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Fight for Socialism!

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and Nations of the World, Unite!

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Afghanistan: Soviet Union's Vietnam

Right before Christmas, the Soviet Union started a massive, around the clock airlift into Afghanistan. Amin, the Soviet puppet, was toppled and replaced by an even more trusted dog, Karmal. 100,000 Russian troops poured into the capital of Kabul, fanning out to all the important installations and roads.

Soviet tanks lumbering down the streets were a reminder of Czechoslovakia in 1968 when Soviet troops put

Prague under siege to crush the Dubcek government. The Soviet newspaper *Pravda's* report on the invasion was a paraphrase of Lyndon Johnson's order on the Gulf of Tonkin in 1965 to "win" the war in Vietnam.

But this time more than ever before, the Soviet bear has lumbered into quicksand that it won't get out of. The Islamic movement is on the rise against all foreign intervention, and Afghanistan will swallow this invading

force until the Soviet Union sinks to its knees as Viet Nam did to the U.S.

A Desperate Soviet Move

Amin was the third Afghan president to be toppled in the last 20 months. All three were executed after a coup

pulled from the borders of China and Eastern Europe. No longer able to rely on their henchmen, Cuba and Viet Nam like they did in Eritrea and Kampuchea, the Soviet Union must do the dirty work themselves.

Demonstration Against Greensboro Massacre Broadens

GREENSBORO: 1960-'80 / JOIN A
NEW NAT'L. OFFENSIVE!

UNITE! TO STOP KLAN-NAZI TERROR

Remember
the Greensboro Massacre!
Halt Police/Klan Collusion!
We Will Never Go Back!

The shots that killed five anti-KKK demonstrators in Greensboro November 3 were aimed at all Blacks, working people regardless of class and color, and all who desire justice in America.

We refuse to be intimidated by the new wave of KKK terror, government repression, and those who would tell us to clear our eyes, hoping the terror will go away. We must respond with moral outrage commensurate with the magnitude of these atrocities.

The violence in Greensboro is part of a pattern. These cold-blooded murders were encouraged by the Bakke and Weber cases, the anti-alien hysteria, Proposition 13-type legislation, new attempts at union busting. This must be turned around.

Twenty years ago on February 1, 1960, four Greensboro A&T students sat down at the lily-white lunch counter of Woolworth's. Their courage helped accelerate an entire generation of struggle. The nation responded and people won some meaningful steps towards freedom and justice.

Entering the 1980s, we find ourselves in a situation where even the limited gains achieved during the '60s are under increasing attack. Twenty years after the Greensboro sit-ins and the passage of much legislation, the deep yearning for freedom, justice and liberation of Black people has yet to be satisfied.

We call on labor unions, churches, civil rights, human rights, political and all social organizations, who wish to express their concern for the crisis issues which set the conditions for the Greensboro Massacre, to come to Greensboro, N.C. on February 2, 1980, to commemorate the last twenty years of struggle and take part in launching this offensive.

Join Us for a Peaceful,
Nonviolent March in

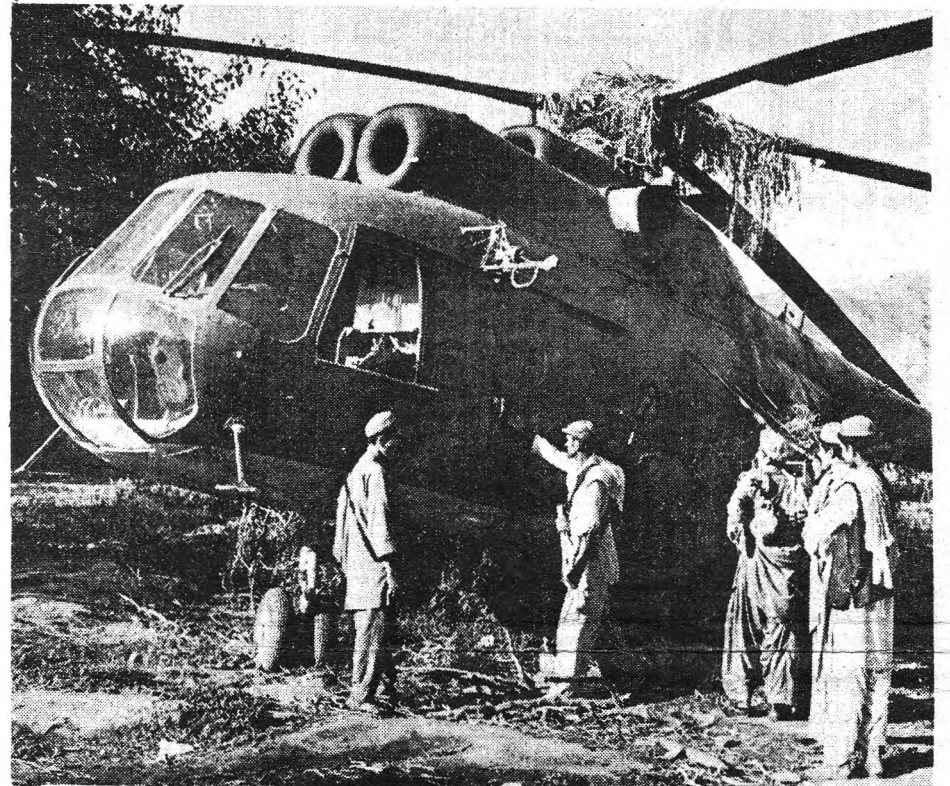
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Soviet MI-8 helicopter shot down by Moslem fighters in Asmar, Afghanistan.

d'etat. Amin took over three months ago after his predecessor, Taraki, failed to stop the rising liberation movement. But Amin's brutal fascist rule only increased desertions from the army and strengthened the rebel forces. The Afghan army's strength was cut in half, from 100,000 to 50,000. With Amin's government on the verge of collapse, the Soviet Union had to either swallow defeat or pour Soviet troops in to take direct control.

Afghanistan: Strategic to the Soviet Union

The Soviet Union needs Afghanistan to contend with the U.S. as well as to contain China. It is reported that the Soviets contracted to build three air bases in Afghanistan. These airfields would offset the fighters and bombers of the two U.S. aircraft carriers in the Indian Ocean. It provides the Soviet Union with a closer route through the Arabian Sea to the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, where most of the oil shipments to Western Europe and the U.S. must pass through.

Soviet forces in Afghanistan put them on Iran's eastern doorstep, pressuring the Khomeini government. It also threatens Pakistan to the south and China to the west.

With so much at stake, Russia launched a full-scale invasion to wipe out the Moslem forces. Over 265 tanks and 300 armored personnel carriers armed with missiles were sent in with the invading troops. Five more divisions are massed at Afghanistan's border,

U.S. Can't Intervene

The U.S. can't go into Afghanistan despite all its sabre-rattling. Afghanistan has little strategic importance to the U.S. Trade with them is only one tenth what the U.S. pumps into Micronesia. Iran, in comparison, is rich in oil and is militarily crucial for the U.S. to spy on and surround the Soviets. If the U.S. couldn't intervene in Iran, it definitely can't go into Afghanistan.

The U.S. fuss about the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan is aimed at getting China involved and setting China up for the biggest Munich ever. The U.S. is on the defensive strategically. The only way the U.S. can become top dog in the world again is to lure the Soviet Union away from Europe (the focus of superpower contention) to attack China. This would weaken both China and the U.S.S.R. and open the way for the U.S.

To defeat the Soviet Union in a war, the U.S. not only has to lure the Soviets towards China but must also prepare for war at home. This means centralizing the U.S. people ideologically and creating a lust for war because the U.S. "is being kicked around". The U.S. bourgeoisie is appealing to patriotism the same way Hitler did with Alsace-Lorraine (German territory seized by France after the Allies' victory in WW I).

Trying to Isolate the Soviets No Smooth Sailing for U.S.

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National Motion Kicked Off

THE COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY STANDS FOR:



The Communist Workers Party, U.S.A. (CWP) is the political party of the U.S. multinational working class. The CWP, formerly the Workers Viewpoint Organization, is a fighting, nationwide organization. Our members come from all backgrounds and nationalities. Our immediate goal is to lead the U.S. proletariat (working class) and oppressed nationalities to overthrow this rotten capitalist system by violence and establish a socialist system—the dictatorship of the proletariat. Under socialism, we workers will be our own masters and will rule over the monopoly capitalists in the interests of the vast majority of people. Our ultimate aim is communism, a society where there are no longer classes or class differences and no longer any exploitation of man by man.

