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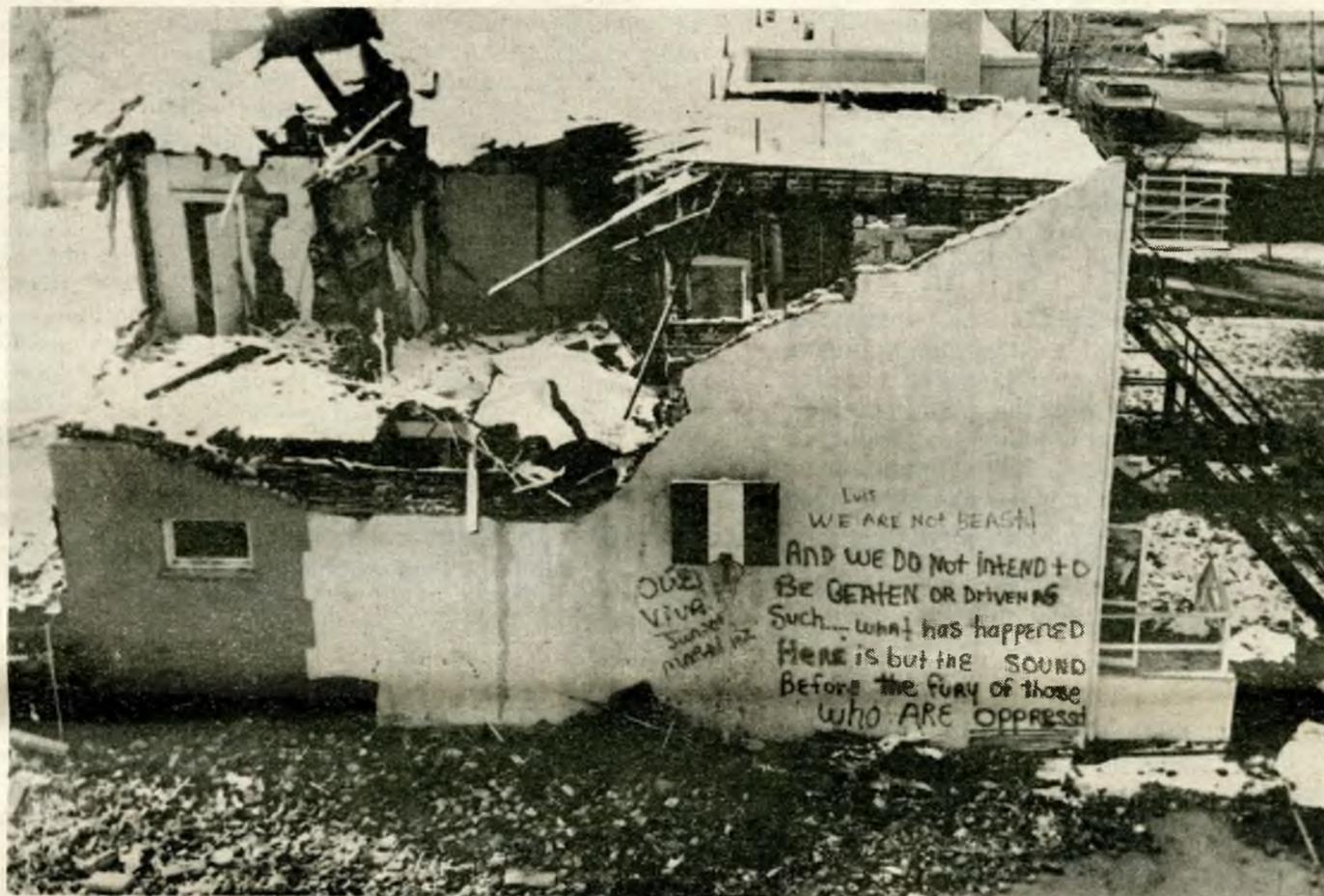
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This apartment building was bombed by the Denver police in a recent gun-battle with Chicanos.

## Bloody Police Rampage: Denver Chicanos Retaliate

On March 17 around midnight the Denver Police Department "answered a disturbance complaint" at Downing Terraces, an apartment complex owned by the Crusade for Justice, a revolutionary Chicano organization. However there was no disturbance and apparently no complaint call--only a party going on.

By 3:30 that morning, a 20 year old Chicano had been murdered by police bullets, three Chicanos had been shot (including a 16 year old girl), and thirty six had been arrested in the vicinity. Four officers were shot and eight injured, and two units of apartments were almost completely demolished by police explosive charges.

Just three days before the police attack, the Crusade had organized a march of 1200 Chicanos and Indians through downtown Denver.

The Crusade for Justice contends that the police assault was a planned attack on their organization, particularly in response to their support of the Indians at Wounded Knee. Many Crusade members have joined the Indians there.

By linking up with the Indian brothers and sisters at Wounded Knee, the Crusade has moved the struggle to another level. As the recent police attack shows, those who run this country view this unity between oppressed people as a serious threat to their power and will try desperate measures to break these alliances.

The incident started when two police officers, parked across the street from the party were asked by a young Chicano what they were doing. He was immediately arrested for jaywalking. A small group of people formed around the car to ask why

young man was being detained.

Officer Stephen Synder jumped from the car and went to grab one of the men, Luis "Junior" Martinez, 20, a member of the Crusade for Justice.

Witnesses last saw Martinez backing away from Synder, saying "Leave me alone, I don't want any hassles."

As they disappeared into a nearby alley, several shots rang out. Later, Martinez's body was found shot in the back. No weapon was found in his possession. According to one account, beside him was a message he had scrawled in his own blood--"Fuck the Pig."

Shortly after the shooting at least 60 police heavily armed with shotguns and automatic rifles descended on the

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# Chino Escape Case Beaty's Lies Exposed



The government's case against Benton Douglas Burt and Andrea Holman Burt has been destroyed by its own two "star" witnesses. The Burts are being tried in San Bernardino, California, for murder of a prison guard, "lynching" (freeing a prisoner), and assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer in the October 6th escape of Ronald Wayne Beaty from Chino.

George Fitzgerald, the surviving guard, testified in the trial, which began April 30, that neither of the two defendants sitting in front of him in the courtroom were present during the escape. The prosecution has been so eager for Fitzgerald to change that story that they first gave him a lie detector test and then hypnotized him to refresh his memory, all with no defense attorneys present.

Fitzgerald also testified that he is sure the man who shot the guard was a tall man, at least 5' 11. Robert Seabock, whom the government is charging as the "hit man", is less than 5'7".

## BEATY ADMITS LYING

Ronald Wayne Beaty, the escapee, has been working with the police, sheriffs, and FBI at least since his arrest on December 11. Captured in the company of Jean Hobson, who had resigned from the Central Committee of Venceremos in early November, Beaty immediately began implicating certain individuals and groups in his escape. His testimony at that time to the FBI and then to the San Bernardino County Grand Jury led to the arrest on December 19 for murder of Robert Seabock, Jean Hobson's next-door neighbor, and to the arrest on harboring charges of seven other people-- Bruce Franklin, Bruce Hobson (Jean's son), Mort Newman, and C.W. Noble from the San Francisco Bay Area, and attorney Michael Goldstein, Laura Bishara and Dr. Harry Bishara from Arizona. Charges against Franklin, Bruce Hobson, Newman, and Noble were dropped on January 5 for lack of evidence. The lack of evidence is increasingly obvious in regard to the people charged with the actual escape.

On October 23 Andrea and Doug Burt had surrendered when they learned there were warrants out for their arrests. Beaty admitted in court on May 16 that he first told authorities that Doug and Andrea were innocent, that they had arrested the wrong people, and that he would reveal the identities of the real escape team. Now he has changed that story to agree with the authorities' story.

Beaty has had over four months of working with the prosecution. In this trial the prosecution has said that 300 FBI agents met in San Francisco to discuss how to proceed with this case. Further, these FBI agents have called area-wide meetings of all local police intelligence units. With all this "intelligence", they have not been able to make Beaty a credible witness. The lies increase.

For instance, Beaty testified to the Grand Jury that Bruce Hobson told him that Bruce Franklin ordered that Beaty be blindfolded on a trip to a mountain cabin hideout. His story did not end with those "facts" but went into details: he testified that Bruce Franklin wanted him blindfolded because Franklin was afraid Beaty might get "cabin fever" from having been in prison so long and might try to leave. Then Beaty on the stand admitted there had never been a blindfold much less talk about it and motivation for it. He said, "Yes, I lied" to the Grand Jury to protect innocent people who are not political. One spectator turned to another and asked the obvious question, "Wasn't he lying to incriminate innocent people who are political?"

## BEATY'S METHOD OF OPERATION

Defense attorney Charles Garry questioned Beaty about a previous escape from Chino in 1970. It was brought out that in his trial for a resulting kidnapping charge, Beaty testified that the two people (an off-duty guard and his girl friend) whose car he commandeered, were in fact his accomplices and had been paid \$1000 to have a getaway car waiting. He further testified in that trial that George Jackson of the Black Panther Party helped him convey the money. Now in this trial he admitted that he never knew George Jackson and said there was an intermediary between him and Jackson another prisoner named Tomcat Thompson, a new name in the story. When Charles Garry continued to question Beaty about that escape and his subsequent testimony, Beaty took the Fifth. But as one spectator said, "Beaty's trying to convict Venceremos the same way he tried convicting the Black Panther Party in 1971."

## IMPLICATES PRISON MOVEMENT

One of Beaty's admitted lies shows how he changes his stories to meet the needs of the federal government's attack on the prison movement. In December Beaty testified to the Grand Jury that he smuggled

letters to Jean Hobson through a fellow inmate who was leaving Chino. In this trial he testified that he smuggled the letters through channels involving Alex Landon, a lawyer active in prison law in San Diego, Norton Tooby, a lawyer from the Menlo Park Law Commune who is active in prison law and with the Wounded Knee defendants, and Irwin Lavenberg, who was a legal worker at the Menlo Park Law Commune and a member of Venceremos active in the prison movement.

He also testified that Alex Landon smuggled in 24 hacksaw blades in a legal document so that in case the escape plan fell through he could saw his way out. Beaty is also implicating other prisoners in his testimony, saying things like he paid one to put a gun in the courthouse bathroom. The "facts" and "details" multiplied from the time Beaty took the stand May 2 until he left the stand May 17 (with a provision that Charles Garry can call him back to do further cross-examination later).

## PROSECUTION DESTROYS DOCUMENT

Over two months after the escape, California Highway Patrolman Keith Larry Hittson remembered, he says, that he may have seen the defendants at a nearby market. He sat down and wrote a four to five page report that took him five to six hours. When Hittson mentioned this in a pre-trial hearing, defense attorneys demanded to see the report. When the D.A. said he had no such report, he was asked to take the stand and testify under oath. He testified to Judge Thomas M. Haldorsen that there was "no such report". But then, faced with possible perjury action, he amended his testimony to say that he meant there was no such report because it had been destroyed by the Sheriffs department and therefore no longer existed. The judge rebuked the D.A. for this behavior but said the matter of propriety of such action could be taken up after this trial is over in order not to interfere with the "pursuit of justice." Charles Garry compared the destruction of evidence to former head-of-the-FBI Patrick Gray's destroying documents. Gray was forced to resign.

## COURTROOM OF REPRESSION

This "pursuit of justice" is taking place in a \$40,000 specially constructed chamber with bullet-proof glass and steel-reinforced walls separating judge, defendants, lawyers, witnesses, and jury from spectators. All conversation in the chamber is taped and supposedly destroyed after one hour "if there is no disruption". Cameras monitor, and "suspicious-looking" people are searched. At first the sheriffs had a copy-machine for copying people's identification but the judge agreed that that was "unnecessary."

In these surroundings justice is pursued right out of the picture as the state's prize witness admits on the stand that he earned money at Quentin by selling heroin to fellow inmates. This drug-pushing, lying, self-proclaimed "rat" has himself testified that San Bernardino County is known as the "railroad stop," meaning a place where law enforcement officers "lie and manufacture evidence." As Beaty's ties with Nazis are exposed and his manipulation of people becomes clearer, his willingness to be used by the state to save his own skin--his lack of soul--will be clear even through bullet proof glass.

# The Taulbees: Heroes of the Resistance

In January, when Milt and Laura Taulbee were subpoenaed as witnesses before the federal grand jury investigating the Chino escape case, they knew they had only two choices—talking or going to jail. Going to jail meant separating from each other and their baby. Talking meant siding with the police and FBI against Venceremos and the prison support movement. Their choice was clear, but difficult. They refused to answer any questions about the alleged "harboring" of Ronald Wayne Beaty, and were sent to jail.

Originally they expected to be released in early May when the grand jury was scheduled to end. Just days before the grand jury expired, the U.S. attorney extended the investigations for another four months, thus lengthening the Taulbee's jail sentence. Commenting to their lawyer, the D.A. stated that he intended to "keep them in jail until they grow old."

Despite the harsh disappointment of not being released and the prospect of four more months in jail Milt and Laura have persisted in their refusal to testify. The added pressure has only served to strengthen their heroic determination to

resist the criminals from Washington

The extension of the grand jury coincides with the start of the trial of Doug and Andrea Burt in San Bernardino. The grand jury is clearly being used to help the San Ber-

nardino D.A. who is desperate to find witnesses who can substantiate any part of Beaty's testimony about his escape and harboring. By calling people before the grand jury, the U.S. attorney can force people under threat of jail to reveal any information they might have about the case. The San Bernardino D.A. needs this information to decide whether the people will help or hurt his case if he calls them as prosecution witnesses.

In addition to the Taulbees, the grand jury has subpoenaed two family friends of Jean Hobson, one of the Chino defendants. One woman has been subpoenaed not only as a grand jury witness, but also as a prosecution witness for the San Bernardino trial. Beaty claims she helped him after the escape. She and her ex-husband have gone through preliminary questioning by the grand jury and refused to testify. The judge has not ruled on their legal grounds for refusing to answer questions.

Information is the crucial ingredient in the fuel that drives the engine of repression. When witnesses like the Taulbees refuse to collaborate and refuse to talk, that engine can no longer function.

Silence is not easy when the consequence is going to jail. The Taulbees deserve our strongest support. They have given part of their lives to concretely aid the revolutionary movement against repression. They are heroes of the people.

## FBI-CIA Mob Active in Brazil

A Brazilian exile publication, FRENTE, printed in Chile, has made public a letter from the late J. Edgar Hoover, praising his agents who took part in the 1964 coup against Brazilian President Joao Goulart.

Directed to a Mr. Brady, the letter read, "I want to express my personal thanks to each of the agents posted in Brazil for service rendered in the accomplishment of 'Operation Overhaul'".

Hoover continued, saying that he felt "admiration at the dynamic and efficient way in which you conducted such a large-scale operation in a foreign country and under such difficult circumstances."

"The CIA people did a good job, too. However, the efforts of our agents were especially valuable. I am particularly pleased with the way our role in the affair has been kept secret."

Two North Americans who had main responsibility for "Operation Overhaul" were the Ambassador in Rio Lincoln Gordon, and Gen. Vernon Walters. Afterwards, Gordon was immediately promoted to the post of Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, while Walters was named second chief of the CIA.

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JAIL THE REAL CRIMINALS NOT THE PEOPLE!

### CHINO DEFENSE COMMITTEES

The Chino Escape Frame-up, which put four of our brothers and sisters in jail on phony murder charges is not an isolated incident. Many such as the Mission 3, Los Tres, Tino Deocampo and still others are being framed for the same reasons: A government attempt to silence politically active people on phony criminal charges when the U.S. government is the real criminal.

a federal agent posing as a big-time drug pusher.

*Tino Deocampo:* Native American brother active in American Indian Movement. FRAMED for murder.

*Committee to Stop the Grand Jury:* People fighting and exposing the use of the grand juries to persecute and frame politically active people.

das acusados del asesinato de un guardia de la prision. El caso del escape de Chino y la estrategia para incriminar.

*Organizacion Venceremos:* Como el caso del escape de Chino es un intento por el gobierno para destruir la organizacion Venceremos y el movimiento de las prisiones.

*Mission 3:* Un vocers para los 3 hermanos del District de la Mission de S.F. que fueron brutalizados por la policia y acusados de asalto en contra de la policia.

*Los Tres:* 3 hermanos chicanos de Los Angeles luchando contra las drogas en el barrios. Son acusados de ver herido un agente federal que trato de pasar por un empujador de drogas.

*Tino Deocampo:* Un hermano Nativo Americano activo en el Movimiento del Indio Nativo Americano (A.I.M.) acusado de asesinato

*Comite Para Poner Alto Al Jurado De Acusacion:* Un grupo luchando y exponiendo el uso de los jurados de acusacion para perseguir y incriminar aquellas personas activas en la politica.

### SPEAKERS

*Charles Garry* on the Chino Escape Frame-Up. One of the lawyers for the Chino Defendants, four people in jail framed on the murder of a prison guard.

*Venceremos Organization* on how the Chino case is a government attempt to smash Venceremos Organization and the prison movement.

*Mission 3:* A spokesman for the 3 brothers from the S.F. Mission who were brutalized by police, then FRAMED on assault on the police.

*Los Tres:* Three Chicano brothers from East Los Angeles fighting drugs in the Barrios. FRAMED for wounding

El caso del escape de Chino, que puso 4 de nuestros hermanos y hermanas tras de la carcel bajo de unos cargos de asesintato falsos no es un caso islado. Muchas como los 3 de la Mission, Los Tres, Tino Deocampo y todavilla mas han sido acusados falsamente por las mismas razones: un atemto por el gobierno para silensiar aquellas persons activas en la politica con acusaciones criminales falsas cuando verdaderamente el criminal es al gobierno Americano.

