MARCH 6—After holding secret meetings (so-called brotherhoods, or “bush retreats”) with the apartheid rulers, and following terms dictated by Washington, the African National Congress announced late last month its agreement to a coalition government with the white-supremacist regime. After a ten-month breakdown of negotiations, a multiparty conference in Johannesburg this weekend agreed to hold substantive talks by early April on a transitional deal. While their leaders were talking, ten supporters of the ANC were mowed down by gunmen in Natal.

The projected “government of national unity,” in which the ANC led by Nelson Mandela will jointly administer the country together with F.W. De Klerk and his National Party (NP) in the interests of the mine bosses and the Jo‘burg stock exchange, is no sudden development. This is the culmination of a scheme to preserve South African capitalism which was put in motion with the release of Mandela and legalization of the ANC three years ago. The deal was conditioned by the agreement of the ANC not only to toss out its demand for nationalization of the mines, whose fabulous wealth is a product of black workers’ toil, but even to abandon its program of majority rule for the 30-million-strong black population.

If the agreement holds, elections to be held by April 1994 will create a 400-seat assembly in which all parties receiving over 5 percent of the vote get seats proportional to their electoral support. The assembly would write a new constitution and serve as an interim parliament for at least seven years. The president would be chosen from the most successful party. Any party that won at least 5 percent of the seats would be entitled to a place in the cabinet. The catch is that cabinet approval will be required on major questions and two-thirds approval on “certain issues.” Thus the Nats and the Democratic Party, the leading white-captalist parties, together with their bantustan puppets, including Inkatha leader Buthelezi, and their collaborators in the present “parliamental” segregated legislature, would have effective veto power over all major decisions.

To get around the ANC’s longstanding position of “one person, one vote,” various plans for white veto power over a black “government” were bandied about. Proposals for a bicameral legislature with an upper house to “safeguard minority rights” were dropped as too obvious, and instead the coalition “unity government” with its “two-thirds” ratification requirement will serve the same end. Meanwhile, the Nats and their toady Buthelezi are insisting on “strong regional powers” as another choke on any ANC coalition, cementing conservative strongholds such as the Orange Free State, bastion of the right-wing Conservative Party and outright fascists such as the AWB (Afrikaner Resistance Movement), and preserving the bantustan fiefdoms.

Make no mistake, the “power-sharing” deal will leave power in the hands of the apartheid masters, spelling continued enslavement of the vast non-white majority of South Africa. The blood-drenched army and security apparatus will remain intact, along with the rest of the racist capitalist state. This pact marks a historic betrayal of the aspirations of the black toilers of South Africa, who for generations have struggled, endured, and died by the thousands to win their freedom. Now even the ANC’s Freedom Charter, which (despite the claims by various leftist cheerleaders) does not go beyond simple bourgeois democracy, is revealed as an empty piece of paper.

Under this cruel “compromise,” the “new” “post-apartheid” South Africa will look very much like the old. What will change for the millions crammed into squatter camps on the edges of modern cities built with their sweat? For black women forced to live in backyards and back bedrooms in wealthy white suburbs, taking care of other people’s children? For rural blacks pushed off their land into barren bantustan wastelands? And the terror spread by shadowy gangs financed and instigated by the apartheid masters will go on.

As we Trotskyists have repeatedly stressed, there can be no democracy for the exploited and oppressed under South African capitalism, which is based on the superexploitation of black labor, and therefore on the denial of the most basic rights for the black majority. Anyone who stands for the liberation of the black, “coloured” and Indian masses of South Africa, including whites who don’t want to spend the rest of their lives in a permanent garrison state, must reject this grotesque “deal.” Urgently needed is the formation of a Bolshevik party to lead the mobilization of the black proletariat in the fight for workers revolution. The International Communist League calls to: Smash the collaboration pact! Those who toil must rule! SACP Brokers Neo-Apartheid Pact! The current bargaining was preceded by internal fights on both sides, by the NP against the diehard apartheid right, and the ANC against militant nationalists within its own ranks, and outside. De Klerk accomplished this by the racist referendum last May, in which 68 percent of the whites voted for his negotiation strategy. The ANC demonstrated its support among blacks in a massive two-day general strike in August which paralyzed Johannesburg and surrounded the capital buildings in Pretoria. Yet this mobilization was cynically geared to pressure the regime back to the bargaining table. After the bloody massacres in Boipatong township and Bisho in the Ciskei, the ANC had called off negotiations to prevent revolt from below as township youth demanded arms. The deal was also preceded by a campaign within the 30,000-strong South African Communist Party, launched by continued on page 4

South Africa “Power Sharing” Swindle

Smash Neo-Apartheid! For a Black-Centered Workers Republic!