The Communist Workers Party fights for the emancipation of all humanity. Our main contribution is to make socialist revolution here in the U.S. We support the struggles of all oppressed people and nations and fight together with them against both imperialist superpowers, the U.S. and Soviet Union, and against colonialism, neo-colonialism, Zionism, racism and all reaction. We oppose world war and fascism and work for proletarian revolution throughout the world.

Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought is the theoretical basis guiding our thinking. It is the science of revolution—the historical lessons of thousands of years of class struggle summed up into general principles by the great communist revolutionaries, Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tsetung.

We oppose the sellout traitors of today's revisionist Communist Party of the Soviet Union and Communist Party of China. They've become bourgeois (capitalist class) parties and revised Marxism to serve their own selfish interests. To ensure that our party does not betray the working class, the CWP conscientiously studies Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and criticizes revisionism. We submit to close supervision by the masses, boldly do criticism and self-criticism of errors, and constantly recruit fresh forces and cleanse our ranks of those who've gone stale.

Today's economic crisis is bringing untold suffering on the American people.

Millions of our youth are unemployed, strung out on drugs, and turning to crime. Divorce rates are soaring and families are being torn apart like never before. The root cause of this is capitalism. Capitalism is a system where a small gang of vultures like the Rockefellers and Morgans own the factories, mines and land, and make all their profit off our sweat and blood. This class, the bourgeoisie, uses its state (the police, courts, prisons, armed forces, and all levels of government) to rule over us. That's why we must overthrow them and seize state power.

The CWP fights for jobs for all, for better wages and working conditions, for decent housing, education, and childcare, for equal rights for oppressed nationalities and undocumented workers, for the right of self-determination for oppressed nations in the U.S., and against police brutality, the KKK/Nazis, and discrimination of women and the elderly. But the only way to end all social evils is for all workers and oppressed to unite, smash every attempt by the bourgeoisie to divert the blame for the crisis onto scapegoats, and to destroy the whole capitalist system. Only then can we continue the revolution under socialism until the classless society, material abundance, and spiritual height of communism is realized.

We do political education daily and in the course of taking up day-to-day struggles to help the masses learn who are our friends and who are our enemies. Today, our first priority is to awaken the proletariat to build up its party, by winning over to communism wave upon wave of workers and advanced elements and training them how to make revolution. We strive to make every factory our fortress, every community and school our base, to kick the hacks out of the trade unions and make them into fighting organizations. Thus we are now building our army in preparation for seizing state power.

We call on all workers and revolutionary-minded people to join with the Communist Workers Party in the struggle against this bloodsucking system and build up the Party as your own to prepare for the dictatorship of the proletariat.

MOTHER BURNS BABY IN EXORCISM Fascist Culture Bears Bitter Fruit

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y., Jan. 2, 1980—His baby son had just been burned alive in an oven. Racked with waves of sorrow and disbelief, all Leroy Justin could do was break down in the street crying. Patricia Abraham scalded their own 20-month old son with hot water and then roasted him in the oven.



Spiritual advisor Miss Rose, had told Patricia that God said she must exorcise the devil out of her son by fire. Spiritual advisors, palm readers and others of that kind have been showing up on every street corner. The Harlem community was shocked and outraged after the incident.

Leroy Justin cried out, "I'm going to get a gun and kill that bitch."

While little Leon was put into the oven, Miss Abraham told people to "come in and see the devil burn." A neighbor made four calls to the housing cops. And he even walked over to the police precinct to report that someone was burning a baby. But no housing or city cop showed up until 50 minutes after the first call.

Movies like the *Exorcist* and *Damien*, full of irrationality, the devil and mysticism, set people like Patricia up to accept the irrational as answers to their disoriented, oppressed lives. Fascist movie trends like horror flicks are consciously initiated or approved by big corporations who own the stocks of these movie companies. People get numbed as these irrational movies become a part of everyday life. This is a sinister aspect of the process of bringing in fascism. People can turn inward and get so indifferent to what's going on to others around them that neighbors can watch as Patricia Abraham put her son into the oven and not stop her. People are paying dearly for this. And with 95% of his body burned, a 20-month old baby has paid with his life.



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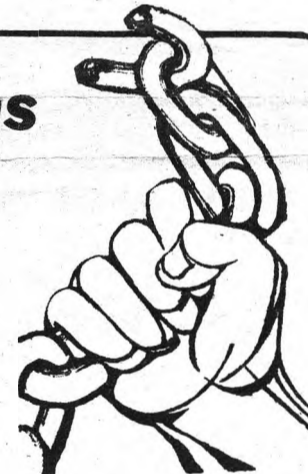
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Breaking the Chains of Wage Slavery



LOCAL 2 WORKERS PREPARE FOR CONTRACT

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.—A few months ago at the Hyatt Regency, housemen got the new title of "utility" men along with an added set of tasks. Across town at the St. Francis Hotel the maids were told, "all rooms have to be cleaned like VIP rooms." Maids at the Holiday Inn Chinatown have organized for and are taking morning, afternoon and lunch breaks.

These members of Local 2 United Hotel and Restaurant Workers are preparing for a new contract this summer. They should follow the example of the St. Francis maids, who won the right to hang rooms (leave them dirty rather than work overtime for no pay).

CLEVELAND TEACHERS SIGN AFTER 11-WEEK STRIKE

The Cleveland teachers, who defied a court order and stayed out for 11 weeks, agreed to go back to work for a 24% wage increase over the next 16 months. The 5,200 teachers rejected the first offer by the largest school system in Ohio of 15% for 16 months.

CATERPILLAR WORKERS NOT SLOW TO ACT

23,000 United Auto Workers members at Caterpillar Tractor, who staged a walkout October 1 and were joined by 17,000 more the following month, have ratified a contract with Caterpillar Tractor Co. Their 80-day

strike ended with a 3% wage increase with COLA for each of three years. 35,000 workers at International Harvester, another heavy machinery company, remain out in an important local dispute over forced overtime.

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BLACK SALESMAN BEATEN TO DEATH BY SIX PIGS

MIAMI, Fla.—Arthur McDuffie, a black insurance salesman, was riding a motorcycle on December 21 when he was stopped and surrounded by six cops. When the pigs left, Arthur McDuffie was dead. The police said that McDuffie was killed in a motorcycle accident. Investigators said he was beaten to death.

Miamians were outraged when the coverup came to light. Their anger doubled when the murdering pigs were charged with manslaughter. Daily protests are planned at the Miami Justice Building to fight the whitewashing of Arthur McDuffie's murder.

FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES

Our Readers Speak Out!

Constant Self Struggle of G.T. Against Capitalism

Dec. 10, 1979

Dear WV

There is a lot I need to say and I can put into action my commitment in action a lot better than I can in words.

I titled this article with the heading of a constant-self struggle of myself, and haven't yet told how bad I have been struggling. I have been rebelling against this corrupt system by getting into trouble with the law, rejecting the law in every way I knew possible. By taking everything I could simply get my little hands on, going back and forth to jail and so-called correctional institutions and that is not really the correct idea of fighting against this system we are going against. I knew then, 'cause I could have accomplished a lot if I had learned of the Communist Workers Party and the Revolutionary Youth League. I have had it rough all the way, schools with no real materials for the future, that is beneficial to me and my family. No decent jobs to support my family and self. So that's why I say I had to get out and steal money. I am still oppressed, but hopefully they won't force me to do it again to go back to jail, cause you are down even more behind bars.

We need to unite to fight back and stop capitalism and bring socialism

to the people. We know we had enough of what the system is doing to us.

We as fighting hard working people know our struggle have been no success without the guidance of the Communist Worker's Party. Join the fight for socialism for every one and forever more.

Signed Against Capitalism Completely,
G. T.

Washington, D.C.

(Letter from a young brother who just joined RYL. He has a history of fighting the state.)

"Gonna Make Revolution!"

Dear WVO,

Thursday, November 29, 1979, K and I went to a ladies campus in Durham.

