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Down with Thatcher, Galtieri, and Reagan! **Oppose the Reactionary War Over the Falklands!** wrath of the working people at home, gressive people, who are aware that system of brutality, the Argentine mil-

The military conflict in the South Atlantic is taking on bigger and more murderous proportions. The news is filled with reports of the invasion of the Falklands by British marines and paratroopers, new air and sea battles. and growing lists of casualties. On all sides this is a conflict to defend tyranny and exploitation. Both of the combatants are bloodstained enemies of the working class and progressive mankind, and both are fighting for reactionary aims.

On April 2, General Galtieri, the chief of the Argentine military junta, ordered the seizure of the Falklands as a desperate maneuver to save his neck and rescue his fascistic military dictatorship from the brink of collapse.

Margaret Thatcher, the infamous "Iron Lady," of British imperialism, hesitate to bring onto the working has dispatched a vast armada of warships 8,000 miles across the ocean to reconquer the Falklands in a military adventure of straight-up colonial robbery. And for its part, the warmonger- lantic is just such a meaningless trageing Reagan administration has thrown dy. its weight behind the British colonialist pirates while maneuvering to rescue as much as it can out of this conflict between these two important

allies of U.S. imperialism.

the capitalist ruling classes will not masses even the most senseless tragedies in order to save their crisis-ridden system of exploitation and oppression. The reactionary war in the South At-

Galtieri's Last-Ditch Gamble to Rescue His Bloodstained Fascist Dictatorship

For many decades, the capitalist oli-

itary junta is comparable to the fascist Pinochet dictatorship in Chile, or to that of Hitlerite Germany. Since seizing power in a March 1976 coup d'etat. the right-wing junta has been waging a ruthless war to physically crush the working class and exterminate all revolutionary and democratic forces. Political parties and trade unions have been driven underground. Tens of thousands of political and trade union activists have been murdered, kidnapped. tortured, and left to rot in military prisons. It is estimated that Continued on page 2

Already hundreds of young men garchy of Argentine industrialists and there are as many as 30,000 "disaphave been criminally murdered in the landlords has ruled through the iron South Atlantic fighting, and there is fist of one dictatorial regime after the peared" persons whose fate is unknown but who are presumed either the danger of the slaughter of thou- other. And the present military govsands more. This is a matter of great ernment has been one of the most saassassinated or being held incommuni-With similar aims of diverting the concern among the working and pro- distic and fascistic of them all. In its

10 Million Unemployed Shows the Necessity for Class Struggle

employment is presently ruining untold millions of workers. In April, the jobless rate reached 9.4% of the work force, the highest rate since 1941 at the end of the Depression. But the official figure of 10.3 million jobless workers only represents a part of the suffering from lack of work. It doesn't include the several million jobless who have given up looking in despair. Nor does it include the 5.8 million underemployed workers, who work part time and receive only a fraction of the wages they need to live for lack of full-time work. Nor does it show the depths of joblessness among oppressed nationalities, with a post-war record of 18.4% of black workers unemployed; or among young workers, with 23% of the 16- to 19-year-olds and a full 48% (almost half!) of the young black workers unable to find work. Moreover, the length of time that the average unemployed worker is out of work is growing longer and longer. Meanwhile, Reagan has cut federal unemployment benefits by \$2.4 billion this year and wants to cut them another \$4.3 billion next year. Many more billions have been cut from CETA and other jobs programs, as well as from welfare payments, food

stamps, and other forms of relief for the unemployed. All this taken together means that today, millions upon millions of jobless workers and the predicted date of this recovery their families are staring hunger in the face.

This grave situation poses two questions: The first is - why?; the second s -- what must be done about it?

Unemployment for Millions Means Profits for a Gang of Rich Men

The rich capitalists and all of the professional liars in their pay have told every possible fie about why there are There are unused piles of steel, parkso many workers out of work. The trade union sellouts push the bosses' full of rotting cheese and other prodchauvinist hoax that it is the competi- ucts, because the capitalists can not

The disastrous scourge of un- workers are blamed in order to justify bestial persecution against this superexploited section of the working class. Then, of course, the capitalist parties blame each other in order to get votes, with the Democrats claiming that it is simply Reagan's policies which are responsible, and with Reagan trying to claim that it is simply the result of the Democrats who went before him. But no amount of lies can wipe out the fact that it is the capitalist system of production for profit which is the source of the plague of unemployment. The decaying system of capitalist exploitation is being shaken by a powerful crisis. The present industrial bust which began in the summer of 1980 is the deepest since the Depression of the 1930's. But this is no ordinary recession. Rather, it is the latest and most severe in a string of back-to-back. recessions which began over a decade ago. Economic stagnation reigns without any real recovery from one recession before another economic collapse takes hold. This economic quagmire is being compounded by financial crisis and high rates of inflation. There is no letup in sight, and there is every reason to believe the crisis is going to get only worse - much worse. The bourgeois economists have revised their forecasts about a "brisk" recovery, to a "mild" one, and now to a "weak" one; every month they push

> further back on the horizon. At the root of the present economic disaster is a capitalist crisis of overproduction. The vast productive forces of society have been set in motion by the dog-eat-dog drive of the capitalist owners for maximum profits. The anarchic law of the jungle among the capitalists gives rise to tremendous disproportions in the economy. The capitalists have produced too much. ing lots full of unsold cars, warehouses.

Why we reject the nuclear freeze **To Fight Nuclear Weapons, Fight Imperialism!**

In the last several years, the mili- tial features of the freeze plan. We will tarists in Washington have greatly stepped up their saber rattling, their plots for imperialist adventures abroad, and their fiendish speculations about "winning" a nuclear war. In response, a strong mass movement has developed among the working people of this country against militarism and imperialist war preparations. The outrage of the masses can be seen in the widespread anti-draft protests of 1980-81, in the vigorous protests against the nuclear energy program, in the continued demonstrations against the U.S. aggression in El Salvador and in the growing opposition to the Pentagon's nuclear weapons buildup.

One of the expressions of this outrage can also be seen in the large number of people who are signing, petitions and voting for referendums hich they believe to be against nuclear weapons. This year, these campaigns are mainly based on the proposal for a "nuclear freeze." Unfortunately, however, these referendums are a huge fraud heing perpetrated upon the people. The masses are being led to believe by the orchestrators of the freeze campaign that they are voting against war preparations. But this is not really the case, for the freeze proposal is not against war preparations at all. The freeze proposal consists simply of the polite suggestion that a message be sent to Mr. Reagan that the good man start negotiations with Mr. Brezhnev for a freeze, i.e., a moratorium on the huilding of new nuclear weapons. In this article, we examine the essen- fection of the nuclear stockpiles. To-

show that the freeze plan is simply another version of the fraud of negotiations between the superpowers, similar to SALT; that the plan is a scheme not to do away with, but preserve, the Pentagon's bloodstained war machine; and that the plan was developed in such a way as to allow war dog Reagan to pose as a Carterstyle "peacenik."

A Rehash of the SALT Fraud

First, the nuclear freeze campaign is simply another version of the numerous fraudulent disarmament schemes of negotiations between the superpowers.

For decades now, the superpowers have engaged in such negotiations. day, even though SALT II has not been freeze bandwagon and wrapping him-And what has been the result? The verified by the U.S. Senare, the major self in the mantle of a "peacenik." U.S. and USSR have gone on arming to



Chicago on April 10. This is another expression of the broad outrage among

the American people against the Reaganite war buildup.



the teeth, adding newer and evermore served by both superpowers. Has this fiendish weapons to their monstrous stopped Carter or Reagan from boostarsenals, while all the time swearing ing the war budget to the skies? Not hypocritically in the name of "arms at all! Indeed, SALT If explicitly allimitation," "detente," "peace," and lows the superpowers to go up to 5.0 on.

Take, for instance, SAILT II, the socalled "arms limitation" treaty that Carter arrived at with Brezhnev in 1980. This was the outcome of nearly seven years of "consultations" and "negotiations" between the super- system, and so an. The Soviet Union powers. This was hailed as a great "triumph for peace."

SALT II did not reduce the muclear arsenals one bit. In fact, it provided for the further expansion and per-

Israeli Aggressors **Prepare to Invade Lebanon**

Levaron killed 39 people. Now the of its intentions to invade Lehamon bly to annex southern Lebanon. and slaughter the Palestinian resistance movement and the Leha- Israeli aggressors to the hilt. The nese feft under the hypocritical Reagan administration has shown barmer of "fighting terrorism." As the Chief of Staff of the Israeli Array, Rafael Eiten, put it on May arming Israel with billions of dollars 14, "Will we gain our end without of warplanes, hourbs and other milifighting the ternorists? In ray opin- tary equipment. The Democratic ion there isn't any alternative, be- Party liberal, Ted Kernedy, is, follcause the terrorists are at war with lowing suit. In early April he sent a. us...' To this end, Esten admitted that Isnel had "concentrated forces in the north," near the Lebarese border, and that I sraell forces have been "sitting and preparing" for an invasion for several weeks. (Washington Post, May 15, 1982), It is reported that Israel has trassed a force of 36 Oldtroops, including two tan. annoved divisions, for the invasion.

part of the Israeli regime's cam. For several months, the Palestinpage of tarist terror against the tans of the West Bank and the Gaza. Releasing randother Arab peoples. Strip have usen in a new wave of The large number of Palestinian struggle against savage Israeli refigees who have been forced into occupation and Israel's plans to Lebanco by Israeli aggression is a formally amen these territories. toadblock to the expansionist plans See our article on page 10.

The expansionist Israeli regime is of Begin and co. Through invading: poised for another full-scale inva- Lehanory, Israel hopes to strike a big sion of Lebanon. Only weeks ago, blow at the Palestinian resistance two segarate Israeli air strikes on movement. As well, Israel wants to assist Lebanese reaction in suppresblood histy localianny is boasting sion of the Lebanese left and possi-

> U.S. imperialism is backing the its so-called "onnern" for "restraint" in southern Lebanon by message of support to a conference of Lehanese Phalangist militia groups, Isrued backed fascists, who were vowing to ditarm the Palestinian resistance fighters. Israel, the loy al warahdag of U.S. interests in the Middle East, is again being unleashed by its masters in Washing-

But zionist terror can never anni-The glanned a tack on Labanan is hilste the Palestinian resistance.

provisions of the treaty are being co- He has done exactly that. While 22,500-24,400 total strategic warheads between the two of them by 1985, from the 16,000 or so they have now. In addition, the U.S. could go on to boild more Trident submarines, develop the Cruise Missile, the MIX could do similarly.

SALT II is not some aberration but a first massively bolster its present But this was a complete swindle. typical example of the fruits of the nuclear arsenal. Moreover the Reaschemes of negotiations between the superpowers. These talks are nothing but a smoke screen behind which the imperialists go on arming to the teeth. This is imperialist pacifism in action: "peace talks" to deceive the masses while war preparations steadily go forward.

> campaign try to pretend that the freeze is somehow different from SALT. But this is not so. In fart, the pro- the whole nuclear freeze proposal, no moters of the freeze campaign themselves point to it as the only "nearlistic' plan because it is based on "rantual disarmament." Thus, according to their own plan, the Pendagon should go on arming to the teeth unless both sides agree - at some indeterminate time in the future - on the nuclear freeze.

While a section of the leaders of the freeze campaign may equivocate, the chief imperialist sponsors of the plan. make it quite explicit that the Ventagori's arsenal must continue to be bolstered. Take, for example, the bill an the nuclear freeze sponsored on March 10 by Senators Kennedy and Harfield with the total support of 17 senators and 122 congressmen. This bill explicitly leaves it up to the superpowers, to decide "when and how to achieve a matual freeze." In the meantime, of course, they hold that the war budget must be boosted, as Kennedy along with the vast majority of his Senate and House colleagues, Republicans and Democrats alike, have repeatedly shown through their erthusiastic votes in favor of Reagan's military budgets during the last owo years!

With such an attractive proposal, of coarse Chief Warmonger Reagan could not lag far behind in joining the

squabbling with the Kennedy-Hatfield bill. Reagan too has given his support for a freeze bill in Congress sponsored by arch-militarist Senators Henry Jackson and John Warner. The only difference is that Reagan makes explicit what the Kennedvites seek to defiberately leave vague. The Realganite bill calls for a freeze after the

superpowers negotiate "equal and

sharply reduced levels of forces" and of course they make clear that to achieve "equality," the U.S. must ganites pretend to go even further than the freeze with their calls for "urms reductions." But everyone knows this is nothing but a gigantic hoax. Reagan is proposing "arms reductions" with tongue in cheek in order to hide his escalating war budg-

ets. Still, by coming forward with his A section of the leaders of the freeze own, even more radical freeze proposal, the Reaganites have revealed the essential hypocrisy that underlies reatter which version.

Holstering the Pentagon's War Machine.

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Fight Reagan's Racist Offensive!

heading a vicious racist offensive against the black people. Segregationism has come to the fore as the main thrust of this offensive. This offensive is being unfolded at a time when the with the brutal double oppression that suffer, are already bringing utter devastation to literally millions of blacks.

Reagan's segregationist drive is aimed squarely against the concessions wrung from the bourgeoisie in the powerful mass struggles of the black people in the 1950's and 1960's. During that time the mass struggles. and henric rebellions of the black people knowd a heavy blow to the system of Jim Crow segregationism employed and enforced by the cupitalist rulers. These struggles forced the suspension of some of the most catrageous and appalling features of the system of Jim Crow segregationism, such as the le- clamat for the segregation of the sial of voting rights to the black peo- and the Democrats, tried to conceal the ple, their systematic exclusion from savage racist offensive of the capital-

The Reagan government is spear- Reagan government is openly clamoring for segregation in education, job discrimination and denial of voting rights to the black people. These racist measures show that the bourgeoisie is still smarting from the blows of the hedeepening economic crisis, together role black masses and is deeply committed to driving them down into even the masses of black people continue to more bitter conditions of national oppression.

Democrats Laid the Groundwork for Reagan

The grounds for Reagan's racist drive have been laid down over the past years under previous administrations - Republicans and Democrats alife. Under the Carter government the fashist and busing movement was given a strong impetus; tons of racist propaganda about the fraud of "reverse discrimination" and around the intamous Balke decision was used to gal segregation of the schools, the de- schools and work places. But Carter Continued on page 5

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cado by the military.

Furthermore, the Argentine regime is not only the hangman of its own people, but it is also a bulwark of reaction in Latin America. Over the years its bloodstained hand has played a role in a series of reactionary putsches in a number of countries and most recently in the reactionary coup in Bolivia. It has also been reported that Galtieri's junta has been actively involved in Reagan's counter-revolutionary destabilization campaign against Nicaragua. Moreover, the Argentine junta has even offered Reagan the use of its troops against either Nicaragua or to assist its fascist brethren of the Salvadorian military junta in its genocidal war against the workers and peasants of El Salvador.

Today, however, the walls of this fortress of fascist reaction and Yankee imperialist aggression are teetering on the brink of collapse. The Argentine junta is being shaken by economic and financial ruin. Last year the inflation rate was 130%, the highest in the world. Presently interest rates have reached 250%, and unemployment and underemployment afflicts 40% of the work force. Government and industry can't make good on the staggering interest payments that they owe on their \$32 billion of loans from the Wall Street, London and other imperialist banks. To further squeeze the working people, in March, Galtieri imposed a new round of austerity measures, including a freeze on pensions and on public employee wages.

But the working masses had had enough. During the last week of March, pitched battles raged through the streets of Buenos Aires with the unarmed workers facing soldiers armed with tear gas and water canons. In the largest demonstrations since the '76 coup, the workers came out in

force with slogans against the junta's economic measures and for the end of the military dictatorship.

Galtieri could read the writing on the wall. In a last-ditch gamble, he ordered the seizure of the Falklands, or the Malvinas as they are known in Argentina. It is as plain as day that this was simply a desperate maneuver to keep in power the military dictatorship. And, unfortunately, the nationalistic fervor created by this maneuver had its effect. On the very day of the seizure, the leadership of the bourgeois opposition, which is in the main Peronist, called off the big anti-junta demonstration that had been called. The Peronist leaders of the trade union movement have likewise fallen under the sway of the reactionary nationalist fever. It appears that at great risk the junta has bought itself a breather, but it is surely nothing more than a breather. Every day of the military conflict with the British fleet is bringing on an even greater financial and economic disaster. The misery and tyranny which brought the workers into the streets is only growing more unbearable. Everything indicates that the collapse of the military dictatorship has only been temporarily postponed, and if things go badly for the generals on the military front, this collapse may well come sooner than later.

Here it should be pointed out that from the outset the fascist generals came to power and rigged up their sadistic dictatorship under the nationalistic rhetoric of "preserving the nation" and "national security." Galtieri has now gone to the point of risking a possibly disastrous war with British imperialism in order to renew this tattered nationalistic rhetoric and to prop up the tottering fascist dictatorship. Such is the reactionary essence of the Argentine junta's seizure of the Malvinas.



vinas Islands were unscrupulously robbed from Argentina. In 1831, a U.S. naval expedition "demilitarized" the Argentine settlement there, followed in 1832-33 by a British expedition which forcibly drove the remaining Argentineans off of the island'. The islands have been held as a color. al possession of the British Empire ever since. But this injustice in no way means that the working class and people should line up behind the bloodspattered Argentine generals in their conflict with British imperialism. In the present conditions, to argue otherwise



Top Left: The "democratic" Thatcher government suppressing the rebellions of the working class and national minority youth in the Brixton section of London in April, 1981.

Left: The British colonialist "liberators" of oppressed peoples at work in Northern Ireland. Photo shows heroic Irish youth standing up to the armored cars of the occupation troops of Thatcher's government in May, 1981.

Above: Galtieri's troops attacking a workers' demonstration against the fascist junta held in the streets of Buenos Aires on March 30, just three days before the seizure of the Falklands.

means to sacrifice the 27 million Argentines before the altar of the fascist executioners in exchange for the glory of an adventure of the Argentine armed forces. The working

class and people of Argentina must settle accounts with their own hangmen first and foremost, and only then does it make any sense to pursue whatever the people decide might be the best means to redress the problem of the Malvinas. But until that time, the byword of the workers and oppressed nust be uncompromising struggle for the overthrow of the Argentine fascist tyranny which is murdering and torturing their best sons and daughters and exploiting them to the bone.

British Imperialism's Armada of Colonial Piracy

Meanwhile, the aims of the other belligerent, the British government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, are no less reactionary than those of the military dictators in Buenos Aires. In response to the seizure of the Falklands, British colonialism and imperialism is baring its savage and warmongering fangs. With the aim of driving off the Argentine forces and reconquering the islands, Thatcher has unleashed the biggest naval armada assembled by British imperialism since World War II, including over 60 warships bristling with modern weapons and sarrying; some ten thousand enack troops and mercenaries. The entire Brilish capitalist ruking class is crying out for blogd, pounding the war drums with both fists. This rabid war fever

has not only gripped "Iron Lady" Thatcher and her Conservatives. but also the loyal opposition of the social. democratic Labor Party. From both sides of the British parliament eche the blood ourding war cries to "teach the Argentines a lesson" and to restore the "honor" of Queen and country. Indeed, even the self-styled "inveterate peacemonger," Labor Party leader Michae! Foot, has not been out. done in this orgy of lingoist warmongering.

The dispatch of the British naval task force to the South Atlantic is nothing but a typical instance of colonialist aggression. It is nothing but gunboat robbery to steal for a second time what the British colonialists had forcibly stolen from Argentina in the first place. Nevertheiess, the lords and ladies of British imperialism are trying to put a "civilized" and "principled" face on their murderous military adventure of modern-day piracy.

Thatcher, Foot, and crew, declare that the dispatch of the British armada. was essential to defend "principles" and "international law." But the only "international laws" that the British fleet has sailed eight thousand miles to defend are the old laws of colonial empire; the only "principles" at stake are "principles" according to which what has been seized and conquered by the Royal Navy and Marines is the inalienable possession of the Royal Empire, even if this possession is halfway around the world and happens to be an integral part of other people's territory. It is well known that in the name of these very same "laws" and "principles," over the conturies British colonial troops and mercehavies have claughtered untold millions in cononial wars from India, to Iretand, to North America, to Africa, and elsewhere around the globe. While since the con-Continued on page 12 See FALKLANDS WAR

Yes, it is true enough that the Mal-

British Labor Party – Her Majesty's Social-Democrats in Defense of the Empire

ing out many political lessons of im- Labor Party opposition. Laborites like portance to the working class and the party leader Michael Foot and "leftprogressive forces everywhere. It is an winger" Tony Benn have even been example of the depths of the crisis portrayed as leading a "renewed" shaking the capitalist world and of the struggle to "introduce socialism" in ferocity of the capitalist wolves. More- Britain. At the same time, with the over, it is not only an exposure of the working people of Britain and the rest criminal imperialist system but also of of Western Europe taking to the one of its most important pillars of streets against militarism and the im- one else's," and he fully supports the support - social-democracy. The so- perialist nuclear arms buildup, Labor dispatch of the naval task force to recial-democratic chieftains of the Brit- Party politicians have been promoted capture the islands. ish Labor Party have come out four- to the skies as the very angels of square in support of Her Majesty's "peace" and "disarmament." Labor seizure of the Falklands, an outcry Royal Navy in its military adventure to Party leader, Michael Foot, for exam- came from Foot and the Laborites acrecapture the Falklands. By giving ple, has over the years built up a reputheir blessings to this aggressive act of tation as being a pacifist, and he likes colonial piracy, to this senseless to pride himself as "an inveterate slaughter, the Laborites are laying peacemonger." bare the real warmongering and imperialist essence of contemporary socialdemocracy.

The Falkland Islands crisis is bring- of an alleged "new militancy" to the

Party has been no exception, rallying to the bloodstained Union Jack of British colonialism. Overnight the "inveterate peacenconser." Michael Foot. has been transformed into a rabid warmonger, gnashing his teeth for a war to the finish in the South Atlantic. Like any good colonial lord, Foot declares that the Falklands are "ours and no

In the first days after the Argentine cusing the Thatcher government of "betraying" the "national honor." Among others, Labor's defense spokesman, John Silken, blamed the Argentine seizure on the "blundering" of Thatcher's ministers and on their failure to maintain a "credible defense force." In other words, the Laborites are pointing their fingers at the fiendish war hawks of the Thatcher government for being weak-kneed. They are charging that the monstrous military buildup under the Thatcher regime, under the "Iron Lady" of British militarism herself, has not been monstrous enough to provide the "credible defense force" necessary to safeguard the colonial possessions of the Royal Empire. Such is the disgraceful imperialist and warmongering stand of the social-democratic "peacemongers" of the British Labor Party.

The Laborites' "Reservations"

After their innial flush of enthusiasm and calls to battle, the Laborites began to add a number of "teservations" to their ardent support for Thatcher's military adventure. The Labor chieftains wanted to hedge their bets because of the widespread oppoexpressed a number of "reservations" about how Thatcher is going about invading the Falklands. For example, they have demanded that Thatcher blow the Argentines to bits. Or anothout like "a surgical operation" with "a minimum use of military force." the Argentine cruiser Belgrano, senddicl chaps of the Labor Party - chari- the South Atlantic region. table like the British soldiers in the stand fully behind Thatcher's imperi-

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group of Laborites in Parliament, led

by "left-winger" Tony Benn, which

has requested a cease-fire and the

exceed the gains." In other words,

"Socialists" in Words. Imperialists in Deeds

Foot and the other Laborine chief-Jains are trying to justify their treach erous support for the slaughter taking place in the South Atlantic with the most shameless demagogy. They are trying to outdo Thatcher with hyposition to this colonial slaughter among critical outcries about the rights of the the working and progressive masses. 1,800 Falkland settlers. And, in parti-Moreover, there is a real danger of a cular, they are hypocritically shouting disaster, and naturally the Laborites about the "fascist tin-pot junta" in

extremely rapid, and land which is useless way may be made fortile tomorrow if new methods are applied ... and if large announts of capital are in-+ cored. This also upplies to prospecting for minerals. to new methods of working up and utilizing raw materials, etc., etc. Hence, the inevitable striving of finance capital to enlarge its economic territory finance capital strives in general to seize the largest possible amount of land of all kinds in all places, and by every means, taking see a danger in possibly sinking with Buenos Aires, denouncing Galtieri as into account potential sources of raw materials and fearing to be left behind in the fierce struggle for the last scraps of undivided territory, or for the repartition of those that have been already divided." ("The Division of the World Among the Great Powers," Ch. VI) It is precisely this "striving of finance capital" which motivates the "socialist" jingoes of the British Labor Party to support the senseless slaughter going on in the Falklands. As Lenin pointed out in his day, the chieftains of the British Labor Party and the other social-democratic traitors to socialism and the working class are "socialists" only in words, while they are ardent defenders of imperialism in deeds.

The Laborite Heroes of "Peace" and "Socialism" Take the Side of Warmongering British Imperialism

In recent years the politicians of the British Labor Party have received considerable press coverage in the U.S. murder for revenge against the Argen-In the context of the growing struggles tine "effrontery to the Crown," and of the British working class against the for the recapture of their South Atlancapitalist offensive and the bitter hatred of the people for the Conservative

· But the Falklands crisis has put the rhetoric of the Laborites to the test. The war in the South Atlantic is a reactionary conflict between British impe-

rialism with its aggressive colonial aims, on the one side, and the Argentine fascist junta with its own reactionary aims of rescuing its ruthless dictatorship, on the other. The entire British ruling class has been swept up by a jingoist war fever, crying bloody tic colony.

All of the capitalist political parties government of the arch-reactionary in Britain have come down with both Margaret Thatcher, the capitalist me- feet on the side of British imperialclinhas been promoting the emergence ism's war of colonial piracy. The Labor Thatcher's ship. So Foot and co. have "a bargain basement Mussolini." But all this loud shouting is simply a screen to justify the murderous aggression of the British imperialists. No, the Laborites are neither conmust first pursue all negotiations to cerned about the fate of the Falklandthe limit, and only then proceed to ers, nor about the struggle of the Ar-

gentine working people to overthrow er example is Labor's demand that the their barbarous Mussolinis. On the invasion of the Falklands be carried contrary, the Laborites are obsessed by only one concern — the superprofits of the British imperialist money-Hence when British torpedoes sank bags. They are concerned with the defense of the British imperialists' coloing some 360 young men to their nial and neo-colonial interests on a graves at the bottom of the South At- global scale. Among other things, this lantic, Dennis Healey, a Labor Party includes the potential plunder of the chieftain, demanded an explanation of oil reserves that have been discovered why the torpedoes weren't targeted to in the offshore areas between the Falkjust cripple the Belgrano rather then lands and the Argentine mainland, sink it. How charitable are these splen- and the potential for other booty in

At least one Labor Party MP, Lord north of Ireland who crack the skulls Shackleton, has spelled this out in no and cripple young demonstrators with uncertain terms. Shackleton criticized special rubber bullets rather than Thatcher for being "extraordinarily using lead ones. In short, the Laborites noncommittal" about reinvading the Falklands, a weakness which he attribalist aggression; while at the same uted to a lack of understanding on her time they want to prettify it with idle part that "It was not only the fate of sermons about carrying out this mur- the Falkland Islands and dependencies derous war "humanely" and "with- that was at stake, it was the whole out significant loss of life." What im- southwest Atlantic, including the Antarctic." (London Sunday Times, April Meanwhile, there is a minority 4, 1982)

Here this frank Laborite is obviously not voicing his concern for the rights of the Antarctic penguins. Rather he is withdrawal of the naval task force. candidly expressing his concern for the This group does not oppose the ag- British imperialist plunder of the oil gressive aims of British imperialism or and other possible loot in the southchallenge the territorial claims of Her west Atlantic, and for the importance Majesty's Empire. Rather, these "left of the Falklands, South Georgia, and wingers" argue only from the narrow the other British-held islands in the angle that the retaking of the islands is area for British imperialism's old ammilitarily impractical and will end in a bitions to exploit the mineral-rich Antdisaster, such as the death of the Falk- arctic. True, as of yet, the southwest land settlers, or severe damage to the Atlantic and the Antarctic do not yield British fleet, etc. As Tony Benn puts major profits for the sharks of British it: "This is an enterprise that is ill- finance capital; oil drilling has barely thought out and will not achieve the begun off of the Falklands, and the exobjectives the Prime Minister has set ploitation of the Antarctic is still mainfor it...the risks of this exercise far ly at the stage of research.

But as V.I. Lenin pointed out in his Benn sympathizes with Prime Minis- famous work Imperialism, the Highest ter Thatcher's "objectives" of colonial Stage of Capitalism, "Finance capital conquest, but in his calculations the is interested not only in the already risks in this case are simply not worth discovered sources of raw materials the "gains" of retaking the Falklands. but also in potential sources, because present-day technical development is sive warmongering imperialism.

