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Condemn the U.S.-Backed Israeli Invasion of Lebanon!

ted by the Israeli invaders against the ' from the zionist yoke. Begin also hopes Palestinian and Lebanese people con- to subjugate Lebanon and to annex the tinues to grow. The Israeli troops and south of Lebanon outright their allies continue their brutal siege of west Beirut. The Israeli bombs and shells are all "made in the USA." Food, water and medical supplies have been cut off in an attempt to starve the half million inhabitants into submission.

Already, more than 10,000 civilians have been killed by Israeli air raids and shelling. Anti-personnel cluster bombs are being used indiscriminately on civilians. Tens of thousands are going without treatment for their wounds because the zionist invaders are blocking medical supplies, levelling hospitals, and dragging away the doctors as "suspected terrorists." The Israeli troops are rounding up the entire adult male Palestinian population into interrogation centers. Thousands are being shipped to concentration camps to be tried as "criminals," tortured and executed.

Through this bloodbath, Begin aims to crush the Palestinian resistance movement. Through this example of Lebanon, Begin aims to break the will of the Palestinian people in the West Bank and elsewhere in their struggle

Every day the list of crimes commit- for the liberation of their homeland

Support the Heroic Cause of the **Palestinian Resistance**

The Palestinian people are facing a ring of enemies. But the resistance of the five million Palestinians has never been and never will be broken. Each new crime against them has only strengthened their resolve to fight for their liberation and for the overthrow of their oppressors - the Israeli zionist regime.

This unconquerable fighting spirit has been demonstrated in the mountains and villages of Lebanon, in Sidon, Tyre and now west Beirut, where the Palestinian liberation fighters have fought with enormous courage and determination against the Israeli invaders. Despite being vastly outnumbered and outgunned, the Palestinian and Lebanese guerillas have struck heavy blows on the zionist forces.

This unbreakable will is also being displayed on the streets of the occupied West Bank and Gaza. There the Palestinian youth are demonstrating their solidarity with their brothers in



On June 18, while zionist henchman Menachem Begin addressed the United Nations, more than 5,000 people marched outside the UN in support of the Palestinian liberation struggle and vigorously denounced the U.S.backed Israeli invasion of Lebanon. Similar demonstrations have been held in cities throughout the U.S. and around the world.

crack down of the Israeli troops, confronting automatic rifles with sticks and stones.

Reagan Unleashes the Storm Troopers of Zionist Israel

Reagan is wringing his hands and 'deploring the bloodshed'' in Lebanon. But everyone knows that it is the

Lebanon, standing up fearlessly to the Pentagon which has supplied the tens of billions of dollars of tanks, warplanes, and cluster bombs which made this massacre possible. And everyone saw that when Begin visited the White House to report to his boss, the two were all smiles and kisses. In fact, all of the U.S. imperialist

politicians are applauding the zionist Continued on page 6 See LEBANON



Steel workers, get organized!

Basic Steel Agreement in order to take back a whole slew of gains the workers have previously won. By August 1 of this year, the steel billionaires hope to put into place a new contract that will eliminate the annual wage increases, reduce the cost-of-living allowances (COLA) and incentive pay, cut back extended vacation time, and change long-established work rules. These cuts will amount to an average of from \$2 to \$3 an hour for each employed steel worker and the permanent loss of thousands of additional jobs. And this is only the beginning.

Encouraged by the Reaganite wagecutting offensive that has already hit workers in the auto, trucking, rubber, meat packing, and other industries, the tycoons of steel are speaking of eventually slashing the workers' pay almost in half. Donald Trautlein, the chairman of Bethlehem Steel, for example, claimed that steel workers make "80% to 90%" more than workers in the rest of the manufacturing sector and he demanded "Steel wages must be brought in line." (Wall Street Journal, June 7, 1982) These are the arrogant aims of the rich steel capitalists.

But what is worse, Lloyd McBride, president of the United Steel Workers (USW), and the other top union bureaucrats are supporting the capitalists' demands. For almost a year negotiations have been going on behind the backs of the workers. On June 18, at the meeting of the USW's Basic Steel Industry Conference held in Pittsburgh, the local presidents voted 263 to 79 to give McBride the go-ahead for 'discussions'' to settle a concessions deal. And right now they are working martini lunches of the executives, they feverishly on the national and local levare really moving to tax the workers els to draw up the specific takebacks. drive. Continued on page 8 with the aim of railroading them

See DEMOCRATS through by August 1.

The rank-and-file steel workers are disgusted with the betrayal of the union hacks and have begun to voice their outrage against concessions. The workers at U.S. Steel's Fairfield, Alabama works rejected local concessions despite the company's threat to close the mill. In June, the workers in USW locals at Bethlehem Steel's mill in Burns Harbor, Indiana and at U.S. Steel's mills in Lorain, Ohio and Homestead, Pennsylvania voted unanimously against reopening the national contract. Many other locals, including at J&L, Inland, Republic and Midwest Steel, have also passed resolutions against concessions. On June 18, 150 steel workers picketed the USW meeting in Pittsburgh. The union bureaucrats wouldn't even allow the workers into the meeting. Twice Mc-Bride's thugs physically ejected protesters from the building. But the workers denounced the union hacks and declared, "We didn't make the steel industry in the shape it's in. we're not going to pay for it." These and other examples show that the mood growing among the steel workers is for a fight against the arrogant concessions demands of the monopolies.

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The collaboration of the top USW hacks with the monopolies is a serious obstacle to this struggle. As well, the large-scale layoffs and mill closings create a difficult situation. But the workers have no other choice than to take matters into their own hands, to organize themselves for battle. The 285,000 workers in the "big eight" and the additional 100,000 workers in other steel companies that adhere to the Basic Steel Agreement through "me too" clauses, are a powerful force. It is time to stand firm and to strike a blow not only for the steel workers, but for all the workers who are facing the capitalist concessions

Steel workers! Expose the lies of Continued on page 4

All the capitalist parties oppose the working class The Democratic Party Preaches Reaganomics

The Democratic Party held its midterm national party conference in Philadelphia at the end of June. This year is an election year, and the Democrats are putting together their campaign strategy. The working people are once again to be besieged by these sweet-talking hucksters as they present themselves as the "alternative" to Reaganism. Don't organize, the Democrats will tell the people, don't go on strike, don't demonstrate in the streets and, for god's sake, don't talk of the class struggle. No, just readjust the system a little by voting Democratic. Meanwhile the top labor traitors in the AFL-CIO are moving towards even more direct affiliation with the Democratic Party than previously; they are telling the workers that the Democratic Party will solve their problems. So the question is: what did the Democrats have to say at their midterm conference? First let us examine the economy. Today the working people are suffering from almost two years of Reaganomics. The Reagan administration has championed cutting wages and pensions, breaking strikes, and discriminating against blacks, Mexicans and immigrants. Social programs have been slashed in the face of the deepening of the depression. This plan has not been an accident, or a miscalculation, or the result of eating too many jellybeans. On the contrary, it is the conscious, cold-blooded policy of squeezing the people to the wall for the profit of the monopolies, the policy of ensuring fantastic profits for the filthy rich while throwing the burden of the depression onto the backs of the workers and the unemployed. It is the program of the whole class of monopoly capitalists, who rub their hands in glee calculating how much wage rates can be cut each time another million workers are thrown into the ranks of the unemployed. This policy is called "reindustrialization" or "revitalization" of the economy.

yes, the very same program that the the workers, minorities and the poor. Democrats have voted for again and Why, the kindly old Democrats have again in Congress - had "drawn a even been "fair" enough to have prosafety net around a small, wealthy posed a "modified" flat-rate system minority while working families, the with a "surcharge" above a certain elderly poor, children from disadvan- level so that the marginal income tax taged homes and members of minority rates will vary from 14% at the bottom groups have fallen through the holes." to 28% at the top. Reagan should be True enough, but all the Democrats proud of his loyal disciples in the proposed was to make the holes even Democratic Party! He proposed cut-

their bill through Congress. Moreover, it should be noted that for some time the IRS has had its eyes on taxing the workers' fringe benefits, and such plans are also being floated in Congress. While quibbling over the three

The Democrats - for Reaganomics

Well, what did the Democrats have to say? Did they conflema the exploiters? Not on your life! Did they call on the workers to organize? Horrors, no! To the capitalist moneybags, the Democrats pledged that they could administer Reaganomics even better than Reagan. To the workers, the Democrats fumed and sputtered and tried to make everyone forget about their "honeymoon" with Reagan, and the Republicans are "draw(ing) whether to tax social security benefits, They tried to hush up the fact that the a safety net around a small, wealthy or strike pay, or unemployment insur-"reindostrialization" program of the minority" when they cut taxes for the ance, and so on down the line. For Democratic Party and the labor bu- rich. But when the Democrats do the example, the Democrats are presently realicraits is exactly the same as Rea- exact same thing, they would have us against taxing social security benefits, ganornics. Instead they sciencely de- believe that this is allegedly the very but everyone knows that they will have

bigger. Did the Democrats propose to mend

the "holes" in the "safety net"? No. Did the Democrats even propose to restore the cutbacks in the social programs slashed by the Reagan administration, to say nothing of extend- plead that taxes will be lower for ing these programs to make up for almost everyone. Do they take the inflation and for the huge needs generated by the depression? No. Did the Democrats propose to increase the minimum wage to keep up with inflation? No. Did the Democrats even pay and the working people get some bother to suggest how the ten million relief. One way or the other. The Demunemployed, the tens of millions of ocrats have made clear which side they working poor, the tens of millions of are on by demanding that the rate for workers facing wage cuts, concessions the overbloated exploiters be cut in and inhuman speedups, should try to half. make ends meet? No.

on the economy did adopt a proposal cut away the scandalous tax loopholes that insisted that all congressional budgeting should be on a "pay-asyou-go" basis, so that each new program must include a new source of revenue or the elimination of an old program. With this proposal the Democrats pledged to the capitalists breaks for the rich! If the Democrats that they too thought that the present-really wanted to cut loopholes and day miserly social programs were too simplify the tax laws, then they could extravagant and that they too could have proposed exactly that and left out administer cutbacks à la Reagan. the huge new subsidies for the rich.

The Democrats - for Cutting the **Taxes on the Rich in Half**

At the same time, the Democrats proposed more and yet more benefits for the "small, wealthy minority." They proposed to cut the income tax on the big capitalists and top executives in half. The Democrats went so far as be maintained. Indeed, from the capito advocate eliminating the progressive income tax and instead moving towards a flat-rate system that has the same rates for rich and poor. They andently embraced this Reaganite proposal that, until now, was even embarrassing to the Republicans. It is the Democratic Party and such social-democratic crusaders as Ralph taxes right and left. At the same time, Nader who have come out as the it appears that the Democratic tack of spearhead of this new campaign by eliminating loopholes is directly aimed the sycophants of the rich.

chared that the Republican program - theart of "fairness" and concern for to make compromises to get the rest of

ting the nominal rate of taxation on the rich from 70% down to 50% in three years, while the Democrats are proposing to go one better - down to 28% in one jump.

To justify this plan, the Democrats people for fools? Someone has to pay. Either the taxes are slashed for the rich moneybags and the poor make up the difference, or the rich are made to

The Democrats say, in their de-However, the conference workshop fense, that all they really want to do is of the rich and simplify the notoriously complex income tax code. What a fraud! The very Democrats who compete with each other in Congress over inventing new subsidies for the rich are now posing as deadly foes of tax However, given that the heart of the Democratic plan is to slash the rate for the top bracket down to 28%, what they are really doing is instituting one big loophole for the small, wealthy minority across the board.

In fact, the talk of eliminating loopholes is just a big deceptive fraud. The main loopholes of the rich are to tal gains tax to special corporate privileges to incorporating families as businesses and foundations, the tax shelters of the rich are bound up closely with corporate tax law and not simply the income tax code. And the Democrats are collaborating with the Republicans in slashing the corporate at the working people. Along with the The Democrats cry out that Reagan Republicans, they are going to debate

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Reagan Denounced Across Western Europe

June. High among his priorities on this tions in Europe. tour was to try to dampen the flames of

the powerful movement against U.S./ NATO war preparations which has, been raging among the working masses of Europe. But in country after country, massive demonstrations took place to protest the visit of the war- France where he mongering chieftain of U.S. imperial- was to participate ism. In all, over a million people in the Versailles demonstrated against Reagan during summit of the leadhis ten-day trip. This shows that Rea- ing imperialist gan's attempts to subdue the masses chieftains of the with cheap talk and phony posturings Western bloc. On about peace have not gotten him any- June 5th, 20,000 where.

In these demonstrations, the war gressive people preparations of Washington and other filled the streets of NATO imperialist powers were vigor- Paris and held a ously denounced. As well, the demon- rally at the Place strators shouted their opposition to de la Bastille. The U.S. imperialist aggression in El Sal- march was organizvador, Thatcher's war in the South At- ed in the face of lantic, the U.S.-Israeli invasion of Lebanon and other acts of imperialist piracy and bloodletting. While the main thrust of these demonstrations France, Francois was against U.S. imperialism and its Mitterrand, and Western allies, many demonstrators his Socialist Party also voiced their protest against the as well as the

Ronald Reagan visited Western ed the growing strength of the move- Socialist Party ordered its members Europe during the first two weeks of ment against imperialist war prepara-

Reagan Greeted With Protests Everywhere He Went

FRANCE: Reagan first flew to workers and pro-

bitter opposition from the "socialist" president of

not to participate, while the "Communist" Party of France announced its own "peace" demonstration for a later date when Reagan and the other imperialist chieftains would not be around Continued on page 2



On June 11th, 100,000 people filled the streets of West Berlin in militant demonstrations against Reagan's visit war plans of Soviet social-imperialism. "Communist" Par- to that city. Throughout the day, demonstrators flought The demonstrations once again show- ty of France. The pitched battles with the police.

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Reagan indicts resisters

announced the names of the first three is militarizing the women as well, and young men it intends to prosecute for refusal to register for the draft. This decision marks another step in Reagan's drive to reinstate the draft. In January 1982 Reagan endorsed the system of registration for the draft, throwing aside his campaign rhetoric about opposing a "peace-time draft." Thus Reagan took up the torch that was lit by Carter before him. In late March, the director of the Selective Service, Thomas Turnage, told Congress that one half-million young men had failed to register for the draft. Now the Reagan administration is taking the next step in preparing the draft by threatening the nonregistrants with indictments which carry possible jail sentences of up to five years and fines as high as \$10,000.

Why is the Reagan administration so anxious to register youth for the draft? This is because it is part of the war buildup of U.S. imperialism. The Reagan administration is frantically building one weapon after another. But there must be someone to shoot those weapons. There must be cannon fodder to fill the armed forces. The government is also registering young men for the draft as part of the militarization of society. The standing exploitation and imperialism is to stain army is not just a weapon against the "foreign threat" but against the working people at home. It is a dull, oppressive weight that reinforces reaction in every sphere of life. The government wants to use the draft or compulsory alternative service in order to drill the young men with the habit of unthinking obedience to the command to smash strikes, break up demonstra-

it is introducing the maximum regimentation into the whole society, from plans for a national identification card to the beefing up of the system of prisons, jails and police spying agencies.

tools to be molded as the government pleases. The specter of the upsurge of the 1960's cannot be so lightly waved away. The youth are asking: to what end are we being asked to sacrifice our lives in foreign war? to what end are we being asked to trample our neighbors and suppress the mass movement at home? And the youth are for Reaganite reaction. So it resorts to seeing more and more clearly that the aim of the U.S. army is to back building up the police, and to making up U.S. imperialism and enforce the the country into one large prison profits of the big multinational corpo- camp. With respect to registration for rations. The youth are seeing that the the draft, the Reagan administration U.S. armed forces trample other coun- has two plans: a) to prosecute them. tries in order to defend and expand a and b) to make draft registration a prevast U.S. empire around the world, condition for receiving various governwhile the strikes and demonstrations at home are to be broken in order to defend these same exploiting companies, to enforce low wages and racial discrimination, and to subject the whole country to the rule of the billionaires. This is making the youth indignant, for to shed blood to defend one's honor and defend injustice.

Government Repression and the Mass Struggle

So today both the government and the young people are asking questions. unpopular and might arouse strong The Reagan administration is asking: how can we compel the youth to fight despite all their outward show of some for imperialism? The youth are asking: democratic forms, the real monopoly

opposition to militarism, exploitation, and imperialism? How should we oppose the draft and huge military machine of mass slaughter?

The Reagan administration finds the answer to its questions in coercion, in But the young people are not docile using force against the working masses, and in passing one reactionary measure after another. It is fascizing the country as fast as it can. It makes use of indoctrination via lying school books and of lies broadcast by TV and the newspapers. Nevertheless, it knows that it can never convince the masses of youth to show enthusiasm force, to fostering racist gangs, to ment benefits and to coordinate draft registration with school attendance, IRS records, and so forth. It is already putting both methods into effect.

> Thus recently the Reagan administration has chosen some 150 target cases and handed down the first three indictments. It makes not the slightest pretext of administering evenhanded "blindfolded" justice. On the contrary, it carefully selects the cases to be tried on the basis of political criterion. According to its own statements, it is trying to avoid areas where the prosecution would be too feelings. This demonstrates that,

> the duration of Reagan's stay in West

Berlin. In addition, the police organ-

ized a big "clean up" campaign to

suppress the large volume of literature

against U.S. imperialism. Police raid-

ed the headquarters of the coalition

which was calling for actions against

Reagan and confiscated some of their

equipment. During the week, police

stopped at bookstalls to tear off the

"Reagan Go Home!" stickers which

one journal had printed on its cover. It

was also reported that about 1,500

people were stopped and checked upon entering the city from West Ger-

Nevertheless, 100,000 people turned

out in demonstrations to condemn

Reagan's visit in defiance of the ban.

Demonstrations began in several areas

of the city around 10 a.m. and con-

tinued past Reagan's departure in the

afternoon. There were several fierce

clashes of demonstrators against the

police. These clashes were described

by the West Berlin Interior Minister as

having "a strength and brutality never

were concentrated in two areas of the

city: the working class Schöneberg dis-

trict, only a few blocks away from

where Reagan was posing for photo-

The militant clashes with the police

many; 74 were detained.

before seen in this city."

Recently the Reagan administration . tions and trample other peoples. It how can we make our voices heard in capitalist rulers of this country are Organized!" from this special issue of quite conscious of standing in opposi- The Workers' Advocate dealing with tion to the working people and of the struggle against war preparations. exercising a fierce dictatorship against the mass struggles.

Another step towards the draft

force before which the reactionaries alism. quake.

The development of the mass movement requires the organization of mass actions and demonstrations. It requires the building of solid organization. And it requires the study and dissemination of revolutionary literature which tells the truth about the present system of exploitation and imperialism. It requires orienting the women. Many Democratic Party politistruggle squarely against imperialism cians are campaigning for the draft and against the imperialist parties, the Democrats and the Republicans.

duced registration for the draft, our the issue of national defense. Party plunged into the struggle

The development of the mass struggle is the path that will strike a real

At the same time, the youth are blow at imperialism and imperialseeking the way to oppose militarism ist war preparations. But the mass and reaction. The answer lies in the struggle must overcome various obdevelopment of the mass struggle. stacles. Besides its declared Reaganite Alone, the individual is powerless enemies, it also faces hidden enemies. to fight the brutal coercion of the In particular, the friends of the Demoreactionary militarists. United, the cratic Party have opposed the orientaprogressive people are a powerful tion of mass struggle and anti-imperi-

The friends of the Democratic Party are faced with a definite dilemma with respect to the struggle against the draft. This is because it is Carter and the Democratic Party who began the registration for the draft and the record-breaking military budgets. It is the Democratic Party also which took the lead in arguing for the drafting of right now. Meanwhile the Democratic Party national mid-term confer-Right from when Carter first intro- ence tried to out-Reagan Reagan on

How then can this warmongering against this scheme. We waged a big Party be presented as the savior of the campaign including distributing a struggle against militarism and impespecial issue of The Workers' Advo- rialism? The friends of the Democratic cate in tens of thousands of copies at Party do their best. They dressed up post offices, factories, in communi- the militarization of women as allegedties, and so forth. This issue ex- ly being women's liberation and beplained what was needed in the mass came supporters of "Pentagonstruggle. It also dealt with such issues feminism." At the end of 1980 and as whether to register or not. Today, beginning of 1981 they opposed the when the persecution of the nonregis- mass actions in order to avoid embartrants is beginning, this question natu- rassing Carter and the Democratic rally arises once again. For this rea- Party. They tried to harmonize the son, we are accompanying this article struggle with the Democratic Party's with extracts from the article "Get demand for a bigger and yet bigger

army by diverting the mass movement away from fighting imperialism into arguments about what was the best way to strengthen the army and how much force was adequate to defend U.S. imperialism.

Finally, when Reagan came out for draft registration, such friends of the Democratic Party as the Reverend Barry Lynn, self-styled leader of the anti-draft movement, sighed in relief: "Registration is no longer Jimmy Carter's program." (Detroit Free Press, January 8, 1982) But this does not mean that they supported vigorous anti-imperialist mass actions or even that they took a firm attitude against Reagan. Just as the Demo-'cratic Party "honeymoons" with Reagan, so too the various friends of the Democratic Party sought a "national concensus" with the Reaganites with regard to the draft. Some of them preferred to demand that Reagan live up to his campaign promises about the draft rather than denouncing them, while others brought the reactionary Reaganite Libertarians into the antidraft conferences and meetings.

With respect to registration, many of the friends of the Democratic Party are advocating a moralist stance. Instead of doing widescale agitation against militarism, they instead denounce everyone who registers as soldout. Instead of fighting the warmongering capitalist parties, they cast scorn on the overwhelming majority of the youth, who find no alternative to registration. They take an unrealistic attitude to nonregistration, for it is a fact that failure to show up for con-Continued on page 12 See DRAFT

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to be offended. The revisionists also scheduled the annual picnic of their youth organization for the same day as the June 5 demonstration. The trade union centers led by the socialdemocrats and revisionists also did their best to sabotage the demonstration.

But despite this sabotage, the June 5 action was one of the largest antiimperialist demonstrations in Paris in many years. The demonstrators included militant contingents of immigrant workers, including Haitians, Latin Americans, Arabs, Turks and Iranians. The demonstrators denounced the planned deployment of Cruise and Pershing II mediumrange missiles in Europe. Many voices were raised against the militarism of the French imperialists. As well, slogans and banners protested the fascist dictatorships propped up by imperialism around the world, such as in Haiti, Turkey, El Salvador, etc. Sections of the marchers also protested the war preparations of Soviet social-imperialism and the Warsaw Pact.



Charlottenburg district, near the castle revolutionary and liberation struggles where Reagan was addressing a select of the world's peoples as well as the audience of invited bigwigs from West immortal revolutionary ideas of scien-

They shouted "Reagan is a fascist!" ed on buildings around the square.

The police used trucks and rolls of kind.

tific communism. From the rostrum of

Nollendorf Square in the Schone- the British parliament Reagan deberg district was the scene of the fierc- clared his goal "to consign Marxismest fighting. Some 3,000 demonstra- Leninism to the ash-heap of history." tors assembled there in the morning, But as many other two-bit reactionmany using their banners to carry aries who have made such declarations stones stretcher-style into the square. before have found out, it is not Marxism-Leninism but the Reaganites and and wore stickers saying "Reagan Go capitalist reaction which are being Home!" "Send Ray-Gun Home on a relegated to the museum of antiquities Cruise" and other slogans were paint- by the forward march of the revolutionary struggle of progressive man-

barbed wire in an effort to trap and Indeed, the Reaganites are terrified contain the demonstrators in the of the progressive masses. The grow-

diers." (New York Times, June 12, 1982) At that very time, the German authorities in West Berlin, a city bristling with U.S. troops, were attacking the demonstrators with clubs, tear gas and water cannons. Such is the way Herr Schmidt and his NATO imperialist allies defend "basic democratic rights."

We have already noted that in France the social-democrats tried their best to prevent the anti-Reagan rally from taking place. In this they were helped by the revisionist Communist Party which has four minor cabinet posts in the Mitterrand government. In Italy, too, the Socialist Party, which is part of the ruling coalition, called for boycotting the Rome demonstration "because they thought it was unfair to target the American president alone." (Washington Post, June 8, 1982) Meanwhile, other social-democratic and revisionist forces tried to sabotage the demonstrations from within. They did their best to tone down the militant character of the demonstrations. For example, Erhard Eppler, a leader of the "left" wing of Schmidt's Social Democratic Party of Germany, threatened prior to the Bonn rally that he "did not intend to participate in a purely anti-Reagan demonstration" (Time, June 14, 1982), in order to tone down the denunciation of Reagan and U.S. imperialism. The "left" socialdemocrats and others tried to prevent any militant condemnation of U.S. imperialism. As well, the opportunist forces tried to restrict any depunciation of the warmongering plans and aggression of their "own" bourgeoisie. Thus, in Britain, for example, the "left" socialdemocrats did not dare include opposition to the Falklands war in their call for the London demonstration. This also exposes the emptiness of their anti-Reagan posturings. After all, the U.S. imperialist yoke in the European countries can only be successfully fought by organizing against the European imperialist bourgeoisie which is the ally of U.S. imperialism against the working masses of Europe and the world. But despite the attacks of the bourgeoisie and the sabotage of the socialdemocrats, a million people poured into the streets in powerful protests. In France, they defied the counsels and sabotage of the social-democrats and revisionists. In Britain, France, Germany, etc., despite the silence of many of the official organizers, many voices were heard not just against Reagan but also against the aggressive militarism of the domestic imperialist bourgeoisie, the closest allies of U.S. imperialism. And in Berlin, a hundred thousand defied a police ban and successfully protested Reagan's visit. These battles herald the even more powerful clashes that are bound to come as the European anti-war movement develops.

At the closing rally, the police tried to disrupt the demonstration but they were successfully resisted.

ITALY: That same day, 300,000 people marched through Rome in a five-hour action against the nuclear arms race of the two superpowers. The marchers passed in front of the U.S. Embassy, the Soviet Consulate and the Italian Ministry of Defense. The people expressed their deep hatred for the warmonger Reagan and his plans for a nuclear war with the Soviet bloc. They hung Rea- itarism, they shouted "Reagan go gan in effigy and shouted such slogans home!" Some signs read "Beat Reaas "Reagan, executioner! and "Reagan brings war to Italy!" The Rome of the demonstrators made their way demonstration also raised the demand for a halt to the construction of a NATO base near Comiso, Sicily which is scheduled to deploy 112 cruise missiles. The struggle against this base has been a major focus of the anti-war movement in Italy.

6, about 250,000 people demonstrated in London against Reagan's visit to Britain and against the NATO war preparations. They raised calls against placing cruise missiles on British or European soil. This was one of the largest anti-war demonstrations in the country's history. Many protesters also raised their voices against Thatcher's colonial war in the Falklands.

On June 5th, 200,000 people marched through Rome against U.S./NATO war preparations.

On June 7, despite massive police self arrived in West Berlin for a threeintimidation, there was another demonstration of 3,000 people against Reagan in front of the U.S. Embassy. Afterwards, the picketers marched through the streets of London.

WEST GERMANY: From Britain. Reagan flew to West Germany where there were three major demonstrations during his two-day stay.

On June 10 in Bonn, where Reagan was attending a NATO summit, 350,000 people massed for the largest rally in West Germany in decades. They marched in several separate demonstrations through Bonn and converged in a field directly across the Rhine River from the buildings where the NATO leaders were meeting. Expressing their hatred for Reagan's milgan into Ploughshares!" Two thousand past police and marched up Bonn's main government avenue. They pulled down NATO, American and British flags and burned them before the police were able to push them back.

On the same day as the Bonn demonstration, there was a demon-BRITAIN: The following day, June stration of 35,000 people in West Berlin protesting the buildup of nuclear weapons in Europe. It was reported that among the demonstrators there were several hundred Palestinian residents of the city who marched shouting "Reagan orders, Begin kills!" and other slogans demonstrating their hatred of Reagan and Israeli aggression.

On the following day, Reagan him- graphers at the Berlin Wall; and the



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barbed wire and set up barricades of hour stop before returning to the U.S. their own with overturned cars, con-For the whole week preceding this visit, the West Berlin authorities carried out widespread repression against those who were organizing against barricades on fire. Reagan's visit. The authorities pro-Helmeted police, armed with claimed all demonstrations illegal for

shields, clubs, tear gas and water can- tried on this new make-up and annons, made a ferocious assault on the protesters, driving them back. Convoys of police trucks occupied the square, but the fighting continued as the masses escaped through side streets. In all, 280 demonstrators were as the leader of the peace movement. arrested and at least five police were In Bonn he declared: "To those who injured.

Besides these demonstrations described above, there were also other I believed marching alone could bring actions against war preparations in Europe. For instance, on June 6, 100,000 people rallied in Spain protest- were not fooled by Reagan's new paciing that country's recent entry into fist make-up job. They knew what he NATO and the presence of U.S. bases represented and was in Europe for. in Spain.

Reagan's Cheap Words of Peace Fall on Deaf Ears

The large numbers of people pouring into the streets of Europe against Reagan show the deep hatred and contempt they have for this chieftain of U.S. imperialism. Quite properly, Reagan is seen as the epitome of U.S. imperialism's rabid warmongering. He is seen as the promoter of the scenario of 'demonstration'' nuclear shots over Europe, of the idea of a "winnable" nuclear war, and so forth. In fact, it was well known that one of the main missions of Reagan's trip was to press military budgets further.

Europe, Reagan took the opportunity to call for what the bourgeois press has described as a new "crusade against communism." With this call, on the one hand, Reagan tried to drum up support for his adventurist warmongering against his imperialist rivals in the revisionist Soviet bloc, who are not democrat Schmidt made the bootlickreal communists but betrayers of the ing comment to Reagan during the inspiring communist heritage of Lenin Berlin demonstration that "If there are and Stalin. On the other hand, he demonstrators busy during your stay really meant a crusade against com- here, that is because their basic demomunism, which to him signifies all the cratic rights are defended by your sol-

square. But the demonstrators replied ing upsurge of the anti-war movement in coordinated attacks, hundreds in Europe has made them tremble. storming the barricades together and Thus on the eve of his European trip, hurling paving stones and railroad Reagan's advisers asked him to flares at the police. They tore away the sprinkle some imperialist pacifist holy water on his war-hungry tongue. The U.S. militarists think that the people struction material and large pieces of will swallow the war buildup easier if furniture pulled through smashed Reagan mentions the word "peace" store windows. They then set their more often and offers some fraudulent peace and disarmament proposals.

Thus on the eve of his trip, Reagan nounced that a new round of arms talks would begin on June 29 with the Soviet Union over medium-range missiles. And in Europe itself, Reagan hypocritically tried to portray himself march for peace, my heart is with you. I would be at the head of your parade if a more secure world.'

But the European working masses Thus, the masses shouted from one corner of Europe to the other: Reagan go home!

Social Democrats and Revisionists Scab on the Anti-War Movement

One of the notable features of the recent wave of demonstrations in Europe was the open collaboration of a number of the major social-democratic and revisionist parties with U.S. imperialism against the anti-militarist masses. In several European countries, the social-democrats have been entrusted with the leadership of the imperialist governments, such as West Germany and France. These socialhis imperialist allies to step up their democrats are not only vigorous boosters of the German and French As well, during the time he was in bourgeoisie's own frenzied militarization but are also loud champions of U.S. imperialism's missile buildup in Europe.