### ORADORES

*Charles Garry:* Uno de los abogados para los acusados del Caso del escape de Chino, 4 personas encarsela-

# Residents Fight to Preserve Community

In 1966, the City of San Francisco approved plans to build a new convention sports center in the South of Market area which borders the downtown business and shopping district. This complex was to cost nearly one-half billion dollars, and was planned to include a big hall for conventions and business meetings, an exhibition hall for trade shows, a basketball and hockey arena, parking garages, shops and restaurants and high rise office buildings, and it was named the Yerba Buena Center (YBC). What the City didn't take into account was the resistance of the people whose neighborhood was to be destroyed to make way for Yerba Buena.

## Workingmen's Quarter

Before redevelopment came there were more than 4,000 people living in the south of Market neighborhood. Most were retired or physically disabled single men living on small union pensions, Social Security payments and welfare. It was a very poor community with most of the men living in residential hotels and boarding houses.

Life in the neighborhood revolved around hotel lobbies, cheap restaurants and bars and street corners.

Among the working men living in the community, many had been active in the trade union struggles of the 1930's and 1940's, and a few were revolutionaries who had spent a good part of their working lives aiding other oppressed people.

In the beginning, residents went to the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation for help, but later as the number of displaced persons increased there was need for more organized resistance and so in early 1969 the community formed Tenants and Owners in Opposition to Redevelopment (TOOR).

## Master Plan

Behind the destruction of the south of Market community is a redevelopment master plan dating from the late 1950's. At that time representatives from major corporations like Crown-Zellerbach, Bechtel, Dillingham, Crocker-Citizens Bank, Bank of America and others got together and formed the Blyth-Zellerbach Committee (named after two men who helped organize it) to plan the economic future of the San Francisco Bay Area. These powerful men knew that profits for their corporations came mainly from the exploitation of labor, natural resources and trade in the Pacific Region which included the west coast of the U.S., western Canada, Latin America, and Asia.

Overseas expansion was the main focus of the plan, while locally San Francisco was to be turned into the Pacific Region "Manhattan and Wall Street" servicing corporations and banks involved in exploiting Latin America and Asia. The master plan called for the setting up of corporate headquarters in San Francisco, accompanied by other supporting businesses, and federal offices.

To make room for these exploiters, it was decided to drive a large number of poor and working people from the City, particularly

from Third World communities, by tearing down their housing, and decreasing necessary public services like schools, health care and transportation. Once people were removed, their former neighborhoods would become sites for new corporate headquarters, or expensive housing for middle and upper class bureaucrats and business people.

Putting this plan into action the Blyth-Zellerbach Committee dissolved, replacing itself with the San Francisco Planning and Urban Renewal Association (SPUR) which encouraged City Hall to give more power to the Redevelopment Agency, and to use federal funds for commercial development. The testing grounds for the master plan were the Golden Gateway, which tore down parts of Chinatown, a Filipino community, and the Geary Corridor, which levelled part of the Black Community in the Western Addition.

In 1967, SPUR and the other large corporations were able to engineer the election of Joseph Alioto as mayor--Alioto being a well-known corporate lawyer, former director of the Redevelopment Agency, and a supporter of the master plan. Following Alioto's election, the south of Market was made a main target for bulldozing because it was so near to the main financial district and therefore a logical place for new office buildings and business facilities such as the Yerba Buena Center.

## "We Won't Move"

TOOR has maintained all along that South of Market residents are entitled to decent, safe, and sanitary replacement housing at low rents, and that such housing could be provided by rehabilitating residential hotels located near the site of YBC. The City of San Francisco has consistently refused to recognize its legal obligation under the 1949 Federal Housing Act to provide such housing. For the last five years, TOOR's efforts have been directed at forcing the City to give the displaced residents the housing they rightfully deserve. It has been a long hard struggle fought out in federal court, public hearings, and at demonstrations.

Through the Federal Courts, TOOR has won injunctions and other court orders barring further removal of residents until the City came up with replacement housing. However the City was able to slide around the law by promising to come up with housing, then delaying while it continued to remove people from their homes. The courts response to this, rather than jailing the politicians breaking the law, was to look the other way and suggest that TOOR and the City work out a deal.

The way TOOR was able to deal with this was to hold "hostage" several residential hotels located on the site of the planned Center. Court action had allowed community people to remain in their homes if they were not provided with decent replacement housing, so TOOR organized tenants in some of the hotels to hold tough and refuse Redevelopment Agency offers, and threats,



Pete Mendelsohn, TOOR Chairman in hotel room.

to remove them to other parts of the City.

The South of Market struggle has been long and hard. People have had to face late night visits by Redevelopment Agency goon squads, harassment by public officials, beatings and constant pressure. This kind of official terror has forced many to move to other parts of the City where they have no friends and are paying rents so high that many are no longer able to eat properly. In 1966, there were 4,000 people living in South of Market. By 1970 there were about 1,800 people, this year only about 800 residents remain.

Yet the fact that these people have stayed under very difficult conditions is a real victory. Now, after five years, the refusal of the South of Market community to give in has forced the City to come to terms. At present the City is negotiating with TOOR and has promised to provide at least 750 replacement housing units. TOOR is demanding more housing, and has publicly stated that it will keep up the fight until the community gets what it wants.

## Four GIs Join Vietnamese

There are at least four GIs who deserted to join the Vietnamese and who are still free. Three of them, known as "Pork Chop" (a white GI with muttonchop whiskers), and "Salt and Pepper" (a team of one black and one white GI), are known to have worked in NLF units in the last year. "Pork Chop" is a specialist at stealing U.S. vehicles for the N.L.F. "On one of his better days," says the NEW YORK TIMES, "he made off with two armored personnel carriers hitched together." None of the three has been identified.

A fourth man, black army corporal McKinley Nolan of Washington, D.C., allegedly defected on Feb. 7, 1968, while southwest of Saigon. He was with the 1st Infantry Division. He had been listed as a deserter since Nov. 9, 1967. He lived in a POW camp in North Vietnam but had greater freedom than the others. He has written political leaflets and done chores in the camps. Nolan's wife is Vietnamese and they have two children. He did not return with the other POWs.

# SF Newsreel

## Expels

## Racist

## Leadership

Major changes have been going down in the San Francisco chapter of Newsreel. Four white members, all in leadership, and closely connected with the Revolutionary Union, were asked to leave because of their racist and arrogant treatment of Third World people. The expelled "leaders" responded by breaking into the Newsreel office and stealing more than half of the organization's equipment, prints, and organizational papers.

Newsreel is a nation-wide revolutionary film organization. For almost eight years the sisters and brothers from Newsreel have been serving the people's movement by producing and distributing some of the best films documenting all aspects of the struggle against imperialism: films about the Vietnamese people's struggle, Black and Chicano liberation movements, about the liberation of women, about the struggle of all poor and working people against exploitation and oppression.

About five years ago, a collective of white revolutionaries involved in film-making started in San Francisco. Over the years, many new people, including Black, Chicano and Asian people, have joined in the work of Newsreel. However, the leadership and ownership of the Newsreel Corporation has remained in the hands of the few skilled whites who were there all along. Over a period of time, the growing membership of Newsreel, most of them Third World people, became increasingly aware of the secret control, manipulation and racism of this owning and governing core-group of white "officers".

After many frustrations and difficult struggles, the majority of Newsreel workers have found it necessary to purge this white "leadership" in order to continue to serve the needs of the people. The background of the purge was laid out in full detail by the remaining Newsreel staff. Here is what they have to say about their former "leaders".

"In practice the owner-leadership was:

1. Racist--giving token leadership to Third World people. There was token representation of Third World people in films, as well as a failure to train Third World Newsreel members in film-making skills.
2. Elitist--the core-group saw themselves as more politically advanced than the membership, and therefore maintained nearly all areas of responsibility within themselves.

3. Opportunist--fund-raising was done for Third World training programs, yet no Third World people were ever trained.

4. The quoting of Marxism-Leninism was used to stifle people's development of self-reliance and responsibility rather than to help each other grow.

5. In general there was little practice with the people they were always theorizing about."

Newsreel tried to deal with these weaknesses in a series of general meetings. However, it became clear that the "leaders" were unwilling to recognize or struggle with their own racist and dishonest practice. When members of Newsreel discovered that these "leaders" were also the official owners of the Newsreel Corporation, they realized that this economic and political control was the basis of their resistance to change.

The practice of these people since their purge has borne out the criticisms made against them. Shortly after being expelled, they broke into the Newsreel office at 3 A.M. and stole over \$6,000 worth of equipment and prints vital to Newsreel work.

Newsreel responded to this vicious attack in a patient and principled manner. A meeting was called and a number of groups and individuals were invited to hear both sides of the struggle. Widespread support was received for the demand that everything the expelled members stole be returned as a condition for further discussion.

The purged members, backed up by the Revolutionary Union, refused to recognize any wrong-doing. They even defended their thievery by basing it on their right to own private property. They refused to return the stolen material, but said that there should first be "negotiations" to work out a "fair" arrangement. They spoke as though there were two organizations, Newsreel and themselves, each with an equal claim to the equipment.

Newsreel did not "split" into two organizations. Certain individuals were purged because of acts and behavior unacceptable to the majority of Newsreel's members. These individuals have no right to the equipment or holdings of Newsreel, and their attempt to steal it is an act of gangsters and enemies of the people. They have shown themselves for what they are by their actions.

In the minds of the expelled members they were doing what was necessary, because they had a higher understanding of the revolution and

the needs of oppressed people. They claim that their work is more in the interests of working people, because they have mastered the theory of working class revolution. Whereas the other Newsreel workers, mostly Third World people, are confused and inconsistent, and lack the necessary skills.

Their political theory claims there is one broad movement of working people fighting against exploitation and the struggle of Black, Chicano, and Asian people is part of that movement. They pay lip-service to the idea that Third World people are fighting for self-determination as nations, not just as workers. They've shown by the way they wanted to make films and the way they related to Third World people, that they don't really recognize the right of oppressed people to self-determination.

Based on this theory, the white officers of Newsreel decided that the majority of Third World membership wasn't ready to determine the organization's direction, goals, and priorities. They did not recognize that the Black, Chicano, and Asian Newsreel workers are engaged in struggles for the liberation of their peoples. These struggles are the highest form that the fight against U.S. imperialism is taking at this time.

Imperialism rigs everything against Third World people, including sections of the working class movement itself and so-called revolutionary organizations. This white supremacy towards all Third World people is the most powerful weapon of the ruling class, and the most severe obstacle to revolutionary solidarity.

All along, leadership and control of Newsreel should have been based on sound political practice and the necessity for revolutionary Third World leadership, not on some abstract theory or technical skill, and in no way on private property. It is because these white officers failed to recognize and put into practice these principles that they were acting elitist and racist.

The members of Newsreel, Third World and white, are showing what self-determination is all about. They have exposed and gotten rid of their paternalistic "leaders", who must now be isolated throughout the revolutionary movement. With Newsreel in the hands of Third World revolutionaries we can count on a film organization which once again serves the people.

*Solidarity with Newsreel  
Venceremos Organization*



Over 2,000 people from the Black community in Queens took to the streets on May 3rd to protest the unprovoked police murder of 10-year-old Clifford Glover.

# Psychosurgery

## CDC's Plan to "Fix the Individual"

Could there be a reason why a person's soul should be cut out and left on an operating floor? The supporters of psychosurgery say, "Yes."

Psychosurgery is a fancy way of describing what a doctor does when he intentionally destroys the part of a person's brain that produces emotions. The operation, commonly called a lobotomy, is performed by what has been called "swishing an icepick around behind the eyeballs to destroy portions of the brain's frontal lobes." It leaves its victims emotionless, dull, and unresponsive.

A doctor at the University of Mississippi Medical School, who does lobotomies on children who make too much trouble for their parents or teachers, said about his victims: "These individuals will not be contributors to society, but at least they will be tolerated."

In 1971, the California Department of Corrections (CDC) announced a new Medical Psychiatric Diagnostic Unit at the California Medical Facility at Vacaville. The CDC said the purpose of the unit was to treat "violence-prone" inmates.

Reporters soon discovered that part of the treatment for these prisoners was psychosurgery. The CDC denied the reports, claiming that brain surgery could be performed only on prisoners suffering from some form of epilepsy.

The CDC lied. A letter from CDC Director Raymond Procnier to the California Council on Criminal Justice, dated September 8, 1971, never mentioned epilepsy and spoke only of surgery on "aggressive, destructive" inmates.

The publicity and the outrage of people in California forced the CDC to back down on its plans for psychosurgery.

Even while the CDC was retreating from the psychosurgery battle, it was expanding its other mind control programs. Today, rebellious prisoners find themselves subjected to strong tranquilizers, intensive group therapy, electroshock, or "aversion therapy."

The prisoner's only choice is, as Dr. L. J. Pope, Vacaville's Warden, explained: "If they don't want to take the drug, they don't have to. If they want to stay cucked and stay locked up all their lives, that's all right with us."

In the eyes of the psychosurgery advocates, all of these programs have a serious flaw; none of them is guaranteed to produce permanent mental change.

So, the CDC is once again planning psychosurgery-- this time with a veneer of scientific respectability provided by the participation of UCLA's Neuro-Psychiatric Institute (NPI). The NPI has submitted a proposal to both the state and federal governments to create a "Center for the Study and Reduction of Violence." The proposed Center "will explore the causation, identification, prevention, control, and reduction of those individual and social factors which contribute to violent behavior." The proposed Center "will investigate genetic, biochemical, neurological, and neurophysiological elements of life-threatening behavior."

An assistant superintendent at Soledad prison translated all these

big words into everyday English: "It's the individual's fault that he (or she) is in prison, not societal factors. We must fix the individual."

The Center does not want to confine its experiments to prisoners. It hopes its work will be useful to "public school programs, law enforcement activities, governmental actions, and private organizations."

If the doctors sincerely wanted to study the violence-prone in our society, they would want to start at the White House and the Pentagon.

The greatest perpetrators of violence always call their victims the violent ones. The Indians who brought food to the starving Pilgrims on the first Thanksgiving Day were, a few years later, called "murdering heathens" and slaughtered.

The peoples of Africa were called "savages" so that they could be thrown into chains and used as slaves in North America.

Mexicans were called "bandits"

to justify the occupation of half of their country by the Californians.

The Vietnamese and Cambodians are bombed because they are "Communist aggressors."

In our society, poor and working people are often reduced to "criminal" and "violent" acts of survival. Women who are forced to sell their bodies are called "criminals" and put in cages. People unable to find decent jobs are forced to ripoff money from their oppressors. Drugs are pumped into the community by the CIA, local police departments, and the big drug companies, and our youth are thus turned into "criminals".

Now that many of these "criminals" are beginning to understand the source of their problem and the need to solve it through revolution, the murders and thieves who run this country are trying to turn these men and women into vegetables.

## Petition to Free Thero Wheeler

Thero Wheeler is a revolutionary brother who is currently being subjected to the psychological warfare of the Stress Program at Vacaville Medical Facility. The purpose of the program is to provide the Adult Authority with psychiatric evaluations of inmates under situations of stress, mainly in hard confrontation groups.

In 1962 when Thero was eighteen, he was convicted of robbery and given a one-year-to-life sentence. He served 5 years in prison before he was paroled. In 1970, after defending himself from the vicious attack of L.A. pigs, his parole was revoked, and he was returned to prison with a life sentence.

Since his return to prison in 1970, Thero has been active in the struggle for the rights of prisoners. He has also become a competent "jailhouse lawyer." He joined Venceremos last year. Because of his organizing activities, the authorities understand he is a threat to their system.

In September of 1972, he was denied parole, despite 160 letters of support sent to the Adult Authority. He was labeled "violent" and sent to the Stress Program at Vacaville.

The only reason he has been labeled violent is because he has had the courage and determination to fight for his human rights. It is this kind of strength of spirit that the Stress Program is designed to break. With his revolutionary consciousness and our support, his spirit will not be broken.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED PEOPLE, IN MULTINATIONAL SOLIDARITY, DEMAND THAT THE CALIFORNIA ADULT AUTHORITY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS IMMEDIATELY RELEASE THERO WHEELER ON PAROLE AND END ITS BRUTAL ATTEMPT TO BREAK OUR BROTHER'S SPIRIT.

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## Ruchell Gets a Change of Venue

Ruchell Magee, the only prisoner to survive 1971's Marin County Courthouse shootout, has just been granted a change of venue motion. His trial will now take place in San Jose, in the same court where his co-defendant Angela Davis was acquitted.

Ruchell's reasons for filing the change of venue motion do not come across in the establishment media. *Venceremos* newspaper has just received a communication from Ruchell explaining his strategy.

### Ruchell's Competence to Represent Himself

Ruchell points out that on August 3, 1972, "one San Francisco County Judge Morton Colvin unlawfully vacated the prior Judge Leonard Ginsburg's order allowing me the right to act as my own attorney (not co-counsel)." Judge Colvin declared Ruchell "Incompetent", and ordered that all of his legal documents be filed through the court-appointed lawyer Robert Carrow.

Knowing that Judge Colvin would fall all over himself in his eagerness to get Ruchell's case moved out of San Francisco, Ruchell laid a trap for him which he fell right into. By accepting Ruchell's motion for a change of venue, over the objections of lawyer Robert Carrow, he proved that Ruchell is not incompetent as an attorney. Furthermore, he has established a precedent for Ruchell's legal documents to be accepted.

### Trial in San Jose

Santa Clara County, of which San Jose is the county seat, has extremely few Black people. This will undoubtedly work to Ruchell's personal disadvantage. But Brother Ruchell as usual puts the interests of the people primary. He sees the trial in San Jose as an opportunity to expose the fascist state in another location: "Whatever county they decide to or think they can hide in, I'll be exposing the entire Judicial System. I have the truth on my side, and the fascists can't hide!!!"

