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of the U.S. Monopoly Capitalist Class,
Fight for Socialism!

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NO DRAFT! FOR WOMEN OR MEN

One of the hottest topics of conversation today is whether women should be drafted or not, and it's stirring mixed reactions. "I think war is wrong. I'm against drafting men and women. But if the government imposes a draft, women should go too", said one woman. "I don't see why so many young men and women should be asked to spill their blood over issues that politicians can't resolve. I'm anti-draft, but if men have no option, I think women shouldn't," said another. Women oppose the draft and world war, and at the same time hate women's oppression and want real equality.

President Carter has been playing on the confusion to push the draft, saying "equal rights deserves equal responsibilities." Carter's trying to turn women's anger against their oppression into a pro-draft, pro-war movement by dangling the carrot of equal rights before them, or at least split the anti-draft movement by dividing women against men. Carter is desperate. The draft is a cornerstone of the U.S. imperialists' preparation for World War III.

Why the Government Wants To Draft Women

World War III will be different from World War II, where the U.S. could afford to sit out most of the war while 20 million Russian workers and peasants died breaking the back of the Nazi war machine. The U.S. then came in on the side of the weaker British and French imperialists. Today the chief rivals for world domination are the U.S. and the Soviet Union, and the U.S. has to get involved from the start. World War III will be different from the Viet Nam War where the U.S. was up against a poor, underdeveloped third world country. Unlike Viet Nam, the U.S.S.R. is a superpower, and the U.S. would have to go all out to militarily and economically defeat the Soviets. The U.S. would have to be able to throw all it has into the fight fast, and that's why the government can't afford *not* to draft women.

While Carter is pushing to draft both men and women, so-called fighters for women's rights like Bella Abzug and the National Organization of Women (NOW) are gambling on the issue to boost their

political careers. Both claim they're against the draft, *but* if the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is passed, then "both men and women should be included"! This argument amounts to saying that we oppose slavery, but if men have no choice but to be slaves, then women also should be slaves for the sake of equality with men, rather than oppose slavery for both women and men. This is the same argument the government and the bosses use to deny pregnancy benefits to women because men don't get them. (with the skyrocketing medical costs and the fact that both husband and wife have to work to keep the family afloat, pregnancy benefits help both men and women.) That's the way the ruling class uses "equal rights in general" to attack the masses, particularly when the mass movement is at a low level. For example, the Civil Rights Act was the bourgeoisie's concession to the uprising of Afro-Americans during the 1960's. But when the movement ebbed in the '70s, the bourgeoisie used the same law to attack the people, especially blacks, with the Bakke and Weber decisions.

Equal rights for women means equal pay for equal work, union jobs at union wages, daycare services and so on. It does not mean taking away benefits women already have, nor taking away benefits men have because women workers don't have them. It does not mean that women should be used as cannon fodder in the imperialist war for the U.S. ruling class to redivide the world to save them from their crisis. Political speculators like Abzug and NOW are just twisting things around, and using the genuine sentiment for equality among women to serve the bourgeoisie. Instead women must unite with men to fight against the draft, and against World War III and fascism.

The American people, both women and men, have a common enemy,—the U.S. monopoly capitalists. This is the same group that exploits and oppresses both women and men on the job and in their communities. Only by uniting to overthrow these bloodsuckers and building a new socialist society will there be a basis for real equality between men and women. □



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Wildcat! 6000 W.Va. Miners Bust Out

MORGANTOWN, W.Va.— For 11 days the coal in West Virginia stayed deep in the ground. From Feb. 21—Mar. 3 6,000 northern West Virginia coal miners refused to work. They were on a wildcat strike protesting the suspension of a United Mine Workers local president and two mine safety committeemen. The wildcat,

the biggest coalfield walkout in two years (since the 111-day contract strike in 1978), shut down seven of the state's ten largest underground mines.

Local president Michael Zemonick was fired and safety committeemen Willard Blair, Jr. and Gary Riggs were suspended for "acting irresponsibly, incit-

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U.S. Arms Junta to Stop Salvadorean People's Uprising

In order to avoid another "Nicaragua," the U.S. backed regime that was overthrown last year, the U.S. State Department is sending \$5 million in military aid to the tottering government in El Salvador. In addition to the \$200,000 worth of flake jackets, tear gas, and gas masks sent in November, the U.S. is also sending three 10-men military teams to teach the three Salvadorean Army battalions "clean methods to suppress the people."

Since the Salvadorean junta has been unable to deliver reforms they promised, the people there are rising up rapidly. Workers are demanding 100% wage increases, and peasants and farm workers have refused to harvest coffee unless land is distributed to them. Meanwhile, big landlords and businessmen are fleeing the country fast. The Central Bank now has only \$10 million in reserve for the whole country. Armed insurrection could break out anytime.

According to the New York Times analysis (Feb. 29) the situation in El Salvador is ripe for insurrection. That's why the government did an extensive

investigation of the left forces. Therefore, the New York Times' claim that "the U.S. government is providing aid to El Salvador now to prevent a right wing coup and a civil war between the right wing and left wing forces" is an obvious lie. The truth is that the U.S. wants the right wing forces to stage a coup before the left forces and the people can take state power. That's why the U.S. is now dropping its liberal facade of supporting a "reformist" junta.

Politically, the left forces (which consist of the Armed Forces of National Resistance, the Popular Forces of Liberation, and the Revolutionary Army of the People with a combined membership of 100,000) are still not united on a plan on when and how to carry out the armed struggle. They've called upon all progressive people in the U.S. to oppose U.S. intervention. We support the struggle of the people of El Salvador against the Junta and the U.S. monopoly capitalists. Their fight will also weaken the U.S. ruling class and aid our struggle here at home. □

PRISONER PROSECUTED FOR KLANSMAN'S DEATH

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—When the leader of the Western Penn. Penitentiary KKK was knifed to death in the prison recreation yard in February 1975, the prison authorities charged Clifford Lumumba Futch, another prisoner, with the crime. The only witnesses were two guards posted high in a gun tower some distance from the "crime." The state wants to send Futch to the electric chair. Brother Futch is presently being held in solitary confinement, pending a murder trial this year in early April.

FAIR TRIAL SHOT DOWN IN ALABAMA

DECATUR, Ala.—Curtis Lee Robinson, who is accused of assaulting Klan leader David Kelso, was denied a change of venue (change of place) for his trial in Decatur, Ala. Kelso was shot during a demonstration of about 150 people called by the United League of Mississippi. The march was lined by robed Klansmen and cops, when the shooting occurred.

LONGEST STRIKE HITS INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER

CHICAGO, Ill.—Workers at International Harvester Co. brought their protest over forced Saturday overtime to the stockholders meeting Feb. 21. The 35,000 UAW members are out on the longest strike ever at IH—113 days.

COLOMBIA GUERRILLAS: Free Our People!

About 10 young men and women, armed with hand grenades and automatic weapons, seized the embassy of the Dominican Republic in Colombia on Thursday Feb. 28, taking 67 hostages that included the U.S. ambassador.

The Colombian government was forced to negotiate with the guerrilla group—M 19 (April 19 Movement) after they threatened to execute two ambassadors. The principal demands of the group are: payment of a \$50 million ransom, release of all political prisoners, and publication of guerrilla charges of government torture and political repression. The only non-negotiable demand was the freeing of

all political prisoners.

The takeover was no surprise. The Colombian government had launched an antiguerrilla campaign for the past 18 months. Nearly 2000 were rounded up and it is believed that 209 members of the M-19 group were among the prisoners.

Hodding Carter 3rd, spokesman for the State Dept., said defensively that the U.S. will not pay a penny in ransom for the hostages as soon as the demands become public. But the U.S.-backed Colombian fascist regime will bite the dust just like the Somozas in Nicaragua and the Shah in Iran. There is no way the U.S. won't pay for its crime of backing the dictator there. □

Breaking the Chains of Wage Slavery

In another strike at a farm implements company, Allis-Chalmers Corp., 2,000 UAW members voted to strike over grievances, subcontracting and a better economic package.