> These "socialist" chieftains outdid themselves in bowing and scraping before Reagan. While Mitterrand hosted Reagan with gala banquets, the social-

June 12–A Huge Protest Against the Nuclear Arms Buildup

of thousands of people poured into the streets in the biggest protests ever held in this country against the nuclear arms buildup of U.S. imperialism.

Seven hundred and fifty thousand people demonstrated in New York City alone. Manhattan was brought to a virtual standstill as workers, young people, students, oppressed nationalities and other progressive people paraded through the streets to a gigantic rally in Central Park. It is reported that perhaps 10,000 people from other countries came to add their voices to the protest. There were some 2,000 Canadians in attendance at the rally. one banner. "No to the draft!" and A contingent of 1,000 Japanese were enthusiastically applauded as they passed by on the march. Europeans, fresh from a week of demonstrations against Reagan across Western Europe, also showed up. And there were workers from Australia, anti-apartheid forces from South Africa, liberation fighters from El Salvador and the Mideast, and activists from many other out to a joint American-Canadian countries who joined the protest.

The "nuclear freeze" organizers of this demonstration tried to remove

On June 12 hundreds and hundreds from it all militancy and any political held in other cities such as in Augusta, content so that the action would not target any of the forces responsible for the frenzied arms race. But whenever someone else raised militant slogans they were greeted by the masses. Peace Arch Park, the Party organized Thus, along the parade route, slogans against nuclear weapons rebounded off the skyscrapers. There were placards, many of them homemade, denouncing Reagan's arms buildup. There were banners spread across the streets, condemning U.S. aggression and the all-round war preparations of U.S. imperialism. "Israeli Invasion of Lebanon — Made in the USA" read carrying a big banner that appealed. "U.S. out of El Salvador!" shouted protesters. Viet Nam veterans carried a banner saying "We won't be fooled again." And throughout the day the chant was heard, "No nukes! No nukes!'

> protested against the nuclear arms ons, Fight Imperialism." The Party buildup. Another 15,000 people came sponsored rally at the Peace Arch Park tions. On June 12 alone, over 75,000 of on the U.S.-Canada border at Douglas, B.C. As well, smaller actions were



50,000 marched on June 12 In San Francisco.



Maine.

The Marxist-Leninist Party took an active part in these mass actions. In New York, San Francisco, and at the militant contingents. The New York Metro Branch carried big banners reading "to Fight Nuclear Weapons, Fight Imperialism!" and "No to the U.S. Imperialist Nuclear Program!" The Caribbean Progressive Study Group (New York) and the Union of Anti-Imperialist Students (Buffalo) joined this contingent, with the UAIS "Down With the Imperialist Superpowers - U.S. and Soviet!"

In San Francisco the Party contingent carried banners reading "U.S. Imperialism, Get Out of El Salvador!," "Fight All U.S. Imperialist War Preparations!, " "No to the Draft!, " as well In San Francisco 50,000 people also as the call "To Fight Nuclear Weapalso put out a special bulletin of The Workers' Advocate for the demonstrathese bulletins were distributed to the protesters in New York, San Francisco, the Peace Arch Park and elsewhere.

> The anti-imperialist agitation of the Party struck a chord among the militant activists of the movement and appealed to many of the new forces who were attending their first demonstration. Many joined the Party's contingents. A whole slew of anti-imperialist picket signs were taken by demonstrators who carried them throughout the marches in other contingents. As well, large numbers of people joined in with the Party to shout anti-imperialist slogans and to sing songs against U.S. imperialist aggression and warmongering.

The massive outpouring in these demonstrations and the enthusiasm for the anti-imperialist literature and slogans show that the masses want to wage a serious fight against the nuclear warmongering of the U.S. government. However, the organizers of the actions are actually opposed to such a fight and are trying to subordinate the mass movement to a campaign for a bilateral "nuclear freeze." The freeze proposal means that instead of fighting the imperialist warmongers the masses should trust their fate to the negotiations between the wardogs. Reagan and Brezhney. And then, even if the freeze succeeds, not a single nuclear warhead will be dismantled, but instead, more money will be freed up to pay for warships and tanks, rapid. deployment fonces and the rest of U.S. imperialism's "conventional" arsenal. The "nuclear freeze" campaign is



A scene from the June 12 demonstration in New York fight nuclear weapons, fight imperialism" and "No to City. Banners carried by the MILP contingent read: "To the U.S. imperialist nuclear program!"

The truth behind this snow job is that disgusting, true. But it is exactly what they want to bring the imperialist war- the "nuclear freeze" campaign leads mongers themselves into the move- to, praise and gratitude for the chief ment. This was made graphically clear bloodsoaked warmonger of U.S. impeat the Central Park rally. Randall rialism. Forsberg, one of the initiators and leading lights of the "nuclear freeze" al" weapons arsenal.

"freeze" champions are even trying to "This is just like the 60's." prettify Reagan. The keymote speaker gratitude goes out to a president who few years they came out to demon-

section" of the people of this country. listened He is part of us." This is strate against him when his actions

In their efforts to deliver the antimilitarist movement into the arms of campaign, spoke from the platform the generals and imperialist politisaying, "Last week, the Republicans cians, the champions of the "nuke on the Senate Foreign Relations Com- freeze" are working overtime to try to mittee yoted down the Kennedy- dispel the specter of the 1960's. From Hatfield freeze resolution. We will the rostrum on June 12, as well as in remember that vote in November." their literature and TV interviews, Thus, don't fight the arms buildup. they are repeating over and over again Rather, we should vote for Kennedy that a "new movement" is being born and Hatfield, even though Kennedy which is not "divisive" and "confronvoted for Reagan's enormous military tational' like the movement against budgets, and both of them have made U.S. aggression in Viet Nam. But deit clear that their "freeze" resolution spite their best efforts, the "Viet Nam has no higher aim than diverting mon- syndrome" has become part and parev into the buildup of the "convention- cel of the consciousness of the working people. On June 12, the protesters But if this isn't had enough, the were heard to say time and again

Indeed it is. Now, just as then, the at the New York rally was actor people are gaining experience and producer Orson Welles. He pro- training themselves through mass claimed that Reagan is being convert- action. In 1964 there were many who ed into a man of peace, due to the campaigned for the election of the freeze campaign, and Welles went on Democratic Party "peace" candidate, to say "Not only our praise, but all our Lyndon Johnson. But within the next

exposed that the Democrats were actually escalating the aggression against the Vietnamese. And by 1968 they were waging pitched battles with the police at the Democratic Party convention. Through their struggles, broad sections of the masses came to see that the Democrats are warmongers just like the Republicans, and that to fight against war it is necessary to fight imperialism.

Today too, the masses come into the movement with illusions. But through struggle valuable lessons are learned. and the truth steels the masses and makes them strong. The enthusiasm for the MLP's anti-imperialist work on June 12; the broad opposition exhibited not only against nuclear weapons, but also against U.S. aggression and all of the imperialist war preparations; these things show that the working masses have learned something from the struggles of the 60's and that through struggle the working people: taking part in the "nuclear freeze" campaign will break free of the confines being imposed on them and march forward onto the road of fighting imperialism.

15,000 Americans and Canadiana protested the nuclear meapons buildup at the Peace Arch Park in Douglas, British Columbia on the U.S.-Canada bardes.

To fight nuclear weapons, fight imperialism!

Special Bulletin of The Workers' Advocate dinarily fearsome technology. It is also issued for the June 12 demonstrations.)

bered. On this day in New York, San Fran- senals and the nuclear danger is the very risco and other cities, hundreds of thou- social-economic system under which we sands of people will your into the streets in the biggest protests even held in the U.S. against the Fentagon's nuclear arms buildup. These demonstrations are part of a worldwide movement of protest which is mounting like a powerful wave across Western Europe, Japan, Canada, the U.S. enskavement and robbery of the oppressed and disewhere. In cities all over the globe, millions upon millions me demonstrating the will of the working and progressive people to fight the fundich nuclear war plans of the invertalist warmongers.

Renald Reagan is a cuclear madman. Jimmy Caster launched, and Reagan is now pursuing, a military and nuclear buildup the likes of which have never been seen before. Over the next five years, Reagan plans to pour \$180 billion into this bolicup which includes a whole new generation of weight systems - MX, truise, Trident and Pershing missiles, neutron bombs, etc. etc.

What possible purpose could there be in building all these dexices of nuclear devastation?' As a new "defense guidance" tocmment: dumm, up: by the Defense Department juts it, these monstrous weapons are nerresary besause in case of a "prottacted?' runear conflagration, the U.S. forces "must prevail." after the fallous and ashes settlas; the "termination of hostilities" must ome "on terms favorable to the are engaged in the highly profitable bush-United States." (New York Times, Jame a. 1982) Such is the "thinkable" and "winnable" nuclear was that Reagan, Weinbeages and Haig; are se analy contamplating.

Imperialism is the Source of. the Nuclear Danger

What ther is the source of this threat of nuclear extermination which is being held own the hearts of the world's people"? It is fields and other loot.

(The following article is reprinted from the true that nuclear weaponry is an extraortrue that Reagan and company are extraordinarily fiendis's personalities. However, June 12, 1982 will be a day to be remem. the fundamental source of the packar ar-

live --- the system of monopoly copitalism, or imperialism.

U.S. imperialism is fike a snake with two heads: one head feeds off of the exploitation and oppression of the working people at home, include other head feeds off of the peoples abroad. At home, Reagan is heading op the capitalist offensive of layoffs, wage cuts, hunger, racism, and policestate measures. Meanwhile oversean, U.S. imperialism is on the road of arrestrained aggression to defend its world empire, and to sale guard its "vital interests?" - the superprofits of the Wall Street banks and maltinational corporations. Today we are. witnessing the ferocity of the U.S. imperialist welves who are not only arming the British colonialists in the senseless slaug bter in the South Atlantic, who are not only backing the Israe Ezionists in their mininal invasion of Lebarron, but who are also carrying cut their own Viet Nam style intervention to drown in blood the liberation. struggles of the workers and peasants of El Salvador and Guatemala.

The other superpower, the revisionist Soviet Union, despite its. "socialisa" signiboard, is equally an imperialist capitalist monster. These two nuclear superpowers, along with all the other imperialist states, ness of a feverisb military buildup. They are arring to the treth against the revolts. of the people (e.g., Central American and Aighanistan) and against their rivals in imperialist robbery. And today Reagan and Brezhnev are locked in an inrestrained nuclear arms, must, preparing to incinenate tarkits. Keep the lines clear and sharp behundreds of millions in a was to decide a tween fire warmongers and fire masses. new division of global "opheres of influ- The anti-militarist struggle is a component ence," a war to see which imperialist ma- part of the class strangle between the rander gets, how much of the world's oil

Step Up the Fight Against the U.S. Imperialist Warmongers!

Yet the organizers of the June 12 actions argued that the entire movement.

against imperialist war preparations

ar inceze" because this is a "realistic"

step which will arite a broad "cross-

The nuclear buildup and war preparations have aroused barning indignation and an intense concern among ill warting people. It is time for the American people. to step up the light against the war preparations. All progressive people should take part in the demonstrations and other mass actions. The mass actions are creating tremendous entrusion throughout the country. At the mass actions, as well, the people can get together and discuss the path forward.

Direct these protects and mass actions squarely at U.S. imperialism! It is this which the warmongers haar. They are willing to quilto le about finis or that and smile 'tehind their sheve at the solumn debates over which is best - MUI or Eddent, an sincraft carrier on two dozen minute-carrying frightes -- but they sweat when the masses denounce their imperialist system. Oppose their plans to plunder other peoples. Appase the U.S. "subere of influence" and U.S. distate around the world.

Merge our stuggle with the stuggles of the peoples all over the world. The internationalist unity of the world's people defeats the imperialist plans to set the working people fighting each stiter. Demand that U.S. imperialism get out of H Salvador and Gorstennein and keep is hands off Nicaragua! Defend the Palestiniar, and Letremese peoples fighting heavically a gainst Israed aggressim ! No to racist anartheid in South Africal Hall the mass protests against U.S./NATO missies in Eutropic! Support the struggle against the other imperialists as well; town with Sovier aggression in Afghanistan!

Rely on the working people, you th and other progressive people in the U.S. No to handshales with the generals; and mili-Corrinared on puge 11 Why we reject the nuclear freeze

The fight against nuclear weapons can't be left to the good will of Reagan, Brezhnev, or the generals

(The following article is reprinted from the Special Bulletin of The Workers' Advocate issued for the June 12 demonstrations.)

In recent years, the militarists, in Washington have wildly stepped up their warmongering. The workers, youth and aF progressive people have been jusitly outraged at thic, and a powerful anti-war movement has enterged from one conter of . the country to the other.

One of the signs of the mass disgust with are signing pethicas and voting for referwar

ing the good man to start regotiations with forces. Brezhney for a fierze on the finther production of nuclear seapons.

But what is this but; at best, a pious wish with it worthless scraps of payer, while the slingfitter.

SART N. Although SART hosn't been rati- perialist wars. Feelby, the Senate, both the U.S. and Sovigalbows the superpowers to increase their portone or another version of a freeze.

BE NULLEAR peace take for show, while the assenal's powers Ard this requires the US to nati



heer or being expanded.

But even if the superpowers could come the U.S. government's war drive is the fast to an agreement for a freeze, this wouldn't that hundre is upon hundreds of thousands stop was preparations or lessen the threat of war. In fact, the freeze plan explicitly endums which they believe to be against appoids the Pentagon's most rous assenal. was preparations. These referendums are IT DOES NOT CALL FOR THE DISMANhased on the proposal for a nuclear freeze. TLING OF & SINGLE BOWIB. Moreover, Unfortunately, the onchestrators of the according to all the bigtime politicians freeze campaign are corrying out a big backing the freeze, a nuclear freeze would fraud by leading the people to believe that merely adjust some of the details where the the nucleur france plan is opposed to war military buildup takes place. These worthy preparations and will lesson the danger of holdes and gentleman think that a few less bombs are tolerable so long is you can free This is not the case at all. The freeze pase up more function topid, deployment, baces, posal merely consists of the polite suggest wats nips, tanks, the marines and the rest tion that a message be sent to Reagan ask. of U.S. imperialism's "consentional"

Thre, when Kennedy declared his support for the freeze he dearly stated that "We offer this prepasal because we bethat the capitalist warningers reform lieve that it is in the national security intrathemedyes? For decades now, the chief- esterative U.S. ... I have not resiturey whattains of the two imperials superpayers, seever to say that we have to increase out have carried out endless talks and signed conventional force." This exposes, the many treaties in the name of "muchar dis- frand promoted by vertain leaders of the asmament." But all they have come up freeze campaign that money saved on the plun would somehow go towards pbs, scsuperpowers continue to stackpile more dal benefits and other "human needs." and ever more fierdish weapons of mass. However, the fact remains, nuclear or somvertional, it's, al part of the same war ma-The most recent of these treaties was thine that sheing beefedlug for minst in-

The organizers of the freeze compaign. et governments have admitted that they make a big deal out of the fart that this are presently rolding by its basic prod- plan is allegadly most "realistic." What sion.c. But has this stopped their arming this "realism" means is that the plan alone bit? Not at all. In fast, SALT IL explicit- bys the warmongers themselves to sup-

total strategic warheads by 3-4,000 each Thus even. Chief Warmonger Reagan has by 1985. The very fact that Reagan can ad - been able to join the freeze bandwargen . He nit to abiding by this nearly and, in the supports the Jackson-Warner bill in Consame treating shill defined his plans for the gress which colls for a freeze, but on the biggent military buildup in history shows basis of "equality" and "arms reducthe ut erive tradulent trating of SALTH. tions." Thus, with take of "reductions," And the modear freeze plan is essentially. Reagan seens to go even further than the no different than SALT. Infeed, all the Kennedylies. But of course the Reaganites schumes for negotiations, between the var- are quick to explain, that before the "temangaring superpowers are simply exama- ductions" and a freeze can come, there elect weapons. ples of imperialist paulism in action - must be "equality" between the saper-

sively step up its arming today! What a farce! But Reagan's "peacemongering" is very instructive - it reveals the essential hypocrisy of the freeze plan, which allows even the most rabid warmongers to drape themselves in the mantle of "peace."

This is no accident. The organizers of the freeze campaign quite consciously designed their plan to be acceptable to the likes of Reagan. Listen to what a strategy paper of the National Nuclear Freeze Campaign said in May 1981, soon after some of Reagan's first hypocritical words of "peace": "A. D.S. Sowiet freeze on nuclear wrappens would be a first step towards the Fresident's promised 'seal reductions" in nuclear weapons. Widespread public support for the freeze would challenge and encourage President Reagan to honor this commitment. ... as pressure mounts to realize tax ruis and balance the badget at the same time, the Administration may be obliged to seeks politically popular means of cutting the military budget." (Samlegy for Siepping the Nuclear Arms Race, May 1981. p. 7:

Imagina that! The leadars of the freeze. rampaign seem to be among the faw that actually believe Reagan's lies about "peace." See mush so that they aven sought to offer a hand to Mr. Warnowper himself to become "pelitically popular" by using the platform of the freeze compaign.

Better to must in the stans than expect Reagan, Brezhvev or the other militarists to bear swords into plowshates. The nuclear arsenals are not the result of mistaken. ralculations by otherwise reasonable mer. Rathen, they are the product of the imperialist system. Hence a real fight against mealear weapons and militarism requires an unrelenting struggle against imperialian.

Instead of begging the Reagans and Brezinevs, to become doves, we should develop the mass struggle against the nullihamists. Instead of seeking to ally with the champions of Kennedvite MAD (matualyassured destauction) against the Reaganir. FUTs (nuclear-use theorists), the musses of the workers and oppressed should get arganized. Instead of abandaning the fight against the draftor U.S. aggress ion in Centrall America or the other "divisive" and "confrontational" issues, we should have up al these concerns into one powerful surrent against U.S. insperialism. This is; the way forward for the fight against nu-

STOP THE CONCESSIONS RAILROAD!

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McBride and the steel tycoons. Confront the USW hacks at union meetings and denounce their sellout to all the workers. Join with the workers of the MLP to distribute leaflets, to put up stickers and to write anti-concessions slogans on the walls. Build networks of militants to campaign against concessions and to prepare slowdowns, demonstrations and other mass actions. Steel workers, get organized! No concessions to the steel billionaires!

Steel Capitalists Try to Blackmail the Workers

Now let us examine this concessions railroad in detail.

The steel capitalists have launched a huge propaganda barrage with the theme that the steel industry will collapse unless the workers hand over billions of dollars in concessions. In the newspapers and on the television, with special films and letters to the workers, the steel tycoons over and over again threaten the "ultimate liquidation" of the steel companies. McBride; too, has joined this chorus. At the June 18 USW meeting, McBride claimed that "several steel companies have current cash-flow problems that may cause them to file bankruptcy before the expiration of our current contract." These are nothing but hysterical lies aimed at blackmailing the workers.

It is true that the steel industry is in a severe over-production crisis. Pro-

At the beginning of July a sellout

national contract was imposed on the

General Electric workers by the union

bureaucrats. The Boston Branch of the

MLP fought against this sellout. It put

out several leaflets explaining the is-

sues facing the workers which were

circulated widely at the GE complex in

Lynn, Massachusetts, and it mobilized

the workers to campaign for a no vote

against the contract. Even though the

sellout deal has been put into place,

the campaign against the contract has

helped to prepare the workers for the

future struggles that are bound to de-

velop against GE's productivity drive.

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ton Branch of the MLP, USA, July 5,

1982.

GE Workers:

duction has fallen to as low as 42.5% of capacity and some 110,000 workers have been thrown into the streets. Nevertheless, the "big eight" steel monopolies are rolling in dough. In the period from 1972 to 1980 they made profits to the tune of \$11.7 billion while the big banks raked in an additional \$4.3 billion off loans to the

steel makers. In 1981 alone, even though production had begun to plummet, the steel giants made over \$2.4 billion in profits while the banks cleared several hundred million more in interest payments. (Compiled from the annual reports of the steel corporations and Standard and Poors) Now, in the first quarter of 1982, after paying out huge sums to their executives, to their stockholders, and to the banks, the big eight companies taken together still only lost \$4.9 million. (Compiled from American Motor News, April 29, 1982 and Standard and Poors) So, while the crisis in steel is devastating the workers, the steel billionaires are living like kings.

Clearly these capitalist parasites should be forced to use their vast wealth and resources to provide jobs or a livelihood for all the workers they've mercilessly thrown into the streets. But instead the monopolies are issuing ultimatums that they'll close their mills. And the union bureaucrats are trying to create an hysteria that only if the workers pay can the industry and jobs be saved. What an outrage!

Capitálists Demand Job-Cutting Takebacks

coons will never save the workers' ductivity (the number of tons of raw iobs

For example, besides various pay cuts, the steel billionaires want to slash the extended vacation time program and other paid time off. These 144,600 steel workers' jobs. cuts alone will cost thousands upon thousands of steel workers' jobs.

On top of this, they want to make radical changes in the work rules. Right now negotiations are taking place at individual mills and on the national level over such things as allowing additional contracting out of work; combining, in various ways, the different craft jobs; forcing production workers to do maintenance and repair work; forcing maintenance workers to do production jobs; etc. These kinds of changes will wipe out a huge number of jobs and will force those who are still employed to work at a killing pace in even more murderous, unsafe conditions.

Concessions to Pay for Job-Eliminating "Modernization"

Furthermore, a big part of the concessions money snatched from the workers' pockets will be reinvested in modernization programs that will eliminate even more jobs.

Since the mid-1960's the steel tycoons have been systematically modernizing their mills to force greater production out of fewer and fewer workers. From 1966 to 1978, years Giving concessions to the steel ty- with similar levels of production, pro-

jobs. In fact, a big part of the conces- steel produced per worker per year) sions that the steel monopolies are rose by about a third. For the capitaldemanding aim directly at cutting back ists this meant profits. But for the workers it meant an enormous loss of jobs. According to Bureau of Labor Statistics figures, from 1965 to 1980 the steel capitalists eliminated some

> In the period since the boom year of 1973, the steel capitalists have poured over \$25 billion into modernizing the steel industry. (Standard and Poors, Outlook, 1982) This has been a period of severe over-production crisis, with chronic under-utilization of capacity and frequent crashes in steel production. In this situation the steel capitalists have been working to wipe out "excess capacity," shutting down entire mills, reorganizing production on more efficient lines, while introducing new, more productive machinery.

> The current crash in production is only accelerating this process. The Wall Street Journal predicts that, as a result of modernization, even after production levels recover, some 40,000 of the well over 100,000 workers now on layoff will never get their jobs back. (June 24, 1982)

> The steel tycoons' demands for concessions aim at nothing less than making the workers pay for this modernization and further job elimination.

Concessions Don't Save Mills

Giving concessions won't even necessarily keep individual mills or companies from closing down. It is a wellknown fact that the monopoly capitalists will use a business or plant to squeeze every drop of profit from the most exhausting overwork and impoverishment of the workers. They cancel contracts, lay off workers, cut wages, sell off machinery piece by piece, rob the workers' pension funds, make one financial reorganization after another, and get tax breaks and subsidies from the government. And once the workers are ruined, the monopoly capitalists starve on the street.

The workers must not give conces-



wants to give them more, all the while promising the workers that if the steel capitalists just become rich enough then, someday, somehow, a few jobs will trickle down to the workers. Mcnothing but pure Reaganomics.

Similarly, the USW bosses are promising "job protection" through a fight against foreign competition and imports. Such "patriotic" calls in favor of the U.S. steel tycoons against their monopoly capitalist competitors in Japan and Europe are aimed at splitting the workers, at making the workers compete over who will receive the lowest pay, work the longest hours, at the fastest pace, in the harshest conditions. The American workers are supposed to sacrifice so the U.S. monopolists can be top international dogs. But this benefits neither the U.S. steel workers nor their class brothers in Japan and Europe. It benefits only the capitalists who reap greatwill simply close down the plant or er profits from the additional exploitabusiness and throw out the workers to tion of the workers. Instead, the workers in the U.S., Japan and Europe should support each other and fight for every cent they can wring from the capitalist exploiters. However, the USW bosses are not interested in such about fighting the foreign capitalists, "own" domestic capitalist exploiters

The USW bureaucrats are also talkmost efficient mills in the world. Yet ing about putting some money, perit went bankrupt. The McLouth work- haps up to \$100 million out of the billions of dollars in concessions to be stolen from the workers, into the exhausted supplemental unemployment terprises. They have no solution to the benefit (SUB) fund. First of all, this crisis of the capitalist system. They money should have been taken from cannot even ensure that the workers the capitalists, not taken from the can continue to eat and live. The capiworkers' wages. Moreover, since the talists have proved themselves com-SUB fund paid out around \$200 million in 1981 through the first few months of 1982, this means that at best some workers will get some benefits for a few more months and then the fund will again collapse. similar to those recently negotiated in the constantly growing benefits of the auto industry, are being discussed. While the details of such plans for the steel workers have not yet been made public, it should be pointed out that in auto these measures have been worthless. Since the auto contract was signed thousands upon thousands of additional auto workers have lost their jobs, plants have been closed, and benefits for most laid-off workers have and capital. The workers must fight to run out. Giving concessions simply will not save jobs. If McBride and the other USW hacks were really concerned about job protection, then they would organize a serious fight against the steel billionaires. They would fight against the contracting out of work, the job combinations and automation. They would fight against cuts in paid time off and shutting down of mills. They would demand jobs or a livelihood for those already laid off. But these sellout union bosses aren't really looking to protect the workers' jobs. Rather they are working night and day to protect the profits of the steel capitalists.

is to make money " And so McBride small that the soaring inflation has eaten away at the workers' pay. And now the capitalists want to take away even these meager pay guarantees.

The class peace imposed by the ENA has not protected the workers a Bride's "job protection" plans are single bit. Rather, it has led them to the dangerous situation that they face today. If the workers are to defend their jobs and pay they must take matters into their own hands. They must blow up the "class peace" dictated by the fascist ENA and rise against the class collaboration of McBride and the other top USW bureaucrats.

Take Up Mass Struggle Against Concessions

Right now, the USW bureaucrats and the steel tycoons are working behind the scenes to put the final touches on a new sellout concessions contract. And when they have agreed to cut wages, COLA, and so forth, the contract will simply be imposed. The workers do not even have the right to vote on it! Right now, behind closed doors, the USW hacks and the steel monopolists are also negotiating the local contracts. And when they have agreed to cut incentive pay, to combine jobs, and so forth the workers will not even have a say in whether to accept or reject them. These contracts too are to be shoved down the workers' throats! Steel workers, this situation is intolerable! It is an outrage which must be opposed. It is time to organize! It is time to struggle!

Today the capitalists face a most serious economic crisis. The massive layoffs, the plant closings and bankrupt-

tion. By 1985, the average GE worker about job security, they would fight for ard of living. Our loss is GE's gain. No wonder GE says the wage package is "attractive."

The Job Insecurity Clauses

The issue of job security is very important to the workers today. Over the last few years, GE has increased its profits during the capitalist economic crisis through a program of layoffs and job-eliminating speedup and automation drives. Next year, GE plans to eliminate 10% of the work force at Lynn's aircraft division while, at the same time, increasing production by 10%, especially with NC machinery. What will the so-called "job security' clauses do to stop this? Nothing! The contract does not restrict the company

will be making \$1.14 less than he a no-layoff clause. They would help us needs just to maintain his 1979 stand- organize to fight speedup, job combination, farm-out and robotization. But instead they help GE railroad a contract that will facilitate elimination of thousands of jobs.

What Happened to Our Demand "Abolish the ARB"??

The Absence Review Board is an important part of GE's productivity drive. It is designed to create an atmosphere of intimidation and submissiveness. Already the ARB has led to the death of Dave Roberts. We have demanded that the ARB be abolished but the local IUE chiefs have sat on the issue for over six months. Two weeks ago, in a sudden pose of militancy, they said they were going to fight for the abolition of the ARB durin the slightest from laying off workers ing the contract fight. Now they say, "Ratify the contract first, then we'll

Fight the GE Capitalists' Productivity War!

It should not be forgotten that at Wisconsin Steel, at U.S. Steel's Ohio and McDonald Works, and at several other mills the workers gave the capitalists concessions only to see their a struggle. They are quite militant mills shut down entirely within the next few years. In fact today, with the but when it comes to fighting to defend deep crisis of over-production, even the workers' jobs and pay against their highly modernized mills are being put on the chopping block. Take McLouth the sellout union hacks become gentle Steel for example. This has the most as lambs. modern machinery and is one of the ers have given up millions of dollars in concessions to save the mill. But their money has gone into the vaults of National Bank of Detroit, Prudential Insurance and other financial parasites. There is little hope that the mill will be kept open. sions to the billionaires, but turn their energies to a fight against them. Only by organizing mass struggle against the rich can the workers have any hope of defending their jobs against the capitalists' plant closings and layoffs.

and the IUE chiefs that their offer will mean big wage increases and great job security. What nonsense! The truth is they are trying to shove a sellout contract down our throats!

For the past week, we have been

bombarded with propaganda from GE

Even with COLA, the "decompression adjustment" and all the other nickel and dime gimmicks thrown in, the contract will not make up for the 88¢ per hour that we lost to inflation over the life of the last contract. In fact, three years from now we will be much further behind inflation. What is true about wages is also true about pensions. But the biggest giveback comes on job security. At a time when GE is going on a productivity war by eliminating thousands of jobs through farm-out, speedup, robots and NC (numerically controlled) machinery, the so-called job security clause will not save a single job! Instead, it puts in writing GE's "right" to farm out, to close plants and put in robots and NC's with no limit as long as it gives the union proper notice. The severance pay and rate retention clauses have so many loopholes that GE will be able to avoid any payment in most cases. This contract should be rejected!

In order to show the sellout nature of this contract, we will go into some of its provisions and the union and company propaganda below.

Wages

In order to make the wage "offer" look better, the GE and union papers have calculated the wage charts on the basis of a 6% rate of inflation. At this rate, wages would keep current with inflation. But a 6% rate of inflation is an Alice in Wonderland fairy tale told by Ronald Reagan and other professional liars. Over the last contract, inflation averaged 11% per year. With Reagan's massive war preparations and \$100 billion deficit, inflation is bound to take off like a skyrocket soon.

flation will be the same as over the last contract, even if we add in the "staggering" 12¢ per hour "decompression adjustment," COLA and the 4.3¢ per hour reduction in pension contribution, the typical R19 dayworker will never make up the 88¢ per hour robbed from him by inflation over the last contract. He is supposed to swallow the loss. Not only that, each year his standard of living will be cut even more by infla-the other top bureaucrats were serious

and replacing them with robots and automated machinery. (See the Article , negotiate that issue locally." This is XXII section.) All the company has to the old sweep it under the rug trick. do is give the union 60 days notice be- They are basically telling GE the ARB fore installing the machinery. Then it is OK with them, just like this contract can lay off as many workers as it is OK with them. wants.

The so-called rate retention clause for workers displaced by automated machinery applies only to workers whose jobs are "directly" eliminated, not to anyone on down the bumping chain. The last workers bumped wind up on the street with no rate at all.