K read a poem out loud by Langston Hughes called, "Good Morning, Revolution." And I read a poem by Gil Scott Heron. K got up and showed them his pants. He said he has holes and dirt spots in his pants and that people like Jimmy Carter can change their clothes even in suits three times a day. The teacher turned everything into a joke. It made K so mad he just walked right out of the room. One of the ladies there said, "What are you going to do to my husband? He's a capitalist. Are you going to shoot him?" I said, "No, we're going to put a broom in his hands and make him work." Then she said, "I'm a capitalist, but I'm not rich." Then K said, "Well, if you're not rich then you're not a capitalist." And they kept on talking like

that for a while. And then I said, "You're either rich and a capitalist, or you're not rich and not a capitalist." One thing for sure is they hate the word communist. I said, "We are either going to have a world war or socialist revolution. And we are going to make revolution before world war!"

After that was over, K and I went back in the room and said, "We're gonna make revolution no matter what y'all say!"

Alex Goldstein Waller
(11-year old stepson of Jim Waller)

League of Revolutionary Struggle Ten Years Behind

Dear WVO,

Just wanted to share with you some of the developments in the California statewide Mecha. For people who don't know, Mecha is a Chicano student organization with a long history of struggle. Many of the best fighters in the communist movement today came out of Mecha.

Over the last few years, the revisionist LRS (formerly ATM) has tried to take over the Mecha network by holding the statewide conferences under their thumb. Without offering a single shred of leadership, these self-proclaimed "leaders of the Chicano National Movement", have tried to reverse all of the correct verdicts of the last ten years and turn the clock backwards and turn Mecha into a narrow social democratic clique, longing for the good old days of the 60's.

This was clear at the last statewide conference held in East Los Angeles, over the summer, where many students became crystal clear on the real nature of LRS's "leadership".

In the High School/Youth Workshop no lessons were summed up, no positive fighting program was proposed, no issue was discussed, not one concrete suggestion, except . . . to plan another conference. Picture that, youth travel hundreds of miles to a conference, . . . only to plan another conference. And when a concrete proposal was made around fighting for the rights of immigrant students, the chairperson responded, ". . . that's not what we're talking about. We're planning a conference."

The *only* concrete proposal that LRS made during the entire conference was for Mecha to endorse the coalition (they themselves had instigated) to commemorate the Chicano moratorium. But what was the content of this commemoration? To sum-up the victories of this day, draw out the lessons and mistakes of the spontaneous movements of the 60's and point the direction forward for the road ahead? No way. They're content to believe that the Chicano moratorium has significance for just Chicanos. As their presentation and literature pointed out, "Things haven't changed much since the 60's". This is a lie. It completely negates the change in the objective conditions and the lessons and development of our movement that were paid in blood by our people. No, it is the LRS that is ten years too late, because they haven't been able to grasp where our movement is at and what tasks lie ahead to push it forward, particularly the role of propaganda and training. And because of their complete inability to consolidate political line and assume leadership, they have to rely on tactics like bureaucratism and manipulation to control Mecha.

But it's clear from the last few conferences that students are not about to be taken by these tricks. Entire campuses have walked-out in disgust and recently a number of schools have come together to form a separate Southern California region and break ties with LRS.

To break with the revisionist LRS means breaking with reformist, narrow-nationalist line they hold, and engaging in sharp political discussion to really propagate the lessons of the history of Mecha and the entire movement.

A.F.
Los Angeles

L.A. Chinatown Protests - No Traffic Without Traffic Lights!

"I'm late for work," shouted one woman driver as she attempted to drive her station wagon through the growing crowd of men, women and children blocking the intersection near the Castelar Elementary School.

"We have to do this because we don't want to have another little boy killed around here," explained one of the protesters. Just two weeks before a tenth grader was run down by a car and killed right near the school. Six months ago an elderly couple was knocked down by a car at the same intersection. One of them died.

The residents of Los Angeles' Chinatown have been demanding traffic signals at the intersection of Yale and Hills Streets for years but City Hall never responded. On Nov. 1, 7:30 a.m. over 300 people, led by the Communist Workers Party and Asian Americans for Equality, took matters into their own hands. For the first time ever in this community the masses took the streets and blocked traffic for one hour. While rush-hour traffic backed up for blocks, young and old alike stood their ground shouting, chanting and demanding that the City install traffic lights at the dangerous intersection.

"We can't do it," said Karl Jagensburg, senior traffic engineer for the city of Los Angeles. "Money is not the issue. You don't install on the basis of cost. It has to meet the national standards. You have to consider traffic count, accident records, driver visibility and many other factors." He continued, "Isolated accidents are not enough." City Hall's

response is just one indicator of their lack of regard for the lives of the Chinatown community. The recent death was the 12th major accident at that intersection in five years. The City has invested millions of dollars on roads, garages, etc. to turn Chinatown into a commercial center. They refuse to put traffic light because blocked traffic affects growing business.

For the first time, and led by the CWP and AAFE, L.A. Chinatown community hit the streets and confronted the cops to demand the city install a traffic light at an intersection near a school where a 10th grader was the last in a long line to have been killed there.



Chrysler Loan Guarantees Strangle Workers

Just before the holidays, Congress passed \$1.5 billion in loan guarantees for the Chrysler Corporation. The government loan guarantees give the big banks security that any money they lend to Chrysler will be repaid, repaying with people's tax dollars if the company goes bankrupt.

The money to Chrysler will be supplied by: state and local governments—\$250 million, dealers and suppliers—\$180 million, foreign banks—\$150 million, selling assets — \$300 million, selling stock — \$50 million, domestic bankers—\$500 million, and workers' "contribution"—\$400 million.

At Least 40% Drop In Chrysler Workers' Standard of Living

While all the other money comes in the form of loans, autoworkers are

asked to "give" \$400 million through wage cuts to a company which has only given them hell. In return for this sacrifice, autoworkers will be given \$175 million in sick Chrysler stock (Senator Long said this would give the workers "incentive to produce"). This \$400 million loss means a 40% drop in the standard of living for each worker over the next three years if the present inflation rate stays the same.

As Congressmen debated how much the workers would be asked to sacrifice for Chrysler's loan guarantees, many Chrysler workers waited in unemployment offices wondering where the mortgage money will come from.






The Senate originally wanted up to \$900 million from autoworkers and a mandatory wage freeze for three years. Pushed by Senator Lugar of Indiana, this plan was opposed by the United Auto Workers (UAW) and dropped. Chrysler workers were already hit with a \$200 million cut in their original contract, approved by 69%. Now they

are asked to reopen their contract to give up \$260 million more. A revote is scheduled for January 20.

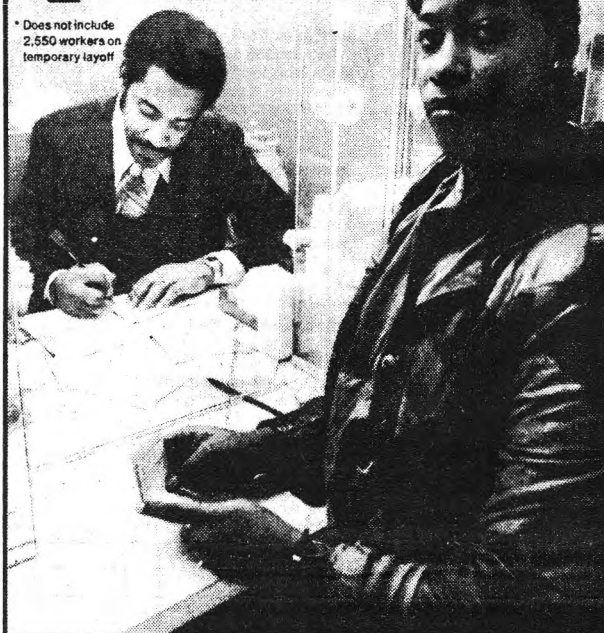
UAW bureaucrats have already sold out the rank and file, especially Chrysler workers, by agreeing to a worse contract for workers at Chrysler compared to

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Auto Industry Layoffs

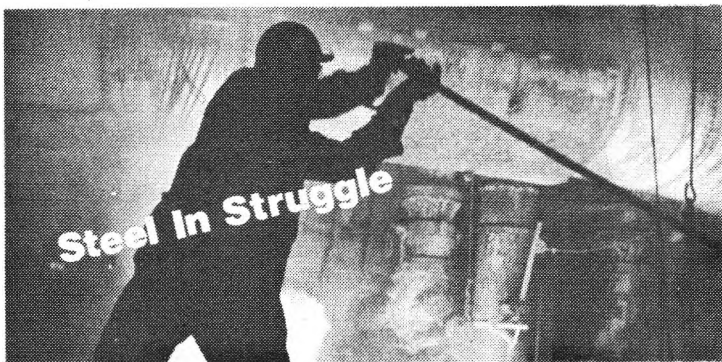
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	70,000	32,700*

* Does not include 2,550 workers on temporary layoff



Worker-Management Guts Union

Although the proposal to put UAW president Fraser on the board of Chrysler is still not definite, the experience of the worker/director arrangement (codetermination) in West Germany raises interesting questions. Hitler, who hated and abolished the unions, encouraged codetermination to suppress strikes and undermine the workers' struggles. Workers first got on corporate boards during 1952 when they threatened a general strike. Since 1952 while the West German economy has been relatively stable, 1/3 of the mining jobs have been chipped away and 50,000 to 250,000 of iron and steel workers' jobs were melted down without any strikes to resist these massive cuts.