FROM UNEMPLOYMENT TO UNDEREMPLOYMENT

INDIANA—As unemployment levels reach 6.2% officially, the State Senate in Indiana has passed a compensation law requiring a worker to accept any job that is 125% of his compensation payment. Although it has been customary for workers to receive unemployment until they find a job comparable to the one they held before or until the money runs out, the layoff could force an autoworker to become a floor sweeper.

STEELWORKERS WILDCAT ENDS JOB CUTS

EAST CHICAGO, Ind.—about 80 members of United Steel Workers of Local 1026, walked off the job in early Feb. charging Blaw-Knox with job elimination. About 500 workers have been laid off in a few months, cutting sweeper, janitor and helper jobs in the machine shop.

TENNESSEE BLACK STUDENTS SEIZE CULTURAL CENTER

KNOXVILLE, Tn.—Fifty students seized and occupied the Black Cultural Center at the Univ. of Tenn., Knoxville, on January 20 to protest the firing of Dennis Littlejohn—director of the center, and a strong supporter of black students. The Afro-American Student Liberation Force which met regularly at the center had exposed the school's investments in companies doing business in South Africa at a trustee meeting attended by the governor. In retaliation, 18 of the students who occupied the center (vowing to hold it until Littlejohn was reinstated) were arrested after police sealed off the building. One student, Ross Thompson, was charged with bombing the student affairs building on January 16 and placed on \$10,000 bail. But students and faculty members raised the bond money in less than four days.



... & National Oppression



Zimbabwean people celebrate the victory of comrade Mugabe and ZANU.

ZIMBABWE: LANDSLIDE VICTORY FOR MUGABE!

The woman, whose eyes had seen many years, said, "We are here to vote for our liberators." She and thousands more had walked many miles through pouring rain to reach the polling places. Proudly passing the British police, she placed her

ballot in the box as did over 3 million other Zimbabweans in three days of election.

The elections are now over and the results are in. Officials have proclaimed a landslide victory for ZANU (Zimbabwean African National Union) who

captured 57 of 80 seats while ZAPU (Zimbabwean African People's Union) got 20 and Muzorewa a mere 3 seats. It was a crushing defeat for Muzorewa who had spent thousands of South African rands (South African money) in his quest for political power. Even in his tribal homeland the Bishop could not muster any seats while ZANU made a clean sweep of the 11 seats allotted to Muzorewa. In the areas that Muzorewa had won during last April's election, Mugabe and ZANU were taking as much as 90% of the vote in some places.

Before the actual voting, Lord Soames (British governor who had claimed that Britain was "neutral") tried to prevent a fair and free election. He allowed the Auxiliary Security Forces of Muzorewa to roam unchecked, threatening people to vote for the Bishop. Soames also stuck his head in the sand to the fact that a whole battalion of South African troops were on Zimbabwean soil. Trying to discredit Mugabe's unshakable belief in building a socialist society, the British and South African forces had a redbaiting campaign to convince people that Mugabe would take away the land, murder indiscriminately and take the shirts off their backs. Despite these tactics the people have spoken.

There is dancing in the streets of Salisbury, Umtali and countless other cities and villages. The will of the people is known - ZANU has won.

The struggle will continue around the formation of a coalition government and the protection of the territorial integrity of Zimbabwe against South Africa and their lackey-Muzorewa. □

"...I may not agree with everything the CWP puts out..."

The following message and a donation for the memorial/legal defense fund was sent to the CWP in Pittsburgh:

Dear friends,

I hope that the preceding days were ones of rest and reflection of the struggles that have gone by and are soon to come for our people. There's nothing new or happy about the year coming, other than the change in numbers, thus beginning a new decade.

While I may not agree with everything the Communist Workers Party puts out (we should agree to disagree and continue to raise constructive criticisms, for that is how we grow in this struggle to serve our people and all oppressed people), I give you credit for going into the lion's mouth down there in North Carolina to challenge the Klan. Although I'll be unable to attend your fundraiser, here's my \$2.00 donation to the Communist Workers Party and the work you're doing with the people.

You're here continuing to carry forward the struggle, while we can't find hide nor hair of so-called "black leaders" as they're too busy running overseas to kiss the bosom of Begin in Israel. They seem to care more for his children than they do for youth over here.

My work may prevent me from making that march against the Klan in Greensboro, but you know I stand with you as long as you keep progressing and struggling with us. I hope we can do something soon to alert the people to Stanton Story's plight and that of other political prisoners who are victims of kkkapitalism.

We cannot stop now--there are many roads ahead to trod, and we cannot walk lightly but we must march heavily, leaving our imprints on this natural soil--that we intend to take what's ours and give it back to the rightful owners--the people!

Take care,
P.S.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES

Our Readers Speak Out!

".../WV/ is getting better and better..."

Dear CWP-USA,

History has been made by the founding of the genuine anti-revisionist party of the U.S. working class. I send my congratulations to the Party and the masses of our country.

I write now to discuss some brief but important facts concerning the Party newspaper, the *Workers Viewpoint*. The facts are obvious, the newspaper, is getting better and better by each issue. Overall it is performing the main functions of giving advanced theory, inspiring agitation, giving organization and all in a lively and creative way. That is the main thing that I want to tell you.

The daily life of living in a monopoly capitalist society can be characterized by times of depression, alienation, isolation, "being out of it", and basically having a narrow minded view towards national and international events. This is concrete, newspapers, media, boredom of the job, or school, the outside is controlled to a great extent by those who control the state, the capitalists. However, the paper of the genuine communist party, Communist Workers Party-USA is dealing with this and good. The paper is dynamic, exciting

and literally lifts the spirits everytime I read it. It really leaves an influence of gaining new knowledge, new experience, rich culture, with exciting and serious struggles.

The Party's style of having a creative approach to the paper truly comes out. The style of work can and is clearly reflected in the paper. Comrade Lenin laid out that "The Russian revolutionary sweep is an antidote to inertness, routine, conservatism, mental stagnation and slavish submission to ancestral traditions." This means that daily oppression of living under monopoly capitalism can be thrown off by lifting our initiative to fight it. It unleashes the masses and Party to fight better because we break away from that day by day drag. This is the main thing that I wanted to say. I have written before and explained how the paper as a whole is. I must say that it's better and getting better. Forward to an increasingly comprehensive revolutionary organ of the class.

Comradely yours,
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Hawaii Hotel Workers Dump Trusteeship

HONOLULU, Hi.—“Where are you going?” asked the big goon, one of Art Rutledge’s strongarms outside the polling place. “To vote,” replied the worker. “I don’t think that’s such a good idea,” the goon threatened. Last month, Hawaii’s hotelworkers answered Rutledge’s intimidation with a big 2,548 to 1,933 “NO.” They voted in the Team for Democracy slate for a second time in 1½ years.

One and a half years ago, the rank and file of Hotel, Restaurant and Bartenders Union Local 5 voted out old-line bureaucrat Rutledge as president. He got smashed with a vote of almost two to one by the opposition slate of Richard Tam and the Team for Democracy, (a broad coalition of people with various views). To maintain their hold on the workers, the Inter-entire rank and file.

In Nana O Na Pa’ahana, the WV supplement in Hawaii, the Party summed up the rank and file’s feelings towards this attack on them. “The International has made a habit of disrupting the

national immediately slapped a trusteeship (removal of local union officials and suspension of local’s constitution, replacing it with people from the International), on Local 5 and maneuvered to keep Rutledge in power. However, the second vote shows that the International’s maneuvers will be shortlived.