Protesting taxi drivers in Johannesburg defy apartheid riot police last month.

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Racist Death Penalty Frame-Up Exposed

On March 2, after spending five years on death row, Walter McMillian walked out of a Bay Minette, Alabama courtroom a free man. After turning down four prior appeals, the Alabama Court of Monroe County D.A. Chapman acknowledged McMillian’s conviction was obtained using perjured testimony and concealing evidence of his innocence.

Set in Monroeville, Alabama, the backdrop for Harper Lee’s novel “To Kill a Mockingbird,” McMillian case followed a script that’s been passed down for forever unchangeable because it was created on moral precepts or by divine revelation.

McMillian’s appeals discredited every piece of prosecution evidence. The state three times witnessed executions. McMillian revealed how cops pressured him into fingering McMillian. Meyers’ numerous statements about the frame-up had been concealed from the defense. Today Alabama Assistant Attorney General Ken Nunn has called McMillian’s case a “totally aberrant occurrence.” Tell it to Clarence Brandley, Randall Dale Adams, Darby Tillins and James Richardson, just a few of those who have proved their innocence and been freed from prison after many years on death row. Racist frame-ups and “legal” lynching are integral to the American injustice system, together with the extralegal terror of the KKK and summary executions by killer cops on city streets across the country.

In the morning hours of 1 November 1986, Ronda Morrison, a young white woman, was murdered in a Monroeville dry cleaning shop. Unable to solve the Morrison murder for eight months, the cops decided to get McMillian, a black pulpwood worker known around town for dating a white woman. They picked up professional criminal Ralph Meyers in connection with another killing and threatened him with a capital murder charge. As he fingered McMillian, Meyers in. McMillian was arrested. And to make it clear that he was presumed guilty. McMillian was thrown onto death row before the trial began.

Though 12 witnesses testified that McMillian had been home at a fish fry at the time of the murder, he was convicted and sentenced by the jury to life imprisonment. However, Judge Robert Darby Tillis and James Richardson, just a few of those who have proved their innocence and been freed from prison after many years on death row. Racist frame-ups and “legal” lynching are integral to the American injustice system, together with the extralegal terror of the KKK and summary executions by killer cops on city streets across the country.

So when the time came in 1986 for 23 black men have been found dead in their cells in the past three years.

McMillian’s murder conviction, Brian Stewartson of the Montgomery Capital Represen­
tation Resource Center, told reporters, was too easy for the state to convince someone was guilty; it had no evidence to show this court that he should never have been here in the first place. By the time of the “Death Row” crisis, the U.S. Supreme Court is on a crusade to make sure that it’s not just “too hard” but virtually impossible to overturn a death sentence.

Women’s Liberation Through Socialist Revolution

March 8 is International Women’s Day. A traditional socialist working-class holiday. In opposition to bourgeois feminism, Clara Zetkin, founder of the German social movement, moved to rally to the Bolshevik Revolution and the Communist International, explained the central role of the socialist struggle to the emancipation of women.

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The old superstition that the position of women in the family and in society was forever unchanged because it was created on moral precepts or by divine revelation was smashed. Marx revealed that the family, like all other institutions and forms of existence, is subjected to a constant process of ebb and flow which changes with the economic conditions and the property relationships which result from them. It is the development of the productive forces of the economy which push this transformation.

The women’s movement, however, owes much more to Marx than just the fact that he, as no other person before him, shed bright light upon the painful path of the bourgeois women’s movement. But he also has been the channel of discernment by which the feminist is inextricably tied to the Socialist labor movement and the revolutionary class struggle of the proletariat.

—Clara Zetkin, “What the Women Owe to Karl Marx” (March 1903)
In an outrageous witchhunting attack, WNBC-TV Channel 4 in New York City has targeted members of a gay group, setting them up for vicious harassment at their jobs and in their neighborhoods. On March 2, 3 and 5, the nighttime edition of Channel 4 News ran a series of "reports" which purported to disclose the results of an "investigation" into the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA), which advo-
cates the repeal of reactionary "age of consent" laws.

The station used a format similar to "consumer protection" spots popular with local TV news programs, but the broadcasts were hatchet jobs that smeared NAMBLA as a secreteive, criminal conspiracy and were explicitly aimed at getting its targets fired from their jobs. "Undercover cops" are quoted as saying that the group advo-
cates child molestation, which was introduced by news anchor Sue Simmons, who stated that the group "advocates the sexual molestation of young boys"—a bald-faced lie.