U.S. Steel Blackmail Breaks National Contract

U.S. Steel is blackmailing steelworkers with their jobs. In late November Ambridge, Pa. workers at U.S. Steel's American Bridge Division plant rejected the company threat to close the plant and voted down a 3-year wage freeze. Then U.S. Steel announced the permanent plant closing. They dangled a "second chance" on the wage freeze in front of the stunned workers. Confused, unable to fight any longer without clear leadership, the workers revoted and accepted the 3-year wage freeze and separation from the United Steel Workers Basic Steel Agreement.

The wage freeze was originally rejected 650-432 and later accepted by the revote 508-320. Only 70 more revoted in favor of the freeze. The biggest difference is the 250 workers who didn't vote at all the second time. Like the autoworkers who stayed home during their contract vote, these workers were turned off by the seemingly hopeless situation (with union "leadership" that does public relations for the company's wage freeze proposal). They were forced into inaction.

U.S. Steel then said that the Ambridge and smaller Schiffler plants (where the

freeze was accepted) would now be kept open. They switched the closing to the American Bridge plant in Gary, Indiana where workers are still rejecting the freeze. Playing off one plant against another, U.S. Steel's blackmail has nothing to do with keeping the plants open. It is an attempt to break up the Basic Steel Agreement (national contract), weakening the union's position for the 1980 contract and setting a precedent for a more massive wage freeze.

Even U.S. Steel admits wage increases are not the real reason for the plant closings. Their "new strategy for the future" says they are expanding only in non-steel industries, for more quick and high profit. Their plan for steel is a massive efficiency drive by shutting down older, less profitable plants and cracking down on labor. So as planned they cracked down on the American Bridge workers with the wage freeze. Ambridge workers hope this setback will stop the plant closing. But U.S. Steel will keep shutting plants as planned, very likely including the Ambridge and Schiffler plants, because they have no other solution for the stagnating capitalist steel industry. □

Chrysler Fires Comrade Fighting Klan

HAMTRAMCK, MI — On Wednesday, November 7, three days after the attack on the Party in Greensboro, Communist Workers Party member, Clarence Dowdy passed out leaflets at Dodge Main (Chrysler Hamtramck Assembly Plant). The leaflet announced the burial march for the Communist Workers Party 5 murdered by the KKK and the government. After the shift began, general foreman, Jimmy Mays threw the Party leaflets on the floor and told Clarence, "Sweep that bullshit up". He refused. Then the general foreman told him, "I'll kick your ass and the union won't do anything about it". Mays took out twenty dollars and bet him that he was too chicken to do anything about it.

Dowdy took the money, informing Mays that he had just made a contribution to the memorial fund and the trip to the funeral.

As the comrade left the plant, Mays alerted the security guards that a fight was going to take place. Surrounded by security guards, Mays demanded his \$20. He got his butt whipped by Clarence, even though the workers were barred from joining the fight.

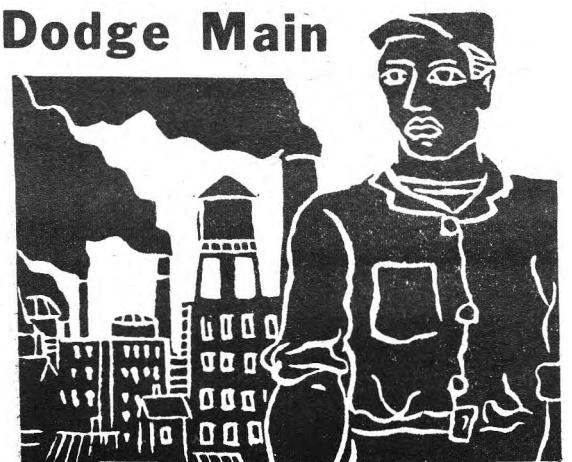
The following Friday, Mays and a goon waited until the Communist Workers Party agitation/propaganda team was through selling papers and the streets were clear. They ambushed Clarence and a friend of the Party. As the friend went to help Clarence, she was struck in the mouth with the butt of the .38 the goon

s packing. Fifty stitches were needed to close the cut.

Clarence Dowdy was fired along with the general foreman. Chrysler has made it clear that it is willing to sacrifice a general foreman just to keep out one Party member. Like he did after three previous firings in over 11 years working at Dodge Main, Clarence will fight for his job back.

The hysteria over communists, Iranians and undocumented workers cannot erase the exploitation and oppression facing the workers here today. So when the guards try to stop the paper sales at the gate, the Party and the workers step up their efforts to distribute the propaganda in the plant right under their noses. □

Dodge Main



Post Office Speed up Delivers Mike McDermott's Death

80's Bring Health & Safety Nightmare

JERSEY CITY, N.J.—Mike McDermott never had a chance. On Dec. 15, 1979, while he worked alone loading Christmas packages into a postal truck, he was crushed to death when a conveyor belt sucked him into its gears. He tried to push the emergency stop button, but it was located too far from where he worked. The jam relay, which cuts power to the motor when something jams the belt, had been disconnected.

After learning about McDermott's brutal and senseless death, workers at the facility stopped work and wore black arm bands the following day. They were outraged because postal management had ignored repeated warnings about the unsafe conditions at the center. According to a management safety check of the other 55 belts in that area, done the day after the accident, each had an average of more than six serious defects.

Mike McDermott was one of 4,000 postal workers employed at the highly mechanized N.Y. Bulk and Foreign Mail Center in Jersey City, New Jersey which handles 350,000 to 400,000 parcels a day. During the Christmas rush, he and the other mail handlers had been forced to work 11-hour days, six days a week of mandatory overtime.

A week and a half after McDermott's murder, two women workers from the center were sent to Christ Hospital, Jersey City for on-the-job injuries.

Two days later, another mail handler, Frank McGee, narrowly escaped serious injury when his apron became entangled in a moving conveyor belt. He lived to tell the staff members at the hospital that his face was pulled within inches of the conveyor belt before he was able to press one of the few working emergency switches that stopped it. While he went home in a

neck brace, the Postal Service called it a "minor incident, not an accident." Dr. Jones, Director of the hospital's Emergency Service Department, stated that the mail center accounts for more injuries than any of the other industries in Hudson County, N.J.

These postal workers' accidents were not the result of "freak" mishaps or carelessness as the management claims. A mechanic at the Jersey City facility said, "We've been told to take a lot of them (safety shut-off switches) out or change their settings, so that they aren't so sensitive to strain and won't cut off as easily. When a belt stops, it causes a lot of down-time and slows up production." So the safety devices were allowed to die out for the sake of productivity.

Bourgeoisie's 80's Strategy: Health and Safety Nightmare

The recent rise in industrial accidents is a forecast of a health and

safety nightmare to come in the 80's. The bourgeoisie's "four-point plan" guarantees this. (See *WV*, Nov. 5, 1979, "30's Depression Haunts Bourgeoisie, But Fear of 80's Freaks Them Out!") It calls for cutting social services, hiking military spending, stepping up "productivity" and most important, "reindustrializing America."

Stepping up productivity, a catchword which generally means work output per manhour, means how to get more production squeezed out of less workers. It is the justification for deliberately making the conveyor belts hard to cut off because it causes too much down-time. This bourgeois strategy murdered Mike McDermott and it's only the beginning.