Just a week before the second election, Rutledge and the hotel bosses, which included IT&T—owner of the Sheraton-Waikiki, were so desperate they started redbaiting the Communist Workers Party. Rutledge’s goons told workers if they voted for Tam, (who’s no communist, but a bureaucrat riding in on the opposition slate) they wanted communists in their union. Long active in the Team for Democracy, the Party stood firm and exposed this redbaiting for what it really is—an attack on the operation of our local. They slapped us with a trusteeship to keep the Rutledges in and the workers out. They openly distort the real issues in the local by attacking communists. These crooks steal \$11,000 every month and all we get back for

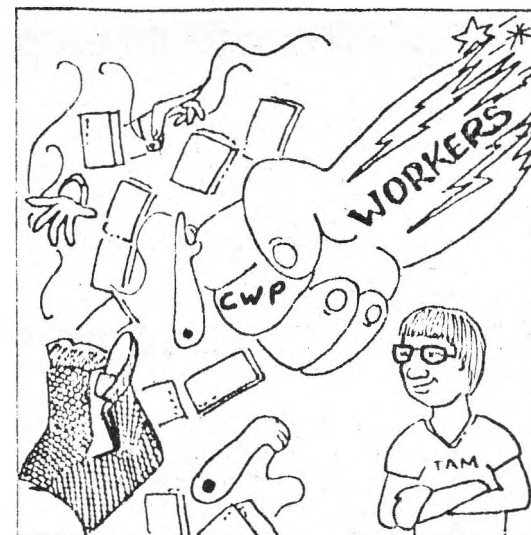
our dues is trouble. They take our dues and then tell us who we can elect and cannot elect and how to run our union! These two bit hacks must be kept out of Local 5.”

So after 40 years of living under the Rutledge family’s tyranny, the rank and file voted them out not just once, but a second time.

Thus the Local 5 workers scored a victory for the thousands of workers across the country battling the growing trend of trusteeships. The Hotel, Restaurant and Bartenders Union alone has over 20 locals under trusteeship (including Local 2 in San Francisco). The Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union has all five of its Cone textile mills locals under “administratorship” (trusteeship). CWP comrades led two of these locals before they were assassinated in Greensboro on Nov. 3. This trend shows how the rank and file are becoming

more disgusted with the old bureaucrats and kicking them out. The weakening bureaucrats can only keep control by taking things over directly.

It was not an easy struggle for the Local 5 rank and file. The International tried to use the 1½ years of trusteeship to confuse the workers and whip them back into line. But they couldn’t kill the spirit of resistance. And the workers said again: INTERNATIONAL HANDS OFF! TRADE UNION DEMOCRACY FOR A FIGHTING UNION! □



Hawaii’s Local 5 rank and file foiled the International’s trusteeship, voting out the old union hacks, and voting in the Team for Democracy and Richard Tam. The struggle for rank and file leadership continues under Tam, a bureaucrat himself.

...Miners Wildcat!

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putting a crack in the miners’ one out, all out; no contract, no work tradition. In the name of “strike fund” they want the miners to scab on each other.

Then the 40 BCOA board members changed the structure of the BCOA to give major coal companies—and Consol in particular—greater control in the 1981 contract talks. With the union weakened and with more control in the BCOA, now Consol Coal is, of course, moving to return to the group.

20,000 miners are thrown out of the mines and onto the streets by layoffs, this disorganization making it harder to fight. The hated union president Arnold Miller was forced out of office, replaced by vice president Sam Church. With Miller gone, the target for fighting the union bureaucrats was temporarily lost. Church used this at the December UMW convention to weaken the hand of the rank and file members. The selective strike approval along with dues increases, having appointed rather than elected officials, and other decisions serve the capitalist plan for labor stability in the coalfields—make the workers pay for a constant source of domestic coal and capitalist profits.

In January some UMW bureaucrats called on the FBI to investigate communists in the coalfields (see article on p. 5). By openly inviting government intervention into the union, these attempts to cut down leading organizers in the mines divide and intimidate the rank

and file.

Despite this orchestrated and concentrated assault on the coal miners, they are refusing to bow down to the intimidation, which the recent wildcat shows.

The miners began returning to work March 4 after losing an arbitration decision which upheld the firing of a strike, and insubordination.” This followed a one-day wildcat a few days earlier over a job assignment at the same mine, Consolidation Coal Co.’s Four States mine in Marion County. After this strike was ended by court order and the men suspended, the miners walked out and spread the strike by roving pickets wearing ski masks to other mines in UMW District 31.

“Everyone’s mystified over this,” said a company spokesman. A UMW official in Washington said the union deplored the strike because the miners “didn’t use the grievance procedure.” But, he added, Consolidation Coal “provoked the wildcat. It looks like we’re in for a fight with them.” Both company and union officials are troubled, their dream of labor stability in the coalfields shattered by the strike. Since the 1978 confrontation, there has been an all-sided attack on miners’ right to strike. This affects all workers, who look to the miners as fighting examples for the whole working class. This

strike shows that, despite attacks by the company, the union bureaucrats, courts,

government and media, the workers are seeing through the tricks and are determined to use the strike weapon against the capitalists.

Strike Shatters Coordinated Attacks on Miners

Back in May, 1979, Consolidation Coal the second-largest coal producer, left the BCOA (Bituminous Coal Operators Association—the unionized coal companies’ coalition). Then new UMW president Sam Church led the delegates at the

December UMW convention to approve a selective strike fund, the UMW’s first. This fund (which would have working miners pay striking miners’ benefits) weakens the union by Zemonick and the two committeemen’s suspensions. Judge Robert Maxwell of U.S. District Court ruled the union would be fined \$3,000 for each shift missed.

The strike’s impact is great. “It’s going to be a long time before we restore productivity and good labor relations with Consolidation Coal Co.,” said a UMW district official. “We’re very concerned that this dis-

ruption may signal a return to the uncontrolled wildcat strikes “that plagued the coal industry before the 1978 settlement, an industry official said. And in UMW president Church’s debut in trying to control wildcatting rank and filers, all he did was send telegrams ordering the miners back to work. This only provoked grumbling from miners about what side their president was on.

This means the bourgeoisie will have to use more direct force, and the attacks will become much heavier. Tensions are brewing on both sides as the 1981 contract confrontation nears. □

Korean-Americans: Scapegoats in Shipyards

SEATTLE, Wa.—Korean-American workers are being set up as targets, to split up workers in Seattle’s biggest shipyards, Todd and Lockheed. With the full support of management, every bathroom is full of anti-Korean graffiti and anti-Korean leaflets. Slogans like a “bullet for every gook” have been posted right in shipyard workshops. The bosses have been going out of their way to tell black workers that Korean workers are taking jobs away. One Korean worker spoke bitterly of what was going on there, “Out of anger, one day I took a bucket full of white paint to erase all the dirty graffiti... I brushed off all of them. But alas, I found the goddamn walls re-decorated with more filthy words and nasty pictures. They even looked clearer this time.”

The union hacks are working hand in glove with the bosses to spread this poison. In the last union election, chauvinist candidates ran on a platform with anti-Korean lies. They attacked Korean workers along the line of the Weber decision, for trying to get “special treatment” from the company and the government. Leaflets with this racist slander were widely circulated in the election campaign.

These Korean workers have found themselves scapegoats as they are now the largest

national minority in the Seattle area. Most of the 12,000 Koreans are recent immigrants, who came to the U.S. to escape the fascist terror of the Park regime. Many are skilled workers who have concentrated at Lockheed. 17% of the 4,000 workers is Korean at Todd, and 15% of the workforce is Korean at Lockheed.

Korean workers are subject to constant abuse and harassment. Most speak little English. Racist foremen give them separate orders when they are alone so other workers can’t hear what they are being told. The bosses and the union hacks spit on their right to have job-related information and union meetings translated into Korean.

Korean-Americans like other Asian-Americans are numerically a minority of a minority in this country. It is easier for the bourgeoisie to target them than say the even more oppressed Afro-Americans, who have long roots in the U.S. If they can get away with scapegoating Korean-Americans and immigrants today, tomorrow who’s next? Scapegoat politics is part of the process of bringing on fascism, intending to weaken the entire working class by pitting workers against each other. Every attempt to divide our class must be smashed, and the scapegoat politics at the Seattle shipyards must be beaten back. □

RIFLES, PICKETS AND A WILL TO WIN**UMW Hacks Finger Communists for FBI**

Whenever the miners take matters into their own hands, like these miners fighting cops in Charleston, W. Va.—the FBI comes to town.

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—While over 20,000 coal miners are thrown out of work, the bureaucrats of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) are working overtime—for the bourgeoisie. In January, in an attempt to split the rank and file and isolate the Communist Workers Party and union militants, UMWA District 29 officials, Jonathan Williams and organizer Fred Decker, called for an FBI investigation of communists in the coalfields.

