

CAP Line Begins To Form:

BLACK LIBERATION IS A STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALISM!

Black Women's United Front Jan 25 - Detroit



Hundreds of black women will come to Detroit to join the work of putting together a Black Women's United Front to intensify the struggle against the triple oppression (class, race, & sex) black women suffer.

In July 1974 over seven hundred women - workers, housewives, students, organizations - from over 28 states, attended the International Afrikan Womens' Conference in Newark, New Jersey. Perhaps the most significant thing that came out of this conference, sponsored by the Congress of Afrikan People, was the call for the creation of a Black Womens United Front to deal with the problems of the struggle on an on-going consistent basis.

At the time of economic crisis, political repression and attempts to take away peoples democratic rights it is necessary for all Black women to work together - women workers, women's organizations, women students, women on welfare, women in prison, all oppressed women - to broaden the struggle against the injustices of this system. To struggle against monopoly capitalism - the control of resources and means of

production by a few wealthy, powerful people who force the masses to work, but who refuse to distribute what is produced to meet everyone's needs. To struggle against racism - the imperialist justification of capitalist exploitation by racial dehumanization and oppression of people of color - in order to divide and weaken the working masses and keep us from unifying to take power. To struggle against imperialism - the oppression of entire governments and nations of people in the worldwide search for profit by a few elite in america.

Black women have always been one principle group of oppressed people fighting to abolish all forms of oppression and exploitation; and it is only fitting that Black women would join together now in a united front to raise issues, agitate and intensify the struggle - for employment and against inflation, high prices and lay-offs; for shorter work day; for decent low cost public housing; for free medical care; for child care for working mothers and family planning instead of genocide; to Stop Killer Cops and to prevent the move to take away the peoples' democratic rights.

Multi-National corps Control The Country

Recent studies of capitalism have reaffirmed the analysis that Lenin made in 1916 called **Imperialism: the highest stage of capitalism**. The major trend in the world of capitalist exploitation is the domination of global companies or multinational corporations over world affairs. In a recent summary report, Professor Ronald Muller, an economist from American University in Washington, C.C., exposed multinational corporations as, "conglomerate border hoppers with an enormous appetite for gobbling up smaller firms, a global profit maximizer

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Raise!!!

North-End Family Center, 150 Belmont Avenue, Detroit, Michigan!

The call for a Black Women's United Front is an essential step toward intensifying the struggle of Black people and oppressed people throughout the world, as well as a necessary instrument to aid in the heightening of our political consciousness as women preparing to struggle against the enemies of all oppressed people.

We look forward to a truly productive meeting.

VICTORY TO ALL THOSE WHO STRUGGLE!

The Congress of Afrikan People has called together a Task Force of seven organizations - All Afrikan People's Revolutionary Party, National Welfare Rights Organization, Black Workers Congress, Pan Afrikan Students of America, Youth Organization of Black Unity, Ethiopian Students. This Task Force is working to pull together a meeting to lay the foundation of the united front. We are calling on all Black women to come discuss and determine the character of the Black Womens United Front - our basis for unity; and the structure of the United Front - how it will be organized.

This important and historic meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25, 1975 from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM at the

Worker's Solidarity Day

Fire The Capitalists Let The Workers Take Over!



On February 22, in cities across the country the CAP will mobilize unemployed and employed workers, students, activists, welfare and food stamp recipients, unionists and consumers to protest against the hardships caused the masses of people by the system called Monopoly Capitalism.

The most profound question of any age is by what method does humanity produce food, clothing, and shelter. In the U.S. in the 20th century that method is called Capitalism. It is the economic system of private profit, wherein .6 of 1% of the U.S. population controls almost 90% of the wealth. These people, called the ruling class, own the land, water, mines, factories, corporations, machinery and the rest of us own nothing but our ability to work, our labor power, which we must sell to the capitalist to stay alive.

And, now, in this period of growing depression and layoffs the capitalist will not even allow us to sell our labor power, they will not even allow us to work, in order to provide the food, clothing and shelter we need to keep our families together.

The Labor Department in a recent release stated "155,900 more persons have joined the ranks of the jobless... the jobless rate has doubled since lash year effecting more than 3 million people and the figures are climbing everyday!"

In New Jersey over 330,000 people are out of work, mainly in the areas of "construction, trade, chemicals and apparel industries". Ford plants during January, February and March, which

will put out of work more than 7,000 workers (these figures don't include parts plants which will be affected by this action!).

What is to be done is the burning question at this point. The answer is mass struggle, launched to attack the rich robber barons. We must wage a relentless attack on this capitalist system. We must smash the corrupt agents of this system who all live good while the masses of us don't live at all! We must defeat the rich and feed the poor.

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Rocky to "Investigate" His Assassins.



Telling Rockefeller to investigate the CIA is like asking Jack the Ripper, do his knives have blood on them! He'll come back and say, that ain't blood it's ink, and I fired the chumps that spilled it!

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Stop Killer Cops:

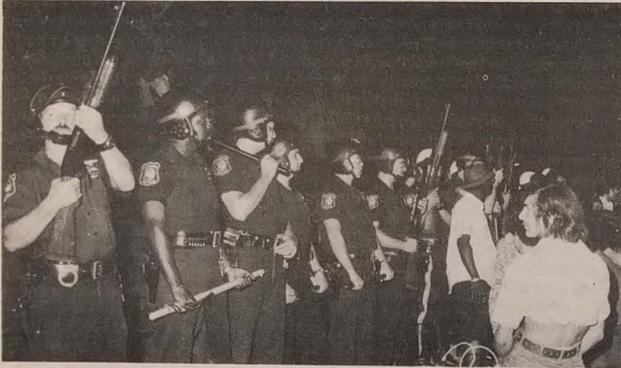
Elkhart, CAP

This story began in November, when Kevin Pergues was picked up at school by his mother, she was taking him across town to attend another class at the Career Center, a technical and vocational school. Shortly after leaving the parking lot of the school, Kevin noticed a police car following them. They were overtaken shortly thereafter, and stopped by two police cars who pulled in front of their car, two police cars who pulled in back of them and two police cars who had pulled up on the other side of the street, **six police cars in all.** Kevin and a friend of his who was riding with him was placed under arrest, neither Kevin or his mother were told why he was arrested.

After reaching the station and being photographed, Kevin was told he was

Baltimore, CAP

In recent weeks the gundown of 20 year old Kevin Scott, while he was trying to surrender to police over an alleged petty theft of a juke box and the murder of Marie Williams, a 32 year old mother, who was shot in the back by police while she struggled with her boyfriend over an (known to police) unloaded shotgun; the proposed Curfew which will demand youth under 17 to be off the streets by 10:30 p.m. on weekdays & 12:01 a.m. on weekends. It also carries a stipulation that when a youth violates the curfew the parents are fined \$100 and/or up to 10 days in jail; these attacks and many more like them are being stepped up by the armed agents of the ruling class, the police. This harassment, beatings, and murders are their examples that we are to stay in our place, for the police are



As the economy worsens so will police murders of the poor and exploited increase.

being held because he was in possession of a postman mail bag, which he had obtained from a friend in which he carried his school books. Shortly after, Kevin was questioned about the recent school breakins and other breakins that had happened across the city, he was also asked to take a lie-detector test and he refused. Kevin's friend was turned loose, but Kevin was kept in jail for two days on an open charge. Although he had not committed a crime, and the next day, two boys confessed to the school breakins. Kevin had to undergo this sort of repression. One day in jail was spent without any drinking water, guards simply refused to give him any. And it was only when his parents got a lawyer was he set free. The mailbag was kept by the police, what for we still don't know.

