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Editorial

"A gun to the head of America" "America, the paralyzed Giant" The headlines scream over the 50 hostages held at the US Embassy in Tehran. The drama has dragged on for weeks, each day taking a slightly new twist like a dime novel spy thriller. The hysterical national hatred which passes in the US for patriotism is rising each day.

The building of national hysteria against the Iranian people is as much a part of capitalist maneuvers as the exercises at Fort Benning. While pop music stations blare out the sing song threat that "we will turn Iran into an oil slick", Iranian flags "suitable for burning" are a hot item on our US market, and anti Iranian demonstrators carry signs with a call to "rape all Iranian women". News commentators comment on the great resurgence of patriotism in America this Thanksgiving.

This is a "patriotism" based on national chauvinism, on hatred, a patriotism of national hatred. It is this cancerous patriotism which fuels the Ku Klux Klan. The patriotism that put hundreds of thousands of Japanese in concentration camps during the last World War. The blind, hysterical patriotism that sacrificed thousands of American and Vietnamese lives in a war which was not senseless, but which benefited imperialism.

Just as the American people were "maneuvered" into that war, so too are we being maneuvered in the Iranian crisis. The maneuvers involve more than troop movements. They also involve heating up the war fever of the American people. And who is directing these maneuvers for their own political and economic gains? Khomeini, Carter and the US oil imperialists headed by David Rockefeller. **In the sense that this "crisis" carries a great danger of war, in the sense that the powerful oil monopolies control the capitalist governments of the world, in that sense there are more than 50 hostages in this crisis. In fact all of America and much of the world, whether sitting at home trying to pay fuel bills, or sitting in an embassy with hands tied up, are hostages of the imperialists' maneuvers.**

Khomeini's Political Crisis

Last winter the brave struggle of the Iranian millions against the Shah captured the sympathies and imaginations of America's people. Not only did the struggle against this criminal butcher seem justified to Americans, but his connections to the US imperialists were also uncomfortably clear. Even though for the masses of

people Khomeini was an unpredictable quantity, world condemnation of the Shah prevented US military intervention on his behalf. He was toppled.

But the following months have proved troublesome for Khomeini and his followers whose tactics, if not philosophy, proved similar to the Shah's. Khomeini has earned his reputation as a butcher not as a result of the execution of a few score of the Shah's secret police and military thugs, but for the ruthless and bloody suppression of the Kurdish National Liberation Movement and the suppression of the left in the Iranian workers' movement. The collapse of Khomeini's democratic mask, the Barzagan government, proved a political crisis for him, not only in light of rising resistance to Khomeini among the Iranian people but also among the lay bourgeoisie in Iran. In order to justify the suppression of the Iranian revolution, Khomeini tried to apply the ancient Islamic laws, turning back the clock thousands of years to a time when religious mystics did make up the ruling class. He met strong resistance in this from the Iranian people.

What better way for Khomeini to deal with his crisis than to turn the accusing eyes of the Iranian people away from himself and focus them only on US imperialism, in the struggle to return the Shah.

Carter's Maneuvers

Khomeini is not the only one "playing politics" with the lives of millions. With his sagging popularity, his appearance of weakness of will, and the upcoming contest against Kennedy for the nomination, Carter had his own crisis to solve. Warned months ago by the CIA and the US Ambassador in Iran that admitting the Shah to the US would bring about just this sort of situation, Carter finally figured out how to use it to his advantage. After the Mid East Treaty which was more hot air than substance, the crisis around Soviet troops in Cuba, which was more embarrassing than useful, Carter has maneuvered the US into this crisis to show his "cool statesmanship" in the face of provocation and crisis. In the defense of a murderous dictator, Carter has proved willing to place 50 lives in the Embassy and the well being of the world hostage to his own political ambitions.

The Generals in the Imperialist Maneuvers

The most powerful of all these generals in the political maneuver called the "Iran Crisis" are the oil

monopolies headed up in this case by David Rockefeller head of the Chase Manhattan Bank and the Standard Oil empire, and his messenger boy, Henry Kissinger.

Faced with the support for the Iranian revolution last year and the exposure of their fake oil shortage tactics, the oil monopolies found it much harder to turn angry American eyes away from their price gouging by blaming it on "foreigners". The reported 200% and more increase in oil profits last winter began to educate many Americans to the cruelty of the capitalist system. Now, with oil profits increased another 200%, the oil monopolies are only too happy to fan the anti Iranian flames to cover their outrageous price gouging and the

fact that they, every day, hold the American people hostage, tying our hands in the struggle for a better life.