“Labor is taking it on the nose from both sides—the left and the right,” Decker said, “Although the two sides are poles apart philosophically—they have gone so far to the opposite extremes it seems like they are in bed together and working for the same purpose—destroying organized labor.” He said he likes to perceive labor in the United States as a middle of the road, stabilizing influence in the country. This same Decker called on his workers to return to work without a contract and would not lift one finger to defeat the anti-union West Virginia Criminal Code Revision (See *WV*, July 1, 1979), showing what “middle of the road” means.

This is not the first time the FBI has been in the coalfields. The *Charleston Daily Mail* recently released documents from an FBI investigation of the reform Miners for Democracy movement in 1972-1975. The probe spanned the states of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

This FBI Investigation Is Different From Before

However, this new investigation will be different because it is openly called for and supported by so called “socialist” union misleaders like Fred Decker. This open alliance between the misleaders and the state to attack, repress and rebait the spontaneous movement and its organized vanguard, the Communist Workers Party, points out a whole new trend for

the 1980's. This can be clearly seen if we compare the new FBI investigation with the last one in 1972-1975.

The UMWA entered the 1970's with unprecedented rank and file activity, activity which established it as a pacesetter in the trade union movement. This wave of activity was spontaneously directed not only at the companies, but at the government, courts and misleaders. The 1969 health and safety wildcat; the 1971 wildcat over the contract; the 1972 union elections which ousted then president Tony Boyle and put in Miners for Democracy candidate Arnold Miller; the 1974 contract strike, followed by a wildcat (which started the exposure of Miller); the 1975 and 1976 strikes against the courts, against Miller and for the right to strike; the 1977 health care strike; and the 1977-78 contract strike. Many miners said, “we worked six months and struck six months.”

The FBI investigation of 1972-75 was meant to keep tabs on this movement. Because of the strategic importance of coal in the economy, and the high level of consciousness and organization, the government wanted to make sure this movement did not get out of hand. They worked with the company and union spies, die-hard elements from the Boyle

machine and scabs like Mike Trbovich, Arnold Miller's running mate. Trbovich said he gave an FBI agent a list of “50 or 60” people whom he believed were involved in communist organizations. The investigation was secret and the FBI kept a low profile. The bourgeoisie's main tool in the coalfields was not the FBI and their main tactic was not repression and redbaiting. The bourgeoisie succeeded in controlling and sidetracking the movement from within, with reformism and Arnold Miller.

More Open FBI Attack During Permanent Capitalist Crisis

But things are different in the coalfields today than in the 70's. The permanent economic crisis is hitting miners harder and deeper than ever before. Recently layoffs hit 20,000 and the number grows daily. Miners can no longer move to Detroit to escape the layoffs like they did in the 50's. These layoffs have led to deteriorating safety conditions and the highest mine fatality rate since 1969. All this is slapping the miners awake from a two-year lull in activity.

Rank and file miners are tired of empty talk; they're looking for honest fighters who will lead them and not back down. But all they get from the union hacks is “shut up and be glad you still have a job.” The miners forced Arnold Miller to retire in disgrace. And the best response the new president, Sam Church, can get is a lukewarm “wait and see”. Church, too, will be swept away and the bourgeoisie will not find a slicker misleader to replace him. There is little left in the bourgeoisie's arsenal to cool out the miner's anger. And with the growing influence of the CWP (together with the Trade Union Educational League helping organize support for the Stearns, Kentucky miners' strike, involved in fighting a wave of firings in southern West Virginia last year, and other fights), the only way out for these scab bureaucrats is to openly ally themselves with the state and whip up anti-communism. With their cover blown, the misleaders are forced to drop their formal opposition to government intervention.

The witch hunt in the mines is on. A Party supporter was recently fired for passing out a leaflet about the CWP 5. When the comrade got up to explain about the CWP 5, some backward workers attacked him, pushing him off the bench and throwing papers and cans at him. Another miner was also fired and told by a local bureaucrat to stay away from the Party if he knew what was good for him; he told the bureaucrat to go to hell. Another friend was warned that some people wanted to beat her up and that “it wasn't from the company but from inside the union.” At one mine the company and local misleaders told the rank and file to turn in people selling the *Workers Viewpoint* to security guards. Still people bought the paper and no one turned the comrades in. At another mine, a Party member was threatened with a .40 caliber rifle as he was selling the *WV*.

This Move Part of Nationwide Attacks

The purpose of the FBI investigation and redbaiting is to create a climate of fear and distrust of communist workers and leaders and to isolate the CWP from the rank and file, paving the way to beat down the whole working class. This incident is not isolated. It is part of a whole orchestrated attack, with direction from the highest ruling circles. The attacks have ranged from North Carolina Governor Hunt's open call for FBI infiltration of the CWP after the government instigated Klan and Nazi murders of the CWP 5, to the recent intervention of Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall, personally ruling against the union election fight of a friend of the Party in the Bay Area. It includes an FBI investigation into the CWP in North Carolina completed one day before the comrades' assassinations, and continuous FBI and cop harassment of comrades in North Carolina and redbaiting attacks against CWP supporters organizing workers across the country.

It shows that the bourgeoisie's labor lieutenants are rapidly losing control of the coal miners and the capitalists can no longer rely on them to keep a lid on the rank and file. The state must more and more step in directly and run the show themselves. This will only focus the miners' struggle more sharply against the U.S. government. □

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FBI Probe Finds No Communists In UMW

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The FBI searched for communist infiltration of the UMW.

West Virginia newspapers published 1972-75 reports of FBI investigations in the coalfields, while publicizing UMWA hacks' call for a renewed FBI attack on communists.

tion from Mr. S. Strother Smith, III, a constituent of Congressman William C. Wampler, concerning an alleged communist conspiracy to seize control and/or destroy the UMW of America.

Who Are Really the Outsiders?

CHARLESTON, W.Va.—A favorite redbaiting-charge of the UMWA misleaders is that communists are outsiders disrupting the union. Fred Decker, a do-nothing organizer said, “They came in from other places to disrupt and weaken the United Mine Workers.” (*Beckley Post-Herald* 1/31/80, p.2) He further said that the new FBI investigation should focus on the rank and file, “because that is where the radicals are and that is their base of operations.”

Well, what really is an outsider? That some Communist Workers Party supporters were not born in the coalfields is true. But when the friends and members of the CWP settled in the coalfields, they brought with them a fighting organization and fighting spirit that hadn't been seen there for years. CWP supporters actively led or supported many struggles, from the contract strike to health and safety on the job. Because of this they are well respected and part of the masses. They are anything

but outsiders.

On the other hand, look at Fred Decker. This home-grown scum has done nothing but boast about how hard he works and sells out the workers. In a bitterly fought union drive he helped “organize”, Fred called on the workers to go back to work without a contract. He did not lift a finger to defeat the anti-union Criminal Code Revision Bill in West Virginia. One miner recently commented, “I don't know why we bother to elect officials—all we get is Fred Decker.”

So who are the outsiders? Communists who were born in another state but fight in the interests of and side by side with the rank and file? Or someone who, although born in the state, sells out the workers, admits he has no base among them and calls on other outsiders like the FBI to spy on the workers? □

GUN CONTROL KILLS

NEW YORK, N.Y.—An off-duty Transit Authority cop was shot and killed in a bar holdup on Friday, February 29th. The Tuesday before, a policeman was shot with his own gun in a fight. Two days before that, on Sunday, another Transit cop was killed, again with his own gun, after he stopped a young worker for not paying the fare. Since January 1st, seven cops have been killed and four wounded in New York City.

New York Mayor Koch is using the rash of cop killings to call for "tougher" gun control laws. "Tougher" means a two-year mandatory sentence for anyone convicted of having a gun illegally, loaded or unloaded. Koch has called on the public to turn in their weapons now and they won't be prosecuted. New York City already has one of the strictest gun laws in the country making it next to impossible for the average citizen to get a weapon legally.