It's not the first time that NAMBLA has had to defend itself against attempts to criminalize it with false charges. The NBC witchhunt mirrors a similar media blitz last year in San Francisco by KRON-TV, in which the SFPPD's lying interviews Russian communist—"We are fighting to restore Soviet power"—is pure wishful thinking by an organization whose whole self-conception is to be slashist tattlites for a "progressive camp" in the "global class war," if only they can find it.

Worse than Anpilov's ridiculous boasts about the size and power of the "workers' power" base valued by the Marcyites, is Anpilov's fraudulent pos-
ting as a long-time, granite-hard oppo-

ingen of capitalist counterrevolution. In reality, the RKRP demonstrates jointly with all manner of fascists from Pamyat to supporters of the rabidly anti-Semitic neo case Vladimir Zhirinovsky (who calls himself "the Almighthy") and prom-

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For a Trotskyist Party! 

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YELTSIN WHITENASHES REAGAN'S SPY MISSION

Last September Russian president Boris Yeltsin titillated the world's news media with the announcement that he had "materials" relating to the long-missing "black box" flight recorders from Korean Air Lines Flight 007, the jetliner which was shot down by Soviet fighter planes after penetrating deep into Soviet airspace in 1983. He claimed to have a "transcript" of the cockpit voice recorder tape, among other documents allegedly hidden away in KGB archives.

On 14 October 1992, Yeltsin made a show of meeting in Moscow with representatives of the association of families of KAL victims, along with South Korean officials. He gave the American families nine documents and a large multicoloored map purporting to show the flight path of KAL 007. Yeltsin claimed Soviet leaders "knew about this for ten years" but "hid it," and he pontificated about "our sacred duty to explain the whole truth." Yeltsin's "press conference" is in the service of a decade-long campaign by U.S. imperialism to crucify the former Soviet Union as a heartless "evil empire," murderers of innocent civilians.

Ronald Reagan seized on the downing of KAL 007 as a bloodthirsty rallying cry in the imperialists' Cold War. The morning after the shootdown, Secretary of State George Shultz went on TV to accuse Soviet leaders of knowingly shooting down a civilian airliner. The drumbeat of lies and cover-up has continued to this day. But we immediately nailed it as a Cold War provocation, headlining our front-page article, "Reagan's Story Stinks!" (WN No. 337, 9 September 1983). We also issued a Spartacist pamphlet compiling our early coverage. Before long, even the New York Times (7 October 1983) felt compelled to admit that U.S. "intelligence experts...found no indication that Soviet air defense personnel knew before the attack that the target was a commercial plane."

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Ten Questions for Izvestia

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6. The cockpit voice recorder (CVR), by its nature, records conversations and noises in the cockpit in the previous two minutes. Yet the ostensible transcript contains only one minute conversation, the rest being recordings of radio exchanges. This is especially strange: supposedly in the last few minutes of the doomed flight, when they are apparently experiencing explosive decompression and losing altitude, the pilots don't say anything to each other! Nor do they issue a mayday: the copilot initially makes no mention or explanation "the actual route coincides with one of the Soviet [cabin] descriptions of the flight data recorder."

7. The CVR transcript records passenger announcements and radio communications. It also contains recordings of the cockpit voice recorder. Can investigators hear and transcribe these recordings? The CVR tape played for the International press would not be a straight line—"if it was, that would be prima facie evidence of fraud." Please comment.

8. The veracity of the CVR transcript can be checked by comparing the text, sequence and timing of events on any other tapes of KAL 007 transmissions, particularly the tape of radio exchange on air traffic control. John Keppel notes in his letter to Senator Boren, "the time intervals between transmission of KE 007 and KE 015, on the one hand, and Tokyo tape. The difference between the two series varys from a low of 1 minute 22 seconds to a high of 4 minutes 19 seconds,"

9. The integrity of the CVR transcript published by Izvestia is marred by the fact that it is interspersed with editor's commentary on what he hears, implying that the tape was played for Izvestia. Why wasn't the tape played for the International press?"

10. Izvestia's 1991 series on the KAL 007 affair reported that the wreckage of the plane was found near Moseron island, just west of Sakhalin. But if the plane's autopilot was set to fly a conical projection, on which a straight line would be a constant magnetic course of 249 degrees, as the "Findings" assert, it would not be recorded on the CVR. Calculations show it would not pass any where near this location but would be well to the north. How can this be explained?

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6. The cockpit voice recorder (CVR), by its nature, records conversations and noises in the cockpit in the previous two minutes. Yet the ostensible transcript contains only one minute conversation, the rest being recordings of radio exchanges. This is especially strange: supposedly in the last few minutes of the doomed flight, when they are apparently experiencing explosive decompression and losing altitude, the pilots don't say anything to each other! Nor do they issue a mayday: the copilot initially makes no mention or explanation "the actual route coincides with one of the Soviet [cabin] descriptions of the flight data recorder."