The people of Elkart demand that all police repression stop immediately! The people demand a police review board to monitor all cases! These are some of the things that came out of the December 7 "Stop Killer Cops" Forum. Each person and organization left that forum committing themselves to form a working coalition to stop police repression.

supposed to kill, jail or control all those willing to struggle against the Capitalist's continued repression. This repression is aimed at the working class as a whole and Black People in particular, who are subject to police repression and police brutality daily.

The police who are tools of the power structure are paid to keep us in our place and this is necessary to maintain a system under capitalism where a few people have all the wealth and the majority have no wealth. But we will not continue to be oppressed, Revolutions in Russia, China, Cuba, the Vietnam War, the Liberation of Mozambique, Angola, and Guinea Bissau teaches us that the people united can never be defeated! We must unite the many to oppose the few! One attempt to organize in Baltimore is the UNITED FRONT AGAINST POLICE REPRESSION, a group of organizations, (Congress of Afrikan People, All Afrikan Peoples Revolutionary Party, Timbuktu Educational Center, Struggle Newspaper, Black Book, Afrikan Liberation Support Committee) and individuals representing a wide range of Baltimore's Black Community call for all those who will unite to struggle against repression, especially the daily terror carried out by the police.

The United Front emerged as a result of two back to back heinous crimes perpetrated by the police on the Black Community. The murders of Marie Williams Nov. 2 and Kevin Scott - Nov. 1 are clear indications the direction this country is steadily moving in. As the economic situation grows worse the elite rulers of this country become frantic as they run out of ways to exploit the workers. The workers, (those who work - taxi drivers, factory workers etc.) agitated by increased economic pressures are imminently threatening the status quo by demanding fundamental changes be made in society that threaten the domination of the many by a few. The right to strike, quality education, jobs & income for all, improved health facilities, the most technologically advanced nation in the world is exposed as

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"Temple of Kawaida Denied Entrance To Trenton State Prison"

The administration of Trenton State Prison in collusion with the Trenton State Prison cop goon squad have denied the Temple of Kawaida, and Afrikan cultural component of the Congress of Afrikan People, entrance to the Trenton State Prison Black Studies Program. Acting Superintendent Allen Hoffman, who serves as consultant to the superintendent, in collusion with noted racist and neofascist prison cop squad leader Sgt. Thomas Julian have charged members of the Temple of Kawaida with allegedly "taking too much time in getting from the prison's educational facility to the prison's communication center." At the time of the alleged violation the comrades were not given any indication of being in violation of any institutional regulations, by the prison escort (guard), and have yet to receive a written notification of the charge and its penalty. The Temple of Kawaida has been teaching classes in the Trenton Black Studies Program since March of 1972.

Sgt. Julian and Hoffman have been doing everything within their powers to halt community participation in inmate programs and to destroy all gains made by the inmates, in their struggle against the inhuman living conditions of the 200 year old prison, which was condemned 30 years after its erection in 1833, and has been ordered razed by every governor including Byrne since 1833, although no monies have been allocated either for its rehabilitation or demolition. It has only been since the Attica and Rahway prison rebellions

that the inmates within Trenton and Rahway have been allowed educational and vocational programs rather than 24 hour lockup. The involvement of community groups in prison programs has led to the exposure of the tactics and corruption of the prison cops and administrators, resulting in a number of investigations, dismissals and transfers. Once the Rahway rebellion occurred and the conditions of New Jersey's penal system came to light, the Department of Institutions and Agencies which heretofore played very little role in the operation of the various penal institutions, submitted to the demands of the inmates over the loud opposition of the PBA led prison cops. Though today the prison cops still actually control the actual operation of the prisons, they seek a return to pre Attica prison activity without interference from inmate organizations, community groups, or long hair administrators of the Byrne administration.

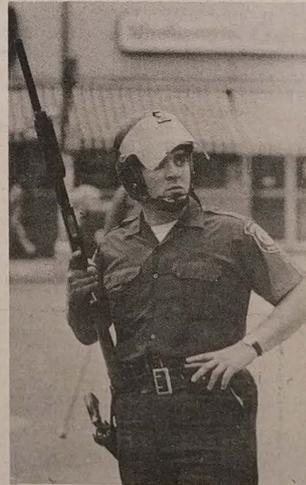
Rockefeller and friends maintain their rule through use of bands of armed men with prisons at their disposal to break any resistance to imperialist domination. Police repression by cops whether on the streets or in the prisons is the same thing, links in the same chain of oppression of the masses of people in this society and the world, and can only be destroyed through socialist revolution. We support the struggle for the democratic rights of all prisoners and will struggle to expose the class character of the police, courts and prisons whose sole purpose is to maintain the control of the corporate class and its lackeys.

We will simply state that imperialism can be defined as a worldwide expression of the search for profit and the ever-increasing accumulation of surplus value by monopoly financial capital, centered in two parts of the world; first in Europe, and then in North America.

Amilcar Cabral

The People Mount a National Campaign:

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The police are the "hit men" of the ruling class, legal assassins whose job it is, consciously or not, to keep the poor and oppressed masses from taking what we need: i.e., full productive lives. TO DO THIS THEY MUST OFTEN KILL!! The only way the oppressive rich people's government can maintain its control over the multitude of poor and oppressed, is by force and violence!

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and a global tax minimizer, well protected from the lashes of any single country's domestic policy moves and secretive about its operations." Despite capitalist propaganda to the contrary, this study exposes the fact that multinationals account for "the majority of the economy's transactions" in the United States. So, Imperialism is not a secondary consideration for the capitalist economy, it is the primary interest of the monopoly capitalists, "some 30 per cent of total United States corporate profits are derived from overseas operations." While fewer and fewer people control the world's wealth, these multinational corporations gobble up more and more firms alive as their daily business, the masses of people throughout the world must suffer the effects of this multinational control of world economy, depression, unemployment, inflation, and imperialist wars of aggression.

- Cause of Depression -

The root cause of the depression is imperialism, and these multinational corporations exploit and abuse the people by their reckless policy of taking all the profits possible which is directly linked to the massive layoffs to protect their maximum profits whether at Ford, Chrysler, General Motors or the others. The multinationals also have a policy of taking huge amounts of money out of circulation and putting it in foreign banks. Professor Muller called the \$110-billion-plus pool of money in the Euro dollar market "an incalculable and predictable source of inflation that has eroded the autonomy and sovereignty of a nation's money supply. And as we look closer into the crisis in capitalism today, it cannot be blamed on the Arabs' struggle to control their natural resources, but it must be seen as the direct result of imperialist economy, that causes unemployment, inflation, recession and depression. These global financial parasites are at the root cause of the people's suffering in the world today.