Gun Control Won't Uproot the Source of Crime

"I don't like cops but things are getting out of hand. There's so much crime and violence these days I'm afraid for my family. Something's gotta be done to get guns out of the hands of criminals and nuts," said one man. People's response to Koch's call to tighten gun controls has been mixed. On the one hand, they've seen cops shoot down minorities in cold blood, like Randolph Evans, Claude Reese and Luis Baez, beat minority businessmen like Arthur Miller to death, and get away with it scot free. Koch's move to put more cops on the streets and in the subways has brought most people more harassment and bullying, not more protection. But at the same time, there's more muggings, robberies and rapes today and people are afraid.

But gun control won't destroy the source of crime or the conditions of life which drives people batty. It won't provide jobs, decent housing, quality education. It won't lower the price of food, clothing, heat and electricity, and subway fares. Gun control won't stop cutbacks in welfare and Social Security checks—all the things people desperately need, and when they can't get them, it drives some to turn to crime out of frustration.

Gun Control Aimed At Disarming People's Resistance

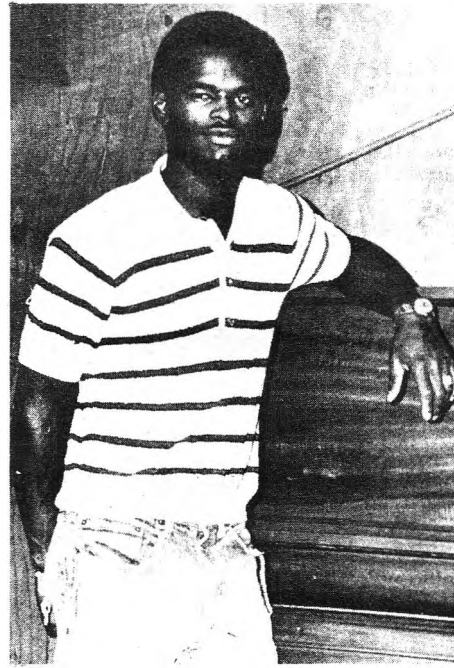
Cops have been shot with their own weapons, yet Koch isn't going to disarm the police. In fact, the capitalists want to make it even easier for their people, the rich property owners and big businessmen, and for their supporters like the KKK/Nazis to get arms. "New York State Governor Garey's version of the gun control bill offers a highly important provision: it speeds up handgun licensing for citizens who have legitimate reasons to own a weapon." (*New York Times*, March 3, 1980). Right now in New York City, the majority of people who have licensed handguns are either security guards or retired policemen.

Organized crime can get guns legally no matter how tough gun control laws are. And the real psychos of society, the fascist punks like the KKK and Nazis, will always have guns when the capitalists need them to bust people's resistance. And miners will tell you how the coal bosses arm company goons and scabs to break strikes. The only people disarmed would be those who would fight against the increased attacks on our standard of living, against killer cops, against KKK/Nazi attacks and more government repression—the American people.

People are angry and the government is more and more illegitimate in their eyes. Attacks by the government and the bosses are getting heavier and any one could spark armed resistance like in Idabel, Oklahoma recently (Idabel was the first armed rebellion of the '80s, where 200 blacks stood off more than 300 state troopers, local and county police after a black youth was murdered in front of a "white only" club). There will be more Idabels in the years to come, and the ruling class wants to be sure that the people can't defend themselves when repression increases. Gun control will bring on more violent attacks on the people, not less.

That's where Koch's gun control comes in. The capitalists think that imposing gun control in places like New York City, where there is no tradition of bearing arms, will be easier because resistance will be weaker. But in the South, the Southwest and in the Midwest, owning a gun is as important as having a car. If the capitalists try to impose nationwide controls, resistance will be fierce. □

Black Youth Murdered for Kicks



Jimmie Lee Campbell

to a friend's house to brag about their murder. When they left, Shope said, "Now it's my turn," but they were too drunk to go on. One of their friends called the police and they were arrested the next day.

Crime: Concentrated Result of Scapegoat Politics

Jimmie's murder was covered up for a full year by a gag rule restricting public knowledge of the case. The gag order wasn't lifted until the two men pleaded guilty to first degree murder on Jan. 31, 1980, saving them from the gas chamber that they deserved. Instead they got 25-year sentences—a slap on the wrist.

This hunting down and murder of a black is an attack on Afro-Americans that hasn't been seen since the days of plantation slavery or the 1919 "red summer" of anti-black riots, when hundreds of Afro-Americans were lynched and burned out of their homes. This monstrous crime is a concentrated result of the scapegoat politics poisoning the country today.

The bourgeoisie like the Rockefellers and the Morgans create the soil for beasts like McCarter and Noor to develop. They do this by keeping an entire generation jobless, doped and boozed out with no hope for the future, by promoting the lie of "reverse discrimination" as in the Bakke and Weber Supreme Court decisions (which blame minorities for taking away jobs and educational opportunities), and by creating scapegoat hysteria against Iranians. It is the capitalists' FBI and police who give the KKK and Nazis a free hand to organize, while their media promotes cross burnings in black communities and puts Klan leaders on TV talk shows to air their racist views. They help the KKK/Nazi murder anti-Klan and Nazi fighters like the CWP 5 and then try to blame the victims.

While Jimmie's murderers may be in jail, the soil which bred them still remains. The bloodbath won't end with Jimmie Lee Campbell's death—unless the U.S. people rise up like the CWP 5 and make sure that fascism and world war don't survive. □

CHICO, Ca.—On January 13, 1979, three white youth—James McCarter, 18-year old laborer, Marvin Noor, 19-year old body and fender repairman, and Dani Lee Shope, a 23-year old woman—went hunting on the outskirts of Chico after they had been drinking all day. Because they couldn't find a deer or cow to shoot, they drove back into town to "get a nigger."

As they rode into Chico, Jimmie Lee Campbell, an Afro-American youth, was walking home. Jimmie, born deaf, could not even hear them as they drove up.

When Noor saw the youth, he said, "There's a nigger, Jim, get him." Noor gave McCarter a rifle and said, "There you go, you can do it." McCarter fired one shot.

Jimmie Lee Campbell was dead before he hit the ground.

They drove to Oroville, a small town nearby, to kill some more. On the way, McCarter was laughing and said, "Just another nigger, just another nigger."

They shot at four more blacks in Oroville, 3 men beside a pickup and a woman walking down the street. Then they went



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS IN ANTI-DRAFT MOVEMENT

Anti-Draft teach-in sponsored by New York University Coalition Against the Draft (CARD)	March 10, 10:30 a.m.—10:30 p.m. New York University, New York, N. Y.
Anti-Draft march and rally on Washington, D.C. (National Mobilization)	March 22
Northeast Conference Against the Draft	April 5 Columbia University, New York, N. Y.
Northeast Regional Anti-Draft Demonstration	April 15 (place to be announced)

Michigan Anti-Draft Movement Heats Up

EAST LANSING, Mi.—As the nation-wide anti-draft momentum builds, hundreds of students on Michigan's college campuses are coming out and taking a stand against the draft. On February 13, over 350 Michigan State University students and faculty, despite below-freezing weather, protested against Carter's registration plans and a revival of the draft. Chanting "1-2-3-4, We're Not Fighting Exxon's War!", demonstrators stuck to their guns and staunchly went on with the rally in the face of government harassment by undercover cops taking pictures of the people and a "mysteri-

ously thrown" U.S. Army-type smoke bomb, similar to the kind used by the ROTC on that campus. Elsewhere around the state:

*The Committee Against Reinstatement of the Draft (CARD) held a demonstration at Wayne State University in Detroit 125-strong on February 7, the largest such demonstration since the early 70's.

*Over 500 demonstrated in early February at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, just days after Carter's announcement.

National Lawyers Guild Resolution On Greensboro Massacre Cases

WHEREAS: On November 3, 1979, in Greensboro, North Carolina, five Communist Workers Party (CWP) members were assassinated and numerous other anti-Klan protesters were viciously assaulted by the KKK and Nazis, with complicity with the police agencies.

WHEREAS: The killings were a planned, desperate attempt to stifle the movement against the Klan and their supporters, the U.S. monopoly capitalists.

WHEREAS: Jim Waller, Sandy Smith, Cesar Cauce, Mike Nathan, Bill Sampson and other anti-Klan protesters were all well respected activists.