Imperialist "Pacifism"

The Falklands crisis is tearing the 'pacifist'' mask off the Laborite politicians. In particular it is exposing the rotten social-democratic policy of combining hypocritical sermons about "peace" and "disarmament" on the one hand, with loyalty to the imperialist interests of the capitalist ruling class, on the other.

In order to hoodwink the working people and misdirect their profound opposition to imperialist militarism and war, the Laborites pose as opponents of the Thatcherite and Reaganite warmongers. These "inveterate peacemongers" even give passionate speeches in Parliament about nuclear disarmament. But what lies behind these fine words against the nuclear arms buildup? The demand of these very same Laborite politicians is that less be spent on nuclear arms so that more can be spent on conventional weaponry to better defend British imperialist interests. After all, as the Laborites accuse Thatcher, if the Royal Navy had only had more and bigger battleships and warplanes, if it had only had a more "credible defense force," then it could really teach those Argentines a lesson. Such is the warmongering and imperialist essence of

the "pacifism" of the Labor Party. The role of the British Labor Party in the Falklands crisis is an important lesson for the workers and progressive people everywhere. It is another profound exposure of the role socialdemocracy plays as a pillar of aggres-

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Stiff Opposition Points to Further Struggle

fensive in the auto industry is over. The treacherous UAW bureaucrats have succeeded in teaming up with the auto monopolies to tear up the old contracts and to impose huge wage and benefit concessions on the workers at Ford, General Motors, International Harvester, American Motors and a number of auto parts suppliers. These new concession contracts are a significant blow to the workers' movement, but the struggle is by no means over. The struggle waged at GM, for example, has already spurred on the opposition of the AMC workers and others. Clearly the stiff opposition put up by the workers at some of the companies. and the growing outrage of the masses of auto workers against the sellout leaders of the UAW are signs that the anti-concessions struggle will grow sharper in the future.

Unprecedented Treachery of the UAW Bureaucrats

The workers have been forced to pay a heavy toll for the economic problems of the auto billionaires. The concessions given away amount to \$150 million to AMC, \$200 million to IH, \$1 billion to Ford and some \$3 billion to GM. This means that each and every employed auto worker at these companies will give up an average of \$9-10,000 over the life of his or her contract.

The monopoly corporations and the belly-crawling leaders of the UAW have hailed these enormous concessions as a "new era in labor relations," an "end to the adversary relationship," and a new "partnership" between the auto workers and their exploiters to save the American auto industry. But the opposition to concessions by tens upon tens of thousands of rank-and-file auto workers shows that all of these claims are just the pipe dreams of the rich. Instead, the new concessions deals expose the apprecedented treachery of the leaders of the UAW who have joined the auto billionaires in an undisguised "partnership" against the mass of auto workers.

Even at Ford, where Doug Fraser claimed to have received a "mandate" from the workers, there was resistance to concessions every step of the way. with eight plants rejecting the contract in the future. outright. This is handly a "mandate" far concessions.

The first round of the takeback of- cially exposes the utterly shameless organized strikes and demonstrations. antics of the UAW bureaucrats. When As new automation, job combinations the workers at the Toledo Jeep plant and speedup were put into place, rejected the contract, the UAW bureaucrats did not accept this "mandate" of the workers and give up the concessions. No! Instead they threatened the workers that AMC would collapse without concessions and ordered the workers to vote again until they agreed to the contract. The vote fixing of the UAW heads was so blatant that are planning to fight Chrysler's new they even refused to allow a similar revote demanded by the workers at the big Kenosha, Wisconsin plant for fear that the workers there, who only agreed to the concessions by the narrowest of margins, would reverse be true of the other auto workers. As themselves and torpedo the contract. Vicious blackmail, thug-style intimidation of workers in the opposition, ballot box stuffing, and arbitrary revotes - these are some of the weapons wielded by the UAW hacks to saddle the workers with concessions. The treachery of the heads of the UAW

> knows no bounds. The UAW is no small and weak outfit that is being pushed around by the auto giants. It is well known as one of the most powerful unions which boasts of its enormous strike funds, its sizeable membership and great strength. The fact that this powerful machine was not used to organize the workers, but was set against them, shows the necessity of waging a fierce and unrelenting struggle against the union bureaucracy. It is proof positive that to stand up to the monopoly capitalists, to wage a serious struggle in defense and anger. The growing distrust in and of the workers' jobs and livelihood, the hatred for the UAW bureaucrats is esworkers must build their own fighting sential if the workers are going to find organizations in struggle against the the way to building up their own fightsellout union bupeaucrats.

Get Organized for Further Struggle

The marked opposition that emerged in this round of the struggle is a good sign that an even stronger fight can be organized in the future.

In the first place, by not giving way to concessions without a fight, the workers exploded the capitalist myth that the auto workers are just docile sheep to be led to the slaughter by labor traitor Fraser. At times there has been a feeling among some workers of 'but , what can be done?'' against the Anti-concessions leaflets and stickers railroad by the UAW bureaucracy. In tent among the masses of auto workcirculated throughout the factories. fighting the sellout this time, the work- ers Every new outrage that comes to Three kundred workers protested the ers have shown that a serious struggle light must be used to denounce the Ford deal in a demonstration on Feb- can be mounted. And the experience UAW hacks for their seliout of the mary 20 at a local UAW officialis' gained in this fight has strengthened workers and to encourage the distrust meeting in Detroit. And, even by the the workers and taught them many les- of the masses for them. Networks in union backs' own rigged tally, 16,000 sons which will allow the workers to the plants should be built to campaign workers voted against the contract, build an even more powerful struggle In the second place, as the concessions provisions are step by step implemented the outrage of the workers will grow. This is exactly what happened at Chrysler before. When months passed with no wage increases the workers in tant voting fruid. The AMC vote espe- some Chrysler plants got fed up and

workers at other Chrysler plants became so furious that they too put down their tools and walked out. Today, in fact, the UAW bureaucrats are so frightened of an outburst by the Chrysler workers that they are talking out of both sides of their mouth, on the one side posturing to the workers as if they concessions demands and, on the other side, they are promising the Chrysler monopolists that they will "cooperate" to cut labor costs.

What has been true at Chrysler will life itself proves that all the supposed "job security" policies are just empty lies of the monopoly capitalists and the UAW bureaucrats, and as the workers are more and more squeezed by the concessions given to the auto giants, the workers' anger will propel them to take up mass struggle. The GM monopolists' arrogant plans to impose even further concessions at some 73 GM plants can only speed up this process

Furthermore, with these concessions deals the UAW hacks have gone very far out on a limb to serve their masters in the auto monopolies. They have committed such despicable crimes against the workers and have had to go to such lengths to suppress the rank and file, that the unreasoned faith in them by some sections of the workers is giving way to profound skepticism ing organizations.

In short, the deepening ferment against concessions to the auto billionaires and the growing outrage against the UAW bureaucrats are favorable conditions for developing a sharper fight against concessions. What is needed most of all, if this struggle is to go forward, is organization.

The militant and class conscious workers must consolidate the gains made in this round of the anti-concessions fight. They should join with the MLP to distribute leaffets to expose the bitter fruits of the concessions deals and to fan the flarnes of discon-

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The concessions battle at GM

105,090 workers, or 48% of the votes counted, rejected giving concessions to the GM monopoly capitalists. This tally is an indication of the enormous opposition of the workers, but it only tells part of the story. Because of the strong opposition put up by the workers, it took the belly-crawling UAW bureaucrats some four months to saddle them with concessions and, even then, the bureaucrats only succeeded through brutal blackmail and voting fraud. The fight at GM shows the potential for organizing a more powerful struggle against concessions in the fu-

Workers Torpedo Concession Talks in January

ture.

From the beginning of contract negotiations with GM the workers showed their strong opposition to concessions. In fact the weight of this opposition caused the collapse of the first contract talks at the end of January. The January 17 special bulletin of

The Workers' Advocate, which denounced the concession talks at both GM and Ford, was a hot item among the workers. It was distributed widely at the plant gates in southeast Michigan and other areas of the country, militants joined with MLP workers to circulate the buttetins inside the factories, and everywhere the workers enthusiastically grabbed them up. Likewise, wherever straw votes and votes on local contracts were taken - such as at the Turnsted Fisher Body Plant in Detroit, at the Euclid, Ohio trim plant, and at big assembly plants like Oldsmobile Assembly in Lansing, Michigan - the workers overwhelmingly rejected concessions. The sentiment among the rank-and-file workers

was such that even a section of UAW bureaucrats declared themselves workers. against concessions. A marnber of

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UAW's GM Council meeting which strongly voiced their opposition to con-

At General Motors the official tally was scheduled for January 30 in Dearby the UAW leadership showed that born, Michigan. Workers throughout the Detroit area were enthusiastic for action; many declared on the spot that they would join the demonstration. Other groups, like LOC, also called for a march in Dearborn. Doug Fraser became so frightened by the mere thought of the outraged workers coming out to protest that he moved the Council meeting to Chicago. Then, only hours later, he announced that the GM negotiations had collapsed. The opposition of the rank-and-file workers forced the breaking off of concession talks, at least temporarily.

GM and UAW Hacks Try Blackmail Against the Workers

Facing fiasco in their concessions schemes, the GM billionaires and the

cessions. Similarly, GM shut down second shift operations and laid off thousands and thousands of workers at such centers of opposition as Lordstown, Willow Run, Pontiac Truck and Coach, and others. Clearly this was a well-orchestrated campaign to blackmail the GM workers into submission.

At the same time, Fraser and company launched a public offensive of intimidation against the opposition. Unable to defend his concessions deals, Fraser simply lashed out. He opened up his barrage against the opposition at the Skilled Trades Conference held at Cobo Hall in Detroit on February 16. In a statement that was widely publicized on TV, radio and in the bourgeois newspapers, Fraser raved against one leader of LOC that: "I'm going to get you.," and "tear your a -- off...because you have no b----." (Detroit Free



heads of the UAW launched a counteroffensive against the workers. While railroading through concessions at Ford, they began a campaign of blackmail and intimidation against the GM

First GM announced that due to the these bureaucrats formed Locals Op- failure of concessions talks it was goposed to Concessions (LOC) in an ef- ing to shut down eight plants. It is fort to divert the workers' fight into the clear that, because of the overproducnarrowest reformist channel. The fact tion crisis in auto, GM was planning to is that even diehard local bureaucrats, shut a number of these plants anyway. like those at the Willow Run assembly But they carefully timed these closings plant outside Detroit who are well to make them into a threat that if the known for their loyalty to the GM capi- workers opposed concessions, then talists and their servility to the Inter- they would lose their jobs. Other national bureaucrats, took up selling threatened closings, such as that of the "no concessions" T-shirts and but- Turnsted Fisher Body Plant and the Euclid. Ohio trim plant, are far more As the opposition mounted, the suspicious. It appears the GM may MLP put out a leaflet calling for a dem- have threatened to close these plants onstration against concessions at the mainly because these workers had

Press, February 17, 1982) He organized smear campaigns against various union officials who spoke against concessions and denounced all who opposed concessions as "Ayspeckers' who, he claimed, would cost the workers their jobs. Fraser impotently threatened supporters of the MLP, and UAW goons were sent to intimidate workers distributing anti-concessions literature.

In these conditions many of the opposition bureaucrats caved in. LOC all but collapsed with its leaders justifying their own spinelessness by claiming that the workers had been "stampeded...into concessions." (Detroit Free Press, March 10, 1982) At the UAW's GM Council meeting held in Dearborn on March 11, less than 5%

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The Bitter Fruit of Concessions at GM

The opposition was stronger still at GM and AMC where the UAW hacks manageri to force concessions down the workers' threats only through bla-

for further struggle and to organize the workers for job actions, demonstrations and other forms of mass struggle. The first round of the fight against concessions is finished, but the struggle is not over. The watchword of the workers must be: Down with concessions! Auto workers get organized!

but the reality of what this contract April 9, 1982) actually means became clear within a few hours of its signing.

The same day that Fraser formally put his name to the ratified contract, tract's elimination of the workers' paid personal holidays (PPH), it had haid off 200 workers in its Detroit Cadilhac division, that it was laying off some 750 workers at the Oldsmobile and Fisher Body Plants in Lansing, and are simply the first of the expected

Plant in Cleveland. Despite the UAW tng ati eye.

serions to the GM billioraires is the GM executives are getting fat. permanent elimination of tens of theusands of auto-worker jobs. This is the capitalist stockholders another quardirty reality that Fraser has been bry- terly finidend of 600 per share. This is ing to hide with his lying promises the same rate as in 1981, when divithat "The new contract should stop the dends combined with interest payhemourhaging of our jobs and bring meets to the banks amounted to some

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concessions called by the UAW of UAW bureaucrass later became

cessions to give away. Only after sup- approached the ordinary workers. porters of the MEP and a few others LCC did not form committees of workcessions drive, and especially in the sharply denounced giving away any err against concessions at the plants. But then the meeting was quickly demonstrations that LOC bothered to erded and a section of UAW officials held it did not ever mobilize the cank-

The concessions contract at GM is many thousands of our laid off mem- \$1.7 billion. At the same time the GM full of pious promises for job security, bers back to work." (Detroit News, executives made it clear that they are

Capitalists Get Fat

But if the billions of dollars of con-

GM announced that, due to the con- cessions to GM are not paying for jeb security, then where are they going? Events since the contract signing have also shed some light on this matter. Only hours after the April 16 signing of the concessions contract. GM rewealed a secret it had been hiding that more layoffs were planned. These throughout the contract negotiations. It announced that the chairman of GM, 10,000 jobs that will be eliminated by Roger Smith, had neceived a raise of the UAW bureaucrats' signing away \$200,000 in 1981 bringing his salary to the PPH days that the wonkers had \$475,000 a year. GM president, previously won in past contracts. F. James McDonald, also received a To make matters worse, on May 11 raise in 1981 of over \$136,000 bringing GM announced that it will completely his base salary to \$411,250. Shortly shut down the Fisher Body Coit Road after this. GM also announced plans to give hundreds of thousands of dollars bosses' empty promises that the "spir- in bonuses to a whole slew of its execuit of the new (contract) synamment" "Thes. Because of the outery of GM workers, this plant, GM has eimit- workers, this plan was dropped; nated another 2,000 jobs without bink nevertheless Smith and McDonald will continue to receive their astronomical These job closses, contined with salaries, and maises for other executhree other plant closings which were tives are being prepared. Thus, while agreed to in the contract, nuran that the secreters' paltry pay is frozen and the immediate results of giving some lesing ground to climbing inflation, the

But more. On May 4, GM paid its

continuing their five-year and \$40 billion capital spending program. Under this program, \$9.7 billion was spent in 1981 for job-eliminating robots, automation, retooling and other modernization.

In short, the \$3 billion of concessions that were skinned from the workers are now being divvied up among the capitalist moneybags. The executives, the shareholders, and the gluttonous banks each get their share, and the rest goes to pay for more plant. "modernization" and therefore more job elimination.

Only Struggle Can Save Jobs

Fraser's prescription that the workers should not fight but instead give concessions to win job security is a despicable fraud. It is just an echo of the program of the Reagan government and its notorious "trickle down" theory; an expression of the igrizzly capitalist theme song that "What's good for GM is good for the workers."

But facts are stubbarn things. And facts show that while compassions are good for the everbleated moneygrubbers of GM, they mean impoverishment and job elimination for the workers. Not giving in to the manuppity capitalists but militant class struggle against them, this is the only way to defend the jobs and livelihood of the workers.

some facts of interest to the workers. But while they circulated these lexflets to local union dhiafs, wary few ever found their way to the workers on

the shop floor. ILOC, rather than mobilize the rank and file, centered its activity on her bying within the UAW bureau areay trying to convince other labor bureau crais to vote against concessions. LOC's greatest achievement came at the January 23 UAW Council riceting for GM in Washingtor, D.C. Tinne it managed to raily a 43% vote against reopening the GM contract.

But not long after this LOC al but collapsed. Under the pressure of the Continued on page 13 SeelBURE; MUSIRATS

Liquidators on LOC **Riding the Tail** of the UAW Bureaucrat Opposition

liquidationism of the revisionists and trotskyites is their fawning on the labor bureaucrats and their attempts to merge with the union buceaucracy. Even though the auto workers have been fighting for over two years aguinst the vicious concessions drive of the automorpolists, and even though this has been a privotal struggle in the fight against the takebadr offensive of the entire capitalist class, the liquidators showed no interest in it. When Doug Fraser, the top-dog sellout of the UAW, showed concessions clown the thouats of the Chrysler workers not once, but three times, the l'invidators harally attered a squeak. T'my did not want to embanass Eraser ran did they want to harm their own chances of finding favor among the union bureauants. Some fell slant. Same preached the gospel that the workers must be "realistic" in the chlicht conditions. Other liquidator groups even found excuses to praise Fiziser, portraying him as a 'progres mewspaper maiser LOC as the 'group sive," and "uniter" of abor, and an "opponent" of Reaganism.

Recently, however, the figridators have sudderly discovered the fight agarnat concessions in aute. 'Mhy? Because a station of UA.W Eureaucrais, under the pressure of the opposiften of the narik and the workens, dedance thenselves against comes- merddaity of the liquidators, the sions. Moreover:same of them formed pro-Soviet remisionist "C"PUSA, Locals Opposed to Corcessions (LOO), a vafarmist surreaucrat apposition de- mant" against concessions and goes gainst concessions. This situation was unitteemen or shop stewards, but foral fid produce two leaflets, one against

One of the basic features of the perclert organization of the rank-and- that this "movement against confile workers. The liquidators, who to cessions represents the first signifithis day have still carried out virtually no activity to fight the concessions drive, have become quite active in praising LOC. They have launched a concerted effort to focus the workers' attention not on the hard struggle against concessions, and not on building up geruine organization of the masses of workers that is capable of waging the fight against concessions, but on LOC and the labor bureaucracy. The liquidators have discovered the fight against concessions only because they see another chance to curry lawor with a section of the union bureaucrats.

Liquidators Praise LOC to the Skies

To hear the liquidators talk one would think that LOC is the greatest ed) thing to have ever hit the workers' novement.

The altra-opportunist Guardian that has 'ed the 'no-givebacks' ferces." (Guardian, March 24, 1982) A Vacillating Bureaucrats' Opposition That social-democratic sect known as the "Communist Party USA/ML" exclaims in ecstacy that "LOC has become a genuine, and the only origarized, opposition to the Fraser sellout." (Unite', March, 1982) The even defines IOC as being "the move signed as an alterrative to the inde- or tomake the ultra-entrawagant claim reflected at the GM Council meeting union presidents, plant drammen and the Fard contract and another against

cant rank-and-file movement in the auto workers' union in over twenty years." (Daily World, April 15, 1982) Not to be outdone, the Maoist revisionist "Communist Workers Party" hails LOC as the potential spokesman for the entire working class saying, "It is from the ranks of the anticoncession forces and the LOC that new leadership in UAW can emerge. That is why it needs to be strengthened and expanded. The local leadership who consistently stand against 'Fraser's sellout can speak for many more than their own membership. They can speak for the whole marking class in mlying against the national trend of takebacks, concessions and union busting." (Workers Viewpoint, February 11-17, 1982, emphasis add-

These are some of the outrageous praises from the liquidators. But what is LOC and what has its role actually been in the fight against concersions?

The auto workers have become increasingly outraged against the conlast year they have begun to go into action to flight the auto billionaires. Under this pressure from the rankand-file workers a section of the UAW

"30-and-Out Committee" was held in hnown as LOC.

held on January S in Chicago where other middle-level bureaucrats who the GM contract, which contained 20% of the UAW officials present aspire to the top pests of the UAW voted against reopening the GM can lanmedithe "Committee of Local Leaders Against Concessions." This vacil-Then or January 15, a meeting on lating and wather impotent committee

Fint, Michigan. At this meeting the This group, by and large, made no debate contered on a squabble among attempt to arganize the nark-and-file UAWIbureaucrats over how much not workers. Indeed they seldom even concessions to the auto monopolies Nor did LOC prepare the workers for did the discussion turn to opposition. mass struggle. In fact, at the two

Social-democratic treachery at Roswell Park Hospital, Buffalo **Denounce the State Task Force Report**

(The following article is reprinted from a leaflet issued by the Buffalo Branch of the Marxist-Leninist Party, USA, April 12, 1982.)

Two weeks ago, a state task force face on a daily basis. But these facts charged with the responsibility of investigating the issue of overwork and shortstaffing at Roswell Park came out with its results. The task force's lying report claims that there is no shortstaffing problem whatsoever at Roswell Park. In fact, the committee found such an "abundance" of staff that it recommended that the hospital return to full capacity. This report of the task force is a complete fraud and a whitewash of all the criminal acts that the New York State government and the hospital administration have carried out against the Roswell Park workers. The task force report is part and parcel of the Reagan administration's program of vicious attacks on the living and working conditions of the U.S. workers. It shows that the state government and the Roswell Park administration are determined to push ahead with their basic program, and they will use any lie, fraud or fascist measure to reach their objective. It shows that the workers cannot expect any reasonable response to their demands from the state government.

Roswell Park workers:

port can only be the militant mass manded a pay cut for the Roswell struggle of the workers. The only way for the workers to win their demands is to organize their fight and impose their demands on the state and the administration.

The task force report calls for more overwork and extreme shortstaffing for the nurses and labor grade workers. In the first place, the task force recommends that Roswell Park return to full capacity. Just this recommendation alone puts the Roswell Park workers back into the same position they were in last year when the burden of overwork was intolerable. On top of this, the administration has opened up 4-East, which will aggravate this problem even more. But this is not the only "solution" to overwork and shortstaffing that the task force has come up with. According to the bourgeois press, the task force actually recommends a reduction of the nursing staff. It calls for decreasing the number of nurses hired by the hospital from outside agencies. By New York State's

few nurses have been hired on a permanent basis since. As well, nurses because of the horrible conditions they

have not stopped the task force from recommending fewer nurses to take care of greater numbers of patients. The task force does admit that the Roswell Park nurses do the job of two or more people - that they do housekeeping, food service work, etc. But their solution to this problem is to spread the misery throughout the hospital. They plan to shift this extra work onto the backs of the labor grade workers. The problem of shortstaffing is just as acute for the labor grade workers as it is for the nurses. Extreme overwork is the order of the day. With this extra work, along with the increase in patient capacity and no additional staff, the working conditions of the labor grade staff will reach beyond the point of being unbearable. These are the so-called solutions to the problems facing the Roswell Park workers - increase the capacity of the hospital, reduce the staff, and create a hell on earth for the Roswell Park workers. The only "fortunate" aspect of the task force report is that it did not take up the question of the workers' pay. For given their capitalist logic, the task The response to this task force re- force most certainly would have de-Park workers.

Social-Democracy **Paves the Way for Overwork**

This task force is the brainchild of the social-democratic politician and New York assemblyman, Arthur Eve. It was Mr. Eve who came to Roswell Park last summer, during the height of the workers' protests, with the alleged purpose of "righting the problem of overwork and shortstaffing." But Mr. Eve came with something totally different in mind. His real objective was to stop the workers' march before it attained its goal, to end the mass struggle and channel the workers into the dead end of relying on the government. He used the hearings to derail the united mass action of the workers. To this end, the leaders of Unity Slate tried to convince the labor grade workers not to join the RN's picket line, because this would disrupt Mr. Eve's hearings. Then he used the hearings to own admission, there were 66 nursing present himself as someone who

positions unfilled as of last year, and "sympathized" with the workers' plight and would take their cause to the "highest levels" of the New York quit Roswell Park at alarming rates State government. But as Mr. Eve's task force recommendations show, all Mr. Eve's kind words were window dressing, behind which he worked with those at the "highest levels" of the state to drive the workers further into the depths of misery. With "friends" like this, the Roswell Park workers do not need any enemies.

Mr. Eve's presence at Roswell Park and his actions here are no mere accident. With the growing movement against the program of the arch-reactionary Ronald Reagan, the rich have activated social-democracy to keep the workers under bourgeois influence, and to wipe out any spirit of revolt. The social-democrats may try and give the appearance that they are "concerned" about the workers' conditions. They even at times put on a good show of shaking their fist at the rich. But they always leave the other hand free to stab the workers in the back. Douglas Fraser and the other top UAW labor bureaucrats are perfect examples of social-democratic traitors in the workers' movement. Fraser and co. at times may howl about "class war'' against the auto magnates, but it was these social-democratic "militants" that led the concession drives at Chrysler, Ford and GM that forced the sellout contracts down the workers' throats. At Roswell Park, the workers have their own experience with these social-democratic sellouts. The CSEA/AFSCME bureaucrat Lattimer is infamous for his repeated attempts to end the workers' mass struggle and to present the state government and the hospital administration as the workers' friends. In fact, Mr. Lattimer fought with Mr. Eve to take credit for and promote the lying promises of New York State and the Roswell Park administration

At Roswell Park and around the country, the exposure and struggle against the social-democrats is a com ponent part of the fight against the rich and for better working conditions. The social-democrats have disqualified themselves, by their sabotage, from leading the workers' struggle. It is only the militant mass struggle of the workers that can bring victory - not the honeyed poison of social-democracy.

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Schenectady, New York

8,000 GE WORKERS STRIKE AGAINST JOB ELIMINATION

Eight thousand production workers walked out on strike on April 9 at the GE turbine manufacturing facility in Schenectady, New York. The workers protested against GE's policy of farming out work to non-union shops. This practice has led to the elimination of 4,000 jobs from the Schenectady facility in the last four years, and the angry workers are determined to put a stop to it.

The strike began when second shift workers refused to report to work on Friday night, and it continued through the weekend. On Monday morning 2,500 of the strikers formed a huge picket and refused to allow GE's managerial and office staff to enter. GE officials and the local police officers pulled out a 12-year-old injunction against mass picketing, which was left over from the big national GE strike in 1969, and ordered the workers to disband. But the strikers defied them and held their ground. When the police tried to move in to clear a path the strikers defiantly chanted "Walk, Walk" and "Hell no, we won't go!" The workers' determination and large numbers forced the police to abandon their efforts; the picketing continued until the strike's scheduled end at 3:00 p.m. This strike of the Schenectady work-

ers is an indication of the deepening anger of the GE workers all across the country and shows their growing determination to fight against GE's jobelimination schemes. Today workers in the auto, trucking, meat packing, and many other industries are being forced to hand over billions of dollars in concessions to the monopolies under the lying fraud that this is the only way the capitalists have never saved a job. Only through determined mass strug-

2,500 workers from GE's Schenectady, N.Y. plant man militant picket line during their three-day strike.

livelihood.

Fight GE's Productivity Drive

GE is carrying out a savage jobeliminating productivity drive against its workers. Speedup, job combinations, automation and barbarous labor discipline are the order of the day in GE plants all across the country. Farming out, or contracting out work is an integral part of GE's productivity drive. Not only does GE rake in huge profits by farming out work to cheap non-union shops, but it also uses this practice as a threat against its unionized workers. It arrogantly demands that the workers increase productivity to protect their jobs. Concessions to or lose their jobs to the low-wage nonunion shops.

As a result of its productivity meas-

workers hope to defend their jobs and fist. Even in the current economic crisis, while thousands upon thousands of GE workers have been thrown in the streets with no hope of finding work, GE has increased its profits. In 1981, GE's profits grew by 9% to over \$1.65 billion

> But GE's greed knows no bounds. In the current contract talks, the GE money-grubbers are demanding, among other things, even greater productivity measures from the workers.

But the strike of the Schenectady workers shows that the GE workers are not about to accept the outrageous demands of the GE capitalists lying down. This strike is a warning to GE. The 100,000 workers covered by the national contract are preparing to fight for higher wages, job security and against GE's productivity drive when their contract expires on June 27.

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Sellout Union Bosses Impose Takebacks on New York Transit Workers

leaflet issued by the New York Metro Branch of the Marxist-Leninist Party. USA, April 12, 1982.)