This is why the White House must issue criminal lies about the state of the economy. How can Rockefeller, the giant among multinational corporate wealth, solve the country's crisis, when he is at the root cause of it? But meanwhile he points our attention to the Middle East as a diversionary tactic. Part of the Rockefeller Empire is Standard Oil, which is the largest corporation in America, "but it's also the largest corporation in Iran, Venezuela, Arabia, Indonesia and Columbia and it operates in every country in the 'free world'", as well as his overriding control of ARAMCO* (see **Incredible Rocky** by Joel Andreas). The fact is that national and foreign policy is established to serve the interests of these multinational corporations, and whether it takes U.S. troops in the Middle East or the C.I.A. in Chile, Rockefeller's profits from Standard Oil and Anaconda Copper will always be protected by imperialism. The game of doing all this under the name of democracy will last only as long as the people sleep on the designs of these global financial parasites. Our lives are controlled by these multinational corporate

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MOTION!!



Viet Vets return home and have to fight the police to get a job or the benefits the lying state promised when it sent them to Viet Nam to kill for Imperialism.

In keeping with the decision to grant parole by the National Parole Board, Rosie Douglas was released from LeClerc on November 7th. Douglas spent seventeen months incarcerated in connection with a conviction of "taking part in an illegal sit-in at Sir George Williams University in February 1969." Parole expires in December 1975.

Parole was granted pending a subsequent hearing on a deportation order by the Immigration Appeal Board. Meanwhile Douglas will reside in Toronto under parole conditions including:

Remaining in Toronto and not being able to leave this area without obtaining permission beforehand from the Representative of the National Parole Board. In addition he must report initially once a week to the Board, once a week to the Police and once a month to the Immigration Department.

The Committee In Defense of Black Prisoners and Douglas extends sincere thanks to supporters, comrades and organizations who contributed so much assistance which was instrumental in securing parole, and further calls upon the Canadian Government to release immediately Martin Bracey, the final participant of the Sir George Williams University incident who remains incarcerated at the dreaded St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary in Quebec.

Douglas is at present readjusting to the socio-political life of the community

in light of the contemporary national and global situation as preparation for renewed involvement. Many changes have taken place demanding, in his opinion, some serious analysis, discussion, reassessment and a qualitatively different level of political organization. He is also in the process of completing a comprehensive critique of the Canadian penitentiary system on behalf of inmates at LeClerc prison and for public circulation.

Canadian government obviously has had some second thoughts about sending Rosie Douglas to Dominica, which has recently declared a state of emergency, in combatting young rebels called **Dreads** who are accused of assaulting white tourists. The Neo Colony has implemented repressive new restrictions on the people's democratic rights to protect imperialism and the capitalists now are acting as if they would rather have Rosie in Toronto than loose in Dominica! We'll see.

- Latin America -

The Liberation Struggle is on rise in the central American country of Nicaragua. U.S. imperialist dominated Nicaragua has been ruled by the puppet

Somoza family who has oppressed the masses of people for 4 decades, where the average per capita income of the people is \$550 per year. The Sandinista National Liberation Front in Nicaragua raided a party of the imperialists & their collaborators & held hostages for the ransom of \$1 million and release of 14 political prisoners. The Sandinista National Liberation Front is named for the liberation fighter who led the resistance to the 20 year U.S. occupation & exploitation of the country. The ransom was paid and the prisoners were released! Yet another National Liberation Movement rocks the base of imperialism.

- South Vietnam -

The Revolutionary forces of the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam have captured Phuoc Binh, the provincial capital of Phuoc Long Province, which is a significant victory in the struggle against U.S. imperialism and for independence. The regime of President Nguyen Van Thieu has been further weakened by the persistent struggle of the people. Despite repressive measures taken by Thieu, the people have continued to demonstrate their support for the revolutionary forces. Recently the Thieu regime attempted to repress the media & put 3 newspapers on trial, but thousands of people marched & demonstrated against the repressive laws. Only U.S. imperialism continues to prop up the fascist client government.

A Threat to Guyanese NEO

The newest revolutionary development in the Caribbean has been the coming together of the Working People's Alliance in Guyana. The Alliance is formed mainly of blacks and Indians in Guyana and seems to be a truly revolutionary formation that has begun to get past the carefully planned "hostility" orchestrated by the ruling class between Blacks and Indians in Guyana. Obviously, the Working People's Alliance is bound to come into conflict with Forbes Burnham, the alleged "socialist" who seems more and more alleged and less and less socialist every day.

The Working People's Alliance involves 4 very well-known Guyanese activists: Eusi Kwayana, Walter Rodney, Clive Thomas, and Ram Sammy, an Indian Activist.

We will have more information on the struggles of the Working People's Alliance in the near future.

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Is Guinea On The Road to Socialism? Some Aspects of a Popular Democracy

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Part 2



Ahmed Sekou Toure

The PDG's ideology is scientific socialism. It believes that every stage in the historic development of its people is won through revolution. Already the 14th Congress of the Party declared, in June 1958 (4 months before the French referendum), "The political revolution is not an end in itself. It is the essential instrument for any other revolution, such as the economic cultural or social. . . Revolution is constant and permanent." Under the slogans "Step up the Class Struggle", "Ideology is a stable base for the People and the Nation", "Revolutionary education centers (schools) and Local Revolutionary Powers are Cornerstones of the Revolution", "Dominate water in building dams everywhere", and others, the PDG aims at taking scientific socialism to the countryside in order to eliminate feudal and petty bourgeois mentality and practices and to carry the Revolution forward.

Furthermore, in the light of the Chinese and other socialist countries mutual aid teams, cooperatives, work brigades and communes, Guinea today has its Production Brigades, its cooperatives and its Local Revolutionary Powers through which the people exercise their power, work to raise their standard of living and develop a socialist consciousness since, to quote Marx, "It is not the consciousness of men that determines their being but, on the contrary, it is their being which determines their consciousness." P.R.L. are chiefly implanted in the villages. In each village there is a P.R.L. with all its institutions, People's Court, Centers of Revolutionary Education (C.E.R.) or schools running from primary to high school level. Each C.E.R. is itself a productive unit, as in Cuba. The students are required to spend 1/3 of their time on the field for production to feed themselves and finance their schools, with part of their production going to the Regional Commercial Enterprise (state). Moreover, in each

village there are many Production Brigades, since each P.B. groups only 15 to 20 members while the P.R.L. has at least 1500 people.

In addition, the state of Guinea, which inherited no university from independence, accounts for two today, with Julius Nyerere University in Kankan and Nassar University in Conakry, the capital city. There are 11 to 14 departments in each school, covering engineering, medicine, pharmacy, biochemistry, agriculture, administration, etc. . . The universities have an enrollment of 5500* students with 400* graduates each year. The graduates are generally sent to assist the Production Brigades, the P.R.L., and also to teach in the C.E.R., the institutes, and to work as state cadres. All the graduates from Guinea universities, as well as from foreign schools, are sent to the party school for further ideological orientation before serving in different economic and state sectors. It may be interesting to note that to repulse invading reactionary forces on November 22, 1970, the student sections of the People's Militia distinguished themselves with revolutionary courage in taking part directly in the struggle all over the country, siding with the workers and the peasants.