### Habeas Corpus Motion in Pocket of Ellsberg Judge

Meanwhile the Habeas Corpus motion that Ruchell filed way back on September 1, 1972 is sitting in the pocket of the judge who twice discussed becoming the head of the FBI while he was presiding over the Ellsberg case.

None other than Judge William Matthews Byrne has been exercising a pocket veto over Ruchell's writ. (Magee v. Warden Luis S. Nelson, # 72-2091 WMB)

Did Judge Byrne discuss this matter when he illegally met with the Justice Department and entertained their bribe offer during the trial? Is this why he has refused to follow the legal procedure in dealing with the Habeas Corpus motion, which is supposed to be a means for speedy relief?

# The Meaning of Watergate

*"I can state categorically that his (John Dean's) investigation indicates no one, either in the White House or the administration, was involved."*

*Richard Nixon, August 29, 1973*

The Watergate Affair began to unfold on June 17, when secret agents of the Republican Party were caught bugging the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee. Immediately the press termed the incident a "bizarre" event, "unique" and "scandalous." Even the Washington Post, whose reporters did much of the investigating which finally exposed the culprits in the White House, treated Watergate as an isolated incident; a blemish on an otherwise clean political history.

But Watergate is really nothing more than another chapter in a volume of American outrages, most of which have been much more serious.

How refreshing it would have been if Nixon's press secretary, Ronald Ziegler had come forth the next day and said, "Gentlemen (he always addresses the American people as "gentlemen",) on behalf of the President I would like to state that no one should be startled that our employees were caught at the Watergate. These were top-notch men who received their training from the Central Intelligence Agency. The tactics we told them to employ were used, by us, in Iran, Guatemala, Cuba, Chile, Cambodia, Vietnam and many other fine countries. We had every reason to believe that because this type of operation has succeeded for us in the past, that it would work right here at home. So please don't make a big deal out of it - it's nothing new."

In other words, the Watergate Affair is not unique, nor is it bizarre. "Cleaning up the White House" will change nothing, because it is a matter of this or that bad guy who holds power. The Watergate crooks, from McCord on up to Mitchell and Nixon, are enforcers for an entire class of gangsters - the ruling class. Their plot, much more intricate and criminal than Watergate, is to control the riches of the world and use the rest of mankind to keep it that way. Watergate is a bump on a log.

Perhaps that's why most people just say "So what's new," when they hear that the White House is loaded with spies, agents and hoodlums.

The criminal history of Ameri-

ca began long before Watergate. It began with the slaughter of Native Americans, the enslavement of Blacks, the conquest of Atzlan (and several other nations) and continues today in the form of imperialist wars and wage slavery. At most, the Watergate Affair tells us that one element of the ruling class is a little more corrupt than another section. But our lesson should be more - we should understand that justice will come about, not by replacing Republicans with Democrats, but by replacing the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie with the rule of the people.

Phil Trounstine

## Inmates Used As Guinea Pigs

(Zodiac)-Approximately one-fifth of the 600,000 inmates in U.S. prisons are used as "guinea pigs" in medical and disease experiments.

According to recent testimony before a Senate subcommittee one of the experiments conducted on prisoners involved the pouring of Johnson and Johnson's baby shampoo into the eyes of 20 inmates for 24 straight hours. In another experiment with fungus, staph and other infectious bacteria, 300 inmates were deliberately infected. Members of two prisoners' civil rights groups appeared before the Senate Health Subcommittee and testified that volunteer prisoners were paid as little as \$3.00 per day to undergo dangerous tests.

They called for a halt in the use of inmates in medical experiments, saying that many prisoners-desperate for money-had no choice but to volunteer for experiments, that threatened their lives.

Joseph Stetler, president of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Association, said he opposed the passage of specific laws controlling the conditions under which inmates could be used in drug experiments and argued that the drug industry should monitor such experiments involving human subjects. He said that one of the advantages of using prisoners is that their diet, exercise and sleep can be controlled.



## China Explains Its Views on the Population Question

### Basic Cause of Poverty and Backwardness

The Delegation of the People's Republic of China would like to explain here our views on the population.

We hold that, of all things in the world, people are the most precious. People are the decisive factor in the social productive forces. They are first of all producers and then consumers. As producers, they ceaselessly concentrate on production in breadth and depth and can produce more products than they consume. Under certain socio-historical conditions, some problems may arise as the population increases. This is caused by various obstacles blocking the development of the social productive forces. The entire progress of history shows that people are always able to sweep aside obstacles in the way of advance, promote the steady development of the social productive forces and create more and more wealth for society. Those views which regard people as a negative factor, that people are purely consumers and that growth in population means an obstacle to economic development do not correspond to the historical facts in the development of mankind. Those views which claim that efforts to reduce the population's mortality rate would harm the socio-economic progress are even more absurd.

We hold that the fundamental reason for the present poverty and backwardness in many developing countries in the Asian and Far East region as well as in other regions lies in the policies of aggression, plunder and war pushed by imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism, and in particular by the superpowers, which seriously destroy these countries' productive forces. The decisive conditions for changing this situation of poverty and backwardness are to get rid of aggression and oppression by imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism, to combat big-power hegemonism and power politics, to strive for and safeguard national independence and to develop the national economy independently. In our view, it is erroneous to say that the poverty and backwardness of the developing countries stem mainly from over-population and that population policy is of fundamental significance and plays the main role in solving the problem of poverty and backwardness.

### Malthusians Refuted

Old China's poverty and backwardness is known to all. Under the leadership of the Communist Party of China headed by Chairman Mao Tsetung, the Chinese people, after a long and valiant struggle, overthrew the reactionary rule of imperialism and its lackeys, founded

the People's Republic of China and are engaged in socialist economic construction independently, self-reliantly and in a planned way. Though our population has increased relatively quickly since the founding of the People's Republic of China, the increase in production was even faster. Over the past 24 years, China's population grew from more than 500 million to over 700 million, an increase of more than 50 per cent, but during the same period, grain production more than doubled, increasing from 110 million tons to 240 million tons; cloth and other light industrial products increased by several fold, some even by more than tenfold; and still bigger increases have been registered in heavy industrial products. A look at the average annual rate of progressive increase since the founding of the People's Republic of China shows that the average annual progressive increase in population is about 2 per cent while that of grain is nearly 4 per cent, with the average annual progressive increase for the last decade being about 5 per cent. Moreover, at present China's cultivated land (which is roughly over 100 million hectares) only amounts to a little more than 10 per cent of the total area of the country. The per hectare yield for grain is still not high and mechanization in grain production is still at a very low level. Judging from whatever angle, there are enormous potentialities for China's grain production which will grow not too slowly. China is a developing country and the living standards of her people are still rather low. However, starvation and unemployment have been eliminated. There is food, clothing and work for the people. Some Malthusians have prated that when there are too many people, the question of feeding them cannot be solved, that too many people obstruct the progress of society, and so on. Facts have thoroughly refuted such nonsense.

### China's Population Policy

Population increase in a planned way is China's established policy. We follow such a policy not because the question of "over-population" exists on China. In China, social production is carried out in a planned way and this requires that the population increase is planned, too. It is necessary to have a planned population increase in order to promote the thorough emancipation of women, care for mothers and women and children and bring up and educate the younger generation well, and improve the people's health and bring about national prosperity. Such a policy conforms with the interests and aspirations of the broad masses.

To implement the policy of planned population increase requires us to develop medical and health work throughout the cities and countryside and do a good job in maternity and child care on the basis of actively developing production and raising the people's living standards and, while lowering the mortality rate of the population on the one hand, practise planned childbirth on the other to regulate the birth rate. What we mean by planned childbirth is not only birth control, but adopting different measures according to different circumstances. In densely populated areas with high birth rates, we advocate late marriage and birth control, so that the age difference between the parents and their children will be about 30 years rather than about 20 years. In national minority areas and other sparsely populated areas, we adopt appropriate measures to help increase population and promote production; guidance and help are also given to those who desire to practice birth control.

China's work on birth control is carried out under the principle of voluntariness on the part of the masses with state guidance. The government and social organizations at all levels mobilize the masses to practice planned childbirth voluntarily through widespread propaganda and education. The state provides contraceptives free of charge and related medical services. To the few cases of sterility, active treatment is also given.

China has gained rather noteworthy success in lowering the population's mortality rate. Initial success has also been obtained in birth-control work in the densely populated areas, but it is not developing evenly. A change has been brought about in the national minority areas where the population of some nationalities had in the past shown a fairly rapid increase and now there is a growing population and developing production. Our experience in planned childbirth is still not sufficient and we must continue in our efforts. Facts have shown that our country is able to gradually achieve the control of population growth by mankind itself in a planned way.

We hold that the drawing up of a population policy is the internal affair of the various countries, so we cannot seek a forcible uniform policy on population. Under the premise of full respect for the sovereignty of the various countries and in accordance with the wishes of their people, it is of course beneficial to exchange experience internationally on the problems of population and family planning. We are ready to learn from the fine experience of the people of other countries.



## Strategy for Victory

# The Revolutionary Alliance

We live in the era of world revolution. Ours is the time when the toiling and oppressed masses, for the first moment in history, begin to rule societies and start to control human destiny.

When the twentieth century opened, the countries of the world were divided into two distinct groups -- the rulers and the ruled. On one side were the imperialist powers of Europe and North America, fighting among themselves for absolute control of the world's peoples and land. On the other side were the oppressed peoples and nations of Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The ruling class of Europe and North America ran roughshod everywhere. Overseas they were able to back up the claim that they actually owned the lands of the people they ruled. At home they maintained totally the system of wage slavery, under which the vast majority of the people have to sell their very essence as human beings -- their creative labor -- in order to exist. The capitalists were able at their own will to use the working class at home as their instrument of military power against all peoples they wished to conquer. And they were able to deploy different sections of the working class against each other. As the nineteenth century capitalist Jay Gould had boasted, "I can always hire one half the working class to kill the other half."

The revolution of the workers and peasants of Russia and Russia's colonies, guided by the science of Marxism-Leninism, radically changed this situation. The front line of world capitalism was broken. A vast new society stretching from Europe through northern Asia was built under the control of the workers and peasants themselves. Now there was in the midst of a planet dominated by rival empires one liberated base area for the revolutionary struggles of all oppressed and exploited people.

The emergence of the Soviet Union constricted the sphere of world imperialism, thus accelerating the profound economic and political crisis throughout the capitalist countries. Within seven years of the defeat of the last invading capitalist armies and counter-revolutionary military forces in the Soviet Union in 1922, the system of so-called "free" enterprise had completely

collapsed, to be replaced everywhere by emerging monopoly and state capitalism. The working class in each of the capitalist countries, inspired by the example of the Soviet Union, began to turn more and more toward socialist revolution. The ruling class of each of these countries was forced to try to pass off their new form of bourgeois dictatorship as progressive or even socialist. Hence Fascism in Italy (which began during the consolidation of revolutionary power in the U.S.-S.R.), National Socialism in Germany, and the New Deal in the U.S.A. Germany, Italy, Great Britain, the United States, Japan, France, and the smaller capitalist states of Europe attempted to build a grand anti-Soviet alliance to put an end to the Red menace once and for all. But under the brilliant strategic leadership of Joseph Stalin, the Soviet Union developed socialism based on modern industry and agriculture and then in 1938-1939 decisively broke the anti-Red alliance. Thus World War II began as a war among the frantic imperialists rather than as a holy crusade against Communism.

World War II ended with the Japanese and most of the European empires in a shambles. Following the strategy of Stalin, the peoples of the world defeated Fascism, Naziism, and Japanese imperialism. In Asia this strategy meant developing a united front to conduct wars of national liberation. Mao Tse-Tung, Ho Chi Minh, and Kim Il Sung led their peoples through this successful struggle to the next stage, the fight for socialism under the dictatorship of the proletariat. In Europe this strategy meant forming a broad underground resistance movement based primarily on the working class and led by Communists to harrass the enemies' rear while the Red Army and the people of the Soviet Union defeated the Axis military forces on the battlefield. This strategy led to the establishment of peoples' governments throughout eastern Europe, and the emergence of the Communist Party, representing the organized industrial proletariat, as the largest political parties in Italy and France.

By the time of Stalin's death in 1953, the balance of world power had clearly shifted in favor of the revolutionary forces. The workers and

peasants of China, behind the leadership of the Communist Party and Chairman Mao Tse-Tung, had established the world's most populous country as another vast liberated base area for the world revolution. In Vietnam and Korea, the European and North American imperialist forces that had succeeded Japan were on the verge of defeat. In the eight years since the war, dozens of African and Asian nations had won national independence, at least formally. The United States had been forced to commit a permanent occupation army throughout western Europe and pour in massive economic assistance to prop up the tottering capitalist governments.

But the death of Stalin proved to be a tremendous blow to the revolutionary movement. Very quickly state power within the Soviet Union was captured by a bureaucratic-technocratic group, which developed a new revisionist theory to legitimize the political power of their class, and set about at once to restore capitalism within the Soviet Union and to sell out the revolutionary struggles throughout the world. Immediately they forced the Korean and Vietnamese peoples to accept agreements that negotiated away their impending victories. They systematically began attempts to subvert socialism in China, first through economic and political warfare, finally reverting to actual armed military incursions into Chinese territory by their own forces and those of their neo-colonial ally, India. In Indonesia and Brazil they gave open economic and military support to fascist dictatorships which overthrew legally elected progressive governments. They dressed up their global imperialism with the theory of "peaceful transition to socialism" just as they called their vicious state capitalist dictatorship over the Soviet working class by the name "the state of the whole people." "Peaceful transition" denies revolution. "The state of the whole people" denies the existence of class struggle under socialism and the need for the dictatorship of the proletariat.

U.S. imperialism seized on the situation, and their mad expansionism, backed up by military bases established in over a hundred countries, made the Nazi dreams of

world conquest seem tame by comparison. But the last half of the twentieth century is not the nineteenth century, when European and North American empires could crush Third World civilizations in order to impose colonial rule on the "Dark Continent" or the "Asiatic barbarians" as part of the White Man's Burden. Those days were gone forever, as U.S. imperialism was to discover in Vietnam, which is proving to be its Stalingrad.

In 1959, the Cuban revolution established the first socialist country in the Western Hemisphere, just a few miles off the coast of the mighty paper tiger. Then came the beginning of the end.

The U.S. empire, checked in its global expansion, began in the mid 1960's to enter the period of its final collapse. Stopped cold by the heroic Vietnamese people, the U.S. ruling class awoke to find a great national liberation movement, and the beginnings of proletarian revolution, within the vital centers of its own fortress. The Black nation, with three times the population of Cuba and concentrated within the industrial heartland of the U.S., was in open revolt.

Imperialism, which had managed to surround and more or less contain socialism for over a quarter of a century, was now surrounded. And the vanguard of the world revolution had already penetrated the citadel.

#### U.S. HISTORY AND THE PRESENT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT

The strategy for revolution in the U.S. flows from our history. By glancing through this history, we can understand why -- and how -- the national liberation movements of the oppressed people will turn into an overall proletarian revolution.

The history of the U.S. probably constitutes the most savage record of slaughter and terror that we know of. It began with the destruction of the entire population of a vast continent. This genocide, necessary for the ambitions of expanding European merchantile capitalism, was conducted with a calculated murderousness unrecorded in previous history. Its theoretical foundation lay in a religion that denied that the people of the continent were human beings. Hence the grotesque notion, still current, that an inhabited continent was "discovered." Although welcomed as friends by the so-called "Indians," the European invaders by the end of the 17th century had agreed on a policy of total genocide. They invented a system of bounty hunting modeled on the economic practices of trapping, and known as "scalping," through which the scalp of every native person -- man, woman, and even small baby -- was converted into a potential commodity. To get money, all you had to do was kill an "Indian" and bring in the top of his or her head. Germ warfare began in the eighteenth century, pioneered by Lord Jeffrey Amherst, who sent blankets laden with smallpox bacteria to the tribes in Massachusetts.

Only one other historical act competes with the extermination of the "Indians" for first place prize in genocide -- the African slave trade. Together with the European colonialists, the U.S. slave trade in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries reduced the population of Africa, the world's richest continent,

by over 100 million people. The advanced feudal civilizations of Africa -- which had led the world in medicine, and developed for that historical period very high standards of economic and cultural life-- were utterly destroyed. Between 5 and 10 million Africans died on ships headed for the U.S. and were thrown into the Atlantic Ocean. The North American peoples were wiped out as the death of every "Indian" was turned into a commodity by developing U.S. mercantile capitalism. The African continent was stripped as the life of every African was turned into a commodity by an expanding U.S. empire.

As Black African slaves were forced to produce vast wealth out of the lands stolen from the native people, they created through their unpaid labor the capital base for industrialization and further expansion. Cotton was the main export of the so-called United States.

In the mid and late 1840's, the U.S. invaded and conquered the northern half of Mexico, thereby acquiring the vast colonial possessions of Texas, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, and California. The so-called "gold rush" of 1849 was merely a phoney name for the wholesale occupation of this newly conquered northern half of Mexico. (Only a handful of people ever went to the gold country, as modern visitors can tell with their own eyes.) Once this territorial conquest was complete, industrial capitalism was ready for its showdown battle with mercantile capitalism and the remnants of feudal society. The Civil War converted the Black people from rural chattel slaves into peasants and wage slaves, and turned the area in which they lived, the South, into a neo-colony of the expanding industrial empire. In the far West, another army of wage slaves was brought in to build the great railroads. Chinese, and other Asian peoples, worked often literally to death alongside Mexicans and Indians in building the fortune of Leland Stanford on the land given to him by the government. And then, at the very end of the century, Manifest Destiny was again invoked to bring in some new colonies -- Hawaii, the Philippines, Cuba, and Puerto Rico.

