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"The Communist's ideal should not be a trade-union secretary, but a tribune of the people, able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression." Lenin

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## RED OCTOBER

This month the Communist Labor Party joins the peoples of the world in celebrating the 57th year since the Great October Revolution in Russia, the 30th anniversary of the Liberation of Albania, and the 25th National Day of China.

The Great October Revolution ushered in a new era in the history of mankind. Led by the Bolshevik Party, with Lenin and Stalin in the leadership, the working class, in alliance with the poor peasants, smashed capitalism and built the dictatorship of the proletariat in the Soviet Union. The effects of the Russian Socialist Revolution reverberated throughout the world. It dealt a blow to the world capitalist system from which it never recovered; it marked the beginning of capitalism's general crisis. We stand in solidarity with the mighty Soviet working class in their struggles against all forms of revisionism and imperialism. We pledge to support their struggles in the true sense of proletarian internationalism, i.e., by struggling against USNA imperialism

and for the socialist revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Mighty Albania is a revolutionary model of courage and determination. The people of Albania valiantly fought and emerged victorious against German and Italian fascism, USNA and British imperialism, and later against the Tito gang. The Albanian comrades, true to their consistent internationalism, were the first to attack the revisionist Khrushchev gang. Today Albania is a beacon of socialism to the toiling masses of Europe and the world. We pledge to Albania that we will be guided by her example in carrying out our internationalist duties.

In 25 years China has been transformed from a backward, colonial, oppressed country, into a strong, free, socialist country which is respected throughout the world. The hunger, starvation, oppression and exploitation which characterized life in China before the revolution have been smashed. Despite great obstacles, the Chinese people today

enjoy great social, political and economic freedoms. For the workers of the world who are still groaning under the heel of imperialism, great China is the bulwark of socialism. We support the mighty Chinese people in their struggles and join them in joyous celebration of the anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Our newly formed CLP, as well as the USNA working class as a whole, should take the example of these glorious revolutions as a model of inspiration. These revolutions have proven that the only way the working class is going to rid itself of the slavery, misery, and exploitation of wage labor is through a socialist revolution.

Let us follow the example of our brave comrades from the Russian, Albanian, and Chinese revolutions who were ready when history called. The overthrow of USNA imperialism is the great and difficult task which history has given the USNA proletariat. We must not fail. Armed with the science of Marxism-Leninism we will not fail!

## Choctaw County Starvation in Mississippi!

In recent weeks, information has been pouring forth underscoring the disastrous effects of the capitalist world's economic crisis. While the inflation rate in the capitalist industrial countries has reached "crisis levels" (nearly 30% in England and Japan, and USNA wholesale prices are rising at a rate of 46% annually) (1), it has also been revealed that the brunt of the crisis is being laid on the backs of the poor and dependent countries. The annual report of the World Bank has stated that "800 million Asians, Africans and Latin Americans - nearly a fourth of the globe's population - have so little to eat that they 'cannot realize (their) full potential'." (2)

In the midst of this developing famine, the wolves of imperialism are sharpening their fangs. Already contributing 1/3 less "aid" than the average industrial country to the colonies and semi-colonies that it is bleeding dry (3), the USNA imperialists have now announced that food is the latest weapon in their arsenal. In similar speeches, President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger said that USNA food exports (the largest in the world) will be used to further tighten their grip on the world's wealth and resources. "The problems of food and energy can be resolved on the basis of cooperation

or can be made unmanageable on the basis of confrontation." (4)

The imperialists are certainly not dealing in idle threats. Overlooked by the World Bank and the United Nations commissions on food and world health, virtually ignored by national news media is the already developing famine created by the imperialists within the borders of the USNA state. As in many colonies of the USNA in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, the specter of starvation and death at the hands of imperialism is taking place today in the Negro Nation:

"Dozens of persons in Choctaw County, Miss., are starving and going without desperately needed medical care because of the cutoff of a federal food stamp program, according to affidavits filed this week with federal court.

"The documents portray a bleak picture of nagging hunger and desperation among families affected by the stamp cutoff, which came last April when the county board of supervisors said it could not afford to continue paying its \$14,300 annual share of the program.