Previous contracts have not defined whether or not GE could farm out ongoing work. This made it legally easier to organize strikes to stop farm-out as the workers recently did in Schenectady. But the new contract and the letter of understanding states that the company can transfer ongoing work. All it has to do is give the union six months notice. It is nice to know these things in advance. But without even a single word restricting farm-out, this clause simply hands the company a legal weapon to use against any struggle that workers in the plants might launch to stop the farming out of their

jobs. The contract is even worse on plant closings. It explicitly states that the company can close any plant it wants so long as it gives six months notice. Not only that, but if the workers put up any fight to the plant closing they can lose their severance pay. (Article XXII, Sections 2 and 8)

Not only do the job security clauses help GE eliminate jobs, but the benefits for those laid off are so minimal and have so many exclusions, they are a joke. Take for example, the severance pay or Retraining Assistance clauses. These only apply in cases where a plant is completely closed down. The thousands of workers who lose their jobs due to automation, job combination or farm-out will never get However, even if we assume that in- a penny. Not only that, but there are so many loopholes that even when GE closes a plant, they can avoid paying benefits to most of the workers. For example, all they have to do is keep one small department open for a few years after the main plant is shut down and the vast majority of workers won't be able to collect a single "plant closing benefit."

If IUE President Fitzmaurice and

Mass Struggle Is the Only Way!

Workers, GE is dead serious about its offensive against us. As the economic offensive gets worse, they will surely step up their efforts to save their profits at our expense. GE hopes to use this contract as a jumping off point for a real productivity war. All the business journals have been talking about this. We can count on GE using the provision for six months notice for plant closing or farm-out as a method of blackmailing more concessions out of one local at a time. The GE negotiator, W. Angell, already threatened during negotiations to come back in the middle of the contract to demand concessions. Remember the recent threat against the workers in T700 area of Building 74 to speed up or the work would be farmed out.

The only way to defend ourselves against this offensive is by a militant mass struggle. What better time to launch a struggle than over this national contract? It is a time when workers all across the country can strike to force GE to grant a real wage increase and to restrict its farm-out, robotization and harassment. But our union leaders are against such a struggle. These gentlemen who were talking so militantly only two weeks ago are now telling us that GE is too big, that a strike won't do any good, that we have no choice but to accept whatever they dictate. This is not true.

The coal miners organized their strikes by taking matters into their own hands. They fight in spite of and against the will of their soldout top leaders. It is this path of militant mass action that we must take at GE too.

Today, let us work hard to organize for as big a rejection vote as possible. This will be a big help to organizing a militant strike. However, even if the union officials manage to railroad the contract through, a big rejection vote will put us in a better position to fight GE's productivity war, Absence Review Board and concession demands during the coming years.

Empty Promises of Job Security

Despite the obvious need to fight against concessions, the top USW bureaucrats argue that the workers can 'trade'' concessions for "job guarantees." A quick look at some of the "iob protection" schemes that the union hacks are cooking up shows that they are little more than cheap rhetoric and empty promises.

One of the chief "job security measures" has to do with trading concessions for a voice in investment policy. In recent years many of the big steel corporations have been putting money into diversification, investing in more profitable enterprises outside of the steel industry. U.S. Steel, for example, recently spent \$6.3 billion to buy Marathon Oil. The union bureaucrats claim that if the capitalists just spent more on modernizing the steel industry, instead of diversifying, then somehow jobs would be saved. In fact, McBride is now threatening that no concessions will be given unless the steel capitalists provide "written guarantees" that they will reinvest the concessions money solely in modernizing steel. And such job-eliminating modernization is labeled "job protection." How ridiculous!

Of course the billions of dollars spent for diversification shows that the steel capitalists have money to burn. But why not fight to make them use this money to provide the laid-off workers with jobs or a livelihood? The union bureaucrats will never fight for such a demand because they are com-

ENA Has Brought Disaster to the Steel Workers

It should be remembered that the belly-crawling USW hacks also promised that collaboration with the capitalists through the Experimental Negotiating Agreement (ENA) would protect the workers. The USW hacks claimed that by taking away the national strike weapon and imposing "class peace," the ENA would "curb layoffs," "provide for job security" pletely enslaved to the profit drive of and bring about "higher pay." But the capitalists. As the June 10 New from 1973, when the ENA was first York Times reports, "Mr. McBride, written into the contract, to 1980 the a strong defender of the free enter- steel workers permanently lost some prise system, has said that the only 85,000 jobs. At the same time the ENA reason a steel company is in business wage and COLA raises have been so

cies convincingly prove that the capitalists cannot even run their own enpletely unfit to rule. Only the working class has the solution to these problems. By carrying out the socialist revolution to overthrow the capitalist government, the working class will organize production so that all are em-Other "job protection" schemes, ployed and so that all who work share their social labor.

> The concessions drive of the capitalists means that the workers must get organized to defend their jobs and their livelihood. No Concessions! is the workers' battle cry. Mass struggle is the workers' weapon. The struggle of the steel workers is one of the streams of the great class battle between labor make the rich bear the burden of the capitalist economic crisis. They must use the fight against concessions to organize themselves as a revolutionary force, as a class independent of and opposed to the capitalist exploiters. Salvation is not to be found in the "class peace" of the ENA nor in the lying promises of the union bureaucrats and the capitalist politicians, but in the advance of the mass struggle and the development of revolutionary organization. Steel workers, get organized to fight concessions. This struggle is not just for yourself, but will assist the workers in every industry. It will play its role in organizing the workers as a powerful and united class, a class capable of leading the revolt of all the exploited and oppressed masses against the rule of the capitalist parasites.

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Seven-Month Strike at American Standard in Pittsburgh

Struggle Is the Answer to the Capitalists' Takeback Demands!

Despite the workers' clear senti-

In May 24th, 3,700 workers at two American Standard plants near Pittsburgh ended their 205-day strike aganst the arrogant concession demands of the capitalists. The workers deleated some of the major concession demands of the American Standard capitalists. In addition, the workers mide some headway in the economic portion of the contract, in keeping up with the rising cost of living. However, with the connivance of the trade union leaders of the United Electrical Worker: Union, American Standard was abe to impose on the workers some of their demands having to do with productivity and the workers' right to strke on certain issues. This strike shows the importance of taking a deternined stand against concessions.

The Issues Behind the Strike

When negotiations on a new labor contract began last fall, the American Standard caritalists presented an outrageous list of 52 takeback demands to the workers These were eventually reduced to ten major demands. Chief among these were the demand for a general wage freeze plus direct wage cuts for pieceworkers (75% of the workersale on piecework); elimination of the right to strike over piecework rates and some grievances; productivity measures including the installation of a data reporting system to "keep inventor," and "keep track of work flow"; he right to change piecework and linequotas; and the right to make productivity, not seniority, the basis for layefis and job bids.

The American Standard workers gave afitting reply to these outrageous concession demands. They rejected the tatebacks and put up their own demands for a wage increase, uncapped cost-f-living allowance and improvemens in their benefits. They voted overwhelmingly for a strike and on November 1 walked off the job. In late/December the workers organized a mass picket which stopped supervisors from entering the plant to run production. To suppress the workers' miltant actions, the company fired a number of workers and obtained court injunctions against mass pickets. The workers, however, continued their strike and continued to gain ever wider support among other workers. On February 23 the workers held a mass rally attended by 2,000 workers. Workers all over the Pittsburgh area, conscious that the American Standard workers were fighting the concessions drive currently faced by all workers, attended the rally in support of the strikers. Particularly inspiring was a delegation from an American Standard plant in Ontario, Canada where workers had just finished a four-month strike. After this raly the American Standard workers continued to gain support from other workers. The strikers continuously visited other plants, spoke to other workers and took up gate collections for their strike fund. The workers also continued their militant picket line action to keep the plants completely shut down. In retaliation, the company continued its attacks on militant vorkers, firing seven more and bringing criminal charges against some of them. But the workers continued b stand firm. Thus at the beginning of May the company was forced o back down on some of its concessions demands and to agree to some of the economic demands put forward by the workers. A tentative agreenent on the original issues in the strikewas reached May 3.

ment for absolute amnesty, the labor bureaucrats of the United Electrical Workers Union were working behind the scenes to sabotage this demand. Instead of stepping up the organization and struggle of the workers to press this important demand, the UE bureaucrats began cooking up various deals with the American Standard capitalists. Instead of putting forth the workers' demand for reinstatement of the fired workers, the labor bureaucrats demanded that the company "clarify its plans for arbitration" of the cases -- in other words, the trade union leaders worked to take this issue out of the hands of the workers and tie it up in the hands of "neutral" government mediators. Furthermore, as revealed by the bureaucrats after the strike, they offered to bribe the capitalists with the workers' wages. To cover American Standard's alleged \$150,000 damages, the labor bureaucrats offered to pay the capitalists \$1,000,000, to be deducted from all of the workers' wages. The deal they eventually cooked up was this: American Standard dropped criminal charges against individual workers who paid, out of their own pocket, for the damages they had allegedly caused; and the cases of fired workers were taken through the normal grievance and arbitration procedure. The labor hacks of Local 610 made a big noise about their "great victory" in winning a "fair hearing" for the fired workers, and in this way they were able to convince workers to end their strike on May 24. But at last report 15 of the 22 workers had been sus-

pended for eight to 30 days without pay, while the seven remaining cases were still tied up in arbitration.

Further Treachery of the Labor Bureaucrats

Further treachery of the labor bureaucrats becomes apparent as more details of the new contract become known. When the strike ended, leaders of UE Local 610 promoted that they had won a "great victory" and had not given in to any of American Standard's demands for takebacks. And in the basic economic package of the contract, it was clear that the determined struggle of the workers had succeeded in blocking American Standard's concessions drive. The company's demand for a wage freeze was defeated; workers won wage raises of 85¢ per hour over three years, plus a provision for uncapped cost-of-living raises. In addition, workers won improvements in other benefits: life insurance, pensions, medical and dental plans, etc. Though the wage raise fell somewhat short of the workers' original demand, the workers were satisfied that they had blocked American Standard's concessions

drive.

agree to changes in the contract language, although he says the local will work informally to help raise productivity.'

In the final contract agreement, however, the labor bureaucrats went well beyond the bounds of "informal agreements." They formally conceded to American Standard the right to install its new data reporting system, which aims to speed the workers up by tracking the workers' every move, all day long. Workers had opposed this system on the basis of protecting their piecework earnings; with this computerized system the company can very easily isolate higher-paying jobs and run time studies. To sell this to the workers, the UE hacks brought with them a "promise" from the company that the data-reporting system would not be used against the workers in these ways. But what good is such a promise? If the capitalists have this information right at their fingertips, what is to stop them from using it? The American Standard workers will have to remain vigilant against the capitalists' use of this system. As another part of their collaboration with the capitalist productivity drives, the UE labor bureaucrats also agreed to new quotas which will increase the pressure on piecework workers. Incentive employees will now have to meet certain quotas before their earnings are guaranteed. And the UE leaders also conceded to the company some erosion of the workers' right to strike over new piecework rates and some grievances. In their seven-month strike, the American Standard workers militantly defended their right to struggle over these issues. But according to the new contract, before workers can go on strike, they must first submit the issues to mediation, and even then, if federal mediators do not resolve the issue, the union must give the company 10 days' notice of

intention to strike. The American Standard workers defeated the company's bid to eliminate seniority as the basis for layoffs and job bids. But on the issues of right to strike, new quotas, and the datareporting system, the labor hacks of Local 610 allowed some erosion of the workers' right to struggle against productivity. After the workers had voted to return to work, the union officials bragged that they had "established contract language that will aid in improving productivity and help make it [the company] more competitive." (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, May 25, 1982) This shows that throughout the strike the labor bureaucrats had been working to sabotage the workers' struggle against the capitalists' productivity drives. This strike of the American Standard workers has important lessons for the entire working class. First, this strike shows that the concessions drive of the capitalists can be blocked. Throughout the most severe winter of recent years, the American Standard workers waged a continuous and determined struggle, and by so doing forced the capitalists to back down on most of their outrageous concession demands. This shows the importance of the workers' mass struggle. The capitalist thirst for greater and greater concessions cannot be quenched by giving in to them on any issue. The only way workers can defend their basic interests is by waging militant mass struggle against the capitalists" arrogant concession demands. The second lesson of the American Standard workers' strike is the need to constantly guard against treachery by the trade union bureaucrats. The workers must organize independently of the trade union bigwigs to fight the capitalists and must remain vigilant against any attempts on the part of the labor hacks to sell out their strug-

Brown & Sharpe Strike Enters Tenth Month

1,500 Workers **Stand Firm Against Concessions**

the strike. The company hired hun-

dreds of "replacement workers" and

declared that they were "permanent"

- that is, that at least some of the

striking workers would be permanent-

ly replaced by these scabs. In re-

sponse, the workers stepped up their

picket line actions to keep the scabs

out. On March 22, the workers organ-

driveway to stop the scabs. To dis-

perse them, the company called out

the local police, who sprayed the pro-

testers with pepper gas, an eye and

skin irritant. In the weeks following

this incident, the level of violence on

struggled to keep the scabs out. Over

The 1.500 workers at Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co. in North Kingston, Rhode Island, have been engaged in a bitter, hard-fought strike since last October 9. When the workers' old contract with Brown & Sharpe expired last fall, the company tried to use the current economic crisis as a club against the workers, to force concessions from them. Workers refused to submit to this blackmail, however, and went out on strike. The workers have persisted in their strike for nine months, walking picket throughout a severely cold winter, and battling the company's scabs, goon squads and police. Today the strike is continuing, as the Brown & Sharpe workers are determined to resist the company's take-

back demands.

Brown & Sharpe is a manufacturer & Sharpe hired scabs to try and break of machine tools and industrial instruments and is one of the largest industrial employers in Rhode Island. In negotiations last fall, the company demanded changes in work rules, pleading that such changes were necessary to "increase plant productivity in the face of growing foreign competition." (Wall Street Journal, June 23, 1982) Specifically, what the company de- ized a mass sit-down in the plant drivemanded was the right to shift workers way to keep the scabs from entering from job to job and from machine to the plant. Eight hundred of the strikmachine. Under the old contract, ers - a force of over half of the Brown workers had the right to refuse such & Sharpe work force - massed in the transfers. Workers recognize that giving the company the right to shift workers around would undermine the seniority system, to which is tied workers' wages, benefits, layoff and recall rights. They see that the company is trying to use the hard times to force the picket line escalated, as workers this concession from the workers, but they are determined not to let the company have its own way on this issue.

Brown and Sharpe **Hires Strikebreakers**

Unable to wear down the striking scabs only because of a massive force workers through a hard winter, Brown of security guards and police. To reach

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Nursing home workers strike for higher wages

The West Indian Voice, newspaper of the Caribbean' Progressive Study nursing homes.) Group, July-August, 1982.1

Sheepshead Nursing Home launched a side the nursing home to spy on the militant strike. For ten weeks the work- picket lines and intimidate the workers manned their picket lines, raising ers, they brought in scabs, police and



The Sheepshead Nursing Home owners and operators tried to break On April 25th, 130 workers at the strike. They set up cameras out-

Workers at Brown and Sharpe denouncing scabs brought in to break their the plant each morning, the scabs must pass through a gauntlet of dozens of angry, jeering strikers. The scabs are driven into the plant inside of buses, the windows of which are covered with wire mesh and cardboard; the bus drivers themselves wear riot helments with face shields. The buses are escorted by local and state police, while company police patrol the grounds with guard dogs.

> Despite the reactionary attacks on their picket line, the Brown & Sharpe workers are continuing their mass struggle. This mass struggle contributed to slashing Brown & Sharpe's first-quarter profits - down from earnings of \$2.3 million in 1981 to a loss of \$3.5 million in 1982. At this time Brown & Sharpe is refusing to negotiate with the striking workers and has issued some threats about moving out of state, but this has not intimidated the strikers. As one worker said, "If we go down the river, somehow we are going to take Brown & Sharpe with us." It is this defiant attitude of the Brown & Sharpe workers which will win them increasing support from wide sections of the working masses

the other \$15 would somehow be negotiated. These bureaucrats are the very ones responsible for the fact that the workers have worked for a year without a contract. They scarcely lifted a finger during the ten weeks of the strike, and now they are calling off the strike for a settlement which keeps the workers below industry standards.

the company is able to bring in its

30 strikers were arrested, and one picketer was wounded by a gun fired from a mysterious "passing car." Today the workers are continuing their militant picket line actions, and

strike.

Workers Continue the Strike to Win Complete Amnesty

The workers still refused to end ther strike, however, until the issue of annesty had been solved. By May 3 the company had fired 22 strikers, suspended one other, and had criminal charges pending against a number of workers. The millionaire owners of American Standard were whining that militant workers had done \$150,000 worth of damage to their precious property - for example, wiping out a company guard shack -- and they were demanding restitution. The 3,700 workers at American Standard, however, were determined that their class brotheys would be reinstated into their old jobs without recrimination. This was made clear at a mass meeting of the workers on May 9. There, 2,000 workers voted overwhelmingly in favor of continuing the strike despite the fact that the basic economic issues had been resolved. The stand of the workers was to continue the strike until full reinstatement of all the workers had been won. One worker said after the meeting, "3,700 of us went out, and 3, 700 of us will go back in."

But while workers had been fighting hard to win higher wages and benefits, the labor bureaucrats had been working overtime to sabotage the struggle against the capitalists' productivity drives. From the beginning of negotiations, American Standard had been whining that they needed concessions from the workers on the front of productivity in order to "remain competitive." An important part of the American Standard workers' strike struggle was to defeat the company's plans to eliminate seniority, to arbitrarily shift workers from one job to another, to arbitrarily impose quotas and piecework rates, and to use computers to track the workers' every move, all day long. But for months the labor bureaucrats had been working to sneak productivity measures in through the back door. The January 11 issue of Business Week reported the president of Local

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of emerging victorious over the fascists in big, sustained battles. In recent clashes the liberation forces have smashed the vaunted offensive of the regime inflicting a total of over 500 casualties and forcing the fascists to retreat to lick their wounds.

610 as saying that "the union will not

During May, the liberation army intensified its activity in Chalatenango Province. In response the government sent a large force into the province, but to no avail. Soon the revolutionary forces opened up a counteroffensive in Morazan, weakening the government's drive in Chalaten ango.

In Morazan Province the revolutionaries have scored great successes. In early June they captured the city of Perquin, overrunning the 100-man garrison there. The government sent 28. And in the last week of June, the its top U.S.-trained battalions to retake armed revolutionaries cut power lines,

the city. But each step toward Perquin was met by the fierce resistance of the liberation forces, and the "crack" troops were routed. In this battle alone the revolutionary fighters wiped out 76 enemy soldiers, wounded over 100 and took 31 prisoners. Despite throwing nearly 8,000 troops into Morazan, the fascist army is still being soundly beaten and the generals themselves are admitting their troops have suffered heavy casualties. The revolutionaries have even captured Deputy Defense Minister Adolfo Castillo, shooting down his helicopter during the combat in Morazan Province.

gles.

Elsewhere the liberation army is also taking bold actions against the fascists. In the face of the government offensive on Guazapa volcano, the anti-fascist forces responded by attacking the city of Suchitotto on June

slogans voicing their just demands and demouncing the nursing home owners. The nursing home workers, who have been without a contract for a year, were demanding a new contract and a wage increase of \$41 a week. The capitalist crooks at Sheepshead arrogantly demanded that the workers continue working without a contract at

wages set several years' time and sev-

private security guards, and they had a militant worker arrested on trumpedup charges.

The workers refused to be cowed by the tactics of the nursing home capitalists. They persisted in their strike and on May 9 held a militant rally joined by workers from other nursing homes and other people from the community.

After a ten-week-long strike the eral years of inflation ago. But the workers were sent back to work for a workers rejected this demand that they \$26 increase by the bureaucrats of slave and starve in silence. (This \$41 a Local 144, with a vague promise that

Strikes and other mass actions, such as the militant strike by the Sheepshead Nursing Home workers are the best answer to the capitalists' savage offensive of wage cutting, productivity drives, layoffs, etc. The workers at Sheepshead, who are overwhelmingly West Indian women, point the path for the community - active participation in the class struggle of the American working class against the capitalist rulers.

Denver transit workers strike against wage cuts

USA on July 13, 1982.)

One thousand three hundred and seventy-five RTD bus drivers, mechanics, and clerks have taken a stand against the wage-cutting concessions drive of the rich and have walked out on strike against the Denver Regional Transportation District.

The bus company demanded that the workers accept a wage freeze, a cut in their Cost of Living Adjustment, plus the use of part-time workers and the contracting out of some mainten-

blacking out four provinces east of the Lempa River and crippling industry in the city of San Miguel.

The victories of the liberation fighters show the invincible strength of the Salvadoman people's struggle. The so-called mighty offensive of U.S. imperialism and the Magana/ID'Aubuisson regime has fallen flat on its face. These defeats for the fascists will inevitably inspire the people to press on with their valiant struggle with even greater intensity. Following the revolutionary path, the Salvadorian people will certainly rid themselves of U.S. domination and the fascist oligarchy.

Victory to the Salvadorian People!

(The following article is excerpted ance work. This also raises the possifrom a leaflet issued by the Denver bility of job eliminations and layoffs. Branch of the Marxist-Leminist Party. The contract offers from the RTD company are only a recipe for the impoverishment of the transportation workers and they deserved the resounding rejection they received. The RTD has tried to justify their attack on the workers by crying about "hard times" due to recent revenue problems with federal monies and state sales tax revenue. "Hard times" is the same cry of all the capitalist class as they try to force the working class to carry the burden of the economic crises of capitalism. It is the workers who have hard times from the wage cutting, layoffs, and plant closures the rich are using to protect

their profits. The economic crises are caused by the capitalists and their greed, speculation and anarchic dogeat-dog production. It is the capitalists who should pay for their own economic problems and not the workers.

The idea of wage cutting is not a recent one on the part of the RTD. For some years the IRTD board has been scheming to cut the workers' wages (after all they need a lot of money for the multi-million dollar mall project and their Light Rail System proposal). In fact, during the 1,973 contract fight, before RTD took over the bus company, Mr. John Simpson, RTD Board Director, pushed for the City and County of Denwer to demand an end to the COLA and the use of more part-time employees. This is the same "gentleman" who has been on the television insulting and slandering the workers' "educa

tional and skill levels." In 1973 it was only the workers' own strength in a one-week strike that defeated that wage-cutting scheme. Quite rightfully the workers have chosen that same path of active resistance again.

How to fight the offensive of the rich against the workers' livelihood is a burning question for the whole working class. The purpose of the wage cutting and sacrifices being imposed on the workers is not to save the workers' jobs but to save the capitalists' big profits. For example, GM workers now face more layoffs and speedups as well as the cuts in wages and benefits imposed on them. The GM billionaires plan to use the momey they have saved from the wage cutting to "update" their plants, bringing in robots and machinery to displace more workers and increase the pace of production. At Gates Rubber Co. in Denver, workers with 14 years seniority have recently been laid off while the company is using the money "saved" by wage and benefit concessions to expand operations in Europe.

The lesson to be learned is that there are no common interests between the workers and the billionaire capitalists. Every step of the national offensive against the workers must be met with firm resistance.

The strike of the RID workers is of importance to all the workers because it stands up against the wage-cutting concession drive that is being pushed against the entire working class. Support the striking RTD workers! No concessions, get organized to fight!

From its "original vision" to the invasion of Lebanon **Zionism Is Racism**

The whole world is witness to the terror which zionist Israel has unleashed in Lebanon. The indiscriminate massacre of civilians which has left more than 10,000 dead, the wanton destruction which has created 600,000 homeless refugees, and the ongoing siege of west Beiurt - these atrocities are being condemned from the four corners of the globe.

Even among those who have been misled by the lies of the zionist propaganda, there is widespread disgust and outrage. Even many who supported the originally stated goal of a "surgical" incursion 25 miles across the border cannot stomach and cannot justify the carnage which is now taking place in Lebanon. Right in Tel Aviv, for example, the Peace Now group called a demonstration 50 to 100 thousand strong which demanded the withdrawal of the Israeli troops and branded Prime Minister Begin as "the butcher of Lebanon.'

In the U.S. too, from within various liberal circles of supporters of zionist Israel, voices are being raised against the militarist policies of Begin and his defense minister, Ariel Sharon. Last month a group of 67 Jewish scholars, writers, and others took out an ad in the New York Times and other papers in support of the Israeli Peace Now movement. The ad expressed "grave misgivings" about the invasion of Lebanon, and it called for a compromise permitting "national self-determination for the Palestinians." The ad posed the question:

Israel to speak out critically about those Israeli policies we know to be mistaken, self-defeating, and contrary to the original zionist vision?"

These voices are avoiding what camnot be avoided. They are refusing to see what the Israeli atrocities are helping to further reveal to the whole world. The policies of Regin and Sharon, typified by the explosion of cluster bombs among civilians in Lebanon and the machine gunning of school children on the West Bank, are 1y, the Lebanese Christian Phalangenot "contrary to the original zionist vision' in the slightest.

What is taking place today is simply the latest in an unbroken string of zionist-perpetrated massacres, invasions, and wurs. Indeed, the entire history of the zionist movement and the means first and foremost, the terromist expansionist wars against the Arab

has never been synonymous with Judaism, as the zionists want the world to believe. In fact, zionism did not even exist prior to the latter part of the 19th century. This was a time when the ruling capitalists and lords of Europe were unleashing a wave of anti-Semitic terror. It was also a time when large numbers of Jewish workers and intellectuals were taking their place in the progressive movements of the day. In particular, a great many Jews were gravitating to the ranks of the working class and Marxist move-

ment as they recognized that their emancipation was possible only with the emancipation of the working class as a whole. The sight of the Jewish workers locking arms with their class brothers in the common struggle against the capitalist oppressors caused nightmares for the zionists.

When Herzl held talks with the tsarist minister Von Pleve, he explained that it was in the Tsar's best interest to support the zionist plan of Jewish separatism as this would rid Russia of her "Jewish problem." After all, Herzl contended, since so many Jews were involved in the growing Marxist movement, it would be of particular benefit to the tsarist autocracy to pack them all off to Palestine.

Herzl's appeal to this tsarist "minister of pogroms" is but one of countless examples of collusion between zionism and the darkest forces of anti-Semitism. The zionists knew full well that anti-Semitic hatred and pogroms were "Is it not time for us supporters of its closest ally, because without them their cause of Jewish separatism was lost. To accomplish their aims and to realize Jewish immigration to Palestine, the zionists were even willing to collaborate with the worst exterminators of the Jewish people - the nazi fascists. The commonness of interests between fascism and zionism was expressed in a slogan put forward by one of Herzl's disciples, Jabotinsky --"Germany for Hivler, Italy for Mussolini, and Palestine for us." (Incidentalan avowedly fascist movement that was set up in 1936 and that to this day upholds Hitler's Nazism and Mussolini's fascism as its model - is presently the Israeli zionists' close ally in its invasion of Lelsanon.)

One of the first questions that the state of Israel has shown that zionism early zignists had to resolve was where to locate their future "national home." extermination of the Palestinians and For Herzland many others the location was of little consequence; Polestine or peoples. This is at the heart of under- Argemina were both acceptable. Herel standing what is taking place in Leba- was also eager to accept a British offer zionists decided on Palestine even though at that time only a handful of Jews were living there. To justify this scherce, the ziorists dug up biblical. references to the Hebrew tribes that had lived in Pulestine: 3,003 years

itself on the masses of Jews. Zionism ly threw its weight behind the zionist project, recognizing its value as a colonial outpost to stand guard over British colonial interests in the Middle East and the route to India and other prized possesions in Asia.

> In 1917, the British foreign secretary, Lord Balfour, sent a letter of endorsement for the zionists' plans. This letter, which came to be known as the Balfour Declaration, proclaimed that: "His Majesty's Government views with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object '

> At the time Palestine was still under Turkish rule. It wasn't until 1922 that the imperialist League of Nations made Britain the mandate authority over Palestine. It was under the British Mandate (1922-1947) that the foundations were laid for the future zionist state. The Mandate authorities backed the zionist-organized immigration, raising the weight of the Jewish population in Palestine from 71/2 % in 1922 to 33% by 1947. The British forces also groomed the paramilitary zionist gangs as the building blocks of what was to become the state of Israel.

The Palestinian inhabitants waged continual resistance to these encroachments of zionism, which were being carried out under the shield of imperialist Britain. This resistance reached a high point in the six-month general strike during the rebellion of 1936-39. During the years of the British Mandate, many thousands were interned in prisons and camps and 50,000 Palestinians were killed by the combined terror of the British troops and the zicuist gangs.

After 1948 and the declaration of the state of Israel, zionism remained as much as ever a tool in the hands of imperialism. Only now it was primarily U.S. imperialism which took zionism under its wing, armed it to the hilt, and propped it up as an aggressive guard dog of U.S. imperialism's enslaving interests in the oil-rich and strategic Middle East. Even such a pro-zionist mouthpiece as the New York Times will aptly refer to zionist Israel as a "client state" of the United States.

Zionist Terror and the Expulsion of the Palextinians

There could be no talk of establishing a riorist state in Palestine without fast uprocting and driving out the Palestinians and subjugging those who of territory in Uganda. Evenimally the remained. The zionists set about this task with a vergeunce. In the 1930's and 1940's there were three main zionis't terror bands devoted to this objective: the Irgun (led by ziomism's most infanaous terrorist, Menachem Regin); the Haganah (Ariel Sharon, the architect of the inwasion of Leba-But how was this zionist plan to be non, a man who is known for his extreme broality and his ambitions to become: ruler of israel, was a meraber of this terrorist band); and the Stem. Gang: With the complicity and support of the British authorities, these gangs waged systematic terror against the unarmed Balestinian in hibitants.



Victory to the Palestinian people!

cated 57% of the territory of Palestine even though the Jews were only a minority of the population and owned less than 6% of the land. The Palestinians were to be uprooted from their lands and robbed of their national right to self-determination.

In the spring of 1948, just prior to the British withdrawal and the implementation of the UN partition plan, the zionist gangs unleashed a reign of terror on the Palestinian population. The Irgun, the Stern Gang, and the Haganah occupied a great number of Palestinian cities and villages, massacring or expelling their inhabitants. On April 4, Menachem Begin's Irgun attacked the village of Deir Vasin, near Jerusalem, slaughtering in cold blood 254 men, women and children. The people of Ein El'Zeitoun, Saad Eddin, Ledda and many other villages were similarly massacred.

The zionists accompanied this terror with an intense propaganda campaign to generate panic among the Palestinian population. The idea was to force out the Palestinians under the threat that, if they did not flee with their lives, then they too would be massacred. This is why we find in his book, The Revolt: Story of the Irgun, Menachem Begin cynically boasting of how "the Arabs began to flee in panic shouting 'Deir Yasin!' " (p. 165)

Out of this bloodbath, the state of Israel was proclaimed on May 15, 1948. That same day, upon being handed the arms of the withdrawing British froops, the zionist forces launched war against the neighboring Atab countries. The net result of this aggression was that the zionists seized 78% of the territory of Palestine, while the Palestimian West Bank was annexed by Jordan, and the Gaza strip was put under Egyphan administration. Seven hundred and fifty thousand Palestinians were driven from their homeland by the zionist terror. Most of these refugees to this day live in squalid camps in Lebanon, Jordan, Syma and elsewhere.

It cannot be said that this racism against the Palestinians is simply due to the Begin/Sharon policies of extremism and fanaticism. On the contrary, all the Israeli chieftains firmly adhere to the zionist premise that the Palestinians are racial inferiors - that they are insignificant nonpersons undeserving of elementary rights. The social-democrats of the Israeli Labor Party, and its predecessors who held power from the 50's to the early 70's, are no less extreme in this regard than Begin and Sharon. As the late Labor Party leader and Israeli prime minister, Golda Mleir, put it, "There was no such thing as Palestinians, they never existed." Such is the rabid racism and denial of Palestinian rights upon which zionist Israel has been firmly rooted.