The so-called United States is not a single nation but an empire composed of conquered nations, a mass of workers, a class of imperial functionaries, and, on the very top, a single small ruling class. It includes outright possessions -- such as Guam and Samoa. It contains within its own national boundaries three nations that are actually external colonies -- Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico. Within the continental U.S. itself are the two largest oppressed nations -- the Black nation and the Chicano nation. Also within the continental U.S. are the native nations, recognized even by U.S. law through international treaties signed by the government. There are also other oppressed national minorities -- Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, Latinos, and the two million Puerto Ricans concentrated in the northeast. The overwhelming majority of these people are proletarian. They all belong to the Third World, and to the world-wide national liberation movement against U.S. imperialism. When we grasp this firmly, we can understand why there can be only one strategy for revolution in the U.S. -- an alliance between the nations

by U.S. imperialism within its own borders and its own white working class, all recognizing that they are class sisters and brothers of the peoples of the world, the victims -- and the destroyers -- of the U.S. empire.

The U.S. working class as a whole has always been divided along national lines, and this has always crippled its struggles. Nevertheless, that working class has, on balance, a glorious fighting history. Faced with the most bloodthirsty gang of butchers ever to rule, it is no wonder that the working class has had to fight every inch of the way to win the basic right to organize and to secure wages and working conditions that make it possible to exist. And as people from the oppressed nations began to enter the cities, they helped to provide leadership for these struggles, as in the great Chicago meat-packing industry organizing drive of 1917-1918. But the slogan "Black and white, unite and fight" proved to be a Yankee con game for Black workers. Uniting with whites during periods of struggle, Black workers found themselves under "normal" conditions with the most miserable jobs, the last hired and the first fired, often thankful to be allowed to scrub the bathrooms of moderately successful whites. At no time did any significant number of white workers understand the vanguard role of the Black people in the overall struggle for proletarian liberation. Of course this is partly due to the fact that the Black people were not as yet in an objective position to fulfill that role.

The rural depression of the 1920's, the final collapse of free-enterprise capitalism and its replacement by growing monopoly and state capitalism in the New Deal of the 1930's, and World War II all brought profound changes to the condition of the Black people, and, to a lesser extent, the Chicano people. The Black people had developed as a peasant nation. Throughout the South, most rural labor had been done by peasants -- including sharecroppers, tenant farmers, and the owners of the so-called family farm. This was true even on the large plantations, where wage labor was the exception rather than the rule. The Chicano people became proletarian much earlier. The cattle ranchos of the Southwest employed vaqueros as wage laborers, and as early as 1883 these Mexican cowboys and ranch-hands organized their own militant labor union in Texas. The work on the large fruit-growing ranchos of California was highly seasonal, and so here too a large rural proletariat, often migrant, was typical. And here too prior to the depression, particularly in the 1903-1930 period, Mexican agricultural workers organized extremely militant labor unions.

The iron laws of capitalist development throughout this century have been driving people off the land into the cities. This process greatly accelerated during the Depression and World War II. Monopoly capitalism developed a new agricultural system based on huge corporate holdings, mechanized farming, and little need for large numbers of workers. The old forms became obsolete. The peasantry was essentially wiped out as a class in the South, and in the Southwest more and more Chicano workers were forced to seek urban employment. As vast

the cities, they found unemployment already chronic.

By 1970, well over half of both the Chicano and Black people were living in the central cities of the major metropolitan areas. At least 80% of both peoples were now urban. And in these cities, they were more and more concentrated in and around industrial production. According to the 1970 census, 6 million Black people live in the inner cities of New York, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland, Newark, Cincinnati, Gary, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Dayton, and Flint. That is, within these thirteen cities of the major industrial belt of the U.S., Black people constitute almost one-third of the total population of 18.9 million. In the twelve cities not including New York (where one million Puerto Ricans also live), Black people make up over 38% of the total population. Throughout this area Black people constitute far and away the largest concentrated group of people. In most of these cities they now form the large majority of the industrial proletariat--that is the propertyless production workers. For instance, at the very center of U.S. industry stands automobile production, with its vast demands on steel, rubber, glass, petroleum, and construction. And at the center of the auto industry is Detroit, where approximately 85% of the on-the-line production workers are Black. It is no coincidence that the first major urban Black rebellion came in Detroit in 1943, right in the midst of World War II. On all three coasts, Blacks constitute a majority of longshoremens (and the longshoremens in Hawaii and Puerto Rico are also of course overwhelmingly Third World). The overwhelming majority of public transportation workers within the large metropolitan centers are Third World, mostly Black. Blacks make up the largest concentration of production workers in the rubber industry. The laborers unions on both coasts are predominantly Third World. And so on.

The Black and Chicano populations in the cities, and also the Chinese in San Francisco and New York, the Puerto Ricans in New York and Philadelphia, and other urban Third World people--are almost all poor and working people. They are unskilled and semi-skilled production and service workers, reserve army of the unemployed, and permanent army of the unemployed.

So two facts emerge clearly: (1) Third World people within the U.S. are the very core of the proletariat, as well as its most exploited and oppressed section. (2) The two large oppressed nations within the continental U.S.--the Black nation, with a population of 25-30 million, and the Chicano nation, with a population of 5-10 million--are both predominantly proletarian (which is probably not true of any other nation under capitalism in the world).

The history of the U.S. reached a turning point in the period 1964-1968. In the summer of 1964 the Black masses in several major northern cities rose up in spontaneous rebellion. This was the first of the "long, hot summers." The following year came Watts. These mass rebellions reached a climax, appropriately enough, in the Detroit rebellion of August, 1967, where the pattern had actually begun 24 years before. In these four summers, the broad masses of urban Black

people--now overwhelmingly proletarian--unleashed the rage that had been building up for centuries. Using the molotov cocktail as the people's bomb, they inflicted billions of dollars in material damage on U.S. imperialism, and, far more important, proved to themselves and the world that U.S. imperialism had a potent enemy within its own hive. Then came the first week of April, 1968, when simultaneous rebellions took place in 125 U.S. cities. In Washington, D.C. alone, it took 14,000 federal troops to put down the uprising. Mao called the events of this week "a storm such as has never taken place before in the history" of the U.S.

This great surge of the Black masses created the revolutionary movement that now exists in the U.S. Before this there were no real revolutionary organizations and hardly any conscious revolutionaries in the entire country. Conscious revolutionaries did not create the revolutionary masses. It was the other way around. The masses created the conscious revolutionaries, whose job is to synthesize the thoughts of the revolutionary masses, and to provide the theory, organization, and leadership necessary to achieve victory.

Revolutionary, or at least tactical, allies began to emerge during this period. The white student movement surfaced at Berkeley in the fall of 1964, right at the end of the first "long, hot summer." The Chicano movement developed in both the urban barrios and in the countryside, where it made its most original contributions. Chicano farmworkers picked up their 80-year-old tradition and began to organize outside the framework of the AFL-CIO bureaucracy. And in New Mexico in October, 1966, an organized Chicano movement began, guns in hand, to seize back some of the land that had been stolen from them. The seizure of land becomes an increasingly important tactic as the empire disintegrates. For example, the native people's seizure of Alcatraz demonstrated dramatically how intense the contradictions of imperialism have become, for it was clear that their 20-month occupations of the island (1969-1971) was supported by the majority of people in the U.S. Now, in 1973, the occupation of Wounded Knee and the proclamation of the national rights of the Indian nations has been supported openly by masses of working people throughout the world and the U.S. And the working class movement as a whole has shown not only a qualitatively increased militancy in immediate economic struggles but a growing tendency to follow the movement of Black and Chicano workers out from under the control of the trade, craft, and industrial union bureaucrats.

The struggle tore the handsome mask off the true face of imperialism, revealing both its vicious corruption and its growing weakness. Liberation forces sprung up everywhere in response. The movement for the liberation of women, who are victims of male supremacy on each level of imperialist society, arose on each of these levels. Youth began to achieve bourgeois democratic rights. The anti-war movement mobilized unprecedented numbers of people in rallies and street demonstrations.

The spontaneous mass rebellions ebbed. At the same time, more conscious and more organized activity

began to take place. Organizations with consciously revolutionary aims and programs emerged. Foremost among these was the Black Panther Party, which for the first time in U.S. history posed armed socialist revolution as a serious mass question. The slogans "Power to the People!" and "Revolution in our lifetime!" were picked up not only within the Black and other oppressed nations, but by significant numbers of white youth, particularly among the upper stratum working class and petty bourgeois youth in colleges and proletarian men in the armed forces, who eventually were to become sufficiently rebellious to force the government to remove them from ground fighting in Vietnam. The Black Panther Party also led in the creation of practical programs to help the people meet needs that the empire could no longer meet, in the development of forms of armed and organized self defense including the beginnings of organized offensive actions, and in making Marxism-Leninism a mass question.

But the Black Panther Party broke up at the beginning of 1971, and the split in the Panthers created havoc among the young and primitive revolutionary groupings that had sprung up around the country. The Panthers' principal internal failure lay in never recognizing that the proletariat--and not the lumpenproletariat or the petty bourgeois intellectuals--constitute the core and leading force of socialist revolution. But there were also external forces that helped destroy the Panthers as a leading revolutionary organization.

#### THE PERIOD OF REPRESSION AND REVISIONISM

Throughout the history of this century, revisionism has consistently been the main danger faced by the revolutionary forces. But revisionism--that is the pseudo-Marxist theory of class collaboration that renounces class warfare--is merely the manifestation on the level of theory of a basic unwillingness of a class, an organization, or an individual to face the consequences of continuing the struggle for revolution. Therefore, revisionism always springs up strongest when reactionary forces are heaviest, combining vicious repression with offers of sweets for all who sell out. We are now in a very typical period of reaction and revisionism.

The Black masses, rising up in spontaneous rebellion, of course could not achieve any strategic goal, whether that goal was to be the formation of a separate nation state or leading the other oppressed and exploited people in the U.S. to overthrow imperialism and establish socialism. The masses lacked (1) the theory, (2) the organization, (3) the weapons, and (4) the allies needed to accomplish either of these goals.

So the mass rebellions sank back. And the ruling class began to nibble away, taking back the token gains they had conceded, and rapidly building the forces of repression in every sphere--gestapo tactical squads; no-knock, conspiracy, and stop-and-frisk laws; wiretaps; injunctions; grand juries armed with the recent repeal of the Fifth Amendment; corporate security forces; state and federal anti-subversive committees; informers; methadone maintenance programs and other ways to hook people on highly addictive

drugs; and the hordes of secret police. And parallel to the forces of external repression, revisionist ideas arose in the minds of almost all revolutionary organizations and individuals.

All this is very typical of the revolutionary process, which always begins with a spontaneous rebellion of the masses. This upheaval changes the existence of everybody in that society. It awakens the first conscious thoughts of actual revolution. It creates the first conscious revolutionaries. People become aware of the need for a revolutionary strategy and a revolutionary organization. These begin to form.

But the spontaneous movement of the masses, lacking a strategy and organization, is doomed to fail. The repression strikes. The masses seem to sink back into the apathy, despair, and inaction they had before they rebelled. But this is only a surface calm. Beneath it, the thoughts of revolution are widening and deepening.

The conscious revolutionaries who were created by the masses suddenly find themselves seemingly all alone. It is as if they had been part of a huge wave, and they have waked to find themselves stranded like a little pool on a desert beach. They begin to doubt the existence of the ocean itself, the sea of the masses. From where they stand, the masses seem backward. They feel deserted. No matter how hard they shout at the ocean, there seems to be no response. They don't hear the masses' demands for leadership based on practical theory. They doubt that there will ever be any more waves. They fail to see that the masses are beginning to think about what is necessary, not a gesture of angry protest but the actual seizure of power.

When the revolutionaries give up on the masses and surrender to defeatism, two incorrect lines always emerge. One abandons all the revolutionary slogans and programs, and commits itself to doing only legal work. The other seeks to make the revolution all by itself, abandons all open work, and goes underground. Both fail to see that it is the masses who are the makers of history.

Both these incorrect lines appeared during the period after the abortive Russian revolution of 1905, and we can draw a great deal of guidance from the theory and practice of Lenin and the Bolsheviks during that difficult time, when revolutionaries abandoned the struggle in droves.

The correct line during such a period is first of all to retain faith in the masses, being "certain that within the next few years there will be a rise in the tide of revolution" (History of the CP, Soviet Union). Therefore, it is "the duty of the Party to prepare the masses for this new rise." How is this to be done? Lenin showed that the answer lay in the skillful combining of legal and illegal work. The key task was strengthening the illegal Party apparatus while engaging in the absolute maximum amount of open revolutionary political work within existing mass organizations, no matter how low their political level. And it is precisely in such a period, under such testing, that the revolutionary party is built, steered, and tempered.

## ON UNITY

Of course we all desire the maximum unity of the revolutionary forces. Forces can only unite if (1) they have at least one common objective and (2) if they can agree on at least one course of action they can take together to accomplish this objective. So there is little problem of achieving limited tactical unity in specific situations. But strategic unity of the revolutionary masses is a much more difficult problem in both theory and practice.

There is extremely little organizational unity at this time precisely because of the difficulty of solving this problem. Only when the masses themselves begin to see that one particular strategy is the practical road to victory will it be possible to unite on both a mass and organization level. In Russia there could have been no unity behind the Narodnik line, that denied the role of the industrial proletariat, nor behind the Trotskyite line, that denied the role of the peasantry. Only one line could unite both the party and the revolutionary masses, and that was the Bolshevik line of the worker-peasant alliance. This was quite a different line from the one that unified the Chinese revolution, the united front against imperialism, consisting of five classes behind the leadership of the proletariat. The Russian worker-peasant alliance united two classes whose objective interests lay in the revolutionary struggle for the establishment of socialism. But in China the workers and peasants entered a united front with classes fighting not for socialism but for the expulsion of foreign imperialism.

Neither of these two lines is correct for the U.S. First of all, there no longer exists a peasantry. The class of small farmers, including tenant farmers and sharecroppers, has been replaced by a rural proletariat, just as much part of the working class as the urban proletariat. Secondly, imperialism in the U.S. is not a foreign invader but the capitalist system itself. We are uniting people whose objective interest lies in destroying imperialism, not merely kicking it out, and in establishing socialism, the dictatorship of the proletariat.

There is only one correct strategy capable of uniting the masses for victory in the U.S., and that is the revolutionary alliance, in which the white working class follows the vanguard leadership of the oppressed nations and national minorities and this united force links up directly with the world revolution. The U.S. revolution is multi-national, and must be led by the Third World proletariat.

The U.S. revolution is not the first multi-national revolution. Russia was the "prison-house of nations," and the worker-peasant alliance certainly included the masses of the imperial colonies, such as the Ukraine and Georgia. In China, the majority Han people united with the oppressed national minorities to drive out Japanese imperialism and then to establish socialism. But the U.S. revolution is the only revolution in which oppressed nations and national minorities constitute the vanguard of the proletariat. Therefore, a vast amount of theoretical work remains to be done, developing in and through practice

a revolutionary strategy for a multi-national revolution in which the vanguard of the proletariat consists of oppressed nations. As an immediate task, we must unite on the basis of multi-nationality and Third World leadership. This means concretely that any revolutionary organization must have within its theory, practice, and structure, a guarantee that the oppressed nations will maintain both their right of self-determination (that is the right to secede if they choose) and their rightful role in leadership of the alliance. In the Principles of Unity of VENCEREMOS, which we offer as a basis for uniting the revolutionary movement, we put it in these terms:

Within the boundaries of the so-called United States, the revolution will be made by an alliance of the oppressed nations and the exploited peoples, bound to each other and to the peoples of the world by their hatred of the common enemy and love for each other. Therefore, it is absolutely vital that there be a revolutionary organization representing this unity and capable of providing unified revolutionary leadership. The revolutionary party of the U.S. must be truly multi-national, for in fact it will be inter-national. It must have real and not fake Third World leadership and it must absolutely guarantee to all oppressed nations the right to self-determination.

We stand for government by the poor and working people. The revolution and the new socialist society will be led by the proletariat, the most oppressed people--Blacks, Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, Native Americans, poor whites, people on the street, all those who must either sell their labor to live, live off employment or welfare, or end up in jail or the army.

The proletariat must lead the rest of the working class and all other people oppressed by U.S. imperialism to overthrow the rich, who now own and control all the institutions of the so-called United States of America, and seize these institutions for the people.

--VENCEREMOS Principles of Unity

In the Principles of Unity we explain that this long-range goal of a socialist society must be fought for, in, and through the day-to-day struggles of the people. We outline the five basic demands that the proletariat must fight for in this daily battle for survival:

- (1) Decent food, clothing, housing, work, free medical care, and good education for every person in the U.S. and throughout the world.
- (2) Equal economic, political, and social rights for women. An end to all forms of sexual oppression.
- (3) People's justice. An end to the tyranny by the rich minority over the oppressed majority of color and poor and working white people.
- (4) An end to the draft and an end to a professional standing military in the U.S.
- (5) Self-determination for all oppressed nations and peoples.