"State officials say that when a county withdraws its share of funding, federal and state matching funds may not be used and the program must be suspended.

"The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Aberdeen by the North Mississippi Rural Legal Services of Greenwood and the Food Research and Action Center, Inc., of New York, asks immediate resumption of the Choctaw County food stamp programs.

"The plight of Eva Cummings, who lives in Ackerman, with eight of her nine children, is typical of the woes portrayed in the affidavits.

"I have no money in the bank," she said. "I have low blood pressure and a heart murmur. I had an operation in April for a cyst in my wrist for which I still owe \$300."

"One of Mrs. Cummings' daughters requires special foot-wear. Another has sickle cell anemia. Mrs. Cummings, 42, was in a hospital when she learned the food stamp program was ending.

"Without food stamps, I can't buy the food we need," she said. "We need at least one meal of meat a day, but we can only afford it once a week for dinner. If I had stamps I could buy eggs and bacon for breakfast.

"Now I can't pay the fire insurance and burial insurance because of food expenses," Mrs. Cummings said.

"Most former food stamp recipients quoted in the affidavits cited similar financial troubles, with proper diets impossible because of medical and other expenses, and with proper medical care impossible because of high food costs

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# PROGRAM OF THE COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY OF THE USNA

Unhampered by the hangovers of feudalism, USNA capitalism by the end of the 19th century had fully entered into its aggressive, moribund, final stage - imperialism. The USNA multinational state is the international hangman of revolutions and the enemy of the peoples of the earth. The working class of the United States of North America is locked in a life and death struggle with the capitalist class. This struggle is evolving under conditions where the workers have had no general staff - no Marxist-Leninist Communist Party to guide them. In the struggle to form and develop such a Party the Marxist-Leninists are carrying out their historic responsibilities. Basing ourselves on the Communist Manifesto and the Program of the Communist International the Marxist-Leninists of the USNA set out to rally the revolutionary working class around the following Program.

The working class of the United States of North America constitutes the majority of the population. The stranglehold of the big financial capitalists over the countryside has led to a sharp decline in the family farm. The growth of the working class by absorbing the superfluous farmers, through the destruction of the broad strata of the petty bourgeoisie and through immigration has placed the proletariat in an extremely favorable position. The means of production in the USNA is concentrated in the hands of a few; the proletariat and the class enemy stand face to face. The historic final conflict is at hand.

Two inevitable internal policies of imperialism are bribery of the upper strata of the working class and terror against the more proletarian sections of the class. From the most oppressed and exploited workers there is developing a struggle against the capitalists and especially against the state.

The trend toward shifting the economic base from mechanics to electronics has not only increased the reserve army of unemployed but also created a huge qualitatively new army of the permanently unemployed, especially amongst national minority proletarians. Every technical advance makes the position of the proletarians more untenable.

The struggle against the capitalist class is a struggle against all who live by the labor of others, and against all exploitation. It can only end in the seizing of power by the working class, and the transferal of all land, instruments, factories, machines, and mines to the whole of society for the organization of social production under which all that is produced by the workers and all improvements in production must benefit the working people themselves.

The revolutionary working class movement is the gravedigger of USNA monopoly capitalism. It is part of the international movement of the world's working class for peace, democracy, national liberation and socialism.

The greatest danger facing the working class is the open terroristic dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinistic, most imperialist elements of finance capital - fascism. This assumes the German military form. Since 1932, the executive branch of the government has accumulated emergency powers far greater than those granted Hitler and Mussolini.

The military has long ago claimed a stranglehold on the administrative bureaucracy. The military, loyal reactionary servants of imperialism, presents a grave danger to civil liberties and to the labor movement.

The struggle of the workers against the inroads of fascism accelerates the political development of the class and inevitably sharpens the antagonisms take can only end with the dictatorship of the proletariat - the only political form that guarantees the emancipation of all the toiling masses. The struggle of the working class of the USNA for its emancipation is a political struggle. Its aim by defeating the fascist offensive is to pass over to the offensive and overthrow the monopoly capitalist rule which is the seed bed of fascism. Only through the revolutionary struggle for reforms can the proletariat be organized to establish its dictatorship.