Expansionist Wars

The zionist terror against the Arab people has not been confined to Palestine, but it has repeatedly spilled into expansionist aggression against the neighboring Arab peoples. From the days of Herzl, the architects of zionism. recognized that their designs for a "national home" could not fit within the borders of Palestine alone. They saw that their plan for a colonialist settler state could not succeed without room for expansion, without the conquest and seizure of not only Palestine but also of the land and resources of the neighboring nations as well.

The land that was stolen from the Palestinians in the 1948 war did not begin to satisfy the hunger of the zionist chieftains. David Ben Gurion, the first Israeli prime minister, gave voice to the zionist vision of unlimited expansion: "The present map of Palestine was drawn by the British. The Jewish people have another map which our youth and adults should strive to fulfill - from the Nile to the Euphrates." (David Ben Gurion, The Rebirth and Destiny of Israel, pp. 206-207) A vast Israeli empire built on the territories of Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan, and big portions of Syria, Iraq. and the Arabian Peninsula - such was the fanatical vision of this "founding father' of Israel.

Over the short span of 34 years, Israel has now waged five major wars against the Arab peoples.

1) On May 15, 1948, viewist Isruel launched its first war against the Arabs. An armistice was omeladed between Israel and the Arab states (Egypt, Syria, Iebanon, and Iondan) in early 1949.

2) On July 26, 1956, Israeli forces in-

pet government in Lebanon; and the realization of the zionists' long-starding plans to annex the south of Letanon including the Litani River.

Between these major wars, Israeli forces have kept up a constant stream of raids and incursions into the territory of its Arab neighbors. Anel Sharon gained notoriety in the early 1950's as the leader of one of the many commando raids into Jordan in which many hundreds of villagers were massacred. Over the last decade, the lsraelis have launched repeated raids deep into Lebanon, and they have murdered thousands in "punitive" bombing and shelling of refusee camps and the neighborhoods of Beirut.

The zionist thirst for conquest is insatiable. As Moshe Dayan, then the Israeli "defense" minister put it, the territories conquered in the Six-Jay War are only the beginning. 'Our fathers had reached the frortiers which were recognized in the pastition plan," Dayan explained. "Our generation reached the frontiers of 1949. Now the Six-Day Generation has managed to reach Suez, Jordan and the Golan Heights. This is not the end. After the present cease-fire lines, there will be new ones. They will extend beyond Jordan, perhaps to Lebanon, and perhaps to central Syria as well," (London Times, June 25, 1969)

What compels Israel in its expansionist wars to push back the case-fire lines? What compels Israel towage repeated wars of aggression atainst its Arab neighbors?

The zionist state was imposed by the force of arms upon the native Arab peoples, who have never repriciled. themselves to this racist and colonialist outpost of foreign imperialisn. This has meant a perpetual state of var under which the zionist war machine has launched its preemptive strikes and retalistory invasions, conquering ever more Arab territories. It has deant that, armed to the teeth with billions of dollars of weapons supplied by the Pentagon, zionist Israel has bedime the most militarized country on earth. War and militarism run through every vein of Israeli society; it is the lifeblood of the racist tyranny of the zonist state. At the same time, the Isneli jackal of war is nourished by U.S. mperialism, which wields zionist aggession as a knife at the Unvat of the Arab peoples.

For a Democratic Palestine

This outline of the history of zionis: srael shows that there can be no such thing as a state basid on "the original vision of zionism?' that is not committed to massacres and war. It shows that the Begin/Shanon policies are not the exception, but the rule. Zionism. means militarism and expansionist wars. It means theorney, religious intelerance, and brutz racism. And ziorism means genuidal terror against the Palestirians. This history shows that the present in ist regime must be everthrown though revolution and that a democratic Falestine mustbe built o its place. A democratic Falentine is the goal of the Falestinian liberation movement and the universal aspiration of the four million Paleutnians . Aternocratic. Palestine means the restoration of Pulestiman national rights. It means the liberation of the Pulestarians being crushed under the military jaidoot of the Israeli complexe and the extern of the refigees created by zionist terror to their homelanck. It means asceular Palestine where every inhibitant, without negard to max a religion, whether Arab or Iew, enjoys equal rights. It means a Palles int which can no longen 'te used as a weapor in the hands of U.S. innenialism or any other aggressive power against the Arab resples. The creation of a democratic Halestire in ean's putting a son me and for all to the zignist war machine of death and destruction. meli inva tens is a chime against im-

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Let's briefly examine this history of zionist Isreel, beginning with the "zioaist vision" on which it was founded.

The Zionist Vision

In 1897, the first zionis' congress before. was held in Basle, Switzenland, under the chaimenship of Theodor Hend. This congress passed a resolution stating that the objective of the aboust movement is the establishment of a "national home" for the Jews in Palestine. As we shall see, the vision behird this cionist plan was reactionary and enslowing from the very begin - era, made up more than 92% of the ring.

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Since 1948, Israelf-occupied Palestine has been turned into a big convict prison for the Palestinian Arabs in their own land. Thousands upon thousands of Palestinians have continued to be corported and expelled as whele Polestinian villages have been leveled. Palestiriariculture.

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vasive in Israel i society that the carker-skinned Jewish immigrants from North Africa and Asia, now the majority of the Jews in Israel, are also vit time of this razial oppression.

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What are Begin's aims in butchering Lebanon?

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According to Prime Minister Begin, Israel's June 6 blitzkrieg into Lebanon was a simple act of "self-defense." Its alleged objective was the silencing of the PLO rockets aimed at the Israeli villages in Galilee. "Peace in Galilee" was the name Begin gave to the invasion. It did not matter to Mr. Begin that the PLO was observing the Israeli-PLO ceasefire, and for a full eleven months prior to the Israeli attack, not a single PLO rocket had been fired across the Israeli border. Despite this fact, Israeli troops and armored divisions were massed for an invasion as early as last winter. The zionist storm troopers were chomping at the bit for an invasion. Any pretext would do. Begin announced that an attack on a single Jew anywhere in the world would be answered with an invasion of strategy of fascist genocide. Lebanon.

Begin and the zionists do not feel secure as long as the Palestinians exist as a people and the other Arab peoples are not trampled into the dust. Hence, for the zionists, the fact of the ceasefire is irrelevant to their plea of "selfdefense." They reason that if the Arab is not fighting the zionists today, he will be tomorrow. From this, they do not conclude that there is something wrong, something monstrous about rigging up a zionist theocratic state that is in complete antagonism to the Palestinians and the overwhelming majority of the people of the Middle East, but that it is legitimate for the zionists to attack any Arab at any time and to violate borders at will. Thus all Begin looks for is a pretext, no matter how hollow.

On June 3, in London an assassination attempt was made on Shlomo Argov, the Israeli ambassador to Britain. The PLO categorically denied any responsibility. This is generally accepted, even by the British government and other imperialists. Indeed, this attempt had all the trappings of a provocation carried out by Israeli secret agents. Nevertheless, the zionist chieftains took the wounding of Shlomo Argov as all the pretext that they needed to justify trampling on the entire population of Lebanon.

Just as the German Nazis would massacre civilians in "retribution" for an attack on a Nazi officer or official, on June 4, massive Israeli bombing raids were carried out against the neighborhoods of Beirut. A hundred Palestinian civilians were killed in "retribution" for the London attack on the Israeli ambassador. In reply, PLO rockets were fired across the border for the first time in almost a year. The only casualty from these rockets was a single heart attack victim.

burning desire to return to his land Lebanon. Rather it is a plan which had not a question of religious strife, as and village in Palestine. Along with the millions of other Palestinian refugees, they provide a powerful base of and before there were any Palestinian support for the Palestinian resistance guerillas in Lebanon. This further exmovement. Begin and Sharon want to destroy this base through the indiscriminate slaughter of the civilian population. This is why the Israeli invaders are dropping anti-personnel cluster bombs and napalm and phosphorus bombs on refugee camps and densely populated neighborhoods. This is why they're blockading medical supplies for the tens of thousands of wounded children and other victims of the Israeli bombs and shells. All of these atrocities are part of the zionist strategy to break the will of the Palestinian population. This is nothing but a

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The Lebauese people have also been Sharett's memoirs that were published made a target of this strategy. They in the zionist newspaper Davor in too have been made victims of this 1971) bloodbath. The Israeli invaders want to smash the close solidarity between chief of staff, outlined the means to acthe Palestinians and the majority of complish Ben-Gurion's objective. the Lebanese people. And they want to crush the Lebanese progressive, antiimperialist and anti-zionist forces.

By unleashing terror in Lebanon, major will do. We will win his heart or the zionist chieftains also hope to buy him with money to get him to "teach a lesson" to the other Palestinian refugees and especially to the one the Maronite population [Then] the million Palestinians under Israeli military occupation on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Ariel Sharon spelled a Christian regime that will ally itself out these aims of the Israeli invasion: "The bigger the blow," Sharon explained, "the more the Arabs in [the Istael. West Bank] and Gaza will be ready to negotiate with us.... I am convinced Lebanon were postponed by the Israeli that the echo of this campaign is reach- invasion of the Sinai in 1956 and other ing into the house of every Arab family important business consuming the zi-Op June 6th, 80,000 Israeli troops in [the West Bank] and Gaza." (Time, orist aggressors. But the Israeli chief-June 21, 1982) In other words, in the calculations of this sadistic killer, sionist designs on Lebanon. And with if enough Palestinian blood is spilled in Lebarron, this will also snuff out the mediate preparations for the present flames of Palestinian revolt on the West Bank. But Sharon and Begin have gravely miscalculated. Yes, as the zionists are demonstrating, they are capable of killing and mainting several tens of throusands of Palestinian women, children and old people. Yes, as the zionists are showing, they can cound The truth is that the Israeli invasion up all the Palestinian males over the of Lehanon was a calculated act of age of 14 from the villages of Southern Hitter's Nazis and Mussolini's Fas-Lebanon and throw thousands of them into concentration camps to be tortuned and executed. But they connot preparations for this invasion years be exterminate the Pules thian people. The Palestinian people are five million strong and their resolve to fight for create an organization in Lehanon that their liberation cannot be wiped out by could instill the same kind of civilizamassacres and terror.

been in the making for nearly three the zionists and their U.S. backers try decades, well before there was a PLO poses Begin's lies about invading Lebanon out of "self-defense" from Palestinian guerillas.

These zionist plans for subjugating Lebanon were first spelled out by David Ben-Gurion, the first prime minister of Israel, as far back as 1954. In letters he wrote to his foreign minister, Moshe Sharett, Ben-Gurion said that the time was ripe to rig up a Christian state, a task that required Israeli "initiative and effective assistance." He added that this was the "principal task, or at least one of the principal tasks of our foreign policy." (The Nation. June 6, 1982, cited from Moshe

to portray it, but of the zionists and the U.S. imperialists trying to impose a right-wing fascist dictatorship on the freedom-loving people of Lebanon. The Phalange are the warlords defending the interests of the rich capitalist and feudalist section of the Maronites. This strata has been historically the dominant part of the rich ruling class in Lebanon and the zionists are lecturing this strata that they should hide their reactionary, bloodsucking aims under the pretext of Christianity just as the zionists use the pretext of Juda-

From the time of the Lebanese civil war, Phalangist officers were brought to Israel for training; the zionists also began to arm the Phalange to the teeth. Israel funnelled over \$100 million of mainly U.S. arms to the Phalangist forces in 1980 alone. With Israeli military assistance and with the help of repeated Israeli raids into Lebanon, the Phalange again started grabbing up territory. Through bribery and promises, the leaders of the Phalange came to accept more and more the zionists' plan for a "Christian state" to be dubbed "Free Lebanon." And to make the Phalangist gangs of torturers and cutthroats more legitimate in the eyes of world opinion, they decided to call themselves the "Lebanese Forces.'

The plans for a Phalangist dictatorship also got the okay from the chieftains of U.S. imperialism. Last fall, Bachir Gemayel, the son of Pierre and the chief of the Lebanese Forces, came to Washington for personal talks with Secretary of State Haig. Then in early April, none other than the prince of the liberal Democrats, Ted Kennedy, sent a Phalangist conference a personal message of support.

to the plan, the only thing that was ed territory. lacking was the Israeli blitzkrieg into Lebanon to put the Phalange into power. But whether or not those Hitlerworshipping scum can hold power is



Atop a captured zionist tank, Palestinian liberation fighters remain defiant.

another matter.

Presently, the Israeli troops have 'et the rabid dogs of the Phalange loose to assist in the butchery of the Palestinian and Lebanese people. But if and when the Israeli tanks are pulled out, the zionists' scheme to "create a Christian (Phalangist) regime that will ally itself with Israel" is simply a delusion. A section of the rich Christian Maronites are undoubtedly eager for such a thing. But two-thirds of the Lebanese population isn't Christian, and the vast majority of the poor and downtrodden Lebanese, Muslim, Maronite Christian, or other, will never accept this bastard offspring of zionist aggression. The Lebanese people have fought for decades against being subjugated by the Phalangist and right-wing gangs. And it is certain that the Lebanese people will never reconcile to a Phalangist "Christian state" allied to zionism, whether it Everything was in place. According, rules all of Lebanon or over a partition-

Annexation of Southern Lebanon

Finally, the Israeli chieftains hope

to realize out of the bloodbath which they have unleashed, the eventual annexation of southern Lebanon. Begin's recent denials to the contrary, the Israeli expansionists have had their eyes on the Litani River and the south of Lebanon for some time. Through repeated incursions into southern Lebanon over the last dozen years, the zionists have been working to drive out the local population, and to bring in Phalangist elements to help pave the way for future Israeli annexation. Now, after reducing the south of Lebanon to rubble, thousands of Israeli officials, technicians, engineers, construction workers, etc., are arriving to "rebuild" the area. And Begin is demanding that U.S. troops be brought in to secure a "buffer zone" 25 miles north of the Israeli border behind which the zionists hope to go about the business of colonizing southern Lebanon.

This is how Begin and Sharon want to realize the plans to subjugate Lebanon and annex its southern part that were spelled out by Ben-Gurion and Moshe Dayan nearly three decades ago.

Arab reaction stabs the Palestinians in the back

ing that "We have thus far not heard las.

where in the Arab world, from the Syrians have played a dirty role in against zionist aggression. No, these Atlantic to the Gulf, except those dem- Lebanon for a long time. During the weapons are not to be raised against oustrations taking place in our occupied homeland.' This silence is particularly deafen-

been met with little or no response question of how many hillions of U.S. from the Arab governments. As PLO and Saudi dollars it would take to conone has responded or reacted," add- accept the evicted Palestinian gueril-

It is a striking fact that the U.S.- edly what Prince Saud, Mr. Khadam storm troopers, horrors of horrors, backed zionist invasion in Lebanon has and Mr. Reagan discussed was the that's not maintaining peace - it's waging war!

Indeed, the Soviet arms merchants Chairman Yasir Arafat has put it, "No vince one of the Arab governments to do not supply such reactionary governments as those of Syria, Jordan, or Iran with billions of rubles of weapons. of one demonstration taking place any- It should be remembered that the in order to assist the Arab resistance the oppressors of the Arab people. On patched tens of thousands of Syrian the contrary. Moscow supplies these troops to Lebanon who fought on the weapons for use against the progressive Arab masses in their struggle against these reactionary regimes and for use to check the Palestinian resistance movement. It supplies these weapons in order to sink the claws of Soviet social-imperialism deeper into the flesh of the Arab people. This is part of its strategy to turn the Palestinian and Arab peoples into bargaining chips at the negotiating table with U.S. imperialism where these two superpowers can carve up the oil-rich Middle East between themselves. The Israeli invasion of Lebanon is again exposing the treachery of Arab reaction. It is again underscoring the truth that the reactionary Arab governments are motivated by the selfish interests of the rich exploiting classes and that they are linked in a thousand ways with imperialism and socialimperialism. It is for this reason that, while a number of these governments have strong contraditions with zionist. Israel, these contradictions are often not so powerful as their deep tear of the progressive force of the Palestinian liberation movement. Arafat did not mention it, but there have been reports of a number of attempts on the part of the Arab pecple to demonstrate against the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. At the same time these attempts have been brutally suppressed by the reactionary regimes. It is no wonder that the Arab governments are refusing to grant asylam for the Palestinian revolutionaries: the Palestinians carry with them a great estinian revolution, stabbed the Pales- danger to these governments, the danger of fanning the flames of the anti-zionist, anti-imperialist and progressive movement of the Arab peoples. According to reports, Palesinan refugees in Jordan also attempted to hold protests against the zionist aggression. The troops of Jordan's King Hussein are reported to have opened! fire on the demonstrators, killing a number. It was these same troops that perpetrated the September, 1970 massacre of thousands of Palestirians and PLO guerillas. King Hussein and the entire Arab reaction haven't changed their nature one bit since that notorious "Black September."

crashed into Lebanon. Over 10,000 civilians have already been murdered. by Israeli bombs and shells. Southern Lebanon has been pounded into rubble. And now the Israeli forces have clamped a brutal siege on the half million in habitants of west Beinut.

"Self-defense" was simply Begin's big lie. It was simply a boar to justify the nazi-style massacres and destruction which Begin has unleashed against the Palestinian and Lebanese people.

univoluted aggression. The zionist chieftains, together with their masters in Washington, had set in motion the forehand.

Genocide Against the Palestinians.

The primary abjective of the U.S.backed Isneeli invasion is tis crush with violence and servor the Palestinian vesistance movement. Hegin, as well as the architect of the kraeli blitakrieg "Defense" Minister Ariel the Israeli invasion. Shacon, declared their aim of "annihilating" to a nura the PLO freedom fighers in Leitanon. And the world has seen the rutiliess methods that the zierist sterm troopers are using towirds this ann. However, the target of but the entire Palestinian population up a fascist puppet government and to in Lebaror.

Mare than haif a million Palestinian south of Lebanoa. refugees live in Lebanov, driven there from their homeland by zionist terror. Every one of these refugees has a their armoned divisions pouned into

Lebanon has indeed reached the West youngsters." (The Nation, June 5, Bank and Gaza, where the Palestinian 1982) Indeed the ideals of Nazi fascism. youth are again clashing with the is - are most suitable to this garg of warmeditmouts in powerful process ugainst lords, leudal chiefs and weathy speca-

The Subjugation of Lebanon

While the spear head of the Isneli invasion is directed at the Valestinians, the zionist chiefta ins aim to subjuthis terror is not just the PLO greatilise, gate all of Lebanon. Their plan is to rig admize and eventually annex the

> This plan is not something that Begin and Sharon dreant up after

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greasive course of U.S. imperial ism . It backing of the British imperial is in don't the U.S. Israelli agg reacons. the sensedess slaughter in the South Adantic. And it comes: at a time where invasion of Lebanon! the Reagan administration, is getting, tissper and deeper into its own Viet Nam style war of aggression in 13 Sel-Variat.

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perialist aggression and war: Tockry, when the brave Phles thin and Lebenexe people are in their hour of need. let all working and progres ove people comes firsh on the breis of the U.S. raly to their support and hadly roa-Town with the U.S. busked loraeli No 11. 5. marine via Lebanon! Down with Cl.S. imperiation and is zionist lienalmen! Wittory to the Pidestinian and Lebanesse proprie!

tains never abandoned their expanthe 1975-76 Lebanese civil war the iminvasion got under way.

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Sharett's diary records that Dayan told

him, "The only thing that's necessary

is to find a Lebamese officer, even a

agree to declare himself the savior of

Israeli army will enter Lebanon, oc-

cupy the necessary territory and create

with Israel. The territory of the Litani

southward will be totally annexed to

As it turned out, Dayan's plans for

During the civil war between the Lebanese left and the Palestinians on the one side, and the right-wing Christian forces on the other, the Israelis bought thentselves the property they had been looking for - the fascist Phalange.

The paramilitary Phalange was created in 1936, inspired by the ideals of cisti. Its founder, Pierre Gemayel, orgamined it after his return from a 1936 visit to Italy and Germany. In an interview given last November, Pierre Gemagel explained that "I wanted to tion and moral courage I saw the Ital-The exho of Sharon's campaign in ians and Germans developing in their latons in the pay of foreign imperialism.

> That the Phalangist leaders are selfproclaimed admirers of Adolph Hitler, rabicita seists and anti-Services, proved to be little obstacle to the sordid zionist Phalangist alliance. On the contrany. The Isnaeli chieftairs had found just the right pappets who they could prop up as the "samors of the Maronite population" under the hoar of "Therating" the Christian minority from the alleged oppression of the Moslem majority. Of course, this was

ing after all the rhetoric emanating side of the right-wing Phalangist from the Arab capitals in recent years about the possible use of "the cil weapon" and similar "stern warnings" against zionist aggression. This silence also comes after repeated con- by the Syrian presence, and it has demunations by these same govern- been bankrolled in part by Saudi ments of the Israeli-Egyptian Camp Arabia. The Syrian rescue mission for David accords. But now that the impe- this fifth column of zionist aggression rialist-zionist aggression is at hand, it was a key link in the chain of events is being clearly demonstrated that leading up to the Israeli invasion. among the other reactionary Arab alsotaken its wil.

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ruls. Cr. the diploratic level the two tinians in the back. mast active Arab governments have be on the pro-U.S. and altra-right-wing also cast light on the dirty role played Saud inconarchy, and the allegedly rad- by another self-styledially of the Palesual Syrian regime of Hafez Assad tinian people, the Soviet social-imperiwhich has a treaty of friendship and alists. Defending the actions of the cooperation" with Soviet social- Assachragime, Moscow's close client, inperialism. On July 20, Syrian For- the Soviet revisionist mouthpiece New eigr. Minister Abdel Balim Khadam Times wrote that "It should be borne and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince in mind that the Systan forces in Leba-Sand al-Faisal helditallys with Reagan non were placed there with the aim, at the White House on a joint Saudi- which still remains, of maintaining Syrin proposal on the conflict in Leb- peace within Lebanon, and not of waganon. The starting point of this pro- ing full-scale war." (New Times #25, posal was in full accord with Reagan's June 1982). In other words, maintainposition that the most essential and ur- ing the peare means suppressing the gent matter is to evict the Palestinian Palestinians and trampling on the peo-Benation from Beinu't. Report- ple of leba rom. But to assist the ziorist

1975-76 Lebanese civil war, Assad disforces against the Palestinians and the Lebanese left. In recent years the Lebanese fascist Phalange, zionist Israel's close ally, has been bolstered

The Syrian forces that had been governments the Camp David spirit of brought in at the time of the civil war collaboration with the aggressor has were still in place at the time of the Israeli invasion. But despite having The Carter-Sadat-Begin Camp forces in position to confront the David accords, were supposed to se- zionist invaders, Assad came to an uncute peace. But they have only fueled declared agreement, accepting the fire of zionist aggression. They Begin's offer that the Israeli forces have only secured more billions of would not strike at the Syrian positions dollars of U.S. weapons for the Israeli in the Bekaa Valley and elsewhere in war machine; they have only secured Lebanon, if the Syrian troops did not lengel's southern flank so that it can attempt to challenge the zionist invasion. Assad went out of his way to Today, we find Egyptian President oblige, ordering his 60,000 troops to Mubarak shedding encodule teans over dean out of the path of the Israeli colthefate of his. "dear Palestinian broth- amos. Not surprisingly, despite all of rcs." Meanwhile, a week after the Begin's public promises, the Ismelis Israeli blitzkrieg, Mubarak sent his struck heavily against the Syrian arforegn minister to Washington in or mor and anti-aircraft batteries in the there to assure Al Haig that the Egyp- Bekaa Vulley and the Syrian positions tian government's views on the crisis on the Beinut-Damascus Highway. The in Lebanon "are nearly identical" to Syrians fought back only enough to those of the U.S. State Department cover their retreat, to come to new and to again swear allegiance to the truce terms, and to finally disengage Camp David process of collaboration from the battle against the invaders. altogether. In a word, the Syrian re-Other reactionary Arab govern- gime, the regime which boasts most ments are also engaged in treachery loudly of being the guardian of the Pal-

Incidentally, this Syrian treachery,



A new wave of struggle against apartheid racism

The last few weeks have seen a big upsurge in the mass struggle in South Africa. Once again the myth of the stability of this racist paradise is being shaken to its core. In the last week of June, thousands of people turned out to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the Soweto Rebellion of 1976 and fought against the frenzied attempts of the regime to disperse their mass meeting. Then in July mass strikes broke out among the African miners and auto workers.

The determination of the masses to commemorate the Soweto uprising shows the rising spirit of revolt among the masses. Six years ago, on June 16, 1976, a major rebellion had broken out in Soweto, a black working class suburb of Johannesburg. This rebellion began as a protest against the government's attempt to make Afrikaans, the language of the white minority, the sole language taught in the schools of South Africa. This forced use of Afrikaans was another humiliation and oppression of the black majority. As the movement developed, the black African people brought forward many other grievances against the apartheid regime. The protest movement developed into a rebellion in which the South African police and army murdered 600 people. Since then, Soweto has become a rallying cry for the struggle against the racist and fascist oppression in South Africa. For the racist minority regime, on the other hand, Soweto has become a fearsome symbol of what is in store for them.

This is why the black working masses in South Africa were determined to commemorate the Soweto Rebellion of 1976 and the 600 martyrs who gave their lives for the cause of freedom. Despite the fact that mass meetings have been banned in Soweto since 1976, the people there were determined to honor the memory of the martyrs by holding a memorial service. Ten thousand people attended this mass the fascist police attacked the memorial service with tear gas, the youth revived the "spirit of Soweto" by attacking the police, taking the mass struggle to the streets of Soweto.

This mass struggle was followed soon after by the strike of the black African mine workers in the first week of July. The 400,000 black workers in the gold, platinum and coal mines of South Africa are among the most sav-



June 1980: The Azanian people rose up on the fourth anniversary of the Soweto uprising of June 1976.

the South African plants of GM, Ford, a stronghold of world reaction. and VW - walked out of the auto plants in a similar struggle for higher South Africa, it also functions internawages. At last report, the auto workers' struggle is still continuing.

bidden all rights by the racist regime, has organized in illegal unions and a development of first-class significance for the black people's struggle.

South African regime felt something and disruption. In recent messages to had to be done. They were afraid of the the South African Parliament, the deunions of black workers that sprung up despite their prohibition and outside the official labor code and its system of registration. Combining repression gola, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and with a feeble mask of "liberalization," in 1979, for the first time, the regime its control and racist regulations.

registered. As well, it said that there ment's aim is to stop the solidarity were unregistered unions with an es- demonstrations for defendants. A new timated membership of 100,000. But "Protection of Information Bill" proagely oppressed and exploited workers the leaders of the unregistered unions vides ten years imprisonment for disin the world. African mine workers are say that their membership is far larger closing any information relating to the denied by law any trade union rights than the 100,000 admitted by the gov- "combating of terrorism." ernment. Adding together the registered and unregistered unions, it can South African government is in no way be seen that the black proletariat has being "liberalized," but in fact is preadded a powerful new weapon to the paring even greater outrages against struggle of the black people. the regime has responded to the grow- the neighboring countries. The South ing struggle of the black African peo- African police are not even waiting ple with two methods. On one hand, it for the new legislation, but are going has stepped up its suppression of the right ahead with the bratal bloodlet est and most dangerous jobs, the black masses in South Africa and hastened ting and repression for which it is its armed forces to suppress the black Or. Neil Aggett, a white who was a boring African nations. can racist regime and its raling Nation- of another trade union leader. Meanal Party have made some feeble at- while the racist regime is also going tempts to present themselves as "lib- ahead with its policy of denationalizing eralizing" the system in order to dis- the black Africans, deckaring that they arm the masses and buy some time. In are citizens of their "homelands" some black workers to establish regis- nonentities in South Africa as a tened trade unions, as we have men- whole. tioned above. Of course, this law was ers only what they had already obtain- famous savagery and brotality, and ed and to lorge yet more tools to sabo- despite all its backing from Reagan strike at various mines in the area tage the new unions by bringing them and the nest of international reaction, to vote for "Asians" and "coloreds" the black Africans are persisting in about three-quarters of the population. the system and showing that this giant The "Asians" and "coloreds" will get some type of note - but not for the cist laws and the uneasy playing at the ings and equipment of the mining cap- real Parliament, but for separate ricaded themselves one mile below the This is to say nothing of the fact that any delegate to these bodies who says The South African regime struck out anything regarded as dangerous by the regime can be thrown into jan. Nevertheless, these "liberalizations" have led to the Indienous charade of a bits. conservative "spin" from the National Party, with the leaders of the new Con-Hundreds of workers were fired from servative Party Joanning at the mouth their jobs and then arrested. As well, about Prime Minister Botha having be As the masses in South Africa know But no sooner was this strike sup- from bitter experience, however, massive strike of thermine workers was ened racists and fasoists. The National nated strike of the auto workers in ades and implemented one measure of South Africa. Fifteen throasand work- racint apartneid after another. The rac-

ers - the entire black work force at ist South African government has been

Besides suppressing the masses in tionally as a fascist gendarme. Within the past year South Africa has invaded These strikes show the stubborn Angola once again and attempted a struggle that the black proletariat is coup d'etat in the Seychelle Islands. waging. Despite the worst conditions The South African government has of fascist repression, they are uniting close ties to the racist and expansionin struggle against their oppressors. In ist state of Israel and is cooperating recent years, the black proletariat, with the zionists in developing nuclear kept out of the white unions and for- weapons. South Africa is continuing its illegal occupation of Namibia (Southwest Africa), and presently it has forced agreements upon the employ- 80,000 troops there to suppress the ers. This shows the tremendous Namibian liberation struggle. As strength latent in their struggle and is well, South Africa is organizing reactionary armed bands inside Mozambique that aim to overthrow the Frightened by this development, the FRELIMO government through terror fense minister has called for long-term occupation of Namibia and all-out war against the neighboring states of An-Zambia.

Meanwhile, to deal with the rising passed a law allowing black workers to struggle of the people inside South organize registered trade unions in Africa, the South African Parliament is certain industries (but not in the cru- presently preparing to pass a series of cial mining industry). Yet many black measures to further suppress the memorial meeting on June 26. When unions refused to register with the working masses. One of these, the government for fear of coming under "Intimidation Bill," provides a penalty of ten years imprisonment for the A fierce struggle is developing verbal threat of assault used in order among the black workers. According to to influence a person's opinion; this the official National Manpower Com- bill is aimed in particular against mission of the racist regime, at the end strikes and boycotts. Another new bill of 1981 twenty-three black unions rep- prohibits demonstrations anywhere resenting some 162,000 workers had near court buildings; the govern-Thus it can be seen that the racist the black Africans and progressive Since the Soweto Rebellion of 1976, people of all races as well as against its preparations for all-out war on the notorious around the world. Recently it masses. In particular, the South Afri- became known that last February the can regime always shows special con- South African police had tortured to cem for the constant strengthening of death a well-known trade union leader. people at home and invade the neigh- leader of a black trade union, while in June the police arrested 250 people for On the other hand, the South Afri- the "crime" of attending the funeral 1979 they passed the law allowing (bantustans) and therefore complete Yet despite all of its laws, armed designed to concede to the black work- forces and police, despite all its inunder the racist labor code. Also, this the racist South African regime is year Prime Minister Botha presented a headed for disaster. The recent upbill to Parkament calling for the right sunge in the mass struggle shows that (people of mixed race or mulatioes), their courageous struggle. The ferbut not few the blacks, who constitute ment is eating away at the stability of has feet of day. The frenzied new fas-"liberalization" fraud show that the italists. At one mine, 100 workers bar- "Asian" and "colored" parliaments. regime itself is uneasy and weighed down by the problems confronting it. The day is coming when the black Africans and all other oppressed and progressive people in South Africa will rise up and smash the rarist regime to taxes. Indeed, discussion has even

1,300 arrested at Livermore Labs **No to Nuclear Weapons Research!**

The Struggle of June 21

The blockade of the Livermore Labs

began very early in the morning of

June 21. Hundreds gathered at each

the aim of shutting down the facility

assembly site. Slogans were shouted

against the nuclear program, against

the draft, calling for the U.S. to get out

of El Salvador, etc. Coming at a time

when the U.S. imperialists are backing

the Israeli zionists in a genocidal war

against the Palestinian people, the

protest also heard voices raised a-

gainst this aggression and expressions

ple. These stands of the protesters

made clear their desire to fight against

the entire scope of U.S. imperialism's

During the blockade itself the dem-

onstrators showed a great deal of ini-

the gates with the heaviest traffic and

provided reinforcements whenever a

gate was open. Efforts were also made

to avoid arrest and stay effective as

war preparations and aggression.

the June 21 blockade.