But we must not confuse these fundamental human needs and rights with the essence of socialism and the eventual communist society of all human beings. We in the U.S. have grown up amidst the moral sickness of a capitalist empire that has been decaying so fast that it is now rotten. We are products of a society that systematically seeks to convert each and every relationship among human beings into a money relationship and that

teaches us from early childhood on that we are to view every other human being as a competitor. For us, and for the other peoples of the world, liberation does not mean just achieving a decent physical well-being, ending social injustice and imperialist wars, and bringing about the full equality of women and the independence of nations. At its core, liberation means freedom, and it is under the banner of freedom that we fight. Not freedom in the capitalist sense, the freedom to be the oppressor instead of the victim of oppression, the freedom to exploit, the freedom to live as a small elite off the labor and misery of the majority. We, the poor and working people, will establish a society where we can work together as sisters and brothers to realize the essence of our own humanity, our creativity, our consciousness, our love for each other.

#### THE IMMEDIATE TASK

We know that the imperialists who run our land and who seek control of the entire planet are not rational human beings, but dangerously sick madmen who have proved conclusively that they will stop at nothing to maintain their illegitimate power and to achieve their insane schemes. We poor and working people will have power by any means necessary. And we understand clearly the lesson that our rulers teach us every day: Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.

But we also recognize that the enemy is at the present moment tactically very powerful, and that his main power lies in his superior organization. The wealthy parasites own and control the vast state apparatus. The poor and working people have no organization that they can call their own. In our Principles of Unity we explain the type of organization the people need to carry on the fight and to win:

In order to defeat the dictatorship of the U.S. imperialists and establish the rule of the oppressed masses, the proletariat must have a disciplined fighting organization, guided by Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, and made up of people who have dedicated their lives to serving the people and making the revolution.

Since putting forward these Principles in early 1971, we have come to realize that the revolutionary movement as a whole can not advance from the present stage without a party. The local circles and collectives scattered across the U.S. can do little more in their present form. The primary task of all sincere revolutionaries at this point is to bring about the kind of organizational unity that can take our war to the next stage.

Organizations of the oppressed nations must find the means to participate in over-all decision-making while carefully preserving the rights of their peoples to self-determination and a separate national existence if this is what their people desire. Communists from the oppressor empire must unite with the peoples of the oppressed nations on the basis that their primary duty is to win the white working class to support national liberations struggles at home and abroad as allies against the common enemy. Revolutionary men

must unite with revolutionary women on the basis of an equal commitment to the destruction of all vestiges of male supremacy and the oppression of women. Sectarianism and petty feuds among revolutionaries must end.

On the other hand, we must draw a clear line between authentic revolutionaries and revisionist wolves running around in our midst all dressed up in revolutionary words. No one who is not committed to the rights of self-determination of the Black, Chicano, Indian, Hawaiian, Puerto Rican, Eskimo, and other Third World nations can be considered a revolutionary, and this commitment must be proved in deeds more than words. No one who supports and even participates in the oppression of women can be considered a revolutionary. And no individual or organization that puts economic demands above the political demand

for people's power, or who puts reform above revolution, can be looked upon as a revolutionary.

The historical moment has arrived when revolutionaries must unite in order to guide the poor and working people out of the rotten swamp of imperialism into the socialist world of the future. The people are sick of this decaying madhouse, but nobody has taken the trouble to show them that there is an alternative. It is high time that the revolutionaries stopped running around saying that it is the people who are not ready when it is they themselves who have failed to do their job. Enough of "organizers" running around like chickens with their heads cut off trying to "organize" people into disorganization. When the revolutionaries show that they are ready to organize the revolution, the people will prove that they are ready to conduct it.



## Let's Grow up A Self-Criticism of this Newspaper

Approximately ten months ago, VENCEREMOS organization analyzed the revolutionary situation in the U.S. and came to certain conclusions. We decided that the primary task of the revolutionary movement at this time is to build a multinational revolutionary party capable of leading all oppressed people to the next stage. We saw the immediate task of VENCEREMOS as helping to build that party.

It is true that we have taken certain concrete steps to implement this decision. But if we felt that the oppressed nations, together with the poor and working white people, had an immediate need for a revolutionary party, why did we make this a secret by keeping it to ourselves?

Certainly our newspaper has not given anybody a hint that we had reached this conclusion. Recently we have searched through the back issues of our newspaper looking in vain for any expression of our analysis. What has the newspaper done? It has told people again and again, in one slogan and formula after another, "IMPERIALISM IS VERY BAD!" But most people already know this. What people do not know, and what they are asking about, is "HOW CAN WE CHANGE THINGS?" "IS THERE REALLY AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF SOCIETY THAT WOULD BE ANY BETTER FOR US?" "HOW COULD WE BRING SUCH A SOCIETY ABOUT?"

We have not helped to answer these questions. Instead of describing how socialism represents the tremendous, creative future for humanity, we have focused almost exclusively on the stinking decay and daily misery produced by capitalism. And instead of explaining the

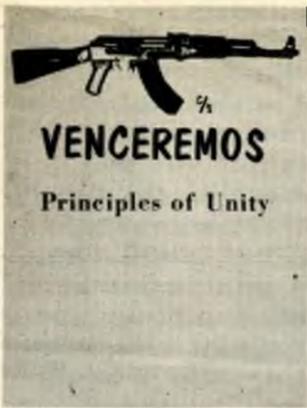
vital necessity of revolutionary theory and a revolutionary party, we have over-glorified the spontaneous resistance of poor and working people. We have presented strikes as though they were revolutionary events, and described armed insurgencies as if theory and organization were irrelevant to their success. Of course the people's resistance is glorious, no matter what form it takes. But spontaneous resistance, no matter how heroic, can neither destroy this mad empire nor create a socialist society fit for decent, healthy, loving human beings to live in.

It's true that we need heroism on a mass scale in order to win. But without scientific revolutionary theory (Marxism-Leninism) and an organized revolutionary party to organize that mass heroism and guide those guns, victory will never be ours.

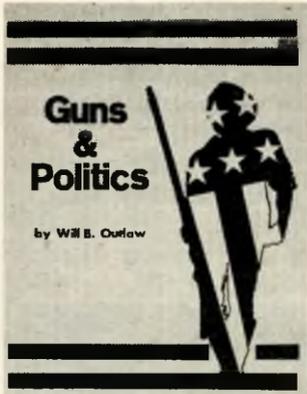
From now on, VENCEREMOS intends to fulfill its responsibility to use this newspaper to explain our ideas so that they can be criticized, refined, and used as a weapon in the people's struggle.

Undoubtedly we will make many serious errors. But we know that the revolutionary people will sooner or later correct these mistaken ideas. Unless we as a revolutionary organization, supposedly applying Marxist-Leninist theory to daily practice, say what we think, nobody will have the opportunity either to tell us we're wrong or to use those ideas they believe are right.

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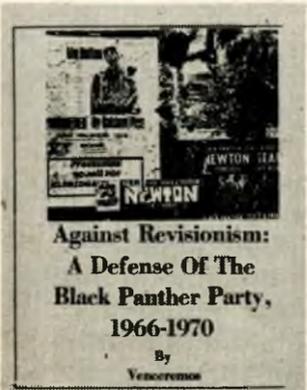
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## THE RADICAL MIND



A few months ago a radical-revolutionary outfit based on the Peninsula, denied having anything to do with the bloody prison escape of Ronald Beaty, during which a prison guard was killed. However, one of their leaders was quoted as saying, "Ronald Beaty is an enemy of the people. He has every reason to be afraid of his life, like any enemy of the people." If quoted correctly, that statement surely typifies the myopic mentality of the true radical, and it once again shows that those who shout "fascist" the loudest are, in reality, the real terrorists. Here they make a murder threat and piously call it a service to the people. Today, in the name of some cause or other, radical murderers are more and more rationalizing their guilt. Such extremists are never killers, they perform executions for the cause. If someone differs from them politically or economically, then that person is guilty and should fear for his life because he is an enemy of the people. Such essentials of the judicial system as due process, fair hearing, and proven guilt mean nothing to such fanatics because they don't believe in such things.

One doesn't have to be personally guilty of an individual act, or of anything else except a different political viewpoint, for a militant to declare that person guilty and deserving of death as an enemy of the people. Many groups that constantly shout "power to the people" are usually filled with self-appointed judges and executioners who would rather shoot than debate the opposition. Added to the insanity of all this is the stance that these militant hatchetmen act in the name of the poor and oppressed. Hopefully, the poor and oppressed, and all citizens, will realize that violence, hatred, and terrorism are not the solutions to our problems.

## A REBUTTAL

**A response by Katarina Davis del Valle, Venceremos, to a recent Channel 7 editorial on the radical mind.**

Venceremos, which means, "We will win!" is a revolutionary organization in California. We participate daily in the struggle of poor and working people to win basic demands for decent living conditions and quality education for every person in the U.S. We have established and participated in community day-care centers, the People's Medical Center, food cooperatives, and tenants unions. We are trying to build a new society where such needs will be met and where human beings can relate to each other in a human way. It is not surprising that those people who are working for such a society should come under attack, even by KGO-TV.

The escape of Ronald Beaty from Chino prison is now being used to attack Venceremos. As usual, this country's rulers tried to turn the victims into the aggressor. From Vietnam to Wounded Knee, people under attack are painted as vicious terrorists. Who are the real aggressors? It is certainly not Indian and Chicano people whose land this is, or Black people who were forcibly brought here to build it up. In this era of Watergate, economic crisis, and the people's victory in Vietnam, the imperialists are desperate for their own survival so they point their fingers to those who exposed what now exist and are trying to create alternatives to these conditions. Our brothers and sisters at Wounded Knee show that poor and working people know who the real enemy is and will fight to build a new, just society.

## A REBUTTAL

**A response by Marcus Garvey Wilcher, of the Center on Racial Problems, to a recent Channel 7 editorial on the radical mind.**

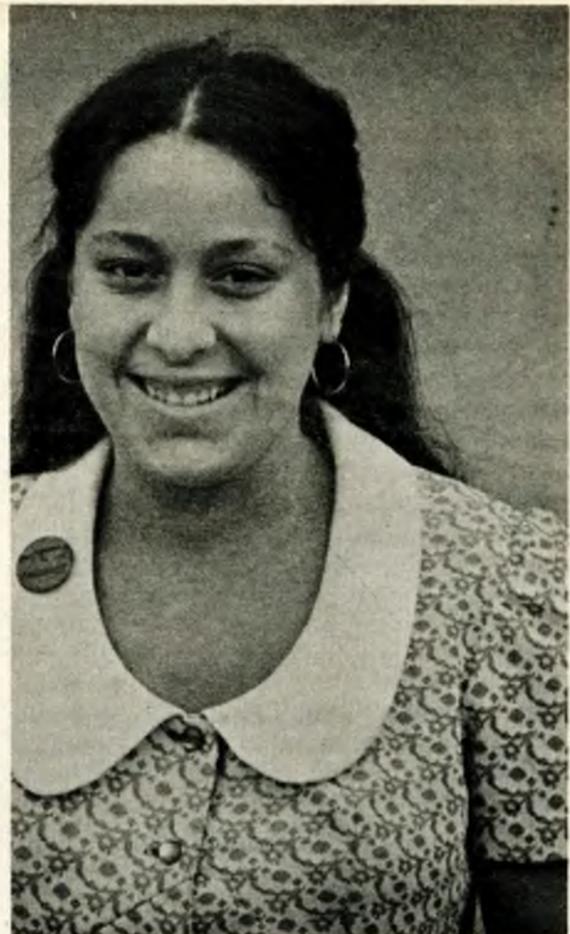
A few days ago, Bob Sunderland gave an editorial filled with half truths, innuendoes, and unproven facts. In essence, Sunderland has said that the radicals, militants, and people who say "power to the people" are the big threats to America.

This is another establishment tactic to focus attention away from the people who are the real threat to America. For example, in Germany, Hitler ranted and raved about Jews, students, and radicals as threats to Germany. Hitler was the threat -- and history proves that.

In America, we have the same type of political deceit. Many politicians have been telling you that militants, radicals, and Blacks are threatening the existence of American society. Militants and radicals appear because of the gross injustices of Nixons, Reagans, Eastlands, and Stennises. European history is filled with stories of militants and radicals who fought injustices against the people -- Joan of Arc, Martin Luther, and long before them, Jesus Christ, David, Paul, and on and on. Stokeley Carmichael, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King fought the injustices of White government. Asians, Africans, and Latins are fighting the same injustices.

When Black people are used by Nixons, Reagans, and Yortys, as political scapegoats -- that is an injustice. Cutting out job programs and forcing people who want to work on welfare; high prices, and the Watergate crime are all injustices. These injustices create militants and radicals.

Only "power to the people" will save America from a criminal and corrupt government.



Katarina Davis del Valle, Chairwoman of Venceremos, recently rebutted a KGO editorial aimed at Venceremos. The text of the editorial as well as our response and another are presented here in their broadcast form.

## Venceremos Expands in Southern Calif

*by Caesar Moore, Kumasi*

During the past two months, Venceremos has expanded its organizational structure by the establishment of bases in the southern district of the so-called United States. The new bases are located in the areas of West Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Pico Rivera.

The membership of these new areas consist predominately of Third World people, a condition entirely opposite to the northern California district. The area leadership is strong and conscientious, and progressive programs and practice are anticipated from the southern area.

In addition to the establishment of new organization bases in the southern district, several new and supportive relationships have been developed with revolutionary organizations and functioning groups of that area. It is the feeling of the organization that such a step toward national establishment has been long overdue.

It is essential and necessary that the people of the southern district recognize the fact that this is their organization, established and designed in the interest of their liberation. The cities of Los Angeles and San Bernardino are political cess-pools of imperialist oppression. And such age old landmarks of unchained fascism can only be changed by THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE.

For further information contact Venceremos offices in the southern California district:

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# VENCEREMOS PROGRAM

We stand for government by the poor and working people. The revolution and the new socialist society will be led by the proletariat, the most oppressed people--Blacks, Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, Native Americans, Asian-Americans, poor whites, people on the street, all those who must either sell their labor to live, live off unemployment or welfare, or end up in jail or the army.

The proletariat must lead the rest of the working class and all other people oppressed by U.S. imperialism to overthrow the rich, who now own and control all the institutions of the so-called United States of America, and seize these institutions for the people.

Only the dictatorship of the proletariat and its allies can fully satisfy our five basic demands, but we will work to achieve each and every one of them through the day to day struggles of the people:

## 1. DECENT FOOD, CLOTHING, HOUSING, WORK, FREE MEDICAL CARE, AND GOOD EDUCATION FOR EVERY PERSON IN THE U.S. AND THROUGHOUT ALL THE WORLD.

As the wealthiest country in the world, the U.S. has the resources and capability right now to provide a decent standard of living for all its citizens. The rip-off of the world must end and be replaced by true international solidarity based on restitution of the people's stolen property. Everybody has a right to decent, safe, meaningful work. We will not tolerate a medical system based on profit. We demand an education which exposes the lies and oppression created by this corrupt system, teaches the true heroic history of the oppressed people, and allows each person to develop their full potential.

## 2. EQUAL ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN. AN END TO ALL FORMS OF SEXUAL OPPRESSION.

We demand equal pay for equal work, free 24-hour-a-day child care centers, free and non-discriminatory education that teaches our true history and the skills we need to determine our own destinies, control of our own bodies, including birth control and free abortion if desired but excluding involuntary abortion and compulsory sterilization (genocide).

There must be an end to discrimination within industry, educational institutions, the home, the mass media, and in everyday social life. All forms of sexual oppression must end, including all laws governing sexual practice among consenting people.

## 3. PEOPLE'S JUSTICE. AN END TO THE TYRANNY BY THE RICH MINORITY OVER THE OPPRESSED MAJORITY OF COLOR AND POOR AND WORKING WHITE PEOPLE.

We believe that trial by a jury of peers means that all trials must be held in the immediate community, and judges and juries be people who live in the community directly.

We want direct community control of police, meaning all police live in the community they patrol and be chosen by the community itself.

We want the mass of people to bear arms, and the police, as servants of the people, not be allowed to bear arms.

We want all Third World, working class people, and youth now imprisoned, to be set free because the overwhelming majority of them have not been tried by their peers. They have received only injustice from this system. Free All Political Prisoners.

The people must smash all the forms of developing fascism, including the gestapo tactical squads, no-knock and conspiracy laws, wiretaps, injunctions, grand juries, Red squads, state and federal anti-subversive committees, and the various brands and varieties of secret police.

## 4. AN END TO THE DRAFT AND AN END TO A PROFESSIONAL STANDING MILITARY IN THE U.S.

No one should be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not kill other poor and oppressed peoples who, like us, are the victims of U.S. imperialism.

We support the just struggles of American servicemen who are struggling within the military against the oppressor.

To assure freedom and justice in the U.S. and the rest of the world, the revolution must abolish the standing army in the U.S. and create a People's Liberation Army that serves the people.



## 5. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR ALL OPPRESSED NATIONS AND PEOPLES.

Within the U.S., the Black people, Chicano people, Puerto Ricans, Native Americans, and the people of Hawaii each constitutes an oppressed nation. As such, each of these peoples has the right to self-determination. This includes the right to form a separate nation-state, if they so desire, and to have any and all kinds of self-government that nation-states are entitled to. If any of these peoples chooses to secede from the U.S. empire, we will support their secessionist struggle by all necessary means and with our lives.

There are other oppressed minority peoples--including Chinese-Americans, Japanese-Americans, Latinos, Eskimos, Filipinos, etc.-- who have the right to control their own communities and are entitled to regional autonomy and full democratic rights. We pledge to support their struggles by all necessary means and with our lives.

# PROGRAMA DE VENCEREMOS

Insistimos en un gobierno de los pobres y de los obreros. La revolución y la nueva sociedad socialista serán conducidas por el proletariado, los más oprimidos--los Negros, Chicanos, Puertorriqueños, Americanos nativos, Americanos-Asiáticos, blancos pobres, los que viven en la calle, todos aquellos que o están obligados a vender su trabajo para ganarse la vida, o se mantienen del seguro o la asistencia social, o terminan en la cárcel o en el ejército.