The emancipation of the working class is the revolutionary act of self-emancipation.

Our Party declares that its aim is to develop the class consciousness of the workers, point out and clarify the aims and objectives of the struggle, and to organize and participate in this struggle of the working class of the USNA.

Hence, our Party will support every national liberation movement, every movement of labor and struggle of the people that is directed against the fascist offensive, for peace, for democracy, for national liberation and socialism.

Making this program our starting point, our Party demands and sets out to lead the struggle for:

1. An end to compulsory overtime. Strict enforcement of a 35-hour week. No speed up.
2. Unemployment compensation commensurate with the number of children to extend to all unemployed workers, including those now on welfare.
3. Prohibition of work by children under 16.
4. An end to price hikes and to all attacks on the living standards of the workers.
5. Recognition and protection of the rights of women; equal pay for equal work.
6. Free universal medical care.
7. Quality education for all working class children.
8. Stop deportations. No documentation papers required of any workers.
9. Independence for the Negro Nation and Puerto Rico.
10. Regional Autonomy for the Southwest and for the Indian Peoples.
11. Equality for all national minorities. No national privilege.
12. Decent housing for working class people.

13. Independence and freedom for all nations oppressed by USNA imperialism, and the withdrawal of all USNA troops and bases from foreign nations and territories.

## EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM

This party program lays out the tasks of the Party and all class-conscious workers. The program has three basic components. First, it describes the political situation and the relation of class forces in the United States of North America today. On this examination rests the tasks of the Party, the attitude of the Party and class-conscious workers to other classes, and in what activities they should engage. This second aspect of the program, in the words of Lenin, "explains what the activities of the Party which defends the interests of the working class and the activities of all class conscious workers must be. It explains how the

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## FORD'S MESSAGE: POVERTY FOR WORKERS PROFITS FOR CAPITALISTS

The economic plan laid out by President Ford on October 7 is a prime example of political demagoguery and the inability of capitalism to stop periodic crises. While pleading for "national unity and sacrifice" from "all" his "fellow Americans", Ford clearly spelled out who will sacrifice and who will reap the benefits of "unity". He is proposing a 5% surtax be charged to families with an income of over \$15,000 per year and, while this includes corporations, at the same time he is proposing to lower corporations' taxes by over \$2.5 billion a year. This will in effect cancel the surtax for corporations. In addition, he is proposing to eliminate price controls on natural gas which will force home gas prices up 100-200% and add to the billions in profits of the oil monopolies. Ford also has something for the working class - a \$400 million tax cut for poor and working people. If this is spread out over the 30-40 million people in this category, it will mean a paltry, average tax reduction of \$10-\$15 apiece a year. This should help our working poor "eat better", especially if we do as President Ford says, "...cut the food that you waste by 5%!"

This guy is a real genius! On the one hand, he wants to remove the restrictions that prohibit strip-mining by the coal companies and by doing this, nullify the environmental laws. And on the other hand, he wants "to provide work for the unemployed through short-term useful work projects to improve, beautify and enhance the environment of our cities, our towns and our countryside." This program carries on the traditions of Johnson and Nixon who destroyed the cities of Vietnam in order to "save them". And there is of course a catch in his proposal. This employment program will not go into effect unless there exists a national rate of unemployment above 6%. This means that 6 million workers (which doesn't include the millions on welfare and those not "officially" looking for work) have to be officially out of work before they can start to "beautify the country".

But the working class can take heart! Ford told us that "Our free enterprise system depends on orderly capital markets through which the savings of our people become productively used." And to make the point clearer, he is proposing a \$1 billion tax reduction on capital gains, that is, profits made on the stock market and other investment schemes. This is nothing but another tax break for the capitalists.