Transit workers are facing a difficult situation with the 1982 contract. While for years the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) has systematically allowed the mass transit system to crumble with their "deferred maintenance" program, today they are demanding against the 1982 "takeback" contract. It is true that the blackmail by GM huge contract concessions, or take- They still remember the 1980 strike backs, in order to force the workers to with great fear. Thus the MTA, workpay for "saving and rebuilding the transit system." The MTA's contract proposals are aimed at paving the way for a vicious productivity drive against the transit workers. They want to do away with every gain that transit workers have fought bitterly for over the years. This is what Ravitch, the MTA head, means when he speaks of an 'entirely new contract' that "wipes out 30 years of side agreements and side deals, past practices and arbitration awards" and removes restrictions 'on management's right to manage." The MTA is demanding the end of all specific work quotas and complete freedom for management to schedule bus runs, overtime, vacations, nonconsecutive days off, etc. They seek to 'broaden'' (speed up) duties under various job titles, and lower wages in others. They seek to hire thousands of part-time workers who would not be eligible for any benefits. They seek to reduce pay for workers on swing shifts, end differential pay for weekend work, cut back on sick days, eliminate "banked" holidays, etc. They seek to reestablish "progression" dual wage rates with new workers taking six years to get up to full pay. Aside from this, management has not even made a money offer yet, but has called the workers' demand for 25% "extreme. The MTA, the city and state governments, with the full and active collaboration of the top leadership of the Transit Workers Union (TWU), has plants. (Detroit Free Press, May 13, 1982) Thus, after the workers have already given up \$3 billion in concessions, an average of \$2 an hour for every employed worker, GM has upped the ante by over twofold. The greed of GM is like a bottomless pit. The first round of the anti-concessions struggle is just completed, but a new round is already underway. GM's arrogant demands for further concessions is a call to arms. The workers must build upon the advances made in the fight against the national sellout contract to organize themselves against the treachery of the UAW bureaucrats and to prepare to launch demonstrations, job actions and other mass struggle against the fat and arro-

(The following article is reprinted from picked 1982 to be a year of big takebacks in order to pave the way for a vicious productivity drive in the years to come. But transit workers have a militant history of fighting to defend their interests in the face of great obstacles, including police and scabs and all manner of anti-worker laws. The MTA and its rich backers are terrified that the transit workers may disrupt all their dirty plans by going out on strike

For years the MTA, at the dictate of the city and state governments, has mortgaged the transit system to the profits of the finance capitalist billionaires on Wall Street. They have instituted huge cutbacks and deferred maintenance to guarantee the debt payments to the banks. Now the MTA is trying to force a vicious takeback contract on the workers to make you pay the bill for saving the transit systern from collapse. But it is not the responsibility of the transit workers to sacrifice on wages and conditions of work to help save the transit system. In fact transit workers have been forced to sacrifice much too much already. The MTA, the banks and other financial sharks have caused the deterioration of the system; let them pay to rebuild it. Today the transit workers must break through the terrible betrayal by the top leadership of the TWU, and all the paralyzing constraints of OCB. In 1966 transit workers broke the back of the vicious anti-worker Condon-Waldin Act with their determined strike. In 1980 the threat of the Taylor Law did not prevent the workers from waging an heroic 11-day strike. Transit workers know that it is only by actively fighting for their interests through mass actions such as strikes that anything can be gained. Transit workers have always been looked up to by other city workers and the entire working class in New York because of their history of struggle which showed the power and strength of the working class. You must fight this vicious takeback offensive with mass struggle.

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nounce Fraser and the sellout GM con- ers' throats through stuffing the ballot tract. As soon as the local voting began on

boxes.

At the March 25 meeting of the same the GM contract, it became clear that Council less than 8% voted against the concessions contract that Fraser had negotiated with GM.

But while much of the opposition bureaucrats caved in, the rank and file refused to be cowed down. In fact Fraser later complained that while he "felt good" about the chances of ratification of the contract after the GM Council passed it by over 92%, later "the guys who were with us folded when they went back home and began to get some pressure" from the rank and file. (Detroit Free Press, April 13, 1982)

Resistance to the GMI/Fraser Threats

Across the country GM workers ral, lied against the blackmail and threats of GM and the UAW bureaucrats.

At the assembly plant in Fremont, California, for example, 250 workers held a demonstration on March 1 denouncing the plant closing and voicing their strong objections to giving concessions to GM. In Linden, New Jersey an anti-concessions conference was held on March 12. In southeast Michigan the MLP distributed a leaflet widely through the plants calling for an anti-concessions picket at the March 11 meeting of the UAW's GM Council. This picket gave a sharp rebuff to those who claimed that the workers' opposition was dead. Even while the bourgeois TV news in Detroit showed LOC spokesmen declaring an end to the fight and Fraser crowing over the overwhelming vote of the Council to reopen talks, the newsmen were also compelled to admit that the anti-concessions picket showed that the workers were still angry against handing over concessions to GM.

On March 25 another special bulletin of The Workers' Advocate was published which analyzed the new GM contract in detail, exposing the fradulent nature of the supposed "job security" measures and calling on the workers to "Reject the GM Concessions!" This leaflet was circulated in many cities around the country at plant gates, union meetings and other places where the auto workers gathered. It was also distributed in the meeting of some 4,000 local UAW officers held in Chicago on March 30 and 31,

the anti-concessions agitation of the MLP supporters and other militant auto workers had hit its mark among the broad masses of the rank and file. In one union meeting after another the workers soundly denounced the sellout contract. In Framingham, Massachusetts the workers shouted down the UAW international representative who had been sent to convince them to accept concessions. He was booed and called "sellout" as the workers overwhelmingly voted down the contract. At Willow Run, the workers wouldn't even allow the UAW bureaucrats to read out the contract but for over an hour barraged them with questions

and criticisms. When a worker exposed that the contract provided no job security but in fact meant big layoffs due to the loss of paid personal holidays, the other workers stood up and wildly applauded him. At one point the bureaucrats even turned off the lights in an effort to quiet the workers down, but to no avail. The Willow Run vote was almost three to one against concessions. At the Electromotive Plant just outside of Chicago, workers stayed around the union hall for hours reading anti-concessions leaflets and denouncing the contract. Agreeing with The Workers' Advocate assessment that concessions are used to pay for job-eliminating automation, many of the workers shouted "and robots don't buy cars!" The supporters of the MLP were active at many of the local union meetings. Frequently the workers were greated by a big red banner saying "No Concessions to the Auto Billionaires!" which drew the overwhelming response of "you're right" and "right on." At plant after plant, and especially in the big assembly factories from California to New Jersey and from Georgia up through the Midwest, the workers came out to vehemently denounce concessions and to vote the contract down.

Blackmail and Voting Fraud to Impose Concessions on the Workers

The sentiment of the majority of the workers was clearly against the concessions contract. But what Fraser and co. could not achieve through blackmail and intimidation, they achieved where it assisted in encouraging a through blatant voting fraud. The GM

and the UAW bureaucrats took some toll. Especially in a number of plants that were threatened with being shut down, there were big votes in favor of concessions. But even in some of these, outrageous ballot stuffing took place. For example, at the Turnsted Fisher Body Plant in Detroit the "official" tally showed the vote as 900 to 80 in favor of the contract. But here only about 500 workers showed up to vote. The UAW chieftains managed to trump up an extra 500 votes in favor of their concessions deal. What happened at Turnsted took

place in many other plants across the country. In some places the voting fraud was so blatant that UAW officials openly allowed workers to vote as many times as they wanted. Workers were furious against this voting fraud and in many plants formal protests were lodged. At the Tarrytown, New York plant for example, workers circulated petitions calling for a revote. At the big Linden, New Jersey plant the workers demanded that all of the election results be overturned and a new contract vote organized throughout the country.

Prepare for Further Struggle

The stiff opposition to the concessions contract and the growing outrage against the sellout UAW leaders spell further struggle at GM. Already, when GM announced a plan to give big bonuses to its top executives, there were widespread calls for strikes and job actions. The outrage among the workers was so strong that GM had to immediately back down from this plan in an effort to quiet down the discontent. But it is clear that as the contract bears its bitter fruits the anger of the workers will only grow stronger. What is more, the new national con-

tract allows GM to unilaterally open up the local contracts to negotiate cuts in the local pay scales and work rule changes, including job combinations, speedup, cutting break time, and so forth. On May 12, GM announced it will use this provision to demand further concessions from at least 73, or about half, of its plants. GM vicepresident for industrial relations, Alfred Warren, arrogantly boasted that GM plans to cut as much as \$4.50 an hour from its labor costs at some of the gant GM billionaires. ing with the city and state governments and the sellouts in the TWU leadership, began shortly after the 1980 strike to lay plans to "avert" a strike in 1982. They started with the implementation of stiff Taylor Law fines on transit workers to punish them for trying to defend a decent standard of living. Then, just over a year ago came an additional thrust to overcome the transit workers' strike weapon and their militant tradition of "No Contract -- No Work." It was decided to get the 1982 contract into binding arbitration at all costs. John Lawe, head of the TWU, came out with his belly-crawling suggestion to throw the "No Contract - No Work' tradition into the garbage can, and bring the MTA under the New York Office of Collective Bargaining (OCB), which on top of all the same anti-strike penalties of the Taylor Law also requires binding arbitration if the union and management are at an impasse at the expiration of the old contract. In other words, Lawe, licking the boots of Ravitch and Koch. begged them to "Tie my hands now so that when the contract expires I can claim 'I can not fight, my hands are tied."" Thus, after a little phony back and forth for show, the MTA was brought under OCB in order to add still another legal measure outlawing the workers' strike weapon in 1982. The very next day the MTA presented its vicious list of takebacks.

The New York City OCB has a "good" record of liquidating workers" strikes by getting workers tangled up in a paralyzing web of negotiations leading to binding arbitration complete with long delays and drawn-out legal squabbling to demoralize workers and keep them from fighting for their basic interest and without even the right to vote against the sellout contracts imposed. Of course these arbitrators are not "impartial" but always end up ruling in favor of management. More specifically, it is through arbitration that the city government and its rich backers have forced work rule changes and productivity measures down the throats of other city workers, for example, forcing city sanitation men to work on the two-man sideloading trucks. This is exactly the type of thing they are planning to do in 🗆 transit.

Since the above leaflet was issued, a three-man arbitration panel imposed a concessions contract on the transit workers on April 29. The new threeyear contract contains a series of measures opening the way for a severe productivity drive on the workers. For example, it abolishes all work quotas and now gives the transit authority greater control of overtime and the unbridled freedom to hand out work assignments. In addition, the new contract takes away COLA, while giving a wage increase of only 20% over three years, which is sure to be eaten away by inflation.

According to press reports. John Lawe, head of the Transit Workers Union Local 100, claims that the contract "did not require givebacks or concessions that the union had strongly opposed." New York Times, April 30, 1982) The blatant takeback measures in the new contract show what kind of "strong opposition" the union bosses put up against takebacks? Lawe is simply trying to prettify the sellout deal that the union bosses have collaborated with the transit authority to impose on the workers.

Fight Reagan's Racist Offensive!

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ists. They swore to be for "labor and the minorities." But this mask was ripped apart as the heroic black masses stepped forward in powerful rebellions the courts, which in Miami and Chattanooga, and in are merrily dishmass struggles spanning the country. Carter and the Democrats increasingly bared their true nature as racist and fascist chieftains. This is best evident in the fact that during the final years of the Carter government a string of monstrosities unparalleled in recent Democratic Party, times were unleashed against the there is no need black people. Most striking was the for Reagans. The concerted activation of the racist black people can't gangs, the hated KKK and nazi party. place their faith Massacres and terrible mutilations in the Democratic combined with vicious police terror Party, no more were carried out from Greensboro to than they could Buffalo.

The Reagan government's racist offensive is part of the program of the entire monopoly capitalist class, the bipartisan program of Democrats and Republicans alike. It is this that is strikingly revealed, even at a glance at events of the past few years. The monopoly capitalists as a whole, stand behind this bipartisan racist offensive. It ocratic Party poison of political decepis they, the rich exploiters together tion. They are out to arrest the develwith their government and their political parties, who must be fought tooth and nail if this vicious offensive is to be answered.

Organize Mass Struggle Against the Racist Offensive

the people against the Reagan offensive, the Youngs and Jacksons, the traitors and soldout stratum of poverty

pimps, are pointing to the DemocraticParty, which paved the way for Reagan, and to ing out Carterite and Reaganite pro-segregation decisions, as the saviors. With such saviors as the place their faith

in Reagan and the

Republicans. The black people must be vigilant against the Democratic Party which poses as the friend of "labor and the minorities," and never tires of telling the black masses to "cool it." The Youngs and Jacksons are vehicles for the Demoping militancy of the masses and channel it along paths harmless to the bourgeoisie — such as voting the Democrats back into power.

It is the masses of blacks who are the target of Reagan's racist offensive and it is they, not the Jesse Jacksons, nor the capitalist courts, nor the Dem-As mass indignation burns among ocrats, who are the powerful source of opposition. Everything that was won in the great struggles of the 1950's and 1960's was the result of the powerful



This article on Reagan's racist offensive, as well as the article below on the government's segregationist drive in the schools and work places have been excerpted from the March-April issue of The West Indian Voice. This is the newspaper of the Caribbean Progressive Study Group which is active in the anti-racist struggle in New York City. Above photo shows the vigorous participation of the MLP and the CPSG in a demonstration in Brooklyn, N.Y. on November 22, 1980 protesting racist police murders in the Bushwick community.

mass action of the people.

Demonstrations, revolutionary literature and organization must become the order of the day. Participating in the mass struggle and reading of revolutionary literature, arming the masses with consciousness and organization, are vitally necessary for the most effective struggle. The indignation burning in the hearts of the people must be transformed into a powerful torrent of protest. Each new step in Reagan's racist offensive and segregationist drive must be met with mass action directed squarely against the enemy of the poeple - the rich exploiters, their government and their political parties.

Forward in mass struggle against Reagan's segregationist drive!

Oppose the Government's Segregationist Drive

revoked if such busing is involved.

"Anti-busing" is simply the 'code

word of the capitalists and racists for

their opposition to school integration.

In the U.S., 50% of the public school

students are bused to school and only

3.6% for purposes of degegregation.

In the schools

Along with Reagan's attempts to give tax-exempt status to the avowedly segregationist private schools (see the February 25, 1982 issue of The Workers' Advocate for information on this), he is also working to facilitate the segregation of the public school system by unleashing the fascist anti-busing movement. The latest anti-busing bill passed by the Senate is not only a move to stop integration and turn back In rural areas, students often travel what integration that has taken place. not five miles but closer to fifty to cenbut is also a call for the fascist anti- tral district high schools. In the big citbusing movement to again organize to ies, in the congested morning traffic, attack the black masses. The govern- and with the frequent stops that a ment-organized fascist anti-busing school bus makes, 15 minutes means movement must be denounced and actively opposed by the working class, the black people and all progressive people. Below we reprint an excerpt from the March-April, 1982 issue of The West Indian Voice on the latest fascist anti-busing measures.

eral courts from ordering busing of sentatives, is aimed at halting any furstudents more than five miles or 15 ther school integration, the Johnston minutes each way for the purpose of amendment aims at reversing any dedesegregation. It further empowers segregation which has taken place. the Justice Department to go to court

This legislation is in accord with the to get existing desegregation orders general orientation of the Reagan administration, and has its tacit approval. The Reagan administration itself, long before the Senate vote, announced that it would initiate no more such school desegregation suits. As well, the Justice Department has been hastily settling the few existing suits on terms favorable to segregation. For example, a longstanding suit against North Carolina, which maintains a blatantly segregationist dual college system, was settled out of court on terms allowing the local racist politicians and judges to supervise their own "deseg regation.' The aims of the Reagan administration on this front were expressed by William Bradford Reynolds, the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, who declared: "We are not going to compel children who don't choose to have an integrated education to have one." In other words, the Reagan administration is not going to compel racist government officials to integrate the schools. On the contrary, they are calling a complete halt to the limited desegregation which has taken place, and are opening a drive for resegregation.

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Down with the Reaganite Terror Against the Immigrant Workers!

Reagan administration conducted a storm troopers use this to remove the massive roundup of so-called "illegal" immigrants. Under the fraudulent title of "Operation Jobs" some 400 Immigration and Naturalization Service racist authorities held them for days on (INS) agents took part in arresting end without even allowing them phone 5,635 "illegal" immigrants, almost calls to inform friends or relatives of three-fourths of whom have been deported.

On "Operation Jobs":

These raids were nothing but a racist terror campaign against the immigrant workers and the national minority communities. The Mexican nationality workers were the main victims, comprising 87% of those arrested. In nine major metropolitan areas across the country, INS agents carried out storm-trooper-style raids. Large squadrons of armed agents burst into work places, arresting every "foreign-looking" person in sight. These workers were chained together like common criminals and thrown into the INS detention centers for processing. These terrorist attacks are responsible for the death of a teenage Mexican worker at a poultry farm near Boulder, Colorado who was hit by a truck while fleeing from an INS goon squad.

he work places, but also in the streets which results from the dog-eat-dog and bars in the national minority com- drive of the exploiters to make the nunities. In the Chinatown district maximum amount of profits. In order n New York City, for example, agents to shift the burden of the crisis onto made "street sweeps," harassing at the workers, the capitalists are throwrandom anyone in that part of the ing millions of workers into the Chinese community. In Denver, where streets. Then the capitalists turn asimilar tactics were used, it is re- round and threaten the workers who ported that even a 12-year-old Mexi- are still on the job that if they don't can youth was stopped on the street agree to take wage cuts and to work and questioned by authorities. Another Mexican immigrant in Denver is workers can be thrown onto the reported to have been arrested in a streets, then they themselves will join bar, taken to a detention center, strip searched, released - and then arrested again the next day at his place of work.

The arbitrary and racist nature of while the workers starve. the INS roundup can also be seen in

At Medgar Evers College in New York:

rights of all.

After their arrests, the immigrants were subjected to more vile abuse. The their arrests. In the detention centers, strip searches were carried out. Some immigrant workers were forced to sign deportation papers waiving their rights to a lawyer and a hearing. Throughout their ordeal, racial slurs were hurled at the immigrants. And then thousands of those arrested were deported, leaving them without a livelihood and virtually penniless.

The Reagan administration is carrying out these criminal attacks on the immigrants under the shameless demagoguery of providing jobs for the unemployed. What a cynical lie! It is not the immigrants but the capitalist exploiters who are responsible for unemployment. The system of capitalist slave-driving is in deep crisis, with production falling, big firms on the verge of collapse, and the whole system gradually going to pieces from one day to the next. The capitalist system Raids were carried out not just in itself is responsible for this crisis, harder and faster so that still more the army of the unemployed. Through job-eliminating productivity drives, automation and plant closings, the capitalists are seeking to make profits

It is Reagan, this Hollywood mouththe fact that in Detroit, two-thirds of piece for the monopolies, who is doing those arrested were found to be in the everything to assist driving more U.S. legally. The INS gives itself the workers into utter ruin. While the right to harass all "foreign-looking" unemployed stare starvation in the workers and immigrants, regardless face, Reagan is cutting unemployment of whether they have legal status in benefits and telling "cute" little the U.S. or not. Once one section of anecdotes about food stamp recipients workers is deprived of their rights allegedly driving Cadillacs and wash-

During the last week of April the and declared "illegal," the capitalist ing down filet mignon with expensive wines. He is forking over billions of dollars, stolen from the meager welfare programs, from the funding for public schools, and from occupational safety programs, to the monopolies to help them improve their balance sheets. When 12,000 air traffic controllers struck against the brutal productivity drive that was undermining their health, Reagan fired them. But now Reagan would have us

believe that he is oh so concerned for the workers, that he is giving them "jobs" - by staging roundups of the immigrants. This is the type of "jobs" program favored by the Hitlerites, who justified race hatred and fascism under the banner of providing benefits to the master race.

The Reagan administration is crying that the "illegal" immigrants are taking up high-paying "quality" jobs. As if this could justify racist terror! As a matter of fact, the "undocumented" workers are bitterly oppressed. But with its talk of "highpaying" jobs, the government has inadvertently let the cat out of the bag. The Reagan administration has no intention of eliminating "illegal" immigrants. Its sole desire is to ensure that they get the lowest wages and be deprived of all rights. The racist 'Operation Jobs'' is designed to make an example of a few thousand immigrants, to keep the rest in line, and to allow the capitalists to make superprofits by paying them less than what their labor would otherwise receive. The Reagan administration has its pet plans to cut everyone's wages - a two-tier minimum wage for teenagers, concessions for the unionized workers, wage freezes for the government workers, and racist terror against the immigrants.

The facts of the matter are that the immigrants have usually been oppressed in their own countries by U.S. imperialist domination and plunder of the economy. For example, U.S. corporations receive special privileges in Mexico and dominate, directly or indirectly, about 60% of the economy. In the Caribbean islands, Reagan's Continued on page 12 See IMMIGRANTS

Students Protest Education Cutbacks

(The following article is reprinted from savage repression, police clubs and black and other minority attendance.

On March 2, the U.S. Senate passed a flagrantly racist bill aimed at maintaining and extending segregation in the public schools. This legislation was in two parts. The first part, introduced by Republican Jesse Helms, prohibits the Justice Department from initiating or maintaining court suits for school desegregation if any busing is involved. The second part, introduced by the Democrat Johnston, prohibits the fed-

only a mile or so. Bus transportation of students is a long-established practice, and the limit of five miles or 15 minutes is ridiculous compared to existing travel times and distances.

The likes of Jesse Helms had no objections when black students were being bused long distances past nearby white schools to attend separate and unequal black schools. The U.S. Senate is not concerned with how students get to school. Nor is it concerned that, in order to thwart integration, courtordered busing plans are often as inconvenient and mutilated as possible. The decision of the Senate is against school integration, for segregation. While the Helms amendment, which has also passed the House of Repre-

In the workplaces

The Reagan administration is revisand is slowly disbanding the government's "civil rights apparatus."

This apparatus was set up in the face of the powerful mass movement against racial discrimination. In the past it took some limited measures restraining discrimination, in order to buy peace from the mass struggles, but it served above all to keep measures against discrimination "safely" in the "good" hands of the government. The limitations of these measures are shown in the fact that discrimination in the hiring and training of blacks and other oppressed nationalities remains rampant. This discrimination means that black workers face

171/2% unemployment, twice the general level, while for black teenagers, it is an incredible 47%. Now, with a few sweeps of the pen,

ing and dismantling regulations a- even these flimsy regulations and bugainst discrimination in employment reaucratic offices are being shoved aside. The aim of this is to open the door as widely as possible for an allout offensive to intensify discrimination against black workers and split the working class along racial lines.

> Recently, the Reagan administration revised the regulations on job discrimination for federal contractors. Companies with less than 250 employees are now exempted from all affirmative action regulations. Companies with 250 to 499 employees are now required to have only "abbreviated" affirmative action programs; in other words, to put the words "equal opportunity employer" in their newpaper ads. For all companies, the level of minority and wom-



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more then 30 million jobs, about onethird of all the jobs in the country With a stroke of the pen, the Reagan administration has abolished affirmative action requirements for millions of these, while reducing them for the rest. Furthermore, the plans to eliminate penalties is tantamount to effectively abolishing these regulations altogether.

At the same time, Reagan is calling for the overturn of the Weber decision -a 1979 Supreme Court decision permitting an affirmative action program at Kaiser Aluminum to continue. Kaiser had not only long discriminated against blacks in hiring, but had systematically excluded them from the skilled trades. The affirmative action program there signified opening up on-the-job training to blacks, who had previously been excluded from it. This affirmative action program was not mandated by the government or the courts. By calling for the overturn of this decision, Reagan is calling, in effect, for the banning of any measures whatsoever against job discrimination. With these moves Reagan is not only opening the door wide, but also calling loudly to the capitalists to step up the already vicious discrimination against black and other oppressed nationality workers.

the Caribbean Progressive Study and oppressors. Group, May 17, 1982.)

have occupied the offices of the president of the college, Richard Trent. The students are demanding that the brazen reactionary Trent - "Must Go!" and they are protesting the vicious cutbacks of educational facilities and the deteriorated conditions at the college. The takeover of Trent's office follows a successful two-week student strike in March and a series of pickets, mass rallies and demonstrations in which the students have marched through the surrounding community to popularize their just demands among the broad masses.

This high and constant level of activity stands as a clear indication that Democratic Party "opposition," is savagely cutting education, hiking tuition and brutally mutilating the student loan and grant programs...the struggle being waged by Medgar Evers students is an inspiration to all students. A bitter fight against the Reagan cuts is on the agenda. This brave struggle of the Medgar Evers students is serving to prepare them for the sharper battles they will undoubtedly face in the not-too-distant future to defend their future livelihood from the devastating attacks of the Reagan-

ites. Ninety-four percent of the students at Medgar Evers College are black and other oppressed nationality students. The college was established in 1971, in the wake of the heroic struggles waged by poor and minority students in the tumultous decade of the 1960's against vicious racial discrimination in education and for the right of all high school graduates, from impoverished and oppressed families to enter college (the struggle for "Open 'Admissions"). This demand was successfully won only through the heroic, mass and institute a black studies program at the militant action of students who faced college, despite the overwhelming the government on education!

The West Indian Voice, newspaper of the prisons of the capitalist exploiters

But while the demands were won. the city government has never recon-The students of Medgar Evers Col- ciled itself to these legitimate deege (Brooklyn, New York) are staging mands and has always' sought remilitant protests. Since April 20, they venge. Thus Medgar Evers, for instance, being overwhelmingly of opover the years have had devastating effects on poor and especially black students who make up a disproportionate section of the impoverished. For example, in 1976 in one simple stroke Medgar Evers was converted from a four-year college into a two-year college. The curriculum was cut in half, many courses were eliminated and more are on the verge of extinction. The faculty has been drastically reduced and the remaining are grossly overworked. Along with this, the physthe students are determined in their ical and health conditions have been demands, and shows that these de- allowed to deteriorate to the extent

> The students are justly angered and outraged by these attacks. Richard Trent, the college president, has become a well-deserved object of the contempt and disgust of the students. Trent is a dutiful lackey of the infamous Board of Trustees of the City University and of the whole city government. As president of the college the role of an eager hatchet man, overseeing all the attacks brought down on the heads of the students of Medgar

to come.

Evers through the years. While posturing as being "concerned about the interests of black students," Trent is nothing but a handpicked stooge of ment and a favored friend for the capitalist politicians and big business. This fused to even consider the slightest demands of the students. For instance, he has refused to establish day care at Medgar Evers where some 70% of the students are women, many of whom are mothers. Trent has even refused to

Instead, Trent, has simply dismissed the demands and denounced the students as a "mob."

Therefore the students have risen up in struggle, saying that they have had enough, that they refuse to take these attacks lying down, and demanding among other things that "Trent pressed minority students, has repeat- Must Go!" The stand and actions takedly come under harsh attacks. The en by the students at Medgar Evers savage cuts carried out in education are completely just and receive the firm support of the broad working masses who see and know that a serious fight is needed against the broad offensive the masses of people are faced with at the hands of the capitalist government headed today by Ronald Reagan.

This struggle must be carried forward. Trent may go, but the attacks which the Medgar Evers students face will not. It can be expected that whosoever may be chosen by the infamous Board of Trustees to replace[®] Trent will, whether with a "more reasonable face" or not, carry out the orders from mands are supported by the vast ma- that roaches and mice in the corridors the Board of Trustees and City Hall to jority of the students at the college. At are no extraordinary sight. And now have the students pay through their a time when the Reagan government, with the Reagan round of cuts, follow- noses for the crisis of the capitalists. with the support of the fraudulent ing his predecessors, the worst is yet Indeed it is even possible that Trent himself is returned by the Board of Trustees wearing the "more reasonable" mask himself. Therefore consciousness that the fight extends beyond Trent to his masters, the hated City government and the Wall Street Banks for whose good the livelihood of the students is being destroyed, is of great importance for a consistent fight against Trent himself, for the since its establishment, he has played long and bitter fight ahead, and for the most determined convictions to be formed among the students.

So far large numbers of students have stepped forward to man the picket lines and vigils, to participate in the rallies and demonstrations. This too is of great importance for the the Board of Trustees, the city govern- struggle of the students at Medgar Evers. Experience has shown that when the initiative and actual decioverzealous lackey has arrogantly re- sions of the struggle are in the hands of the mass of ordinary and militant students, and when their powerful potential is organized, the struggle has had the biggest impact and landed powerful blows. ...

> Carry forward the banner of militant struggle against the brutal attacks of

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agreement to freeze then the Pentagon can go on arming to the skies. But even if the pious wishes of the freeze backers were to be realized, this plan wouldn't and in fact isn't meant to adversely affect U.S. imperialism's war preparations. This is because the freeze proposal does not even call for the dismantling of a single bomb and it is meant to clear the way for a bigger expansion of U.S. imperialism's conventional (i.e., non-nuclear) forces. In other words, the freeze campaign is merely meant to be an "alternate" method of warmongering.

This goal of the freeze campaign is spelled out by its big imperialist backers among the Democratic Party politicians, the generals and other warmongers. Thus, Kennedy declared his support for the freeze with the statement that: "We offer this proposal because we believe it is in the national security interests of the United States.... I have no hesitancy whatsoever to say that we have to increase our conventional force." (San Francisco Chronicle, April 19, 1982) This is not surprising at all since Kennedy's posture against various warmongering policies have only been from the standpoint that he had other, better ideas on how to prepare for war.

Such sentiments are repeated over and over again by the different imperialist backers of the freeze plan. But some of the flunkeys of the Democratic Party squirm and say that while this may be true of Kennedy's plan, it does not represent the views of the "original" and "pure" freeze campaign.