El proletariado tiene que conducir al resto de la clase obrera y a todo el pueblo oprimido por el imperialismo yanqui para derrocar a los ricos, quienes en la actualidad son los dueños y controlan todas las instituciones de los llamados EE. UU.A., y tomar estas instituciones para el pueblo.

La dictadura del proletariado y sus aliados es el único camino para satisfacer las siguientes cinco reivindicaciones básicas; sin embargo trabajaremos para realizar estas reivindicaciones a través de las luchas cotidianas del pueblo:

## 1. ALIMENTOS, ROPA, VIVIENDA, TRABAJO, ASISTENCIA MEDICA GRATUITA, Y UNA BUENA EDUCACION PARA TODA PERSONA EN LOS EE. UU. A. Y POR TODO EL MUNDO.

Siendo el país más rico del mundo los EE.UU.A. tienen los recursos y la capacidad---en este momento---de proveer a todos sus ciudadanos un nivel de vida decente. El pillaje del mundo tiene que acabarse y sustituirse por una solidaridad verdaderamente internacional basada en la restitución al pueblo de todo aquello que le ha sido robado. Todo el mundo tiene derecho a un trabajo decente, seguro y de sentido. No toleraremos servicios médicos que se basan en la ganancia. Pedimos una educación que revele las mentiras y la opresión creadas por este sistema corrupto, una enseñanza que proporcione la verdadera e heroica historia de los pueblos oprimidos y que permita a cada uno desarrollar toda su humanidad.

## 2. IGUALDAD ECONOMICA, POLITICA Y SOCIAL PARA LA MUJER. FIN A TODAS LAS FORMAS DE OPRESION SEXUAL.

Exigimos un salario igual para todo trabajo igual; centros gratuitos que cuiden, inclusive 24 horas al día, de los niños; una educación gratuita y no-discriminatoria que nos enseñe nuestra verdadera historia y las especialidades que necesitamos para determinar nuestros propios destinos; el control de nuestros cuerpos, incluyendo el control de la natalidad y el aborto gratuito si lo deseamos, pero excluyendo el aborto involuntario y la esterilización forzosa (genocidio).

Hay que poner fin a la discriminación dentro de la industria, las instituciones educacionales, el hogar, los medios de comunicación y en la vida social cotidiana. Todas las formas de opresión sexual han de acabar, inclusive todas las leyes que se relacionan con la práctica sexual entre personas de común acuerdo.

## 3. JUSTICIA POPULAR. FIN A LA TIRANIA DE LA MINORIA ADINERADA CONTRA LA MAYORIA OPRIMIDA DE COLOR Y LOS POBRES Y OBREROS BLANCOS.

Creemos que el concepto de proceso con un jurado de iguales quiere decir que todo proceso ha de realizarse en la comunidad inmediata del acusado y que los jueces y el jurado han de ser personas que viven directamente en la comunidad.

Queremos el control popular directo de la policía, es decir todo policía debiera de vivir en la comunidad que patrulla y debiera de ser escogido por esa misma comunidad.

Queremos que las masas del pueblo posean armas y que a la policía, como servidores del pueblo, no le sea permitido llevar armas.

Queremos que se ponga en libertad a toda persona del Tercer Mundo, de la clase obrera y de la juventud que hoy se encuentra encarcelado porque la gran mayoría de estos presos jamás han sido procesados y los pocos que sí lo han sido no han sido juzgados por sus iguales. Solo han recibido injusticias de este sistema. Libertad para todos los prisioneros políticos.

El pueblo tiene que aplastar todas las formas del fascismo en desarrollo, incluyendo las escuadras tácticas tipo Gestapo, las leyes que permiten el registro sin aviso y las leyes "contra la

conspiración," todo espionaje electrónico, las prohibiciones generales, los grandes jurados de acusación, las Escuadras Rojas anti-comunistas, los comités estatales y federales contra la "subversión," y todos los tipos y especies de policía secreta.

## 4. FIN A LA CONSCRIPCION MILITAR, FIN AL EJERCITO PROFESIONAL EN LOS EE.UU.A

Nadie debiera de ser forzado a luchar en el ejército para defender un gobierno racista que no nos protege. Jamás asesinaremos a otros pueblos pobres y oprimidos quienes, como nosotros, son las víctimas del imperialismo yanqui.

Apoyamos las luchas justas de los soldados estadounidenses que luchan dentro del aparato militar contra el opresor.

Para asegurar la libertad y la justicia en los EE.UU.A. y en el resto del mundo la revolución ha de abolir el ejército de los EE.UU.A. y crear un Ejército de Liberación del Pueblo que servirá al pueblo.

## 5. LA LIBRE-DETERMINACION PARA TODAS LAS NACIONES Y PARA LOS PUEBLOS OPRIMIDOS.

Dentro de los EE.UU.A. el pueblo Negro, el pueblo Chicano, los Puertorriqueños, los Americanos nativos y el pueblo de Hawaii en sí constituyen naciones oprimidas. Como tal cada uno de estos pueblos tiene el derecho a la libre-determinación. Esto incluye el derecho a formar una nación aparte, si así lo desean, y de establecer cualquier y todo tipo de auto-gobierno. Si cualquier de estos pueblos escoge separarse del imperio EE. UU.A. nosotros apoyaremos su lucha separatista con todos los medios a nuestro alcance y con nuestras vidas.

Hay otros pueblos minoritarios oprimidos---los Americanos de procedencia China y Japonesa, los Latinos, los Esquimales, los Filipinos, etc--- que tienen el derecho a controlar sus propias comunidades y que merecen una autonomía regional y plenos derechos democráticos. Afirmando que apoyaremos las luchas de estos pueblos con todos los medios necesarios y con nuestras vidas.



**Progressive**

**Whites**

**Ally with**

**Black Community**

# First all-Black school board

The Ravenswood Elementary School District covers East Palo Alto and part of Menlo Park, including all of East Menlo. The students in the district are 81% Black but the voters are about equally Black and white. The School Board used to be all white. Recently it consisted of three whites (all "liberals") and two Blacks, swept in by the massive Black rebellions of the 1960's.

This spring the School Board had the job of choosing a new superintendent. The community voice made itself heard as supporting the acting superintendent, Warren Hayman, for the job. Warren Hayman is a Black educator from the community who has involved the entire Black community and many working-class white people in the process of the education of the children.

The three white board members all decided not to run for re-election in April. Their last act was to pick a puppet to be the new superintendent. Instead of choosing the community choice, Warren Hayman, they hired John Cleveland from San Diego. They did this without once answering the community's demand to know just why Warren Hayman was deemed inadequate when, in fact, the two recommendation committees had put Warren Hayman at the head of their lists.

Over 700 Black citizens and a handful of whites went to a meeting to protest bringing in somebody when there was already someone right here who could do the job. But the three white board members plus one of the two Blacks voted for John Cleveland.

The community decided to concentrate on electing a Black slate for community control--Mavis Knox, Barbara Hatton, and James Daniels--to the three openings. Running against the slate were three whites, all "liberals."

The Venceremos members who are parents in the district had to decide just how to play the most progressive role possible in such a situation. We knew that the situation was ripe for a lot of racist organizing, fear-mongering, etc. We also knew that there would be a lot of misinformation distributed. We decided that white revolutionary parents should see as our main task pulling together a group of progressive whites to combat racism, to unite the most progressive elements of the community, win over some of the middle, and isolate the right. This we did by laying out our analysis of how it is in the best interests of white working class people to unite with

Blacks, Chicanos, Native Americans in their national liberation struggles. The demand for community control of education is a perfect example. It grows out of the national liberation movements and is in the interest of all poor and working people. Besides bringing children, teachers, and parents together in the educational process, it allows our children to learn our true history instead of receiving a capitalist brainwashing.

Sure enough, some white people furtively circulated a petition supporting the school board. They argued that since the school board is elected by the people then the

people must support its decisions, no matter what. We countered that by pointing out that this same logic has been constantly used to support the Vietnam War.

We put out a leaflet from white parents to white parents explaining how unity around community control is in all our interests (see box.) When "Concerned Citizens" put out literature that said "They (people who had been protesting Cleveland's appointment) need to learn to accept life as it comes, and be good sports about it," we put out a leaflet pointing out that the Concerned Citizens group itself was formed in protest against the Board of Supervisors (an elected body).

We learned that a vocal and active white group, even though small, can be an influential force against racism and for multi-national unity. We called ourselves White Parents for a Unified Community. And we believe we nipped in the bud a tendency toward fear that could have been capitalized upon by white racists if progressive people had not been there to point out the dangers of racism.

The Black community mobilized in force and overwhelmingly elected the community control Black slate. Now there is an all-Black school board. Faced with this strong opposition to lackeyism, John Cleveland, on May 15, resigned his new position. The way is open to putting Warren Hayman in the position of superintendent, the community choice.

## From White Parents to White Parents

The only way that all parents and children in the Ravenswood School District can achieve education that benefits all of us is to live and work in harmony with the Black community. This simply means that white people must stop trying to tell Black people what to do because Black people are demonstrating that they are not trying to "turn the tables." They are not forcing white people to go to Africa as slaves. They are not forcing white people to speak a language different from the one we speak now. They are demanding democracy--community control. It is time for white people to participate in the demands of Black people for self-determination. In the case of East Palo Alto and East Menlo (Belle Haven), let's look at the history of the present situation.

Palo Alto, predominantly white with a white city government, ripped off the industrial lands of East Palo Alto and incorporated it into Palo Alto, using that industry for its tax base. Menlo Park incorporates East Menlo Park just to take advantage of its industrial area and reaps the benefits of that tax base while mainly ignoring the needs of the Black community. East Palo Alto is governed by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, an all-white group which meets in the County Courthouse, headquarters of the sheriffs. East Menlo is governed by the Menlo Park City Council, an all-white group of men who meet beside the Menlo Park Police Station in a white area. The Sequoia Union High School District school board runs the high schools that East Menlo and the East Palo Alto students attend and the school board is, again, all-white.

The Ravenswood School Board at least has Black members but whites are still a majority (3 to 2) although 81% of students in the school district are Black. Now this white majority, just as they are all resigning, have voted against the clear preference of a majority of the community for superintendent. They have hired a man from San Diego for four years at \$30,000 a year despite the fact that Warren Hayman, acting superintendent, has overwhelming community support not just because he is Black (Cleveland from San Diego is Black, too) but because he is committed to this community and has shown in practice for many years that he is able to provide leadership for us. Hayman introduced the community-family concept and put it into practice, and by community-family he means all of us--Black, Chicano, Asian, and white. He has helped our children scholastically by his leadership in developing a curriculum to meet their needs and helping to build a strong self-image in our children and in our teachers. The attitude of students and teachers is now one of confidence in themselves and each other that we can get together and learn together. It is in all our interests to keep this community-family together in progress.

ON APRIL 17 WE NEED TO GO TO THE POLLS AND ELECT THE SLATE FOR COMMUNITY CONTROL OF OUR SCHOOLS: KNOX, HATTON, and DANIELS.

White Parents for a Unified Community

*Election leaflet distributed by progressive white people*

# 1 out of 16 Vote for Armed Communist Revolution

The recent Palo Alto City Council election showed the change in political issues and the changing balance of political power in this Department of Defense financed city.

On one side are the developers and corporations that have used Palo Alto as a base to carry out the Vietnam War and that plan to turn the city into a financial center for the Pacific empire. Their conservative slate captured four of six open seats by slandering revolutionaries and progressive people, and by keeping people away from the polls by hiding the real issues.

On the other side are the people who live and work in Palo Alto who have joined together to oppose the war and to struggle for programs which will serve their basic needs--like providing childcare, eliminating drug abuse, and building low cost housing. For the first time, the anti-imperialist, anti-development community movement was represented by a unified coalition made up of the Peace Union, the Tenants Union, the Woman's Coalition, and Venceremos, which has provided leadership in all these struggles and ran on a program of armed revolution leading to a socialist society. In the election, held on May 8, the Community Coalition averaged 10% of the vote-- twice as many votes as were cast for people's candidates two years ago.

In between these forces was the liberal slate representing primarily highly paid technicians and professionals who are opposed to the destruction of their quiet residential community by the big developers. Yet they resist the demands of poor and working people for a share of the city revenues created by their labor. These liberals, who gave only token support to social changes demanded by the community, assured the industrialists' coup by not defending the programs, proposals, and practice of Venceremos and the other organizations in the coalition.

## Reactionaries and Liberals Unite Against the People

In the past, the many issues of City Council campaigns have been such petty things as whether or not a thoroughfare should become a land-

scaped expressway. This year we forced all candidates to focus on the real issues. While the big business candidates blasted the city-funded drug abuse program, international solidarity, and "disruptions" of Council meetings, the liberals gave mealy-mouthed support.

## Disruptions

For years, people in the community have refused to allow the Council to ignore issues affecting our lives: the war, housing, police terrorism, drugs, and child care. The Council has labeled as "disruptive" every attempt to raise these issues, which interfere with their business as usual. "Disruption" simply means opposition to the present rule. Our rulers always call their class laws and codes "order" and those of the people "anarchy and disruption."

## Drug Program

Two weeks before the election, the staff of the Residential Treatment Center appeared before the City Council to protest the actions of the Police Department for entering the Center to serve a warrant-- a violation of city policy. Rather than answer the people's demands, the council was adjourned. As usual the Palo Alto Times called this a "disruption" by the drug staff, backed by Venceremos. The conservative candidates went into a high gear assault on the program (see the ad on this page) while the liberals sat uncomfortably in the middle. These politicians were upset because the drug program is controlled by the people, staffed by sisters and brothers (including Venceremos cadre) who are dedicated to dealing with drug abuse and who understand that this social system has caused the drug problem which can only be eliminated by revolutionary change.

## International Solidarity

At the same Council meeting, high school students asked the Council to send a support resolution to the Oglala Sioux at Wounded Knee. The Council refused, just as it had turned down the proposal made earlier this year, to give \$50,000 of the tax revenue from local war industry

to the rebuilding of the bombed out Bach Mai hospital in Hanoi. When the Council turned down the Bach Mai proposal, a petition was circulated in Palo Alto. It received far more than enough signatures to put the proposal on the ballot. Then the good "liberals" went to court to prevent the people from voting on this gesture of international solidarity.

Palo Alto is an overwhelmingly white and generally well-to-do city. No one has any illusions about its becoming the vanguard of the revolution. Furthermore, many of the Third World and working-class white people in the city already know that a City Council election is not going to affect their lives very much, because their needs and desires will not be represented on the Council. Only 51% of the electorate bothered to vote, and most of this came from the more wealthy neighborhoods. Nevertheless, the Venceremos candidate, running on a program of armed Communist revolution, received one out of sixteen of the votes cast. The "liberals" and big business candidates are quite understandably worried about the size of this support in a city like Palo Alto.

Last year, when comrade Joan Dolly ran for City Council in the neighboring suburban city of Menlo Park, the election also gave the local politicians something to worry about. The Belle Haven section of Menlo Park, which is almost entirely Black, and which makes up over 20% of the city's population, voted decisively for Joan, who also ran on a platform of armed Communist revolution. Furthermore, Comrade Joan received 12% of the vote in the white working class districts.

These local politicians and their masters in the corporate state know as well as we do that no election can accomplish a revolution. But they are beginning to learn that even when we play their games according to their rules, the masses of oppressed people show that they are moving from support of imperialism toward recognition that there is only one way to a decent society-- the path of armed Communist revolution.

## The Drug Abuse Program -- a playpen for radicals

236 Scripps Court  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
328-7173



Our current drug abuse program is being influenced by political radicals and being operated such that it benefits only a handful of those who need help. Treatment at the center appears to hinge on political activism. The April 23 disruption of your city council meeting by the drug center staff was denounced even by the ABC candidate who helped organize the center. PA 73 supports programs for those who are drug addicted and believes such programs should be broad based, more fully use existing agencies, seek regional action, and divorce our Palo Alto center from political activism as a major form of "therapy."



Roy Clay  
Anne Witherspoon  
Elvia Garwood  
John Berwald  
John Behrs  
Stan Norton

for a truly balanced council

The big business slate ran this advertisement in the Palo Alto TIMES.

COMMUNISTS IN ALL COUNTRIES EXIST TO CHANGE, ALL ALONG THE LINE, IN ALL SPHERES OF LIFE, THE OLD SOCIALIST, TRADE UNIONIST, SYNDICALIST, PARLIAMENTARY WORK INTO NEW WORK, COMMUNIST WORK. THE COMMUNISTS IN WESTERN EUROPE AND AMERICA MUST LEARN TO CREATE A NEW, UNUSUAL, NON-OPPORTUNIST, NON-CAREERIST PARLIAMENTARISM.

--LENIN

# Injunction Brings Support for Farah Strike

Huelga--the call to strike--has been a battle cry for Chicanos to resist exploitation not only as workers but as a nation. For the past year, more than 4,000 Chicana women have been on strike at the Farah pants plant in San Antonio, Texas. Although they have been living on meager strike pay, they show no signs of giving in.

As the nationwide boycott of Farah pants spreads and Farah's profits dwindle, Willie Farah (the owner) has realized that he can't outwait the strike. He has now resorted to an injunction which will limit boycott activities critical to the strike's success.

On the San Francisco Bay Mid-Peninsula, boycott activities have been so effective that on May 18, Farah and the Emporium-Capwell Stores obtained an injunction against Venceremos, the Farah Strike Committee, four named individuals, and 500 John Does. The injunction forbids them from demonstrating inside the stores, blocking entrances and passageways, intimidating customers, and damaging Emporium property.