Calling for "reindustrializing America" while they have no unity on how to do this means more workers will continue to be hit with speedup on old, dangerous machinery where even patchwork maintenance is scarce. The parasitic

capitalist class which lives off speculation cut down McDermott and caused the chain reaction of parts broken and motors burned out which killed 6 steelworkers in East Chicago. □

Indiana Steel Mill -

Deathtrap for 6

E. CHICAGO, IND.

December 28—As a big ball of gas and steam engulfed them, steelworkers and foremen rushed to close a leaky valve in the No. 3 blast furnace at the Jones & Laughlin Steel Co. Plant. One by one they fell, trying to help each other get out, until six were killed and twelve injured by the carbon monoxide fumes. Those killed included Ben Harris, 46, keeper on the No. 4 furnace and Fred DeHoyas, 22, helper on the No. 3 furnace.

As OSHA investigators and J&L public relations flew to the scene, steelworkers throughout the Chicago-Gary steel belt condemned the J&L plant (formerly Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. until the big merger of Lykes Corp. and LTV Corp. in December 1978) as the worst deathtrap in the area. There have been at least a dozen on-the-job deaths at the mill in the past five years. Equipment dirty, greasy and crumbling with age set up the deaths. The leak was triggered by the exhaust fan motor burning out, no alarm to signal this, no gas-monitoring devices in the area to warn of high levels of gas, a valve that wouldn't close manually and had no electric crank.

The call to "reindustrialize America" while the U.S. bourgeoisie has no confidence to make big investments in basic industries like steel, means pushing for productivity in antiquated turn-of-the-century mills and it is paid for in workers' lives. □



The Postal Service makes conveyor belts, like at the New York City Morgan Station above, hard to shut down, preferring to lose workers through injuries and deaths than lose production.

Protesting Job Harassment, Operators Bust ATT's Strikebreaking

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.—Two ATT (American Telephone and Telegraph) telephone operators died under tragic circumstances directly related to ATT's longstanding practice of harassing operators. One of the workers, because of job pressures, developed severe emotional problems. His supervisor held a few counseling sessions with him. This wasn't designed to help him. It was just standard company policy meant to document ATT's good faith in helping a worker cope with his problem; and if his problem continued to affect work performance, then ATT had cause for firing. It was after a counseling session that he died.

The second operator had 36 years with ATT and a perfect record. Her friends attributed her death to ATT harass-

ment. ATT's policy requires every operator to obtain permission from management before they can leave their switchboards for any reason. She forgot one day and for the first time in 36 years she was suspended. Extremely upset over the suspension, she suffered her fatal heart attack a short time later.

Overseas operators at 32 Avenue of the Americas, a major overseas switchboard facility, have been traditionally the most exploited and the most militant of the many CWA (Communications Workers of America) locals. Years ago, it was not uncommon for the operators to strike and shut down "32." Other sympathetic locals would walk out and ATT never dared punish any striker. After the long and bitter 1971 strike which resulted in sepa-

rate contracts rather than one national contract, ATT started to systematically penalize every wildcat striker with two days suspension for every day on strike. A two day strike would mean six days without pay. ATT almost succeeded in taking away the only weapon workers have, the one ATT fears most, the right to strike.

The overseas operators struck Friday, Dec. 21, 1979, right before Christmas, the second busiest season of the year for ATT after Mother's Day. They walked out to protest the deaths of their co-workers caused by ATT's severe job pressures and harassments. ATT immediately suspended the striking workers. Warnings were issued to all workers in Operations and Clerical departments threaten-

ing them also with suspension if they walked out in support. Despite tremendous pressure by ATT, 300 operators did strike and caused havoc for overseas telephone traffic over the Christmas weekend.

ATT was forced to drop the two day suspension policy for the 300 operators, as a settlement was reached the day after Christmas. Amnesty for the striking operators is a major victory for every telephone worker. Only by exercising the right to strike can workers fight ATT on issues of job harassment, speed-ups, safety hazards, etc. The strongest CWA local in N.Y.C. has put a dent in ATT's strikebreaking tactics, a feat that CWA lawyers and bureaucrats haven't accomplished for the past decade. □



WELCOME HOME ZIMBABWE LIBERATORS!

Beware of British/U.S. Backstabbing

"Welcome home comrades, you are the liberators of Zimbabwe." The masses cheered, sang, and waved signs.

As many as 100,000 blacks crowded through the airport gates, trampling down 12-foot high steel fences and pushing forward again and again against police lines backed by dogs. They came to greet the first delegation of the Patriotic Front.

Standing 10-deep along the road out of the airport, they danced and sang for hours, interrupted by a joyous surge toward the buses that carried the Patriotic Front delegations into the city. The Rhodesian police helplessly suspended a 6 p.m. airport curfew.

The scene at the Salisbury airport went beyond anything experienced there before. It was granite proof of the Zimbabwean people's support for the Patriotic Front.

Beware of British/U.S. Backstabbing

The show of solidarity scared Bishop Muzorewa, the British/U.S., and the South

African regime. Bullets couldn't defeat the Patriotic Front nor will the ballot. Either way, the Front will win.

But, these imperialist racist dogs won't take their defeat sitting down. They will try every trick to destroy the Patriotic Front and not implement the cease-fire agreements.

On Dec. 27, before the deadline of the cease-fire, General Tongogara, the Commander of the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army (ZANU's military wing) was reported killed in a car crash. He was traveling from Maputo to his headquarters at Chimoio in Mozambique, a town 50 miles east of the Zimbabwean border. His car was hit by a truck.

No one believed this was an accident, but more likely a premeditated murder. His car crash came right after Robert Mugabe (head of ZANU) warned Britain that ZANU would not gather at the assembly points agreed on unless the British account for South African troops still in Zimbabwe. Mr. Mugabe fiercely criticized the British for not

implementing their part of the cease-fire agreement and told his men to hold on to their arms and ignore any orders that might be given by peace-monitoring troops.

The situation is excellent for the Zimbabwean people, and the Patriotic Front has to be even more vigilant for backstabbing by the British and U.S. imperialists. The transitional period will be full of struggles. □



General Tongogara



100,000 Zimbabweans crowded the Salisbury airport to greet the First Patriotic Front delegation returning from Lusaka, Zambia.

OPEC LIFTS CAP ON OIL PRICES U.S. Oil Monopoly Grip Slips

After a week of intensive talks in Caracas, Venezuela, in December, the OPEC countries for the first time in a decade did not set a ceiling on the price of their oil. Each country is free to set prices as they want until the next OPEC meeting.

Four days before the meeting, Saudi Arabia, the largest OPEC oil producer, announced a 33% increase in prices to \$24 per barrel. This was the largest single increase since the oil embargo in 1973. The Saudi oil minister lashed out against the Western monopoly oil companies for making over 100% profit while Saudi Arabia was keeping prices low. The increase was needed to keep up with inflation and return part of the profit back to Saudi Arabia.

Spurred by the rising anti-imperialist movement of the Islamic people, Iran and Libya took the initiative to push prices to \$30 per barrel at the OPEC meeting. The OPEC countries, unwilling to keep prices at \$24 per barrel while inflation keeps spiraling, decided not to set a ceiling price. Right after the conference, Venezuela, Libya, Indonesia, Iraq and Nigeria all announced another 10 to 15% increase. Mexico, who is not an OPEC member, also raised prices to \$32 per barrel.

**No Ceiling Price
Weakens Grip of
Oil Monopolies**
Even before the OPEC

meeting, many countries, led by Iran, had taken political initiative to cancel their long term contracts with the international oil companies, encouraging direct trade agreements with European countries instead. These agreements make OPEC as well as the Western European countries and Japan, more politically and economically independent from the U.S. Western European countries are relying less and less on the oil monopolies to keep them supplied with oil. The role of the oil giants like Exxon, Shell and Texaco as middlemen have been cut back. Before the Iranian revolution, these companies controlled over 80% of the oil worldwide. This has dipped to less than 60%.

This sharpens the contradiction between W. Europe and Japan with the U.S. When the U.S. cancelled their order for Iranian oil, Japan immediately stepped in to sign an agreement for more oil from Iran. Western European countries are reluctant to support U.S. calls for an economic boycott of Iran, and condemned the U.S. freezing of Iranian assets.

By not setting a ceiling price and encouraging direct trade agreements, the OPEC countries strengthen their political initiative and flexibility in their fight for economic independence from the U.S. □

Yuletide Message on Iran

Christmas, the one time when the whole family puts everything aside and gathers to spend an enjoyable holiday together. But for some, it was a bitter Christmas. They love their children and hate the Shah, but they can't understand why their son is held hostage, unable to spend Christmas at home. Carter, safe and secure with his family, tries to point the finger at Iran, accusing them of being ruthless and unjust in seizing the hostages.