All right, let us then hear it from the horse's mouth itself. Let us see what Ms. Randall Forsherg, widely acknowledged as the originator and leader of the current freeze campaign, has to say. Ms. Forsberg is a professional "arms controller" and a member of the Boston Study Group which includes such "anti-war" worthies as Paul Walker, a former intelligence specialist with the Army Security Agency and the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

with others from the Boston Study Group, a book called The Cost of Defense: A New Strategy for the Military Budget. This book reveals what the "real," "pure" freeze campaigners have in mind. It clearly shows that their aim is simply "alternative" means of war preparation. Thus, in a section entitled "Our Recommendations," Ms. Forsberg and her friends write:

"The forces we propose to retain are: • a relatively small but invulnerable nuclear-weapon force to deter Soviet nuclear attacks by threatening retaliation;

• the heavily equipped land-combat forces presently assigned to help defend Western Europe against possible Soviet aggression together with

• most of the current tactical combat aircraft, which are intended to provide air cover in the event of a war in Europe and to protect the ocean approaches to Japan; and

• a largely unchanged force of surface ships and attack submarines, to protect the freedom of the seas." (p. 6-7, emphasis as in the original) Elsewhere, in outlining the "acceptable goals of U.S. military policy,' they recommend that "we propose to maintain the most important, traditional U.S. defense commitments to other countries and to retain the portion of the general-purpose forces needed to meet these commitments. Similarly, we have not recommended the abolition of all U.S. nuclear weapons, even though these weapons are not defensive but deterrent, offensive armaments. A strong case can be made that keeping nuclear weapons invites attack more than it inhibits one.... Still, we propose to retain a U.S. offensive nuclear force whose destructive potential ... remains cataclysmic." (p. 50)

In other words, Ms. Forsberg and her friends are for maintaining the U.S. imperialist war machine, including the nuclear arsenal, and they are all for preserving the U.S. imperialist seeking to recruit the masses behind "spheres of influence" around the world.

This is implicit in the freeze pro-In 1978, Ms. Forsberg, co-authored, posal itself which promotes the idea



On April 17, more than 10,000 people braved foul weather to demonstrate in Seattle, Washington against nuclear weapons. This came just three weeks after an equally large demonstration on March 27 against U.S. aggression in El Salvador. These have been the largest protests in Seattle since the 60's. They show the deep outrage of the masses against U.S. imperialism. The Seattle Branch of the MLP worked actively among the demonstrators at this anti-nuclear demonstration, exposed the fraud of the nuclear freeze, and worked to rally the masses to militantly denounce militarism and aggression.

that peace is ensured through the nuclear parity between the two superpowers, what is known as the "balance of terror." This is of course an unabashed defense of nuclear blackmail against the world's peoples who are held hostage by the warmongering superpowers. It is a theory of defense of the imperialist spheres of influence. And in addition, it allows the imperialists to ceaselessly increase their armaments as long as it is done in the name of "maintaining parity." Hence, the differences between the Forsbergs and Kennedys, between the "pure" and "impure" freeze campaigns are mythical; at best, they are differences in shade. All of them and along with them, the Reaganites too, are simply squabbling over what is the best way to preserve and extend the world empire of Washington, how best to prepare for war. And by pushing the freeze campaign on the antiwar movement, the imperialists are their cynical warmongering aims. This is the real, disgusting truth behind their game.

Helping the Reaganites Fose as Pacifists

Third, the freeze campaign was developed to be acceptable to Reagan in the name of "realism" and it goes so far as to offer a hand to the Reaganite planners of the freeze campaign quite warmongers to drape themselves in the mantle of "peace.

As we have just seen, there is no fundamental difference in the aims of the leaders of the freeze campaign and the other imperialist warmongers who stand for undisguised militarism. The only difference is that the pro-freeze other things, it states: politicians and generals believe in hiding their militarism behind an imperialist pacifist fraud of "peace talks" in order to hoodwink the masses. This controversy is essentially the same as vears ago

and social-democrats when it became stopping and reversing the arms race,

clear that SALT II would not be ratified in the U.S. Senate because of an anti-SALT majority there. Richard Barnet, head of the social-democratic think tank, the Institute for Policy Studies, got together with the pacifist American Friends Service Committee and professional "arms controllers" like Randall Forsberg to come up with the current freeze campaign. (See The New Republic, April 21, 1982) It was activated in a big way after Reagan came to power and he had loudly proclaimed his opposition to new "arms limitation' talks.

The activation of the freeze campaign by the liberals and social-democrais reflected their fear that with the demise of SALT II and with Reagan in the White House, the U.S. government was now not going to be making full and effective use of the device of imperialist pacifism to deceive the masses. This dropping of the pacifist disguise would only carry with it the danger of arousing the masses into struggle as was beginning to be clear with the anti-draft and anti-nuclear protests.

Thus from the outset, the freeze had the purpose of getting the "arms limitation" talks going again. After Reagan got into the White House, the openly talked of their interest in helping Reagan to drape himself in the mantle of "peace." In May 1981, the

Strategy Drafting Committee of the Nuclear Freeze Campaign published a paper entitled "Strategy for Stopping the Nuclear Arms Race." Among

"...we should not prematurely eliminate the possibility of finding support for the freeze from among the highest levels of government.

"There are reasons to believe that that which took place between the pro- some members of the new Administra-SALT and anti-SALT forces a few tion might be interested in the bilateral freeze proposal. Presidential advis-The nuclear freeze idea was original- ers have stated that the Administraly developed as an amendment to the tion is searching for 'fresh approaches' SALT II treaty by Senator Mark Hat- to strategic arms limitation. In his Janfield, liberal Republican from Oregon. uary 29 news conference, President It was picked up and activated as a Reagan stated that his principal obcampaign by the imperialist liberals jection to SALT II was that, instead of

it permitted the arms race to escalare. A U.S.-Soviet freeze on nuclear weapons would be a first step towards the President's promised 'real reductions' in nuclear weapons. Widespread public support for the freeze would challenge and encourage President Reagan to honor this commitment. In addition, as pressure mounts to realize tax cuts and balance the budget at the same time, the Administration may be obliged to seek a politically popular means of cutting the military budget." (p. 7)

imagine that! Reagan has long been widely known and hated by the progressive masses as a rabid warmonger. His talk of "peace" was nothing but sheer hypocrisy. But it appears that the organizers of the freeze cambaign are among the few that actually believe in his lies. So much so, that they were even willing to provide him with the freeze platform as a means to become "politically popular"! Such is the cynical game being played by the leaders of the freeze campaign.

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The idea that nuclear weapons can somehow be fought by pressuring Reagan to fulfill his lying rhetoric about peace" reflects the basic problem with the freeze campaign. The proponents of the freeze present the arms race as if Reagan or Brezhnev or the other imperialist big shots are reasonable men who have simply made a few mistaken calculations. It is suggested that the danger of war comes from the arms race itself, a view which detaches war and militarism from the political and social system that builds the nuclear arsenals.

But the massive military budgets and over-bloated nuclear arsenals are not some mistaken calculations or accidents of history. Instead, they are the product of the system of imperialism, the rule of the profit-hungry capitalist billionaires.

The U.S. government developed its nuclear program during World War Continued on page 13 See NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Salesmen for the nuclear freeze How the social-democrats grovel before the generals

panying article, the nuclear freeze ment and deprive it of all militancy. a major part in the demonstration,' campaign is backed by a section of the Thus they constantly talk of the use- said Forsberg. The change is largely imperialist warmongers themselves. fulness of the freeze plan to detach due to Kennedy." (The New Republic, democrats are spenly theorizing a-It is supported by politicians from both the issue of nuclear weapons from the April 21, 1982) the Republican and Democratic Par- "confrontational" and "divisive" ties. It also counts among its boosters atmosphere typical of the upsurge in threw its support for the June 12 promises with the militarists. sections of the capitalist press, the military establishment, the foreign policy theoreticians of U.S. imperialism, and so on. This includes such Senator Alan Cranston of California. luminaries as William Colby, former (who has already declared his candidirector of the CIA, and George Ken- dacy for the presidency in 1984 and nan, former Ambassador to the Soviet seeks to use the anti-outlear ferment Union and one of the original archi- to boost him there). On January 26, tects of the Cold War. The freeze cam- 1982 he declared his support for the paign is bankrolled by the capitalist freeze campaign in California, and in moneybrgs themselves, prominent a- doing so, let out his enthusiasm that mone whom is the head of the Cali- the U.S. anti-nuclear movement, in fornia freeze campaign, Harold Wil- contrast to his impressions about the lens, millionaire owner of Factory movement in Europe, is neither a Equipment Corporation in Los Angeles "left-wing nuccement (or) out in the and a big-time backer of the Democrat- streets." This was happily reported in ic Party. While the freeze campaign finds its People's World, on January 30, 1982. real strength in this support from the capitalist militarists themselves, the task of campaigning for this fraud within the anti-war movement has been assigned especially to the socialdemocrats and revisionist and trotskyite liquidators. The campaign counts among its enthusia.stic "left" supporters the social-democrats of the Democratic Socialists of America far greater cross section of society (DSA), the vast majority of pacifist and thus in the end being far less groups, the pro-Soviet revisionists of the "Communist" Party, USA, the trotskyite Workers World Party, etc.

As it has been shown in the accom- heart out of the anti-militarist move- that has changed. 'We will be playing or innocence. They know exactly what capability ... In Europe we may have which gives the movement the pros-

wealed by the fact that the social- forces " (p. 52)

they are doing. This is strikingly re- to support strengthened conventional

Incredible! Such an unabashed demong themselves about the need for fense of militarism, and all in the name In other words, the freeze campaign "pragmatic" and "realistic" com- of building the "peace movement" and even in the name of "socialism."

pect of developing into a powerful force against imperialism's war preputations. Hence they fight hard to prevent the movement from taking up the perspective of anti-imperialist struggle. As part of their campaign, the

Outrageous Prettification of the Freeze Campaign

The freeze campaign requesents a dangerous attempt by the militarists World, who terms the nuclear power to liquidate the anti-war movement and reproit the anti-militarist masses behind the Peritagon's war chariot. The social-democratis and liquidators ary 12, 1982, p. 878) however hide this truth from the masses and have instead taken on the comparing have fought hard against job of selling this fraud to the masses taking to the street and against with the most outrageous lies. Ac- linkage with "divisive" issues in cording to the dedurations of the order not to offend the generals and social-democraris, one would think that capitalists. A recent press report the freeze was the greatest thing that noted that the freeze compaigr has happened to the unti-war struggk. "planned no mass demonstrations ... It is being promoted as the "peace and only a few weeks ago were removement of the 80's" and other such h dant, even to take part in the hoge nonsense.

gluss and looks an what the impe- Mations Special Session on Disconnrialists themselves are saying abort ment. The original freezers also did the freeze comparing , one finds that not want to be too dosely identified one of the main reasons the mili- with the older, more radical parts of tarists are epthasiastic about it is the pence more ment which are

the 1960's against U.S. aggression in Viet Nam.

Take, for instance, Democratic the "C" PUSA's West: Coast paper, Such sentiments are repeated over and over again by the imperialists. Thus a typical comment from the capitalist press supportive of the nuclear freeze campaign states:

"The movement has nowhere reached the proportions and intensity of the Viet Nam anti-war phenomenon, but it shows potential for enveloping a divisive. Significantly, the nuclear war issue is now becaming increasingly liberated from linkage with the antinuclear powrer movement.... Deoxpling from the power issue has per-

mitted involvement of many conservatives, says Jerome Grossman, president of the Council for a Livable issue very divisive." (Source, ongan of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Febru-

Indeed, the organizers of the freeze peacer, rally now planned for New York But when one scratchess the surface on June 12, to coincide with the United

that it is a useful weapon to tear the organizing the New York march. Now that they do not do this out of naivete signed to guarantee a second strike they know that it is precisely this

demonstration only when it became clear that the organizers of the event, the so-called "older, more radical parts of the peace movement," had ed to Kennedy's corrupt needs. Amaking sure that the official slegans. of the event are limited to the freeze concept and not finked to the "divi-Central America.

June 12 demonstration, work to subthe imperialist warmongers themselves.

utmost to use the freeze to detach the al anti-war struggle, but they are also the anti-war "movement will have to schemes.) going around claiming; that the money go to provide jubs, social benefits for the monking masses, and other "haman needs." This is a barehaoed and cynical lie.

According to all the generals and real theorists behind the freeze, the money saved on raclear weapons. would go for no such purpose, but towards other parts of the U.S. war machine. For example, according to inumlikely places. For example, within Senator Hatfield, the freeze "would save the United States an absolute rainimum of \$4.2.7 billion, which would be redirected towards neglected conventional defense needs or our growing dependency on foreign oil fouch as by giving hundrents to the energy monopolies for muden power. plants or other "alternative energy" projects, no tankt -- ed. [." (Hatfield' 1980's," June, 1961, p. 1.3)

An Open Alliance With the Wirmongers in the Name of the "Peace Movement?"

When the social democrats hide the congraight and prettily it as in instrument of "peace," it should be noted

Today a whole section of the social- But such lunacy is inevitable when one be aware of the differences between 1982, p. 45)

compromises" the author has in mind? to build allies, sometimes finding them imperialism's war preparations. the Pendagon, the State Department, and even the Central Intelligence Agency, there exist middle-level officials who share a particular critique of the current defense policies of the limited number of missiles A peace the teeth.

democrats, such as those around the sets out to make an alkance with DSA, are discussing in their press a- the MAD people against NUTs. The bout what is "adequate" militariza- fact of the matter is that MAD or made sure that the official politics, tion to ensure the "real needs of NUTs, the militarists are simply two tant slogans of the masses with others dominating the event would be tailor motional security." They have come up heads of the same monster, U.S. with the monstrous theory that the imperialism. However, this socialmong other things, they did this by anti-was movement must ally with the democratic article, by posing the issue even useful in converting the struggle militarists who stand for MAD (nu- in terms of openly taking sides in the tually-assured destruction) in opposi- squable between MAD and NUTS, tion to the militarists who are NUTs has managed to bring out into the sive" issue of U.S. aggression in (nuclear-use theorists, i.e., the Rea- open what is at the very heart of the ganite advocates of "limited" nuclear freeze campaign and other such ef-This is an extremely revealing wars). A recent article in Socialist forts: a naked alliance between a example of how the social-democrats, Review is very eye-opening in this section of the militarists on one hand, pacifists and revisionists, such as regard. Socialist Review is a theoreti- and the social democrate, pacifists those who are the organizers of the cal journal dose to DSA which is and revisionists on the other hand. described by the DSOC Youth Section. (The author of this particular article ordinate the anti-militarist struggle to as "a 'left' democratic socialist is kinself skeptical of the freeze betheoretical journal which traces its cause he has his own pet schemes political lineage back to the super for superpower agreements. But his Not only are these forces doing their elements of the New Left." The basic argument applies equally to the socialthesis of this article is that under the democrats' support for the freeze nuclear weapons is sue from the gener- excuse of MAD being the lesser evil, campaign or other imperialist pacifist

The social-democrats and revisionsaved by having a nuclear freeze will MAD and NUTs and will have to make ists sometimes wring their hands and pragmatic compromises with the first try to apologize for the freeze with the camp." (Socialist Review, "From claim that it is only a "first step." MAD to NUTS: The Growing Danger But their theorizings about "adequate of Nuclear War," January-February, national security" as well as the pronouncements of the big-time mili-What are some of these "pragmatic tarist backers of the freeze all go to show that it is simply a "first step" It means that the movement "will have towards a different approach to U.S.

The Latest Volley in the **Social-Democratic Offensive** Against the Anti-War Movement

The freeze is not the first attempt by United States." (p. 50) Of course, our ' the social-democrats to destroy the "socialist" author does not fail to struggle against militarism; it is only point out that this would require the next recent. From the first sti-"On our side, a willingness to consider rings of protest against war preparasupport of weapons systems that pro- tions in recent years, the "left-wing" Backgrounder, "The Age of Anniety: more on security." (p. 51) This is of the Democratic Panty which includes Emerging Nuclear Tensions in the further specified ont: "We will need to the social-democrats and revisionists, support some existing systems, and has been working with might and main methaps even jacpose new ones that to andermine the movement from improve the secondly of the United within. They chait want a vigoous States. Examples of the latter type novement against miniarism because include. the development of a fleet of the Demonstic Party is itself in impe- barrycoisie. small submarines, each carrying a vialist party which stands for arming to

warmongening aims. of the freezes movement might support efforts to The Democrate and their fluckeys. strengthen command, control, und aim their blows at the oppositional communication facilities that and de- character of the anti-war movement for

social-democrats have gore all out in recent years to remove all militant slogans from the movement. Instead. they have sought to replace the milithat stifle the movement, make it harvaless to the warmongers, and are into an appendage of the imperialist war chariot. All this goes under the general approach of denouncing the militant slogans for being too "negative" and advocating the need to take a "positive" approach instead. And lo and behold, every time it turns out that what they mean by a "positive" approach is to give up fighting the warmongers and get involved in the debates among the ruling circles about what is the best way to militurize!

This is sharply seen, for example, in the struggle against nuclear power plants. For years, the hatred of the masses for the criminal U.S. nuclear energy program was demonstrated in slogans calling for doing away with it altogether. The Democrats and their flunkeys repeatedly tried to do away with this stand. As well, they fiercely opposed raising the question of the militarist nature of the U.S. nuclear energy program and the question of nuclear weapons. Instead, they advocated calls for a nuclear moratorium, for "el ternative: energy," "safe energy," etc.

But they could not stop the bread ferment emerging among the musses against the monstrous nuclear weapons stockpile. So they are now desperstely trying; to put out these flames of indignation among the masses with the faud of the nuclear freeze. This is being used to liquidate the entire struggie aminst U.S. imperialism. The social-democrats say that the freeze is "the peace movement" and everything; else should be subordinated to it. They directly use it to detach the muclear weapons issue from the atinor questions of U.S. militarism und appression. And they are doing this with the mentions backing by the

Thus the nuclear freeze campaign shows the decisive importance of the necessity to fight social democracy and revisionist liquidationism in order to defend and idevance the antiimperialist struggle.

Build up the anti-imperialist struggle against the sabotage by the Democratic Party **Nationwide Actions Against U.S. Aggression in El Salvador**

A broad and powerful movement is continuing to unfold against U.S. aggression in El Salvador. On March 27, tens of thousands of demonstrators, from coast to coast, came out into the streets to protest the U.S. imperialist backing of the fascist junta. In Seattle there was a militant march 12,000 strong, marking the biggest demonstration in that city since the Viet Nam war. Thirty thousand marched in Washington, D.C. That same day demonstrations were also held in Los Angeles, Oakland, Chicago, Dallas, Montpelier, Vt., and other cities across the country.

A major obstacle to the success of the March 27 protests was the sabotage of the leadership. At the head of the coalitions sponsoring the protests were social-democratic, revisionist, trotskyite, and other opportunist chieftains. Nevertheless, because of their mass character, the MLP vigorously worked for and participated in these actions. Because of the fighting sentiments among the people against U.S. aggression in El Salvador, large numbers came out for the March 27 demonstrations. Such big actions serve as a valuable school of struggle. Moreover, as long as there is freedom of agitation within these actions they provide the masses coming into the movement with a wealth of experience with the different political forces, allowing them to see first hand what the trends and organizations stand for in practice.

Why So Much Foot Dragging on the Part of the Leadership?

The March 27 nationwide protests were held on the very eve of the March 28 "elections" farce in El Salvador. These actions were a condemnation of this miserable charade which was staged by U.S. imperialism with so much fanfare. Only the bloodstained henchmen of the U.S.-backed oligarchy were allowed to participate in this farce. These elections at the point of a bayonet were put on with the sole purpose of giving the manderous junta a "democratic" face lift in order to



aggression in El Salvador. Photo shows a view of the contingent mobilized by the Marxist-Leninist Party, the Caribbean Progressive Study Group

people.

mockery of an "election" placed the tion. leadership of the March 27 demonstra-

the toes of their liberal heroes in the But, as strange as it may seem, this Democratic Party. Quite a sticky situa-

The social-democrats and their tions in a somewhat uncomfortable sit- friends have been working within the uation. This was because these "elec-movement against U.S. intervention in tions" were supported not only by the El Salvador with the singalar aim of Reagan administration, but also, in hitching the struggle to the coattails varying degrees, by the alleged critics of the imperialist liberals. They want of Reagan's El Salvador policy among to muffle the demand of the movement the Democratic Party politicians. And that U.S. imperialism must get out of therefore the social-democratic and El Salvador tock, stock and barrel, in

30,000 people marched in Washington, D.C. on March 27 against U.S. (New York), the Union of Anti-Imperialist Students (Buffalo) and the Comite Baldemiro Castro (New York) of the Communist Party of Labor of the Dominican Republic.

> democrats and company had a marked impact on their mobilization for March 27.

'elections'' farce. But this date was even that many. set months beforehand, when it was

cians would adopt towards this Reaganite maneuver. But as the "elections" approached these Democratic

hot potato, and the official leadership displayed a marked lack of enthusiasm the Oakland Naval Supply Contor had to mobilize at all for the March 27 ac-

This foot dragging was quite noticeable in a number of areas. In Seattle, for example, the social democratic and church leadership simply tried to sit on support for the Oakland action. Inthe mobilization. Several weeks be-The March 27 date for the nation- they expected only 500 people to dem- social democratic marks, and a handful wide protests was chosen in the first onstrate (Seattle Times, March 28, place with the explicit purpose of voic- 1982), and it appears that if they had it a separate rally to be held on the same ing a protest against the March 28 their way there would not have been day on the other side of the bay in San

But the surge among the working not yet completely clear what attitude and progressive people against U.S. a number of Democratic Party polici intervention in El Salvador was not going to be damped down so easily. the masses, the Seattle Branch of the to endorse this raked and cynical for the March 27 demonstration. The in Oakland 5,000 strong. farce. Their close allies, the AFL-CIO MLP activists spread revolutionary agleadership, even bought a full page ad itation against U.S. imperialist aggres- anything inherently harmful in an orin the New York Times hailing the tion and in support of the liberation ganization calling its own independent March 28 "elections." Not wanting to struggle of the Salvadorian people actions. Far from it. In its work to build cross up these fine gentlemen in the throughout the city - to the factory the anti-imperialist movement, our

they were eager for action. Meanwhile a number of activists were complaining that the official sponsors of the demonstration were doing nothing to bring them into the work of mobilization.

With this groundswell of sentiment for mass action exerting strong pressure on them, only in the last week before March 27 did the social-democratic and church leaders launch a last minute flurry of activity for the mobilization. And then, on the day of reckoning, not 500, but 10,000 came out for the demonstration!

Similar patterns of foot dragging on the part of the official leadership, to varying degrees, were also experienced in Boston and other cities.

Social-Democrats and Revisionists Try to Fragment the Anti-Imperialist Movement

Moreover, it appears that the desire of the errand boys of the Democrats to not cross the path of their masters went to the extent of deliberate efforts to undermine and split the March 27 demonstrations. On that same Saturday, for example, a "nuclear freeze" rally was held in Philadelphia with over 10,000 participants. This could not but have played an undermining and competitive role against the El Salvador demonstration which had been called many months in advance for nearby Washington, D.C.

A most flagrant display of splitting efforts was witnessed in the San Franforehand a march to and a picket at been called as part of the March 27 mationwide protests. But in the weeks before March 27. the nevisionist chieftains of the "Communist" Party and a few of their friends with drew their stead the "C"P, along with Ron Delforehand they had told the police that lums and other Democratic Party and of trade union bureaucrats, announced Francisco. To all appearances, this separate action had no political objective other than to split up the March 27 action, to fragment its strength. As it turned out, the "C"IP revisionists Recognizing the fighting mood among and company faced miserably, drawing to their event only one tenth the Party hucksters obediently got in line MLP threw itself into the mobilization number who militantly demonstrated

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Union of Anti-Imperialist Students Adopts Its Program

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tributed thousands of copies of its low. This program comes out of the life newsletter, The Buffalo Anti-Imperial and work of the UAIS, out of our acmany militant actions against U.S. irn- rialist politics which are brought into perialist war preparations.

the movement, especially by the Dem-

The adoption of this Program is a

great achievement for the UAIS. The

UAIS is distributing its Program in the

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pave the way for dispatching more opportunist leaders were faced with its place they want to put the struggle "elections" farce was dropped like a cisco Bay Area. Several months be-U.S. guns and Green Berets to assist the danger of powerful protest actions within the framework of the "political in the slaughter of the Salvadorian against the "elections" trampling on solution" and "democratization" schemes being hawked by the Democratic Party politicians - schemes tions. which are aimed at preserving the U.S. imperialist enslavement of EL Salvador. This policy of the social-

Introductory Remarks

The Union of Anti-Imperialist Students is an organization of anti-imperialist activists in Bulfalo, N.Y. It emerged at the height of the mass movement against registration for the draft and other was preparations in sures faving the movement today. early 1980. In the ower two years of its These issues are addressed in the Pao-

Is the fight against war prepara- ocratic Party and its hangers-on. tions, the UAIS found it essential to oppose imperialism, since it is the imperialist system which is the source of war. To oppose in perialism, the UAIS has found it necessary to take firm stands on a number of key political is-

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1. The LAS stands opposed to all war preparations, aggression, domnation and plumder by U.S. impedialism.

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Taday the U.S. imperialists are preparing for wars of plunder and comprest wars against their in perialistrivals in their fight to redivide the world among themselves and was stagainst the people's of the world us to are fighting for free ion and independence from imperialist durin ation. The monopoly capitalists, who have grown fat off the sweatand blood of the American workers, are also raking in Aut astic superprofits from the plunder of the people of other countries. It is the predatory interests of U.J. imperialian for political domnation and e conomic plunder of the percel es a other countries what is the source of their preparations for war. Thus, the wars being prepared by J'S in parialism are certirely renctionary and against the interbats of the broad masses of working and oppressed people at mine and alroad.

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Party recognizes the necessity for the Continued on page 8 See EL SALVADOR

The Trotskyite Spartacist League.

A Band of Wreckers Against the Anti-Imperialist Movement

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purpose than kunching a provoca tion. They had dealare i well beforehand thut In atlinty towards the Whatch 27 action. But instead of mying to awit a clush by, for example, Irolding arganized a counter-event with the explicit aim of orchestrating a comfrantation.

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The March 27 damon stration in torversion placing all the demonstration the apps charged in." Washington, D. C. against U.S. 2g- tors in danger of violence or arrest." gression in El Salvad or witnessed yet (Workers Vargmard, Marsh 18, 1982) another provorsion by the tratskyne. And band behold, or March 27 these insidem. Rather, this or some varia-Spantacist League. Over the last con- traisky ice wreckers did their damadest to incre "sharp physical clashes a been system aread by represented over and mong matchers," and no "provike over again - in New York, in Chicago, mentum, the Spantacist League trot police intervention" against the in Ann, when Michigan and elsewhere.

particular, the Spann have branched a create an insident at the assembly values string of alismative actacks a point for the demonstration in Malgainst the mass actions again st U.S. colm & Part. There the Spartscheen be aggression and war, which now in- a "two hour standoff" between them- chair. On the contary, the Sparts citates their major attends at provoca advessard the demonstration norstals i ave consistently shown that they are tion against the March 27 demonstra- who prevented the Spatts from entering the assembly area. The Sparts' By their own admission the Sparts sown account of what took place there came to Washington for no other is a most instructive description of the Sparte tactics of provocation

[ithat is keeping the Sparts out of the three are incaded a prominent place or assembly area -- od [... could not be tolaratai Meter maile flying wedge their own event of service, the spare to breakthrough their line This was quiddly and affeotively bone, serding incit engly in oden is which stirk up the their goors running and deaving a atnosphere. No, it is not the Sparts number sprawled on the ground The Sparts' intentions were spelled. It was over in a few seconds and our son advas alica by moving back by the time the gops charger in." (Worker's Vanguard, April 2, 1982)

Just like the Sparts had promised befordhand. First they organized a disruptions/have earned the Spants the "sharppphysical dash." After a "twobut the the shin enstrators, read like a "hour standoff" in which they were un- the anti-impuratist activists, who corimessage from a Mafa indedewn at- dd e to not e e disruption or melee by ist expressing his touching current for any other means, the Sparts resorted the safety of his victim's children. to dispatching a "flying wedge," a Under the transparent guise of an- "squad" of thugs in military formation cerr for "protecting the lights and to do the job. And then, in perfect sefety of all protesters" the Sparts synchronization, as soon as the Spart flaumed their plane for provocation: thugs could beat a hasty retreat, the "Tharp uphysical dashes samong "pd.ice intervention" arrived on the rnardners," the Spart hetter unir cusly scene; as the Sparts boast, "Our See UALTROJRAM worried "can well provike police in- squad was already moving back by the

What tark place at Maleal n X Park was not a question of some isolated tion of this pattern of disruption has Moregyer, it must be aressed that The Sparts' intentions were to what is involved in these incidents is not a question of the rights of the 3part sto hold and advocate their political views as the Sparts hyporrecally in heat or disruption. They arme to these actions called by a has loudly proclaiging their opposition to the event. Nexentheless, as the Sparts put it, they refuse to "go totie hack of the "This attempt to segregate the meds bus," that is to say, they do mand that esien the leadership in the action. And. ite enforce these termanels the Spante reagerly bunch violant clasher and but others which ave their rights to air their views trampled on by the 'Ifly ing wenges and mittery-dype goor squads, the tigs-powered licud speaker systems and other vehicles of Spart disruption. The repetition of turse disgustant handlof avvide section of rectly see this trotskyite sect as ad iehardband of wrackers.