Area Branch of the MLP, USA in late June and July, 1982.)

On June 21, over 4,000 people organized a demonstration and blockade against the Lawrence Livermore Laboratories at the University of California at Berkeley. This action came in the wake of the June 12 demonstrations of the four gates and access roads with around the country and was an expression of the sentiment of thousands of for that day. The protesters arrived at activists to seek ways to step up the the labs after a mass march from the fight against the Pentagon's war preparations.

The U.S. government recognizes the developing movement against imperialist war preparations as a sharp thorn in its side; thus the authorities broke up the mass action at Livermore Labs with over 1,300 arrests and jailings of up to three days. Many demonstrators were brutally attacked by the police. of solidarity with the Palestinian peo-But as life itself has taught many times over, the sentiment of the working people and youth to fight militarism and war cannot be wiped out with police repression. The fight against the Livermore Labs and all of U.S. imperialism's war preparations will go for- tiative. They concentrated forces at ward!

The Livermore Labs — A Vital Part of the Pentagon's War Machine

long as possible using flexible block-The June 21 action is the latest ades. The protest stalled traffic in and event in a continuing struggle against out of the lab until noon.



Demonstrators marching on the Lawrence Livermore Labs as part of the June 21 blockade organized against this Pentagon nuclear research facility.

this facility. It has been the site of Only a short while after the blockade many demonstrations and pickets, and began, the police moved in to break it the demand has been raised over and up. The authorities had brought out wer again to shut this fiendish institu- about 1,000 police from eight San

the demonstration. Even inside the jails, the government used the prison guards to initiate disruptive provocations to break up a meeting planning court tactics.

The police attack on the demonstration shows that the U.S. militarists will use whatever means are at their disposal to protect the hated Livermore Labs. The U.S. government wants nothing to interfere with its plans for world domination. This ruthless determination is daily seen in the unfolding of such events as the invasion of Lebanon, the intervention in El Salvador, and so forth. The U.S. government is not a democratic government as it pretends to be, but is synonymous with reaction all down the line. It is a government of the big monopolies and the banks. It is preparing for war to defend its spheres of influence against the revolutionary struggles of the world's peoples as well as to fight with Soviet social-imperialism to see which robber will get the lion's share of the loot plundered from the people of the world.

Flunkeys of the Democratic Party Whitewash the Police Repression

The confrontation between the people and the government was plain for everyone to see at the Livermore Labs action: the activists went there to fight war preparations and the police arrested them. But the capitalist media as well as political apologists for imperialism inside the movement have been working overtime to cover this up. Various unofficial flunkeys of the Democratic Party inside the movement have joined with the press to deny that the state attacked the demonstration. They promote the absurd hoax that the protesters went there to get arrested rather than to fight war preparations. While this may be a revealing admission of the intentions of some of the pacifist organizers of the blockade, this cannot be said to express the sentiment of the hundreds of activists who came with the aim of stopping business as usual at the lab in order to fight militarism.

"We are not against the police," the flunkeys of the Democrats say. They claim that in fact the police oppose war preparations too and are "only doing their job" when they suppress the demonstration! These apologists for the police even go so far as to say that if the police wield their clubs it must be because they were "provoked" by the demonstrators!

These stands are aimed at justifying the fascist role of the police and ing over the fact that the "job" of the police is to repress the people by force and protect the capitalists' interests at all costs. The police, jails and courts in fact exist to stop the struggle of the people against hunger, war and growing fascism. To hide the role of the police is to disarm the masses in the face of increasing use of force by the government. The apologists of the police don't want the anti-militarist activists to draw these objective conclusions from their own experience in the mass actions.

(The following article is based on leaf- Pentagon's war preparations, it is also lets issued by the San Francisco Bay quite easy to see why the authorities came down with massive force against

whatsoever and from getting skilled jobs in the mines. They have no political rights at all, as they are regarded as "temporary immigrants" from the bantustans - in fact, workers are not allowed to live with their families, who must remain in the "homelands." Workers are bused to the mines, where they live in barracks while working there. While forced into the dirtiworkers are paid only one-sixth of the average white workers' pay.

in recent years a movement for higher wages and against the wage differential has arisen among the black workers. Yet at the beginning of July, when the white mine workers negotiated a new labor contract which awarded them a 12% wage increase, the mining companies only offered approximately the same percentage raise to the black workers. This meant offering a far smaller increase and increasing the gap. The black workers rebelled. They insisted on getting a higher percentage raise, so that they can begin to close the outrageous gap between the white and black wage scales.

Hence in the first week of July, at least 10,000 black miners went out on around Johannesburg. Time to its fascist nature, the South African government responded to the strikes with tear gas and ibuliets. The striking workers defended themselves vigorously. In the next week thousands of mine workers noted, look over mines, etc. In many cases the workers used their mining tools to attack the buildsurface inside the rune.

right and left to suppress the strike. Besides shooting down the strikers and killing at least eight of them, the government launiedly bused 1,300 af the workers back to their "horneland." thousands were detained in hastily as- come "soh" and "liberal." sembled concentration camps.

pressed, than another broke out. The Botha and his National Party are hardfollowed on July 15 by a mell-coordi- Party has ruled South Africa for dec-

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for the value of employer paid medical and dental plans and so fouth. This could amount to taxing the worker, not on his take-home pay, but on an alleg- as fast as possible. ed "income" that might be as much as doablefistake-homepay.

against the facility.

target of the masses? Because it plays ing up their protest. a vital role in the research and develsophisticated weapons of mass de- two supporters of the MLP, USA. struction and nuclear blackmail. It has contributed to the development of the warheads for the MII system, the cruise and Pershing missiles, and it has given birth to such deadly breakhead) missile and the newtron bomb.

onto the workers. The proportion of fedieral revenue that comes from corponate taxes has declined year after year, while the percentage from the income tax has increased. The social security tax, which has grown heavier and heavier is a notoriously regressive tan in which the weakhy pay no more in dollars the say nothing of percentage) than a shilled worker. Taking all the levels of government together, more and more weight is being put on the nales tax and on lat-tate income began on instituting a fecteral valueadded tax, which is essentially a sales tai. The Democrats, at their indicim soumention, demounced the progressize in come tar in order to remind the sapitalists that the Democrats are in

part of the general trend over the bist the carter of Armerican thought." tion of a vast global engine. Rezgan

tion down. During the upsurge of the Francisco Bay Area forces, the Califor-60's it was a focus of struggle. On Feb- nia Highway Patrol and several hunruary 10, 1971, thousands of Berkeley dred National Guardsmen. They were students marched against the Liver- armed to the teeth with long batons, more Labs, an action which drew the nightsticks, pistols, helments, boots connection between the Pentagon's and face shields. And for what? A conmilitary research at home and the U.S. frontation with activists who were aggression in Indochina. On May 5, wearing T-shirts and the like. Clearly, 1979, a thousand people processed such a massive and armed force had been assembled only for the purpose Why is the Livermore Labs such a of intimidating the masses and smash-

And indeed, the police were not opment of nuclear and conventional there just to show off their gear. In weapons by the Pentagon. Established their eagerness to disperse the demonin 1952, the facility is nurtured by the stration, the police engaged in knockhighest organs of the U.S. govern- ing down protesters, beating some ment, such as the Departments of De- with night sticks, dragging a few by fense and Energy and the Atomic En- their ears and wantonly running down ergy Commission. It has met every one with a motorcycle. Altogether, whim of the warmongers for ever more over 1,300 were arrested, including

After their initial sweep, the police remained on the offensive in an attempt to thwart discussion and summation by the activists and prevent them from planning their tactics forthroughs as the MIRV (multiple war- ther. Thus, at the end of the action, the police launched a special sweep to Considering that this is the sort of dear the nearby park which was being role the Livermore Labs plays in the used as a staging/recovery area for

Smuggling Pro-Militarist Politcs Into the Anti-War Struggle

Hiding the role of the police is only one thrust of the attempts to keep the anti-militarist movement in bounds acceptable to the warmangers. Efforts are also being made to justify the war preparations themselves.

The official spokesmen of the monepoly capitalists, such as Reagan and Kennedy, are working to line up the masses behind U.S. aggression and militarism with talk of "peace through Continued on page 11 See LIVERMORE

is working to crush in blood the libera-

few decades of shifting all taration. To be precise, they want to capture the "center" of the thought of the capitalist exploiters. This is only the Bemocrats are just as Reaganomic as the Republicans. This is why they promise to out the taxes for the rich and to chop the social programs. They are reassuring the class they mepresent, the monopoly capitalists, of their cortinued loyalty and usefulness. The Demograts - for Imperialism

and War But economics was only one of the

issues dealt with in the Democratic Party conference. There is also the question of war and peace. The workers and all progressive people are denouncing the unrestrained militarism of the Reagan administration. Reagan the forefront of this process of re- is arring to the teeth. Why? For could administer at arms buildup moving all taxation from the exploiters peace? Obviously not. He is arming to better than the Bezganites. They con-On this and other economic instes, twoors policy of U.S. imperialism, to convertional armed forces as an abthe plan of the Democrats, as enpres- secure zones of influence for exploita- solute "imperative," is use their The plan of the Democrats to elimi- sed at the conference by Rep. Albert from by the U.S. multi-mational cor- word. They stressed the need to mainnate the progressive house tax is Gare, Jr. of Tennessee, is to "capture porations, and to ensure U.S. domina- tain and strengthen the huge nuclear

tion movements of the people in El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, the Middle East and so forth. At the same time, he is preparing for a "winnable nuclear war" with his imperialist rivals, the Soviet social imperialists. What do the Democrats counterpose to this? Do they denounce U.S. imperialism? Not in the slightest! Do they support any of the liberation movements and pledge their backing? Of course not! Do they pledge opposition to the chaft? Just the opposite remember that it was Carter who reintroduced registration for the draft and painted the Arry life as women's Iberation. We'l, do they even oppose the unrestrained arms buildup? On the contrary, their niditerm conference stressed that the Democratic Party back up the warmongening and adven- mitted themselves to a buildup of the Continued an next raise

Condemn the Racist Murder of Willie Turks!

In the early morning hours of June 22, in the Sheepshead Bay-Gravesend section of Brooklyn, New York, a racist gang of some 15 to 20 young people brutally attacked three black transit workers who were on their way home from work. Two of the workers escaped, Dennis Dixon with a deep cut in his head which required 25 stitches. But the third transit worker, Willie Turks, was beaten to death.

This savage murder has aroused anger of the working and oppressed people throughout New York City. The NYC transit workers were particularly outraged. Likewise, the residents of Gravesend condemned the murder and led the police to arrest some of the racist thugs responsible. On June 27th, 200 people marched down Avenue X, where the murder took place, protesting against the racist attack. Again on June 29, a rally of 350 people protested the murder.

With the workers of NYC, the NY Metro Branch of the MLP condemned this racist murder. It issued a statement on June 28 which pointed out that the blame for this atrocity must be laid at the doorstep of Ronald Reagan who is heading up a racist offensive for the monopoly capitalist class. And it emphasized that working and oppressed people can only rely on themselves and organize mass struggle to fight the racist gangs and the monopoly capitalist government which stands behind them. Below we reprint excerpts taken from the statements of the NY Metro Branch and the Caribbean Progressive Study Group.

No Isolated Incident

The capitalist news media, the police and numerous politicians, from New York Mayor Koch on down, are. trying to paint this racist murder as just some "isolated incident." But a brief look at the facts shows that this racist attack is far from a one shot affair. Sheepshead Bay residents have pointed out that racist attacks are commonplace and that they had complained for months about the racist thugs on Avenue X, but the police refused to lift a finger.

As long ago as May 3, 1981 a black Already the police are softening the off-duty housing cop was attacked by a racist gang on the same block where Turks was killed. In the same month a gang of racists attacked black students at nearby James Madison high school. On April 17 of this year, Frank Tyrrel was beaten into a coma and partially paralyzed at the same location where Turks was attacked. And just five days before the killing of Turks a white person, mistaken for a Puerto Rican, was beaten with bats by a racist gang just half a mile away in Coney Island. Clearly these racists are becoming in-

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creasingly emboldened and are acting

with brazenness.

Adding insult to injury, the wellknown racist, Mayor Koch and the racist NYC Police Department are putting on a hypocritical display of concern and remorse. Koch visited Dixon in his hospital bed and vowed to "punish the perpetrators." The Police Dept. set up a special ten-man task force to investigate the crime. This is stange concern coming from these well-known racists. The fact is that the escalating racist attacks in Gravesend take place in the wake of a wave of notorious racist murders committed by the police themselves! And far from "punishing the perpetrators," in every case the racist police-murderers went free and their actions were declared "legal procedures." It is these actions of the police, backed up by the courts and by Mayor Koch's racist and bigoted pronouncements which have encouraged the racist gangs to action.

The hypocritical concern of these dyed-in-the-wool racists is designed to stave off any rebellions and mass struggle by the black people against racist attacks. Deputy Police Chief Colangela admitted as much by saying he hoped for a "quick solution" because "we don't want any hostilities lingering in the area." The police and Koch want the masses to rely on them for justice and not to take matters into their own hands. But racist murders are standard procedure for the police.

charges against this racist gang. Out of 20 racists involved in this brutal murder only five have been charged or even sought. And out of five charged only two have been charged with murder, the rest being charged only with assault! This is a complete reversal from the usual police practice of charging everyone involved in a crime with murder if someone is killed.

Who Is to Blame for the Racist Attacks

The police, the politicians and the news media are also causing confusion over who is to blame for these racist attacks. Everything from "drugs and beer," "wild youth," and "inborn racial hatred" are being blamed. These theories are put forward to cover up the role of the capitalist class and their government and to blame instead the "ordinary white working class." But the racist thugs were widely hated in the community and at least one of them was far from an "ordinary worker"; he was a known criminal arrested twice in the last year.

These theories can't hide that this attack is part and parcel of the brutal racist offensive being waged by the monopoly capitalist class across the U.S. This offensive has included racist police murders from Miami to Denver to New York. And every time the police are either acquitted or slapped on the wrist. It has included the activation of the Ku Klux Klan and nazi gangs who have carried out murders and terroristic attacks in Greensboro, Chatta nooga, New York and elsewhere. In Greensboro it was shown that police and FBI agents worked closely with the KKK and nazis in carrying out the brutal murders of anti-Klan demonstrators. And in Greensboro, as elsewhere, the racist scum have been let free by the government courts. In effect the government has declared racist atrocitites to be "legal procedure." Heading up the entire racist offensive is the White House itself, led by the chief racist Ronald Reagan. The White House has become a center for open racist and fascist propaganda. And Reagan is leading a legislative have emboldened the racist elements masses' struggle. At no time can the

Provisions of the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill

Down with the attacks on the immigrants!

The Simpson-Mazzoli Bill, also split up.

called the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1982, is presently be- ugees seeking asylum. Asylum appliing debated in Congress. This piece of cations which have been denied will no ultra-Reaganite legislation is spon- longer be subject to review by the sored by congressmen from both big courts, but only to "administrative reparties of the rich, the Democrats and view," conducted under conditions of the Republicans. It has received back- "no delay or expense to government." ing from such flunkeys of the liberal Moreover, the bill repeals a provision politicians as the NAACP.

anti-immigrant program of slave labor to a country where his life may be in and mass deportations. It severely re- danger. Thus, it will become more difstricts legal immigration, while, under ficult for refugees to obtain asylum. the guise of "amnesty," creating a The few flimsy legal obstacles which special category for slave labor for a somewhat hinder the way, for exsection of the undocumented workers. ample, to a mass deportaion of Haitian This bill contains measures for repres- refugees to torture and death at the sion against all workers and shows that hands of the Duvalier regime would be slavery for the immigrants sooner or lifted. later means slavery for the whole so-

ciety. Following are the major provisions of the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill.

Severe Restrictions on Legal Immigration

• The Simpson-Mazzoli Bill establishes an annual limit of 425,000 on imthan the actual level of immigration. and who can prove continuous resi-This bill condemns large numbers of dence prior to January 1, 1978 can apimmigrants to illegality, to marginal existance under conditions of extreme exploitation, under constant threat of impossible for an undocumented workdeportation, etc.

• It further narrows the qualifica- ceive permanent residency only after tions for immigration. While plenty of a two year period of temporary status, room is left for the rich who are bring- with a four year period required for the ing money, and for the likes of the Haitian and Cuban refugees. Under Shah of Iran, Eric Gairy of Grenada, this status, immigrants cannot travel etc., the present fifth preference cate- abroad and cannot bring their families gory is to be abolished. This is the cat- to join them. They will be prohibited egory under which the adult sons and from receiving benefits from governdaughters of permanent residents, and ment programs, even from those to the brothers and sisters of U.S. citi- which they have contributed, such as zens are permitted to enter the coun- unemployment and social security. try. Thus, families will be permanently They will have no political rights. The

push to drive the black people back to everywhere. the worst Jim Crow segregation. It is It is the rich and their government no wonder that the barbaric practice of who are to blame for racist attacks. It lynching is making a comeback! Mean- is the rich, the government and all the while the courts' repeated declarations racist and fascist gangs activated by that such attacks will go unpunished them which must be the target of the

It changes the procedures for refof the current law which forbids the This bill embodies the Reaganite deportation of an applicant for asylum

Slave Labor in the Name of "Amnesty"

• The bill provides "amnesty" for immigrants who can prove that they have lived in the U.S. continuously since January 1, 1978, and for the wave of Haitian and Cuban refugees who came in 1980 before October 10. migration. This is substantially less However, only those with legal status ply for permanent residency. All others can - at best, since it is almost er to prove continuous residency - re-

"amnesty" program, in short, is a program establishing a status for slave labor for a section of the undocumented workers and refugees, and mass deportations for the rest.

• While legal immigration is being sharply curbed, the procedures for the existing H-2 Temporary Worker Program (the Bracero program for slave labor in agriculture) are being simplified. It will become easier for agribusiness and rich farmers to recruit immigrant workers to work under conditions of slavery as bad or worse than those outlined above, as is being done today with agricultural laborers from Mexico and Jamaica.

Repression Against All Workers

• The bill requires employers to keep records on the identity of workers, and imposes sanctions on employers for hiring undocumented workers. This means that employers will be spurred to further discriminate against job applicants who even "look like" immigrants. It means that immigrant workers, and workers of various oppressed nationalities will be even more severely segregated in the most marginal and backbreaking industries.

• It revives the plan for a national identification card program. The bill provides that the government has three years to develop a "universal worker's identification card" which all workers would have to show in order to be employed. Of course, once such a system is in place, it would establish the basis for a national tracking system to facilitate the repression of immigrants, militant workers, progressive and revolutionary activists, etc.

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masses rely on the rich or their police and courts for justice. No. It is only the vigorous mass struggle of the masses themselves which can fight the racist offensive of the monopoly capitalist class.

Caribbean Progressive Study Group Enters Its Fifth Year

June 3, 1982 marked the fourth anniversary of the founding of the Caribbean Progressive Study Group.

CPSG was founded by revolutionary activists who participated in mass West Indies. They had been influ-

path was the only way forward against imperialist domination of the countries of the West Indies and against the oppression faced by the West Indian ment of Trinidad and the other parties pouring billions of dollars into an un- The CPSG stands for active mass

the U.S., one of the two big parties of Jamaica, the People's National Move- At the same time the capitalists are community.

struggles in both the U.S. and the community in the U.S.; and that or- of neo-colonialism in the West Indies. precedented buildup for war. And they struggle against all attacks on the imganization was needed to go forward. The most important achievement of are pushing through piece after piece migrants and oppressed nationalities. CPSG has been the building of The of repressive legislation aimed against Actively resist racist attacks! No to the West Indies and right here in the the workers and against progressive Reagan's segregationist drive! No to people.

clusion that a consistent revolutionary rich, whether the Democratic Party in are being thrown out of work while un- against immigrants, and new antiemployment benefits, food stamps and immigrant legislation is pending. All imperialist exploiters, or the PNP of other social services are being slashed. these deeply affect the West Indian

linked to a fight against the local exploiters, who are the mainstay of imperialist domination of the West Indies. U.S. imperialism, get out of the Caribbean! Support the struggles for national liberation in the West Indies!

While opposing the imperialists

enced by diverse mass struggles: the mass movements against the Shearer regime in Jamaica, the mass struggles of the black people in the U.S., the 1970 rebellion in Trinidad and Tobago, etc. By the same token, they were witness to the bankruptcy and betrayal of opportunism: of the tailing after the People's National Party in Jamaica, of cultural nationalism in the U.S., of the "black power" slogan in Trinidad and Tobago. Finally, they were inspired by Marxism-Leninism, which had won growing prestige among activists in the West Indies and which was developing into a force in the U.S. with the building of the Marxist-Leninist Party.

Thus CPSG was founded in line with the best traditions of the West Indian community.

Since its birth, the CPSG has been an active participant in struggle on many fronts: in solidarity with the struggles in the West Indies, in the mass struggle against racial discrimination, in the fight against the persecution of immigrants, and on the most burning questions facing the working people in the U.S.

The CPSG has distinguished itself by its partisanship, aligning itself always with the revolutionary forces, taking its stand always with the working class. This partisanship has meant a rupture with the bankrupt politics of tailing the parties and politics of the

West Indian Voice as the revolutionary newspaper of the West Indian community. The West Indian Voice tells the truth about the situation in the West Indies and the U.S. It provides revolutionary analysis on the burning issues facing the community. The West Indian Voice is a powerful tool for organizing the West Indian com- fensive of hunger, fascism, and war! munity on a revolutionary basis.

Today, the working people in the U.S. and the West Indies are confronted with the growing reaction of the imperialist exploiters.

In the U.S. the rich exploiters have brought Reagan to office and have launched a devastating offensive against the working people. Millions

Working people in their millions are stirring against this offensive. The CPSG stands with the working class in the fight against Reaganite reaction. Down with Reagan, chieftain of capitalist reaction! No to the capitalist of-An integral part of Reaganite reac-

tion is its virulent racism. Reagan has come out foursquare for segregation in the schools and workplaces. Racist gangs, many of them spawned by the government apparatus, are being em- (the Soviet social-imperialists includboldened by the flow of racist propa- ed), and in the first place the U.S. CPSG! ganda from the White House. Sweeping campaigns have been launched

the persecution of immigrants!

In the West Indies the economic crisis is taking a heavy toll on the working masses. The Reaganite "Caribbean Basin Initiative" means pushing forward militarization and reaction in the region. It means more hunger and repression in the name of a "stable climate for investments."

For working people in the West Indies, the only way forward is struggle against imperialism. CPSG stands for opposition to all the imperialists imperialists, the dominant power in the West Indies. This struggle must be

U.S., the CPSG supports people throughout the world who are fighting for their liberation against imperialism. Today in El Salvador we see a striking example of the downtrodden workers and peasants rising up in courageous struggle against the brutal local oligarchy and against U.S. imperialism. U.S. imperialism, get out of El Salvador! Victory to the Salvadorian people!

The CPSG enters its fifth year filled with determination for the struggles ahead.

Hail the fourth anniversary of

Read The West Indian Voice!

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This experience gave rise to the con-

arsenal under the pretext of "the maintenance of overall parity" with the Soviet Union. They followed Reagan step by step in threatening the American people with "the Soviet buildup...continuing beyond any reasonable justification" and called for a "measured response," i.e., more weapons and yet more weapons.

In brief, the Democratic Party pledged its firm loyalty to U.S. impeextremes of Reaganite militarism, it only stressed that the Democrats could build up a yet more powerful military machine of mass slaughter than the Republicans. They demounced Reagan's policy only for being "spasms of spending without plan or purpose" that are impossible to sustain, that don't have enough bang for the buck, and that might discredit the idea of militarism in the eyes of the masses. Instead, the Democrats called for "a steady, sustainable modernization of our military forces." How is this different from Reagan? It is six of one and half-dozen of the other. It should be recalled that Reagan's recordbreaking military budgets are simply the continuation of Carter's record- express aim of raising the morale of breaking military budgets.

The Democrats — for Israeli **Aggression Against Lebanon**

opportunity to show if they disap-vative alike, spoke one after another in

grant warmongering. Simultaneously with the conference, the Israeli zionists were invading Lebanon, trampling Lebanese sovereignty, dropping cluster bombs intended to kill the maximum number of Lebanese and Palestinian civilians, propping up the Lebanese fascist Phalangists, and generally drenching the region in blood. As is well known, Israeli zionism is just the cats-paw for U.S. imperialism. The weapons are U.S., the encouragement is from the Ameririalism. Far from opposing even the can militarists, and the financing is U.S. Well, what did the Democrats have to say about the U.S.-backed invasion of Lebanon?

> The Democratic Party was ecstatic over the exploits of the zionist stormtroopers. For years, the Democratic Party has campaigned hard on the theme that the Republicans are too soft to give enough support to Israeli zionism and only the Democrats can be relied on. During the present invasion of Lebanon, such "left" Democrats as the social-democrats Tom Hayden and Jane Fonda of the Campaign for Economic Democracy have gone all out to praise zionist aggression. They even traveled to southern Lebanon and Israel with the the aggressor army, where Jane Fonda was photographed giving flowers to Israeli troops trampling Lebanese territory.

At the midterm conference, the But the Democrats had a rare Democratic hacks, liberal and conserproved of any of Reagan's most fla- praise of the zionists. They passed a

bloodthirsty resolution echoing the Reaganite and Israeli lies justifying this aggression, saying that the zionist bloodletting had created "a new opportunity to build a lasting peace for the people of Lebanon." This is the same way of creating opportunities for peace by invading your neighbors as Hitler used when he invaded Poland in 1939 — only both then and now the genuine peace will only be built by the defeat of the aggressors.

Even at the Democratic Party conference itself someone complained, pointing out that the resolution has "absolutely no mention of the thousands who were killed, no mention of the recall of [Israeli] troops." So the conference had to quickly add a last minute amendment stating that "the Democratic Party states its regret at all loss of life on both sides'' but still not calling for the removal of the Israeli troops. How one is supposed to avoid killing people while massacring the Lebanese and Palestinian people, besieging Beirut, and ensuring "greater security" for the zionist theocracy that has driven the Palestinians out of their homeland is a mystery which ranks up with the mystery of how the Democratic Party "honeymooners" with Reagan can claim to be the alternative to Reaganism.

The Democrats on Nuclear Freeze

It is significant that this conference of warmongers came out in support of the nuclear freeze campaign. This shows once again that the propaganda

for nuclear freeze is of use only to the imperialists. From the most extreme Reagan's policies and to administer warmongers of the stripes of Henry Jackson and the top bureaucrats of the AFL-CIO to the hypocritical doves, the Democrats all united behind the nuclear freeze. This convention, which called for a huge arms buildup as a "measured response" to the Soviet Union, passed a resolution strongly endorsing and supporting the agitation as tough in suppressing the people's for a nuclear freeze.

The nuclear freeze campaign is taken by many to be a protest against the arms race; they sign petitions and vote for referendums in order to express their outrage at militarism. But the Democratic midterm convention showed that the nuclear freeze concept is actually a big hoax behind which the militarists continue to arm to the teeth while singing songs of moderation. The nuclear freeze resolutions do not condemn imperialism, either by name or implicitly, but simply call on the chief warmongers to negotiate among themselves to maintain their nuclear parity. This is not what the masses want - they want a real fight against imperialism and militarism.

Build the Independent Movement of the Working Class?

On issue after issue the midterm conference pledged to follow Reaganism down the line. While throwing curses to the gallery against Reagan. while shouting right and left about how "unfair" Reagan is and how antilabor he is and so forth, the Democrat-

ic Party politicians pledged to continue them even better than Reagan. We have briefly discussed the economy and militarism, but this holds true on the other issues as well: on immigration, on repressing the people in the name of fighting crime, and so forth. The Democrats are especially anxious to prove that they can be just movements as the Republicans, that they too can build more and more jails, fund more and more police, and

pass more and more draconic laws. This does not mean that the working class should be indifferent to the coming federal election. On the contrary, the class conscious workers should make use of the electoral circus staged by the Democrats and Republicans in order to expose the hideous character of all the capitalist politicians. Our Party will denounce the capitalist parties and show that the 1982 elections are being held to determine which representative of the capitalist slavedrivers - the sneering Republican Reaganites or the leering, fast-talking Democratic Reaganites is to represent the capitalist class in Congress and crush the workers. We will use the elections to inspire a profound hatred against the capitalist fakers and thus to inspire the masses to build up the independent political movement of the working class. It is up to the working masses to organize themselves for struggle.

This is the only real alternative to languishing under the Reaganite hell.

We must push forward the mass struggle — the strikes, demonstrations, mass actions and the whole range of activities of the mass movement. We must circulate revolutionary literature and disseminate the Marxist-Leninist science. And we must build up the solid organization of the working class. This way the working masses will build up their own strength and become a mighty army facing the capitalists in the class struggle. This way the working masses will organize themselves in the struggle against Reaganite reaction into a powerful force for the socialist revolution.

The role of the Democratic Party 'opposition'' is to prevent the workers from getting organized. By empty phrases against Reagan, the Democrats try to gain the people's confidence. Meanwhile the Democrats embellish the basic Reaganite program, "honeymoon" with Reagan, and even take the lead in proposing such new Reaganite measures as throwing out the progressive income tax. But the advance of the class struggle will smash the schemes of the Democratic Party fakers to smithereens.

Fight Reaganite reaction!

Down with the Democratic Party the party of disguised Reaganism! Down with all the capitalist parties! Forward against Reaganism, capitalism and imperialism!

Maoists, Khrushchovites and Trotskyites Side With the Junta

Opportunists Sacrifice the Argentine Workers to the Generals

The recent war over the Falkland/Malvinas Islands was an unjust and reactionary war on both sides. The Argentine fascist generals launched their military adventure with the aim of diverting the anti-fascist struggle of the working masses towards a bogus "liberation" struggle. On the other hand, the reactionary Thatcher government went to war in order to defend British imperialism's colonial occupation over these islands. Our Party has made detailed analysis of this war elsewhere, while in this article we wish to deal with the stand of the revisionists and trotskyites on the war. (For our Party's analysis of the war, see the May 24 issue of The Workers' Advocate, as well as the other article on this page.)