Rockefeller and Kissinger helped to begin this current political crisis over Iran. They have been a loud chorus since last winter demanding that the Shah be brought to the US. Their relationship with the Shah goes way back. In 1973 when the Shah led the way in raising Mid East oil prices, Rockefeller voiced not a word of complaint as the US banker raised his own prices on domestic oil, accumulated huge profits, and supported the Shah. In return the Shah ordered all purchases of oil from the Iranian National Oil Company to be funneled through Rockefeller's bank.

Today the Shah has funneled his \$25 billion "personal fortune", stolen from the Iranian people, through Rockefeller's bank.

As a group Khomeini, Carter and the oil monopolies are only too willing to hold the American and Iranian people hostage, precipitating a crisis that endangers the lives of millions, to protect their powerful positions, line their pockets, and protect one of their murderous own, the Shah of Iran.

These maneuvers occur within an overall crisis in America. Beginning with the Vietnam War, the fascist coup in Chile arranged by the CIA and ITT, the fall of the Shah, and more recently the fall of Somoza, Americans are realizing that there is nothing to be proud of in America's foreign relations as pursued by the imperialists. Today more Americans than ever view Vietnam as a "senseless" war. Veterans are not treated as proud reminders of the US's efforts overseas to protect democracy, but rather as uncomfortable and running sores left over from the politicians' last "maneuvers". The capitalists have used the just desire of the American people to love their country and twisted this sentiment into supporting jingoism, national chauvinism, national hatred, the abuse of the just Iranian demands both in Iran and in the US.

But that is the patriotism of Khomeini, of Carter, of Rockefeller and Kissinger. Real American patriotism must be based upon the genuinely revolutionary history of the US and the struggle

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Demonstrators demand no intervention in Iran and extradition of the Shah at San Francisco picket line. UNITE! photo

CPUSA/ML Leads Demonstration at San Francisco Federal Building

In Defense of the Iranian People

In an atmosphere of mounting tension, groups of Americans have hit the streets in recent weeks demonstrating their "solutions" to the crisis in Iran. In California last week a right wing group, judging defense of the murderous Shah to be worth plunging the nation into war, demanded that the US government bomb the Iranian people.

At the same time, the chief of police of the Los Angeles Police Department, restless to take on bigger tasks than terrorizing the working and poor people of that city, volunteered the Tac Squad to the effort to free the Embassy hostages through military action.

But not all the demonstrations have taken this right wing character. Last week, ringed by police in full riot gear, the CPUSA/ML and UNITE! Book store organized a demonstration at the Federal Building in San

Francisco. The demonstrators realizing that the working people of the US have no interest in protecting barbaric dictators like the Shah, demanded that he be returned to face the Iranian people he so cruelly oppressed. Leafletting onlookers, the demonstrators found many people who oppose the Shah but feel unable to support Khomeini in the face of his brutal suppression of the revolution in Iran this year. Explaining Khomeini's counter revolutionary role in the anti imperialist struggle, the demonstrators won support from many of the onlookers.

Support was expressed for the demonstration as a correct and healthy alternative to the hysterical, warmongering and hate ridden "patriotism" of those who clamor for the bombing of the Iranian people. The demonstrators also called for the protection of the rights of Iran

ian nationals in the US, opposed military intervention in Iran in particular and imperialist war preparations in general.

It is important that demonstrations such as this take place to counter the national chauvinism and war hysteria promoted by Carter and Khomeini, and built by right wing and fascist groups. We need to demonstrate again the real internationalist patriotism that brought us to support the Iranians' effort last winter to topple the Shah. This is a patriotism which supports the Iranians' attempts to bring the Shah to justice, demands an end to US attempts to stage a counter revolutionary coup in Iran (like the one that installed the Shah in the first place), and supports the Iranians' efforts to continue their revolution, deposing Khomeini and moving onward to democracy and socialism.

National

KKK Murders 5 in N. Carolina

Interview with Lee Rose of the Liberation League

UNITE! 5 anti-Klan demonstrators were recently murdered by Klan members in Greensboro, N.C. What do you think this represents?

Rose The shooting deaths of these 5 people were another step in the escalating Klan activities of the last year. There has been a sharp rise in the number of KKK attacks against national minority people and Blacks in particular. There have been countless cross burnings, armed assaults on civil rights marchers in Tupelo and other areas and a program of Klan terror in Birmingham. The Klan march in Houston that same weekend as the Greensboro murders was the first held there in over 60 years. The bold and self-assured manner of this attack must be seen as a new escalation of this reactionary activity, but also very much a part of the Klan's recent activity and its long history of terror.