While the families of the hostages worry about their loved ones this Christmas, tens of thousands of Iranian families have missed their loved ones for the last ten, twenty Christmases. Workers, students, doctors, lawyers, poets, were dragged away by the Shah's police, never to be heard from again. While children here miss their father decorating the Christmas tree, thousands of Iranian fathers can never walk with their children, their legs crushed to bits by the Shah's torture. While sisters of the

hostages miss their brothers at Christmas dinner thousands of Iranians can't even hold a fork to feed themselves because their fingers were chopped off one by one. While the parents of the hostages are saying prayers for their children, Iranian mothers have to read to their sons and daughters because their children's eyes were gouged out by the Shah. The family of the hostages can only watch their loved ones on TV during Christmas, but Iranian fathers were forced to watch helplessly as their own children had their arms cut off. This was life in Iran under the Shah. Even UN Secretary General Waldheim was shaken when he witnessed evidence of this, saying that he now understands the Iranian point of view better.

And who funded and taught these inhuman methods of torture and murder? The U.S. government through CIA spies masquerading as embassy staff. Who kept the Shah in power for over two decades as the blood and tears of the

Iranian people ran everywhere? The U.S. And when the Iranian people finally overthrew the Shah, demanding justice be done, the U.S. gave this dog refuge.

Carter dares to demand justice from the Iranian people! Where's the justice when the Shah was in power? What compassion was shown to Iranian families? And the Soviet Union and the U.S. dare to gab about international law and justice to the Iranian people. What laws are these that not only allowed, but legitimized the Shah's rule? Justice and compassion isn't ringing church bells or lighting Christmas trees for the hostages. Compassion and justice is understanding the deep flame of hatred the Iranian people have for the Shah and U.S. imperialism, and uniting with their demand to send the Shah back to Iran for trial. If the U.S. bourgeoisie had any compassion for the hostages rather than their imperialist interests, they would already have sent the senile, Hitler/Shah back to Iran. □

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Solidarity Statement from ZANU

November 6, 1979

From Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) and the heroic people of Zimbabwe:

I would like to convey our condolences and sympathy to the Communist Workers' Party (CWP) on learning about the death and injuries inflicted on the Comrades by the fascist Klu Klux Klan, which is supported by certain circles within the U.S. government.

Since we are also waging a protracted struggle against colonialism and racism we cannot but join you in these hard times; our enemy is one; though our fronts may be different; the Klan is a tool used by the same people within the U.S. ruling class. Those same people are also engaged in nurturing and supporting the Smith-Muzowera clique in Zimbabwe.

Ironically, some of those people are also from the state of North Carolina. We cannot but express our solidarity with the people of African descent who have gone and are continuing to go through the untold suffering in this country. We cannot but join in solidarity with other poor people and other minorities who are being oppressed and exploited by the same forces (racism, colonialism, and imperialism) that we are confronting in Zimbabwe.

Although the clouds are dark, the future is bright.

CHIMUENGA!

Pamberi ne Chimwigo!

Forward With The Revolution!

Aluta Continua!

T. Kanghi
Chief Representative
U.S.A. and Carribeans

Thieves Gang Up On N.Y.C. Rockefeller Is Ringleader

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 19—"I've been through a lot in the economic crisis in this city," said Walter Wriston, Chairman of Citibank, "and I learned a lot of things. One of them is that you've got to speak with a single voice to get anything done." With David Rockefeller, chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank, at the head, Wriston is one of the prime movers for a coalition including Richard Shinn, the president of Metropolitan

Life Insurance Co., the president of AT&T (American Telephone & Telegraph), William Ellinghaus, Harold McGraw of McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. and 20 other monopoly capitalists. All have agreed to put the New York City coalition together in about two months.

The seeds of this "partnership" came from the city's fiscal crisis of 1975 which highlighted the big banks'

parasitic nature as they speculated on city bonds while services were cut, productive industry rots and thousands of workers were laid off. Out of this crisis two exclusive and powerful groups were born, one headed by Rockefeller and Chase Manhattan Bank and the other headed by Wriston and Citibank. They were able to manipulate the city budget and cut state business taxes in their favor.

NYC Coalition: Experimenting For A National Coalition

In order to get out of the economic crisis the bourgeoisie has to get private corporations and banks to invest in productive industries like steel or railroads instead of madly speculating on low risk, quick profit schemes like city bonds or gold. Because of the shaky economy, private investors are afraid of putting money into long-term investments in productive industries

through grants, research and technology, low taxes, fat government contracts and so on. But the bourgeoisie can't agree on who will get government help and who will lose out. For example, their squabbles in Congress have blocked Carter's energy program. One solution proposed by Felix Rohatyn (one-time head of the Emergency Financial Control Board) is to form a national coalition of business and community leaders to iron out differences beforehand. With this national coalition in mind, Rockefeller, Wriston and others are experimenting with a local coalition in New York City. The coalition's immediate aim is to recruit industry to the city through the mammoth Westway development plan, which has been bogged down up till now. The gang of elite muggers and thieves led by Rockefeller is to be backed by a broader coalition of more than 200 business groups in the city. □



Among businessmen forming a coalition to increase the influence of the city's business community are, clockwise from top left: William M. Ellinghaus; David Rockefeller; Walter B. Wriston and Richard R. Shinn.

Paul Conklin

The New York Times

MONOPOLY CAPITALISTS SING

"We Love Westway"

The immediate aim of Rockefeller and his gang of monopoly capitalists is to ram through the city-wide, multi-million dollar Westway development. It involves rebuilding the West Side Highway from the top of Manhattan with a complex of shopping malls and ending with a project of

condominiums in Battery Park at the south end of the island. The city government cut funds from other projects to give more money to Westway. For example, the Borough of Manhattan Community College, now located in the red light district of 42nd Street, lost its new location and funds so money could go to Westway.

we wouldn't be able to dig ourselves out for the next ten years." While the capitalists disagree among themselves on how to re-industrialize America, they are unified that Chrysler can't be allowed to fall, because of the domino effects to the fragile economy. The \$1.5 billion government bailout is another example of state monopoly capitalism.

For Chrysler workers, paying with wage and benefit cuts for the bailout and their futures further tied to Chrysler corporation's ability to stay afloat, the fight for permanent jobs is just beginning. □

Community groups and environmentalists have all opposed the project. The city's unions have also fought it. The rank and file are outraged that the city government lays off thousands of workers and cuts back services because of the budget crisis, but yet has the money to pump into a project that would only fatten the pockets of big banks like Chase Manhattan and corporations. This mass opposition to Westway, as well as contradictions among the capitalists have so far blocked the project. □

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GM or Ford workers. Now a precedent is being set for the auto companies and the government to reopen the contract everytime they want to squeeze workers more. Fraser, UAW president, said he would reopen the contract if "the survival of the company" was at stake, and has yet to put a limit on what he would ask the rank and file to give up.

Fight for Jobs Just Beginning

The \$1.5 billion is the largest government bailout in a private corporation in U.S. history. (In 1971 the federal government approved only a \$250 million loan guarantee for the near-bankrupt Lockheed Aircraft Corp.) House Speaker O'Neill pleaded for the bill: "Laying off 700,000 people, which is what you easily could do, believe me,

Turn the Country Upside Down to Avenge the CWP 5!

CWP Keeps Kennedy on the Run

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 19—Ted Kennedy took one look at the red Communist Workers Party banner and friends of the CWP shouting, "Speak on the murder of the Greensboro 5," and jumped like a jack rabbit into the small Catholic hospital.

He had come to this white working class community to try and publicize his health program. Doctors and nurses and at tops, 30 community people were standing around. The Catholic schools were let out early to get more people to see Teddy. When asked, "What do you think of Kennedy?" the students just said they were glad to be out of school.

Leaving Kennedy no peace, Communist Workers Party friends sold the *Workers Viewpoint* newspaper outside. An FBI agent and three cops came up and told them to leave. The FBI agent grabbed the banner and asked, "Is there a gun in here?" When the CWP supporters refused to move, the cops threw the comrade holding the banner down to the ground. When two others came to his aid, they were arrested, too. Kennedy left the hospital within 15 minutes, hardly enough time to shake a few hands or kiss any babies. The cause of the CWP 5 is keeping him on the run! □



CWP supporter grabbed in Hartselle, Alabama, by an FBI agent while demanding an answer to the Klan killing of CWP 5. In last issue, we incorrectly labeled this picture together with those from Washington, D.C.