The workers of both Britain and Argentina had no stake in supporting their governments in this unjust war. Rather, their interests lay in persisting in the struggle against their "own" exploiters, their "own" governments. Likewise, the interests of the workers and progressive people in the U.S., as elsewhere in the world, did not lie in choosing sides in this reactionary conflict, but in continued solidarity with the struggle of the working masses of both Britain and Argentina.

But there were many counsels urging the opposite course. This did not just come from the bourgeoisie of different countries who lined up on one side or the other, but also from the opportunists. Indeed, opportunism of different shades generally showed a marked tendency to choose sides in this reactionary war.

Thus, social-democracy in the imperialist countries openly took the side of British imperialism and colonialism. (For exposure of the treacherous role of British social-democracy in this war, see The Workers' Advocate of May 24 and June 5.) Meanwhile, the Maoists, pro-Soviet revisionists and trotskyites generally came forward urging the workers and progressive people to line up behind the Argentine fascists. They embellished the generals' phony claims of waging an "anti-colonial" and "anti-imperialist" war, painting this bloodstained regime, which is heavily dependent on imperialism, in flaming liberation colors. This stand is nothing but treachery against the struggle of the Argentine workers; it means sacrificing the Argentine workers at the altar of the fascist executioners. No matter how much such a stand is cloaked behind a mask of "anti-imperialism," in reality, support for the Argentine regime is support for a linchpin of imperialism and reaction.

In the next several sections, we examine how the different opportunist trends come to the defense of the Argentine fascists. We begin with the Maoist "three worlders."

The Maoist "Three Worlds" Theory in Service to the Fascist Generals

Not surprisingly, when it comes to painting the Argentine fascists in liberation colors, no one else can come close to matching the Maoist "three worlders." After all, it was Mao Zedong and the Chinese revisionists who elaborated the notorious theory of "three worlds" which is precisely tailored for prettifying the worst butcher regimes of the oppressed countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. Let us briefly recall how this is done.

One of the fundamental tenets of the theory of "three worlds" is opposition to the revolutionary struggle of the masses in the dependent and neo-colonial countries. It replaces the revolution as the basic force against imperialism and for social progress with the idea that it is the "third world" governments which are "the main force moving world history forward." This idea is completely anti-Marxist and cries out in the face of reality. First, it blurs the internal class contradictions in these countries by refusing to distinguish between the masses and the regimes. But the fact of the matter is that in these countries it is not the toiling masses who are in power, but the domestic bourgeoisie, either directly or sometimes in alliance with feudalists. In the overwhelming majority of these countries, the class contradictions have long begun to express themselves and the solution of the problem of foreign imperialist domination is closely linked to the solution of various internal democratic and social questions. The revolution is essential to solve the numerous problems faced by the masses in these countries. But because these countries are in various stages of social, economic and political development, the character of the revolution is not the same everywhere. In many of them, it is the arti-imperialist democratic revolution which is on the order of the day, while in others which are relatively more developed, the democratic and socialist revolutionary tasks are closely intentwined. And in some of them, it is the socialist revolution itself which is on the agenda and which solves the remaining democratic and anti-imperialist questions. The Maoist "three workders" not only wipe out the democratic revolution but they universally negate any perspective of the socialist revolution whatsoever. Second, the "three worlds" theory refuses to make any differentiation between the governments of the dependent and neo-colonial countries. While it is true that the working class and peasantry are the backbone of the anti-imperialist struggle in these countries, the Marxist Leninists nevertheless do not tar all the regimes of these countries with the same brush. Some of these governments are nothing but outright puppet regimes, made up of altogether collaborationist cliques, which are simply creatures of imperialism. They are backed up by the military and economic support of imperialism. Examples of such regimes include the present-day fascist regime in El Salvador, the South Korean puppets, and so forth. Then there are different kinds of bourgeois national governments which are tied to varying degrees with foreign imperialism. It differs considerably from country to country as to what extent these regimes are aligned with foreign imperialism and to what degree the masses have various democratic rights. They range from avowedly pro-imperialist governments to others which take areform ist attitude towards the imperialists. Some of these reformist regimes have come to power through armed struggle, but the more thorough victory of the revolution gives rise to either revolutionary democratic or socialist regimes. The revolutionary democratic regimes have a great liberating significance. But even here, unless the preletarint in alliance with the other toiling masses, establishes its hegemory and embarks on the road to socialism, these povernments will sooner or later fail into dependence on in penalism and become bourgeois national regimes. Only a socialist government can do away with imperialist domination altogether. Today, because of revisionist betraval, in

Socialist Republic of Albania.

Far from making any differentiation between these various types of regimes, the Maoist "three worlders" go so far as to prettify the worst among them - either the outright puppet governments or the most reactionary of the bourgeois national regimes — as allegedly great fighters against imperialism. Thus, over the years, "three worldsism" has guided the Chinese revisionists and their followers to prettify and support such utterly reactionary governments as the Shah of Iran, the brutal military dictatorship of Pakistan, the CIA-installed Mobutu regime in the Congo-Kinshasa (Zaire), the Pinochet regime in Chile, and so on. Far from having anything to do with anti-imperialism, support for such linchpins of imperialism is complete betrayal of the struggle against imperialism.

It is this phenomenon we see again with respect to Argentina. Today in the U.S., the Maoist "Communist Workers Party" provides an excellent example of the application of the "three worlds" theory to the Argentine government. The CWP does not recognize the revolution as the force against imperialism in Latin America. Instead they speculate on the dependent regimes themselves breaking off from imperialism.

For example, in praising the Argentine regime, the CWP writes: "While Britain may succeed in capturing the Falklands, this will not solve Britain's -- or imperialism's - problem of keeping third world countries in line. In fact, the result is just the opposite; Argentina's anti-British, anti-U.S. back has stiffened while western imperialism shows more signs of entanglement. Argentina will be lost to the U.S. imperialists, while much of the third world may follow." (Workers Viewpoint, May 12 - May 18, 1982, p. 2) Far from being lost to U.S. imperialism, the Argentine generals, having lost the war, have once again sworn their loyalty to Washington.

Now, if there is any doubt that the CWP is here talking of the Argentine regime and not the people, that is easily dispelled by the following remark in which they appear mes-

the world there is only one such country, the People's merized by the vision of all the Latin American governments freeing themselves from imperialism. They write: "But once they supported Britain, the imperialists faced a new host of problems: retaliation by the third world. Latin America is in the U.S.' backyard and has always been considered by U.S. imperialism to be its exclusive domain.... Argentina used to be the most pro-U.S. government in Latin America, but now circumstances are forcing her to pull away. The Latin American countries are learning they cannot trust imperialism. After years of backing the U.S., they are abandoned - these countries feel used," (Workers Viewpoint, June 3 - June 9, 1982, p. 2)

> It is completely ridiculous to suggest that the regimes of the reactionary oligarchies of Latin America can break free of imperialism. The CWP totally abandons the revolution. In their eyes, there is no popular movement in these countries, no issue of building the forces of the proletariat and other toilers. Everything is staked on the regimes.

> After blurring the distinction between the masses and reaction, the CWP tries to cover up its support for the fascist junta with the most outrageous platitudes. Listen to the way they deal with the hesitation that people have in supporting the junta. Workers Viewpoint writes: "There is some confusion over this issue, because the Argentine junta is an anti-semitic fascist junta. Some people think that by supporting Argentina's claim to the Falklands against the British, they are supporting fascism. This leads them to some vague middle position or outright support for the British. This betrays lack of faith in the masses and an ignorance of the law that the people make history." (May 27 - June 2, 1982, p. 10)

> What an incredible argument! Of course, the people make history, but it is precisely so that the masses can carry out their historic revolutionary tasks that the Marxist-Leninists continually keep to the forefront the distinction between the revolution and reaction, between the exploited and the exploiters. To blur that distinction and call for supporting reaction, and then turn around and say, "what's the worry, don't the people make history?" is the lowest form

of double talk and trickery. In fact, in carrying out their deception of the masses, the CWP has no qualms in concocting the most outrageous lies. Thus, when everyone knows that the junta initiated the Falklands seizure to divert the masses from the anti-junta struggle, the CWP makes the fantastic claim that: "The Argentine masses forced the junta to seize the Falklands, and it is the masses who have fought the hardest to keep them and keep their government from backing down." (Ibid.) This, then, is what the CWP's conception of "the people make history" turns out to be!

In looking at the arguments being offered today by the opportunists in support of the Argentine fascist regime, one is immediately struck by the similarity with the views that justified support for the fascist Shah of Iran during the 70's. As we shall see, then as now, there are two basic variations of the stand of supporting a bulwark of imperialist reaction in the "third world" in the name of "anti-imperialism."

On one hand, there were the "three worlders" like the Chinese leadership and the October League in the U.S. (later the "Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)") who openly negated the internal struggle inside Iran and promoted the Shah as the basic force against imperialism. A similar position is today being taken by the CWP and others, some of whom do not even mention the fact that Argentina is ruled by a savage military dictatorship!

On the other hand, there were "three worlders" like the "Revolutionary Communist Party" who made a facade of criticizing the October League's support for the Shah, but nevertheless still took the position that the Shah deserved the support of the international proletariat because he did fight imperialism to a certain extent (i.e., the Iranian royal family got a higher price for the Iranian people's oil). At that time, the RCP wrote: "But for the U.S. proletariat to support, for instance, the Shah of Iran to the extent that, as a member of OPEC, Iran struggles against imperialist plunder, does not mean putting such support above support for the revolutionary stuggles of the Iranian people to defeat Continued on next page See OPPORTUNISTS

What does Leninism teach us about the Falklands War?

On the question of the war over the Falkland/Malvinas Islands, the opportunists abandoned the interests of the proletarian revolution and allied themselves with the British or Argentine bourgeoisie. This was a flagrant betraval of the long-established teachings of Marxism-Leninism on the attitude of socialism towards war, teachings which remain the only reliable compass for determining a revolutionary policy towards war. Hence, it is instructive to review the essentials of what Lenin taught about determining a revolutionary stand towards such a war as was recently waged in the South Atlantic.

Socialism fights against militarism and opposes the bourgeoisie setting the workers to slaughter one another. It recognizes that the source of war is in the exploitation of man by man, in capitalism and imperialism. Hence it believes that only the elimination of exploitation and the victory of socialism on a world scale can bring a final end to war and a just and lasting peace. Recognizing that the overthrow of capitalism and imperialism are impossible without garchy of industrialists and landowners and is fairly deforce, the Marxist-Leninists therefore distinguish between veloped capitalistically. The proletariat is the most numerliberating wars that bring the world closer to socialism and ous section of the working population. As well, almost twice reactionary wars that cause senseless mayhem or strengthen the rule of the exploiters. Thus socialism recognizes such wars as proletarian civil wars against the bourgeoisie and national revolutionary wars of the oppressed peoples against imperialism as just and revolutionary while it condemns unjust wars like wars of imperialism against the oppressed peoples or wars among the imperialists and capitalists for reactionary aims. Therefore Marrism-Leninism recognizes the need for a historical study of each war. It demands that each war be judged, not simply from the declarations of the combatant powers, but according to the politics that preceded the war, taking into consideration the class character of the forces in volved, their motives in the war and so forth. Showing how to distinguish between reactionary imperialist wars and wars of national liberation, which are one form of liberating war. Lenin wrote: "How, then, can we disclose and define the 'substance' of a mar? War is the continuation of policy. Consequently, we must examine the policy pursued prior to the war, the policy that led to and brought about the war. If it was an imperialist policy, i.e., one designed to safeguard the interests of finance capital and rob and oppress colonies and foreign commities, then the war stemming from that policy is imperialist. If it was a national liberarion policy, i.e., one expressive of the mass movement against national oppression, then the war stemming from that policy is a war of national liberation. "The philistine does not realize that war is 'the convinuation of policy, ' and consequently limits himself to the formula that 'the enemy bas attached us,' 'the energy has invaded my country, ' without stopping to think what issues are at stake in the war, which classes are waging it, and with what political objects." (Lenin, "A Caricature of Marrism and Imperialist Economism," Collected Works, Vol. 23, p. 33, emphasis as in the original.) Applying this idea to the Falklands war, the fundamental question a revolutionary must ask is - what politics was this was a continuation of? the Falklands and Argentian are imperialist politics. The ecoupation of the islands, thousands of miles from foritain's shores, is nothing but a colonial comparison. Moreover, British imperialism's appetite for waging this war over the Fallichands was whethed by the smell of oil, which was recertly discovered between the islands and the Argentine mainland. The British bourgeoisie painted this nobbens' war as allegedly being a war of democracy versus fascism. This was just lying propaganda to hoodwink the masses. The British bourgeoisie is not an upholder of democracy but a bastion of imperialist reaction. Just book at its brut al terrorist occupation of Northern Ireland. Besides, where was their dislike for the Argentine fuscists before this recent conflict a rose? Then they were busy arming and financing them, just as they do runnersus other bloodstained regimes. After all, the Argentine generals, being hyal de-

fenders of imperialism, have faithfully defended the British bourgeoisie's substantial economic interests in Argentina, and they continue to do so today.

But just because the war on Britain's part is colonial agpression, it does not therefore follow that the Buenos Aires regime was waging an anti-colonial liberation war. A revolutionary must look at the historical background over the last several decades and see which are the forces for liberation and freedom in Argentina and where the regime in power has stood in relation to those forces. One must consider the policies pursued by all the classes prior to the war and see which policy is being continued in this war.

In Argentina there is a struggle against the country's dependence on foreign imperialism. But what is the character of that struggle? The fact of the matter is that for decades upon decades, that struggle has been expressed through the struggle of the toiling masses against the regime in Argentina. The country is ruled by its own capitalist ali-

Thus the war of the Argentine government too was reactionary in its aims. It was a war to preserve the rule of the oligarchy in the form of the present fascist regime. Lenin's teachings on what stand the workers should take towards such a war are quite clear. He wrote:

"If war is waged by the exploiting class with the object of strengthening its rule as a class, such a war is a criminal war and 'defensism' in such a war is a base betrayal of socialism." (Lenin, "'Left-Wing' Childishness and the Petty-Bourgeois Mentality," Collected Works, Vol. 27, p. 332, emphasis as in the original.)

To sum up, it is precisely to defend the struggle for the liberation of the Argentine people that we must oppose the fascist junta. It is necessary to distinguish between a genuine popular straggle against imperialism and some reactionary adventure of the generals which is couched in "anti-imperialist" rhetoric. Lenin shed light on this matter when he said:

"All national oppression calls forth the resistance of the broad masses of the people; and the resistance of a nationally oppressed population always tends to national revolt. Not infrequently (notably in Austria and Russial we find the bourgeoisie of the oppressed nations talking of national revolt, while in practice it enters into reactionary compacts with the bourgeoisie of the oppressor nation behind the backs of, and against, its own people. In such cases the criticism of the revolutionary Marxists should be directed not against the national movement, but against its degradation, vulgarization, against the tendency to reduce it to a petty squabble. Incidentally, very many Austrian and Russian Social-Democrats overlook this and in their legitimate hatred of the petty, vulgar and sordid national squabbles - disputes and scuffles over the question, for instance, of which language shall have precedence in two-language street signs - refuse to support the national struggle. We shall not 'support' a republican farce in, say, the principality of Monaco, or the 'republican' adventurism of 'generals' in the small states of South America or some Pacific island. East that does not mean that it would be permissible to abandon the republican slogan for serious democratic and socialist movements. We should, and do, ridicule the sordid national squabbles and haggling in Russia and Austria. But that does not mean that it would be permissible to deny support to a national uprising or a serious popular struggle against national oppression." (Lenin, "A Caricature of Marxism and Imperialist Economism," Collected Works, Vol. 23, p. 61, emphasis as in the original.) The Argentine bourgeoisie has long entered into a compact with foreign imperialism. Its adventure in the Falklands was meant to preserve the military junta, which is the representative of domestic reaction as well as the executor of imperialist pluncles and clomination. Hence, the most important thing for imperialism, no matter what the outcome of the war, was to preserve the seginte. Therefore the janua's war over the islands could not be supported by the revolutionaries. After all, if the issue of the Malvinas justifies this war, then any reactionary war over territory can be justified, such as the innumerable invasions and counterinvasions that go on in Latin America and elsewhere. The disclosure of the reactionary aims of both sides in the Fallslands war shows that the only revolutionary stand is to denounce both sides. And in the U.S., a country whose rulers were the main badrers of the Kritish imperialists in the war, there is as well the special task of denowning our "own" imperialists' criminal involvement. Our support up by rationalisant but who, despite the wartime difficulties, do their best to enlighten the masses and direct the struggle against their "own" bourgeois regimes. This is the stand of our Party.

as many people work in manufacturing than in agriculture. Under such conditions, the proletarian revolution is on the agenda. The struggle against foreign imperialism and against the military dictatorship is closely bound up with the struggle for socialism.

Yes, it is true that the Falkland/Malvinas Islands rightfully belong to Argentina, but this is a secondary issue in the Argentine people's struggle against imperialism. Among other things, these islands are a tiny part of Argentina's territory and do not even have an Argentine population. The colonial occupation of the Malvinas is not the cause of Argentina's dependency on imperialism.

While the proletariat and other toilers are the backbone of the fight against imperialism, the Argentine ruling bourgeoisie has no role in freeing the country from the volte of foreign imperialism. For a long time, it has faithfully collaborated in the plunder of the country by the big imperialist powers, such as the U.S., Britain and Germany. It has been an active participant in the imperialist offensive against the Latin American revolution, whether in the form of ruthlessly suppressing Argentina's internal progressive opposition. or organizing coups and putsches all over the continent, or arming counter-revolution in Central America.

It is to be noted that while the Argentine oligarchy's continent-wide counter-revolutionary activity is coordinated with the general imperialist offensive against the revolution, it also involves its own strivings to enslave other peoples. The Argentine bourgevisie's political and economic tentucles have long extended beyond its borders; it has often proclaimed its dreams of becoming the dominant power in the continent.

The Falklands war is not the first time that the Argentine bourgeoisie has wrapped itself in the mantle of a mock "anti-imperialist" nationalism. Indeed, chaavinism has been used for some time to divert the class struggle inside the country. In particular, Peronist ideology, in which reactionary nationalism is an important component, has been a special spearhead against the struggle of the toiling masses.

It is this historical background which set the stage for the recent events in the South Atlantic. The regime, fresh from Undoubteilly, the politics of British imperialism towards the slaughter of tens of thousands of revolutionaries and progressives over the last period, was being confronted with a riving wave of popular straggle demanding its overthrow. Only three days prior to the seizure of the Fallslands, Buenos Aires was the scene of a militant anti-fascist demonstration which the fascist junta withleasly suppressed. The government was caught in a grave political cannot go towards either of the belligerent sides, but to the and comonic crisis and, unless comething was done, it proletariat and other collers and the courageous intercould not continue using in the same form as before. The nationalist elements of both countries who do not get swept generals therefore sought to divert the popular struggle into a campaign of "national unity" against the foreign enemy. Hence the order to seize the islands. And it was mainly because of the nationalism of the Percurist leaders of the political and trade union opposition that the struggle against the regime was called off in the name of uniting to "defend the fatherland." The temporary success of such a campaig n does not however manage to turn the adventure of the generals into a popular struggle against imperialism.

Only such a stand is truly internationalist. It gives support to the real interests of the workers of both Britain and Argenting. It is dictated by the interests of the revolutionary struggle worldwide.

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imperialism and overthrow the Shah." (Revolution, July 1977, p. 18, col. 2) The RCP's position was that you overthrow the Shah and support him simultaneously. Today, although the RCP has avoided coming to the defense of the Argentine junta, they still remain supporters of the "three worlds" theory. But there are those like the trotskyite Workers World Party which argue with respect to the Argentine generals like the RCP did for the Shah. This position remains as untenable as ever. In fact the WWP ends up showing that its talk of support for the overthrow of the regime is simply so much hot air.

We shall see in the next several sections that these "three worldist"-type views are not just a monopoly of the Maoists but can be seen among the followers of Soviet revisionism and Trotskyism as well.

Soviet Revisionism -- Long-Standing **Apologists for Neo-Colonialism**

The Soviet revisionists and their followers worldwide, including the "Communist" Party of the USA, have also come forward to support the Argentine regime. This is not surprising because they are long-standing apologists and defenders of the imperialist domination of the dependent countries. Indeed, with the overthrow of socialism in the Soviet Union in the 1950's, the Khrushchovites developed elaborate theories to justify abandoning the revolutionary liberation struggles and to prettify neo-colonialism. These theories generally denied the replacement of old-style colonialism with neo-colonialism and painted the neocolonial and dependent countries as "free" and "independent" countries where the revolution was no longer on the agenda but replaced by the tasks of achieving "economic development" through various reforms. These theories are closely related to the Chinese revisionist "three worlds" theory and still guide the Soviet revisionists in their attitude towards the oppressed countries. Moreover, these theories of embellishing the dependent and neo-colonial regimes have also proved to be useful to the Soviet Union in its social-imperialist penetration of various countries by allowing it to cozy up to the ruling cliques.

The "Communist" Party of the USA wrote in support of the Argentine junta, "However, the turn of events in this crisis is making the Argentinian military emerge as staunch defenders of Latin American sovereignty and self-determination, a posture which is bringing warm support from developing and non-aligned nations. This will surely enhance the prestige of the military in Argentina, as long as it can keep an independent course from Washington and accepts its responsibility to solve crucial economic problems and return the country to democratic rule." (Daily World, May 29, 1982, p. 7)

This position typifies the "C"PUSA's lack of any revolutionary perspective whatsoever. Not only do they prettify the Argentine military as a force for sovereignty and selfdetermination but they even offer further advice on how to enhance the prestige of this fascist force! Moreover, the furthest that the "C"PUSA can see is a spineless reformist perspective for the future of Argentina. Clearly showing that they have no support for the people's struggle to overthrow the junta, the "C"PUSA merely calls on this regime of hangmen to "return the country to democratic rule" and "solve crucial economic problems."

Meanwhile, the Cuban revisionist party, along with other revisionist parties in Latin America, went wild in its applause for the generals and the support they were getting from the other reactionary governments of Latin America Thus, on May 1, Cuba released a communique stating: "Cuba reiterates its solidarity with the Argentine people who are fighting for their sovereignty The countries of Latin America have the duty to support Argentina with all means necessary. Cuba is ready, together with the people of Latin America, to fulfill this duty.'

Let us begin with the Socialist Workers Party, one of the chief standard-bearers of Trotskyism in the U.S. This group has taken the most active stand in pushing support for the Argentine regime among the workers and progressive people in the U.S.

The SWP's basic argument is that the issue in this war is a conflict between a big imperialist country and an oppressed country. So one must support the latter. Hang everything else. Thus the Militant argues: "But the regime's motives and intentions are not at issue. A conflict is underway between imperialism and a country oppressed by imperialism. In this conflict the workers have a decisive interest." (April 30, 1982, p. 4) Elsewhere they go on to say that not just the motives and intentions of the regime but even its class character must be altogether ignored.

But by closing their eyes to the character of the regime, the SWP absolutely refuses to distinguish between the hangman of the revolution and the popular movement in Argentina. They argue just like the "three worlders" and paint the actions of the fascist regime in liberation colors.

In such a war, where both sides are reactionary, unless there is a revolution the working class loses no matter which side wins. But incredibly enough, in glorifying the war the SWP argues that it is precisely a vicory for the junta which would put the "working people...in a better position to carry forward the fight against the military dictatorship and imperialism." (Ibid.) This is nonsense. The junta launched its war in the first place to strengthen its hand against the masses.

But the SWP did not just limit itself to taking sides in this conflict. They went much further and lavished all sorts of praise on the fascist butchers. They were especially enthralled by the presence of the Argentine foreign minister, Costa Mendez, at the Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Nations in Havana in early June, and also by Fidel Castro's warm embraces for the Argentine junta.

Swept away by the posturing of the Argentine fascists, the Militant wrote, "Costa Mendez made a stirring appeal to the anti-colonialist, anti-imperialist struggles that are the common cause of the peoples of the non-aligned countries." (June 18, 1982, p. 2) They even praised some words he threw in about support for the Palestinian people. What rot! All that Costa Mendez' fancy words showed was that he is a crafty politician who can mouth "anti-imperialist" rhetoric just like certain other reactionary bigwigs of the nonaligned movement, like the butcher Idi Amin of Uganda, used to do. As to how much his words are worth, it is useful to recall that prior to the Falklands crisis the Argentine junta was planning to leave the non-aligned movement on



Communist Party (Reconstructed) of Portugal:

An Unjust War

Bandits in Confrontation

The armed confrontation around the

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The latest scribbler writing in O Diario [newspaper of the revisionist "Communist" Party of Portugal ed.] of May 12, justified the support of the USSR for the Argentine dictatorship in an editorial, saying: "In the presence of British aggression, neutrality is not compatible with the principles which we believe in and fight for.

According to the principles of Marxism-Leninism (we will assume that they are speaking of these principles), the proletariat is not neutral in any war or confrontation between nations. However, it must distinguish between unjust wars and just wars. Just wars are those that directly involve the interests of the proletariat or that in some way or other would signify a development or an advance for the cause of the proletariat and the people in their struggle against exploitation and imperialist oppression. Unjust wars are those which involve two or more bandits fighting for narrow interests and for interests opposed to progress, peace, and socialism. In the first case, we have the example of the Viet Nam war. In the second case, the First World War.

Malvinas is not unimportant for the proletariat, but it is not a just war. It puts two bandits face to face: English colonialism and the Argentine military dictators. One is resolved to safeguard its interests of a great power in the region, to affirm the inviolability of the areas directly controlled by imperialism and NATO. The other is interested in turning the attention of the Argentine people away from what is happening in their own country, that is to say, away from starvation, poverty, unemployment, and crimes against the basic freedoms. In short, it is resolved to maintain itself in its already unstable power for a while longer.

Lackeys of Imperialism

Further on, the scribbler asserts: 'the dictatorship of General Leopoldo Galtieri is odious. But criticism of this liberty-destroying system which oppresses the great Republic of Silver [Argentina - ed.] does not imply generalized condemnation of the Argentine military." And he adds: "The Argentine Armed Forces are becoming popular and drawing closer to the people during the just struggle against British aggression."

So here we have the old fable of the good military men and the bad military men. The dictatorship of Galtieri is "odious," but this does not prevent the USSR from signing very lucrative pacts of economic cooperation. For ex-

ample, there is the case of uranium. Nevertheless, there are good military men. Which ones? No one knows. The scribbler knows (the revisionists always know everything that others do not know...). Moreover, he knows that the Argentine armed forces (which ones, the good or the bad?) will adhere to democracy after they have completely set up this ruse of chauvinistic demagogy in order to delude the people and sustain the regime. Oh misery of miseries.

In the factories (since the scribbler writes for the workers) it is necessary to raise the question: what principles are those that wipe the slate clean of the popular struggle against the fascist Argentine regime and discover democratic military men in a haven of fascists, all of them compromised with imperialism? Aren't these the same principles which have led the USSR to recruit the pro-Russian armed forces in Afghanistan and Ethioipia, eliminating the pro-Americans in order to afterwards declare the so-called revolution? This is very revealing for the workers who ask about revisionism they look at the USSR hand in hand with the Argentine fascist military men, the same ones who do not hide their hands which are stained with the blood of the communists and democrats assassinated in recent years. The workers behold how the revisionists pigeonhole their principles when contending for spheres of influence with their American rival. That is revisionism.

seeks to sit on two stools at once while preparing to kick one away so that he can firmly position himself on the other.

Indeed, no sooner had full-scale hostilities broken out than the WWP placed itself unequivocally behind the regime. Of course, now the anti-junta struggle had to be jettisoned. Hence, Marcy denounced any opposition to the junta on the grounds that "The struggle against the fascist junta is a matter for the working class and peasants in Argentina." (Workers World, May 7, 1982, p. 11) Of course, it is the workers and other toilers of Argentina who must settle accounts with the junta, but the real purpose of Marcy's lecturing is to preach to the workers around the world that the internal struggle in Argentina was none of their concern, and instead they should simply back the generals.

Meanwhile, Marcy too proceeded to lavish heavy praise on the support the regime was receiving from other governments. He bombastically declared, "...the aggression against Argentina has enormously strengthened genuine anti-imperialist resistance not only in Argentina but in Latin America as a whole. Witness the OAS vote." (Ibid.) True, he adds a qualifier that this vote came from regimes which are mostly "U.S. and British clients"; nevertheless it did not phase him in the least to provide this vote as an example of "genuine anti-imperialist resistance" in Latin America. Just like the Maoists and pro-Soviet revisionists, Marcy has Sam Marcy wildly speculates about a "united front of the forgotten the distinction between revolution and reaction in oppressed peoples and socialist countries" by which he Argentina as well as the rest of Latin America. It is the means the revisionist countries and repressive governheight of shamelessness to prettify the reactionary regimes ments in the oppressed countries. of Latin America as having anything to do with anti-imperialism. Why, Marcy is so mesmerized by the support for the Argentine regime from the various bourgeois regimes and the revisionist countries, like the Soviet Union, China and Cuba, that he proclaims: "...what is emerging is a virtual united front of all the oppressed peoples and the socialist countries against what at least initially seemed to be a united front of all the imperialist powers." (Ibid.) My, my, what a creative imagination! But it is typical of Marcy and the WWP to see the harbingers of all sorts of wonderful lutionary struggles of the toiling masses, instead of volunthings in the conflict and squabbles among the imperialists, teering our services as advisers to the reactionary regimes. revisionists and bourgeois cliques. Why, in the same arti-

cle, Marcy even finds the European Common Market vote for sanctions against Argentina to be no less than "an attempt at European sovereignty and, even more, an expression against U.S. domination." This conclusion was drawn simply from the fact that this was a stand contrary to the U.S. government's official stand of "neutrality" at that time. This may seen fanciful considering that the U.S. bourgeoisie was really supporting Britain. But it is no more fanciful than seeing the Argentine and other fascist dictatorships in Latin America as the new anti-imperialist warriors.

With a few exceptions, the other avowed trotskyite groups also lined up behind the Argentine generals. This shows the affinity between contemporary Trotskyism and "three worlds-ism." As well, such positions are based on tailoring their stands to the policy of the revisionist countries which they prettify as socialist. Today, when the Soviet Union is no longer a socialist country, the trotskyites have stopped attacking it and instead work as little helpers of the revisionist bourgeoisie. This is why the SWP is so lovestruck by Castro's embrace of the Argentine hangmen. After all, they have declared the Cuban revisionists to be a vital part of the new, "objectively trotskyist" international that is allegedly coming into being. And this is also why The raucous chorus of opportunist voices cheering on the Argentine fascist regime underscores the need to fight opportunism to the end. This experience shows that imperialism not only enslaves the masses of the dependent countries but also sets into motion the opportunists to apologize for the dependent and reactionary ruling cliques of these countries. The fight against the imperialist enslavement of the oppressed peoples requires carrying forward the struggle against revisionism and opportunism. It calls for extending our support and solidarity to the popular and revo-

This is a striking exposure of the Castro regime's "internationalism." Reportedly, it even included the offer of military aid. (Militant, May 21, 1982, p. 3) This of course is right up Castro's alley, to offer military support to fascist regimes, as he has done in Ethiopia, etc.

Meanwhile, the Soviet propaganda organs also championed the cause of the Argentine generals. Like the other opportunists, they too lauded the "mounting demonstration of political unity on the part of the Latin American countries." In this regard, Moscow even singled out for special praise the stand of such fascist dictatorships as those of Bolivia and Brazil.