UNITE! So you don't think that this represents a major change in the direction of Klan activity?

Rose No. The basic outlook of the Klan hasn't changed since its formation in the 1800's. This is an organization which bases itself on white supremacy and thrives on racial hatred. One of its main aims, then as now, is the complete oppression of Blacks and other national minorities. They aim for wide divisions or complete separation between workers of different nationalities.

Even though their tactics change according to the conditions, the Klan's basic outlook is constant. In the 1920's some candidates were elected to office because of their open support for the Klan or for being Klan members. Today, Klan members are again trying the tactics of openly running for public office. Some branches of the Klan are taking on a glossier image, such as the promotion of the pleasant looking college graduate David Duke. But still the KKK maintains its same reactionary outlook. It still utilizes counter-revolutionary terror and violence to achieve its aims. So while some aspects of its style may be changing, its aims and methods have not.

UNITE! Why do you think that the Klan is once again on the rise?

Rose Capitalism is going through a tremendous crisis. This is no secret. The effects of this crisis can be seen and felt by everyone. There is constant and rapid change taking place in all of our lives. Huge businesses in steel and auto are cutting back, running away, or just plain failing like Chrysler. There is unemployment and layoffs. The cost of living is skyrocketing. There is very little semblance of stability in the lives of the working class. Nor is there much faith among the American people that the ruling class fronted by the Carter government will do anything to solve the people's problems, but instead many people believe that it will only make them worse.

This is why often white workers are drawn to the Klan. The Klan seems to address many of the fears the white working people have around job security, schools, drug abuse and it addresses their hatred of the government. But the Klan's message and solution for white people's problems remain the same as always: "Blacks and other national minorities are the cause of America's problems" and segregation and subjugation of these peoples is the solution - so says the Klan. But the price of gas and other necessities of life are not caused by any nationality. These problems have to do with who owns and controls this country and that is a class, not a nationality. The resurgence and growth of the Klan and other reactionary groups is a direct result of the crisis of imperialism. These fascist groups would have us at each other's throats, so we can't stand united to fight our real enemy.

UNITE! What do you think about the way the Worker's Viewpoint Organization launched the struggle against the Klan in North Carolina?

Rose Foolish, very foolish. While it is true that the masses of people will be the ones to strike the death blow against the Klan and its supporters, one doesn't march into a pit of cobras unprepared. The Klan is a para-military organization and they should be regarded as such. There is no telling when they will resort to a particular form of terror. They should never be underestimated.

UNITE! The WVO states the Klan is "too cowardly" and "not good enough marksmen" to have carried out these murders. What do you think of this view?

Rose From the Klan's inception, reactionary terror has been a part of this organization's makeup. Historically, the most common methods used to carry out their aims are the lynch rope and the gun. To say that the Klan could not have carried out these murders because of "poor marksmanship" denies the fact of Klan recruitment from military bases and from police forces around the country. Training in weaponry is a part of the basic education of Klan members, young and old,

men and women. This statement from the WVO only diffuses the struggle against the Klan and leaves people unprepared to wage the struggle against the Klan. It is simply a further reflection of their underestimation of the role and aims of this fascist organization.

The fight against the Klan must be built seriously and not diffused or sidetracked. Efforts to forge the bonds of trust between all nationalities of working people must be stepped up so as to weaken the ability of the fascist organizations to build their base of support. This means to struggle for the hearts and minds of white working people to defeat the lies and slanders of white supremacy and it means to actively join the

nationalities in common cause against a common oppressor, the capitalist class. The Liberation League is working to build the struggle against the Klan and all fascist organizations and to build multi-national unity.

We think the murders of the five people in Greensboro must serve, not as a warning to back off from the struggle against the Klan, but as further evidence of the necessity to take up this struggle in a more serious and well-organized manner. The threat of the Klan is growing to greater proportions. The determination of the people to fight against fascism must rise to meet this danger.

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Charles Briscoe Committee for Justice Says

'NO!' to Police Terror

Oakland, California - "I got stopped at 2 a.m. for running a red light on a righthand turn. All of a sudden, nine cops were on me! Said I resembled a male burglary suspect! If you move your hand the wrong way, you're dead. If you move sideways, you are resisting arrest." Mary Hamlin, co-chair of the Charles Briscoe Committee for Justice, reported this experience while speaking at a rally at the Oakland Police Administration Building called by the CBCJ on November 10th.

