thousands of students are boycotting their classes to protest the fascist repression of the people by the Banzer dictatorship. In the capital city of La Paz, in Cochabamba and throughout the country, workers and students are staging powerful protests to denounce the dictatorship. This is the response of the working class to the wave of arrests being carried out throughout the country by the Bolivian secret police.

Unable to smash the outburst with savage repression, Banzer tried to pacify the people with a fraudulent "amnesty." The workers and students responded to this amnesty by holding mass meetings at which they demanded not only general amnesty but also raised other political demands that hit at the dictatorship's power.

National Liberation

■ **NAMIBIA** — Powerful demonstrations are continuing in Katutura against the occupation forces of the racist South African regime. For the past two weeks, thousands of Namibian people have protested these occupation forces.

The resistance movement in Katutura is closely linked with the armed struggle the Namibian people are waging against South Africa. Led by the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), the armed Namibian guerilla forces are inflicting heavy losses on the occupation army. Already this year more than 100 fascist troops have been killed and many hundreds wounded. Sixteen military vehicles have been destroyed and large amounts of weapons, ammunition and other military goods have been captured.

■ **IRELAND** — Despite increasing terror, the Northern Ireland patriots are strengthening their resistance against the British occupation. The patriots in Belfast and its suburbs blew up a military depot, an officers' barrack and a supply station. They also blew up supply stations in the vicinity of Armah. In Johnsboro Village, the patriots destroyed an enemy patrol and shot down a helicopter.

The British imperialists have intensified their violence and terror. Persecutions in the poor quarters of Belfast, Derry and elsewhere have been intensified as never before, the arrests are assuming a mass character. But the people of Northern Ireland cannot be subdued by violence.

■ **PHILIPPINES** — March 29th marks the 9th anniversary of the founding of the New People's Army (NPA). Under the leadership of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), the NPA is a true people's army, an army that will lead the revolutionary struggle of the proletariat and the Filipino masses.

The NPA began with 60 cadres and 35 guns. Now they operate freely in all nine regions of the country and have started guerilla zones. In areas under their control they have implemented a new economic order. Landed estates have been expropriated and collectivized. Production has begun. Health care, literacy classes and improved school education, as well as the creation of people's militias, have been consolidated in the liberated zones.



■ **ZAMBIA** — The racist Rhodesian regime launched a savage and unprovoked invasion of Zambia in early March. Rhodesian aggressors penetrated Zambian territory with planes, helicopters and other means.

The self-defense forces of Zambia shot down six planes and inflicted other losses and casualties on the invaders.

This attack continues the Smith regime's policy of aggression against neighboring states and genocide against the Zimbabwean people. A Rhodesian communique admitted that aggression in Zambia was directed against the Zimbabwean camps in Zambia and claims that scores of Zimbabweans were slaughtered by Rhodesian troops.

These attacks expose the gesture Smith is carrying out concerning the "peaceful" settlement as a thorough farce aimed at deceiving the people of Zimbabwe.

Socialist Construction

■ **LAOS** — Women of different nationalities in Laos have made important contributions to boosting industrial and agricultural production.

Women in rural areas are taking an active part in agricultural production. The Lao Patriotic Women's Union last year organized over 222,600 women of various nationalities to take part in agricultural production. Women in government, factories and schools throughout the country went to the countryside to help with farm work in response to the call of the Patriotic Women's Unions.



■ **VIETNAM** — Women in Vietnam have been playing a significant role in restoring and developing the economy and assisting in the regrowth of the country.

Women make up over 60% of the labor force available for agricultural work. Last year, working with men peasants, they offset the damage caused by severe cold, drought, and typhoons. The result was that acreage sown for winter spring rice rose by nine percent. In addition, the total output of coarse grain also went up 12.5%.

In the industrial sector, women account for 43% of the workforce. Women and men workers in the factories fulfilled the state quota for production. In accomplishing this, they overcame the problems of insufficient raw materials, and a lack of spare parts. Many women have emerged in the forefront in the labor emulation drive to surpass the state established quotas.

■ **KAMPUCHEA** — Bringing into play the spirit of self-reliance and independence, Kampuchean workers are working hard to support agriculture. The Phnom Penh Farm Tool Machinery Plant is manufacturing pumps, rice-husking machines, threshers, fertilizer crushers and other agricultural machinery. Workers in a Phnom Penh machinery plant have turned out various kinds of rice husking machines by making use of local materials.

By working round-the-clock, workers in ironware shops in Kien Svay and wood-working shops in Kompong Trabek have made a large number of ploughs, harrows, pumps, hoes, sickles and other tools to meet the urgent needs in the busy season.