Ford has also set up the National Commission on Productivity and Work Quality which "will develop meaningful blueprints for labor-management cooperation at the plant level". This is just another scheme to make us work harder for less money in the interests of "national unity and sacrifice". And if this isn't enough, the Council

## Tarboro, N.C. ANOTHER LYNCHING

Among the many contributions which the October Revolution made to the world communist movement were the gigantic strides on the national question. Although the victorious revolutions of Albania and China contributed greatly to this question, to the valiant and far-sighted Bolshevik party, and to Lenin and Stalin in particular, belongs the honor and the credit of having made a significant breakthrough on the national question. The rotten Second International was a "European" international in that it only recognized the oppression and colonial status of the so-called "civilized" nations of Europe, and generally forsook and ignored the millions of peoples in Asia, Africa and Latin America who were suffering under the yoke of national oppression. Leninism exposed these social-chauvinists for what they were: socialists in words and chauvinists in deeds. "Leninism laid bare this crying incongruity, broke down the wall between whites and blacks, between Europeans and Asiatics, between the 'civilized' and 'uncivilized' slaves of imperialism, and thus linked the national question with the question of the colonies. The national question was thereby transformed from a particular and internal state problem into a general and international

on Wage and Price Stability is holding public hearings on wage increases that make clear that wage increases will be few and far between.

We could go on and on showing how a capitalist government rules in the interests of the capitalists and not the workers. The fact of the matter is that Ford, Nixon before him, Johnson before him and any capitalist politician after Ford cannot solve the cyclical capitalist crisis. In the general crisis of capitalism, neither Ford nor any other capitalist stooge in Washington can provide productive jobs for all workers; nor can they provide adequate housing for the vast majority of people; nor can they stop inflation which, as any casual student of political economy knows, is caused by the insufficient amount of gold to back up each dollar. For example, the price of gold has more than quadrupled in the last 2-3 years which means that our dollars are worth four times less.

There is only one solution to these problems which no one in Washington is talking about and which the working class must begin to implement. This is the political organization of the working class, especially around the demand for jobs. The development of a political movement whose purpose is to take state power and to create a government of the working class who can nationalize industry so that it will benefit the vast majority of people, a government that will develop national priorities that are in the interests of the masses of people and not for the handful of capitalist scum, such as, the Rockefellers, Morgans, Duponts, and others is on the order of the day.

Join us in the fight for jobs, adequate housing and decent education. The victory of the working class is inevitable!

problem, into a world problem of emancipating the oppressed peoples in the dependent countries and colonies from the yoke of imperialism." (Stalin, Foundations of Leninism, FLPP, 1970, p. 71.)

Today in the USNA the best way for us to commemorate the revolutions of the Soviet Union, Albania and China is by uniting the working class in the defense of secession for all oppressed nations and peoples. The proletariat of the multi-national USNA state must unite to fight the common oppressor; USNA imperialism. In particular, the Anglo American proletariat must raise the call, and fight for, Independence for the Negro Nation. For the Communist Labor Party, the Negro Nation is the keystone of our work.

Since the first socialist revolution great advances have been made in the socialist countries. However, within the oppressor nations and their colonies, the working class has sunk deeper into oppression and exploitation. On the eve of the October Revolution, the Negro people suffered from the most acute forms of exploitation, oppression and terror. They were kept in a state of peonage by the system of sharecropping; they were stripped of the right to vote; they were degraded by Jim Crow policies; they were barred from industry, and when they did get jobs they were paid half the wages earned by Anglo-American workers doing similar work; they were crowded into filthy slums; they were thrown into jails and prisons and onto chain gangs - the majority of the time for no reason whatsoever.

In the cities of the Negro Nation, as well as, of Anglo-America, whole communities of Negro people were terrorized and attacked by angry mobs of Anglo-Americans at the instigation (direct and indirect) of the bourgeoisie. In the countryside, the Negro people knew the terror of the angry lynch mob. The pretext that was most commonly used to justify these lynchings (whenever a pretext was made), was the alleged crime of rape. In 1916 Jesse Washington was burned to death in Waco, Texas before a crowd of thousands: "While the fire was being prepared of boxes, the naked boy was stabbed and the chain put over the tree. He tried to get away, but could not. He reached up to grab the chain and they cut off his fingers. The big man struck the boy on the back of the neck with a knife just as they were pulling him up on a tree. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ thought that was practically the death blow. He was lowered several times by means of the chain around his neck...Someone said they would estimate the boy had about twenty-five stab wounds, each one of them death-dealing." (Foster, The Negro People in American History, Int. Pub., New York, 1954, p. 421.)