Singing chants of "Yesterday Briscoe, tomorrow who?", "What do we say to police brutality, No Way!", and "Gente Si, Policia No" (the people yes, police no), loud and angry workers from NARF (Naval Air Rework Facilities) and other places in the Bay Area marched through the downtown area to City Hall and then to the police station. They were protesting the police murder of brother Charles Briscoe, a rank and file union activist.

Briscoe, like so many other Black and other national minority people before him, was shot and killed in the dead of night by a white supremacist Oakland cop. There were no witnesses to the shooting, no one but Briscoe, which explains the monstrous overkill used by officer Robert Fredericks. Briscoe was shot six times with Fredericks' .357 magnum after the murderous "peace officer" unloaded four rounds of buckshot into his legs at close range. Fredericks, who has been involved in five other killings,

is a pro "He was making sure."

Many people spoke at the rally. A worker from Ford in San Jose told of a Chicano cannery worker killed by the police that same weekend. This worker also spoke about a frustrating and fruitless struggle for justice with a police review board in San Jose. The boards are used to channel the militant struggle of the masses into the capitalist legal system. A member of the Machinists for a Democratic Union told of the history of racism within the International Association of Machinists, Briscoe's union, and pledged his continued support for the struggle. A white woman urged people to join the struggle "if not for yourselves, for your children."

Patti Hirota, secretary of the CBCJ and member of the CPUSA/ML, stated, "We are tired of these police killings, tired of going to City Council meetings and getting no answers. We have got to get organized and rely on the people." She spoke of the long history of fascist attacks in the U.S. directed towards national minorities and of the rise of police and fascist terror around the country. She said that police terror would continue as long as the capitalist system, the rule of the rich over the poor, existed. "What's happening here is the same as what

is happening in Birmingham, Chicago, Los Angeles, with police terror and raids by Immigration officials, and in North Carolina with the KKK shootings."

The CBCJ sponsored march and rally demanded:

- 1) Fredericks must be tried for murder,
- 2) the police reports must be released, and
- 3) police terror in the communities must be stopped.

These demands and the militant tactics of the CBCJ have taken up are in marked contrast to the whitewash tactics being advocated now in Oakland by various reformist forces. All the reformist proposals have two things in common: first, they are aimed at restoring the credibility of the police, and second, none of them come close to advancing demands which would stop the rapidly escalating police attacks.

All along the march route and at the rallying point, local police "covered" the march. "We get a police escort, even though we didn't request one", one marcher commented. In contrast, the major media of the Bay Area paid no attention, as there were no "big names" involved.

The CBCJ intends to keep up its organizing, rallying to the cry, "This is only the beginning of our fight!"



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Every Factory Our Fortress

Steel Negotiations: Winning the Rights to Ratify and to Strike

In two months the nine largest steel companies in the US and the United Steelworkers of America will sit down to bargain the Basic Labor Agreement for 450,000 steelworkers. The union has begun its endless series of committee and conference meetings comfortably removed from the influence of the rank and file. The companies have begun their campaign of threatened plant closings and layoffs. And steelworkers have begun to feel the effects of inflation eating away at their wages and the economic crisis raising to over 20% the number of steelworkers laid off.

While steelworkers remain the highest paid industrial workers in the US, their actual standard of living has been sharply eroded over the last several years by rising inflation and taxes. The small wage increases which the union has gained in the last several contracts (80c an hour over three years in the 1977 contract) have in no way kept up with the rising cost of living. Today, steelworkers along with the rest of the working class, are in a battle to defend their living standard. In order to fight this battle effectively steelworkers are fighting to win two basic weapons which will strengthen their fighting ability: the right to ratify and the right to strike. Without these weapons steelworkers have their hands tied in the face of the union's sellout approach to the contract and the companies' threats.

The Threat of Plant Closings The Companies' Big Weapon

For years now the steel companies have been the cry babies of the capitalist economic community. They contend that they don't make large enough profits to undertake the modernization which will keep the US steel industry competitive. Blackmailing the government with threats of massive layoffs and increased

dependence on foreign imports, the steel companies have received hundreds of millions of tax dollars in loans and loan guarantees plus tariffs on imported steel and depreciation allowances which allow them to pay no taxes. All this, while the two largest steel makers, US Steel and Bethlehem, have raked in over 200 million dollars in profit for the first nine months of this year alone.