As for the cadres of the Party, their close working relation with and among the masses is ceaselessly stressed since "the people are not in the service of the party, in the least of the State. The Party, the State subordinated to the Party are the tools of thought, of analysis. . . of the People. . . We must create consciousness in the producer. He will acquire that consciousness (only through) the knowledge of those problems linked to his activities. . . that task of education. . . should constantly be assumed by the Party, by the cadres of the Party and efforts of this nature have been published in national languages. . . science should be (introduced) into the village, but (to do it) the cadres of the Party should educate the peasants on a scientific basis. . . that the cadre engage themselves in the Peasant Revolution to help them to resolve their problems correctly." Thus, the center of development in Guinea is the village and, like any predominantly peasant society, it must turn the countryside of individual producers into a collective of producers, to achieve progress. As Sekou Toure has said, "Agriculture existed for centuries. . . individually the peasants had a given attitude which was in relation to their weak individual means. They were victims of natural calamities. They used to



Crisis In Boston!!!

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implore the sky (god) for rain. The question now is to go beyond that stage. Since no individual can do much, for example, build a dam by himself, his condition is linked to that of other peasants working on the same land. There is necessity for collective labor in the collective interest."

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To this end, the Congress of Afrikan People, is planning to sponsor a national Worker's Solidarity Day aimed at exposing the reasons for these massive layoffs, increased unemployment, high food prices, unsafe working conditions to name a few of the problems we must suffer because of capitalism.

Worker's Solidarity Day will consist of open forums and street rallies which will build up to Saturday, February 22nd (the day after Malcolm X was shot down in Harlem, conspired against by these same people who are shooting us down with unemployment). The demonstrations on Saturday, February 22nd will happen simultaneously in each city where there is a Congress of Afrikan People office: Wilmington, Del., Washington, D.C., South Bend, Elkhart & Gary, Indiana, Baltimore, Md., St. Louis, Detroit, Newark, N.J., Albany, N.Y., New York City,

Cleveland, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Camden & Jersey City, N.J., and Houston, Texas.

This letter is asking for your support in this effort to struggle to defeat this system of capitalism which is on its last legs all over the world. If you or your organization is willing and committed to joining with us on Worker's Solidarity Day to protest these layoffs and depression, which has hit the Black and Puerto Rican (and other oppressed nationalities) communities first and hardest! Call or write immediately (201) 621-2300, Congress of Afrikan People, 502 High Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

You are invited to attend our Worker's Circle planning meeting Tuesday, January 21, at 7:30 pm at Mwalimu Center, 13 Belmont Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. We urge you to attend in order for the masses of us to see our lives go forward.



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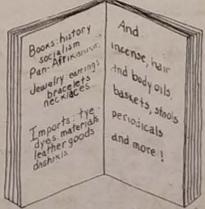
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CAPITALISM

LAYOFFS AND STRIKES MOUNT AS PITTSBURGH INDUSTRIAL BASE ERODES

PITTSBURGH CAP

As American capitalism reels and rocks like a sinking boat in a storm, massive layoffs send unemployment figures higher than the peaks reached just after American Imperialism was run out of Korea in the early 1950's. At the same time, the prices of energy and the essential costs of daily modern living continues its upward trend working people have found it necessary to resort to labor strikes, all across the country, in order to raise their just demands for higher wages, more benefits and better, safer working conditions.

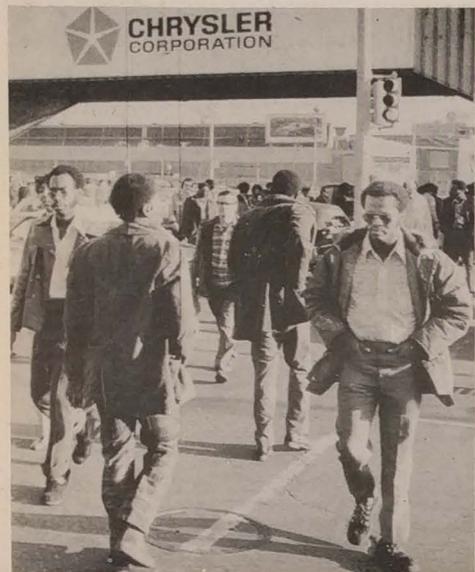
Pittsburgh, Pa., takes on a significant importance in the general economic crisis of present day world imperialism. Located in the Allegheny Valley of Western Pennsylvania, surrounded by the Allegheny Mountains which contain some of the richest deposits of bituminous coal in the world, Pittsburgh has rose up to be a major supplier of the world's coal. Strategically located also

in relationship to inexpensive river only into a major industrial center, but also the nation's third largest international corporate headquarters. Among these gigantic priates headquartered in Pittsburgh are U.S. Steel, Gulf Oil Corp., Westinghouse Corp., Koppers Corp., Rockwell International, Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Alcoa Aluminum, National Steel Corp., and H.J. Heinz Co. Several of these corporations are owned and/or controlled by the Mellon-Carnegie-Rockefeller.

These corporations absorb almost the entire Pittsburgh labor market. Therefore, the entire labor market is threatened with devastation given the White House's forced admission of recession. What affects one corporation, affects others to greater or lesser extents. This capitalist "domino theory" was proven recently when 120,000 coal mine workers struck for higher wages, benefits and safety. Simultaneously, the inflationary recession



Coal miners went back to work with a weak contract, merely a thread of garbage sold to them by sell out union aristocrats. The coal industry is tied to the steel industry which is the core of U.S. economy, along with the automobile industry. All are trembling in the midst of the worst depression since the '30's.



New tax rip off tries to halt Chrysler's economic woes. But the workers feel it most.

MICHIGAN CAP

A new Michigan State law, called the Michigan Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development District Law of 1974, was one of the reasons the Chrysler Jefferson Assembly plant in Detroit is not presently closing down.

The law is designed to provide a stimulus in the form of tax incentives to industry to modernize or build new plants in Michigan. A firm can apply for an industrial facilities exemption certificate with the city, village, or township clerk and file the application with the Michigan Tax Commission.

If the application is approved, the improvements on the property would make the owner FREE of paying property taxes for 12 years.

The owner of a rehabilitated plant would pay taxes for the first 12 years, ONLY on the assessed valuation of the industrial property, PRIOR to its rehabilitation. Chrysler estimates to save between \$7 and \$8 million dollars.

The Rehabilitation Law was discussed at a recent meeting between U.A.W. (United Auto Workers) official, Leonard Woodcock, Chrysler chairman, Lynn Townsend, and Detroit mayor, Coleman Young.

The Chrysler Jefferson assembly plant has over 5,100 workers, of which over 60% are black. The collaboration between Detroit, Michigan, and Chrysler should come of no surprise to the workers.

For, if Chrysler would have closed down, Detroit and Michigan would have lost a large tax base from Chrysler and the workers. However, the real losers will be the workers for they will continue to be cheated by the city, state, and particularly Chrysler.

The workers should control the

plants, not the rich few! Chrysler is just one of the industries which controls the state. The state keeps the workers in order, and living in poor conditions. The state does this through its military arm, the police, who the workers themselves are forced to maintain by paying taxes. The state's function is to maintain order over the workers so that businesses, like Chrysler, can exploit them!



Just tighten your belt a little, and don't rattle that cup!