Between 1900 and 1914 there were 1,079 lynchings of Negroes recorded. Many thousands more were victims of unreported murders. These victims included Negro men, women and children who were hanged, burned, shot, stabbed,

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striving toward socialism, the striving to abolish the age-long exploitation of man by man must be linked with the popular movement which arises from the big factory." (Lenin, Selected Works, Vol. I, p. 359.) It is not the task of the Party to invent new gimmicks and methods of helping the proletariat, but to join in the developing struggle of the working class and to unite Marxism-Leninism with that struggle. This second aspect of the program is its essence. The last aspect of the program, the practical demands is a general list of political and economic demands that indicate those activities the Party will participate in so as to truly link up with the developing movement of the proletariat. This partial list of demands is not meant to represent the sum total of the Party's work. Rather, it lists some of the more concrete things around which the proletariat is rallying. These are issues that the Party can join the rest of the proletariat in fighting around in a revolutionary way so as to organize these battles into a common front that can only end in the expropriation of the bourgeoisie.

The essence of the party program is the enumeration of its tasks. This can be basically summed up in one part of the party program: "The struggle of the working class of the USNA for its emancipation is a political struggle. Its aim by defeating the fascist offensive is to pass over to the offensive and overthrow the monopoly capitalist rule which is the seed bed of fascism. Only through the revolutionary struggle for reforms can the proletariat be organized to establish its dictatorship." In the main, this explanation will deal with this overall task of the Party in the working class movement.

Especially in the past decade or so, the proletariat of the United States of North America has been engaged with the class enemy, coming into direct and violent confrontation with the state. Sparked by the struggle of the Negro people against out and out fascism in the Negro Nation, the working class movement, since 1962 especially, has continually taken on a revolutionary anti-fascist and anti-imperialist character throughout the USNA.

What we see is a proletariat united objectively in its exploitation and ever more fascist oppression by the bourgeoisie but severed and scattered in its militant but spontaneous resistance to that exploitation and oppression. Confronting the bourgeoisie in various arenas of struggle, the proletariat is bound to feel the wrath of the bourgeoisie's suppression of this struggle.

Isolated, divided, and unprepared to meet the bourgeoisie's offensive head on, as one class, the fronts of the proletariat are instead thrown one by one into violent battles with the bourgeoisie. Every time the proletariat seizes the leadership of a struggle from the hands of the petty bourgeoisie and the labor aristocracy, this struggle turns into violence against the state.

With no real conscious leadership capable of uniting this outburst with the support of other struggles, the long-range and immediate danger to the proletariat grows

sharper every year. Like a huge army with a very bad general, or with no general at all, each isolated front is beaten back into retreat again and again because it lacks the support of the rear or the flanks that should be marching and fighting along with it. The class army is committed piecemeal to a defensive that can't be successfully turned into an offensive assault on the bourgeoisie. In the history of the revolutionary movement, we have seen this repeatedly.

What then are the major fronts of struggle between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat that must be united through the leadership of the party? First of all, it is clear that the struggle between labor and capital takes countless forms - the struggle of women for equal rights, the struggle of oppressed nations for independence, the struggle for equal rights for national minorities, the struggle for decent housing or decent education for the working class, the struggle for union bargaining rights or for higher wages and so on. Capitalism never ceases to give the proletariat injustices and attacks to oppose and fight against. All these are aspects of the class struggle and must be united in the struggle against capital. But as we can see from the history of the revolutionary movement in the USNA, the areas of sharpest, most widespread and most prolonged struggle against capital are what could most generally be described as the front of labor and the front of the national liberation struggles.

In the struggle for the political and economic interests of the working class against the fascist attacks on it by the bourgeoisie, the proletariat lacks the unity of action to concentrate every phase of its struggle on the class enemy. This unity of action against the bourgeoisie is possible only with the leadership of a communist party that uncompromisingly represents the proletariat.