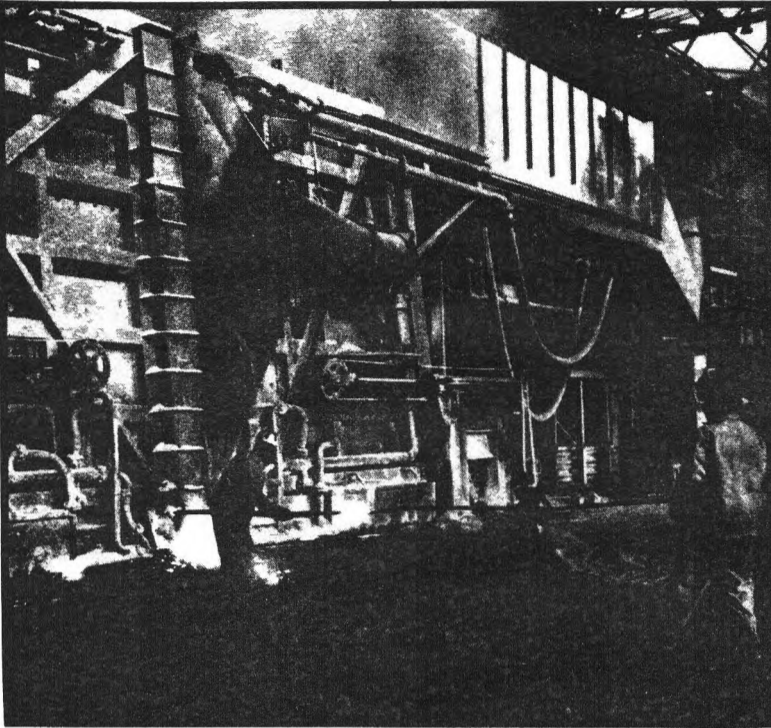
With noticeable "progress" in their relations with the government and a major recession setting in these million dollar cry babies now turn their attack on the steelworkers. US Steel has shut down major facilities in the Midwest and South, resulting in the permanent loss of over 3000 jobs. In November, US Steel told employees at the three American Bridge plants still covered by the Basic Steel Labor Agreement that they must accept a wage freeze, a 25c per year cap on the cost of living and drop out of the Basic Labor Agreement or the three plants would be shut down.

US Steel is leading the attack, but there is not unity among the steel giants over how to proceed. The controversy centers around whether or not to continue the Experimental Negotiating Agreement (ENA) after this contract. In return for the union's agreement not to strike over national contract issues in 1974, '77 and '80, the ENA requires the companies to continue SUB pay, COLA and health benefits at the current levels and to give a minimum of a 3% wage increase each contract. US Steel, which is in the process of streamlining its steel operation and closing major facilities, feels that it can win major concessions from the union and weather any strike effort that the union could organize. (There has not been a national steel strike since 1959.) Other steel companies, without the diversity and size of US Steel, want to keep the ENA.

Lloyd McBride Organizing the Compromise

Lloyd McBride, International President of the USWA has one major objective in this contract fight to maintain control of his powerful union machine. The

If the rank and file have the right to vote, and vote down a contract, the no strike ENA is put in jeopardy. McBride hopes to head off this reform movement at the December 6 Basic Industry Conference.



US Steel has threatened workers at Fairfield Works and other plants with closing because of 'low productivity'.

basic steel sector is the weak link in his maintaining labor peace. It is the key to McBride's efforts. He wants to keep the ENA and is willing to compromise on everything else. McBride personally encouraged American Bridge workers to accept the company's wage cut proposal. In the contract bargaining, McBride is focusing on increased pensions and layoff benefits for older workers, furthering the split he opened in the last contract between older and younger steelworkers.

At the same time as tough talking US Steel is pushing for an end to the ENA, within the ranks of the USWA there is a major movement to gain the right to ratify contracts by the rank and file (currently the conference of local union presidents votes the contract up or down).

Reformists - Running from The Right to Strike!

Since Ed Sadlowski lost the USWA presidential election in 1977 the reformist movement in the union has been trying to rebuild. This year's local union elections produced some gains for the reformists, especially in the Pittsburgh area. Today the reformists are focusing on the issue of the right to ratify. Raising flowery slogans about democracy, the goal of the reformists is to win the right to ratify, challenge McBride's leadership through a "no" vote on the contract, build up their chances of defeating him in the 1981 presidential election, and seize control of the union for themselves.

The one thing these reformists are not willing to do is to lead steelworkers in a real battle with

the companies. This battle is brewing. In their leaflets for their "Right to Ratify" rally, these reformists go out of their way to disassociate themselves from the fight for the right to strike. Rather than take up the challenge of giving leadership to the fight to defend the living standard of steelworkers, these reformists have set their goal as insuring that when steelworkers get the shaft in this next contract, they get it "democratically."