7. The CVR transcript records passenger announcements and radio communications. It also contains recordings of the cockpit voice recorder. Can investigators hear and transcribe these recordings? The CVR tape played for the International press would not be a straight line—"if it was, that would be prima facie evidence of fraud." Please comment.

8. The veracity of the CVR transcript can be checked by comparing the text, sequence and timing of events on any other tapes of KAL 007 transmissions, particularly the tape of radio exchange on air traffic control. John Keppel notes in his letter to Senator Boren, "the time intervals between transmission of KE 007 and KE 015, on the one hand, and Tokyo tape. The difference between the two series varys from a low of 1 minute 22 seconds to a high of 4 minutes 19 seconds,"

9. The integrity of the CVR transcript published by Izvestia is marred by the fact that it is interspersed with editor's commentary on what he hears, implying that the tape was played for Izvestia. Why wasn't the tape played for the International press?"

10. Izvestia's 1991 series on the KAL 007 affair reported that the wreckage of the plane was found near Moseron island, just west of Sakhalin. But if the plane's autopilot was set to fly a conical projection, on which a straight line would be a constant magnetic course of 249 degrees, as the "Findings" assert, it would not be recorded on the CVR. Calculations show it would not pass any where near this location but would be well to the north. How can this be explained?

Workers Vanguard map compares scheduled flight plan (broken line) and Yeltzian's invention of "249-degree magnetic course" (dotted line) with actual flight path of KAL 007 (solid line). Repeated changes of course give lie to claim that penetration of Soviet air space over sensitive military targets was accidental.
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But the "innocent flight" theory still won't fly. In fact, the Yeltsin story quickly began to fall apart in spite of the compliant media.

Play the Tape!

Yeltsin never released to the public the actual tapes contained in the two alleged "black boxes." To this day the media has taken his "transcript" as good coin without a second glance, without even bothering to hear the voice tape. But even the corrupt, CIA-tied South Korean government felt compelled to quietly complain that the information was "incomplete." Since Seoul was considering resumption of $3 billion in aid to Yeltsin's Russia, it was unimaginable how such information could be released with a surprise presentation of two "black boxes" when he visited Seoul on November 10. The ABC reported pictures of Yeltsin holding a suitcase containing two boxes, without even attempting to ask if the serial numbers on the boxes matched those on the missing recorders. Yeltsin got his money.

But ten days later the Koreans announced that the flight data recorder tape was "missing" from its box, and the tapes were unable to be "freely reproduced"! If such a stunt had been pulled by a Kremlin leader ten years ago, the imperialist press would have screamed "Commies Disappear KAL Tapes." But now the capitalist media is oh-so-understanding of their crude counterrevolutionary Russian croony that the incident was buried on the inside pages as a forgivable "mix-up."

The new story was that Yeltsin intended to hand the tapes over to the UN. But as a forgivable "mix-up," Yeltsin’s Screwy Map

KAL 007... Anchorage, Alaska air controllers saw KAL 007 heading for Soviet airspace but did nothing. Flight was a deliberate Cold war provocation.

Washington's line. Perhaps the tape will be pronounced "unreadable," so they can all sigh with relief—as did former U.S. Amtrac General director Ray Cline's newsletter in a report on the Yeltsin revelations: "We may never know how the Korean pilot came to be so off-course for so long." (Foreign Intelligence Literary, Vol. 11, No. 5, 1992).

They wish. As we have said all along, the KAL flight was a U.S. war provocation on a scale with the World War II Lusitania incident, and like the latter, the truth will eventually be known to all. In any event, the Yeltsin material can be shown today to be utter nonsense which flatly contradicts the known, hard evidence about the flight of KAL 007.

Dubious "KAL Transcript"

Let's look. The KAL Boeing 747 was equipped with two standard "black boxes" made by separate manufacturers: the cockpit voice recorder (CVR), which records the last 30 minutes of cockpit conversations, noises and radio communications (and, yes, even the flight data recorder (DFDR), which records various flight parameters (air speed, altitude, etc.) for the last 25 hours in thousands of bits of data, including direct feeds from the Inertial Navigation System (INS) on the plane's latitude/longitude and direction of motion. With special equipment, technicians can analyze the DFDR tape and produce irrefutable proof of the plane's flight path.