HARTSELLE, Al.—Teddy Kennedy came to Hartselle, Alabama and the Communist Workers Party put him on the spot again. When Kennedy finished his speech, a supporter of the CWP demanded to know his stand on a special prosecutor for the murder of the Communist Workers Party 5. As the

Secret Service dragged him away, another supporter demanded to know his stand on Iran.

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GREENSBORO Weapons Suspend

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Bourgeoisie Blames Indigestion on CWP

GREENSBORO, N.C.—The Greensboro monopoly capitalists and their lapdog press now want to blame the economic crisis on the Communist Workers Party. Two local steak 'n eggs joints, part of a national chain of 24 hour greasy spoons owned by Squibb Pharmaceutical, recently closed down because of the decline in downtown business caused by the present recession. *The Greensboro Record* wept that these closings were a cause for "lament," and said the "shooting incident on November 3 made the

decline more precipitate and thus the need to go out of business more urgent." While they would like to blame the Communist Workers Party if the moon turned blue, just as Teng Hsiao-Ping would like to blame his constipation on the "Gang of Four", their employee told the real story, "Boy, I don't see how these people keep this place open! I've worked here for months on the night shift and we hardly ever take in more than \$5 dollars a night. Plus he has to pay me and pay for the food and all!" □

Baltimore City Council Anti-Communist Resolution

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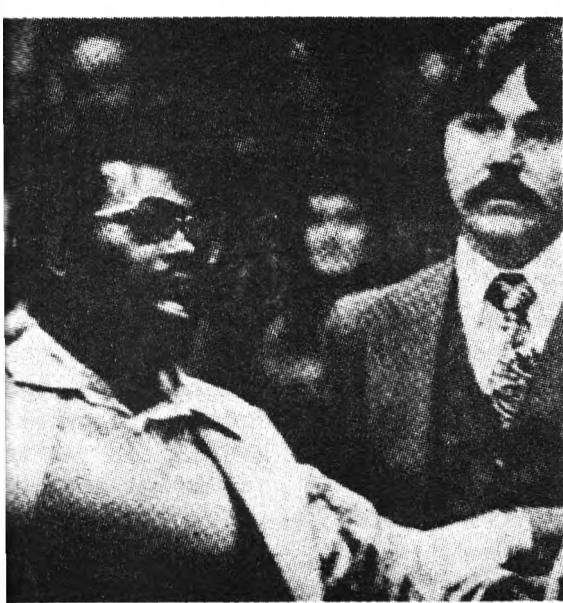
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2. Declare most of Greensboro off-limits to parades or demonstrations,

particularly residential areas.
3. Prohibit arms at or within a certain distance from a demonstration. Signs that could be used as weapons would also be banned. (Present North Carolina law allows weapons to be carried as long as they aren't concealed).
The city council vote was postponed to January 17 since many council members had not seen the amendments before and some had heard about it less than 24 hours before the meeting.

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Council's choice: Panel asks censure of Klan, Nazis
Anti-Klan vote splits Council

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Baltimore held the vote off for two weeks. Two Councilmen, both black, voted against it.

Baltimore People Resist City Council Amendment

More than 50 people, many more than usual, came out to the series of City Council meetings to denounce the Klan. City Councilman Mitchell, standing firm throughout the whole debate, said it was "outrageous" to include the Communist Workers Party along with the KKK and Nazis. Emmet Burns, regional director of the NAACP, brought conclusive evidence of Klan activity in Maryland. The executive director of the Baltimore Jewish Council stated, "Periods of economic and social stress in recent times have been the excuse to attack and blame traditional scapegoats, the blacks and the Jews."

Many community groups, from the

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THE PARTY HAS BEGUN ITS LEGAL FIGHT TO AVENGE THE CWP 5. THE DE-OF OUR ARRESTED COMRADES AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS SUIT AGAINST THE KLAN, NAZIS AND GREENSBORO POLICE WILL COST A MINIMUM OF \$250,000 FOR THE FIRST YEAR.

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2 Demonstration

Mayor Jim Melvin and other council members, would:

1. Force parade or demonstration organizers to post bond or pay a fee for additional security forces over 45 that the City Manager feels necessary before the city would grant a march or rally permit. Organizers would have to pay 2/3 of the final additional costs (The city estimates that the November 11 CWP 5 burial march cost them \$85,000).

2. Declare most of Greensboro off-limits to parades or demonstrations,

particularly residential areas.

3. Prohibit arms at or within a certain distance from a demonstration. Signs that could be used as weapons would also be banned. (Present North Carolina law allows weapons to be carried as long as they aren't concealed).

The city council vote was postponed to January 17 since many council members had not seen the amendments before and some had heard about it less than 24 hours before the meeting.

ncil Turns Anti-Klan Resolution Into Resolution

**Vote of Klan, Nazis
 Choice:
 Klan or all?
 Anti-Klan vote splits Council**

Baltimore held the vote off for two weeks. Two Councilmen, both black, voted against it.

Baltimore People Resist City Council Amendment

More than 50 people, many more than usual, came out to the series of City Council meetings to denounce the Klan. City Councilman Mitchell, standing firm throughout the whole debate, said it was "outrageous" to include the Communist Workers Party along with the KKK and Nazis. Emmet Burns, regional director of the NAACP, brought conclusive evidence of Klan activity in Maryland. The executive director of the Baltimore Jewish Council stated, "Periods of economic and social stress in recent times have been the excuse to attack and blame traditional scapegoats, the blacks and the Jews."

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and FBI." Only some reactionary scum from the City Council dared to speak in defense of the Klan and Nazis.

Racist Snakes and "Liberal" New York Times Provoke Violence

Councilman Frank Gallagher who presided over this inquisition must be the best friend the KKK and Nazis have on the City Council. At every step of the way he covered up the dirt saying he did not think there was Ku Klux Klan or Nazi activity in his district, and

the resolution "makes me feel they are making an issue here when there is no issue." These closet KKK members and Klan/Nazi secret supporters echoed "liberals" like the *New York Times* who ran that the Communist Workers Party "provoked the killings." The "provocation" line is the line of the bourgeoisie to usher in fascism. By condemning the best fighters against the KKK and Nazis, the Communist Workers Party, these right-wing reactionaries promote violence of the fascist scums. □

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AS THEY SEE IT...

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Sun Reporter EDITORIALS

Shocking Press Reaction To KKK Killings

If the slaughter of five demonstrators by the Ku Klux Klan in Greensboro, North Carolina, last weekend was appalling, the newspaper coverage of the atrocity was at least equally so. Virtually every account that moved across the national wire services and showed up in the nation's metropolitan daily newspapers carried the outrageous suggestion, either implied or stated outright, that the victims of the massacre somehow deserved what they got when carloads of admitted Klansmen drove up to a demonstration in a mostly Black housing project and opened fire with shotguns and automatic rifles.

Where were the expressions of outrage from the reporters who covered this bloody atrocity? Where were the soul-searching questions about what is happening to a society when such cold blooded mass murder can occur in broad daylight? Where was the condemnation of the Klan and the historical notes linking this latest rash of killings to a heritage of cowardly bloodshed that started more than a century ago with white robed citizens dragging helpless Black families out of their homes at midnight, torching their dwellings and lynching them?

None of that was in evidence in the press accounts. Instead, we were treated to the utterly calm and complacent speculation that the demonstrators had, after all, said nasty things about the Klan, printed derogatory things about them in their brochures and even, imagine this! hurled verbal abuse at the hoodlums when they drove up with guns on their laps and murder in their hearts.

What hope is there for a free society in America if the press not only accepts such murderous behavior but actually looks for reasons to excuse it?

DEATH TO THE KLAN!

Klan's Bloody History—Buying Time for the Bourgeoisie (Part 2)

This is the second part of a two part series on the Ku Klux Klan (see Part I, WV, Dec. 10, 1979, p. 5).

In the 30's, the Klan shifted its target again to better serve the capitalists. "The Klan will subordinate racial and religious matters to oppose communism and the CIO," said Imperial Wizard Hiram Evans.

The great depression—15 million workers on the streets, millions of farmers ruined, and wage cuts in all industries averaged 45%. In the midst of this suffering, the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), had established itself as the leadership of the U.S. people. In 1930, they organized more than 1 million unemployed workers in nationwide demonstrations. In 1931, they took up the fight of the Scottsboro Boys, nine Afro-American youths who were framed up for rape. In the basic industries, coal, steel, auto, the CPUSA was decisive in building up the unions that were to become the Congress of Industrial Organization (CIO).