Steelworkers and the Storm On the Horizon

Steelworkers are practical people. They know that when you are under attack you need to be prepared to fight back and they also know the USWA long ago gave up fighting back. But the workers have not given up; the American Bridge workers voted by a better than 2 to 1 margin to refuse the wage freeze offer from US Steel and they demanded to remain in the Basic Labor Agreement.

In addition steelworkers around the country support the demand for the right to ratify and the right to strike with the clear understanding that these demands must be fought for as a package to strike over a contract without the ability to choose its final terms through voting doesn't make much sense, the right to vote on a contract without the ability to use the strike weapon makes less.

This past year has seen an increase in the protests and picket lines by steelworkers over working conditions. The "comfortable compromise" offered by McBride is long ago exposed and increasingly less comfortable. The "militant" compromises of the reformists are viewed with increasing skepticism. The need for a genuine revolutionary trade union movement among steelworkers has been there for a long time and now, in the face of the new attacks by the steel companies, the steelworkers movement is building. ■

Strike at World Airways

From a Worker Correspondent

Oakland, Ca - World Airways workers have been on strike for almost four months. The main issues are wages and working conditions. World Airways is important to the capitalists because it does a lot of the Department of Defense flights, shipping military equipment to countries like Jordan and Uganda. World did the "Baby lifts", kidnapping children from Vietnam. When workers went out on strike, they found they were talking not only to World but also the US government.

When the strike began, the owner of the airlines, Ed Daly, made it clear he would not give in to the demands. Before the strike he would terrorize the workers by coming into the shops drunk with a loaded .38, demanding more work and less complaining. Several workers were

fired for no reason.

The courts have helped Daly out a lot. Almost immediately injunctions came down restricting the picket lines, prohibiting the stoppage of military flights (MAC Flights). Workers were told they would be arrested if they refused to comply, but at the same time, the number one scab was the US Air Force mechanics.

Our union, the Teamsters, came to the company's rescue with flying colors. There was absolutely no resistance on their part to the injunctions. In fact when ever things would get heavy on the picket line, their first move would be to pull everyone off. This stand seriously divided workers and softened the blow of the strike against World. Of course the main interest of the Teamsters union is to protect the interest of US monopoly capitalism.

This strike is an important

lesson in the vicious triangle that props up the capitalist system - the capitalists, the union apparatus and the state. An organized and relentless struggle against all three is necessary to win both the demands of the strike and to overthrow the capitalist system.

In the case of World Airways, the role of the company and the government was clear, but the workers did not fully see the

"To my fellow strikers"

Daly is gracious enough to tell us we have "the right to make a choice between the morality of management and the lack of morality of the Teamsters." This from a man who is more concerned that his executives have color coordinated offices than he is about the health and safety of the workers! He'd rather invest the profits he gets from our labor in luxury hotels in Jordan than replace dilapidated, hazardous work stands and equipment. He'd rather

role the union played in setting back the strike. Now as the notorious mail ballots are sent out for almost certain passage and almost certain defeat for the workers, this role will become clearer.

This strike is an example of the urgent need for the Trade Union Action League which would give the kind of leadership and organization that would mean success for the workers. ■

use these profits from our sweat and blood to buy luxury ships, new firearms for the guards and surveillance cameras than construct even a partition in the hangar so we won't have to breathe dangerous fumes.

Daly, who feigns such great generosity for the children of the employees by giving away free Xmas toys but does not care that these same children hardly know their parents because wages

are so low they are forced to work overtime just to stay ahead of the bills! Daly, the pious, who mails his employees religious pamphlets every month but shows what he really worships by making Christmas and Easter mandatory work days! Daly, the great humanitarian, isn't above doing business with Idi Amin, the butcher!

Well, I for one choose the morality of my co workers in Local 2707 to the profiteering, hypocritical 'morality' of the management of World Airways! Our strike is going into the 4th month. All of us at World have sacrificed too much to settle for a second rate contract now! Let's organize to strengthen our position for the upcoming negotiations. We need more mass action from all union members and their families. Those scabs crossing our picket lines need to see just how many there are of us out here on the streets struggling for decent wages and working conditions. ■



Communist Party of Spain/ML Holds Third Congress



On November 11, 1979, the Communist Party of Spain/ Marxist Leninist, successfully concluded its Third Party Congress. Many Marxist Leninist parties and organizations attended the International Rally which was the closing session of the Congress. Included was the first delegation of the Central Committee of the Party of Labor of Albania ever to receive a visa for entry into Spain. Delegations came from Brazil, Angola, Dahomey, Upper Volta, Turkey, Iran, Canada and several Parties from Europe to attend this Rally. Other Parties sent messages of support and solidarity. Comrade Barry Weisberg of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the CPUSA/ML represented our Party.