Clearly the CPUSA is actively betraying these tasks and the responsibility falls on Marxists-Leninists today to build a communist party. That party must be the unity of socialism with the working class movement. The goal of the communist party must be the revolutionary overthrow of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie and the victory of the dictatorship of the proletariat. Anyone who in the name of Marxism-Leninism renounces this principle must be labeled and exposed as a traitor within the communist movement. The Communist Party by itself, however, is not the revolution. Too often, revolutionaries forget that revolution, even though crowned with the dictatorship of the proletariat, is not fought under the banner of the proletarian dictatorship. Lenin summed this up in "The Socialist Revolution and the Right of Nations to Self-Determination":

"The Socialist revolution is not a single act, it is not one battle on one front, but a whole epoch of acute class conflicts, a long series of battles that can only end in the expropriation of the bourgeoisie. It would be a radical mistake to think that the struggle for democracy was capable of diverting the proletariat from the socialist revolution or of hiding, overshadowing it, etc. On the contrary, in the same way as there can be no victorious socialism that does not practice full democracy, so the proletariat cannot prepare for its victory over the bourgeoisie without

an all-round, consistent and revolutionary struggle for democracy.

"It would be no less a mistake to remove one of the points of the democratic programme, for example, the point on the self-determination of nations, on the grounds of it being 'impracticable' or 'illusory' under imperialism. The contention that the right of nations to self-determination is impracticable within the bounds of capitalism can be understood either in the absolute, economic sense, or in the conditional, political sense." (Questions of National Policy and Proletarian Internationalism, Progress Publishers, Moscow, p. 111.)

The Great Russian Revolution was fought under the slogan of "Bread, Peace, and Land." These demands expressed the interests of the vast majority of toilers in Russia. Only under the dictatorship of the proletariat, only through a revolution led by the proletariat could these demands be met. And that they were. Revolution is made by the millions of workers. But for there to be the call for insurrection at the precise moment in the revolutionary movement, for that revolution to be crowned with the dictatorship of the proletariat, there must be the conscious element, a communist party.

Today in the USNA the interests of the working class, the demands put forth in the workers' various confrontations with the bourgeoisie would best be met with the death of fascism. The revolutionary struggles we have seen in the past decade or two have been objectively and, very often consciously, against the attacks of fascism. The death of fascism is a real thing only with the overthrow of capital and its suppression by the dictatorship of the proletariat. Only if it is materialized in the dictatorship of the proletariat can the proletariat's struggle against fascism be decisive and victorious. Thus, the struggle of the working class against fascism must be seen as the struggle against capital.

The unity of action of the united front of the working class against fascism is the decisive link in preparing the proletariat for war. It is the prerequisite to the unity of mission, unity on a common platform of the working class for the overthrow of the bourgeoisie.

The communist party must prepare for the crucial transition from the defensive - the attempt for unity of action of the proletariat against fascism - to the offensive, the onslaught of the proletariat against capital. In the "Address of the Central Committee to the Communist League", Marx and Engels, in speaking about the proletariat participating along with other revolutionary classes in the bourgeois democratic revolution emphasized the crucial role of the independent organization of the proletariat (at the time, the Communist League) to insure that, in the end, the struggle would be in fact directed against all exploiting classes. In the Address they said:

"But they themselves (the workers) must do the utmost for their final victory by clarifying their minds as to what their class interests are, by taking up their position as an independent party as soon as possible and by not allowing themselves to be seduced for a single moment by the hypo-

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critical phrases of the democratic petty-bourgeoisie into refraining from the independent organization of the party of the proletariat. Their battle cry must be "The Revolution in Permanence!" (Handbook of Marxism, p. 71.)

Today the proletariat of the USNA has the immediate task before it of overthrowing capital, of ending all rule by the exploiting classes. To prepare for this victory requires the uniting of the various fronts of struggle against the imperialist bourgeoisie and the leadership of the communist party to carry that unity on to victory against capital. We must insure the revolution in permanence that will not pause at reformism. The revolution must drive on from the defensive, preparatory stage of unity of action against the fascist offensive of capital to the offensive political moment of onslaught against the capitalist class and the seizure of state power. For this the party organization must be deeply, inextricably rooted in every sphere of the proletariat's fight against capital, in every single sphere of the united front against capital.