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ple of years, as the anti-imperialist movement has been trailing 15 tho skyites have been escalating their demonstration. Lanty wreching work against it. In

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forces the MLP has frequently called for and organized demonstrations, pickets, and other actions directly under the Party's slogans and banners. Such actions have many advantages and they have proved to be excellent vehicles of revolutionary agitation among the working masses.

But the attempt of the "C"P revisionists and their friends to float a separate event in direct competition with the Oakland action had no higher objective than undermining and fragmenting the struggle. It was simply an unprincipled split. There were no serious political differences in slogans or stated purposes. On the surface, this split was simply the fruit of a typical squabble among the social-democratic and opportunist leaders, a squabble in which the "C"P revisionists thought that they had a better plan than the others for making the demonstration more palatable to the capitalist politicians and trade union bureaucrats. But in the background there was also the knotty problem: How to lead mass protests on the eve of the Salvadorian "elections" farce and still avoid stepping on the toes of the imperialist lib-



March 27 demonstrations in Oakland (above), Seattle (top right), and Chicago (right).

erals of the Democratic Party. And it appears that the "C"P revisionists and their social-democratic cohorts attempted to resolve this acute dilemma by engaging in flagrant sabotage and splitting against the March 27 actions. Thus, March 27 brought out a number of important lessons. It once again confirmed that there is a mounting wave of sentiment among the working and progressive people for mass struggle against the militarism and aggression of the Reaganite fiends of war. At the same time, March 27 underscored that the policy of tai-

loring the movement to serve the inter-

ests of the Democratic Party politicians ing a powerful and dynamic movement is a policy of actively undermining the struggle. March 27 showed that the social-democrats, the revisionists, and other opportunist forces in alliance with the Democratic Party, are ble wrecking activities of the trotskyite sabotaging and fragmenting the move- Spartacist League also made their ment to pursue their corrupting aims.

March 27 therefore, again brought in Washington, D.C. On page 7 is home the necessity of orienting the an article analyzing the dirty provocamovement squarely against U.S. impe- tions of this trotskyite wrecking crew rialism and against the twin parties of against the anti-imperialist moveimperialist warmongering - against ment.) both the Reaganite Republicans and the liberal hucksters of the Democratic Party. This is the road to build-

against U.S. aggression and war.

(Besides the undermining role of the social-democratic and revisionist forces discussed above, the contemptimark on the March 27 demonstration





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Japan and Canada and imperialist puppet states - lined up behind the aggressive imperialist military blocs such as NATO and the Warsaw Pact, are also arming against the people and for imperialist war.

While the UAIS fights first and foremost against the war preparations and aggressive actions of "our own" imperialist government, it also stands firmly opposed to all the other imperialist powers, and opposes lining up behind one imperialist or reactionary power to "fight" another. Capitulation to one imperialist power means capitulation to the world imperialist system.

III. The UAIS stands in wholehearted soli-

darity with the peoples around the world

who are fighting against imperialism. We stand in firm support of the national liberation struggles against imperialist domination, especially those being waged against 'our own'' U.S. imperialism. The UAIS wages active struggle against the rabid chauvinism which the U.S. imperialists promote in order to line up the American people behind their attacks on the people of other nations, such as their-anti-Iranian hysteria. We also support the mass movement which has arisen in Europe. Japan and other countries against the aggressive war preparations of their own governments and the two superpowers.

IV. The UAIS is an organization of activists which works to organize and strengthen the mass movement against all imperialist war preparations, aggression and plunder. In the U.S., a broad movement has devel-

ment has many currents - against U.S. in- imperialist politics target the imperialist tervention and aggression around the system as the source of war and war prepaworld, against the reintroduction of the rations. The anti-imperialist politics unite draft, against military spending and nuclear weapons production, against the entire into one powerful movement against impenuclear energy program, against the per- rialism. The anti-imperialist polities call for secution of the immigrant peoples in the U.S., as well as other struggles. The UAIS actively supports and participates in all of these currents of struggle against U.S. imperialism. The existence and further development of this mass movement among the American people represents a great and most effective force to oppose and hinder In particular, the Democratic Party is trying U.S. imperialism's plans for new wars of aggression and conquest.

This movement must be a political movement; it must be based on anti-imperialist politics. In all of the struggles against war preparations and war, opposition to imperi-

oped against U.S. imperialism. This move- alism must be put at the center. The antithe various particular anti-war struggles resolute and thoroughgoing struggle against imperialism, not some tinkering with this or that imperialist policy.

This movement must get organized in complete independence from and in opposition to the two big capitalist political parties, the Republicans and the Democrats. to infiltrate the movement by posing as the opposition" to the open warmongering of the Reaganites. But their aim is not to fight imperialism and war, it is to sabotage the movement. The politics of the Democratic Party are imperialist politics - lock, stock

and barrel. They seek to bring the mass movement into positions of accomodation with imperialism. Thus, for example, they want to put a "human rights" mask on U.S. imperialist domination and aggression, such as in El Salvador. Or, they appeal to the two superpowers to renew the 'detente" process as the path to 'disarmament" and "peace." when in fact "detente" is nothing but a big smoke screen behind which the superpowers arm to the teeth for war. The Democratic Party and its 'left-wing" hangers-on are striving to divert the movement from taking an antiimperialist direction, to subvert the mass the anti-war movement into a vehicle for electing Democrats to office. Thus, the movement must be on the alert against the sabotage of the Democrats and their flunkies, and must get organized independent

struggle against imperialist war and to turn

of them.

The movement against war preparations, aggression and plunder by U.S. imperialism must be based on the masses of people. The masses have nothing to gain and everything to lose from imperialist war preparations and war. Thus, it is necessary to mobilize the masses of youth, students. workers and progressive people into active political struggle against the imperialist government for an effective fight against war preparations and war. In its practical organizing, the UAIS places primary importance on the development of mass actions, demonstrations, public meetings, extensive literature distribution campaigns, popular anti-imperialist cultural work and other activities which draw more and more people into an active fight against imperialism.

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into clashes, etc. But this is only so much eyewash to hoodwink the naive because, in fact, what lies behind the Sparts' provocations is their rabid hostility to the revolutionary struggle. both at home and abroad. Just look at the political stands which the Sparts adopt towards the movement against U.S. aggression in El Salvador. The following positions emerge most sharply:

a) that far from standing for struggle against imperialism and its defenders, the Sparts are bitter opponents of the emerging mass antiimperialist movement;

c) and that far from being a force against reformism, the Sparts play the role of a foil for the Democratic Party liberals, the social-democrats, the revisionists and trotskyites, and other reformist forces in the anti-imperialist movement.

Let's examine these points more closely

Bitter Opponents of the Anti-Imperialist Mass Movement

Among the plethora of trotskyite sects in the U.S., the Spartacist League is part of the ultra-phrasemongering wing of Trotskyism, as opposed to the more mild-mannered. social-democratic and liberal Trotskyism of the Socialist Workers Party, Workers World Party/Youth Against War and Fascism, etc., etc. With their "more phrasemongering-thanthou" posturing, the Sparts attempt to

"militant' and "revolutionary' of active political life and struggle athem all. As part of this ridiculous gainst U.S. imperialism. posturing in the anti-imperialist movement, the Sparts even try to dress anti-imperialist movement is a telling themselves up as being the real self-exposure of what the Sparts are 'anti-imperialists," as being the real all about. It tears to shreds their fighters against the Democratic Party absurd pretenses to "anti-imperialand its reformist allies, etc. But all of ism.' And it exposes them as nothing the Sparts' noisy phrasemongering is more than a miserable trotskyite nothing but a ruse, a fig leaf to cover wrecking crew against the anti-impeup reactionary wrecking against the rialist struggle. anti-imperialist movement.

First and foremost, there is simply no such thing as a revolutionary position - whether a fight against imperialism, or a serious struggle against the Democratic Party and its reformist allies - which is not firmly rooted in

the development of the struggle of the

masses. It is the mass struggle which

their most vile curses and attacks.

Look at the movement against U.S.

aggression in El Salvador. Over the

past two years, hundreds of thousands

strike the pose of being the most Nixon and which brought millions into against a people's revolutionary war in

This vile ridicule against the mass

Contemptible Phrasemongering Against the Revolutionary Struggle in El Salvador

The Sparts' disgusting abuse against the anti-imperialist movement in the

the conditions of El Salvador, it is that the workers should commit suicide by carrying on the battle without their allies, and in the first place without the toiling peasantry. It is a demand for nothing short of abandoning the powerful popular war which the workers and peasants have spread throughout the Salvadorian countryside and which is shaking the fascist dictatorship. But possibly the low point of the

Sparts' phrasemongering is their demand that the Salvadorian guerillas "Take San Salvador!," a slogan which they combine with the demand to "extend the revolutionary struggle not only throughout Central America but north to Mexico ... This is the road to victory in El Salvador." What contemptible blowhards! Just imagine. The heroic Salvadorian people and revolutionaries are sacrificing everything in their struggle to overthrow their oppressors, boldly persevering on the road of the armed struggle in the face of the genocidal massacres of a military junta armed to the teeth by U.S. imperialism. It is clearly not due to any lack of courage or desire to fight that the Salvadorian people have not yet won their liberation. Meanwhile. the Sparts are issuing their lectures to the liberation fighters to "Take San Salvador!" and then march "north to Mexico" as "the road to victory in El Salvador.' Why did these mangy curs bother with such ridiculous "demands" on the Salvadorian revolutionaries? Why didn't the Sparts just set an example for others to follow and go out and "take Washington, D.C." and 'extend" the revolution not only to Mexico but all over the globe? After all, if the Sparts had simply done that in the first place, they would have created a revolution in revolutionary strategy and tactics. By "taking Washington, D.C." they would have provided the first and the only piece of evidence that empty trotskyite phrasemongering is indeed a more effective means to "take" capital cities and 'extend" revolutions than by way of arduous revolutionary struggle waged by real people against real enemies. Besides this type of absurd phrasemongering against the revolutionary struggle, the Sparts also have direct demands for the subordination of the Salvadorian liberation movement to, the neo-colonialist ambitions of Soviet social-imperialism. The Sparts pride themselves as being the very most brazen enthusiasts of Soviet socialimperialist aggression and expansion - from their notorious slogan "Hail the Red Army in Afgnanistan!" as the Russian occupiers carry out genocidal napalming of Afghan villages. to their violent approval of the fascistic martial law crackdown in Poland. The Sparts take this to the point of tauntthe neo-colonialist ambitions of Soviet social imperialism. The Sparts pride SWP and the other revisionist and trotskyite groups for being weak-kneed in their defense of the imperialist de-

signs of the new revisionist and capitalist Russian ruling class.

The Sparts chastise their fellow pro-Soviet revisionist brethren for failing to demand that the Soviet Union engage in arms shipments to El Salvador and dispatch their Cuban or other mercenaries to intervene there. They accuse them of failing to see that allegedly what is really at stake in El Salvador is not the minor issue of the liberation of the Salvadorian people, but the global rivalry between the two superpowers. And, of course, the Sparts come out screaming in "defense" of Soviet social-imperialism. Hence their infamous slogan, "The Defense of the USSR/Cuba Begins in El Salvador!" - a slogan which has carned the bitter wrath of large

b) that far from supporting the revolution in El Salvador, the Sparts engage in reactionary phrasemongering against this heroic revolutionary struggle;

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imperialist PC; as well as to that of the social-democratic and pro-Western imperialist PS.

The PC(R) points out that the opportunism of the PC leaders in supporting the liberal bourgeois politicians, has led these revisionists into great difficulties and contradictions within their own organizations. At the base of the CGTP are the rank-and-file workers. They are under the influence of reformist and revisionist politics and ideology, but their class instincts and interests impel them to desire a real fight against Balsemao. Thus as the strike movement has developed the workers have come into greater and greater contradiction with the policies of relying on the liberal bourgeois poliof the aristocratic privileged workers and labor bureaucrats of the CGTP. For example, this upper stratum of revisionist workers, among other outrages, transformed the pickets which they headed during the general strike into committees of "Democratic Vigilance" opposed to action against strikebreakers. They used these com- class organizations.

mittees to fraternize with the bosses. the administrators and the police. As well, some of this revisionist strata were actively opposed to the general strike altogether, labeling it as an "adventure" and going to work on February 12. The PC(R) points out that the rank-and-file workers became increasingly outraged as this reactionary activity of the revisionists was consistently seen from factory to factory, everywhere in the country

In the militant strike movement, the Portuguese proletariat guided by its true Marxist-Leninist vanguard, the PC(R), is gaining invaluable experience. It is learning firsthand the treachery of the PC revisionists and PS social-democratic opportunists, and it is seeing with its own eyes the futility ticians for a way out of the crisis. The workers are greatly strengthening the independent politics of their own class against the rich and against the opportunist agents of the bourgeoisie in the workers' movement. They are marching forward, strengthening their unity and building up their own independent

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of working people, youth and students have been marching in the streets all across the U.S. to voice their opposition to U.S. intervention on behalf of the fascist junta as well as their solidarity with the heroic struggle of the Salvadorian people. The emergence of this movement is a most positive development and is being watched with dread by the Reagans and Haigs for whom it brings back ominous memo-

ries of the high tide of mass struggle against U.S. aggression in Viet Nam, But the Sparts see no value in this development whatsoever; instead they ridicule the demonstrations and curse those who participate in them. They crudely mock at those who might 'sympathize with populist uprisings in Central America" as being so-called 'rad/lib types' and issue a barrage of similar reactionary sneers against the anti-imperialist activists which are worthy only of a Richard Nixon or a Spiro Agnew.

> the "anti-war movement" of the 60's and early 70's was nothing more than 'impotent peace parades' and 'a useful safety valve'' for ''radicalized student-youth" to let off steam. This is how the Sparts spit in the face of "demands" on the Salvadorian of the countless thousands of so-called "radicalized student-youth," that is oh-so very "leftist" in words, and so the workers and other working people, the vouth and students and revolutionary activists who waged a selfsacrificing and bitter struggle against U.S. imperialism's genocidal war in and early 70's was nothing more than Indochina. This is how the Sparts thumb their noses at a torrential mass tion." If one can attribute any logical movement which confronted the fiend- meaning at all to this nonsensical ish war plans of Johnson and then counterposing of a workers' revolution

U.S. is only rivaled by their contemptible phrasemongering against the revolutionary struggle in every other is the decisive revolutionary force, the bulwark of any serious fight against country, with El Salvador being the outstanding current example. The imperialism and its defenders. And it Salvadorian workers and peasants is precisely against the mass anti-imperialist struggle that the Sparts direct have risen up, arms in hand, in a democratic and anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle for the overthrow of the fascist junta, and the oligarchy of big capitalists and landlords and the U.S. imperialist domination which the junta defends. Consistent Marxist-Leninists are not in the leadership of the Salvadorian movement but rather diverse forces ranging from reformists to revolutionaries of various persuasions. There is nothing that requires the U.S. Marxist-Leninists and antiimperialist activists to agree with everything that the leadership in El Salvador says and does, in order to firmly support the Salvadorian people's struggle. But it is one thing to have differing views from the leadership, and quite another to ridicule this struggle and act as scabs against it. No, the liberating and revolutionary character of the Salvadorian people's movement is undeniable, and for this reason this popular war has earned the militant sympathy of the class conscious workers and revolutionaries the world over.

But the Spart parasites despise this revolutionary struggle like a vampire The Sparts draw a parallel between hates sunlight. Instead they curse at the present movement and the move- the revolution in El Salvador for not ment against the U.S. imperialist war conforming to the tenets of the counin Indochina only to conclude that all ter-revolutionary treatises of Trotskysuch movements against U.S. aggres- ism. They denounce the struggle for sion are meaningless or worse. Ac- being "populist" and "popularcording to their reactionary lecturing, frontist, ' and they even decry it as "Stalinist," which in their deranged and anti-communist perspective is the worst curse word of them all.

> Along with this string of curses, the Sparts have put forward a laundry list revolutionaries, demands which are very reactionary in reality. For instance, the Sparts viciously ridicule what they refer to as the "populist guerilla war" which is presently raging in El Salvador. In its place the and anti-communist perspective is the

Sparts demand a workers revolu-

numbers of anti-imperialist activists who correctly see it as a demand that the interests of the Salvadorian people be subordinated to the "defense" of the enslaving, neo-colonial designs of the Soviet new tsars.

A Foil for the Social-Democratic and Reformist "Left" Wing of the Democratic Party

The contemptible phrasemongering and provocations of the Spartacist League all add up to a specific role of diversion against the anti-imperialist movement. The Sparts' wrecking work is calculated to discredit the very idea of taking a revolutionary and principled stand in the struggle. It is aimed at creating the false impression on the minds of the activists that to oppose the subversion of the movement by the imperialist liberals of the Democratic Party, or to raise the banner of struggle against imperialism, or to take any other militant stand, is in some way associated with crude sneers and provocative attacks against the movement itself. In this way, despite their noisy phrasemongering against the reformists, the Sparts play directly into the hands of the social-democrats, the revisionists of the "Communist" Party. their fellow trotskyites of the SWP and the WWP, and other reformist forces. They play directly into the game plans of these corrupt forces which want to rob the movement of its militant and oppositional character in order to make it acceptable to the imperialist politicians of the Ted Kennedy ilk.

It is important therefore for the activists to pay attention to the political role which the Sparts play in the movement and draw correct conclusions from it. The high tide of struggle in the 60's and early 70's and today's resurgence of the movement have provided ample living evidence that it is the destructive influence of the socialdemocratic and reformist "left" wing of the Democratic Party which is the number one saboteur of the antiimperialist mass movement. And the activistive Bay attention to the Sontis cal role which the Sparts play in the are clearly demonstrating how this contemptible trotskyite sect acts as a foil for this sabotage.

Belgian strikers clash

with the capitalist police

Portugal, Belgium and Luxembourg

General Strikes in Western Europe

Portuguese workers demand ouster of the ruling coalition

economic crisis is growing deeper with Britain a national rail strike against job each passing day. In each country the money-grubbing monopoly capitalists are working to shift the burden of this crisis onto the workers' shoulders. Devastating unemployment, wage cuts and other economic "austerity" measures are the order of the day, in a number of one-day general strikes and political reaction is everywhere on the increase.

Faced with this capitalist onslaught, the working class is turning to struggle. In Italy for example, 250,000 met-March 26 in a demonstration demand-

The Portuguese workers' strike

movement of the past year reached a

crescendo on February 12 with an his-

toric national general strike. Virtually

the entire nation was paralyzed as well

over one-and-a-half million workers

downed their tools to organize pickets,

demonstrations and rallies. Strike-

breakers and reactionaries were firmly

rebuffed, and, as evening came, the

militant workers battled the police in

The Portuguese workers came out

into the streets under the central slo-

gan of "Down With the Balsemao AD

government!" This hated government

is composed of a coalition of rightist

parties known as the Democratic Alli-

ance (AD) and headed by Prime Minis-

ter Francisco Pinto Balsemao. It was

the capital city of Lisbon.

elimination took place earlier in the year and at present a rash of strikes by transportation workers, teachers and others is under way. Moreover, in Portugal, Belgium and Luxembourg the workers' fury has been unleashed and mass demonstrations.

bourg downed their tools in the first tributing to major governmental crises general strike in that country in 60 for the monopoly capitalist ruling years. Protesting the government- classes. al workers marched into the streets on imposed 5% ceiling on wage increases, the workers set up picket lines ments in a number of the countries of

throughout the country and shutting 30 border crossings for three hours in the morning.

In Portugal and Belgium the massive one-day general strikes have been accompanied by militant demonstrations and street clashes with the reactionary authorities. In these countries the strike movements have taken on a On April 5, the workers of Luxem- marked political character and are con-

The development of the strike move-

In Western Europe the capitalist ing higher wages and job security. In closing down industry and commerce Western Europe are the herald that even sharper class battles will engulf Europe in the future. The strike struggles, taken together with the broad movement against imperialist war preparations that is spreading across Western Europe, are sure signs that the working people are awakening to political life and struggle against the brutal capitalist offensive. On this page we print two articles to inform our readers about the militant strike movements in Portugal and Belgium.

most stable country in Europe," a country where the bourgeoisie advertised a "contented" working class, a country where the classical misery of racked by the inevitable economic cri-

sis of the capitalist system, the Belgian monopoly capitalists have adopted the same kind of harsh "austermedicine ity" which the other governments of Europe and North America are imposing on their workers.

Facing a deeper crisis every day, on February 2 the Belgian legislature

passed the "Special Powers Bill" which allows Prime Minister Wilfred Martens to decree policy on budgetary matters without parliamentary approval for one year. With these new emergency powers, Martens immediately enacted a series of austerity measures which included cutting back the automatic indexing system, which gives cost-of-living wage increases to the workers, and further rationalizing the state-owned steel industry. With the cutback in the indexing system the government hopes to slash the real wages of the workers in the statesubsidized industries by up to 15% and in private industry by at least 3%. The further rationalization of the steel industry will mean the elimination of at least another 10,000 jobs at a time when unemployment is already reported to have grown to 13% nationally and to have mushroomed to 20-30% in the steel-producing centers in the southern province of Wallonia.

The Belgian workers refused to accept these measures. They immediately responded with a one-day general strike on February 8 which completely paralyzed the south of the country and shut down much of the north. The workers were especially outraged against what they called the 'dictatorial powers." granted to the Prime Minister and they demanded the immediate scrapping of the Special Powers Bill." They also demanded the retention of their cost-of-

For years Belgium was known as the steel workers launched a protracted strike in southern Belgium. On March 9, they were joined by textile and other workers in a protest strike which, for one day, completely cut off the working people supposedly did not the province of Wallonia from the rest exist as it did elsewhere. But today, of the country. Pickets shut down all



The Belgian workers' movement has included a number of very sharp street battles with the capitalist government's police. Above a steel worker aims a slingshot at a line of police in the capital city of Brussels.

industry, blocked the streets and railways, and closed the banks, insurance companies, universities, etc.

On March 16, another demonstration of angry steel workers took place in Brussels to protest Martens' steel industry rationalization schemes. Toward the end of the march another pitched battle with the police took. place. The demonstrators were attacked with water cannon, tear gas and mounted police. But they refused to disband. The workers fought back for two hours using clubs, paving stones and bolts. The government reports that 179 policemen were injured in this battle.

On March 26 yet a second general strike was organized. Again the south was completely paralyzed, the huge port of Antwerp in the north was disrupted for the first time and the coal mines in the east were working at only half capacity. Following this general strike, many smaller strikes have continued. It is reported that strikes at the schools and occupations of railway stations have been occurring almost daily.

The growing militancy of the workers in this strike movement has caused increasing worry among the leaders of the two Belgian trade union cepters. Although the general strikes and the big demonstrations have been called by the leaders of the FTCB, the socialle democratic union center, and have been supported by the leaders of the living pay raises. As well, they op- CSC, the Christian trade union center, posed the rationalization of the steel the bourgeois press reports that these industry and demanded funds from the leaders, are very upset about the "uncontrolled." actions of the m creasingly argry workers. The willitaint street fighting and many of the demonstrations, strikes and other mass actions have taken place without the approval of the union bureaucrats. These union misleaders are said to be desperate to bring the struggle under their control and especially to dampen the wonkers 'outrage against the energency powers of the government. The graving contradiction between the mass of workens, and their union misleaders is another indication of the significance of this strike movement. The workers are gaining great experience with the treachery of the union bare aurars, in the course of their sharp struggle and are seeking out, in their own way, an independent directim.for their movement. Undorbtedly, with the militant class spirit displayed in the recent fighting, the workers will give size to their win Marxist-Leainist varguard party to lead them to victory over the monopoly capitalist

Strike Movement Continues

Following the one-day general strike, the workers' strike movement has continued to develop with force. A constant stream of strikes and demonstrations have been organized and these class battles have steadily developed into sharper and sharper confron- bus depot. tations.

90% of the industrial proletariat of the workers' movement. On the other big industrial region around Lisbon was reported to be on strike, and there were similar results reported all across the country. In this great strike yet another worker gave his life and three others were injured during a fierce clash with strikebreakers at a Lisbon

The continuing strike movement is a politics of the workers.

hand, opposed to these parties, stands the Communist Party (Reconstructed) of Portugal (PC(R)). The PC(R) is the genuine Marxist-Lenimist vanguard of the Portuguese proletariat. The PC(R) consistently opposes bourgeois politics within the workers' movement. It alone fights for the independent class



On the 6th of March, within just one month of the first new general strike. They rallied the masses of workers general strike, hundreds of thousands of Portuguese against the capitulationist stand of the top revisionist workers marched in over two dozen cities demanding the trade union bureaucrats who actively opposed any sloourster of the rightist coalition government. The Marxist- gass being raised for another general strike. The bac-Leninist workers of the PC(B) and other militant union ner reads: "A new general strike? Of course!" activists used the occasion to raise slogans in favor of a

In the latter part of February a strike big setback to the anti-worker offenof transportation workers succeeded in forcing the government to grant pay raises. During the first week of March the railroad workers began another series of national strikes. And on March 6, the workers came out in big anti-government demonstrations in Lisbon, Operto und other cities throughout the country reising the same slogans as in the February 12 general strike.

The Portuguese workers celebrated of the April 25 revolution includes a May Day, international working class day, by coming out in force against the rightist government. On this day two workers were killed in the city of Oparto, where it is reported that anti-goverrment riots took place. Outraged over these murders, the workers responded with yet another general strike on May 12. This second general strike reiterated even more forcefully the economic and political slogans of February 12. In this strike the national transportation network was brought to a standstill. Fully resent being cois politics within the

sive of the Portuguese bourgeoisie. This can be seen by the fact that Balsemao's AD government was unable to promulgate its reactionary constitutional amendments on April 2S as it had intended. In fact, as each day passes, the crisis deepens and the govdifficult to hold onto its power.

The Fight Against Social-Democracy and Kevisioning Within the Strike Movement

For its part, the PS, led by Dr. Mario Soares, actively opposed the February 12 general strike and all the subse-

quent mass actions. The PS leaders ordered the workers in the UGT - the trade union federation under their party's control - to go to work on February 12. They willined and cried that the ernment is finding it more and more strike's stated aim of bringing; down the Balsemao government was a political maneuser aimed at "discupting democratic processes." In this manner the PS shanzelessly revealed its love for the reactionary Balsemac government. Soares and his fellow "social ist' opportunists are showing themselves to be nothing but scabs and strikebreakers in de facto all'iance with the Balsemac regime. The revisionist PC, led by Alwaro Canhal, controls the leadership of the two-million-strong CGTP labor federation. The CGTP issued the call for the February 12 general strike and then subsequent major mass actions. However; the aimes and policies of Cundral and the other revisionist leaders within the sinke novementhase proven to be opposed to the class, interests, of the workers. Rather than using the general strikes and the other actions to develop trade unismists defiend that the the militance and fighting capacity of workers must formulate in this the preletariat to win its own indestrike their own demonds and their pendent class objectives, its own politpolitical and economic class deical and economic distanck, the revimandis, which define the nonnent of, sionisic wan't the movement to be linatheir independent straggle against ited to the objective of replacing the reactionary Bakerras government. *The PC and the leadens of the with a government of Meral bourgeois CGIP insist on legalism and en politicians, headed by Antonio Eares. the upcoming elections as the only Eams now holds the tile of president. palitical way out because they ain. of the country, but he is outside of the to favil i are the newson position of the ruling Balkernan scalition. The progovermnent en liberra's blasses, withgram of Eares and the other liberal out control of the siturion escaping politicians, is, not, mally different in es-Errey and without the 'FS [Socialsence from that of Balkeman, but the ist Planty] getting scared with the Eaney they, will be newarded with a *The PC(R!) and the reveloutionery share of the power and the warkros. treate unienists in the struggle The agrificance of the newsion ists reants the All, seek to strongthen support for these blocked bourgeois pdthe morkers' and regodan merement iticians was graphically der unstrated as support for a entrage in favor of when they passed a resolution reaerdy the people and for a government of in the plemary of the CGLT at the request of Enners. In this resultation the Vortaguesce revisionists valied the revisionists nonisor the bourgeonie CEIF out on both general strikes only that they would work to "bring an end to the disatisfaction of the workers." and worl't see to it that the workers ion. The revisionids were a ways uponly "use the constitutional nashanisn sagarist tieAD." Thus, these revisionist scoundles openly deduce that they will work the genout of rand, and, when the woolers our strike, cloud, give them away to cool at the workers' anger against the choose the Balkeman government, in- anyone." react iona vegorern ment and to see with stead of the worthless liberals conning. that the workers' struggle is restrict to power; the political positions of the to the most carroy legalism, and re- workersant the pepula massas themfamion, to the parlianentary aretin- selve swill wir the day. ism of staling everything on the nranewers of Fares within the governnent. This is the sort of harmiess "srugge!" they want the workers to wage.

put in power by the Portuguese bourgeoisic with the intent of wiging out the gains won by the workers and popular masses in the anti-fascist revolution of April 25, 1974, and it has orchestrated an all-sided offensive of misery, unemployment and fascization against the workers.