This extraordinary meeting in Madrid marked the conclusion of the completely clandestine Third Congress, attended by hundreds of delegates from all corners of

Spain

The International Rally of the PCE/ML marked not only an important event in the growing unity of the Marxist Leninist Parties of the world but also an historic moment in the life of the Spanish proletariat. For 15 years of its life, the PCE/ML operated in a largely secret way under the conditions of Franco fascism. With the death of Franco a new political situation arose in which the Spanish Party moved boldly to take full advantage of the struggle to secure for the Party a formal legal status and utilize the broad opportunities for more open struggle. The Third Congress marked the first time that a Congress of the PCE/ML was held inside of Spain. The tremendous joy and enthusiasm displayed by the masses for this historic development was evident everywhere, despite the attempts by the Spanish state to disrupt the Rally by withholding a permit

for the Rally until the day before it was to be held.

For the proletariat of the US and Spain, the attendance of the CPUSA/ML at this Rally marked an important rekindling of the warm, fraternal bonds which were created decades ago. The extremely warm reception given to the delegation from the CPUSA/ML was an indication of the great importance the proletariat of the world attaches to the existence of a Marxist Leninist party struggling for the dictatorship of the proletariat and socialism in the US. As stated on many occasions during our visit, the struggle of our Party represents a knife poised directly at the heart of world imperialism. One day, it will surely do its lethal damage.

In this article, UNITE! excerpts the CPUSA/ML's speech to the International Rally. In a future article, we will report on the results of the Third Congress of the PCE/ML and related matters.

Dear Comrades of the CC of the Communist Party of Spain/ML
Dear Comrades of the Party of Labor of Albania
Dear Comrades of the Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations
Brothers and Sisters of Spain,

The victorious completion of the Third Congress of the PCE/ML and this International Meeting, attended by Marxist Leninist Parties and Organizations from many parts of the world, marks an important victory for Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism against world imperialism and opportunism of all sorts.

The Third Congress of the PCE/ML, the first held in Spain since the death of the fascist Franco, carries forward the brilliant revolutionary traditions of the Republic, of the anti-fascist revolutionary war, of the many martyrs who gave their lives in combat against Franco fascism. US imperialism and modern revisionism for decades, and holds aloft the mighty banner of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. By its achievement of unity and strict adherence to the interests of the international proletariat, the Third Congress of the PCE/ML will serve for the all-round preparation of the Party and the masses for the rapidly developing motion of the class struggle, looking actively toward the emergence of the revolutionary crisis that is bound to engulf Spain one day. In its bold defense and application of Marxism-Leninism to the class struggle in Spain, the PCE/ML strikes powerful blows against Khrushchevite revisionism, Eurocommunism, the traitor Carrillo, Mao Tsetung Thought and all other opportunists and reformists who seek to mislead the Spanish masses.

On behalf of the Central Committee of the CPUSA/ML, I extend our hearty congratulations and warmest best wishes to the

PCE/ML, and to the working and oppressed people of Spain, for whom the PCE/ML is all important as their inspiration and guide to future victories.

Today, for the first time in nearly forty years, a representative of the US proletariat and representatives of the proletariat of Spain stand embracing each other on Spanish soil, once again united by the bonds of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. This is an historic moment for the working and oppressed people of our two countries. It is a most happy occasion for the international proletariat and for our two fraternal parties.

Just 40 years ago some 3500 working men and women from the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, citizens of the US, Canada and other countries, joined with the International Brigades from all over the world to fight the anti-fascist war in Spain. From those days the blood of the US working class and the Spanish working class flows together in the rivers and streams of Spain. It has sown a bond which neither four decades of Franco fascism, modern revisionism in the US, nor the efforts of US imperialism, could permanently break.

Today we stand actively together in combat against world imperialism and reaction, revisionism and opportunism. We stand together in combat against US imperialism which has for decades lent its support and assistance to fascism and reaction in Spain. We stand together against the layoffs of Ford or Chrysler, whether in Valencia or Chicago. We stand together against the destruction of the Spanish shipbuilding industry by US imperialism. We stand together against NATO and stationing US soldiers in Spain. Our two parties and every Marxist Leninist party of the world will fight until we pull down the old exploiting order and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat, socialism and com-

munist

In the United States, the working people in the factories, mines, mills, farms and offices face a growing economic, political, ideological and all-round crisis of US imperialism. There is a growing spontaneous movement, a beginning of a movement from an ebb to a flow. The revolutionary trade union movement and the revolutionary national movements stand at the forefront of this growing struggle. Already there is a grow-

ing break with reformist leaders. It is the mission of our Party to educate, organize, mobilize and lead the masses so that this can be turned into a break with not only the reformist leaders, but reformism itself. That is why for the year ahead, our Party calls for **No! in November 1980!** There is no fundamental difference of interests or tactics between Carter or Kennedy, Reagan or Connally. It is not for the proletariat to choose between reformists, but to break with reformism.