WHEREAS: This is an attack against all workers, oppressed and progressive people, and trade union activists.

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The National Lawyers Guild condemns the KKK, Nazis and police agencies in these assassinations and assaults, the government and press cover-up in the form of constant attempts to blame the anti-Klan demonstrators for the murders, and all red-baiting in the form of job firings of anti-Klan demonstrators and union activists associated with the CWP 5 in North

Carolina and throughout the country since November 3.

2. The NLG calls on progressive legal workers to consider different forms of support for the criminal, labor and civil rights cases arising from the November 3 incident in Greensboro, specifically for the defense of Nelson Johnson, Willena Cannon, Rand Manzella, and other anti-Klan demonstrators; for the vigorous prosecution of all 35 Klansmen/Nazis for murder; for the filing of a major civil rights suit against the Klan, Nazis, Greensboro police, and other government agencies; and for the defense of workers who have been fired from their jobs as a result of their anti-Klan and trade union activities, and their political beliefs.

4. The Anti-Klan Subcommittee for the Affirmative Action Committee and the Labor Committee will develop work on the Greensboro cases as part of its overall anti-Klan work. Included for consideration will be co-sponsorship of a legal conference in Greensboro, allocation of part of the anti-Klan NLG summer project for work in Greensboro, and assistance in organizing those interested in research and other legal work on the cases.

Passed by Affirmative Action/Anti-Discrimination Committee (unopposed vote) 2/17/80
Approved by National Executive Committee

Lawyers Guild Supports CWP 5

LOS ANGELES, CA.—On Feb. 15-18, the National Lawyers Guild (NLG)— a progressive national legal organization of 8,000 lawyers, law students, and legal workers— held its National Executive Committee meeting here with over 350 delegates attending from across the country. Workshops, plenary sessions, and committee meetings were held to continue the Guild's work against the draft, against the Klan, to defend rank and file workers from firings, and in other areas.

The NLG moved to support the cases of the Communist Workers Party 5 in various ways. In the anti-fascist workshop a videotape was shown of the Greensboro massacre. In the anti-discrimination committee a resolution was submitted to the National Executive Committee by an unopposed vote and was later passed. In the labor committee the NLG's labor center made a commitment to investigate how to resist the firings in Greensboro of demonstrators and Communist Workers Party supporters. In separate presenta-

tions over 100 delegates viewed the videotape and heard presentations on why the Greensboro massacre happened and what they could do to support the struggle. Although some views came out which attempted to blame the Communist Workers Party for the violence in Greensboro and which tried to block support for the cases, they were struggled against by many progressive forces and were defeated.

The NLG support reflects the broadening movement to beat back the attack on the Communist Workers Party 5, an attack on all progressive people. It showed that a wide political spectrum of activists can unite against this fascist attack.

As the danger of world war and fascism increases, the work of the NLG and other progressive legal organizations will have more importance in assisting movements to resist these attacks and to counterattack.

State Freaks Out Whenever CWP's Involved

GREENSBORO, N.C.—On February 15, Dale Sampson (widow of CWP 5 Bill Sampson), Rand Manzella and two other supporters of the Communist Workers Party went on trial on charges of "illegal postering" and against two of them, charges of "carrying a concealed weapon."

The state was afraid that the postering law would be declared unconstitutional because of its vagueness and that the weapons charge against Dale couldn't stand up. Before the case reached the judge, the deputy District Attorney specifically assigned to prosecute all CWP-related cases raced upstairs in the Guilford County Courthouse to talk with District Attorney Schlosser. They decided to drop the postering charges and the weapons charge against Dale and substitute instead a new charge of "attempting to deface private property." But the last minute, back-room scrambling didn't end there. Minutes before the judge could hear the case, Schlosser, M.A. Cawn, Attorney for Greensboro, and Captain Batten, the Greensboro Police Department's Chief of Criminal Investigation, all held an emer-

gency meeting to discuss the prosecution strategy. All this for simple misdemeanor cases!

The collective result of these local big-shots' brainstorming? The postering charges and the weapons charge against

Dale were dropped and a new charge of "malicious defacement of private property" was added.

After pleading "not guilty" the four comrades were convicted and sentenced six months

suspended sentence and \$27.00 each for court costs.

The state is so worried about the Communist Workers Party that whenever we sneeze they issue hurricane warnings.

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"TAKE A STAND, COMRADE"

*"Take a stand comrade" was Sandy's life motto
And she died for that belief*

*Tough, chocolate, smooth skin
Skin tight corn rows—that railroad on her head*

*Deep penetrating eyes—
Lips that parted deliberately
Never loosely, never without purpose.*

*Solid arms/and thick thighs
No Bull-shit
You could liken her to a tower of strength.*

*She lapsed sometimes
into a feeling of softness and warmness
Only to be awakened by the cold winds of
bourgeois brutality*

*She knew there ain't that much being taken care
of in the world
Being a "lady" was out of the question
'Cause the real question was taking care
of the business at hand'...*

*And study Revolution
And think Revolution
And practice Revolution
And teach Revolution
And fight like a soldier in Revolution*

International Women's Day has particular significance when we look at the life of Sandy Smith. On November 3, 1979, she died heroically protecting the children's safety when a band of Klan/Nazi and FBI assassins gunned down five working class leaders and members of the Communist Workers Party in Greensboro, N.C. Sandy's life was one of a woman in struggle. She was tried and tested in political storms and was always resolute in taking a position.

"Sandy always said, 'You gotta take a stand.' That was apparently true all her life. When she was young she would help out old folks and worry about their arthritis, hypertension and rheumatism — she was always worrying about people and understood oppression. But rather than just worry, Sandy would take stands on questions. That's why she developed towards communism and dedicated her life to the working class. Now she has even given her life for the working class," said Joyce Johnson, her sister in struggle.

Sandy's struggles against the bourgeoisie and the tools of the bourgeoisie like the KKK started long ago. Sandy was always searching for ways to help out poor people, especially black people. She worked with the Greensboro Association of Poor People, an organization started by Nelson and Joyce Johnson. They took up welfare cases and urban renewal fights for real benefits. Sandy was involved in a housing rent strike against AAA Realty in 1968. With Industries of the Blind she waged a successful union drive which resulted in a 10% wage increase. "When I first met Sandy she was a student. What stood out about her was that she wasn't one of those kids just caught up with getting her degree," said Joyce.

Sandy consistently fought against oppression and always questioned what direction her life was going to take. At Bennett College, a black women's school, she took up the struggle for Black Studies and in 1969 took up the struggle of cafeteria workers who were on strike. She played the leading role in mobilizing a 100% student boycott for three days. At the same time, she was an honor student and during her senior year became president of the student body. "Sandy was a good organizer and a tutor of low-income children," said Isaac Miller, president of Bennett.

From Nationalism to Communism

"Sandy worked on the *African World*. She would labor nights over the production of the paper because she saw the need to give people a clear understanding of how to fight their oppression," said Joyce. Sandy was a founding member of the Youth Organization for Black Unity (YOB), the national black student organization that put out the paper.

But the stormy black rebellion of the 60's didn't smash the source of national oppression. Racism still existed and black people were still oppressed. Sandy began to read and study Marxism. She saw that not only black people were oppressed, but also white people. The struggle was deeper than racism, it was between rich and poor and black people should unite with others against the common oppressor. This was the fruit of a black, working class woman's struggle against oppression. Her drive to understand the science of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought was the product of her deep search for correct orientation and leadership in her day-to-day fight against capitalism.

Like most Southern blacks, Sandy had been active in church. Her mother is a school teacher and her father is a mill worker at a J.P. Stevens textile plant in Greenville, S.C. Sandy "wasn't no sometimey person," said Willie Pepper, Jr., a church deacon. "Whatever she believed, she said."

One of Sandy's early goals was to become a nurse to help and cure people. "I remember," said Joyce, "through struggle back and forth and talking to people like Jim Waller (*one of the CWP 5, a Party Central Committee member and a medical doctor - ed.*), she realized that even if she became the best nurse they ever had it wouldn't cure people's ills. People might not even be able to afford to come to the hospital or pay an ambulance to get there. It was because she really wanted to solve the total problems of people that she developed towards communism. She realized it was because of this rotten system that people had health problems, educational problems and family problems and that was why her father came home so tired and didn't feel like talking sometimes. That's what made her want to fight and she realized communism was the way. She was a person who took a stand when it was clear what way it was to go. Once she was clear, there was no stopping her."