The United Front against Fascism must be the united front from below if it is to be a solid united front based on the struggle against capital and dependent only on the true interest of the working class for unity. A united front from above would clearly be unable to serve the interests of the working class based, as it would inevitably be, on the class collaboration of the existing trade union mis-leaders and paid-by-the-bourgeoisie leaders of mass organizations and dependent as it would be on the whims and opinions of those few leaders. The immediate interests of the working class in defense against the fascist attacks of capital and the historical task of the working class to overthrow the bourgeoisie can only be served by the United Front against Fascism from below. Wherever the Party goes, also goes the united front and where the united front goes so, also, must go the party. The party must be seated in unions, in mass organizations, in neighborhoods and mass organizations of women and national minorities - in the factories, mines, communities, and so on. It is from these very same places that the united front must be built from below. Here too, everywhere that the united front goes, everywhere that the struggle between labor and capital is revealed and fought out, the party must build up cells, underground organizations of the party that through their leadership insure the independence of the proletariat from the influence of the bourgeoisie and their spokesmen in the working class movement. The unity of action of the proletariat, its united front from below is therefore inseparable from the illegal, secret organization of the party.

The United Front against Fascism must be unity of action around certain key demands of the working class. The proletariat's struggle for peace is the cornerstone of the United Front against Fascism. The fundamental cause of imperialist war is capital itself. Further, it is capital's drive toward war and its need to prepare an unwilling proletariat to fight the war and once again bear the burden of it that threatens the proletariat of the USNA with the drive towards fascism. Any success in the struggle

for peace requires the joint activity of the proletariat against the bourgeois instigators of war and against the bourgeoisie's attempt to beat the proletariat into battle formation with the club of fascism. Thus, the struggle against war, based on the united activity of the USNA proletariat must be a main focal point of the united front. The party must coordinate this activity.

Fascism means intensification of national oppression.

USNA imperialism gains much of its oppressive strength from the fascist hold it has on the Negro Nation. Just as the USNA bourgeoisie is preparing for fascism in the Anglo-American nation on the basis of the fascist hold it has on the Negro Nation, and through the oppression carried on of the Negro national minority in the Anglo-American nation, so too must the proletariat counter that fascist drive by unity of action against the enslavement of the Negro Nation and all nations colonized by USNA imperialism and against the increasing oppression of attacks against the Negro national minority and all national minorities in the Anglo-American nation.

Besides these decisive focal points - the fight for peace and against national oppression - the united front of the proletariat must take up this weapon of unity in struggle around other issues of a local or temporary nature.

To sum up, the bridge to revolution in the USNA is through the United Front against Fascism. It is said that the United Front against Fascism is a "tactic" of communists to deviously bring workers under their wing, without telling them what they are getting into. This conception is absurd. The United Front against Fascism is the only possible means of survival for the working class once the bourgeoisie has been forced into the position of attacking all at once the forces that are battering it piecemeal - the various fronts of the working class. The united front of the working class against fascism is directed at preventing the bourgeoisie from thoroughly beating and enslaving sections of the working class that are isolated from other sections or fronts of the working class that are under attack.

The United Front against Fascism means the unity of action of the working class under attack so as to blunt that fascist attack and to move on to the unity of mission to overthrow capitalism. Anything but a devious tactic of the communist party, it is in reality the tactic of defense and survival so as to prepare for the decisive battle against capital. In "Strategy and Tactics", Stalin spoke about "defense tactics as a necessary means of preserving cadres and accumulating forces in anticipation of future battles. They impose on the Party the duty of taking up positions on all fields of the struggle without exception, of bringing all kinds of weapons, i.e., all forms of organization, into proper order, not neglecting a single one of them, even the seemingly most insignificant, for nobody can tell in advance which field will be the first arena of battle, or which form of the movement, or form of organization, will be the starting point and tangible weapon of the proletariat when the decisive battles