For nearly four decades there was no Marxist Leninist Party in the US. But on December 23, 1978, the CPUSA/ML was forged. We wage the class struggle with no illusions about the power and force of US monopoly capitalism, which has stood at the center of world imperialism for 60 years. But we fight with complete con-

fidence in the proletariat as the gravedigger of capitalism and imperialism. We are certain that one day a revolutionary crisis will develop in the US. We are preparing for that day. Revolution will surely triumph in the US, and worldwide. The working people of the US will rise up and smash the power of capital, destroy the old existing order and usher in the dictatorship of the proletariat in America!

Again, to the PCE/ML and our brothers and sisters of Spain, in this Year of Stalin, in this year of the victorious Third Congress of the PCE/ML.

Hold Aloft the Mighty Banner of Marx, Engels, Lenin & Stalin! Bring Forward the Struggle for Political Power by the Proletariat!

Long Live the Revolutionary Unity Between the PCE/ML & the CPUSA/ML!

Revolution Will Surely Triumph!

Iran...

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for socialism, a break with all national chauvinism, and the establishment of genuine proletarian internationalist ties with the working and oppressed people of the world.

Resolving the Crisis

The crisis must be resolved. While the "generals" sit in their plush offices directing the "maneuvers" the Iranian and US masses are more and more pushed into activity, and the danger of war grows. The crisis can be resolved.

First, the return of the Shah to face the people of Iran. The people of the US must not be made the defenders of such murderous dictators as the Shah, and more recently Somoza, no matter how powerful their friends are among the US imperialists. The process of international extradition of such criminals is clear and well-oiled, as in the case of Nazi war criminals. The demands of the Iranian people are just.

Second, the return of money stolen by the Shah from the Iranian people. This is national, not personal wealth, and it belongs to the people of Iran, no matter how much it hurts the "accounts received" of imperial-

ist David Rockefeller to give it up.

Third, expel all Embassy employees from Iran. While there are indeed "innocent" clerk typists and Marines at the Embassy, the claim that Embassy diplomats are engaged in spying is not far fetched or mere rhetoric on the part of the Iranians. Embassies of the imperialist powers from France to the Soviet Union to the US all over the world are used as the offices of foreign intelligence. The history of CIA operations out of US Embassies, operations against the popular anti-imperialist movements, a pattern of right-wing coup d'etats from Southeast Asia to Africa to South America, can be traced by following the careers of certain American "diplomats." Likewise, the fears of the Iranian people of another coup arranged by the CIA, just like the coup that placed the Shah on the throne in 1953, are not far fetched.

Fourth, protect the democratic rights of foreign students and workers in the US, Iranians in particular. Stop reprisals and deportations against the Iranian students in the US and cease the campaign of national chauvinism being whipped up in the press.

Fifth, oppose military intervention by the US imperialists in the Middle East and oppose their war preparations, both the process of arming themselves and the world and in the form of whip-

ping up pro-war propaganda.

While these steps will resolve the current crisis, they will not keep more of these crises from occurring. The imperialists need them and will continue these maneuvers. Therefore it is important to also carry out the revolutionary tasks which constitute the real resolution of the problems, are the only guarantees of world peace and will give the peoples of the world something to be proud of. It is the anti-imperialist responsibility of all Iranians inside and outside of Iran, to depose the Khomeini regime, punish him for his crimes against the Iranian people, and move on to establish democracy and socialism in Iran.

As well we call on the people of the US to put an end to US imperialism, both by supporting the genuine anti-imperialist struggles like those of the Iranians and Nicaraguans, and by deposing our own imperialist regime here at home, the Rockefellers, Kissingers, Carters, through proletarian revolution. But to do this we must refuse to be maneuvered—because we will never end imperialism and establish democracy and socialism in our country until we reject all forms of national chauvinism, of national hatred, of hysterical and narrow patriotism preached by the imperialists and their mouthpieces. We cannot be held hostage by the imperialist plans of our own ruling class. ■