Yeltsin’s material purportedly included not only an alleged "transcript" of the CVR tape, but also various analyses/reports on the DFDR tape, allegedly made by their famous KGB and aviation "experts" in 1983. But there is a problem with this material: hardly any of it matches reality. And there are some curious aspects of the "transcript" Yeltsin produced. For example, the KAL 007 pilots are overheard asking the pilots supposedly of KAL Flight 015 about wind conditions at a waypoint ahead of 007. Yet the second plane was supposed to be on the same R-20 international course minutes behind KAL 007. It’s not as if nothing is known about KAL 007’s flight. Much of the plane’s radar track, for instance, is publicly available, though there are some significant pieces missing, largely because of the secretiveness of the U.S. and Japanese governments. (The U.S. Air Force allegedly "routinely" erased some key radar tapes shortly after the incident.) Among the available information there is the FAA-certified radar track of KAL 007’s flight across Alaska; there is Japanese radar data on the plane’s overflight of Sakhalin; and, more recently, U.S. intelligence sources have classified three "files" on the plane’s flight across Kamchatka (obtained by Allardyce/Gollin).

And, of course, there is Soviet Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov’s map of the flight path based on Soviet radar tracking, presented to the press on 9 September 1983. All these various sources can be used to crosscheck each other, as well as to crosscheck the version of Yeltsin’s DFDR "analyses." As we shall show, the latter prove to be sheer fantasy. As for the alleged CVR "transcript," this can be compared with the Tokyo air traffic control tape of radio exchanges with KAL 007. And guess what? They don’t match.

In the weeks following Yeltsin’s October 14 announcement, Workers Vanguard conducted an investigation into all this material, talking to knowledgeable people who have investigated the subject over the years. We finally arrived at ten questions (see "Ten Questions for Izvestia") signaling the contradictions between the alleged Soviet SFDR "transcripts" and the known facts. Last December we presented these questions to a key Izvestia reporter, who had earlier professed interest. But no longer.

Yeltsin’s Screwball Map

Now, what about the large (six-foot) multicolored technically detailed map Yeltsin gave the U.S. families in Moscow, which purported to be the last word on 007’s flight path. (The map published by the New York Times was simply an oversimplified derivative of this one.) Allardyce/Gollin recently produced a technical analysis of this map, as well as the Yeltsin "transcript" and other documents...

As we and others did, they note the "clocking discrepancies" when comparing the CVR "transcript" with the Tokyo traffic control tapes, and remark: "It is significant that it is "missing from the transcript documents to the flight crew’s own follow-up response to the emergency situation." Thus there are no "damage assessments one would expect from copilot and flight engineer," and there is "no mayday call." One Air Lines Pilot Association representative bluntly reported to his organization that the "transcript is a fake." But the really devasting part of the Allardyce/Gollin report is their analysis of Yeltsin’s map. They note that it "seems not to be a single map but a composite" of maps based on different projections and with different scales. Moreover, the map presents two different flight paths: one supposedly representing the flight data recorder’s version; and a second parallel track 20 to 30 nautical miles to the south, which is labeled "Soviet air defense radar track of KAL 007." It should be noted that this alleged Soviet radar track of KAL 007 is probably different from Ogarkov’s 1983 Soviet map—in particular, his display of the plane’s flight path towards Sakhalin has been eliminated. No explanation is given for this; Ogarkov’s famous press conference to show a "blank space" in Yeltsin’s history.

Allardyce/Gollin decided to compare this map with the technical analysis in

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of the baguio of the decade, child abuse. Add to that Koresh's polygamy, and the fact that the Branch Davidians believe in a god, Jesus, or King David, and you have a socially marginal group which might be a recruiting ground for an anachronistic, authoritarian religious commune is not how most of us would choose to live. But who's to say what we'd think if we didn't get to vote?

In a letter of protest addressed to Clinton the Partisan Defense Committee demanded, "the federal and nongovernmental bodies and local and federal agents be removed from the area." As the PDC letter noted, "The Branch Davidians have had enough of their rule... They are thePagans now."

Add to that Koresh's polygamy, dem­manded one and all .... We think you would do better to break down their fortifications and come up with the 1249-degree line or the Yeltsin map. The Allardyce/Gollin report diplomatically concludes that if these documents add up to the "finding," and that was 'guided by the Yeltsin documents-i.e., the alleged "finding," either the 249-degree line or the Yeltsin map-then the KAL 007's magnetic course of 249 degrees constant magnetic heading (with degrees constant magnetic heading (with the flight path. The key is leading the Whole of KAL Flight 007's"finding," and placed these on Yeltsin's map. This would build the role of the BATF in arming in response to the NTSB's retailing of crude slanders and attempts to whip up gun-crazed cult" as, in 1983-and they are nowhere near the Yeltsin's line. Surprise—they don't match at all! Also, "for more than five hours of flight, the raid was supposed to be a cake­walk-the Allardyce/Gollin report continues—of the embattled BATF—they didn't even arrange for any medical personnel to be present. Even before the Waco siege, the TX flatlands are teeming with cults, of various sizes, which demonize the Davidians. The principle was summed up in a Times "Editorial Newsletter" as "My religion is a denom­nation, yours is a sect and theirs a cult." The Texas Flatlands are teeming with cults, of various sizes, which has earned the acronym "confessional borders of Brazos." On top of the hear are the Southern Baptists, with Baylor University in Waco, and the Yeltsin map. In Waco, with Southern Baptists in both the U.S. Senate and B.B.C. who are being switched into the automatic mode, and placed these on Yeltsin's map. The government assault is designed to break down their fortifications and come up with the 1249-degree line or the Yeltsin map.