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FAILING FAST

BLACK BOURGEOISIE IN CHAOS

At this stage of the black liberation struggle there is a great debate raging in the movement around the important question: "Who are our friends? Who are our enemies? This is a question of the first importance for the revolution." (Mao Tse Tung) The role that the Black Bourgeoisie will play as we advance toward black liberation is being deeply

removed from the needs and struggle of the masses of our people who must suffer daily at the hands of capitalism and racism. A special issue of Black Enterprise Magazine was devoted to a profile of the top 100 such black businesses. They are concentrated in New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Chicago and Los



The Black Bourgeoisie and petty Bourgeoisie are tied to capitalism and the big capitalists by their material interests (Business, positions, etc) and separated from most black people and other oppressed nationalities by those same material interests and consciousness. Yet they are supposed to be our "leaders". But some still get burned by the Depression and a few once pompous big nigs in "the top 100 Black Businesses" are closed down already. A pretty shaky crew!

questioned. Each day we see reports of the formation of a black bourgeoisie in the national black community. Since this is the dominant message being shot across the mass media, a closer look is necessary to get to the essence of what kind of class formation is taking place.

There are two dynamics in the black bourgeoisie today. There is the widening gap within the black community where a small but significant class formation of middle class blacks are more and more

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RECORD UNEMPLOYMENT IN ELKHART, INDIANA

ELKHART CAP

Elkhart the city with a heart, known throughout the United States as the mobile home capital of the world, the home of Miles Laboratory, and its many industries, has been hit hard by a massive layoffs of workers, in fact, the worst ever in Elkhart history.

Accordingly to Walter Harroff, division manager of the Indiana Employment Security Division, unemployment transactions rose to their highest level ever last week, 8,012. Harroff said, next week that figure will go over 9,000. Harroff further stated that the figure of 8,012 was about 1500 higher than ever recorded. He expects the month of January to be the most difficult Elkhart has seen.

In the state at large, claims for unemployment compensation last week went to 111,000 up from 85,000 the previous week, more than a 30% increase.

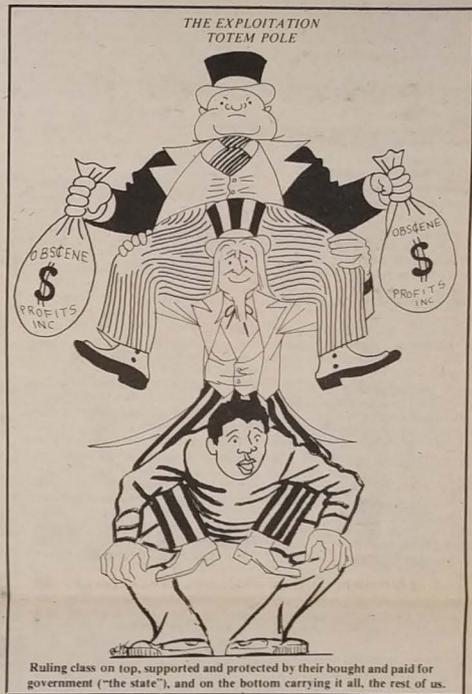
An additional 2,237 workers filed new claims this week, lines began to form at 7:00 a.m. each morning and they were still there at closing time 4:00 p.m. Red Cross volunteers served hot coffee to the laidoff workers waiting in line, due to the fact that the majority of them had to wait in line outside of the building in the bitter cold.

Extended benefits, those recently enacted by Congress, become effective

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Lieutenant Ford and General Rockefeller! In the 50's, we had to get beat up to eat a hot dog in Woolworth's! These criminals will not give up control of our wealth peacefully.



Ruling class on top, supported and protected by their bought and paid for government ("the state"), and on the bottom carrying it all, the rest of us.

CAPITALIST PUSH ROTTEN FOOD ON THE PEOPLE

CAMDEN CAP

Rotten food, which has been turned away at prisons and hospitals, has been systematically sold to public schools and markets in poor communities.

There have been examples of insect and worm infested vegetables, wood chips in fruit cocktail, slimy and decayed cabbage, gray, rotten potatoes and frogs in blocks of frozen spinach.

All of this merchandise was rejected by city inspectors and returned to wholesalers. These wholesalers then sold it to any outlet available because there are no regulations restricting the sale of rejected merchandise.

Stuart Zeitzer, a major produce vendor selling to New York City, has the poorest rejection record among produce vendors. He manages a retail and wholesale produce warehouse at 35-10 Northern Blvd., Queens, N.Y. Zeitzer has had more than 1500 lbs. of food rejected by 8 different inspectors at 15 different locations, but still maintains \$330,000.00 worth of sales per year.

Some of his rejections include: 195 lbs. of celery sent to Harlem Hospital, rejected because of decay; 495 lbs. of potatoes sent to Harlem Hospital, rejected as moldy; 440 lbs. of corn on the cob sent to Fordham Hospital, rejected as withered and wormy.

Basically who purchase this food are victimized most by inflation, rising costs and lay-offs - we are the working masses. We must purchase this food because of the lack of control over food

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G.M. LAYS OFF SECOND SHIFT IN WILMINGTON

WILMINGTON CAP

The General Motors announcement to layoff its second shift indefinitely, totaling some 2,065 odd workers (adding to the natl. figure of over 400,000) must be understood to be an effort to keep monopoly capitalist super profits in tact. The contradiction of labor vs. capital can clearly be seen as the ruling class continues to oppress and impose hardships on the working masses. The ruling class also has its lackies who work in their interest, eg. "labor aristocrats" like (Paul G. Amatzio Pres. United Auto Workers local 425) who says that he was "surprised" that this is happening and that recent indications led him to believe that there was plenty of work, he then complimented G.M. for at least giving the workers more than a month's notice.

As the number of workers being laid off increases natl. (8% of nation work force) to date is the "official" figure) these tactics being used by the ruling class to fool and trick the workers will no longer work.

As unemployment benefits, one of the main methods used to bribe the work force is used up, and the masses continue to suffer all types of hardships, while a few continue to reap all the benefits that the people have created, it will become clearer to the workers that monopoly capitalism and its supporting classes and institutions must be crushed.

"Chinatown - A Contribution To Realistic Movie Making"

The story revolves around a detective (Jake Gittes) hired to investigate the Los Angeles' chief engineer (Hollis Mordley) in the water work department. And learn his involvement with a woman other than his wife. Closer examination by ex-cop-turned private-eye Jake reveals another woman but the investigation alludes to some stranger goings on in the water works department. Mordley has a water fixation - he checks water holes, dried-up river beds, lakes, & oceans. He has a violent argument with a strange man and a brief conversation with a young chicano on horseback.

Jake reports his findings to who he thought was Mrs. Mordley. The next thing he knows is that they are published in the local paper. He finds out he was duped. The real Mrs. Mordley turns up and hires him to find out what is going on, because obviously there was a movement to discredit the engineer affoot. Before the story can develop much further the intrigue intensifies. Mr. Mordley is found drowned. And of course the engineer was a good swimmer.

Down at the medical examiners another drowning-apparently unrelated - is revealed. Except, to Jake, it is very strange. The corpse was found drowned in a muddy, but dried-up river bed - where Mr. Mordley had that conversation with the little chicano. The coincidence is too much. Jake goes out to check it out, and almost loses his nose! The plot unfolds. There is a devious scheme in motion to steal water from drought-stricken Los Angeles to irrigate arid, desert land. Make it profitable and sell it back to the duped Los Angeles community. ChinaTown is a convincing thriller-mystery, a well developed thriller with a interesting love-story thrown in. You're wide-eyed most of the time!