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the leadership of the Workers Party of the Communist Workers Party—based on its correct line on how to fight in this country and the depth of the struggles. "She realized that the Communist Workers Party was capable of organizing the work force in this country," said Joyce.

Sandy persisted in the struggle for the Revolution Plant in Greensboro for the Workers Party. Under the leadership of the Workers Party, the Revolution Plant workers formed the Revolutionary Workers Organization (RWO). The workers elected her as their representative and she and the masses forged deep ties to unionize the plant. A Revolution Plant worker remembers being on the line with Sandy. She led our first demonstration at the plant during the attempt to take the bullhorn at any event. She was so agitated her concern for the workers could set fire to people's hearts.

Under Sandy's clear leadership, a procedure was used at the plant. She called in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to investigate conditions such as TRIS containing the cancer-causing agent found in the plant. They were found working with it even though Cone Mills to court orders, part of the struggle against the company. According to officials at the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), the suit ended in a settlement where the mill had to reinstate with back pay the company fired because of union activities. The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) ruled in favor of the Revolution Plant workers to support the RWO, the push for a new election. But Sandy continued to lead the workers in leadership till the day she left.

Her Fight Against

Sandy understood under capitalism that for women to take a stand doing that she paid a price. She fought with women's special problems and comrades with questions on how to change relationships. She understood the need to change this system. However, Sandy's fight was of making revolution we need to change. "She would make patient care a priority. She would Organizing Committee that had to be formed. She would struggle with guys who were a woman in this society and their relationship with women. At the same time, the main fight was against monogamy. For equality we must wipe away the old system. People knew she had a line on how to take a stand if you were going to be a Revolution Plant worker.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



STAND, COMRADE"

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the leadership of the Workers Viewpoint Organization (now the Communist Workers Party--CWP). Sandy joined the CWP based on its correct line on how to make socialist revolution in this country and the depth of its work in the day-to-day struggles. "She realized that CWP was the only organization capable of organizing the working class and making revolution in this country," said Joyce.

Sandy persisted in the struggle to unionize Cone's Revolution plant in Greensboro for five years until they fired her. Under the leadership of the WVO, Sandy and other Revolution workers formed the Revolution Organizing Committee (ROC). The workers elected her chairperson of the ROC and she and the masses forged deep ties in their struggle together to unionize the plant. A Revolution co-worker said, "I remember being on the line with her. She was always taking the lead. She led our first demonstration in front of Revolution plant during the attempt to unionize. She was always at the bullhorn at any event. She really was an agitator. When she agitated her concern for others shone through - she could set fire to people's hearts."

Under Sandy's clear leadership, mill workers filed grievances, a procedure which was never before used at the plant. They circulated petitions and called in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to investigate the criminal safety conditions such as TRIS contamination at the mill. TRIS is the cancer-causing agent found in kids' pajamas and workers were found working with it every day. The Committee also dragged Cone Mills to court over firings of two ROC members, part of the struggle against Cone's unfair labor practices. According to officials at the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), the suit ended in a September NLRB decision that the mill had to reinstate with back pay two men in the company fired because of union activity. Because the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union leadership refused to support the ROC, the push for a union never came to a vote. But Sandy continued to boldly assume communist leadership till the day she left.

Her Fight Against Women's Oppression

Sandy understood the oppression that women under capitalism face. She constantly struggled for women to take part in making revolution. In doing that she paid particular attention to dealing with women's special problems. She helped her friends and comrades with questions on housekeeping, raising children and relationships. She understood they would not be totally solved under this system. However, Sandy realized that in the process of making revolution we need to redefine roles.

"She would make patient efforts with people around the Revolution Organizing Committee that had personal and family problems. She would struggle with guys on what it was like to be a woman in this society and their attitude towards their relationship with women. At the same time she would stress that her main fight was against monopoly capitalism and to gain equality we must wipe away the basis for women's oppression. People knew she had a line on women and she forced you to take a stand if you were going to be her friend," a Revolution Mill worker.

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don't struggle, ain't nothing going to move.' Sandy had a fear of struggle. She fought hard against people's fear of struggle. She helped me a lot with family problems. I was afraid of marriage. I thought there are too many new people to be made to even consider getting into marriage. My life was around the Party and my son. She applied to work in all spheres. She told me my line was incorrect. My family was the fighting unit of the working class." said Willie Pepper, Jr., a Baptist deacon.

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On November 2nd when people were going over the chants and songs in preparation for the November 3rd demonstration, Sandy began talking about the correctness of the Communist Workers Party and why it was so important that people understood who and what the Klan represented. She had struggled hard for people to assume leadership and pointed out why the Klan/Nazis are emerging during this economic and political crisis and why the bourgeoisie promotes them. She was just ecstatic that people would get educated in the thick of struggle. She said, "It feels so good to know that I'm part of the Party. I just don't fear dying. We are going to end the bourgeoisie's rule and some of us may die soon. It just doesn't matter to me. I know the Party is strong. I just can't wait to get out there and fight as hard as I can. Later for the bourgeoisie, I'm just ready to do it." □

*Shed tears? It was difficult. . .
I drew strength and knew the Party was going
to deal with this attack--
Yet my heart reached out
sadness, inspiration then. . . bitterness*

*And at times feel restless
Because some folks seemed to think there
Was only room for one Harriet Tubman
I know different
What China was/What Zimbabwe can become
Are the necklaces she wore around her neck*

*I knew where she had been
and planned on going
Yet--
We marched at her funeral
Yes--
We marched at her funeral
And with her we buried
A soldier, A woman fighter, A class fighter--*

*And with her we buried
Any hesitation
To destroy the monopoly capitalist system
And its tools the KKK/Nazis*

*And with her we buried
Any hesitation about what we have to do*

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History is filled with rich struggles of working women. Harriet Tubman, one of the earlier women fighters, dedicated her entire life to helping other slaves reach freedom through the Underground Railroad. She turned her deep hatred of the slave system against the slave owners. Ella Mae Wiggins, another beloved leader in the fight against capitalist exploitation, led a strike for better working conditions and higher pay in the Gastonia textile mill. While out on strike, the vigilantes and cops brutally beat her to death with their billy clubs.

And today, in carrying on this rich tradition the example of Sandra Neely Smith stands out. For five years she persisted in unionizing Cone Mills Revolution plant. On November 3rd, while being pursued by assassins in the anti-Klan demonstration in Greensboro, she gathered the kids to safety first and then came back shooting. Because of her staunch stand, she was assassinated, but her boldness and dedication to the working class of which she was deeply apart, will never die. We are dedicating this issue in memory of Comrade Sandy and other women fighters before her. □

Taiwan People Will Determine Their Own Future

Eight people on the staff of *FORMOSA* magazine in Taiwan face possible death sentences as they stand trial this week for calling a demonstration last December 10th, United Nations "Human Rights Day." Before the trial even got underway, the Taiwan government bared their sick, fascist nature by stabbing to death the 60-year old mother and 7-year old twin daughters of one of those facing trial.

The demonstration occurred in the industrial town of Kao-hsiung in southern Taiwan. The police denied a permit for the rally, arresting and beating up several staff members of *FORMOSA* magazine. But permit or no permit, the Taiwanese people came out 100,000 strong to protest the repressive government of the Chiang clique. The army and police attacked the demonstrators and blanketed them with tear gas. With only bare fists and two-by-fours, the people battled the cops for more than 10 hours, sending over 180 cops to the hospital.

The demonstration in Kao-hsiung and the burning of a police station in Chung-li a year ago are part of a rising democratic movement in Taiwan. The Kuo-Ming-Tang (KMT) the Chiang clique's party in Taiwan, was so shaken that they banned all oppositional publications and brought the eight people to trial.