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debacle, this anachronistic military arm of the U.S. Treasury Department, that originated in the "Whiskey Rebellion" of 1791, was under fire from civil agencies. The BATF is currently undergoing investigation for sexual harassment of female agents. Federal agents recently refilled an enlarged lawsuit against the agency's racist practices. After the fiasco a BATF spokesman said, "I don't believe we were out­maneuvered or outplanned. The problem is we've been outwitted." FBI buys that, and federal authorities investigating the World Trade Center bombings in New York are complaining about BATF agents tampering with evidence in order to claim credit. "They've been responsible for the raid, which involved over 100 BATF agents. National Guard and state police, was to arrest a lot of brats and destroy the town," according to the San Antonio News. But social workers who have been down day-care centers to going after film with their pump action 12-gauge is Hungarian and machine guns, even though the county sheriff had previously assured the church that none of their weapons were illegal. The BATF fre­quently raids the homes of licensed gun­ owners, destroying property and terror­ izing the occupants. But the message of the Waco siege, carried on in wait a state with more guns per capita than any other in the nation, is that the U.S. government will go to any lengths to dissuade the population—even if they have to kill "em. Now these people near Waco are being tried for "resisting arrest" over a non-crime.

The government and media refer to the "crazed cult" or "organized crime" or "gun hysteria. Macho Texas Democratic Governor Ann Richards (a Baylor grad who, in Washington, D.C. with her pump action 12-gauge) is pros­ecuting a "gun" assault" and guns. And of course the New York Times is leading the charge to justify this massive attack on Americans' constitutional right to "keep and bear arms." To the bloodthirsty bound, the murder of innocent men, women and children by the freelancing, out-of-control gun-toting anti-gun freaks of the BATF is a useful tool for advancing the bipartisan "Brady bill." Natu­rally, despotic regimes prefer to rule over defenseless peoples; an armed people can fight back.

In the autumn of 1989, the American ruling class could not make a choice. Amend­ment: there wasn't much organized labor, blacks were enslaved, and "the people" consisted of a few industrial and financial oligarchs. But in capitalism's death agony, with the economy on the skids and labor/black/ His­panic explosions threatening to engulf the "New World Order," they want to take guns away from the people. These days, the government assault is designed to break down their fortifications and come up with the 1249-degree line or the Yeltsin map.

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One month after more than 5,000 miners struck Peabody and Eastern-associated mines, United Mine Workers union tops have ordered them back to work under a 60-day "extension" of the coal contract. A picket at Eastern's Harris No. 1 mine in Bald Knob, West Virginia, told WV that miners "don't like it a bit."

Throughout the coal fields, there is deep anger at the way Clinton's Labor Department has handled the strike, which began on January 6 in Rocklick, Kentucky, when the contract arration plant told WV that UMW officials have sunk so low they sent union miners at small, non-striking companies to work at the plant of Peabody's Eastern strikers! This scabbing continued when the bureaucrats ordered picketers to coal trucks going to the prep plant as well.

Working in deathtraps, miner set against miner--this is the future of the UMW if the pro-capitalist bureaucracy isn't ousted by new leadership. But that means above all a fight for the political independence of the miners movement from the capitalist state and its kleptocratic parties through the construction of a workers party.

Workers Revolt Sweeps Nova Scotia

TORONTO—For eight months now, a wave of bitter labor struggle has swept the island of Cape Breton in Canada's eastern maritime province of Nova Scotia. Militant fishery, auto and other workers throughout the island have fought back against scabbing and threatened plant closures by reviving the powerful tactic of factory seizures. Facing yet more economic devastation in an area where official unemployment is already 26 percent, angry workers have pushed through police lines, driven scabs and management from the plants, defied court injunctions and held millions of dollars worth of equipment for ransom until their demands were met.

On February 1, management at the Premium Automotive Parts plant in Hawkesbury announced the factory was to close, effective immediately, and a confrontation began. The picketers had come to scuttle it the next day.