The Soviet revisionists' support for Argentina is of course dictated by their own social-imperialist motives. Their support for the junta's war is not surprising at all, considering the fact that Moscow has cultivated warm relations with the regime since the generals seized power in 1976. The Soviet revisionists refuse to utter even a single word of condemnation of this ruthless government. Meanwhile, the Soviet Union has become Argentina's principal trading partner, buying grain and beef to deal with the deficiencies caused by its own severe agricultural crisis.

The support for the Argentine fascists by the followers of Soviet revisionism exposes the emptiness and hypocritical nature of the big noise they make about the fascist terror of the Pinochet regime in Chile. The tears they shed about Pinochet must no doubt look pretty false to those suffering under the boots of the generals in neighboring Argentina.

The Trotskyites Reveal Their Ugly Rightist Essence Once Again

The "three worlders" and others often justify their shameless stands in support of "third world" reaction on the pretext of allegedly avoiding falling into Trotskyism. They equate Trotskyism with "leftism," with raising the class questions above the anti-imperialist struggle, and so forth. But the fact is, the "three worlders," the pro-Soviet revisionists, etc., are hand in hand with the trotskyites on the question of cheering on the Argentine generals.

To be sure, the trotskyites are masters in "left" phrasemongering against progressive national liberation struggles. And there are some trotskyite sects which revel in this activity. But trotskyite opposition to the national liberation struggle also includes tailing behind all sorts of reactionaries covering themselves with nationalist phraseology. Indeed, a number of trotskyite groups have become infamous for being public relations outfits for such bloodthirsty despotic regimes as the Khomeini-IRP regime in Ilran, the fascist Mengistu regime in Ethiopia, etc. This shows the affinity between "three worldist" ideology and contemporary Trotskyism.

the grounds that its members were not "of the white race, Western, or Christian." And, for example, no matter what Costa Mendez said in Havana, the junta's real stand on Israeli zionism can be amply judged from the perfectly amiable relations the two regimes have with one another. Israel is a big supplier of weapons for the Argentine generals and this pipeline remained in operation even during the recent war.

If the SWP took first place in lining up behind the Argentine generals, the trotskyite Workers World Party tried very hard for second place. However, they also tried to cover their tracks a little bit.

Thus, in the early days of the confrontation between Britain and Argentina, Workers World ran prominent lead articles in support of the cause of the generals, while in the inside pages it carried long-winded pseudo-theorizing from its chairman, Sam Marcy, who tried to show how one could sit on two stools at the same time. In a three-part series under the pretentious title, "Argentina: Strategy and tactics in the new phase of anti-imperialist struggle,' Marcy tried to show how one could simultaneously support both the junta's fight against the British troops and the people's struggle against the junta.

From these articles the less than careful reader might get the impression that Marcy was advocating that the Argentine workers refuse to support the generals and concentrate their struggle against them. Thus, for example, in arguing that the workers use the war crisis in a revolutionary way, Marcy observes, "The recovery of the Malvinas may be in the interests of sovereignty and territorial integrity, but it fades into utter insignificance when measured against the historically urgent and imperative needs of the masses to overthrow the fascist regime." (Workers World, April 9, 1982, p. 7) Elsewhere, he even appears to denounce social-chauvinism in Argentina. He writes, "let those who are willing to abandon the struggle against the fascist junta jump on the camarilla's bandwagon in the name of defense of the homeland. In reality they will merely be defending the usurping junta's continuation of domination and suppression of the masses." (Workers World, April 16, 1982, p. 9)

But wait, what is Marcy's final conclusion? He declares, 'The tactics of the proletariat must be to employ revolutionary defensism in the struggle against imperialist aggression and revolutionary defeatism in the struggle against the junta." (Ibid.) Revolutionary defensism means supporting the war against the British forces, while revolutionary defeatism means opposing the war to the end. It appears that Marcy wants to simultaneously support and oppose the junta's war. This position is strikingly reminiscent of the RCP's stand on the Shah of Iran. Marcy thus ends up slapping himself in the face about his earlier statements on the secondary significance of the Malvinas question. He

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more furiously.

Thus, according to these worthies,

the movement should not fight against

war preparations at all, but instead we

should fight for 'legitimate national

security" or "adequate defense."

What this means is made clear, for ex-

one of the chief spokesmen for Demo-

cratic Party politics in the movement.

He writes, "I support a military budg-

et sufficient to ensure our proper and

morally legitimate foreign policy ob-

jectives." The "sufficient' budget fa-

vored by Dellams turns out to be a war

budget of \$200 billion which provides

for an increase in the current size of

the armed forces through pay increas-

es, as well as for the diad nuclear

weapons system, i.e., the land and

sea-based muchear weapons arsenal.

(See Representative Ronald V. Del-

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strength," "peace through deterrence," "peace" through parity and stability between the two superpowers, etc. All this means nothing more than excuses to beef up the war maample, by Congressman Ron Dellums, chine.

These very same politics in slightly altered form are being brought into the mass movement by the abovementioned apologists for the police who are mainly Democratic Party hacks and their social-democratic hangers-on, including so-called enlightened government and ex-government officials. One example is the "nuclear freeze" campaign. Although many ordinary people are signing petitions and so forth calling for a nuclear freeze, thinking that these are against war preparations, the freeze proposal itself is not aimed at hindering the Pentagon's war machine in the slightest. It doesn't even call for the dismantling of a single bomb. Rather, it is aimed at freezing the mass movement with illusions about peace being

achievable through relying on negotiations between the warmongers Reigan and Brezhney.

Both superpowers use the frametions at the work places, schools and comwork of "mutual disarmament" to munities to provide a firm base for the antimilitarist struggle. Democrats and Republicans. They talk of their desire for "peace" - while voting for one war budget after another. The Democrats do their best to present themselves as the "friend of labor and the minorities," the party of peace. But we haven't forgot-'realistic'' alternative is to blame ten Carter - and his Rapid Deployment them as intransigents and protect our Force, his Presidential Directive 59, his "national security" by arriving all the arms buildup. Nor can the people forget

less than a call to preserve a huge military machine in the hands of the most blood-soaked capitalist ruling class the world has ever known so that it can defend its sacred profits and expand its empire.

It is Up to the Masses to Upset the Plans of the Warmongers

The efforts of the warmongers, whether open or concealed, to block the development of the anti-war movement will not succeed. Neither the attacks of the police nor the lying demagogy of the Democrats can stifle the struggle. The American people have not forgotten Viet Nam, and their blood boils at the thought of sending their young people to die in wars of aggression for the rich. The powerful lessons of the 1960's have not been forgotten. The strength of the movement lies in fighting imperialism, in the mass struggle, in the organization. of millions of working and oppressed people into a strong fighting force.

that Reagan's military budgets have passed with Democratic Party votes. No. don't rely on the Democrats, but build the independent movement of the working class. Study revolutionary literature that tells the truth about imperialism. Help build networks to distribute newspapers, leaflets, and parnohlets. The Marxist-Leninist teachings on the struggle against war remain the clearest and most scientific timetested tactics. Read The Wonkers' Advocate - voice of the Marxist-Leninist Party of the USA.

And think over the question of the ulti-Continued on page 13 See NUXCLEAR

justify their own furious arming by laying the blame for the war buildup at the door of their rival. For instance, the Democratic Party hacks say that if the Soviet Union doesn't come to a 'disarmament'' agreement on terms favorable to the U.S., then the only

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Enver Hoxha's new book sheds light on recent revelations in the bourgeois press

U.S. Government Organized Nazi Collaborators to Attack People's Albania

The bourgeois press in the U.S. has recently run a serie of exposures about how the U.S. government brought na7 collaborators into the U.S. after World War II and integrated them into the U.S. intelligence apparatus for special missions and terrorist activities against the victors of the anti-fascist war. In May the TV news program "60 Minutes" did an expose on how the American intelligence agencies smuggled Byelorussion nazi collaborators into the U.S. and then used them for agitation and terrorist missions against Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. On June 20, the New York Times ran a similar story about fascist collaborators in Albania and how these traitors had been brought to the U.S. after the war in order to use them to undermine and overthrow the anti-fascist people's government established in Albania. These rather belated revelations corroborate what the Albanian people and their socialist government have been saying and documenting for war criminals and uniting with them in evil acts against the Albanian people.

that the U.S. and British imperialists not only tried to organize the Albanian fascists after the war, but also tried to people to this country and groomed them as trusted and work with them during World War II as well. Anglo-Ameri- valued agents is quite an exposure of the reactionary can agents contacted the main groups of nazi collaborators character of U.S. imperialism. It shows that the U.S. impein Albania and encouraged them to oppose the popular rialists pursued their own interests even during the antiforces led by the National Liberation Front. Enver's book also shows why the plots of the U.S. and British imperialists nazis onto themselves. It is important to note that these profailed and how a vigilant people is invincible, subjects the fascist elements did not sneak into the U.S. disguised as and the question was: Is it possible in peacetime to bring bourgeois press stays as far away from as possible.

Enver's book begins by briefly outlining some history of Albania and the historical setting for World War II. It points out that the British and French bourgeoisie wished to use the nazis as stormtroopers against the then-socialist Soviet Union and to drown the revolution in blood. But this sweet progressive peoples facing the fascist Axis.

rialists had become anti-fascist saints. The bulk of Enver's book is a fascinating account of how, right in the middle of he openly collaborated with the Gestapo in massacring the the fierce fighting of the Albanian people against the fascist Albanian people. But the New York Times tries to paint the occupiers, the British military mission and the Allied high others as "wartime leaders" who "fought the Germans." command stabbed the Albanian people in the back and con- This is because these reactionaries not only collaborated spired to restore reaction in Albania. They sought out the with the Italian fascists and the German nazis, but also colworst collaborators with German nazism and Italian fascism laborated with the U.S. and British imperialists - they and sought to integrate them in the U.S.-British schemes to went whichever way the wind blew and would play ball with keep Albania enslaved. Things went so far that General any imperialist. So what's a little blood among buddies in Davies, head of the British military mission, preferred to the anti-communist crusade of U.S. imperialism anyway? confer with the collaborationists and later to surrender to liberated zones of Albania; he refused all attempts by the partisans to gain his freedom by exchanging prisoners with nazis were on the verge of defeat by the National Liberation people frustrated this vile plan for a new military occupation of Albania. Thus Enver's book shows that only by maintaining a vigilant attitude towards the enslaving plans of the Allied imperialists were the Albanian people able to reap the fruits of their heroic struggle against the fascist Axis. Reading this book, one immediately recalls the tragedies that took place in Greece, in the Philippines and elsewhere where illusions existed concerning the intentions of the Anglo-American imperialists. As well, this book is of great interest to progressive people here, for it exposes the machinations of our "own" bourgeoisie and of the British bourgeoisie, one of our "own" bourgeoisie's closest allies. trotskyite fiends who opposed the anti-fascist struggle in World War II. The trotskvites argued that to fight fascism and the Axis meant to capitulate to the Allied bourgeoisie, and under this pretext they collaborated with the fascists. But Enver's account showed it was quite possible to maintain a firm, principled stand against all imperialism while participating in the great anti-fascist alliance of World War II. History has completely justified this revolutionary Marxist-Leninist stand, for the anti-fascist victory in World War II gave rise to a huge upsurge in revolution all over the world. It was U.S. imperialism, British imperialism and other dregs of humanity who had to scurry around resurrecting the nazis and doing their best to reverse the results of the truly liberating national liberation wars of World War II.



A scene from the national liberation war in Albania.

years — that the self-styled "democratic" governments of elements to this country to save them from the wrath of Britain and the United States have been shielding fascist their own people. Recent examples have included the Somoza family of Nicaragua, the Shah of Iran, and the bloodstained generals from South Viet Nam. What is nota-Extensive information about the role of U.S. and British ble about the East European reactionaries dealt with in the imperialism in propping up the Albanian reactionaries is recent exposures is that they had collaborated with the given in Comrade Enver Hoxha's new book The Anglo- fascist governments of Italy and Germany, which were American Threat to Albania. This book, the latest in a enemies of the U.S. during World War II. Thus these reacseries of memoirs by Enver Hoxha, First Secretary of the tionaries were active not just in staining their hands with Central Committee of the Party of Labor of Albania, deals the blood of their own people, but with collaborating with with the period of the National Liberation War of the Al- fascist powers which were waging war on the U.S. and banian people during World War II. Comrade Enver was Britain. The fascists were at that time thoroughly hated and General Secretary of the Party and Commander-in-Chief of exposed by all the world's people, pursued as war crimithe National Liberation Army during the war. Enver shows nals, and even prohibited by law from entering the U.S.

Thus, the fact that the U.S. government brought such fascist war and, after the war ended, took the mantle of the ordinary wartime refugees; they were specifically brought in by the government, which issued them special dispensation from the official rules regarding fascist collaborators.

The U.S. government brought scores of such pro-nazi scum to this country right after World War II. The New York Times of June 20 mentions four in particular: Midhat dream of the Allied millionaires came to naught, and Hitler Frasheri, leader of the Balli Kombetar (National Front); bit the hand that appeased him. Soon British imperialism Hasan Dosti, minister of justice during the Italian occupaand then U.S. imperialism were forced by military necessity tion of Albania; Xhafer Deva, minister of the interior during to conclude an alliance with the Soviet Union and the other the German-Nazi occupation of Albania; and Abas Kupi, leader of the Legaliteti (the monarchist group favoring the But this did not mean that the U.S. and British impe- reactionary King Ahmet Zog). The New York Times can find nothing good to say about Xhafer Deva; they admit that

Enver's book explains the sondid history and role of this the nazis than to stay with the anti-fascist fighters in the ragtag collection of fascist collaborators. He shows that the Balli Kombetar was a reactionary organization from the beginning, whose only purpose was to oppose the genuine the nazis. After the British dragged their feet on giving aid National Liberation Councils and the armed anti-fascist to the partisan fighters and instead flirted with the collabo- struggle. He describes the Balli Kombetar as a basket of rationists, they then sought to occupy Albania when the crabs, a weird conglomeration of reactionaries whose only point of unity was to oppose the revolutionary-democratic Army. Only the vigilance of the Albanian communists and aspirations of the Albanian people. The Balli Kombetar tion 'til victory. This experience of the Albanian people is never fired a shot against the German nazis, but instead collaborated with the nazis to oppose the partisans. Enver also deals extensively with the role of Abas Kupi, who at one time posed as a patriotic Albanian and on that basis was elected to the General Council of the National Liberation Front. Kupi quickly became exposed before the masses, however, as he steadfastly refused to carry out armed actions against the occupiers. Instead of fighting the fascists, Kupi worked to sabotage the national liberation war and prepare the way for the return of King Zog, the hated oppressor of the Albanian people prior to World War II. The American bourgeois press prefers to sweep these Enver's book also provides good material to expose the and other unfortunate facts under the rug. Therefore it concentrates instead on how the U.S. organized these fascist sympathizers in the postwar period. The U.S. government set up a so-called "National Committee for a Free Albania'' in Washington, DC and made Hasan Dosti, the pro-fascist quisling, president of it. The "democratic" U.S. government also went so far as to give some recognition to Ahmet Zog's son as "King Zog II." At this time the Albanian government was trying to have the quislings and collaborators extradited to Albania to stand trial for war crimes. But the U.S. government shielded the war criminals and used them as intelligence agents, saboteurs, spies and murderers. Throughout the late 1940's and early 1950's these agents were sent into Albania, mainly by parachute, to carry out sabotage and to foment revolts against the Albanian government.

having no accurate knowledge of the Albanian reality, the imperialists soon found themselves in great difficulties. ... We forced the captured agents to make radio contact with their espionage centers in Italy and elsewhere, hence to play our game, totally deceiving these centres, which showed themselves to be completely incompetent and short-sighted. Things went so far that they dropped us whatever we dictated to their agents who had fallen into the trap. The bands of the criminals who were dropped in by parachute or infiltrated across the border at our request, came like lambs to the slaughter, while the armaments and other materials which they dropped or brought with them went to our account. In a word, they came and we were waiting for them. We put them on trial and after all their filthy deeds had been exposed, we gave them the punishment they deserved. The espionage centers which sent these bands became alarmed and tried to alter their methods of action against the new Albania and its glorious leadership — t ie Party of Labor. But up till now, events have proved that everything they have attempted against us has run into a granite rock and been smashed to smithereens. History has the same fate in store for them in the future, too."

The Revolution and the Communist Party Are the Keys to Victory

The most important part of this story is why the Albanian people had the strength to resist and defeat the plots of U.S. and British imperialism as well as the fascist occupathe account in the American press. The official press simply displays frustration. The New York Times quotes Michael Burke, a CBS corporate executive and one-time president of the New York Yankees: "...I was asked by the C.I.A. if I would try to create a revolution in Albania. ... Actually, it down a Communist Government without overt military intervention? It was a trial case and I worked at it about a year and a half and concluded in the end it was not possible. ...You couldn't do it with just locals." Of course, it makes perfect sense that a man who could talk with "clinical" detachment about overthrowing the popular governments of other peoples through terror and subversion should have, as his co-workers, fascist war criminals.

But why did these plans fail? The American official press is silent about the real causes. The New York Times closes its eyes and diverts the issues by blaming everything on the supposed doings of the British-Soviet double agent Kim Philby. But the truth is closer to Burke's cry of anguish: "you couldn't do it with just locals." The basic problem for the U.S. and British imperialists was that the "locals" the Albanian people — had been roused in revolution and were marching on the path of their own independent action. They were enthusiastically united around the National Liberation Councils and then the People's Government and around the proletarian political party, the Communist Party of Albania (now called the Party of Labor of Albania). The Communist Party, founded and consolidated in the flames of the anti-fascist war, taught the Albanian people to differentiate between friends and enemies and how to discern the plots of the concealed enemies.

The Albanian people have had centuries of experience in heroically fighting against oppression and foreign occupiers, but it was only with the founding of the Communist Party that the Albanian people gave rise to a leadership wise enough and strong enough to carry through the revolunot some strange special feature of Albania. It is a general feature of the revolutionary movement. It is the aroused working class and people who have the strength to defeat the imperialists and the internal reaction. To mobilize this strength, they must give rise to a proletarian political party, the genuine communist party. This is the path that the American working class too must take. This is why they have founded the Marxist-Leninist Party, USA, the true successor of the proletarian revolutionary party that the CPUSA once was before it was corroded by revisionism into an impotent tail of the Democratic Party. The working class must rally around and strengthen its Marxist-Leninist Party, and stand up in class struggle. And then it will be on the

road to defeating the American bourgeoisie, the huge network of police and intelligence agencies, and the deceptive maneuvers of the reactionaries and carrying out a successful socialist revolution.

Enver's book shows the marvels accomplished by the Albanian people during the National Liberation War. He shows how, during the anti-fascist war, the Communist Party of Albania not only led the fight against the fascist occupation troops, but also vigilantly opposed the plots of the Albanian feudalists, the monarcho-fascists, the reactionary bourgeois nationalists and all the internal reaction. The CPA showed that the basis of the national liberation war must be the oppressed masses themselves - the workers and peasants and other toiling masses - as well as progressive elements from other strata. The CPA taught the people to differentiate between word and deed, to differentiate between those who called themselves "patriots" (like Balli Kombetar and Legaliteti) and those who actually fought the fascist occupiers. In this way, the CPA linked the struggle for national liberation with the struggle against the domestic exploiters - the landowners and reactionary bourgeoisie. As well, the CPA led the people in maintaining a correct stand towards the anti-fascist coalition of World War II, of doing their duty in this great struggle, but maintaining a differentiated stand towards the various allies and staying wary of the plots of the Anglo-American imperialists. Because of this correct policy, the CPA was able to not just arouse the Albanian masses, but to lead them to victory. In the postwar years, the Albanian people upheld this glorious heritage from the National Liberation War. Under the leadership of the CPA and then tion. It is this part of the story that disappears entirely from the Party of Labor of Albania, they continued the revolutionary struggle and, in the face of difficult conditions, constructed a solid socialist state.

It is this story of the strength of a people who have risen up in revolution and of the crucial role played by the genuine communist party and the Marxist-Leninist ideology that was to be a clinical case for the United States Government the American bourgeois press wants to hide. And it is this story that is related in a lively and moving way in Enver's new book. It is a welcome addition to the literature on the anti-fascist struggle in World War II.

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Che Anglo-American Threat to Albania

U.S. Imperialism Embraces the Nazi Collaborators

Today a small part of this story of U.S. imperialism's love for the nazi collaborators in Europe is coming out in the bourgeois press. We call these articles and stories "revelations," but actually they are revelations only in the U.S., where the mass media is as strictly controlled by the reactionary bourgeoisie as if a government censor went through every page. These facts, now appearing over three and onehalf decades after the fact in the American bourgeois press, were known to progressive people in the U.S. and all over the world since the late 1940's. By presenting a few of these facts, the bourgeois press likes to pose as neutral and objective — but this same press will, if it has its way, wait another 35 years (if no revolution intervenes) before releasing a little bit of the truth about the terrorist activities, the assassinations, bombings, germ warfare and bribery, that the U.S. intelligence agencies are doing today. But the official press feels that it is safe to admit something of what was done several decades ago.

Nonetheless, there are valuable lessons to be drawn about these revelations from history. They are another example of the well-known American government policy of bringing the most case-hardened fascists and anti-people

The exact use the U.S. imperialists made of these agents can be seen by examining the American press of the 1940's. In 1948 The U.S. News and World Report cheerfully reported on the notorious Project X. It summed it up in these words:

'Under this plan, strong-arm squads would be formed under American guidance. Assassination of key Communists would be encouraged, American agents, parachuted into Eastern Europe...would be used to co-ordinate anti-Communist action.'

And this is the same American bourgeoisie that rants and raves about the "terrorism" of the progressive people and revolutionaries! If Reagan really wanted to fight "international terrorism," he should put himself, the Pentagon and the whole U.S. intelligence outfit on trial for high crimes against humanity.

But let us return to our story about Albania. The plans of the U.S. imperialists were one thing, and the reality was another. The American press is especially upset about the recruitment of fascist sympathizers because it was unsuccessful. Both in Byelorussia and in Albania the parachuted agents were all caught, put on trial, and given a just sentence. Enver describes the "famous radio game" of the Albanian people. He states:

"Blinded by their hostility towards our country, and

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scription has never stopped and will value in helping to develop the mass never stop an imperialist war. It is movement. significant that it is precisely the Reaganites in the movement, such as stand that will develop the mass taken today in response to the anthe Libertarians, who find it conven- movement against militarism, a move- nouncement of the first prosecutions of ient to ascribe supernatural powers to ment that is a real challenge to impe- the nonregistrants. We must denounce draft resistance in order to detach the visist war preparations. Although our this new step towards the draft struggle against militarism from the Party does not give the general slogan by Reagan and use the outrage of struggle against capitalist imperial- to refuse registration not do we create the masses against this new crime ism. Such a stand, whether by the illusions about this form of stringgle, of the government to organize them. Libertanans or by the friends of the our anti-imperialist stand provides for the anti-imperialist straggle.

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those who refuse registration, but

instead empties their stand of its real

and cannot shake imperialism. What is needed is the mass actions of the workers, gie against imperialism and put upon the of building up the party of vevolutionary powerful path of mass revolutionary strug- struggle and socialism, the Marxist-Lenin-

Now is the time to organize mass actions against the reintroduction of registration and the draft! Draw the masses of youth into the anti-imperialist struggle! Put the issue of imperialism at the center of the capitalist imperialists!

In the struggle against militarism and imperialism the revolutionary activists press ganged as cannon folder to kill their should utilize the burning indignation a class brothers for the sake of the profits gainst the draft and the imperialist war of the big nultinational corporations. The preparations in order to organize the workers must stand up against this crime

The imperialist warmongers cannot be masses. Revolutionary groups should be fought be each individual just taking a de- organized everywhere. Anti-imperialist cision for himself or washing his own hands and Marxist-Leminist literature should be of the matter. No matter how self-sacrific- studied and distributed. The Democratic ing such individual actions are, they do not and Republican Parties should be denounced, their political backs theated with the contempt they deserve! The movement youth, students and all oppressed masses. should be oriented onto the path of the in-The working and oppressed people must be dependent class politics of the projetarorganized in the course of the mass strug- iat, onto the path of conscious struggle and

ist Party. The working class must take its rightful place at the center of the anti-imperialist struggle. The anti-imperialist struggle is part of the class struggle. It is the working class that is the only consistently revoluagitation against militarism and the draft tionary class. And it is the masser of the and rally the working masses against the youth of the working dass and of the oppressed nationalities, the large majority of whom are also workers, who are being

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Democratic Party, is no real support to firm support for those who take the path of not registering and explains to them the role their stand plays in the overall movement. It is the antiimperialist stand which provides the The anti-imperialist stand is the orientation for the steps that must be

and reply to it with the class war.

On Registration, Draft Resistance and Struggle in the Military

Today Carter's registration order sets before the anti-imperialist movement the tasks of organizing the mass actions against the reintroduction of the draft and of directing the anti-militarist sentiment onto the path of conscious struggie. But as part of the struggle, the question also arises of wnether to register or not. Those nevolted by militarism are taking up several different methods of struggle against the regisstratior.

There are some who will refuse to register, crifthey register, refuse to be drafted. Given the present post office registration, which is loose and to a certain extent for propaganda with the stricter registration scheduled for next year, this number may well be quite substantial. And many officers will wait till the last minute. By resisting Continued on next page See GET ORGANIZED

Social-Democracy, Instrument of Capitalism

Below we print the second half of an article by Joao the rank and file of Prestes-ism. Amazonas, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Brazil, which appeared in the Brazilian journal Principios No. 2, June 1981. The first half of the article was printed in the June 5, 1982 issue of The Workers' Advocate. The article has been translated by The Workers' Advocate staff.

Social-Democracy in Brazil

Until a while back, social-democracy did not manage to succeed in Brazil. In a certain sense the objective conditions for that did not exist. Capitalist development was weak. The social struggle had not managed to reach a much elevated level, in spite of the existence of the Communist Party since 1922. That type of struggle, even in the beginning, would suffer violent repression. The trade unions existed under persecution, and were prohibited from the operation of workers' parties or parties connected to the working class. For various reasons, the ideas of social struggle, and Marxist books had limited circulation. The political movement of greater expression, by virtue of the particular conditions of the dependent and backward country, was of a democratic or national liberation character.

After 1930, the social struggle acquired a new impetus. But, a good part of the proletariat was guided by reformism. Vargas Idictator of Brazil from 1930-1945 and president from 1950-1954 - ed.] was the stimulator of that tendency. He managed to decree the participation of a class row of seats, elected through the reformist trade unions, to complete the Constituent National Assembly of 1934. In its turn, the social struggle considerably increased the influence of the Communist Party which led powerful strikes and organized the revolutionary movement of the National Liberation Alliance.

Until the immediate post-war period (1945), social-democracy, as a definite political current, did not succeed in taking an organized form. The Brazilian Labor Party (BLP), which emerged in 1945 and was created, as its founder Getulio Vargas declared, in order to prevent the proletariat from adhering en masse to the CP of Brazil, did not succeed in being social-democratic, strictly speaking. It was furthermore a reformist, populist and nationalist party, with landlords and bourgeois in its leadership. The first manifestations of the social-democratic current appeared with what was called the Socialist Party, which existed until 1964. However, that party did not manage to penetrate into the working class and was limited to the less significant strata of the petty bourgeoisie.

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Furthermore, there was an attempt that occurred at the end of the 50's, with the abandonment by the [Communist] Party, led by Luiz Carlos Prestes, of the revolutionary positions of Marxism-Leninism and with its acceptance of the revisionist theses of the CPSU. That party transformed itself, objectively and subjectively, into an organization of a social-democratic type. But with the establishment of the dictatorship in 1964, which abolished and indiscriminately persecuted the political movements in the country, it was not possible for it to openly carry forward the social-democratic preachings that it had been carrying out among the workers. It disintegrated to a large extent during the terroristic period of the dictatorship. Moreover, the Communist Party of Brazil was reorganized in 1962, carrying out the intense ideological struggle of unmasking revisionism, and alerting the working class and the masses of the people to the opportunist deviation which was manifesting itself in

Meanwhile, in the last fifteen to twenty years, Brazil passed through a relative capitalist development, although of a dependent character. The forces of the working class increased considerably, and the social contradictions became even more accentuated. Simultaneously, along with the quantitative growth of the proletariat, there emerged a stratum of better-paid workers which, on account of their conditions of life and mentality, constituted what can be called the labor aristocracy. Objectively, the conditions were created for the formation of social-democratic parties.

Because of this, when the dictatorship began to evolve into a less harsh regime, initiatives of that nature appeared. Brizola, who was abroad, was looking into German socialdemocracy and began discussions in that area. The experienced deceivers of the working class of West Germany thought that the ex-governor of the Rio Grande of the South with his workerism and the prestige he had enjoyed among the masses until 1964, could be the perfect man to accomplish that task. And it was by raising the banner of German social-democracy that he realized political contacts with his associates in Europe and returned from exile. But the former BLP (afterwards the Democratic Labor Party, DLP), a travesty of social-democracy, did not grip the working masses. The popular prestige of its leader is declining due to the denial of its past positions and due to its unmistakable approach to the military government. The DLP, ex-BLP, is not succeeding in being even the populist and nationalist party that it had been before.

As well the revisionists, who are now divided into two wings, both social-democratic, one (represented by Prestes) more tied to the Soviet Union and the other to the Eurocommunists, and also in cordial contact with the traitors of the Kremlin, strive diligently to strengthen themselves in the country. However, they are quite eroded and discredited in view of the failure of their politics in the period of Goulart [protege of Vargas, president of Brazil, 1961-1964 — ed.]. They depend on old-time political henchmen among the workers. The Eurocommunist wing which controls the BCP defends a shameful politics of conciliation, of smoothing out the road for the Figueiredo government [the current government - ed.], of praise for the reactionary armed forces, and of moderation of the struggles of the people. All that does not give them much chance to make headway, in spite of the support that they, receive from the bourgeoisie in all fields.

Nowadays, a major hope of social-democracy in Brazil resides in the Workers' Party (WP) led by the metallurgist Luiz Inacio da Silva [Lula].

A Falsely Proletarian Party

A party can not be considered a workers' party simply on account of its social composition or of the proletarian origin of some, or even all, of its leaders. No party is so densely constituted of workers as the British Labor Party. Even so, it is only a bourgeois party. What socially characterizes any party is, above all, its ideology and, as well, its close ties with the class which it represents, along with the prevalence of elements of that class in its ranks.

But the Workers' Party does not adopt the ideology of the proletariat; on the contrary, it repudiates it. The ideas defended by its principal leader, although expressed in a worker's language, have nothing to do with the basic interests of the working class. In essence the WP is a typically social-democratic party.

strike. Suddenly he distinguished himself on the national unity of the Spanish working class." In the interview which stage, in particular, in Sao Paulo.

Curiously he was flattered by governors and the bourgeoisie. Delfim Netto said that "Lula was the most marvelous thing that happened in recent times." Petronio Portela, articulator of the supposed sincerity of Figueiredo, welcomed him and afterwards declared that "henceforth I will begin to defend some of the theses that you brought me." Immediately after that, he earned the "endorsement of Dilermando," commanding general of the 2nd Army. Ruy Mesquita, proprietor of the Estadao and of the Jornal da Tarde, organs of the conservative press, spoke of the "ideological purity of Lula" and asserted that "for the first time in the history of Brazilian trade unionism there arose a union leader in a condition of purity."