The Portuguese workers and people have no intention of returning to the dark days before the revolution or of bearing the burden of the capitalist economic crisis. The February 12 general strike raised demands against all of the main economic and political policies of the reactionary Balsemao government. For example, Balsemac has instituted an array of Reagan-style economic policies including a 17% ceiling on wage increases. With inflution running at over 24%, this is nothing but a policy of surage pay cutting. Thus one of the main demands of the February 12 strike was for the ubolition of the wage ceiling. So too, the A.D government's drive to enase the gains. plan to enant a number of reactionary a mendments to the Portuguese constitution. This constitution was adopted in 1976 as a direct result of the sevolution. Thus one of the main demands of the February 12 strike was for a halt to Basemao's plans to enact reactionary constitutional amendations. With these and other demands the strikers showed their single minded our poset a reverse the reactionary capitalist offensive audits bining down the AD governmen't.

In the course of these events a great struggle is also taking place within the ranks of the Portuguese workers' movement itself. Within the workers, movement there are various political forces contending for the leading role. Or the one hand there are the socialdemocratic opportunists of the Socialist Party of Portigul (PS), and the revisignists of the Communist Party of Pontagal (PS.). Both these parties rep-

Thus the Partugates evisionists

Belgian government to guarantee the steel workers jobs. The workers are erraged at the European Common Market (EEC), as well as against their own bourgeoisie because EEC treaties prohibit member countries from subsidizing the deficit in state-owned. steel industries and because the EEC must approve any plan for dealing with the crisis in Belgium's steel industry.

The one-day general strike has been followed by a series of other strikes and militant demonstrations. On February, 11., thousands of steel workers from Liege and Crarleron marched on the headquarters of the

EEC in Brussels demanding artico to save their jobs. The workers fought their way inside the headquarters and for a time occupied the president's effice shouting "Let's smash the whole kit and caboodie!" Eventually nnounded police attacked the workers' demonstration and the workers fought Back hercely.

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The POR Stands for the Independent Politics: of the Working Class

In opposition to the opportunist

the PC(R). The PG(R) has played a veryative rak in organizing the genand smile and in combating the cafetage of the social-democrats and nevisionists. In its Resolution on the geneualstrike, the Central Committee of the PC(R) dealared that it stands for "the independent political will of the working aloss in the strugg le to depose the Demantic Alienz governmant."

"The PC(R) says to all the workers: Jake into our hands the continuation of the struggle, don't depend on wairry, for Eanes; make the voice of the days heard, conit vait for others to speak for us, build the unity of the base and of the workers' organizations, cloubt depend on party negatiation sandlpanliamentary action; grasp the finits of

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Two opposing policies in the Portuguese general strike

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cande unionists fight the diusticas about Eanes and unger the morters to rely on their own strength because they are fighting for a fund'amental change in the situation in the eventry and berause it is proven that only the independent stragig'e of the working class will guarantee that from the defeat of the AD govennanens as trengthering of the popatter, eckin or, will result.

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Reagan's "Caribbean Aid Program": Another link in the chain of U.S. neo-colonial slavery



On February 24, at a meeting of the Organization of American States (OAS), Reagan publicly announced his new "Caribbean Aid Program." At the heart of Reagan's "aid" plan are act as policeman over the peoples of the provisions for additional dollars the Caribbean, to intervene as it and bullets for El Salvador's fascist junta which is tottering towards certain defeat; "aid" to stem the tide of revolution that is threatening to engulf the whole of Central America; and a trade program designed to more deeply entrench the exploitative and bloody claws of the U.S. multinationals into the flesh of the peoples of the Caribbe- what Reagan's aid program means for circumvent widespread opposition to

"the Caribbean region is a vital strate- region. gic and commercial artery for the United States" and "make no mistake, the well-being and security of our neighbors are in our own vital interest," Reagan made it clear that U.S. imperialism considers the Caribbean its own private domain and that the Reagan government will continue to pleases and make the law wherever needed assistance to prop up the and whenever it chooses. Below we reprint two articles from the March-April, 1982 issue of The West Indian Voice. One article explains in more detail the provisions of Reagan's Caribbean Aid Program, while the other article on Jamaica gives a clear idea the fascist junta, Reagan is hoping to

an area. Through such statements as the working masses of the Caribbean U.S. imperialist intervention and sup- hold and sporting accessories for ex-

Dollars and Bullets to Prop Up the Pro-U.S. Butchers and Puppets

Firstly: Reagan announced the allocation of \$350 million to be divided between El Salvador, Costa Rica, Jamaica and Honduras. The central point about the latest allocation is some \$128 million devoted as badly fascist junta in El Salvador which is tottering under the popular revolution there. By using the platform of the Organization of American States (OAS) and his "Caribbean Aid Program" (CAP) to push through aid to

now presented in the "new light" the U.S. imperialist "models" of "democracy" in Central America and the West Indies, "models" marked of deep crisis and bankruptcy with full indebtedness to the U.S. corporations and banks, and characterized by regimes of undivided loyalty to U.S. imperialism.

'The "Magic of the Marketplace" -The Magic of U.S. Colonialism

Secondly: In the words of Reagan, "the centerpiece of the program...is free trade" for Caribbean Basin products entering the U.S. Reagan acknowledges that as it is, 87% of Caribbean free." This arrangement guarantees the U.S. market to selected manuthe U.S. monopoly of trade in this re- facturers." gion used to ward off its other strong imperialist rivals such as West Germany, Japan, France and Canada, and used as a powerful mechanism for putting pressure on and for dictating policy inside these countries. In answer to concerned sectors of the U.S. capitalists, Reagan has given assurance that competitive products such as sugar (a key export of several countries) will not be allowed "duty-free treatment"; the duty-free items

port for the regime. In other words, port. These huge sweatshops (already support for the murderous junta is extensive in El Salvador, Haiti and indeed throughout the region) are but an of "regional aid." The rest of the arm of the U.S. manufacturing indus-\$350 million is devoted to financing try, an arrangement favored because it maintains and makes full use of the area as a vast pool of dog-cheap labor and tax holidays. This "unprecedentby the fact that they are in the throes ed proposal" is nothing but an old colonial policy of developing only such industries that serve the need of the American National Association of Manufacturers, and of subordinating any existing national industries to it. Moreover, what Reagan was deliberately vague about and what the U.S. has been demanding is the "reduction of trade barriers" by the Latin American countries. That is, the reduction of regulations on U.S. exports to the region (outlined by Reagan last June when he first came out with his "Caribbean Basin Program") in reexports to the U.S. enter "duty- turn for the "privilege" of "opening

Further U.S. Imperialist Penetration and Subjugation

Thirdly: Reagan is calling on the Congress "to provide significant tax incentives" for corporate and banking investors in the Caribbean region, guaranteeing them extra profits for undertaking the "hard job" of sucking the blood of the peoples of the Caribbean. Reagan is advocating largelargely involve noncompetitive items scale investment and the setting up of at low costs. The only thing that is "bilateral investment treaties." new here, according to Beagan, is There are many cruel aspects to this; the "with variety of potential products we will restrict ourselves to the most tion taking place on this front is in these talented and industrious peoples important. In his speech Reagan reare capable of producing." Reagan is stricted himself to two semiences on too kind. What Reagan has in mind this theme in order to be vague. was spelled out by the administra- What Reagan is proposing has been tion in January when plans were an- elaborated many times and most renounced for the increase of U.S. light cently in his speech to the World Bank manufacturing, assembly line con- and International Monetary Fund cems in the region, patting together (IMF) last September. Reagan is detoys, electronic components, house- mandling (in retarn for U.S. invest-

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ment and "aid") that the countries set about strict "currency devaluations" and "budget reductions" through the elimination of subsidies in the public sector and to consumers in these countries. That is, Reaganomics for the Caribbean. In other words, Reagan's prescription for "combatting poverty" in the region is ensuring that the already povertystricken masses not be allowed even the pitiful relief that may at present be provided. Furthermore, Reagan has also demanded a "good climate" and "guaranteed protection" for investors. This is what is referred to as "investment treaties." This "good climate" means the removal of all obstacles to the uninhibited advance of U.S. capital, on its own conditions, circumventing all national laws designed to regulate foreign capital. The "protection" for investors means protection from revolution; it means guaranteeing that any sign of antiimperialist opposition must be swiftly crushed; it means inciting the lackeys and puppets to be even more unsparing towards the masses. Finally, Reagan is stressing "bilateral" investment treaties apart from the "multilateral" agencies of the U.S. and other Western imperialists such as the notorious World Bank and its regional arms - in order, firstly, to have added options for bringing pressure to bear on the Latin American countries, and secondly, to strengthen competition with the capital of the other imperialist rivals of

U.S. imperialism. An example of the fierce competi-Januaica, where the U.S. set up its "U.S. Business Committee on Jamaica" in fate 1980 and began new invoads with the intrasion of hundreds of millions in investments. The Canadian imperialists recently announced the setting up of their own "Business Committee on Jamaica" to channel their investments.

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tuble colonial greed of J.S. imperialism, and of the future it dreams of kr the whole Caritbeannegion.

Clearly, the "freedom" which Reagan invists is working in Jamaica is freedom for the profits of U.S. miltirationals and banks on the one hand and sheer hell for the Jan aicar people on the sther. Ground down by these attacks, the Jamaican people inwe responded by unfolding the barner of struggle. There is a prowing momentum to the strikes and protests of the walking dass of town and country, and the wouth and urban masses in general. Recently, strikes thave hit the key sugar and bauxite industries and a series of manufacturing enterprises in ant asound the capital, Kingstm. Large demonstrations also recently took) lace ægainst the temoristic muchers carried out by Seaga's police force. Like under Maniley, vicious police repression is the natural complement of the government's economic difensive. Arriasibefate under Manley, when the Janaican people wagadimilitant struggle shouting "the poor aar take no more, " so too in the little time that Seaga has been in power the working masses there launched geveral waves of strikes. In many cases these strikes 'have 'neen wildcats, taking place despite the concerted appeals and salotage of the trate union bureau cas whoare either hadisof Stenga's ruling party, or of the faculdient HNP "iopposition" of Michael Marky, or anone coftan thian not, simply linders of iroth these parties of neo-colorial reaction. These stuggles sign'fy that the parthe of Jamaica are getting ready for a throad unsurge against the program of

HAITI-A Land of U.S.-Backed Tyranny

(The following article is reprinted from rooting and ruining tens of thousands brute force, by a regime of dark reac-The West Indian Voice, newspaper of the Caribbean Progressive Study Group, March-April, 1982.)

For nearly 25 years the Haitian people have been languishing under the bloody dictatorship and tyranny of the Duvalier family, a dictatorship supported by an alliance between semifeudal exploiters and the most reactionary sectors of the capitalists. Prior to his death in 1971. Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, the then self-appointed "president-for-life," exercising absolute power, ordained his son Jean-'Clande "Baby Doc" as his successor to carry on the family business of ruling over the masses with the iron fist. The Davahier dictatorship is the latest in a string of catthroat governments propped up by the U.S. since the 1915-1934 period of the U.S. invasion and occupation of Haiti.

Agriculture in Haiti, on which 76% of the total work force depends for its vampires involved in a network of aslivelihood, is marked by a situation where 5% of the landowners own over enterprises involved in turning out 50% of the land. With the second largest land owner being the state, the majority of the peasants, both the landless and those who own tiny plots of dand, are forced to hire themselves out on a part time basis, rent land at high costs, or work the land try a system of sharecropping under "de-moite" contracts, whereby appre half the produce tax holiday for investment in Port-aristurned over to the big landlards or to Prince, and a 15-year tax beliday in the nomic assistance" and \$759,000 in the state. The prepardemance of this countryside - in effect, making the milinary aid and training. The U.S. is semi-feedal character is the dominant on the country a tax-free leaven for int- currently redesigning its aid package feature of Haiti's backward agrarian economy. Side by side with this fea- for the workers, who are among the its annual and to \$50 million. Through ture is the imperialist ouslaught in the lowest paid the world over. countryside, of modent agro-business

of peasants. This has resulted in a sit- tion where the slightest opposition is nation where, according to the World outlawed and swiftly and ruthlessly Bank, 85% of Haitian peasants live crushed. The Duvalier regime has at below the "absolute poverty level" of \$135 per year.

Over the last 10 years an intensive 'as the infamous "Ton Ton Macoutes" "development" effort has been taking (Volunteers for National Security) and place in Haiti in which hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested by the U.S. and other Western imperialists. There is a direct link between the mass exodus of refugees, most of whom are from the countryside, and the "development" of imperialist penerration into Hlaiti's countryside.

Haiti's working class is one of the most cruelly exploited in the world. resources, extensive tax holidays and For example, with unemployment in massive apparatus for complete polithe capital, Port-au-Prince, at 70%, those who are lucky to find work subsist on an average wage of under \$24 per month. On the backs of the urban workers are the domestic capitalists and most notable, the U.S. U.S. impeand the mattinational (especially U.S.) sembly-type and light manufacturing clothing, household and sporting acressories and electronic gadgets, exclusively for export. This is the overwhelming feature of industry in Haiti. The savage exploitation of the working stake in the maintenance of the status masses is encouraged by the Davalier quoir Hait. government which has rewarded the foreign multinationals with a 10-year the U.S. annually provides the Habian

its disposal an extensive force of fascist thugs and known criminals, such the elite U.S.-trained Leopards, along with the army and police - all assentbled as a network of tyranny spanning the entire country. And behind these forces for the bloody suppression of the masses stands U.S. imperialism. Haiti is literally a prison for the working masses.

Haiti's dog-cheap labor, untapped tical suppression of the masses have been the "favorable climate" attracting the imperialist exploiters of Japan. France, West Germany, Canada, etc., riafism has a virtual monopoly of Haiti's import-export trade and is the chief supplier of economic and military assistance to the Duvalier regime. Through direct economic investment and through a myriad of international financial institutions, U.S. capital is firmly entrenching and bas a major

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Down with the persecution of the Haitian and Salvadorian refugees!

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The Reagan administration justifies the detention of thousands of Haitians in concentration camps around the E.S. and in Puerto Rico and their mass deportations by claiming that these Haitians are economic and net political refugees. It was Carter who first put thorward this absurdity according to which the Haitians do not face any "well-founded fear of presecution."

Over the past L0 years 50,000 H aitirans have illegally untered the W.S., risking their lives in leaking, overcrowded boats. Extreme poverty, deprivation and total suppression of the masses are the major weasons which irrel the mass enigration from Haiti. fibr economic and political conditions ifrom which large numbers of Haitians are fleeing are the same though more extrame) conditions which impel the semigration of millions of people from the countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, countries which are under the jadxboot of imperialism. And the capitalist politicians and U.S. multinatiom is are well aware of these conditions. After al', U.S. impedalismisthe vion they are held with Eall set as high wador. They are targeted for cleath day self-avowed master of Latin America as \$10,000. ambitte Carldbean, the main imperialist end diter and appressor of the peo- is thell dine of the fascist juntainnits at sm, any atrocity, any fastist outage idles, the dhief prop of the reactionary war against the masses. The juntate against the proplet is acceptable more and fastist regimes and hence aimain murderous campaging against the popcriticing.force behind the mass emigra- ular opposition and the broad masses tion of these people from their homelands.

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Big upsurge of the Palestinian people against the Israeli occupiers

May 15 is Palestine Day. On May 15, 1948 the state of Israel was created. From its birth Israel has been built through terrorism, the uprooting of the Palestinian people from their homeland, and wars of aggression against the Arab peoples. Palestine Day is a day of demonstrations in solidarity with the national liberation struggle of the Palestinian people against the Israeli occupiers and their U.S. imperialist masters. This Palestine Day comes in the midst of several months of fierce struggle which is undermining the expansionist plans of the fascist Israeli regime.

A New Upsurge in the **Palestinian Liberation Struggle**

A new upsurge of the Falestinian people is sweeping through the occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, areas taken by Israel in 1967 during their war of aggression against the Arab peoples. Since early March, Palestinian demonstrators have time and again taken to the streets in mass protests, defying the dispersal orders of the Israeli authorities. Every day the Palestinian youth, armed only with stones and clubs, are fearlessly battling the heavily armed Israeli occupation troops in the cities and refugee camps. Ambushes and raids have also been launched, inflicting casualties on Israeli military patrols.

Virtually the entire Palestinian population has thrown themselves into the struggle. In mid-March a general strike was called in response to the arbitrary removal of three Palestinian mayors in the West Bank and their replacement by two Israeli army officers and an Israeli civilian official. The strike successfully shut down many of the cities in the occupied territories. In the West Bank city of El Bireh, when Israeli troops forcibly took striking municipal employees to their offices, they refused to work. A second general strike occurred in mid-April in response to the massacre of Arabs attending religious services by an Israeli soldier at the Dome of the Rock Shrine in Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, in the Golan Heights, annexed by Israel in December, 1981, one of the most powerful outbursts of struggle in that area's history has been taking place. The Arab peoples have organized a general strike against the annexation. As well, the people in the Golan Heights have refused en masse the order to accept identification cards designating them



300 people march in Dearborn, Michigan on May 15, Palestine Day. Banner in the front of the demonstration reads "Salute the Uprising of the Arab Palestinians Against Israeli Aggression."

estimated that Israel has sent 25-30 of Israel. Thus, for example, following thousand settlers into the West Bank. Moreover, since returning the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt on April 25, the Israeli Defense Ministry has announced the establishment of 11 new settlements and Israeli Prime Minister Begin has reiterated his claim to eternal sovereignty for Israel over the West Bank.

West Bank mayors, and a fourth on April 30, is part of Israel's annexationist plans. These mayors were dismissed because they refused to cooperate with the civilian authorities from Israel. This was a completely arbitrary outrage since these mayors were voted into office in elections supervised by the Israelis themselves!

Meanwhile the Israeli authorities are busily grooming handpicked traitors from the Palestinian communities to replace Palestinian officials who do not carry out the criminal orders of Israel. To this end the Israeli authorities have established the so-called "village leagues." These leagues, which are financed and armed by Israel, are notorious for their beatings of progressive Palestinians. Nevertheless Israel has hopes of pawning off the "village leagues" as representatives of the Palestinian people. This is nothing but a crude maneuver to provide the expansionist plans of Israel with some sellout Palestinian front men. Indeed this is what Israeli chieftain Begin has in mind when he talks about granting "full autonomy for the Palestinian Arabs."

In order to serve their annexationist policy, the Israeli zionists have unleashed brutal terror. Gangs of Israeli settlers, in cooperation with the military authorities, have been abducting and beating Palestinian youth. The victims of these gangs include a 12-year-old boy whom they murdered in cold blood. The Israeli military forces have repeatedly opened fire on the mass protests of the Palestinian people, murdering many demonstrators and wounding several hundred in the last two months alone. Most of the victims have been youth, and even small children are not spared. The Israeli butchers didn't hesitate to shoot to death a 50-year-old woman who was simply working on land adjacent to an Israeli military base. According to the Israeli authorities she

was shot down by Israeli soldiers when

she failed to answer their call to identi-

fy herself. Such terrorist activity is at

the very foundation of the racist state

the shooting of two Palestinian youth in the West Bank, the press secretary of the criminal Begin reported on March 21 that Begin "praised the restraint shown by soldiers on the West Bank yesterday." And at a May 10 press conference, six Israeli army officers admitted that Israeli troops 'swoop down on demonstrators like The removal of the three Palestinian animals tearing at prey" and that 'we come across the elderly, the women, small children, and they are punished. It's unbelievable. That's the policy." (New York Times, May 11, 1982)

The Israeli occupation forces have imposed numerous other measures to suppress the Arab masses. In the Golan Heights, for several weeks the Israeli authorities banned all travel in and out of the region. All mail and telephone service was suspended and periodic electrical energy stoppages were instituted. And in the West Bank the authorities closed down the Bir Zeit University for fear of anti-Israeli activities there.

The horrendous atrocities of the Israeli military also include the wellknown incident of April 11 in which an Israeli soldier burst into the Dome of the Rock Islamic shrine and opened fire on defenseless worshippers, murdering several people and wounding as many as 40, according to reports. The Israeli government and its U.S. imperialist backers have tried to dismiss this wanton savagery as simply the unfortunate actions of one 'mentally deranged'' soldier. But it is abundantly clear that the murderous suppression of the Palestinian people is the daily activity and official policy

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Progressive Iranian students attacked by thugs of the Khomeini-IRP regime



NION OF ANTI-IMPERIALIST STUDENTS

(The following article is reprinted from The Buffalo Anti-Imperialist Newsletter of the Union of Anti-Imperialist Students, May 7, 1982.)

More than three years have passed since the 1979 revolution when the brave Iranian masses overthrew the hated regime of the Shah. The Iranian masses, millions upon millions strong, rose up in a powerful struggle against U.S. imperialism and its puppet, the Shah. They fought to emancipate the country from domination and plunder by imperialism and to build a democratic society. Today the Iranian people must carry forward their struggle against the regime of Khomeini. who came to power on the crest of the revolution and has since imposed barbarous repression against the anti-imperialist and revolutionary forces.

The despotism and brutality of Khomeini and the Islamic Republican Party (IRP) has gone so far that in the past year thousands of Iranian people have been executed and many thousands more have been put in prison. The fact that Khomeini and the IRP have directed this murderous campaign against the finest sons and daughters of the Iranian people, the staunch antiimperialist fighters who had been trained and steeled in the long and bitter struggle against the fascist Shah, while many SAVAK agents and other counter-revolutionary elements remain untouched, shows clearly the utterly reactionary character of the present regime. The UAIS condemns the aggression and crimes of the Khomeini-IRP regime against the Iranian people. We denounce the murder, torture and jailing of the revolutionary people of

The Iranian government has also attempted to organize the phalangist gangs abroad to suppress all opposition. For example, here in Buffalo, in recent weeks, the Khomeiniite reactionaries organized a meeting at the UB (State University of New York at Buffalo) campus. Progressive Iranian students decided to go to this reactionary meeting in order to expose the criminal regime of the IRP and stand in support of their brothers and sisters at home. It was no surprise for the progressive students to see that the phalangist gang of Khomeini was working together with the pro-Shah elements at this meeting. Here was graphic proof of the bankruptcy of the Iranian regime and their phalangist henchmen in Buffalo who have sunk so low that they cooperate with the Shah's thugs in their war against the revolutionary forces! And, as if this were not already a sufficient exposure,

these scum even went so far as to call upon the fascist police of U.S. imperialism to attack the progressive Iranians present.

It should also be pointed out that the supporters of the Tudeh Party, the mercenaries of Soviet social-imperialism, supported and participated in this meeting. In Iran these agents of the new tsars in Moscow have, for some time now, played the despicable role of fingering revolutionaries and turning them over to the IRP executioners. This shows, once again, that capitulation to any imperialist power leads to capitulation to all imperialism.

At this reactionary gathering, the moment that one of the progressive students tried to make some points in support of his people at home, the organizers asked the police to come into the meeting and had them arrest two students. All the progressive students vehemently protested the arrest of their comrades and tried to halt the reactionary meeting. The police protected the meeting - pushing all the progressive students out. In the face of this attack, they organized a demonstration outside the meeting and stood firm in opposition to the handful of reactionaries who remained inside under the protection of the police forces of U.S. imperialism. Among the slogans raised by the demonstration were: "Down with the dictatorial regime of Khomeini!, " "Long live freedom!, 'Free all the political prisoners in Iran!, " "Victory to the struggle of the Palestinian people!, "etc.

This demonstration was so powerful that the police had to free the two students who had been arrested and the phalangists had to return the photographs they had taken of the progressive students. Of course, U.S. imperialism's news media went out of their way to distort these events. They printed a picture of the demonstration but claimed in the caption that it was a pro-Shah action. What hogwash! ...

These events resulted in the further isolation of the reactionaries among Iranian, Arab and American students. In fact since that time, this isolation has been further deepened by the physical provocations launched against progressive Iranian students by IRP supporters both at the Amherst campus and at a demonstration organized by Palestinians. The aim of these provocations is to have progressive Iranian students deported to face IRP firing squads in Iran. But in spite of everything the fighting spirit of the Iranian masses and the progressive Iranian students in the U.S. remains high. The UAIS stands on the side of the progressive Iranian students against the phalangist gangs of the IRP and salutes the revolutionary Iranian masses who are bravely fighting against U.S. imperialism and IRP reaction.

Egyptian "peace" treaty has nothing whatsoever to do with peace and everything to do with the perpetuation of Israeli domination. A "Peace" Treaty to Strengthen

Since the signing of this treaty of

'peace," Israel has launched a series

of invasions of Lebanon. The most re-

cent incidents were the Israeli air

strikes of April 21 and May 9 on vil-

lages in Lebanon which resulted in at

least 39 deaths. Moreover, the Israeli

fascists have amassed a force of

36,000 troops on the Lebanese border

and are preparing a full-scale invasion

of Lebanon. Plainly, the Israeli-

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U.S. Imperialism's Sphere of Influence in the Middle East

The "peace" treaty is designed to allow U.S. imperialism to further sink its claws into the Middle East. It is designed not only to bolster zionist Israel, but also to strengthen U.S. imperialism's sphere of influence in this strategic and oil-rich region. It is an important link of U.S. imperialism's enslaving strategy in its rivalry with the equally enslaving Soviet social-imperialism. Under the terms of this treaty

U.S. imperialism is pouring billions of dollars of military aid to its loyal watchdog Israel to arm these cutthroats to the teeth for aggression a gainst the Arab peoples. Through this treaty, U.S. imperialism has also enlisted the traitorous Egyptian rulers in their enslaving plans. The "peace" treaty provided the Egyptian reactionaries with a U.S. commitment of \$1.5 billion in military aid in return for a pledge from the Egyptian government to turn Egypt into a base for U.S. imperialist aggression. Thus, for example, Egypt is now the scene of the war exercises of the infamous U.S. Rapid Deployment Force.

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In solidarity with their compatriots in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Palestinian people inside of Israel have held some of the largest demonstrations in years. In Sakhnin, Israel, 10,000 people marched, defiantly flying the outlawed Palestine national flag. Major demonstrations were held in other Israeli cities as well.

Israel's Annexationist Plans for the West Bank

The revolutionary struggle of the Palestinian people has intensified in response to Israel's efforts to install an Israeli civilian authority in the West Bank. The rigging up of civilian authority assists the present military occupation and marks a step toward complete annexation. Already it is of the zionist thugs.

The Israeli-Egyptian "Peace" Treaty Means Stepped-Up Israeli Aggression

The recent events in the Israelioccupied territories have taken place against the background of Israel's return of the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt as part of the Israeli-Egyptian "peace" treaty. This treaty, which was drawn up by Carter and is now being implemented by Reagan, is again being hailed for allegedly bringing "peace" to the Middle East and providing a just solution on the question of the occupied territories. But fine words cannot hide the ugly reality. Zionism is hellbent on suppressing the Palestinian people, robbing them of their rights, and committing aggression against the other



The return of the Sinai to Egypt in April came with an agreement by the Egyptian authorities to allow UN occupation troops in the Sinai to provide "security" for the Israeli expansionists. Along with this, the sellout Egyptian leaders have agreed to limit their own troops in the Sinai and to not oppose the aggressive Israeli military forces. Thus the Sinai agree-

ment has allowed Israel to free its forces to attack on other fronts, such as Lebanon. The measures of this "peace" treaty show that behind the suppression of the Palestinian struggle lies the bloodstained hand of U.S. imperialism.

Palestinian people through terrorist aggression by Israel and through recruitment of the Egyptian reactionaries. But bullets do not intimidate the Palestinian people, nor are they fooled by the false "peace" proposals drafted by their bitterest enemies. The fight-

U.S. imperialism thinks it can wipe ing Palestinian people are valiantly out the revolutionary struggle of the continuing their struggle to overthrow

the zionist state of Israel, and to establish a secular, democratic Palestine. (The above leaflet was issued by the Detroit Branch of the Marxist-Leninist Party, USA on May 15, 1982.)