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Like the UAW tops when they folded at Caterpillar last year, the UMW bureaucracy is ludicrously claiming a "victory." District 17 president Bob Phalen blustered, "By God, we won the battle. We got everything we wanted," referring to the union's demand for information on the ownership of coal reserves and non-union subsidiaries.

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Workers of Nova Scotia, let the struggle carried on by Peabody and other workers go where it will. Canada's worst depression since the 1930s has brought devastation to working people coast to coast, with the highest rate of unemployment in the "Group of Seven" industrial powers. A quarter of all manufacturing jobs have been eliminated in the South. Ontario's unemployment rate is the highest and for the recently dirt-poor Atlantic provinces the consequences have been nothing less than catastrophic. Overflowing by soft coal companies like National Sea Products has virtually eliminated fish stocks, throwing tens of thousands of fishermen and shore workers on the scrap heap.

Those who have managed to hold their jobs are forced to work in even more desperate conditions. In early February five Nova Scotia fishermen on the scal- drogapper Cape Aspy were killed when the ship sank after the crew in a major winter storm. Ten days later, 50 fishermen in Lunenburg were threatened with dismissal when they defied a company order to go onto the high seas in the face of another brewing storm. Last year, 26 miners in Pictou County were killed in an explosion at the Westray coal mine, a notorious deathtrap which has regularly been cited by inspectors for serious safety violations.

In the face of capitalist economic disaster, union bureaucrats, like the national leaders of the CAW have signed away hundreds of thousands of jobs in auto, airlines and other industries, pushing round after round of concessions and givebacks. In Cape Breton, the Clearwater lobster strikers were eventually forced to swallow a rotten settlement after the CAW national office threatened to cut off strike funds. Meanwhile Audrey McAulagin, leader of the social-democratic New Democratic Party, came to the worker-occupied Premium automotive plant in early February to grandstand about "solidarity." But the same NDP has launched its own strikebreaking attacks on labor and the poor from the provincial government benches in Ontario, British Columbia and elsewhere, all in the name of capitalist austerity and the sacred need for profit.

Cape Breton has a long history of worker militancy, going back to the early years of the century when District 26 of the United Mine Workers waged battle after battle against the coal bosses and their government allies. In 1922, miners and their families stood firm against thousands of soldiers and even Royal Navy warships that were called out to try to break the strike. The kind of class-struggle tactics which are today being invoked to crush the bosses' court injunctions—can galva- nize workers facing a jobs massacre throughout the continent and help to turn back the bosses' anti-labor offensive. But the new greedy capitalist profits and winning jobs for all will take more than this. From Cape Breton to California, we need a revolutionary workers party to lead a fight to break capitalist control. Labors Gotta Play Hardball to Win

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Scab coal being moved out of Rocklick prep plant in West Virginia. Peabody strike was sabotaged by UMW tops.

"Coal Miners Win First Round." But miners aren't buying. As Trumka expects, though, they expect to be right back out in 60 days.

Trumka credited the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service for helping to "craft" the agreement, and reportedly had a line open to Harvard boy Labor Secretary Robert Reich. The UMW tops are taking their orders from Clinton, and hope the 60 days will let them grease the skies for more givebacks in health care, work rules and non-union operations. These are the disastrous results of previous "selective strikes" at A.T. Massey and Pittston.

Trumka wants to keep the miners working underground even as the historic gains of the UMW in the coal fields are dismantled. Union miners now dig only one-third of the coal produced in the U.S. And with the proliferation of non-union mines, hundreds of miners are being payed for the betrayals of the union tops with their lives. In only five weeks during December and January, 18 workers were killed and many more injured in a series of deadly mine accidents.

It is a straight line from the pro-Labor Department
even if the ban is rescinded, it wouldn't necessarily apply to the Haitian refugees going to die in the U.S. rulers, declaring: have not yet made it to the U.S. An INS and the Coast Guard (with Clinton's presidential campaign, Clinton denounced Haitian refugees picked up on the high seas as "criminal" and "illegal."

But the Haitian masses will not be liberated through exodus to the north. The Spartacist League, section of the International Communist League, has long championed the cause of the Haitian working people, hundreds of thousands of whom are congregated in urban centers along the East Coast of North America. In Haitian demonstrations in New York last year, SL speakers repeatedly warned against illusions in the capitalist Democratic Party. The ICL also calls upon workers in the Dominican Republic to defend the thousands of Haitians reduced to slavery in the Dominican sugar cane fields, and to organize together with them to overthrow the capitalist dictatorships which dominate the island by keeping the masses divided.