Until March 1978, Luiz Inacio insisted on emphasizing what is apolitical and preferred "preparing the working class to know how to make a choice." However, he did not greatly delay defining it himself through the organization of a political party called the Workers' Party.

What are the ideas which characterize the physiognomy of the WP?

They are found fragmented in a series of declarations of its founder. Contradictory and harebrained declarations, however, with a real sense of what that trade union leader thinks and means. They go from sterile economism to the praise (in general) of the armed forces and to the admiration of the disposition, strength and dedication of Hitler.

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Although he declares the proposal of the WP to be "practically socialist" (strange socialist proposal!), he defends "free enterprise in the economic field" which he considers "the essence of democracy." According to him, "there should be the right to produce and to profit" and also the right of "the workers to demand their share in part of those ploiting and the other that of being exploited (only with better pay). He defends the "equilibrium between capital and labor" as an indispensable requirement "for social peace." He wishes that the national entrepreneurs "would understand that the workers do not only have to survive, but also to eat well in order to continue producing and for them to be able to yield even more profits for the enterprises." (italics added - J.A.) Such ideas do not go beyond bourgeois liberalism. This is because the interest of the proletariat is to put an end to wage slavery and not only to demand better living conditions. The "essence of democracy," especially in the period of the monopolies, is not free enterprise but in the class character of the ruling regime. As for social peace in the capitalist system, it is nothing else but class collaboration. The bourgeoisie and the proletariat are in a kind of permanent war: one, seeking to augment the surplus value, making the profit always larger, and the other resisting the exploitation. A middle ground does not exist.

The Party, according to Luiz Inacio, should not define its ideological shape in advance. But the masses would define it through their own experience.... After putting forward a generic program, he wishes that the masses themselves reveal "whether or not they are socialist or communist." And according to him, the type of society to be constructed will have to be spontaneously delineated by the workers. What a strange party! A party without a general direction. which drifts at the mercy of events. An opportunist, tailist party. In a workers' party, the ideological definition and the plan of the society to be built are products of a socialist consciousness which does not arise in a spontaneous manner from the relationship between employers and workers. Without socialist consciousness, the working class does not have the prerequisites to formulate its plan of social liberation. The party is the conscious factor of the workers' movement. As an inseparable part of the working masses and based on revolutionary theory, the party elaborates the essential questions of the class struggle and establishes the goals to be achieved, the most important being the overthrow of capitalism and the construction of socialism under the leadership of the proletariat. With respect to action, Luiz Inacio gives priority to the economic struggle of the workers against the capitalists and the government. He puts in second place political action, on which the solution of the problems which afflict the workers depends to a large extent. "Some people," he affirms, 'imagine that there should be a redemocratization in order to have trade union freedom or a modification in the Brazilian trade union structure." And he asks: "Who says that first they do not have to have a fight of labor for the modification of the trade union structure, in order to have democratization?" "For us," he emphasizes, "democracy is trade union freedom and from this ... we will attain a complete democracy." He comes to the point of considering that the end of the AI/5 [a Brazilian law - ed.] "is of no interest to the working class." As can be seen, these are precisely the opinions of the "economists," which express the Proudhonist stubbornness of those that do not comprehend, or do not wish to understand, the fundamental role of the class struggle, precisely in the political field, where the various forces of society, including the key problem of power, are confronted. Trade union freedom in Brazil, which must be fought for, is inseparable from the conquest of political freedom, without which the proletariat will not be able to truly free their mass organizations from the straitjacket of governmental and police control. On his return to the country after a propaganda trip through Europe and the United States, in the course of which he met with those who are most reactionary, anticommunist and opportunist, including the German socialdemocrats, Luiz Inacio revealed clearly the political and ideological tendencies with which he maintains links. His ideal is social-democracy. "To me," he says, "German and Swedish trade unionism are the ones which approximate those that I would like to exist here." (A yellow, reformist trade unionism of class collaboration ...) The infamous Italian Communist Party, of the revisionism of Berlinguer, equally earned extravagant praises from him as "a democratic party of the masses, numbering millions of affiliated people." He is also fascinated by the Social-Democratic Party of Sweden. "In general, I acquired the impression from all that I knew, that the line of the Swedish Socialzales will be, along with the SWP, the great symbol of the March 12-24, 1981.

he granted in Italy to Pino Cimo, he declared himself a sympathizer of "Scandinavian socialism which, I think, is called social-democratic."

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Everything that he said demonstrates that the WP, which strives to become implanted in the working class, is a reformist party, a party of social peace, a social-democratic party, still fearful of openly assuming its true ideological affiliation. Its principal objective, like that of social-democracy everywhere, is to divert the proletariat from the revolutionary struggle and the struggle for scientific socialism, to prevent its unity and to impede the progress of the formation of its class consciousness. He tries to hide the CP of Brazil whose authenticity is denied by the leaders of this supposedly proletarian grouping.

It is probable that Luiz Inacio, a neophyte in politics, would not have a clear idea of the aims pursued by the organization that he founded. Even if he does not have a clear idea, the same can not be said of the trotskvites, the diehard anti-communists of the church, and the renegades from Marxism-Leninism who form his entourage; they are his advisors and his comrades in the leadership of the Party. They understand very well what they want: to prevent the proletariat from organizing itself with the aim of fulfilling its historic mission.

And there is no doubt that the WP marvelously serves this purpose. Precisely for this, Luiz Inacio himself made a point of meeting all who, through reformism and anticommunism, oppose the true ideas of the working class, which as historical experience confirms, are only realizable under the leadership of a Marxist-Leninist Party.

Certainly, the WP and its leader also suffer persecution like the patriots and democrats in general, since we still live under a despotic regime. However this does not negate the profits," two rights quite ill-matched, since one is that of ex- character of that political organization, its conciliatory aims, and its diversionist intentions in the class struggle. The criticism that is made of it is a principled criticism, directed especially towards the enlightenment of the working masses who seek the path of emancipation.

The attempts to create a social-democratic base in the



With the reorganization of parties fostered by the dictatorship, which prohibits in a categorical way the legalization of the Communist Party of Brazil and of the other forces of the left, a party of the social-democratic type was permitted and created. The fact that in that period there were "capitalists and people of the government willing to create a party of workers" is significant.

Its antecedents are found in the powerful strike of Sao Bernardo which mobilized broad masses of workers of the automobile industries and had wide repercussions in the whole country. Luiz Inacio da Silva successfully led that

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the draft and the registration, this section manifests its revulsion for militarism and imperialism and inspires other acts of resistance.

We firmly support those who resist registration or the draft, but we do not issue the general call or slogan to refuse registration or the draft. That is because the idea must not be created that refusal to register, if only enough take part, can stop imperialist war. This has never happened. Instead the draft resistance is a form of struggle whose value is that it draws certain sections of the masses into more conscious forms of struggle and manifests burning indignation against imperialism. The draft resisters cannot simply leave their struggle at just refusing to register or be drafted, but must go on to take part in the mass actions and the organized movement against imperialism. Their courageous stand has value as part of this movement and not as a panacea in itself.

As well, there are those who will register with the intention of fighting against militarism and imperialism from within the armed forces. This section fights against the recruiting campaigns and the draft, but it goes into the army when this is compulsory in order to fight from the inside. This is a daring and courageous stand. At present, this section is quite small. But these activists deserve the utmost support, for the struggle inside the armed forces is ultimately one of the decisive fronts of struggle against imperialist war. And these activists will find their forces multiplied many times by those who come to greater consciousness or resolve to fight imperialism while already in the armed forces or in the clutches of the draft machinery.

Those who will accept being drafted in order to fight from within the armed forces in the meantime take an active part in the anti-imperialist movement outside the armed forces and in the fight against the draft. And only in this way can these activists acquire valuable revolutionary experience needed for the struggle inside the armed forces, a struggle under harsh con-

ditions of fascist military discipline. independent political activity of the work-Furthermore, there are large masses of ing class. working youth who are revolted by the

draft and militarism, but who find no alternative to registering. With the draft, the state machine puts its full weight down upon each person individually, one by one, in forcing them into the army. Thus, especially as the registration system becomes more established, this section inevitably comes to constitute a big majority. Our Party stays close to these masses. This section has not avoided struggle by registering, but instead finds itself involved in a fierce and dangerous situation inside the armed forces. It is necessary to help this section to gain consciousness, to organize and to take part in this struggle. Large masses from this section take part in the numerous actions against the draft and in the anti-imperialist movement. In this way they must both fight militarism now and gain experience for the struggle inside the armed forces.

As well, there are those working class vouth who have already found themselves ensnared in the present "volunteer" army. The army is not a whole, but is split into parts. There is the fascist, privileged upper ranks, officers and "lifers," and the mass of cannon fodder at the bottom. The majority of the GI's are youth from the working masses and are receptive to the antiimperialist agitation. The anti-imperialist movement must always pay close attention to any opportunities to influence the mass of downtrodden youth herded into the army to be slaughtered for the profits and glory of the fat billionaires.

The experience of the 1960's and of the anti-imperialist movement against U.S. aggression in Indochina shows that all the different methods of resistance to militarism require courage and determination and all can be utilized to advance the mass struggle. This experience shows that the struggle against the draft is a powerful one that brings out the broad masses of youth against imperialism. And it shows that it is both possible and necessary to organize the soldiers themselves against the imperialists. The anti-militarist struggle is a powerful stimulus to the revolutionary

It is necessary to fight every step of the warmongers. This struggle requires determination and sacrifice, and it will be protracted. This fight must be placed onto the correct road and utilized to organize the working masses. It is only the mass revolutionary struggle that can stay the hands of the warmongers from this or that act, and it is only the socialist revolution that will destroy U.S. imperialism once and for all. Step up the mass struggle against the warmongers, manifest utter contempt for the imperialist system, and use the mass antiimperialist movement to organize the working masses for the revolution!

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mate cause of war - the search for profit by a handful of exploiters, by the huge multinational corporations, by the rich. It is socialism that eliminates the warmongers once and for all by expropriating the handful of the rich who profit from war and plunder. The socialist revolution is the ultimate goal of struggle against militarism and imperialism. Rally to the revolutionary working class movement.

Today's demonstrations show the broad character of the mass outrage against the warmongering course of the Reagan government. Their tremendous size will be pondered by millions. But we must also know that the movement will not grow in a straight line, just by the demonstrations getting bigger and bigger. The numbers at demonstrations will go up and down. What is important today is that the movement should also grow in depth. Today's demonstrations will prove of lasting value if they inspire the participants to organize in their local area, to read and ponder revolutionary literature, to take part in building up a powerful movement independent of the capitalist parties. It is up to the people to upset the plans of the militarists!

A mass demonstration in Brazil demanding democratic liberties and freedom for political prisoners in the late 1970's. •

country are not an accidental phenomenon. They are indications that the objective and subjective conditions favorable for revolution are maturing, conditions which manifest themselves in the deepening and aggravation of the social contradictions, in the rapid growth of the ranks of the working class, in the increasing subordination of the country to foreign capital, and in the existence of the Communist Party of Brazil, which broke with opportunism, has the experience of struggle, and is guided by the theory of Marxism-Leninism. Precisely because of this, the more enlightened elements of the bourgeoisie and its agents (conscious or not) strive to create and develop supposedly socialist organizations which speak in a proletarian language and present themselves as a force of social transformation. They aim to benumb the consciousness of the masses and to forestall the political awakening of the workers, inasmuch as the workers, intuitively, as Lenin denotes, "tend toward consciousness as the plant tends toward light." In the final analysis, these elements recognize the existence of the real possibilities of the masses following the path of liberation. For that reason, they are zealous in seeking to turn back the liberating march of the masses by means of diversions.

Nevertheless, it is not fated that social-democracy will really be able to become successfully established in Brazil. Grasping the social-democratic banner, the Brazilian Communist Party [Prestes' revisionist party - ed.] suffered grave political defeat in 1964, changing from a relatively large party into a small organization. Raising the banner of German social-democracy, the party of Brizola saw its potential of influence among the masses waning. The WP, despite having mobilized some trade union leaderships, has thus far not been able to put forth roots in the proletariat. and it has its major penetration among the students and the middle class in general. All this indicates that socialdemocracy is not able to easily penetrate into the country.

Nevertheless, it will be incorrect to underestimate it. The damage that it will be able to cause to the workers' movement is not small. It is necessary to combat it, clarifying its true intentions, tactical ruses, and false proletarian character. It is necessary to uproot the reformist tendencies among the workers and propagate the revolutionary ideas of scientific socialism.

All the passages quoted with relation to the Workers' Democratic Party is the most correct." He exalted in the . Party, that are cited in this article, were taken from the same way the social-democratic Socialist Workers Party of book Lula - Interviews and Speeches and the interview of Spain and its leader Felipe Gonzales, "I consider that Gon- Luiz Inacio da Silva, published in the journal En Tempo,

In recent weeks, the revolution in El Salvador has once again shown its great strength. With massive military aid from U.S. imperialism, the Salvadorian military dictatorship has launched its biggest military offensive yet against the liberation forces. But the revolutionary fighters are turning this offensive into a big fiasco and a terrible defeat for U.S. imperialism and its lackeys.

The Military Regime Has Taken on a New Face

Today the generals who rule El Salvador have taken on a new face. Previously it was the administration of the Christian Democrat Duarte which provided the military with the mask of a "moderate" and "civilian" rule. Now Duarte has been replaced with a new government which is dominated by open fascists. Nevertheless, the new administration still includes a few elements from the Christian Democratic Party, whose role as a flimsy fig leaf for the military and fascist death squads is clearer than ever. For many years one of the major reformist parties in the country, the Christian Democrats, have shown that with the advance of the revolutionary struggle reformism ends up as simply another reactionary force justifying the slaughter of the masses.

This government came to power following the U.S.-organized elections farce of March 28. At that time, a Constituent Assembly was formed composed of representatives of several reactionary and ultra-right-wing parties. The most prominent parties are Duarte's Christian Democrats, the fascist ARENA (Nationalist Republican Alliance), and the PCN (National Conciliation Party), which was the main party of the eligarchy and the military from 1961-1979. The character of this Assembly can quite easily be judged from the fact that it elected as its president the notorious ex Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, leader of ARENA and the White Warriors Union death squad, who fancies himself as the Supreme Dicrator-to-loe of the country.

The Assembly appointed Alvaro Magana, an alleged "independent," to the post of president of El Salvador. This "independent" is nothing but apother monthpiese for the oligarchy, the generals and the U.S. government. In fact, it was precisely the deals cooked up between the U.S. embassy and the military that put kimimto the presidency. He is very well au alffied to defend the interests of the imperialists and local exploiters since he was a founding member of the PCIY and is | tionstrand.



Salvadorian liberation fighters dig in in Chalatenango Province, one of several areas where they have routed the government's military offensive.

cal examples of the government's transparently thin. Duarte falsely monstrous crimes. Thus in a few short months the new regime has added hundreds of victims to the 16,000 killed during the last year of Duarte's iunta

The reactionaries cannot even resolve their internal squabbles without widescale terror. In order to force ARENA to accept Magana as president, the U.S. had to order the Salvadorian military forces to threaten a coup. Then on May 12, twelve officials of the Christian Democratic Party, including four mayors, were found dead, murdered by the military according to Duarte himself.

While the new regime is carrying out the same program of terror against the masses, it has however stretched the "land reform" mask of Duarte

made promises of giving land to the peasants, but under the cover of these false promises, the government actually established a broad military occupation of the countryside. Now, Magana and D'Aubuisson are rapidly scrapping the "land reform" program altogether. By doing away with even the talk of "land reform," the government is expressing its firm subservience to the entrenched interests of the oligarchy. It is expressing its complete loyalty to the principle of ruthless exploitation of the rural toilers and to "keeping them in their place."

U.S. Imperialism Steps Up Its War **Against the People's Struggle**

proclaimed its fascist nature to the troops, having just completed training to the junta couldn't participate in the teams' throughout the country. elections since a large number of oppurpose than to justify massive U.S.

aid to the fascist butchers. U.S. imperialism is pumping in aid in order to crush the revolutionary movement. This year alone Reagan has sent \$80 million in military aid. In the last month alone, \$21 million worth of warplanes were shipped to the Salvadorian generals. Meanwhile, Congress is getting ready to approve tens of millions more for next vear.

The Revolutionary Fighters Are Smashing the U.S.-Backed **Military Offensive**

Meanwhile, things are getting worse for the generals on the battlefield. Having failed in their previous attempts to hait the revolution, Washington and its lackeys are therefore resorting to ever more drastic meas-The Salvadorian government has ures. Sixteen hundred Salvadorian

world. But according to the Reagan in the U.S., have been thrown against administration's ambassador to El the liberation fighters. The U.S. has Salvador, Deane Hinton, the rise to mobilized the Honduran reactionaries power of these hitlerites means "de- to escalate their aggression against the mocracy is at work"! The main "proof" Salvadorian people. Over 1,500 Honof the alleged democracy according to duran troops are now fighting alongthe U.S. government is that the new side the Salvadorian troops. U.S. milirulers were voted into office in the tary personnel are being further acti-March 28 elections. Of course the elec- vated too. The CBS television network tion of the right-wing parties was a has recently shown films of U.S. miliforegone conclusion. The masses were tary "advisers" going into combat threatened with severe reprisals if zones with M-16 rifles. Meanwhile, they didn't vote, and only the reaction- the U.S. military mission in El Salvaary parties could participate in the dor is clamoring for more U.S. "adviselections. Anyone voicing opposition ers" to form 12-man "mobile training

Bolstered by the U.S., the Salvadorpositional figures were placed on a ian armed forces are conducting large-'hit list" by the military dictatorship. scale campaigns against the liberation In truth, all the hoopla over the elec- fighters. At the end of May, three tions and "democracy" has no higher U.S.-trained battalions participated in "search and destroy" sweeps through Chalatenango Province. The government has sent nearly 8,000 troops into Morazan Province, including a large number fresh from training at Ft.

Bragg, North Carolina and 1,500 Honduran troops. At the end of June a thousand Salvadorian troops with air support from U.S. A-37 fighter-bombers began operations against rebel positions on Guazapa volcano, 15 miles north of San Salvador. In short, U.S. imperialism and its puppets are in an all-out offensive to annihilate the revo-Intion.

But the government's "grand" offensive has been a miserable failure. With the support and assistance of the broad masses of workers and peasants, the liberation fighters have gained strength throughout the country. They have been able to frustrate the government's encirclement maneuvers. When the government forces concentrate their troops in one area, the revolutionary forces open up new fronts, forcing the government to extend their troops and making them vulnerable for counterattacks. And more and more the rebel forces are capable Continued on page 5

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How the Democrats 'Oppose' Reagan's Aggression in El Salvador

ing its biggest military offensive yet "human rights." And despite the against the Salvadorian people's liber- massive evidence of the massacres by ation struggle. This savage aggression the regime, Reagan came through with is not merely the policy of Reagan. In such a certification without batting an his efforts to prop up the fascist re- evelash. The aid went through. In the gime in El Salvador and their genocid- next few days, Reagan will once again al war against the people, Reagan is make such a declaration, and this will getting utmost assistance from the again expose this requirement as a Democratic Party.

The Democratic Party liberals claim to oppose Reagan's policies in IEI Salvador. But this "opposition" is just so the "land reform" program is that this much hot air. In fact, the bogus nature of this alleged opposition has again been demonstrated since the Reagan severely exploited peasantry and rural administration held the March 28 elec- laborers - it was never intended to

completely empty gesture. The reason the Reaganites and

Democrats can both give lip service to program was never aimed at solving the serious problems faced by the give land to the peasants. It was ers merrily carry on their murderous anti-war surge is taking place in both never intended to hurt the entrenched interests of the nch landowners who live off of the exploitation of the toilers. In reality, the "land reform" program was intended to hoodwink the peasants into supporting the government under the guise of "reforms." Under the cover of pretending to give land to the peasants, the government implemented a Viet Nam-style rural pacification program to systematically execute anyone who refused to completely cow down before the landlords and the military. The counter-revolutionary intentions of the Democrats' calls for "land reform" were again recently spelled out by Serator Dodd: "Land reform is the linchpin. If the people sympathize or join the guerillas, there isn't any amount of money that could save E. Salvador." In other words, the Democrats seek to save the fascists from being deteated by the people's revolution. They are quite eager to provide the fascists with a.d if only the people are claughtered in the name of "reform." It is noteworthy that the amendment making "land reform" a condition for the \$66 million allocation was coauthored by Dodd and the Republican Senator Nancy Kassebaum. Kassebaum was one of the members of the U.S. observer team handpicked by Reagan to "observe" the Mardn 28 elections farce. She helped put the formal stamp of "democratic, free and fair" on the elections farce. The fact that such an open apologist for Reagan as Kassebaum could co-author Dodd's resolution exposes that there is nothing "anti-Reagar" about his measure at al. There were also some resolutions of-But this sine opposition to Reagan's fered by more "radical" oppoments policies either. After all, the Reagan of Reagan's H. Salvator policy which were defeated by the congressional committees. It is useful tollook at these too to get a complete picture of the Democratic "opposition." Take, for example, Representative istration is assuring everyone that it is Studds of Massachusetts, who has been promoted for several years as allegediy one of the firmest opponents of the Salvadorian junta. This great liberal warrior recommended giving the Salvadorian military 'only' \$25 million in military ail 11 is year! Finalrequired that Reagan formally certify Representative Rosenthal of New

Today U.S. imperialism is organiz- making progress in "reforms" and ending all support for the military re- squads. Now that the party of the about Dodd's proposal of giving \$66 gime? Not in the least. His proposal death squads with D'Anbuisson at the was that aid should be cut off for a head has extered the government, the time "until the provisional govern- liberals are claiming that their aid ment backs its pledge (to continue schemes will somehow turn the death Duante's reforms) with actions." squads into flower children! What the most drastic proposal was simply a The impotent Democratic "opposimore demagogic call to slap a Duarte- tion" is crawling on its belly in front of gime.

(Washington Post, May 9, 1982) Thurs, even more fantastic lie will come next! style "reform" mask on the new re- the Reaganite warmongers. But the social-democrats and revisionists are The support of the Democratic lib- trying to postray the Democratic Party erals for the Magana/D'Aubuisson liberals as verifable krights in shiring government shows what shameless armor. Take, for example, the reviimperialists they are. They simply sionist Guardian weatly. Despite the chatter about reforms in order to pro- mountains of facts showing the convide a screen behind which the butch- trary, this newspaper writes, "A new

million to the military dictatorship and approvingly wrote that "according to a Washington Post account, (this) was the Reagan administration's 'biggest foreign aid defeat' to date." (June 9, 1982, p. 13) What Bans?

The purpose of this outrageous prettification of the Democrats is to divert the momentent in solicitarity with the Salvadoriar people away from the path of mass straggle itewards reliance on the impotent "anti-Reagan" opposition in Congress. But the flaors prove daily that it is not the Democrats who are apposed to U.S. imperialist aggression in IEI Salvador. The neal force against U.S. aggression is the masses

one of the richest capitalists in the country. As head of the Salvadorian Mortgage Bank, he has burkcolled the armeelforces for 17 sears.

The fleals cooked up between the U.S. embassy, the military and the various parties also established a new cabinet to replace Dinaste's okl one. In this, General Garcia, who is the chieftian of the military and the real power in the Salwaforian government, was maturally reappointed to the key post of minister of delense. The other sabinel posts were cluideil anong other reaction arises and ubra-rightists. ARE A wan cargeral of several innottant posts giving then control of the economy. These included the agricultural ministry through which they can supervise the plother of the peasanty and the runnies of the dernounatic chaments among frem. Meanwhile, the Christian Democrats wave relegated to several meaningless, vers routal rainistries, such as later and education, through which they can provide some flims y "reform" wintow dreasing for the avowed festists. They were also given the foreign relations past from where they can function as "houserate" public relations rice for the regime. The Magana? D'Aubusson govern nient has shown clearer ithan ever that it is the U.S. backed oligardry, military and treath squads who rule El Salvardor.

The present government is continuingthe savage repressioned the people by the Buarre regime IBnor to the clections a spokesman for ARENA, Marie Re ad.i. expressed freir attitute towards the masses. He said: "Civiians will be killed, war has always buen that way. When the Germans bombed London, they kidn't tell the uvilans to get out of their way." This is an open declaration that he regards the Sidwadorian workers and peasants as alforign energito bes laughtered b, the methodstaught by Mittar.

And t is pred selv this poi cy that the current regime is putting into practice. The military forces and the death squads are carrying out wholesale nurder of the working masses, hoping to int initatet her into giving up their support for the revolution The mass execution of 48 peasants in the small town c.I. Barrios an April 18 and the killing in Mary of BUF peasertsmear the Lenpa river during a "isearch and

First of all, it is worth recalling that a big section of the Democrats, including Tip O'Neill and the AFL-CIO leaders, supported Reagan's March 28 elections fraud. And as the "elections" came and went, the imperialist politicitus in Congress, both Republican and Democrat, have returned to the business of approving the sending of huge amounts of military aid.

But even as the military aid flows smoothly through the pipeline with bipartisan approval, the Democratic Party politicians are still trying to hypocritically posture as alleged opponents of Reagan's policy. Let us see how the Democrats are today pulling off their magician's trick of passing off support for Reaganite aggression as "opposition" to Reaganism.

Take, for instance, the passage this May by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of \$66 million in military and for the fiscal year 1983. The liberal Democrats, including the so-called anti-Reagan dove, Senator Dodd of Connecticut, are daiming that this aid pudkage is really the product of their "opposition" to Reagan. How? Becarse Reagan had asked for \$166 mil-'lion'. Naturally trey "forget" to menthan that their own proposal for \$66 millionits at least as high as any annual allocation ever made for the Salvadorian generals. Indeed, if Reagan recruested \$10 billion for the fascists, the Democrats would "only" grant \$4 billior and then boast about fouling Reagan's plans! What tricksters!

The Democratic Party liberals are also bragging about having made the aid package conditional on the continuation of the so-called 'Land reform'' program began under Duarte.

gevernmentitoo constantly swears by the "land reform" program. And even Phough the Magana/D'Aubuisson regime has all but eliminated the "land reform" proposals, the Reagan adminworking on the fascists to continue with Duarte's "reforms."

Moreover, the Democrats have already in the past made "reforms" a condition for the continuation of aid, and thenever stopped a single cent of military ad for the generals. Last year, iy, the most "extreme" proposal that this so-called 'lanti-Reagan'' measure the Democrats put toget ler came from destroy 'missis notyt he army are typis- that the Salvadorian government was York. Did even this proposal call for

Duarte was in power, the Democrats "a major effort to cut off mildary as Step ap the mass struggle against U.S. required Reagan to falsely certify that sistance to El Salvador." (May 19, imperialism) the junta was controlling the death 1982, p. 5) They are especially existance

war against the people. Thus, when 'houses of Congress' which is making of warkers and progressive people.

More on the March 28 elections farce

ing to send massive aid to the fascist terpiece of this propaganda in the recent period has been the elections fraud of March 28. Washington and that virtually all the eligible voters came out to the pollis. On this basis, Reagan kimself crowed. "Now they really showed that there is a real desire for Lemocracy there."

But this election was a complete fraud. It has been exposed many times adults who have no ID and are thus over. Now still further evidence thas completely excluded from uting. come to light verifying that even the official figures for the total number of men of the regime in order to make the military diotatorship look good.

The Salvadorian authorities claimed that over 1.5 million people voted. But according to a study released in June by a liberal magazine, Central American Studies, published by the Jesuitrun Central American University in San Salvador, the actual vote was most half the official figure. This figure was arrived at through calculations based on the number of polling stations in the country, the hours the poils were open, and the average time it took to which is quite reasonable.

nearly 600,000 less than the official 370,000. tally.

physical capacity to approximitate 1989 regime in El Salvador under the hoax have been 50.60% of the stal munder that it is making progress in "democ- of ekgible voters. However, even acracy" and "human rights." The cen- cordingtto the official elections con.rbsion, about 12% of the ballots cant were nul fied or belt blank as a protest against the elections. Now, since the the Salvadorian government claimed total runnber of votes was arbitrarly multiplied by two or three, how can you trust this 12% figure giver the regime's wote manufations? And it should not be forgetten that the total number of aligible waters dues not inciude several hundred thousand more

Confronted with the skiepicism about the decion turnoutifigures, Drt. votes are ritter fantasy. They were Jorge Bustamarie the heat of El Salsimply made up the public relations settor's Central Elections Council, adritted that' there might have been a 110% amor' in the wole totals. Cif made sure that it could identify those course, this was like asking the fer how many drichens were still left in the roop he tradjust raided, but even which ware matched to a runnbeed Bustamarte could not deny the charges a together.

There are many ways by which the vote utrals may thave been min plaslikely close to about 772,000, or about turet. Fori rstarte, cire method of accomplishing this was the infamous "inight voting" where sote tabulations are chamatically inneazed in a short. period of ime. This was withey used during the 1972 dec forms fraul in that vote. The study considered that it took country. But while in 19/2 it was the an average of 21/2 minutes to vote, National Criers who stuffed the Inalist. boxes, this time it was the Pierdons Official claims of the average time Council's brand new U.S. suprined needed to vote were generally outrage- computer. For example, after two-uty ous, such as one estimate of 30 sec. Four hours of couring wites, at 6:30 onds'! But some official estimates son prin ion March 29, the Electors Suga ceded it could have been as much as L ici reported a total of 376, 914 works. minutes. While the university uset a Kid in the rext I 11/2 linurs, between 21/2 minute figure, it uplomatically duskarid tawn, ine total hat gone up based its calculations on a greater to 747,256 votes. That is in haf the number of polling places than the off i me, the votec cunt had doublef! The cial tally. Even when these figures of certent of this fraud carlbes eer further the authorities are substituted, the from the fact that it took more than the number of voters would equal 907,000, next 30 hours the one up with increat

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The U.S. imperialists are continu- ers that the volling stations had the overstabulations & sovers on the overstaal mentort proved unsatisfactory. Fin example, an April 113 printput, over 2 weeks after the election, showed no valingin tine villages in Chalatenargo province, a shorighold of the revalution ary forces where it is widely concerted no pulling took place at all. But the next day, a new printput showed wothing in all mine willages. Oh, the rnanads of American computer techtobgs!

> Bunkernane, the cumilitions under which the electrons fissed took place should not be forgotten. The gowernmend, which bras amarchenerd 32,000 peopile in 1930 and 1981, nequire & all violers to vote by lav. Deterse Minister General Gardia stated two weeks befone the election that failure to vote would be considered 'an act of treavar." Moreowr, the geweenrent whordid nitvote by stanning utters'ID carts and using numbered bielots waring fist Einployees of the gevernment and the private sector that to show proof of woing ite called than pay. Marawer, only fasaist and reattionary candidates were allowed ar mr. a large number of appositional figures ware placed on a government "lit is" which declared first the armed forces would "relenflessly pursue"theirspreaments "isouthatthey'can account' for the crime of speaking a gan st heifasci stregnne.

Sud arest meet the Pestures of the 'ifter and Thir' elections field by the Reagan adn'i nistraion in El Salvalor. With the mythion " tencarain" dectons, the U.S. powerrient is justifyrigits surrantion fire travist indiany ficutatorship. But the destions meety Il.w.string int in TIS imperialsts will. risk-up any lie ib black up finin ieginne of coldbloadeh mudare is The whethand disperses the Democratic Paty liber des mich as Senater Dotid with said he was "delighted" that peoib "lisk of theid lines" (!!) to vote