The Klan attacked the CPUSA and built up Franklin D. Roosevelt, the most advanced representative of the

bourgeoisie at that time. In Detroit and Flint, Michigan, they killed and kidnapped dozens of workers to stop the formation of the United Auto Workers. In Florida, they murdered communist organizers in the orange groves. They attacked the Textile and Steel Workers Organizing Committees and the Southern Tenant Farmers Union for being multi-national and communist-led. At the same time they organized Roosevelt Southern Clubs, with Paul Etheridge, the Klan's top lawyer heading them up. FDR returned the favor by appointing Hugo Black, a known Klanner to the Supreme Court in 1937. All of this was to give the monopoly capitalists time to build a coalition of different monopoly groups around the New Deal. The New Deal, strengthening state monopoly capitalism in the U.S. was the way out of crisis for the bourgeoisie.

1950's—State Spearheads Scapegoat Politics Directly

During WWII, the KKK lost ground because of their support for Hitler. And after WWII, the bourgeoisie did not use the KKK to spearhead their vicious red-baiting campaign. Instead the President, courts, and Congress spearheaded it them-

selves. The aftermath of WWII brought 13 socialist countries, while one revolutionary storm after another swept Western Europe, and strikes were at an all time high in the U.S. Desperate, the capitalists launched a red-baiting campaign to get the CPUSA and further oppress the U.S. people. The national leadership of the CP was arrested and jailed. Thousands of communists and progressives like Paul Robeson, the great Afro-American actor, were dragged before Joe McCarthy's House Un-American Activities Committee.

The CPUSA, weakened by an all-around right line, could not use this excellent situation to organize the U.S. people to go forward to break the bourgeoisie. The CPUSA punked out—voting for anti-communist clauses in the trade unions they themselves led, and expelled themselves from leadership. The betrayal of the CP left the U.S. people without leadership. 822,000 rank and file members were run out of the CIO. Many Chinese-Americans including some of the best physicists in the world were harassed, arrested, and deported for being "communist conspirators". Through this the capitalists were able to implement the Marshall Plan to effect a temporary stabilization of capitalist rule.

The Klan grew somewhat as part of this offensive against the U.S. people but not much. When the Klan did come out in the 50's, their attacks against the people were beaten back. The Deacons for Defense, a black, armed self-defense group, blasted the KKK out of Monroe, North Carolina in 1956; and just a few weeks later, hundreds of Lumbee Indians, in warpaint and headfeathers, drove the KKK out of Robeson County, N.C. for good.

More important, the capitalists could not openly back and promote the KKK in the 50's because the U.S. was trying to pass itself off as the "defender of democracy" to the rising third

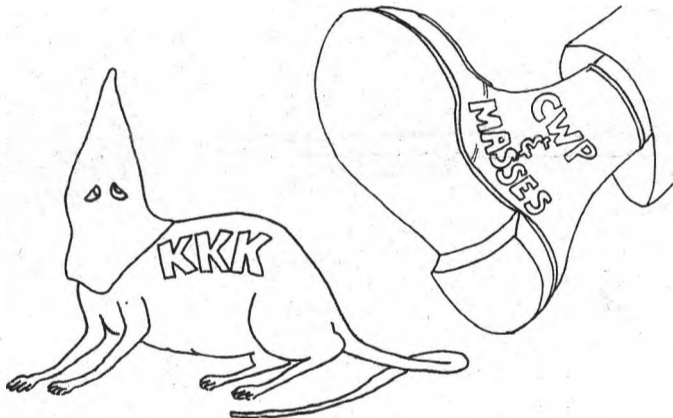
world countries. So, under cover of "investigation and surveillance" of the KKK, the FBI penetrated the Klan in a big way, to use as one tool to attack the rising Black Liberation Movement. Although the main force of violence against the movement of the 60's was the state itself, undercover FBI agents in the KKK had full go ahead to attack freedom fighters. Undercover FBI agents murdered Viola Liuzzo and 3 other civil rights activists in Alabama in 1963. The FBI even boasted in the *New York Times* (11/22/77) that they "had enough agents in the KKK to elect the imperial wizard."

Death to the Klan!

Caught by the deepest economic crisis ever, the bourgeoisie is pushing out the KKK again. For ten years the bourgeoisie has worked to divide the working class, black against white. In the early 70's, the demands of the 60's were twisted to divide people. In the Boston Forced Busing Plan, the demand for quality education was turned into "school desegregation" and used to pit whites against blacks. In the late 70's, the Bakke case and the Weber case, aimed at skilled white workers, are used to spread the chauvinist lie of "reverse discrimination"—that blacks are taking jobs from white workers.

The Klan is promoted in the media to spread racist poison. White youth hard hit by unemployment are particularly susceptible. Without communist propaganda to focus their energy to fight the capitalists, they can be drawn into the KKK.

The entire history of the Klan shows they are dripping with the blood of the U.S. people. The history of the fight against the Klan in Vineland, N. J. in the 1920's, to Monroe and Robeson County, N.C. shows that anyone who is serious about fighting the KKK/Nazis effectively must be prepared to meet the KKK's and the government's reactionary violence head on. □



Afghanistan...

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Soviets is no smooth sailing. The imperialists fear that Canada, Australia and Argentina's agreement not to sell grain to the Soviet Union will wear thin as time passes, and they haven't even gotten France to agree to stop selling grain to the U.S.S.R.

The U.S. is also afraid that arms shipments to Pakistan (to counter Soviet influence in the subcontinent) will further antagonize India and push her further towards the Soviets, besides the fact that General Zia has openly stated that "Pakistan has always been suspicious of U.S. imperialism". The U.S. worry has been especially strengthened after Indira Gandhi's landslide victory in the recent Indian elections. Gandhi has historically leaned towards the Soviet Union.

Carter's economic "punishment" of the U.S.S.R. has triggered an entire dislocation of the commodity exchange in the Midwest. Stopping grain deliveries to the Soviet Union means the U.S. has to purchase \$2.5 billion worth of grain from farmers to compensate their loss.

Farmers and Midwest banks that speculate on the grain market as well as finance farm machinery protested. The recent Republican debate in Iowa strongly registered this protest, with "hawks" like Howard Baker coming out against Carter and the grain boycott line. Similar fears have been raised by banks such as Morgan Guaranty Trust that the Soviets might retaliate by stopping loan payments to U.S. and European banks. This, they argue, will lock the U.S. into countering by freezing Soviet assets in the U.S. in the same manner that the U.S. acted against Iran. This, they fear, will further weaken the position of the U.S. dollar in the world, already falling fast since the U.S. action against Iran and the stampede to dump the dollar in exchange for gold sparked off by the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

"We'll Drive Them Out."

The Moslem liberation fighters in Afghanistan are tough, experienced guerrilla fighters. The memories and stories of the British-Afghan wars of

the 19th century are still fresh in their minds when the British were routed in their attempt to dominate Afghanistan. As one of the Afghan exiles said, "You'll see, this isn't the end of the story. It may not be easy or quick, but we'll drive them out just the way our ancestors drove out all the others."

The Moslem forces already control over half of the countryside and the main highways in the country. They have been launching attacks close to Kabul and the other major cities since last summer. They are waiting for the Russian troops to leave the big cities and enter the provinces. It is a rugged mountainous country that the Moslem forces know like the back of their hand. Fighting a guerrilla war, they will tie down the Soviet troops who are only trained to fight a conventional war in Europe or China. Without major highways to resupply their troops, the Soviet Union will be stuck fast. Entering the country with airborne troops is easy. Getting out is another story.

More importantly, the Soviet invasion came on the eve of an aroused Islamic world. The Iranian government condemned the invasion as unfriendly to Iran, and progressive people around

the world. Khomeini's government is providing food and shelter to Afghan refugees. On January 1st, thousands of Afghan demonstrators stormed the Soviet Embassy in Teheran, scaling the walls and tearing down and burning the Soviet flag. They then moved on to the U.S. Embassy, to show their fight is against both superpowers. Sixty Afghan students seized the Afghanistan Embassy in New Delhi, India, condemning the new Afghan regime as a Soviet puppet. Politically, the Soviet Union has already suffered a strategic defeat. □