U.S. Imperialism in Latin America

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U.S. imperialism is a longtime enemy of the peoples of the Caribbean. Ronald Reagan is a prime personality of U.S. imperialist chauvinism. In his recent speech before the Organization of American States he repeatedly praised the "virtues" of the bloodthirsty tradition of U.S. imperialism in the Caribbean region. He beamed about the "common history," and "common destiny" of the Americas, a destiny to forever be the private preserve of U.S. imperialist plunder and naked aggression. And according to Reagan, this is all within the daily chore of being a "true friend."

A "True Friend" of Plunder and Aggression

Since 1823, the expansionist and annexationist ambitions of the capitalist rulers in the U.S. have been enshrined in the infamous Monroe Doctrine, declaring "America for the Americans." By the turn of the century, with its colonial war of conquest in the Philippines and the acquisition of Puerto Rico and Cuba, signaling the emer-

A bloodstained history of robbery and aggression gence of the U.S. as a world imperialist power, this doctrine was transformed into a full-blown imperialist doctrine and policy, becoming the guiding principle of successive Washington administrations towards the peoples of the Caribbean.

Today, U.S. imperialism has the Caribbean region under its jackboot. achieved through an uninterrupted string of military interventions, murderous coups putting the most terroristic dictatorships in power; under the guns of a series of army, naval and air force bases and legitimized by several military treaties such as the Rio Treaty of 1947 (Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance) referred to by Reagan in his speech before the OAS. Every city and mountain throughout this region is stained with the blood of the peoples, martyrs butchered by Washington and its puppets.

The following passages cite just a few examples of U.S. interventions in the Caribbean area just after the turn of the century and the course of the ascendency of U.S. domination of the region.

"In 1903, Germany was compelled by a threat of force from President Roosevelt to withdraw from Venezuela.... In 1905, Roosevelt, by executive action, took over the customs houses of

Santo Domingo.... Under the Platt amendment, he interfered in Cuba in 1906.... By a formal treaty ratified by the Senate of the United States, the pecuniary protectorate over Santo Domingo was made regular in 1907. The next year...an American warship served notice on local contestants for power that there was to be no fighting in Bluefields (Nicaragua).

.. In 1911, on the suggestion of New York bankers, a treaty was negotiated with Honduras, extending American authority over that republic "While in that same year a treaty was drawn up with Nicaragua "putting the customs into the hands of a presidential appointee.... In 1914 a treaty with Nicaragua was at last adopted, ceding a canal strip and naval bases to the United States In 1915, the marines carried the flag into Haiti and established American suzerainty there after killing more than two thousand natives.... In 1916, Admiral Knapp - 'to maintain domestic tranquility' - took possession of Santo Domingo and declared that 'republic' subject to the military government of the United States. In 1917 the Virgin Islands were purchased from Denmark. In 1920, the American navy was employed in helping to stabilize Guatemala. In 1921, 1923, and 1924, simiPanama and Honduras." 1 "At one moment North American officials directed the financial policies of eleven of the twenty Latin American countries, while in six of these banking agents were backed by American troops on the spot." 2 In those days, General Smedlay D.

Butler described the role of the U.S. marines in the Caribbean: "I spent thirty-three years and four months in active military service.... And during that period I spent most of my time being a high-class muscle man for Big Business, for Wall Street and for the bankers. In short I was a racketeer, a gangster for capitalism. ...

"Thus I helped make Mexico and especially Tampico safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefit of Wall Street. The record of racketeering is long. I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1902-12. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for the American sugar interests in 1916." 3 "I helped make offshore in Trinidad and Tobago to Honduras 'right' for American fruit crush the 1970 rebellion 1973 companies in 1903. In China in 1927 I CIA-organized coup d'etat overthrows

lar forays were made into Nicaragua, helped see to it that Standard Oil went its way unmolested." 4

'During those years, I had as the boys in the back room would say, a swell racket. I was rewarded with honors, medals and promotion. Looking back on it, I feel I might have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could do was to operate his racket in three city districts. I operated on three continents." 5

In 1926 the U.S. staged its second military invasion of Nicaragua in 14 years, staying until 1933.... In 1937, under colonial rule in Puerto Rico, 19 people were killed and 100 wounded in a nationalist demonstration in Ponce.... 1941 - U.S. military occupation of at least half a dozen more countries is begun.... 1953 - the CIA together with British Intelligence organize the removal of the elected government in Guyana.... U.S. marines invade Guatemala in 1954, overthrowing the government there.... 1961 - Invasion of Cuba at the Bay of Pigs.... 1964 -U.S.-organized military coup removes the Goulert government in Brazil.... 1965 - U.S. marines invade Santo Domingo, thousands are killed U.S. marines and six U.S. warships stand

the Allende government and installs Pinochet in Chile.

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How the bourgeoisie covers up the crimes of the ultra-right

On the Hinckley Trial

shot at Reagan, is proceeding. The capitalist press is full of gossip about Hinckley's psychological state, about how many times he saw the film "Taxi Driver," about how depressed he is, and other trivia. They talk of everything and nothing - except for one thing, that Hinckley had been a member of a nazi group, the National Socialist (Nazi) Party. This is what the U.S. It prefers to pass more and more bourgeoisie would like everyone to forget.

about how Hinckley might get off, how loose the laws are, etc. This is a fraud. Hinckley might get off not because the laws are loose, but because he has rich, conservative Republican parents and he himself is a fascist. Think it over. If the would-be assassin of Reagan had been a black from a radical family with ties to left-wing organizations, would Reagan himself have sent his condolences to Hinckley's family for their grief over their son, or would the grand juries have gone into permanent session and handed down a stream of indictments?

No, it is not a matter of loose laws. It is that the bourgeoisie protects choice of target - he stalked both nazis and ultra-right criminals. They rewarded the Klan and the nazis by letting them off scot-free when they murdered five anti-Klan demonstrators in the national outrage at Greensboro. And now that a nazi has shot imperialist chieftain Reagan himself, the bourgeoisie isn't even too mad about it. Reagan himself has comforted Hinckley's family. All it took was for the bourgeoisie to surmise that Hinckley did his shooting as an individual former nazi, and not as a group plot, and everything was fine.

At the same time, the bourgeoisie their turns around and suggests that the laws should be tightened against demonstrators, shrikers, progressive people and oppressed nationalities. You see, the bourgeoisie says, how lement the courts are with Reagan's attacker. Here's an airtight case and they stall and kem and haw. So let's go on a crusade against, not the nazi terrorists, but the progressive people. This is not an isolated incident. The

bourgeoisie protects the fascist gangs.

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clusion of World War II the British Emplue has been stripped of the greatest part of its colonial territories, newertheless British imperialism remains a major international neo-colonialist wer. Moreover far from abandoning

The trial of Hinckley, the man who It fosters them, finances them, has mislead and deceive the people. The connections with them through the European ultra-traditionalists various police agencies, and organizes something like a Moral Majority-style them. It keeps them in reserve for use at the appropriate moment. This requires forgiving them an occasional excess, such as shooting one of the bourgeoisie's own. The American bourgeoisie, as of yet, mainly does not avow its support for fascism in the repressive laws and to fill the jails ultra-traditionalist priest who had and cemeteries while lulling the peo-The capitalist press is speculating ple to sleep with protestations of its support for democracy. But its support

for the fascist gangs shows the real mailed fist underneath the lying rhetoric. As a matter of fact, fascist terrorism

is on the rise in Western Europe and the U.S. This ultra-right terrorism is noted for its extremely anti-people character and its indiscriminate massacres. There are many acts of mass slaughter, including arbitrary bombings of railroad stations or public festivals. There is also a rise in the number of anti-Semitic incidents and attacks on blacks and other oppressed nationalities. Hinckley's varying Carter and Reagan -- is not a simple sign of a deranged personality, but fascist groups.

Recently, the chickens have come home to roost. The fascist groups fostered and protected by the bourgeoisie have bit the hand that fed them. Thus, not only has Reagan been shot at by a nazi, but the Pope has been attacked twice in the last year.

only a few days ago on May 12. It was an attempted knifing by Juan Fernadez Krohn, an ultra-rightist, ultra-traditionalist religious famatic from Spain who was taking his revenge for the Vatican II Council decisions. Vatican II was a "liberal" Council held in 1965. Seeing, that the were causing the church to lose its influence among the masses, the raust be a certain loosening up in order emancipation along the road of the to preserve the ability of the Vatican to class struggle.

current in the Catholic church didn't understand this cunning tactic of the reactionary but more sophisticated Vatican, and so they have gone

into a permanent rage. This is why Juan Krohn struck at the Pope. Krohn was, in fact, a former follower of Archbishop Lefebvre, an been feuding with the Pope. But Krohn split from Lefebvre even further to the right.

One year earlier, the Pope had been shot by Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turkish nazi. Agca had been a member of the Turkish Grey Wolves, a group which openly proclaims its love for Hitler and worships his memory. In pursuit of this nazi politics, Agca had murdered a liberal Turkish journalist, Abdi Ipekci, several years previously. Agea was such an extreme nazi that even the Turkish military dictatorship, themselves fascist mass murderers on the order of Pinochet of Chile, denounced Agca as a murderer and fascist

But the bourgeoisie wants to protect these ultra-rightists. Agca, for example, has been presented as a man was both politically motivated and a who was concerned for the "third sign of the mentality fostered in the world," as a veritable leftist. Talk of Hinckley's nazi background has vanished into the thin air. Protect the fascists, this is the first and cardinal rule for the bourgeoisie.

But the working masses will never forget the danger posed by the ultraright groups. They are seething with auger not just at the "excesses" of The most recent attack took place these groups, but at their everyday activity of trampling on the people. The working masses too will not forget that the capitalist states are preparing reaction all along the line, and that the day-to-day operations of the bourgeois armies and political police forces resemble the actions of the fascist groups. A great wave of revolt is obscurantist, reactionary church laws slowly maturing in the reidst of the people. The working masses will rise up against this growing process of church hierarchy decided that there fascization and fight for their true

This is typified by the fascistic British with its brutal anti-worker austerity military dictatorship in the north of measures and catbacks, with its fascist he land; by the important backing and moist measures, and with its rabid which British finance capital provides warmongering. A broad fernient is the hitlerites of apartheid South Adribrewing among the British working, ca; by Thatcher's enthusiastic support people against Thatcher's despised for the fuscist junta in El Salvador; by the financing and urning of the Argenworking class youth shook the British capitalist ruling class and gave a signal of what is to come. So, just as Galtieri. resorted to seizing the Falklands to cherk the internal opposition, Thatcher and the British capitalists are striving to check the mass struggles of the British working people by whipping up a rationalistic frenzy over the South gainst the "foreign enemy," and to far upa partistic fervor for Queen and COLLINEY.

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'Caribbean Aid Program'' demands that the various countries cut wages and eliminate social benefits in order to create a better climate for U.S. investment.

And then the immigrants arrive in the U.S. where the "undocumented" workers are forced to work interminable hours in the worst conditions, often for sub-minimum wages. They are denied the aid of some or all of the meager social programs available to other workers, and they suffer the aid of the immigrants and help them society.

fight to eliminate the racist terror, to get better wages and working conditions, and to organize themselves politically. The U.S. is a land composed entirely of immigrants (some voluntary, some in chains) and their descendants, except for the Native Indians, who are themselves deprived of their rights. Documented or undocumented, born in the U.S. or abroad, all the workers in the U.S. belong to the American working class and share a common interest in fighting shoulder-to-shoulder for their emancipation. If the capitalists are allowed to victimize one section of the working class, then they will step-by-step attack all the rest of the workers as well

The current immigration raids once again show that racist terror against 'undocumented" workers leads to attacks on all "foreign-looking" workers. And the attacks on the "foreign" workers leads to proposals to enslave before him. all the workers.

The Simpson-Mazzoli Bill ---Recipe for Slavery

This is shown by the ultra-Reaganite Simpson-Mazzoli bill. This bill, also called the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1982, is presently being debated in the various committees in Congress. "Operation Jobs" was launched on the eve of the Senate subcommittee hearing on this antiimmigrant bill sponsored by congressmen from both big parties of capitalist exploitation, the Democrats and the Republicans.

proposals and puts them forth with

troops in El Salvador and Nicaragua. Thatcher's armada best serves the policies and the capitalist offensive. Such schemes are a cracial part of enslaving strategy of U.S. imperialism Only last summer, the powerful mass the Reagan-Haig strategy of "region- from two main directions. rebellions of the national minority and alizing" U.S. intervention in Central Firstly, the bolstering of the Anglo Arrevica. This is a strategy modeled American alliance is of great imporafter the notations Nixon-Kissinger- targe to the U.S. imperialists. Since Haig policy to "let Asians fight the Second World War, this aggres-Asians" used in U.S. imperialism's sive partnership has proven itself as genocical was in Indochina. ed between these two important al- size NATO alliance. With his surgort lies, the reactionary governments of for the British reconquest of the Falk-Bruain and Argentina, is a monkey Lands. Reagan is demonstrating to Atlantic crisis. Hence the massive wrends in the aggressive workings of Thatches his firm commitment to this cumpaign to incite war hysteria a- U.S. imperialism. Therefore the Rea- partnership of imperialist warmonggan policy has been to intervene in ers. the Fakilard crisis with the aim of cutting losses and protecting U.S. imperialist interests. In the first weeks. of the miss, war dog Haig posed as a "geansmaker" and the neutral ally of booh sides. In this role Hoig was full of selfless and evenhanded proposals: such as resolving the conflict by turning over the islands - to the U.S. and an American "peacele-sping" force. But as the conflict dequenced, the stated position of neutrality besame intenable. Reagan has now come cast agenty on the side of the Britis'n inmerialists, and the Pentagon has an rounced that it has placed its miltary intelligence, fuel tankers, and other auxiliary operations at the service of the micmal minutes of the Outen's Royal Nawy. By taking the provision, Bragan faces the prospect of a detenioration of relations with the Argentine junca. Any immediate plan tobanches up the Argantine trange und ship them off to Central Americais, for the time beirg, blessings to the British armada. hard'sy fierable. But the tisks for U.S. inperialism are not as great as frey might seens. At this point at least, it appears that despite the U.S. support for Britain, Galieri and company are neiteagen to 5 un any builges in their cibes a lance with J'S in participut. More in portantly, putting isweight behind the Britishgardouts is another major expassive of Marker imperialistr in the eyes of the Latin Americar and other propies as a marancing, appresson and as a defauther of criticialism. news. But isa'l this accompanied with And this is at a time when Yankee, the exposure and condemnation of the imperialism is already being exposed criminal and reactioner, air x of this and condenned for its intervention in El Salvadr ard Whanagin , and when posite. The scares of the 'tanve' outeries from these of so "democrat- decay. Themployment is at its highest. the revolutionary upheaval which is there is a high title of revolt against young men being shipped hafway 's genty of British imperialism. This level since the 1930's, and inflation punding at the U.S. backed dictor- the U.S. backed digarchs and gener- around the world to bits their 's because Britsin, bed'ind the two sup- montinues tescar. The reactionary gow- ships in Central Arenica. in Warch, als spratting throughout Central class foothers from other lands is appewers, U.S. imperialism and Soviet emmant of Mangaret Thatcharr has Assistant Secretary of State. Thomas America and elsewhere in Latir being portugad as a "ieroit" and

like" immigrants, on the penalty of law. But in addition, it revives the plan for a national identification card program which, up to now, has been re-

but solely on the grounds of being too expensive. The bill provides that the government has three years to develop a "universal workers' indentification" card which all workers would have to show in order to be employed. Of course, once such a system is in place, would establish the basis for a it national tracking system to facilitate the repression of immigrants, militant workers, progressive and revolutionloss of their political and civil rights. ary activists, etc. This bill shows that It is a basic principle of class solidar- slavery for the immigrants sooner or ity that all workers should come to the later means slavery for the whole

The Liberal-Labor Politicians Come Out for Deportations and Fascism

These vicious attacks on the immigrants are not simply a peculiar quirk of the Reaganites. Indeed, persecution of the immigrants is a permanent crusade of both the Democrats and the Republicans. For example, Reagan's program of mass deportations and slave labor is dressed up under the slogan of "amnesty." Naturally this "amnesty" is about as meaningful as Reagan's famous "social safety net," which is simply a signboard to hide the slashing of social programs right and left. But where did Reagan get the idea for attacking immigrants under the banner of "amnesty"? Well, it turns out that Reagan's antiimmigrant proposals are simply a rehash of those of the Democrat Carter

Thus it is not surprising that the Simpson-Mazzoli bill is a bipartisan bill. For some time, the AFL-CIO labor traitors have been clamoring that Reagan's attacks on the immigrants "do not go far enough." The AFL-CIO bureaucracy has been particularly demanding the institution of a national ID system. It insists upon a "secure, forgery-proof worker eligibility verification system for all workers." (AFL-CAO News, April 24, 1982} And why not -- it would help them keep track of militants and rank-and-file activists and throw them out of the unions and work places!

And what about Senator Kennedy, This bill draws heavily on Reagan's prince of liberal Democrats? While he quibbles with this or that provision of savage glee. If contains provisions to the Simpson-Mazzoli bill, nevertheless spur employers to further discriminate he insists that this bill is an "extraagainst jub applicants who even "look ordinasily important bill, bridging

that exist in this area." (Washington Post, March 29, 1982, p. A10) This brings to mind Kennedy's sponsorship jected by the Reagan administration, of the notorious anti-immigrant Kennedy-Rodino bill. And it should not be forgotten that Kennedy is the main mover behind the recent attempts to pass the various forms of Nixon's Senate Bill S-1, the federal criminal code reform, which would provide exceptional new laws for use in smashing the mass movements, progressive organizations, and demonstrations. The traitors to the oppressed nationalities have not lagged behind in praising the anti-immigrant hysteria.

> favor of immigration raids. Thus the liberal bourgeois Spanish-language newspaper El Mañana of Chicago has editorialized that "It would be inconceivable to ask the Department of Immigration not to carry out its work of pursuing and deporting undocumented workers." They only beg the racist storm troopers that the raids "be car-

> > (April 30, 1982) And what about the NAACP, whose leadership is nothing but a bunch of flunkeys of the liberal politicians and is willing to play ball with the Reaganites as well. It has come out in favor of the Simpson-Mazzoli bill. Shame! Shame! These misleaders would have the world believe that racist terror against the Mexicans, the West Indians and the other immigrants is compatible with equality and prosperity for the black masses. After all, there will probably be lots of new jobs for aspiring bureaucrats in checking ID cards and hounding immigrants from one end of the country to the other.

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many of the conflicts and controversies

The "respectable" misleaders of the

Mexican community have come out in

Thus the raids of late April by the INS and the new savage Simpson-Mazzoli bill bring to the fore the racist nature of the entire capitalist class and all their apologists. They show that the blow aimed at the immigrants will land on the back of all workers and progressive people. The capitalists hope to use their anti-immigrant bysteria to divert the workers from the class struggle, to divide the workers with the hope of stealing each other's livelihood, and to have an excuse for new fascist measures, such as the national ID card. It is up to the working class to stand as one man against this racist terror. The working class must actively combat all these attacks on the immigrants. It must reply to the racist and fascist plans of the capitalists with class schidarity.

aimed at creating public opinion in support of U.S. imperialism launching its own military adventures in Central America or the Mideast, etc.

its former colonialist "principles," British imperialism remains willing to slaughter thousands upon thousands more to defend its remaining colonial possessions. The world has seen this graphically displayed in the British military occupation of the north of Ireland, and new today in the Falklands as well.

The "civilizeo"' ladies and gentlemen of British colonial piracy also deslare that their shief concern in dispatching the naval task force is for the 1,800 Falkland settlers . Surely this macen is why the British navy is ent thus instically pulserizing the islands with bombs and heavy guns. Surely this concern is why a large part of the settlers have been reduced to near serfs of the British conglemente Coalite Ltd., the parent of the Fakkards Is lands. Company which is the virtual monopoly owner of the Falliands. And surely this concern is why many of the Faiklands settlers are even puthinted from entering Reitain ander the British government's ravid and calorid ist: inmigration levs No the British repetialist maramers layen't the digitest. currern fortiese 1, 400 persons. After custing the Argentine settlements from treislands, the Etitich imported a small number of shephends and cather settlers to put in place a cobnial set: course, the Fak hads conflict will not up. And today they have hunched a be the first time that the imperialisation miliary adventure to restore this cide- wolves have been responsible for a nial situa fan: ascompanied with pom - bhachathrtosa tafy heir in artichle apyou canditotally hypocritical speeches petite fig.c.il. about the rights of this handful of edanial settlers.

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inchangmen etc. etc. Strip away the highfalutia hypocrisy

of these mouthpieces of British imperialisen, and the military adventore of Eler Majesty's Royal Navy in the South Atlanticis esposed for what it is -- naked colonial aggression. But the question might be asked, why then are the British imperialists willing to undertake such an aggression, which entrals enormous material as well as haman costs and the very neal danger of a military fiasco? This is because there is much more at stake in this conflict than a handful of deso late islands. In the first place, the Fulllanck

themselves potentially have much ish imperialism in the South Atlantic more to offer the Kritish imperialist moneylags that just roution and word. In 1971, a Shell Oil Company geological survey indicated that the South Atlantic between the Fallanck and the Argentine maintand was potentially nich in oil. Moreover, according to a report confirmed by Argentine officials, only clays before the Argentime statute of the islands, a Frenchowred funn, Total, dilling in the area struck oil. (Los Angeles Times News ertik cruzial U.S. allies in this struce gy. Servine, April 25, 1982) Meanwhile the British government has row declared that it will not neargh ize any lease conmans the Amentire government ad b for driling, rights in the region. Of

Secondly; the Knithla naval task force is not only fighting to retake the Falkhnus, but to defend the far fling imperialist interests of the Artish hourgeoisie. Thatelier sairr is tostage a massive show of forces to terronstrate that British inperialism will int hestate to reart to five and svord' to pretect tiese englaving, interestis, in-Jackflying overthe in mining possesston. Eft in its edonial ernrive.

Ant finally, the Thateier government has major domestic contractetions to resolve as well. Year in and year out the Batist cap talist corrory, sinks deeper and deeper in torisi sand. bulwarks of fascism linth world'to lay. thing in two with its outfiles policies - ly traiscuss plans to use Again line.

Such are the main objectives of Brnmuttint.

> The Aggressive Strategy of U.S. Imperialism and the Falklands Crisis

Whe outbreak of hostilities in the South Atlantic has posed a crisis for the aggressive world strategy of U.S. inperialism. Among other things, ban of the two beligerents are pres-On the one land, the That her goe erament is Weatern Furspe's standiest supporter of Reagan's internation al policies of aggression and war. This includes That her's firm support for U.S. intervention in Central America. and use of considerable importance, That ter is the most die hard defenvier AREagan's plans for introducing new nidean weapors into Westerr Europe, plans which are being confronted by the nasseive opposition of the West Eropean working people.

On the other hand, the sadistic fascists of the Argentine junta are a's o currently dear to Ronald Reagan's pulcies Reagan and these rightwing; hangmencherishmany, thirps, in. commorr such as thein love fon exploitation and tyranny, their fanatival' a tie communism;, and so forthe Wall Street and the State Department also placegreat value in: the role which the mil tary jurta plays in defense of U.S. inperialist interests. But in particular;, Reagan has been sitiving to recruit. tite: Argentine fascists to help crush

a time-tested cornerstone of the U.S.-Clearly the conflict which has erout - led imperialist bloc and the aggres-

> Secondly, the U.S. imperialists, too, have a vested interest in preserving the "international lass," of colonial pinacy. After all the U.S. government, ton, hold's it's own colonial possessions which include, in Ia in America alone, its calary at Puerto Rica, the Panama Canal Zone, the endage of Guantanamo in Cuba, and the Virgin Islands. Reagan there fore recognizes that the British task force is not fighting for the Queen's empire alone, but for the colonial positions of the other impemaist provens as well. Thutcher's "strong response:" is neant us usigmal to arrivere of se white might date ta "steal" any of the other possessions of the obliscion is I powers, or, for that nutten any of the other eashing military outposts and bases and other ne occlorial positions of imperialism circling, the gible. Hence, not only Reagan, but also the social democratic. government of France and the other old reperial powers have given their

The U.S. in perialist was ferris are striving to reap after benefits from the tragedy in the South Atlantic as well. A morg other things, the say talist muss media has launched a big comparing for the glarification of reactionary; war. Forevera month and a half now, reports and foctage of siking bameships, konting runs, raval bom'iardments, contranda raids, and troor novements, have been the daily fare of the evening surseless shughter? Quite the cp-"ending" adventure. All of this

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In recervt days the media has been trying to paint the Faklands conflict as simply another episode in the rivalry between the two superpowers, with U.S. imperialism backing the British and with Soviet social-immestalism intervening on the side of Argentina. Fairning the flames of war hysteria, the media is even raising the specter of a "showdown" in the South Atlantic between the imperialist superpowers. This spectes is being raised ever through there is no evedence that either Moscow or Buenos Aires is taking any steps in the direction of such a military alliance and there is no indication that they are about to do so. Nevertheless, the unreistalable message meated by the lying menia is that in order to prepare for such a "show down" it is necessary to and and armsome more.

In h.d., the Faklands cosis is being seized upon to spor on the Pentagon's a heady feverish war buildup. The military experts are speculating or the tranendous benefits that the South Atlantic fighting will bring to military plaring with the first testing in combat of a new generation of missile and other weaponry. And the Pentagau generals and admirals and the capitalis politicians are already engaged in a new norne of debate on haw best to build up U.S. imperialism's war nacine.

Down With Thatcher, Gathers and Riesgant Bawn With A.T fee: Fyrans and Warnaugers?

The war in the South Atlantic is an expression of the powerful trisis which is gripping the entire capitalist workl. The imperialisis, the exploiters, and the fasciets are on a listing ship, waaked by the internal contradictions of their routen system and the mounting resistance and revolt of the workers and oppressed. This great arisis is what is ka dry fre cap talist states twatch militaryadventures and war.

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GM blackmail of plant closings and Fraser's vicious campaign against all of the opposition forces, LOC melted away. When the Council met again in Detroit on March 11 the Marxist-Leninist Party organized a militant crats, LOC virtually collapsed. It picket demanding "No Concessions!" But the LOC leadership declared that bureaucrats will never be a reliable they had given up the fight. One prom- support for the workers' struggle. inent leader of LOC, Pete Kelly, the president of Local 160 at the GM Tech Center in Warren, Michigan, announced that he had no plans to protest the resumption of contract talks claiming that the workers had been union bureaucracy and the liquidators "stampeded...into taking concessions." (Detroit Free Press, March 10, 1982) Another leading light of LOC, Don Douglas; the president of Local 594 at the Pontiac Truck and Coach complex, proclaimed that "I don't intend on putting up a fight." And he further declared that LOC had suspended its activities. (Detroit Free Press, March 10, 1982) At this Council meeting less than 5% voted against reopening, that is, only a fourth of those March, 1982) But most of the liquiwho voted against reopening the contract before LOC was even formed.

Following this meeting a leaflet against the GM contract eventually came out in the name of LOC. But less than 8% of the officials present voted against the contract at the next Council meeting held in Chicago on March 25.

Although LOC virtually collapsed, the opposition of the rank-and-file workers did not. The MLP-called picket on March 11 proved that the the UAW International." (Workers opposition was still alive and in the weeks that followed a big campaign unfolded against concessions to GM. At one local union meeting after another from California to New Jersey the voice of opposition rang out loudly. With the assistance of the MLP in Detroit and other parts of the country, leaflets educating the workers on the concessions contract at Ford and exposing the even worse contract at GM were distributed widely through the plants while anti-concessions stickers were plastered over the plant walls. In the end the GM concessions contract was only imposed on the workers by the fraud of the UAW top leadership. (See page 3)

So what can be said of LOC? It was at best a committee of union bureaucrats who opposed concessions in a vacillating way. To the extent that these bureaucrats came out against concessions they were of some assistance. But they only came out against concessions because the rank-and-file

workers were in motion and were or- Local 122, as cautioning the UAW ized state of the anti-concession forces some other work in the UAW bureauganizing themselves independently officials to remember that "a majority for the fight. They restricted the anti- of the Chrysler local officials who concessions fight to the narrowest re- supported concessions were voted out formism and maneuvering within the of office in the last election." UAW bureaucracy. And at the crucial moment and at the first pressure from Fraser and the other top UAW bureau- emphasizes that "Local leaders who proved once again that the trade union

Liquidators Look to **Cozy Up With the Bureaucrats**

LOC could not see beyond the could not see beyond LOC.