Taiwan People Have Long Tradition Fighting Against Imperialism and Chiang Regime

Taiwan historically was part of China but was annexed by the Japanese imperialists during the Ching dynasty until 1949. For fifty years the Taiwanese people resisted the Japanese imperialists and some took up armed struggle.

When Chiang Kai-shek and his defeated army escaped to Taiwan from mainland China in 1950, the Taiwanese people—under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party—led an uprising to drive Chiang out. This was the famous February 28 uprising. Unfortunately, this revolt was put down and 15,000 heroic Taiwanese were butchered. This mass murder was carried out under the order of Gen. Chou Chih-Juio, whose daughter is the Secretary of the League of Revolutionary Struggle in the U.S.

But the Taiwanese people have never stopped fighting against the Chiang regime and U.S. imperialism. In 1957, the people surrounded the U.S. embassy and burned the U.S. flag after a G.I. had killed a Taiwanese girl and gotten away scot free.



Using torches and sticks, the heroic Taiwanese stood their ground against the cops.

New KMT Also Oppose Democratic Movement in Taiwan

The new KMT (*China Daily News*, League of Revolutionary Struggle, and other groups)—the mouthpiece of revisionist Communist Party of China policy today in New York City—responded to the recent government repression by sponsoring a small and impotent demonstration, 60 people only, in front of the old KMT Consulate in New York on Dec. 24. Their only demands were for more "democracy and human rights" and for "reunification with China". There were no slogans against the Chiang clique or against U.S. and Japanese imperialism.

This was no accident. When the Vietnamese revisionists started exterminating the ethnic Chinese in their country and expelling them, this same group called for a "boat people" demonstration. They united with racist Zionists and Congressman John Murphy to carry out the demonstration. This is the same Murphy who is a loyal backer of ex-Nicaraguan dictator Somoza and the same Congressman who was recently tied into the FBI Abscam scandal.

By calling for human rights and *not* criticizing the U.S. imperialists, the new KMT chant the human rights slogan exactly the way the U.S. bourgeoisie wants it—to pacify the masses and safeguard the interests of U.S. imperialism. That's why they won't gain support among Taiwanese people.

Taiwanese Independence Movement Not Clear on Soviet Imperialists

On the same day as the new KMT's demonstration, close to 300 supporters of the Taiwan democratic movement held a separate action in front of the United Nations. Slogans were raised to "Support the Heroes Inside the Island", "Down with Chiang Family Regime", and "Long Live Taiwan Independence". In addition, three other demands were raised:

- 1) the need to denounce the Chiang regime as a corrupt, fascist regime;
- 2) the immediate release of all oppositional leaders and political prisoners;
- 3) that the Taiwanese people must rely on themselves and not on Japan or the U.S.

Because of their clear stand against the Chiang regime and U.S. and Japanese imperialism, they will win the support of Taiwanese people. But, among the leadership that is fighting against the Chiang

regime in Taiwan, there are different views and interests. Some are genuine about fighting for the liberation of the Taiwanese people, while others are secretly backed by Japanese and U.S. imperialism. For example, Peng Ming-min, an old Taiwan Independence movement leader, was supported by Japan and the U.S. to call for Formosan (Taiwan) independence to split Taiwan from China. This was the way the U.S. pushed the "One China, One Taiwan" trick when China was socialist. This was the imperialists' plan to weaken China while protecting their own interests in Southeast Asia.

Many of the leaders of the democratic movement in Taiwan are the sons and daughters of the national bourgeoisie or represent their interests. They hate U.S. and Japanese domination and want an independent Taiwan, yet they fear the masses of workers and peasants at the same time. They had opposed reunification with China when China was a socialist country. A few of them also worshipped the model of Cuba and are unclear on the vicious imperialist nature of the Soviet Union today. That's why, without a clear slogan against Soviet social-imperialism as well as against the U.S. in the Dec. 24 demonstration in New York, there is the danger that the Taiwan independence movement can "fight the tiger at the front door while letting the wolf sneak in the back". This danger is especially real since the Soviet social-imperialists have stepped up their effort to lure the Chiang regime and the Taiwan independence leadership closer to them.

Reunification With China Is No Solution Now

The slogan "All Chinese People Unite" pushed out by the new KMT was a revolutionary slogan when China was a genuine socialist country under Mao's leadership. China had a correct policy towards national minorities and nationalities. Under socialist China, the right of self-determination was carried out in the specific form of regional autonomy. This policy had won great support among progressive Taiwanese people. At that time, we opposed the demand for independence for it would split Taiwan from socialist China and weaken the overall fight against both superpowers. Today, with the Chinese revisionists in power, reunification is not a solution anymore.

But Deng Xiao-Ping, top Chinese revisionist, in an interview with *Time* magazine last year, openly praised Taiwan as a model for China to follow. The minister of Overseas Chinese Affairs, Liao Cheng-chih, also came out and said that Taiwan is better than China. The official policy of Chinese revisionists is that Chiang Ching-Kuo (son of Chiang Kai-Shek), can continue with his fascist rule if he is willing to admit Taiwan is part of China and to give up the KMT flag and anthem. There need be no change in imperialist exploitation or national oppression of the Taiwanese people.

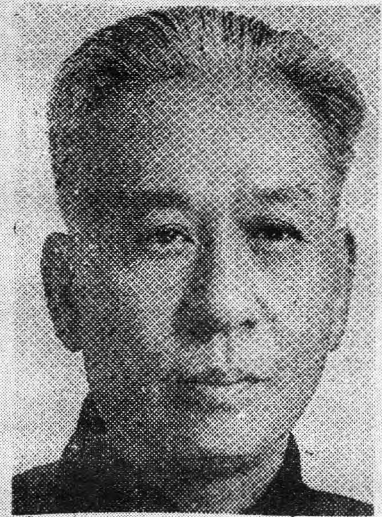
Uphold the Right of Self-Determination of Taiwanese People

The Taiwanese people are an oppressed nationality in China. Today they are still under the fascist rule of Chiang Kai-shek and martial law. They have no right to strike, no freedom of speech and no right to assemble. And the secret police is stationed in all factories, schools, etc. While the majority of soldiers are Taiwanese, the officers are still the old guard from Chiang's old army. The Taiwanese are forbidden to speak their own dialect and develop their own culture. Although economically the Tai-

wanese national bourgeoisie have been gaining, politically, militarily and culturally they are suppressed. They have no political power with no representation in government.

We must work within the Taiwan independence movement and fight for the correct line and leadership. Through the storms of the struggle, the real fighters will be tempered and emerge to form a genuine Marxist-Leninist Party. Only such a party can lead the masses to fight the Chiang clique, both superpowers and the revisionists in China. Only this party can fight for the dictatorship of the proletariat in Taiwan. Then, at an appropriate time, Taiwan can reunite with China and aid the revolution in China.

GHOST OF LIU SHAOQI RETURNS



The "good" name of Liu Shaoqi has been restored in China today. Liu was the chief of state who was stripped of his position and kicked out of the Communist Party of China in the 60's during the Cultural Revolution. At that time he was judged by the Communist Party and the Chinese people to be a "renegade, traitor and scab". But recently the Central Committee of the Chinese Party, after a week-long meeting, announced that this verdict was totally unjustified. Liu was "a great Marxist" they said. They also reversed the previous Central Committee's (under Chairman Mao) decision to take away Liu's position.

Cleaning up Liu's rotten name represents the clearest attack on Mao's policies to date, especially the policies developed during and after the Cultural Revolution. The Central Committee's decision is meant to officially discredit Mao and okay the revisionist policies today such as: each factory manager now has the right to hire and fire workers based only on which makes more money; enlarging the free market in the countryside and breaking up the communes and planned agricultural production.

The present Central Committee also recommended changing the Chinese Constitution to take away the Chinese people's right to "speak out freely, air their views fully, hold great debates and write big-character posters". This right was adopted under Mao's leadership during the 4th People's Congress in 1974. The official reason for taking away these rights is to crack down on the "human-rights" movement in China. But the real reason is that the revisionist leaders want to tighten their control over the Chinese people. Since the revisionist policies have failed to solve the economic crisis and joblessness among youth, there has been more resistance from the people. This decision is a step to end proletarian democracy and move towards a more fascist rule. □