Throughout the boycott, Venceremos and the Mid-Peninsula Farah Strike Support Committee have

stressed that the Farah strike is more than just a struggle by a few thousand workers for higher wages and the recognition of their union.

Farah is typical of many manufacturers who have moved their plants to the South, the Southwest, and foreign countries to take advantage of the poverty and high unemployment among Third World people which forces them to accept substandard wages and conditions.

The success of the Farah strike is crucial not only because it will inspire other workers to rebel against runaway shops but more importantly because it will mark an advance of Chicanos towards gaining control of their community and eventually liberating their people.

The injunction against Venceremos and the Farah Strike Support Committee climaxes five months of weekly picketing and demonstrations at the Mountain View and Stanford Emporiums. Farah and Emporium concede in the injunction that these actions have seriously damaged their business.

In two recent demonstrations, Farah strike supporters armed with picket signs and chants marched through the stores to confront mana-

gers about their policy of stocking Farah pants. Although the Emporium has persisted in selling Farah pants, it has been forced to put them on sale and to sell them under non-Farah labels.

Each time the managers were confronted, the response was the same--that the Emporium would not honor the boycott since its policy is to remain neutral in labor disputes. The fact that Farah and Emporium combined forces to obtain the current injunction shows whose side the Emporium is really on.

On May 12, process servers under the watchful eye of plainclothed police and company goons with cameras began serving temporary restraining orders on people outside the Stanford Emporium. Customers as well as Farah Strike supporters had legal papers shoved at them. Interest in the boycott was immediately sparked. Out of curiosity, almost every customer entering the store stopped to find out what was happening.

Instead of crushing support, the injunction has helped to boost the boycott. As Mao predicted of all imperialists, Farah and the Emporium "have lifted a rock only to drop it on their own feet."

## Venceremos Statement

The injunction recently issued against the Farah Strike Support Committee and Venceremos is a sure sign of impending victory for the Farah strikers. The injunction did not fall from the sky. It came because the strike and its worldwide support hurt Willie Farah and hurt him bad. He is now just a pitiful paper tiger, playing games in court to delay his inevitable defeat.

Because they are terrified of the mass movements that are building in this country, Farah (and his pals at Emporium and in the courts) have constructed the injunction to make it appear that the situation is a minor hassle between Venceremos and the Emporium. And the press, which has previously refused to cover the strike and boycott at all, has also played this up as the main contradiction.

While it is certainly true that Venceremos has fought against the Emporium and for our brothers and sisters in El Paso, this is not a struggle of or by Venceremos. Boycotts, sabotage, mass action: this is a struggle of hundreds of thousands of people and countless organizations.

But primarily it is a struggle against Farah by 4,000 heroic Chicano workers, who have now been on strike for more than a year.

The Farah strike is very important, but it is only a part of the overall National Liberation Struggle of the Chicano people which continues to grow everyday. We see this in the struggles of Los Tres del Barrio in East Los Angeles, of striking workers in Artesia, New Mexico, of the Crusade for Justice in Denver, and many, many others.

The Chicano liberation struggle is a vanguard struggle against the common enemy: U.S. Imperialism. We are a part of it and will continue to support it in all its forms.

BOYCOTT FARAH  
LIBERATE THE SOUTHWEST



Farah strikers on the picket line in El Paso (Photograph by VENCEREMOS)

## Cinco de Mayo Celebrated at Emporium

In 1862, a French army landed in Mexico. The invaders swept across the country until they reached the town of Puebla on May 5. There a tiny force of Mexican patriots defeated thousands of French imperialist troops. This was the turning point in the victorious resistance against the European invasion.

Since then May 5, the Cinco de Mayo, has been celebrated as a liberation victory by both the Mexican nation and the people of the northern half of Mexico, which from 1849 to the present has been occupied by the so-called United States.

This year Cinco de Mayo was celebrated at the Stanford Emporium, where over a hundred people picketed against the sale of scab Farah pants, and then rallied with many shoppers and passers-by.

Tony Bustamante of the United Farm Workers, Comrade Andrea VillaSeñor of Venceremos, and Elvira, one of the sisters on strike in El Paso, all brought the same message to the rally: the struggle of the Chicana workers at Farah is part of the liberation fight of the Chicano people, and this is inseparable from the struggle of all poor and working people against U.S. capitalism.

## Oneita Strike

The Farah strikers are not alone in their resistance to runaway shops. In rural North Carolina, 700 textile workers, predominantly black women, have entered the third month of their strike against Oneita Knitting Mills.

The Oneita workers walked out in an effort to force the company to bargain with their union, the Textile Workers Union of America (TWUA). The large textile companies are pressuring Oneita to break the strike since they fear the union drive will sweep the whole industry. Currently only 10% of the 800,000 textile workers in the South are unionized. One textile giant, Burlington Mills, has 150 plants, of which only one is organized.

Originally located in Utica, New York, Oneita moved south to take advantage of the cheap labor and the virtual absence of unions. At Oneita workers have no protection from layoffs, no pensions, and no medical benefits. Pay averages between \$1.60 and \$2.00 an hour. The average take home pay is \$49.50 a week, regardless of seniority. Many workers live in shacks, heated in the winter by pot-bellied stoves, where entire families are cramped into three and four rooms.

One striker, Mary Lee Middleton, explained the determination of the workers to hold out until the union is recognized, "What can you do for your family on \$1.60 an hour? When these kids get sick I can't afford a doctor. When they get a toothache, I can't afford a dentist. We live on rice and biscuits and I'd like to give them a piece of meat now and then. This strike is for my babies and I'm not going back until we win a decent contract."

Oneita workers, like the workers at Farah, realize that they can't win alone. They have sought the support of local teamsters, longshoremen, and hospital workers. The union has called for a boycott of all Oneita underwear, T-shirts, and briefs sold under Sears, Montgomery Wards, Penny's, Grants, and K-Mart labels.

# Support

## African Liberation Day

### May 26

#### Arroyo Park, Oakland

"This generation's mission is very clear. We must put into motion whatever is necessary to destroy the forces of racism and imperialism." With these words, Owusu Sadauki, national chairman of the African Liberation Support Committee, opened a speech on national liberation struggles within this country and in Africa.

Speaking in East Palo Alto on April 18, Sadauki urged all Third World people to show solidarity with the African liberation struggles and to attend African Liberation Day demonstrations on May 26.

This year, preparations for demonstrations are being made in more than 25 cities in the U.S. and other countries. Last year, more than 65,000 people, primarily Black, participated in African Liberation Day.

Sadauki explained the importance of demonstrating:

"On May 26th, we will be hitting the streets all over this country and around the world. We are demonstrating for three reasons: (1) There's tremendous educational value in demonstrating; (2) Demonstrations have major international significance. When I was in Mozambique, it was a tremendous lift to the brothers and sisters who were fighting to hear that somebody was doing something that they saw as connected... but we're not talking about demonstrating just because they are our brothers and sisters. We are demonstrating because what's happening there is effecting what's happening to us right here and now; and (3) this country is becoming very, very fascistic and niggers better seize every opportunity that they can to demonstrate, to mass educate. In a few years, we ain't going to be able to have these meetings, or be on the streets.

"That's why you've got to be in Arroyo Park in Oakland on the 26th of May, and we ain't just talking about demonstrating. We are talking about raising 40 thousand dollars to give to the liberation struggles, so we can put that down on the table in lieu of a speech.... After the demonstrating, we're talking about a boycott of Gulf Oil, Lancars Wine, and Portuguese sardines. We're talking about boycotting that freeze-dried coffee that comes out of Angola. We're talking about going before the U.S. Congress to denounce its foreign policy. Everything we can do, we're going to do it, brothers and sisters, beyond this demonstration.

"The theme for May 26 is that there is no peace with honor. That the war continues against people of African descent on this continent and on the continent of Africa. There can be no peace as long as Nixon is giving the Portuguese \$475 million to bomb our people in Africa and at the same time cutting the

school lunch program in this country. There can be no peace as long as people are being shot down in villages in Mozambique and on the campus of Southern University. There can be no peace as long as our mothers and sisters and daughters are being investigated and scandalized as so-called "welfare chiselers." There can be no peace as long as our prisoners of war are behind the walls of Parchment Prison and in the Tombs; in Central Prison; in San Quentin; in Robins Island. There can be no peace when our children are dying from lead poisoning in Harlem and lack of medical attention in Angola. No, there can be no peace and there will be no peace until racism and imperialism are destroyed. This is our historic mission and the mission of legions of warriors who will follow us. We must either fulfill it, or betray it."



*African Liberation Day--1972*

## Attica Summer

In an attempt to secure some basic legal rights for the Attica prisoners indicted for their alleged roles in the Attica Rebellion of 1971, their defense committees are asking for volunteers to work in the "Attica Summer" project.

The work of the volunteers will include reading, analyzing, cross-indexing, and even computerizing the extensive written evidence as well as map-making, investigation, interviewing, court work, jury research, and more.

Attica Summer will begin June 18, 1973, and will continue through the summer. The project requests that volunteers make at least a three week commitment; six weeks is preferable. Housing and gas money will be provided and the project hopes to be able to provide food. Volunteers are requested to attempt to raise money for themselves prior to coming.

For more information, contact: Don Jelinek, Legal Coordinator for Attica Legal Defense, 2437 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA, 94704.

## Big Three in Auto Industry Increase Profits

MUHAMMED SPEAKS

DETROIT-The Big Three in the auto industry-General Motors, Ford and Chrysler-reaped a whopping total profit in 1972 of \$2.69 billion after taxes. This was a sizeable increase from the \$2.1 billion they realized in 1971.

To gain this type of profit, the auto industry turned out 480,000 more vehicles in 1972 than in 1971. In essence, this means that workers were required to speed up their output so that the giant corporations could amass the fantastic gains.

According to United Auto Workers president Leonard Woodcock, General Motors produced 250,000 more vehicles in the first nine months of 1972, with 18,000 fewer workers, than in 1971. This was accomplished with a union-busting, speed-up crew known as General Motors Assembly Division (GMAD).

Top Ford officers split up the \$12 million in bonuses when they carved up the 1972 profits.

In contrast, Ford workers got a 5.15 per cent raise, with a threat to freeze wage increases to 4.1 per cent.

## Women Given Cancer-Causing Drug

Over 1500 women in the state of Tennessee, including 250 mentally retarded women at Arlington Hospital and School, have been given a drug for contraception which has been shown to cause breast cancer in beagles and which may cause permanent sterility.

The drug is Depo-Provera. It is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for treatment of cancer of the uterus, but not as a contraceptive. Many of the women given this drug were on welfare and several of them had been urged by welfare workers to take this particular contraceptive administered as an injection. Interviews with several of these women revealed that none had been warned that the use of the drug as a contraceptive was experimental nor were they told of the side effects that the drug might have. Women who have taken it have reported dizziness, nervousness, irritability, headaches, and backaches. Others have suffered heavy bleeding or spotting.

Due to a Senate investigation, the manufacturer Upjohn has said that it will no longer ship the drug to the hospital and family clinics in Tennessee but it is not putting any tighter control on who else it ships the drug to. The hospital intends to continue using the supply of Depo-Provera that it has.

# WOUNDED KNEE: Turning point in balance of powers

For two and a half months, a small, starving band of Indians and supporters held the United States government and its federal troops at bay outside Wounded Knee. By their heroic actions, these 200 armed liberation fighters have exposed the mighty U.S. empire as a paper tiger.

After their bluffs were repeatedly called, the U.S. government signed an agreement with the Independent Oglala Nations. The government agreed that:

1.) A non-governmental firm would audit and investigate the tribal books.

2.) There would be no more mass arrests when those occupying Wounded Knee left. Only people who already had indictments on them would be arrested.

3.) Lawyers would be able to accompany the people coming out and would be available as soon as the process started.

4.) There would be a meeting with five White House representatives including General Haig to discuss the problems in U.S. relations with the Indian nations and ways to implement treaty rights and improve relations with the U.S.

This agreement was made providing that the people inside Wounded Knee would lay down their arms and that the Feds would pull back the armored personnel carriers. When this was accomplished, the people inside would march out, give their names and addresses to the FBI and leave.

The second battle of Wounded Knee shows clearly that the U.S. government is no longer on the offensive. The first battle of Wounded Knee, in 1890, marked the defeat of the Indians and set the stage for the consolidation of imperialism. On December 29, 1890, more than 300 unarmed Indians, who had been driven from their lands and rounded up,



*The people of Wounded Knee 1973*

were massacred by federal troops. After crushing other pockets of resistance, the U.S. government was able to seize the Indian land and force the Indians into concentration camps called reservations.

Today, the Indians are still among the most oppressed people in this country. However, now the U.S. empire is crumbling and it is the liberation forces which are consolidating both within the U.S. and around the world. At Wounded Knee 1973, not only were the Indians armed and ready to hold off an assault, but they had the support of progressive people, both Third World and white, who view the government as a common enemy.

The enemy is no longer an expanding empire, but a government that is battered on all sides by oppressed nations which are fighting for self-determination--and winning.

Vietnam, and now Wounded Knee, mark a turning point in the balance of power. The takeover of Wounded Knee, like the victory of the Vietnamese people, provides an inspiration to all national liberation forces that the U.S. government is not invincible. Although armed with the most advanced weaponry in the world, the U.S. can be defeated.

The retreat from Wounded Knee

reflects an understanding that the military strategy for victory is to wage people's war. People's war is a protracted series of confrontations in which the goal is to destroy imperialism by mobilizing large numbers of people. In the early stages of people's war, the success of a battle is measured not only by its effect on the enemy but also by the number of people it brings to the side of the revolution. Care is always taken to minimize losses to the revolutionaries' side. As the numbers of armored personnel carriers ringing Wounded Knee increased and the threat of an invasion became more certain, the Indians decided the time had come to leave.

They left having awakened thousands of Americans to the deplorable living conditions of the Indian people. As a result of the takeover, alliances were formed between white and Third World groups who saw the necessity of supporting the Indians. Moreover the resistance of the Indians gave people a sense of their own power and the weakness of the U.S. government. The Indians left Wounded Knee knowing that their occupation had moved ahead the revolutionary struggle. They left certain that someday the land would be theirs again, but next time for good.

## Denver Police Attack

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block. Several officers jumped from their cars and began discharging weapons in the direction of some people who were attending the party.

In the three hour gun battle which followed, people at the party as well as residents of the ten apartment units in the Downing Terraces were subjected to what the Crusade described as "wholesale arrests and beatings."

In one apartment unit where police claimed they received sniper fire, they responded with massive volleys from pistols, rifles, and shotguns. The apartment unit was then hit with what was apparently a rifle-launched impact grenade, causing extensive damage to both it and the apartment below. Found wounded and unconscious in the rubble was Mario Vasquez, a math teacher at the Escuela Tlatelolco.

When questioned about the use of explosives against the apartment, police denied the charge and claimed that Vasquez had set off an estimated 26 sticks of dynamite in his own apartment.

Vasquez has been charged with aggravated assault on a police officer as well as unlawful use of dynamite and held on \$25,000 bail.

The next day, when leaders in the Crusade for Justice tried to call an independent investigator to examine the scene of the explosion, the investigator was denied access to the area.

Before a court order could be obtained to permit such an investigation, the Police Department called in a wrecking crane which tore apart the bombed-out units, destroying whatever evidence remained.

In publicity following the shootings, the police emphasized that in their search of the apartments they had found a "real arsenal" that consisted of over a hundred weapons, including some M-16's. However that figure is now down to 25 weapons and police now admit that none of the weapons were M-16's.

Residents claim that the guns seized by the police are lawfully owned and registered and that many of the rifles were used as props by a Chicano dance troupe.

In the community, the Crusade has long been active not only in organizing programs like their school but also in working for community control of the police.

In the past four years, the Denver barrios have been the scene of seven major anti-police riots, including two armed confrontations.

Response to the murder of Martinez was immediate. Within two days, there were seven bomb attempts including the bombing of a police substation, a police-supported and community-opposed methadone clinic, and an office of the Coors brewery. Thousands of people attended the funeral for Martinez.

On the current situation, the Crusade reports, "Tension remains high. Police ride four to a car in Barrio areas. Hospitalized police-

men are under tight security and heavy guard. [Our] members are under constant surveillance by marked and unmarked cars. Throughout the city there are doubts and fears. [We] now have undisclosed evidence that Luis Martinez ("Junior") was executed in cold blood."



*Joe Martinez and Corky Gonzalez (front row) along with Dave Gonzales, Luis Ramirez, and Erni Vigil (back row) at press conference after incident.*



# New UFW Stand on Illegals

from *El Grito del Norte*

The question of workers coming to this country from Mexico has long been a problem to the United Farmworkers led by Cesar Chavez. So-called "illegal aliens" come in the hope of finding work to keep their families and themselves surviving-- the same hope that our people have when they go looking for a job in the fields. But our brothers and sisters from Mexico have been used by the big growers again and again (just like some of us), as scabs, to break the strikes called by the United Farmworkers.

This has damaged the UFW's efforts to win contracts for better working conditions from the growers. For this reason, the UFW took a position against the "illegal aliens" until recently. Now they have changed their position and recognized the Mexicanos as brothers and sisters.

On March 26, the UFW announced its opposition to a new bill sponsored by Edward Kennedy and Rep. Pete Rodino. The Rodino-Kennedy bill says that an employer who knowingly hires an alien would be fined \$500. This might seem to be putting the pressure where it should be put: on the growers. But actually the \$500 is only a token fine and the bill says the grower can get out of paying it if he gets the worker to sign a statement. Also, the bill discriminates against Mexicanos. It says that persons from the Western Hemisphere countries living in the U.S. without the necessary documents must return to their home country for one and a half to two years before eligible to

enter legally. They would also have to swear that while in this country they did not have unauthorized employment. Immigrants from other countries are allowed to adjust their status to permanent residence while remaining in the U.S.