The most significant aspect of ChinaTown though is its accurate portrayal of the corrupt, degenerate, money-grabbing relationship the bourgeois have with everything else in the world. Contradiction #1. Mordley and his murderer were once partners who OWNED the Waterwork department. They sold it to L.A. The victim was part of the liberal bourgeois who that things like waterworks should be controlled by the state. His murderers' only interest was PROFIT. The fascist extreme of the bourgeois represented by Noah Cross, exhibited that the state like anything was an instrument to be used to make money-Bigger & bigger Bucks. Check out who won that struggle! He was quick to kill anybody.

Next the bourgeois didn't care who was suffering. The scheme to dump water affected everybody in L.A. but the

Third World poor was hurtin' the most! That little boy knew what was happening, but he was not a policy maker. All his role was called for was for him to be a victim. . . .

Check the methods used to gain more profit! Murder. Extortion. Terror. Pay Offs. Technology. . . The Cops. The City Hall. The Press. People's internal contradictions. Children. Old People. Charitable institutions. Class antagonism, class interests, racism. Bourgeois use any means at his disposal. And it was clearly detailed thru China Town.

But what is fantastic is this is during the '30's when everybody else is struggling with a depression anyway. They are gettin up makin more BUCKS.

The Bourgeois use the petit bourgeois or a "para professional" as portrayed by Jake to get operatives to work for the Bourgeois. The middle class white farmer is attacked but because of his class interests all he does is attack the class he can attack. Which in any case was lower than the middle class. They sure don't organize and fight the real villain.

they weighed in between moronic reactionaries to armed bands of men protecting wealth for their bosses. -the bourgeois via the state.

Racism is evidenced by the fact that all the operatives are Chinese or Chicano. They, again, know whats going on, but because of the oppressed nature of the condition don't rise up. (for the Moment!!!) They are used to gain info, move scenes, protect the bourgeois but like the ex-cop said the Chinese get locked up for spitting on the iron in the laundry.

The flick does a real close-up on the moral depravity of the ruling class. The murderer was ex-partner of the murdered. The murdered married the daughter of the murderer. The "other woman" of the murdered man was the daughter of his wife. The child was by another man. The other man was his ex-partner. In essence, the other woman mentioned in the flick mother is dead man's wife. The father of the other woman is the father of the mother. SO, the murderer has 2 daughters. One daughter is a wife to the murdered engineer. The other is the "other woman". Cross is both father and grandfather. Mrs. Mordley is both a mother and sister to the same person. Incest! And they are screwy. This woman also has the heartstrings of Jake the private eye. You definitely should pay a visit and check this flick, but don't go for the ghost!!

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interests not by democracy. Both ruling parties and their collaborators in the United States carry out the will of the monopoly capitalists, and neither party

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And so, he lays it all out across the U.N. decks for all to hear, and be afraid. His freckles, even, show, so synonymous with america is this fat priapic mackman A-rabs, he says, you betta be cool with that oil & shit & beyond us all, you cdda laugh is the realization that the shadowy figure in the arab getup, is yo man, rocky, makin

the whole thing perfect.

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has proposed the destruction of monopoly capitalism as the solution to our economic suffering & the jailing of Rockefeller too as a war criminal! The Democrats support imperialism and imperialist wars, just as much as Republicans do; neither one of these parties can liberate the people. Nor will peaceful proposals resolve the problems of the toiling masses in this country!

Multinational corporations & imperialism have brought the world economy to the brink of disaster, and closer to the day when they will no longer be able to rule the world to benefit a few at the expense of the world's people. The contradictions in imperialism will continue until this world system of financial enslavement is destroyed by the masses of people deter-

mined to overthrow the rule of monopolies, and this is why Lenin said, "Imperialism is the eve of the socialist revolution."

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over 1,000 teachers defied a bourgeois judge's injunction that attempted to deprive them of their democratic rights to organize for better living conditions.

2300 employees of Local 590 Food Employees shut down 56 Kroger food stores in Western Pa., Ohio and West Virginia.

In the Pittsburgh terminal of Greyhound Bus Corp., 306 drivers, 94 clerical employees, 24 maintenance workers and 20 supervisors, joined a nationwide strike that lasted for six days.

This inflation-recession is so serious that 6 million workers are unemployed, losing 790,000 jobs in November alone, boosting unemployment up beyond 6.5% (crisis mark) with even Gerald Ford's 1975 forecasts predicting 7-8%. The labor department statistics revealed an 11.7% unemployment nationally for Black workers.

Unfortunately, many poor folks and workers think that this crisis is something that kind of drifts in from the sky like a fog and nothing can be done about it. But the truth is quite to the contrary. "These irreconcilable contradictions between the character of the productive forces (producers) and the relations of production (owners) make themselves felt in periodical crises of over-production when the capitalists, finding no effective demand for their goods owing to the ruin of the mass of the population which they themselves have brought about, are compelled to burn products, destroy manufactured goods, suspend production and destroy productive forces at a time when millions of people are forced to suffer unemployment and starvation, not because there are not enough goods, but because there is an over-production of goods." (History of the CPSU (B) 1939).

Prospects for the future are bleak for monopoly capitalism. "WIN" buttons are non-edible. And "Biting the Bullet" ain't the problem, biting a meal is. Why should the exploited masses bite bullets when the exploiting few bite steaks? The only justification the poor and working people can see in biting the bullet would be to fire the shot that will bring

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February 1, but in the meantime those whose benefits ran out months ago and who are not counted in the 8,012 figure, will continue to suffer the brunt of being laidoff and living on a meager subsistence gotten from agencies such as the welfare, salvation army, and many of the area churches.

The federal government has allocated around 1 million dollars under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (Manpower) to Elkhart County for 1975 to provide around 200 jobs, mostly to the young and hard core, but this will not solve the masses problem of no jobs, in fact it will not even dent the 9,000 that are laidoff. This money is only for one year. What will happen after that? There are still many first year graduate students from high schools that remain without work, there are still many blacks and poor whites that can't get work, what will happen to them?

BALT. CAP

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diseased with contradiction after contradiction and it is threatening to tear it apart.

Faced with this threat the capitalists, the people who run this country, (Fords, Duponts, Rockefellers, Kennedys, etc.) desperately try to maintain this decaying system of oppression. First by diversion, to take the focus off the economic pressure that is squeezing Blacks and all poor people alike, a situation such as the Boston Busing Issue is created, to divide segments of the masses in an attempt to keep them from uniting against a common foe which is the capitalist state of america. A second scheme is to shift the blame of the economic crisis from say Armstar (Sugar Co.) who can report a 1200% profit for last quarter alone to the backs of the young people of Baltimore and say "You need a Curfew". The people say No, understanding again that these are miserable attempts to first intimidate and secondly to contain not

Monopoly Capitalism to its inevitable, eminent conclusion. It is a monster that must be destroyed so that the people may live.

Listen To The People!!

QUESTION:

Why do you think more and more workers are being laid off?



Kevin Schley, Bronx - Because they aren't making enough money so they're compensating by keeping the wages they would pay to the workers. Chrysler has slowed production to also gain more profits.