In the first place, the liquidators fell head over heels in love with LOC precisely because it was composed of bureaucrats. Some liquidators, like the "CPUSA/ML," tried to prettify LOC with the outrageous lie that LOC is a "rank-and-file" committee that built a "network of militant caucuses" and fought both "within the union structure and outside it." (Unite!, dators were more forthright, even gushing over the fact that LOC's basis was the union bureaucracy. For example the March-April, 1982 issue of The Call enthusiastically hails LOC because "Most of those in attendance were presidents, shop chairmen, and other officials, including 21 delegates to the Ford and GM councils." The "CWP" excitedly chimes in that LOC included "many self-described 'loyal supporters' of Viewpoint, February 11-17, 1982)

Furthermore, the fact that LOC did not organize among the rank and file was of no concern to the liquidators. They praised LOC precisely because it centered its work in the union bureaucracy. For months the liquidator press was overflowing with the glorification of the most timid sort of activities, praising LOC for sending "a mailing to all Ford local officials" (Guardian, February 10, 1982) and gushing that LOC "has done a fine job of presenting their penetrating analysis of the Ford package to a wide force of the local union presidents." (Workers Viewpoint, March 24-30, 1982, emphasis added)

But the full essence of the liquidators' love affair with LOC can be found in their touching concern for the upcoming local union elections and UAW national convention. Expressing their noble motive in supporting LOC, The Call quotes Bob Weissman, a LOC spokesman and president of Chrysler

(The Call, March-April, 1982) Echoing the same sentiment the "CWP" supported the concessions will be voted out of office even as they change their tunes to avoid exposure." (Workers Viewpoint, April 28-May 4, 1982) And expressing the general concern of the liquidators, the Guardian reports that "Some LOC leaders hope to establish an ongoing organization, or at least a clearinghouse, to function as a center for the opposition movement. They believe the union's convention scheduled for late May 1983 will provide an unparalleled opportunity to challenge the UAW's oneparty system by which the leadership group now in power has maintained its hegemony for over three decades." (Guardian, April 21, 1982) In short, the liquidators show no actual concern for the fight against concessions. Rather they think that the bureaucrats who support concessions will be swept from office and will be replaced by those bureaucrats who have claimed to be opposed to concessions. The liquidators are not really interested in the fight against concessions, but want to ride the wave of the anti-concessions forces to get themselves in office or at least to develop ties with those bureaucrats who do get in office. This

Liquidators Hedge Their Bets

over LOC.

is the heart of the liquidators' raptures

It is important to point out that after LOC began to collapse a few of the liquidators began to hedge their bets. While continuing to promote LOC, they also started casting about for other UAW bureaucrats to latch onto and promote. These liquidators hope that by not putting all of their eggs in one basket they will protect themselves from any fiasco of LOC and maintain their ability to flirt with the UAW bureaucracy.

The "CWP" provides a typical example of this kind of maneuvering and gives a certain insight into the perspective of the liquidators. In the Workers Viewpoint the "CWP" continues its praise for LOC. They preach, "The value of LOC's contract analysis and early leadership cannot be valued too highly.

At the same time, the "CWP" criticizes LOC in the most polite terms. They complain, "Clearly, the organlag behind the spontaneous sentiment cracy. Cozying up to the trade union of the masses." And they point out in bureaucracy remains a basic watchparticular that, "For the most part, the leaders of LOC showed a marked resistance to suggestions for bolder and more tightly organized outreach around the UAW." (emphasis as in original)

The "CWP" even tries to highlight to the notorious GM concessions conthis criticism by giving an example of tract than the "C"PUSA again began the struggle at the GM assembly plant promoting Fraser as a supposed miliin Willow Run, Michigan. At Willow tant who was "outraged" that GM Run, they explain, the union officials would give bonuses to their executives were "a straight-up bunch of hacks for while taking pay cuts from the work-GM and the International Union," ers. (Daily World, April 22, 1982) yet the workers voted down the sellout Such is the objective logic of liquidationism. Not a fight against concescontract by a three-to-one margin. The "CWP" has trouble figuring out how sions, not a battle against the union this could be possible, but they re- sellouts, but fawning on and merger port, "The feeling among some work- with the trade union bureaucracy. ers I talked to is that the difference was made by the consistent presence of anti-concession agitation in the plant and at union meetings." Is it possible that with this example

the "CWP" is praising the work of sons from the experience with LOC the MLP which carried out consistent and the liquidators in the anti-concesanti-concessions agitation not only at Willow Run but at a whole series of GM. Ford and Chrysler plants and not on or base their struggle on the trade only in the last few months but for union bureaucracy. While Fraser years? Or is it possible, at the very and the other top bureaucrats are least, that the "CWP" is about to con- acting as the whip hands for the capiclude that the rank-and-file workers talist offensive against the workers, must build up their own organization today even the "opposition" union to carry out agitation and other bureaucrats are at best only vacillat-"outreach" among the mass of work- ing and conciliatory toward the ers on the shop floor? But no! The monopolists. Rather, the workers must "CWP" sums up the experience at build up their own strong organiza-Willow Run and criticizes LOC only to tions that can carry out consistent praise other work in the UAW bureau- agitation against the capitalists and cracy. They proclaim, "A good exam- their union lap dogs; an organization ple of bold leadership is the local from that is capable of mobilizing the mass Lordstown." But what is the only thing of workers into the fight. If various they tell us about this local? The labor bureaucrats come out against "CWP" tells us that one of them concessions then this is all to the spoke out against Fraser "in front of better. It may even help to draw some hundreds of union leaders" and that of the more backward workers into the liquidators' perspective.

'CWP'' was still promoting Fraser as fore, on no account should the workers April 28-May 4, 1982 issue of the a supposed fighter against Reagan- give up the struggle for their own omics. (Workers Viewpoint, July 5-21, independent fighting organizations or 1981) But in February, 1982 they dis- subordinate their organizations to covered LOC and began to promote it ' the groups formed by the union to the skies as the future spokesman bureaucrats. for the "whole working class." (Workers Viewpoint, February 11-17, bureaucracy? In certain conditions this 1982) Then, by April, they begin to work is possible and necessary, but al-

sions struggle.

word of the liquidators.

Indeed, those veteran liquidators,

the "C"PUSA, maneuvered to ensure

that their promotion of LOC did not cut

them off from Doug Fraser himself.

No sooner had Fraser signed his name

Build the Independent

Movement of the Working Class

The workers should learn two les-

Firstly, the workers can never rely

they "independently organized...to the struggle. But sooner or later the distribute anti-concession literature at bureaucrats' opposition will come up the national meeting" of UAW of- against the independent organization ficials. In other words they are praised of the workers. The bureaucrats alas a model not because of consistent ways restrict the opposition to the agitation among the rank and file but narrowest reformism and thus their solely for their work in the UAW groups are designed to draw the workbureaucracy. This is the epitome of ers away from building their own organizations and back into trailing As late as the summer of 1981 the after the union bureaucracy. There-

But what about work in the union politely criticize LOC only to promote ways and everywhere it must be sub-

ordinated to the building of independent fighting organizations of the rank-and-file workers. In fact, what determines whether or not a union official is a bureaucrat is his stand toward the workers building their own organizations. Groups like LOC are a bureaucrat opposition because, among other things, they are designed to prevent officials from supporting the workers' impulse towards independent organization. Nevertheless, today there are some union officials who are confused and don't know what to do. Certainly, where it is possible, an effort should be made to bring them to the workers' side. But this effort must be made as part of, and subordinated to, the work of organizing the rank and file into genuine fighting workers' organizations.

Secondly, the workers should recognize that the current polemic of revolutionary Marxism-Leninism against revisionist liquidationism is a central fight in the struggle to build the independent movement of the working class. The liquidators' preachings to tone down the fight against the union bureaucrats, their attempts to prettify and promote the labor bureaucracy; their concerted campaign to make the workers' movement the tail of a vacillating and impotent bureaucrats' opposition; all of this is an attempt to divert the workers from building their own fighting organizations and especially to oppose the building of a vanguard party of the working class. The Marxist-Leninist vanguard is the highest form of class organization of the proletariat. Today the Marxist-Leninist Party by its consistent work against the capitalist concessions drive, by its constant exposure of the union bureaucrats. by its principled battle against the liquidators and by the all-round ideological, political and economic struggle that it is waging, is proving itself to be such a vanguard party of the working class. All class conscious workers should rally to the banner of the MLP, work to build the Party in the factories, organize distribution networks for Party literature and mobilize the rank-and-file workers behind the Party's agitation. This is the sure path to building up genuine fighting organization of the masses. This is the course of building the independent movement of the working class.

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ers. Of course, this does not mean exploited and oppressed by imperialspreading illusions about the Soviet ism, that the anti-imperialist struggle social-imperialists. On the contrary, it finds its strength. A powerful struggle

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tion. Meanwhile, Reagan is providing wave of workers' struggle. Likewise fantastic tax breaks and other hand- today suffering and hardship are growouts to the monopolies to finance these sing everywhere; but along with it there job-cutting measures. The net result of is a seething anger against this misery these productivity drives is that even and against the exploiters who are responsible for it. This anger can be seen in the bitter opposition among the the bulk of the consumers, the work- the plants will not be restored to the rank-and-file auto workers to the reing population, remain impoverished old level, and in many cases, such as in cent round of concessions to the auto billionaires. It can be seen in the strikes and other actions against jobcutting productivity measures. It can be seen in the broad ferment that is Thus, the explanation for why so welling up everywhere among the workers and oppressed? The stand of the working class must be that hard times are not times of surrender, but of militant class struggle. Therefore the workers must get organized to fight for their own class interests. This means to organize and push forward the struggles against the wage-cutting concessions onslaught of the employers. This means to push forward the strikes and other job actions against plant closings, job elimination, and the ruthless productivity drives. This means to take up the fight to demand work or a livelihood for the unemployed. These struggles in defense of the system that has brought about this employed and unemployed workers are essential if the working class is not solutions to offer but even more suf- workers must be aware that such preach to the workers that these are ers' struggles in defense of their hard times; so, they say, it is therefore immediate interests must be built up on their hands and knees, give up gle of the proletariat for the overthrow mercy. But such belly-crawling class- can put an end to the scourge of uncompromise can only spell disaster employment, economic crises, and growing misery for the workers. This Yes, these are indeed hard times. is because only socialism can put an The Great Depression brought hard end to the subordination of society to times, too. But it is well known that it "a gang of rich men, whose only con-

II. It immediately put nuclear weapons into imperialist use. The atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were not dropped to defeat fas- 'alists and reactionaries around the cism, for Germany had already sur- world. rendered and Japan was all but defeated. No, the bombs were dropped to are inseparable from the whole war intimidate the then-socialist Soviet machine of the Pentagon and from Union and the revolutionary movements of the workers and oppressed peoples which were surging forward with the defeat of fascism.

The bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki initiated the U.S. government's policy of nuclear blackmail. In On the contrary, it requires a fight the period since World War II, the U.S. imperialists have frenziedly built up their nuclear arsenal to assist their search for world domination. Lacking there are also other schemes of "nupopular support, they eagerly sought means of mass slaughter.

The U.S. nuclear stockpile is one cornerstone of the huge war machine trotskyite forces are boosting the of the Pentagon. It is inseparable from freeze campaign, some among them the system of countless military bases raise certain reservations about it beringing the world, the military alli- cause it is based on "mutual disarmaances with other imperialist and reac- ment" or because it does not go far tionary regimes, the naval flotillas in enough. From this, however, they go all the oceans, the rapid deployment on to say that the solution lies in other. force, and so forth. This gigantic ma- more "radical" disarmament schemes chine of slaughter and destruction is which they claim can be implemented today being bolstered in order to prepare for war.

The wars that U.S. imperialism is preparing for are aggressive and reactionary wars. They are for the purpose of defending and increasing the huge profits made by the oil monopolies and other multinational corporations from militarism and the nuclear arsenal the robbery of the oppressed peoples from the imperialist system. Indeed, abroad. These wars are aimed both it is precisely for this reason that, deagainst the revolutionary anti-imperialist struggles of the oppressed peoples who wish to free themselves from imperialist dictate and plunder, and also against Washington's imperialist rivals, especially the Russian socialimperialists.

The present-day Soviet Union is also a world marauder. It is not socialist or peace-loving, but imperialist through and through. It too uses its nuclear arsenal for imperialist blackmail and world domination. But the American working class and people have no stake in the U.S.-Soviet rivalry, a fight between thieves over who will get what share of the loot robbed from the world's peoples. Our task here in the U.S. is to fight, first and foremost, women and oppressed nationalities. It against "our own" imperialist exploit- is here, among the masses which are

includes supporting the revolutionary struggles of the workers and oppressed peoples against all the imperi-

U.S. imperialism, the fight against nuclear weapons cannot be waged, as the freeze campaign suggests, by supporting alternative prescriptions for militarization or by guaranteeing the imperialists their spheres of influence. against the entire war program of the capitalist billionaires.

Today, besides the nuclear freeze, clear disarmament" being put forward in the anti-war movement. While a large section of the revisionist and under the present imperialist system. But this is complete nonsense. So long as imperialism exists, there will be militarism and reactionary wars. Thus the criticism of the freeze by these people is really no criticism at all. They share a common belief in detaching spite their mild criticisms, most of them still manage to fall in line behind the freeze campaign under the excuse that, despite all its imperfections, the freeze is still a positive first step.

any other disarmament scheme but a freeze and the real and diabolical aims powerful struggle against imperialism that lie behind this scheme. The activthat holds out the prospect of being a ists should use the widespread interest force against the war plans of the bour- and discussion among the masses geoisie. We must not beg the Reagans about the threat of nuclear war in orand Brezhnevs or the other imperialist der to promote the path of anti-imperiwarmongers to have mercy on us, but alist struggle as the real way to fight we must fight them with determina- the warmongers. tion. We must not look around for generals and imperialist liberals to ally with, but instead direct our appeal to the masses of working people, youth,

against imperialism requires organization. The masses must be organized independent of the capitalist parties, free of tutelage by the militarists and all their flunkeys. They must be rallied Considering that nuclear weapons behind the independent class movement of the working class.

Only a struggle organized in this way has the possibility of fighting militarism or blocking the war plans of the imperialists. But in order to do away with the militarism, with the arsenals and the reactionary wars of U.S. imperialism altogether, the capitalist exploiters must be overthrown by a proletarian socialist revolution. And only the world proletarian socialist revolution can do away with militarism, the nuclear arsenals, and war on a world scale, ensuring a just and lasting peace. The vigorous development of the anti-imperialist struggle today is part of the preparations for the socialist revolution in the U.S.

Reject the Fraud of the Nuclear Freeze!

Our examination of the freeze campaign has shown that it is a roadblock to the development of the anti-imperialist struggle. Subordination of the anti-war struggle to the freeze would mean to hand over the sentiment of the masses against nuclear weapons and Reaganite warmongering straight into the hands of the generals themselves. Therefore all those who seek to advance the struggle should reject this fraudulent scheme.

The passage of the nuclear freeze referendums is one of the signs that the masses are disgusted with warmongering and wish to act against it. But to help the masses learn how to fight militarism, all activists should However it is not a nuclear freeze or expose to the masses the fraud of the

profits that they demand. This is not because there is no need for these goods among the working people. millions can't afford even the basic employed. necessities of life. The cruel insanity of duction - with tens of millions of for profit. workers organized in large-scale their private property.

"Gigantic crashes have become possible and inevitable," V. I. Lenin explained, "only because powerful social productive forces have become subordinated to a gang of rich men, whose only concern is to make profits." place, the capitalists are striving to profits, a gang of rich men are cutting back production, closing down plants the streets.

The employers make profits by not off workers. They also make profits by pointing to the millions in the unemployment lines as a threat against those still working so as to force them to accept wage cuts, speedup and job combinations, which in turn will cost even more workers their jobs. Today, in every sector of the economy, the employers are demanding takebacks and more takebacks, holding the specter of plant closings and layoffs over the workers' heads.

Moreover, with the same aim of making profits, the capitalists are also spending billions on job-eliminating productivity drives. The corporations are rationalizing production, closing less profitable facilities, retooling others, and introducing robots and computers and other means of automa-

when production is restored to the pre-Rather, it is because under capitalism recession level the number of jobs in by the drive of the moneybags for auto or steel, it will be cut drastically. profits. As a result, goods rot in stock- In this way millions are being conpiles for lack of a buyer, while tens of demned to the permanent army of un-

such an overproduction crisis is a many millions of workers are being manifestation of the fundamental con- ruined and starved by the curse of tradiction of the capitalist order. It is unemployment is to be found in the the result of the inevitable clash be- internal contradictions of the, mantween the social character of pro- eating capitalist system of production

Neither the capitalist politicians, nor modern enterprises - and the private the bourgeois economists, nor any of character of appropriation, with the the other defenders of the profit syscapitalist owners making the social tem have any solution for the economic product of these millions of workers crisis or the scourge of unemployment.

The Scourge of Unemployment Shows the Necessity for the Class Struggle

As we have seen, it is the profit (Lenin, Collected Works, "The Les- crisis, and it is the rich exploiters who sons of the Crisis," Vol. 5, p. 91) are making money off the misery of the going to be reduced to a mass of Today, when such a crash has taken unemployed. The capitalists have no broken and wretched slaves. But the shift the burden of the crisis onto the fering. Lane Kirkland, Doug Fraser struggles can only deal with effects workers. Out of concern for making and the other sellout union leaders and not the cause. Therefore the workand hurling millions of workers into necessary for the workers to get down as one front of the revolutionary strugconcessions, and beg these bloated of the man-eating capitalist system. It having to pay the wages of their laid capitalist parasites for a crumb of is only the socialist revolution which and ruin for the workers.

> also ignited a fiery class hatred among cern is to make profits." the millions of workers and a powerful



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Celebrations of International Working Class Day





Photos show some of the May Day celebrations organized by the MLP across the country. Militant demonstrations were organized in New York City and Chicago, while rallies and meetings were held in these and several other cities. The meetings were highlighted by cultural performances and, in a number of cities, with the showing of revolutionary films from socialist Albania.

Photos 1. & 2. Chicago; 3. & 4. New York; 5. Seattle; 6. Boston; 7. Oakland.



tional Workers' Day, workers throughout the world took to the streets in in struggle against the capitalist exploiters. From one corner of the globe to the other, the cry rang out once again, Workers of the world, unite!

Throughout the capitalist world, the workers celebrated May Day as a day of militant struggle against the class enemy. In Portugal, thousands came across the capitalist-revisionist world. out in massive demonstrations with demands for the ouster of the rightist building socialism also were acclaimed government. Fierce clashes broke out in various areas, and in the city of celebrations by the Marxist-Leninists Oporto, two workers were martyred in and class conscious workers. attacks by the police. Elsewhere in Western Europe, tens of thousands demonstrated against militarism, unemployment and the worsening economic conditions. In Japan, thousands marched against nuclear weapons. In Bolivia, tens of thousands demonstrated in La Paz for "bread and freedom" against the military dictatorship. In Venezuela, Brazil, Ecuador and when there is seen a broad ferment, sellout union bosses and the Demo- street corners and shopping areas. In pendent class movement of the prole- speeches was the importance of buildother countries of Latin America, workers protested unemployment, political reaction and the devastation. being wrought by the capitalist economic crisis. In many countries which suffer under the yoke of fascist regimes, the workers celebrated May Day in defiance of the laws of the bourgeoisie. This year in many countries across the globe, workers raised high the banner of solidarity with the heroic workers and peasants of El Salvador who are waging a revolutionary struggle against the U.S.-backed fascist regime. In El Salvador itself, as in many

This year, on May First, Interna- masses celebrated May Day with blows of the people's armed struggle.

In socialist Albania — the one countheir millions to celebrate the soli- try today where the working class has darity of the international proletariat overthrown the exploiters, become the masters of society and prevented the revisionist restoration of capitalism the working people came out joyously in mass rallies to celebrate the victories of socialism and to pledge their solidarity with the toiling masses who are fighting for a bright future all The victories of the Albanian people in worldwide in revolutionary May Day

In the U.S.

In the U.S. the red banners of revolutionary struggle and socialism were hoisted in May Day marches and celebrations organized by the Marxist-Leninist Party.



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WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES, UNITE

HAIL MAY 1 ST ATIONAL WORKING CLASS



forging revolutionary organization and many places, bright banners calling ments were urged to join with the MLP orienting the anti-war struggle along bringing class consciousness into the for struggle against Reagan were put to celebrate International Workers' the path of anti-imperialist struggle. This year May Day came at a time fight. The newspaper denounced the up during literature distribution at Day and rally to the side of the inde- Another topic stressed in the

HAD THE INCHEMIENT MINEMENT

capitalist offensive headed up by the workers rising up in their own class Reagan regime. In this situation, the Marxist-Leninist Party organized a big campaign with the call All Out Against Reagan! It put forward the perspective that only the building of the independent movement of the working class can provide the strength for a successful fight against Reaganite reaction.

A special issue of The Workers' Advocate was released for the May Day campaign. This spelled out the immediate tasks involved in building the independent movement of the working class. It pointed to the need other oppressed nations, the toiling for pushing ahead the mass struggle, ries, schools, communities, etc. In on May 1. Activists in the mass move-

among the working masses against the cratic Party who stand opposed to the Buffalo, for example, the May Day call .tariat. movement. It explained that the goal of the workers' struggle is socialism which is the only solution to the hell of capitalist exploitation. The Workers' Advocate also raised the banner of proletarian internationalism against the chauvinist poison of the bourgeoisie and focused on the need to own slogans and curses against the step up the fight against U.S. imperialism.

> taken widely among the working gainst U.S. aggression in El Salvador, masses. Tens of thousands of news- to anti-nuclear events and to an antipapers were distributed in the facto- Reagan protest in Washington, D.C.

was disseminated with a vigorous march and rally in a working class neighborhood on April 24. Countless discussions were held with the masses. Everywhere the comrades of the MLP went, they found a great hatred for Reaganite reaction and people would often come forward with their despised mouthpiece of the rich.

The May Day call was also taken to The May Day call of the MLP was the March 27 protests nationwide a-

Hail the 13th Anniversary of the Founding of the **American Communist Workers Movement** (Marxist-Leninist)

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deciding to build a single nationwide center for all revolutionary Marxist-Leninists of the U.S. Summing up their experience in the tumultuous mass movements of the 1960's, they had come to the conclusion that only Marxism-Leninism showed the path forward to revolution and that only through reconstituting its genuine communist party could the working class follow the Marxist-Leninist road. The Cleveland Workers' Action Committee investigated the then-existing parties and found them revisionist ("Communist" Party of the USA), right/opportunist (Progressive Labor Party), or infected with the line of lumpenism (Black Panther Party). The Cleveland Workers' Action Committee did its best to consult with all the revolutionary activists who declared themselves Marxist-Leninists and opposed to the path of treachery and betrayal of the revisionist "C"PUSA. Seeing that none of the existing organizations were able to do the job, with courage and determination the comrades of the Cleveland

from the Cleveland Workers' Action Movement (Marxist-Leninist) on May gacy. They have become liquidators The history of the ACWM(M-L) Committee took the fateful step of 12, 1969. The ACWM(M-L) quickly grew into a nationwide organization. of building the independent organiza- struggle to build the revolutionary Thus the red flag of revolutionary Marxism-Leninism was raised.

It proved to take far longer to reestablish the genuine communist party activists of the Cleveland Workers' Action Committee had thought, Over a decade of struggle of the ACWM (M-L) and its successor, the Central Organization of U.S. Marxist-Leninists, lay ahead before the triumphant founding of the Marxist-Leninist Parthrough all the twists and turns of the revolutionary struggle, through inspiring victories and painful setbacks, through a protracted and complex struggle filled with many profound lessons, the ACWM(M-L) and its successor, the COUSML, held single-mindedly to their goal. This history is a legacy of which the revolutionary Marxist-Leninists can be proud.

to honor the memory of the ACWM with the traditions of revolutionary (M-L) because the opportunist mis-Workers' Action Committee formed leaders from the 1970's are all

labor marsh which is the "left" Today it is all the more important ing and solid organization! Down 13 years ago! struggle! We say: Down with all this belly-

Thirteen years ago, the comrades the American Communist Workers bogged down in the most abject rene- crawling! Down with liquidationism! who are openly renouncing the path teaches the necessity of unyielding tion of the working class; instead they proletarian party. It also teaches who are down on their hands and knees the various liquidators are and where begging for mercy from the liberal- they come from. For example, it shows us how the open belly-crawlof the American proletariat than the fringe of the Democratic Party. After ing of the pro-Chinese and Maoist years of obstructing the building of liquidators is the sorry result of their the party, they are now renouncing treachery all through the 1970's; the the building of the party. Some of ACWM(M-L) only advanced by a them are blaming their failures on ceaseless struggle against the liquithe alleged inadequacies of the Len- dators' forebears, the neo-revisioninist principles, especially the idea of ist big shots of the late 1960's and the Leninist party of the new type, early 1970's. In a way, history has ty of the USA on January 1, 1980. But the Leninist proletarian party of the come full circle. Just as these neo-rerevolution. Others maintain the name visionist big shots used to advocate of a "party" as an adornment, but that there was a "pre-party situastress the need to unite with the so- tion" ten years ago, so today they arcial-democrats, churchmen, Demo- gue against the Leninist party concratic Party hacks and anyone else cept altogether. So it is fitting for us they can beg alms from. They are all today to celebrate the anniversary of singing the same chorus: Down with the ACWM(M-L), an organization principled politics! Down with the devoted to the idea of the party and principles of Marxism-Leninism! the revolution. Uphold the red flag of Down with standing up against the revolutionary Marxism-Leninism that bourgeoisie! Down with party-build- was raised aloft by the ACWM(M-L)

The MLP organized two May Day demonstrations, one in Chicago on May 1 and the second in New York City on May 2. The Chicago demonstration was held in a steel worker community in the south side, while the New York one took place in a working class neighborhood with a heavy concentration of immigrant workers. With bold banners, red flags and placards, the demonstrations marched through the community shouting slogans and singing revolutionary songs. Banners proclaimed All out against Reagan, chieftain of capitalist reaction!, Build the independent movement of the working class!, U.S. imperialism, get out of El Salvador! and so on. Coming at the end of a week which had seen vicious fascist raids on undocumented workers by Reagan's immigration service, the May Day demonstrations loudly denounced these gestapo-style attacks. Down with La Migra! rang out again and again from the workers' internationalist demonstrations.

Rallies and meetings to celebrate May Day were held in New York, Boston, Chicago, Denver, San Francisco, Seattle and Philadelphia. At these rallies, speeches were given on the path forward in the fight against Reaganite reaction, cultural programs were performed, and films from socialist Albania were shown. At the New York meeting, solidarity messages were presented by the Caribbean Progressive Study Group and the Comite Baldemiro Castro of the Communist Party of Labor (PCT) of the Dominican Republic.

The speeches by representatives of the Party went into various aspects of the fight against the Reaganite offensive. Special attention was paid to the situation in the fight against U.S. aggression in El Salvador and the movement against U.S. imperialism. The attempts of the Democratic Party and its flunkeys to derail these struggles with the "political solution" for El Salvador and the "nuclear freeze" plan were gone into and denounced. It was pointed out that these schemes are simply meant to tinker a bit with the Pentagon's war machine and U.S. domination abroad. Instead of supporting such schemes, the MLP speakers raised the perspective of

ing organization to advance the mass struggle. The speeches went into the need for a Marxist-Leninist vanguard party to provide a revolutionary center for the movement. It was shown with sharp examples that only such a party composed of proletarian revolutionaries can provide consciousness and the type of fighting organization necessary for the masses to fight and win. This was contrasted to the flabby Democratic Party of millionaire politicians, sellout union bosses and traitors to the oppressed nationalities which is put forward by the social-democrats and the liquidators as the alleged center of opposition to Reagan.

A highlight of a number of the meetings was the showing of Albanian feature films, which depicted heroic episodes in the anti-fascist national liberation struggle of the Albanian people. In addition to the film, the Chicago meeting also included the performance of a skit denouncing the Reaganites and Democrats. The films and cultural performances were enjoyed very much by everyone.

The celebrations of May Day marked another step in the building of the independent movement of the working class. At a time when the revisionist and trotskyite liquidators have all but buried the traditions of International Working Class Day in order to cozy up to the liberal-labor politicians and union bosses, the Marxist-Leninist Party again held up high the banner of a May Day of revolutionary struggle and socialism. It widely disseminated among the working masses the proletarian perspective for the fight against Reaganite reaction. It discussed with workers and activists the tasks facing the struggle today and successfully mobilized a number to take part in May Day actions against the capitalist exploiters.

Long live May First. International Working Class Day!

Down with Reagan, chieftain of capitalist reaction!

Build the independent movement of the working class!

Socialism is the goal of the workers' struggle!

Workers of all countries, unite!