Critics of the bill have also pointed out that the law would serve as an excuse for discrimination in hiring. Growers could turn down both Mexicanos and Chicanos, claiming they didn't want any trouble. All in all, the bill would not hurt the growers and it would increase harassment of the so-called "illegals".

The UFW said, in announcing its opposition, that the Bill does not provide the answer to their problems as workers and doesn't make employers bear the full responsibility. The UFW statement added: We are not opposed to aliens coming to this country because they are not aliens. They

are brothers.

"We will never tolerate... our own brothers being ruthlessly exploited at our and their expense.

"We suffer and sweat together not only as brothers in blood but as workers. And as workers we must never allow the wholesale destruction of our movement nor placate the very interests which seek to destroy us, the employer, the strikebreaker, and the contractor."

The UFW's opposition to the Rodino-Kennedy bill has brought a new unity to the movimiento. The bill, H. R. 982 must be fought.



No te necesito... aqui tengo a m'ijo

## UFW Reconoce a Manos Mexicanos

de *El Grito del Norte*

La cuestion de los trabajadores que vienen a este pais de Mexico siempre han sido un problema para los United Farmworkers dirigidos por Cesar Chavez. Los mentados "extranjeros ilegales" vienen con esperanzas de encontrar trabajo para sostener a sus familias y a ellos- la misma esperanza que tiene nuestra gente cuando buscan trabajo en los "files". Pero a nuestros hermanos de Mexico los usan los rancheros (como algunos de nosotros) para quebrar las huelgas organizadas por los United Farmworkers.

Esto a producido mucho dano a los esfuerzos de los UFW para conseguir contratos que garanticen mejores condiciones de trabajo y pago de los rancheros. A causa de esto, los UFW habian tomado una posicion en contra de los "extranjeros ilegales" hasta ahora pronto. Ahora, sin embargo, toman una nueva posicion que reconoce a los Mexicanos como hermanos.

El 26 de Marzo los UFW declararon su oposicion a una nueva ley patronizada por el senador Edward Kennedy declara que cualquier patron que a proposito emplea a un extranjero sera multado \$500. Esto parece ser justo al poner presion al rancho. Pero en realidad la multa de \$500 no es mas que una prenda y segun esa ley el rancho puede librarse de pagar la multa si logra que el empleado firme una declaracion, Al fin de cuentas esta ley no desfavorece al rancho y si aumenta la oprecion de los "ilegales".

Los UFW dijeron, al anunciar su oposicion que esta ley no solucion los problemas de los trabajadores y no obliga a los patrones a tomar completa responsabilidad. La declaracion de los UFW agrego ademas:

"No estamos opuestos a los extranjeros que vienen a este pais porque no son extranjeros sino nuestros hermanos.

"Jamás permitiremos que nuestros hermanos sean cruelmente explotados a causa nuestra o de ellos.

"Sufrimos juntos no solo como hermanos en la sangre, sino como trabajadores. Y como trabajadores jamás permitiremos que se ponga en venta la destruccion de nuestro movimiento ni favoreceremos los intereses que quieren destruirnos, el patron, el quiebra-huelga, y el contratista."

## U.S. Joins Fight Against Ireland

New York (LNS)-- U.S. military spokesmen have termed it a "coincidence" that 800 British commandos are currently being trained in counter-insurgency tactics at an American Marine base. They deny it has anything to do with the struggle in Northern Ireland.

The 800 troops learning the tricks of the trade from U.S. Special Forces (Green Berets) officers at Camp Le Jeune in North Carolina are part of the same detachment currently being used as the British occupation force in Northern Ireland.

If the newly trained British soldiers do end up in the North it will not be the first time that the U.S. has directly contributed to the British effort there.

By agreeing to replace British NATO troops stationed in Western Europe with American troops, the U.S. made it possible for Britain to increase its troop strength in Northern Ireland.

Early in March, the U.S. obliged again by airlifting another 7,000 British NATO troops to the North.

The British have been returning the favor. For example, the only West European leader to support the massive U.S. bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong last December was British Prime Minister Heath, despite the strong indignation of the British people.

has been increasing steadily. Currently over \$200 million has been invested in the North and over \$1200 million in the South. U.S. investments are second only to Britain's.

### U.S. Grand Juries Attack Irish Support

While giving direct military aid to Britain, the U.S. government has also been suppressing Irish support over here. Last June, five Irish-Americans were sent to jail for refusing to testify before a Federal Grand Jury in Fort Worth Texas, that was investigating support for the Irish resistance. Federal Grand Juries in New York City and San Francisco then imprisoned other Irish-Americans on the same un-Constitutional grounds. Now a federal Grand Jury in Philadelphia has subpoenaed three members of the Irish Northern Aid Committee to testify in mid-May.

Meanwhile the five witnesses subpoenaed in Texas almost a year ago are still in jail for standing by their Constitutional rights and resisting the criminals in Washington.

QUITE APART FROM ALL PHRASES ABOUT "INTERNATIONAL" AND "HUMANE" JUSTICE FOR IRELAND . . . IT IS IN THE DIRECT AND ABSOLUTE INTEREST OF THE ENGLISH WORKING CLASS TO GET RID OF THEIR PRESENT CONNECTION WITH IRELAND. THE ENGLISH WORKING CLASS WILL NEVER ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING UNTIL IT HAS GOT RID OF IRELAND.

# Government Kidnaps Black Comrade

by Caesar Moore, Kumasi

On April 30th, 1973, at approximately 3 a.m. three black comrades were kidnapped from their beds by agents of the F.B.I. The comrades were Stan Wilson, Leroy B. Thompson, and Marion E. Newson. All three of these men are residents of the city of Los Angeles, the area in which this Gestapo apprehension was perpetrated.

Upon seeking information from the authorities as to the reason for their so-called arrest, concerned people were told that they were under arrest and pending formal arraignment on the federal charges of forgery, and that such arraignment proceedings were scheduled for May 2nd, 1973, in the U.S. Criminal Courts in the city and county of Los Angeles. But contrary to the information surrendered by the authorities, the comrades were officially arraigned on the federal charges of bank robbery.

The comrades deny any involvement or knowledge of any such crimes, and deem their kidnap-arrest as an act of political suppression. The two black brothers, Stan Wilson and Leroy Thompson, have been consistently active in the struggles of the black community and have been exceedingly effective in motivating many black men and women who were released from prison toward a contributive involvement in revolutionary struggle. The judicial railroad process for the suppression of politically conscious niggah's nev-

## Los Tres apelar 'justicia' ilegal

En el 19 de Mayo, Camarada Aaron Manganiello hablé a una manifestacion para Los Tres del Barrio--Juan Fernandez, Alberto Ortiz y Rodolfo Sanchez--ahora encarcelados para confrontar los vendedores del muerte en su comunidad.

Su crimen fue que estaban parte de un programa para deshacerse el barrio de drogas--por medio de confrontar los vendedores, explicando el dano que hacen, y forzando los vendedores a salir de la comunidad si no terminen vender drogas.

En el 21 de Julio, Los Tres confrontaron "Bobby," uno de estos vendedores. Despues de aprendieron que "Bobby" no vendio drogas para mantener un habito, per para su propio provecho, Los Tres demandaron su dinero y que el salga de la comunidad. Entonces, "Bobby" tomo una pistola, y en euto-defensa, Los Tres le tiraron.

Mas tarde en este dia, la casa en que estaban Los Tres estaba rodeado por policias federal y del condado, y Los Tres estaban golpeados y arrestados y acusados con asalto con la intencion de matar, robo, y conspiracion de robar un oficial federal. En aquel tiempo, Los Tres aprendieron que "Bobby" esta un agente federal.

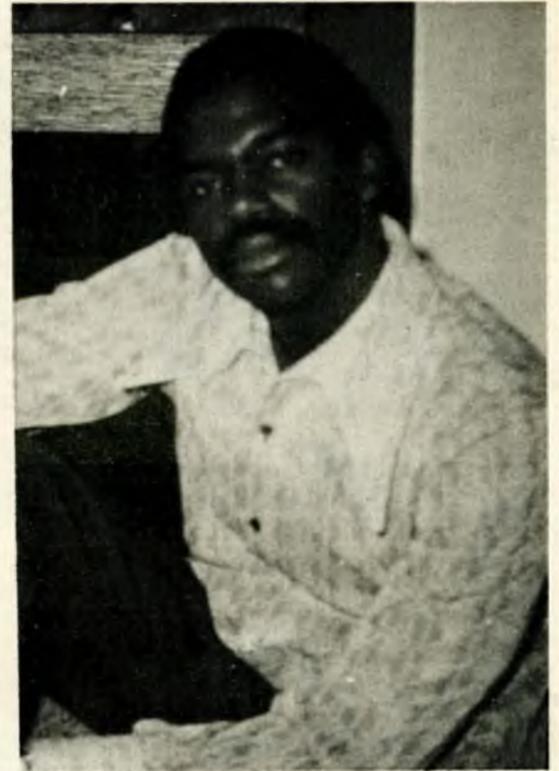
Temprano en 1972, Los Tres estaban sentenciados a un total combinado de 75 anos, despues que un juez, que no permitio argumentos legales sobre auto-defensa, les convicto. Bonos de apelacion han estado establecido a \$50,000 cada uno.

El Comite para Liberar Los Tres necesita urgentemente dinero y

er stops rolling. And available Third World victims appear to be endless. Ahmed Evans, Geronimo Pratt, Earl Gibson and Larry Justice, the San Quentin Six only to name a few. H. Rap Brown was just recently framed by agents of U.S. law enforcement and their lackies from the community. He too was accused of robbery. Similar attempts of frame-up charges of robbery were tried on Corky Gonzales several times, but without success.

Three days after Comrade Stan Wilson was freed on bail, the federal authorities returned to "visit" him in the company of their lackey Mr. Cosey, a black parole agent from the California State Prison system. The federal secret police informed Brother Stan that they were investigating him for his "recent association with progressive organizations." His parole agent said that on these grounds he was picking Stan up on a parole hold and the brother was kidnapped all over again. At this moment, he is still being held as a Prisoner of War.

Comrade Stan Wilson had recently taken a giant step in political development--the step from a nationalist program to the multi-national platform in pursuit of world liberation and the eradication of imperialism. It is not surprising that such a political growth should cost a person their freedom. After all, just such a political awakening cost Malcolm X his life.



Comrade Stan Wilson

VENCEREMOS totally supports the defense of Comrade Stan Wilson. All people interested in the fight for freedom and the defense of Brother Stan should get in touch with us at 4126 Somerset Drive, West Los Angeles, 820 "D" Street, San Bernardino, or 1969 University Avenue, East Palo Alto.



ALBERTO ORTIZ



RODOLFO SANCHEZ



JUAN FERNANDEZ

personas que pueden usar su propiedad para un garantia subsidiaria para el liberacion de Los Tres. Si reciben \$8,000 mas en propiedad, Rodolgo Sanchez sera liberado per fianza. Si ud puede agudar, o quiere mas informacion, escribe a:

Comite para Liberar Los Tres  
P.O. Box 33511  
Los Angeles, CA 90033  
telefono: (213) 223-3471

## Los Tres Appeal Illegal "Justice"

On May 19, Comrade Aaron Manganiello spoke to a rally in East Los Angeles for Los Tres del Barrio--Juan Fernandez, Alberto Ortiz, and Rodolfo Sanchez. They are now in prison for standing up against the death merchants in their community.

Their crime was that they were part of a program to rid the barrio of drugs--by confronting the pushers, explaining the harm they are doing, and forcing the pushers out of the community if they won't stop peddling drugs.

On July 21, 1971, Los Tres confronted "Bobby," one of these pushers. After determining that "Bobby" did not push to support a habit, but

for his own profit, Los Tres demanded his money and told him to get out of the community.

"Bobby" then pulled a gun and in self-defense Los Tres shot him.

Later that afternoon, the house Los Tres were in was surrounded by county and federal police, and they were beaten and arrested, charged with assault with intent to kill, robbery, and conspiracy to rob a federal officer. It was then that they learned that "Bobby" was a federal agent.

In early 1972, Los Tres were sentenced to a combined total of 75 years, after being convicted in a trial where the judge would not allow legal arguments about self-defense or entrapment to be made. Appeal bonds have been set at \$50,000 each.

The Committee to Free Los Tres urgently needs money and people willing to put up their property for the release of Los Tres. If they get \$8,000 more in property, Rodolfo Sanchez will be bailed out. If you can help or want more information, write to:

Committee to Free Los Tres  
P.O. Box 33511  
Los Angeles, CA 90033  
(213) 223-3471

# Riverside Police Murder Chicano



On Tuesday, May 8, Mario Armando Romero, a 23 year old Chicano was shot and killed by two Riverside policemen in Casablanca, the barrio of Riverside City. The slaying occurred when Romero allegedly ran from two officers when they attempted to pick him up on a warrant for a violation of probation.

Romero, according to investigative reports, was not armed at the time of the shooting, and had his right arm in a cast. Fernando Romero, the slain man's brother, said he doesn't think Romero would have gone too far with his arm broken and a fence in the way and he added he felt the police "misjudged the situation and stood up there and had a little bit of target practice."

The warrant on which Romero was to be arrested on was a violation of probation stemming from his arrests previously for possession of marijuana and problems with other drugs. The incident highlights what the Romero family terms as the "police's efforts to hunt for him."

Casablanca, the barrio of Riverside, was formed out of a former labor camp of lemon pickers when the groves were torn out in favor of the city. It, and the other barrios in Riverside County, have been the scene of many outright murders of young Chicanos in the past. Besides the daily harassment, there has been at least one killing per year for the last seven years. The most recent case before this outrage was in 1972 when Mario Barrera of Blythe was shot while unconscious in his car by an off duty pig. He had just brushed a bicycle rider (no harm was done) when the pig asked him to pull over. Mario didn't have any reason to know this guy was an officer so he drove away. The pig, Sargeant Krupp, then began to chase Mario in the barrio. Mario lost control of the car and landed on the sidewalk where he hit his head on the steering wheel and was unconscious. Krupp walked over to the truck and blew Mario's brains out. Although there were witnesses and the community was outraged, Krupp was found innocent and reinstated with full back pay. Mario left a wife and a child behind.

On every occasion the inquest and investigation have amounted to an outright whitewash. This type of racist murder is usually dismissed as justifiable homicide without a trial. Compare this to the Riverside County's all out effort to frame-up Gary Lawton, Zarabu Gardner and Nehemiah Jackson for ambushing two white Riverside police.



The inquest into this case was scheduled for Thursday, May 10 but was postponed until things "cool off." After the inquest, District Attorney Byron Morton is to decide whether to prosecute either officer, Jake Bowser Jr. or Detective Carl Frazier.

Many militant Chicanos are demanding direct action to stop these routine murders.

#### Community Response

The Chicano community has come together around this killing and held several meetings and a demonstration at the Police Headquarters.

The Riverside newspaper "PRESS ENTERPRISE" quoted Mr. Sancedo (father of Jesse Sancedo who was killed by police in 1969) as say-

ing he would shoot a policeman before they could shoot him. Actually someone had made the statement that "The police are shooting us down like dogs" and Mr. Sancedo said "Before they kill me, I'll kill them." Because of this, Captain Ferguson, Chief of Police issued an official memo describing Mr. Sancedo, his family and their residence and then quoting the statement. The Sancedo family has been harassed and surveilled by the police night and day. The people at a meeting volunteered to be on call if the family ever needs help and people said they are ready to do all necessary house defense.

*San Bernardino Venceremos*

## Multi-National Unity at L A Rally

Chanting "Chicano Power" and "Viva La Raza", 500 people marched through East Los Angeles on April 14 in support of Chicano political prisoners.

The demonstration was organized by the Ricardo Chavez-Ortiz defense committee to commemorate April 14, 1972. On that date, the heroic Ricardo Chavez-Ortiz seized an airplane and returned it in exchange for two hours of radio time to tell of the oppression of the Chicano nation.

He broadcast these words: "The worst thing I have seen is the destruction of the children. I want my children to look forward to something in life. They are not learning anything in school....All I have ever demanded is what I have worked for. And what I want most of all is for my children and children everywhere to have a decent future."

Organizers called this a "march of unity and justice," and stressed the need to unite the oppressed Third World nations and all working peoples. "We hope to unite La Raza with all oppressed people regardless of race or nationality. We recognize the enemy of La Raza is also the same enemy of the Indio, the Black and working people in general. We recognize that we have a common enemy and that it is necessary to unite to free our political prisoners and to protect our democratic rights."

Speakers included Blacks, Chi-

canos, and Indians. An old Hopi medicine man asked support for the Hopi nation's struggle:

"Way back, there were no borderlines. You are my brothers and you are my sisters and I am very happy to be with you today. Someone came and cut up all of our land in a way that we would not be together--but we are united anyway. This is what we have been searching for."

The need for unity was also expressed by Juan Corona's brother, "We all have to fight a cause and that cause is justice and equality for all of us... We have to get rid of the fear of fighting for our rights. The younger generation around here know what it's all about. They tried to tell us but we wouldn't listen. But now we know and now we have to all pull together and free those political prisoners. We have to do what we have to do: if it's violence then we'll do it."

Another speaker was Gary Lawton, who spent the past two years in jail on trumped-up charges of ambushing two policemen. Brother Gary was recently released on bail when the majority of an elderly all-white jury voted to acquit him. He now faces a new trial on the same charges.

Gary Lawton also spoke for multi-national unity. He told the people that the struggle now is "a life and death thing. Men's and women's lives are on the line--for you, not for them."