Jesse Edwards, Bronx - The big businessmen want more profit and they don't consider the workers more than the profits they can make by laying workers off. It's a selfish desire to gain wealth above anything else.

Albert DeNully, Bronx - Capitalist don't feel they're making enough profits, so in order to keep their share they're laying off as many folks as possible, rather than making it equitable for everyone.



If you want knowledge, you must take part in the practice of changing reality. If you want to know the taste of a pear, you must change the pear by eating it yourself. If you want to know the structure and properties of the atom, you must make physical and chemical experiments to change the state of the atom. If you want to know the theory and methods of revolution, you must take part in revolution.

CHAIRMAN MAO TSETUNG

only young people but the parents as well. The Capitalists trick is to implicate the victims while the criminals count their profits. And then their is always the last resort, the show of strength (fire power) Kevin Scott and Marie Williams were sacrificed to prove to the masses of people there is no limit beyond which the money makers won't go to continue making it. These and other tactics are definitely moves towards fascism (rule by terror) and requires a mass effort to dismantle this perverted society in favor of a new socialism. The UNITED FRONT AGAINST POLICE REPRESSION is a coalition of community groups, organizations & individuals who rose to the challenge of this repressive state and although formed to specifically combat police

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Haki goes on to say, "But the structure for decision making in terms of social organization and other areas are not collectively made and most certainly not reviewed by Executive Council. One week we get a paper on new social practices and the next week they are supposed to be enacted. We found ourselves always reacting to rather superficial outer manifestations of the doctrine



Haki Madhubuti and Jitu Weusi, individualistic chair person, IPE & the EAST.

rather than getting our work done and running our businesses. This hurt us in the loss of personnel and brought a stream of criticism from those we had alliances with." The structure for decision making is Executive Council now called the Political Council. The decisions are based on consensus, as Brother Haki well knows. Though he would never bring up anything of substance to have a consensus on. The example of Brother Haki inserting a workshop called "PanAfrikanism or Marxism: Defending Indigenous Ideology", in the Midwest regional conference, after Executive Council had met and talked about the workshops in Philadelphia is an example of something going down outside of consensus, and basically because he knew that to raise the issue of having this kind of workshop at the Midwest conference would be to raise some substantive questions about ideology that he in his liberalism simply was too wishy washy to raise.

The social organization paper that was sent, the so-called, "New Social Practices", was not new social practices, the paper was sent in response to a request from some of the sisters in the social organization council to have a restating of current organizational social practices, supposedly with a view toward standardizing them. The seeming diversity between what was said to Bibi Amina by sisters in Social Organization, the lack of any candor on Executive Council meetings, the reputed back of the hands conversations that went on before and after Executive

Council, and the letter of resignation, represents a wide area of ideological mix match, that Haki, & C., should face and try to resolve, if they are going to make any theoretical and political advance at all.

The rest of the letter is more or less typical and prototypical of what the liberal says as exit line. "The IPE family thought it best to remove ourselves from Congress of Afrikan People while we can still be of service to Congress of Afrikan People", sounds like East Family. It goes on even gooiier, "that is to say we would hope that at some 'level' we can continue to support and be of assistance to the Congress of Afrikan People because we still believe in the basic programs of the organization." Believe in the programs but not in the ideology? Merely a salutation of exit by someone not wanting "to hurt anyone's feelings", & c. It goes on, worse. "Also we have decided that we would not publicly broadcast our leaving due to the enemies of Congress of Afrikan People here who would like to use this type of split to their own personal advantage. Our answers to why we left Congress of Afrikan People if asked would be that the national work was so over-powering that we were not able to get our local projects done." Again we are faced with behind the back, round the corner method, but never direct, straightforward, open or above board. Haki and IPE should broadcast their reasons for leaving as directly and openly as they can. Congress of Afrikan People certainly intends to put its views of that happening out to the public. And as for the "enemies of Congress of Afrikan People", let them have advantage, if they can, from the split, but also, let everybody, friends and enemies alike, know exactly what we think the reasons for the split are. Besides, we do not really believe that argument that somehow, Congress of Afrikan People is being spared by halftruths. Finally, we feel there are reasons for the split that go beyond even the garbage offered by implication in the letter. There are objective ideological differences that showed themselves some time ago, that apparently could not be resolved.

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BLACK BOURGEOISIE

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But for the largest sector of the black bourgeoisie, the bulk was created by the democratic revolution (Civil Rights, Black Power, Rebellions, &c) in the black community that propelled thousands of blacks into public offices, elected and appointed. But at present, the Depression is ripping deep into their weak economic base. The largest sector of the black bourgeoisie is in economic chaos because of the Depression, unemployment and inflation. "The upshot of all these trends is that black people are threatened with losing most of the gains of the 1960's. Among those threatened are . . . the substantial number of black people who have moved relatively

recently into the middle class ranks." In essence, "the petty bourgeoisie, as a service class, that is to say that a class not directly involved in the process of production does not possess the economic base to guarantee the taking over of power." (Amilcar Cabral: Weapon of Theory) The black petty bourgeoisie's bankruptcy in terms of political and economic power, has been one of the glaring lessons of the first days of the current Depression. Business failures are the order of the day, and Depression has hurt the black bourgeoisie so badly that even members of the "top 100 black business profile", from just a few months ago, have gone

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The way for the black petty bourgeoisie to win true liberation from this system of exploitation is: "to strengthen its revolutionary

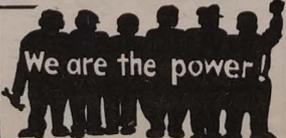
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The conspiracy of silence by the so-called African leaders of the OAU (Organization of African Unity) Club on the question of barbarous massacres in Burundi and Uganda, on the question of armed struggles against neo-colonialism in Zaire and Ethiopia, has led some Africans in the diaspora to question the veracity of progressive Africans who stress the need for the armed struggle against the neo-colonial puppets of these countries. General Idi Amin Dada V.C., D.S.O., M.C., the most murderous African leader to date has been the object of constant derision by the bourgeois press. Before the OAU "Summit" at Addis Ababa in May 1973, Julius Nyerere of Tanzania was the only African leader with the integrity to speak out against the inhuman murders of Amin and his army. However, since that time, the bonds of so-called African unity have forced Mwalimu to remain complicitly silent on the question of the massacres of the Amin regime. Most recently, the International Commission of Jurists based in Geneva published their report on the Uganda situation, outlining the facts of the brutal murder of more than 200,000 Ugandans since the rise of General Idi Amin Dada.

Precisely because it is only the Western imperialists and their news media which has continuously exposed the barbarism of Amin, many Africans have supported the regime of Amin. Probably the most bankrupt supporters of this regime has been the demagogic phrase mongers and international jet setters from the U.S. who support a reactionary brand of black nationalism. Speaking in Kampala Square, September 1973, one parroted "Whenever the imperialist press cas-

tigates a brother, then this brother must be a revolutionary," one then proceeded to praise Idi Amin the butcher as one of Africa's greatest sons. At the end of the Sixth Pan African Congress in June 1974, in Dar es Salaam, twelve African-American delegates to that Congress went to Uganda to pay homage to the "African Freedom Fighter" Generalissimo Idi Amin.