We have insisted that the liberation of Haiti, where Toussaint L'Orourke led the first successful slave revolt in history in conjunction with the French Revolution, will come about not by appealing to the "democratic" pretensions of the imperialists in Washington and the UN, but through hard class struggle. The "masters of the universe" shiver as they gaze down from their Wall Street offices and their military establishments on the thousands of militant Haitian demonstrators. What is needed is a Trotskyist party uniting the North American proletariat with the Caribbean brothers and sisters in struggle for socialist revolution.

Full citizenship for black immigrants born in the U.S. for her people's needs. We have been open to other suggestions (for example London or Paris) for a meeting of no less than 60 minutes per speaker format you suggested. Of course, we would also want time for discussion, to permit the audience to speak and suggest a timed round, followed by summaries for yourself and our newsletter.
MARCH 7—For almost six weeks, over 200 desperate Haitian refugees quarantined at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo, Cuba have been on a hunger strike, demanding to leave the camp where many have been imprisoned for almost a year and a half. They were initially cleared for entry into the U.S. by immigration officials, although thousands of others—about three-quarters of the 40,000 people who have been plucked out of their boats by the U.S. Coast Guard as they fled the bloody military regime—were forcibly sent back to Haiti.

However, when 221 refugees reportedly tested sero-positive for the virus which causes AIDS, they were summarily refused entry into the U.S. Unable to return to Haiti and barred from the U.S., they and their families—a total of 265 people—were locked up in a concentration camp called Camp Bulkeley, isolated in a remote, desert-like corner of the naval base and surrounded by chain link fences, concertina wire and armed guards. Desperate to escape this living hell, the hunger strikers have vowed: "It's leave or death."

Meanwhile, deposed Haitian president Jean-Bertrand Aristide is counting on President Clinton, whom he is scheduled to meet on March 16, to pressure the Haitian military into letting him return to office. Aristide called on Haitians not to take to boats to escape their tormentors, but he has pointedly refrained from criticizing the U.S. policy of patrolling the high seas and repatriating Haitian refugees. As Aristide's overthrow by the military in September 1991 graphically demonstrated, the fact that this radical priest occupied the presidential palace was only a fa?ade, allowing the official terror to continue.

A recent report in the New York Times (1 March) reflects the explosive sentiment of revolt building among the Haitian people. Reporter Howard French noted that "for the first time" large numbers of ordinary citizens "have begun to warn that they will take matters into their own hands." Following a mass in the town of J?et?mie for hundreds of victims who died when an overloaded ferry sank late last month, mourners demanding the return of Aristide were brutally beaten and arrested. The terror by the blood-crazed army continues under the gaze of a team of UN observers, who are supposedly negotiating a "return to democracy."

President Clinton vs. Candidate Clinton

President Bill Clinton and his band of callous yuppies are acting as if they would be just as happy to see the doubly unfortunate refugees in Guantánamo perish. Clinton promised during the electoral campaign to rescind Bush's policy of banning those infected with HIV from entering the U.S., but now the new administration says there is "no timetable" for this. And as racist Congressmen scream about the cost of medical care if HIV infected refugees are let into the country, it is being suggested that continued on page 11

Murderous Fed Assault on Christian Sect

It was supposed to be a lightning-fast raid by heavily armed federal agents on a little-known religious group's farm east of Waco, Texas, prepared months in advance by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) with the help of agents who had infiltrated the compound. But the feds didn't reckon on a Good Samaritan's tip-off which alerted the nearly 100 members of the "Branch Davidians," a split-off from the Seventh Day Adventists, to the cops' murderous plan. So when the massive strike force made their move on the morning of February 28, approaching the compound in three teams, one of which broke in through a window, the well-prepared residents opened fire through the walls, stopping the assault cold.

When the dust settled, four feds lay dead and 16 wounded, the worst losses taken by the BATF since the days of Prohibition. Several injured agents had to flee ignominiously, clinging to the hood and bumper of a local TV station's car. Inside the compound, an unknown number of church members, including a 2-year-old girl, were killed by the feds, and many, including the sect's leader David Koresh, were wounded. A cease-fire was hastily called, and the FBI was brought in for negotiations with Koresh, which are still continuing. While the government has dropped its claim that the Davidians have a .50-calibre machine gun, the feds have moved in armored vehicles mounted with cannons. Huey helicopters hover over grazing cattle and grain silos.

The BATF hypocritically claimed that a full-scale invasion was needed just to arrest one man, Koresh, because they were afraid of a mass suicide like the 1978 Jonestown cult massacre in Guyana. In other words, they had to kill them to keep them from killing themselves! Shades of Vietnam, where U.S. commanders vowed they had to destroy cities in order to "save" them (from Communism). In case the weapons charge wasn't enough, the feds also accused the sect continued on page 9