In the wake of continuous support for the Amin Clique from Africans in the



GEN. IDI AMIN DADA

diaspora, the workers and peasants of Uganda openly question the posture of African unity expressed by Afro Americans. Does this unity mean unity with the neo-colonial allies of imperialism? To progressives on the continent, however, it is clear that the reactionary black petit bourgeois of the U.S. will seek to establish alliances with the neo-colonial governments on the continent and in the Caribbean. Their interests are the same. They are compradors in the service of imperialism. But the silence of black progressives throughout the world on the reactionary regimes on the continent causes serious concern. The fact that the imperialist press has taken the initiative in denoun-

ing the butchers of Ugandans must cause confusion in the minds of young Africans who seek clarity about the conditions in Uganda. There is need for constant information not only on the oppression of blacks in Southern Africa, but also the oppression by black governments ala Amin.

Idi Amin was trained by the British to kill Africans. The colonial state exploited the labour power of the African peasants. The peasants grew coffee and cotton to be processed in the capitalist countries. In their subjugation the peasants rose up to challenge colonialism. The colonial army was used to suppress the uprisings of the peasants. This is where Idi Amin received his training, fighting the African peasants of Uganda and helping the imperialists to fight the Mau Mau in Kenya. While the army was used to keep peace, the policies of indirect rule ensured that the petit bourgeois leaders would be divided. The British used the "kings" of the different regions of Uganda to oversee their colonial policies. The British imported Asians from the sub-continent to act as intermediaries in the commercial sector. Africans were kept out of commerce so that they would not develop the skills or vision which would enable them to seriously challenge colonialism. Such was the policy of colonial Uganda.

ROTTEN FOOD

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quality and prices.

One wholesaler states that "You can always find a buyer, a grave-digger, who will purchase your food, no matter what the quality." The means of producing and distributing food should be controlled by the masses of the people with production being for use, not for profit (Socialism). However, in this system (Capitalism), where maximum profits are the motivating force behind production, we see examples in school lunches of black frankfurters in a Queens school, 10 public schools reporting rotten apples, and Brooklyn schools complaining of wormy green beans, bees in applesauce and moldy mayonnaise.

There is also a huge business of "undertakers" in the food industry - these are food merchants who buy rotting meat or decayed vegetables to make it presentable to the public for sale.

One technique used on old cuts of beef, which are turning black on the outside, is to heavily salt it to make the blood come to the surface, making it appear fresh.

Control of most companies by a few (monopoly capitalism) causes intense competition between the middle man and squeezes the wholesale food merchants to make a living in any way possible. The merchants therefore, (also because of their individualistic and greedy nature - a by-product of capitalism) purchase bad foods for little or nothing undertaking it and resell it to working class people, making profits at the expense of working class stomachs.

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consciousness, to reject the temptations of becoming more bourgeois and the natural concerns of its class mentality, to identify itself with the working classes and not to oppose the normal development of the process of revolution. This means that in order to truly fulfill the role in the national liberation struggle, the revolutionary petty bourgeoisie must be capable of committing suicide as a class in order to be reborn as revolutionary workers, completely identified with the deepest aspirations of the people to which they belong." (Amilcar Cabral: Weapon of Theory)

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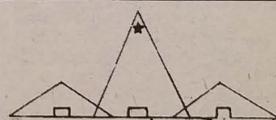
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This cannot be said too many times, because there are always constant attempts to confuse or obscure what the Congress of Afrikan People, among revolutionary socialists all over the world are saying. That in order for the national oppression of any people to end, the basis for that national oppression, which is ultimately capitalism, must be destroyed. This is true for black national oppression and racism in this country as well. As we have said before, usually those who are just interested in the fight against racism are either uninformed or they simply want to get in on the oppressor system, as an "equal oppressor". This is true of most of our so called middleclass negro leaders, the Black Caucus, other petit bourgeois politicians, the labor union aristocrats and the rest of the stars. They just want to get over, they don't care what kind of system it is, they don't care how many people are oppressed and exploited. As long as they personally can "get over", the system is "not all bad".

This kind of "equal oppressor" mentality was shown recently by some black politicians in Washington when they were told by a group of Chicanos that the voting rights act as it is now, should not be passed again, because as it is now written, it does not take into consideration the problems of Chicanos and Puerto Ricans, who are now being ripped off as far as their voting rights. A practice that was widespread in the black community during the civil rights

struggle. So the Chicanos suggested the law be revised to be more inclusive of the level of struggle today and for all oppressed nationalities! But now these creepy bourgeois niggers want to turn their backs on other peoples because they got over. And I say "they got over" precisely because most of those elections have meant simply some dude or sister got a good hustle, but nothing much for most of us. And these "equal oppressor" attitudes that they have, merely serve to cause friction and division within the communities of the oppressed nationalities, when we should be unified in our struggle against the root cause of all of our oppression and exploitation, the system of monopoly capitalism. And that system has got so corrupt that now the masses must riot in Atlanta (which got a black mayor!), 3,000 people struggling for 300 chump change jobs, when Rockefeller's liquor bill is higher than all those salaries combined! The system of private control over the factories and machines, over the land and the energy sources, the system of private profit, while the masses own nothing but our ability to work and be exploited. This system must be smashed!

A New York Times article recently sought to pretend that because the Congress of Afrikan People was now committed to scientific socialism, that we had "liquidated" or turned our backs completely on any form of nationalism of black liberation. But nothing could be further from the truth. We are saying that in order to liberate black people or any other oppressed people, capitalism must be smashed and replaced with a system of public control of the means of producing wealth, public control of the land, the factories, the machines, the mineral wealth, &c. And furthermore that such a change can only be brought about by socialist revolution!

We also know that this struggle will take the energy and participation of all the diverse peoples in the United States. The entire multi-national working class! And that our principal enemies are the Ruling Class of the U.S., the big capitalists and not "all whites". And that philosophies that tell us that, "the white boy is the devil," so that their proponents can have an exclusive black market for their fish sandwiches, are simply part of the system that ultimately oppresses most of us! White workers do

not benefit from the oppressive system of capitalism as much as we or they think! But the difference in salaries between white and black workers is the chump change necessary for the continuing division between that whole working class, while the super-exploitation of blacks and other oppressed nationalities (Puerto Ricans, Mexicans, Indians, Asiatics, &c.) provides the necessary resources to trick the white workers, and also causes the "inhuman" social conditions of the majority of the oppressed nationalities, so that the capitalist can then point at us and say "they're inferior", thereby inciting the mindless chauvinism of these same white workers, taking their minds off the fact that they are exploited themselves, and by the same source, the American capitalist ruling class!

But the Congress of Afrikan People is struggling to take revolutionary positions, (not get in on the oppression) struggling to contribute to the ending of a way of death (capitalism) that has oppressed and terrorized millions and millions of people! We are also Black people, raised through generation after generation of struggle and hardship. We

have heard all our lives, that we ain't free and we need to keep fighting til we get free. The Congress of Afrikan People puts forth the view that the highest form of struggle against the oppression of black people will be waged utilizing the experience of victorious peoples all over the world, the majority of whom have been successful in their struggles against capitalism, imperialism and racism when led by revolutionary parties, guided by the theories and practice of scientific socialism. And that with this revolutionary science called Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought, integrated into the day to day concrete struggle of the Black Liberation Movement, ultimately we will be part of the triumphant force that annihilates capitalism forever!

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