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"Lizzie Mae Lane, 45, the head of a seven-person household, said that during 1972 she had a nervous breakdown and a blood clot in her lung, and that she now has bad eyes. She has one child under psychiatric care and said another "is splitting up blood and has a constant nose-bleed." (5)

The brutal and undisguised misery and starvation in Choctaw Co., Miss. is not an isolated incident, but one of scores of examples of the continuing and deepening colonial exploitation and oppression of the Negro Nation. Is it an accident that the states of the black belt region of the South make up the bottom of the list in health care, with Mississippi ranking 50th of all states, with Alabama 48th, Arkansas 47th, S. Carolina 46th, etc.? No, it is not. Is it an accident that in Arkansas there are no internists in 58 of the 75 counties, no pediatricians or obstetricians in 62 counties, no surgeons in 45 counties? Or that the average income of Negroes in the South is only slightly more than 1/2 that of Anglo-Americans in other regions of the country? (6) No again! These conditions, just as those in the whole of the colonial possessions, are due to the ever increasing robbery and exploitation by the imperialists.

Mr. Ford, who alternately threatens the world with further starvation and suffering on one day and on the next offers his "condolences" to the plight of the poor and needy can certainly be only counted on for more Choctaw Counties. As V.I. Lenin pointed out more than 70 years ago, "The masters of the capitalist state are no more concerned about the vastness of the numbers of the victims of famine and crises than a locomotive is concerned about those whom it crushes in its path. The dead bodies retard the wheels; the train stops, it may (if the engine driver is too careless) jump the rails; but after a slight interruption it will ultimately continue on its way. You hear of death from starvation, and of the ruin of tens and hundreds of thousands of small farmers, but at the same time, you hear stories about the progress of agriculture in our country, about the successful capture of foreign markets...For the Russian masters of the land (as well as for all capitalist masters), the intensified ruination and starvation is nothing more than a slight and temporary hitch, to which they pay almost no attention whatever, unless the famine-stricken compel them to do so." (7)

As if fearing Lenin's words, the World Bank and other international commissions have urged the imperial-

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open." (Stalin, Selected Works, Vol. 5, p. 79.)

The formation of the United Front against Fascism does not mean a two-stage revolution in the USNA - that is, first an anti-fascist revolution and second an anti-capitalist revolution. Fascism is inseparable from capital. Fascism is the "open terrorism dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinistic and most imperialistic elements of finance capital." The united front as the bridge to revolution can only mean to wipe fascism and together with it capitalism off the face of the earth!

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ists to "solve" the problems of starvation in the colonies by supplying them with grain and foodstuffs. This is an unfortunate conclusion that only backs up the time worn idea that begs for the benevolence of imperialism. But history has already proven in the Soviet Union, in China, in Albania, in Vietnam and in Korea that the answer to starvation of the masses is independence from imperialism; the answer is revolution and the struggle for socialism.

The struggle against famine in the Negro Nation is a revolutionary struggle for independence from imperialism. The fate of the revolution in the whole of the USNA state rests upon the ability of those within the oppressor nation to prove themselves in the battle to free the oppressed nations. The gigantic strengths of the Anglo-American working class can and must become the unbending shaft that supports the spearhead in the Negro Nation. This is the key to hemispheric revolution and the death of USNA imperialism.

- 1) Christian Science Monitor, 9/13/74.
- 2) Ibid., 9/23/74.
- 3) Ibid.
- 4) Ibid., 9/19/74.
- 5) New Orleans States Item, 9/29/74
- 6) Black Americans, A Chartbook, U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1971, p. 47.
- 7) Lenin, The Iskra Period, Vol. II, "Review of Internal Affairs", Int. Pub., N.Y., 1929, pp. 36-37.

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dragged to death behind automobiles or otherwise tortured to death. No one was ever prosecuted or punished for any of these outrages.

Today the objective situation in the Negro Nation has not changed in that the extra-legal terror of yesterday has become the "legal" terror of today. The age old pretext of rape is being used in Tarboro, North Carolina to justify the sentencing of three young men to death.

On the evening of August 5, 1973, Jesse Walton, 24, Vernon Brown, 22, and Bobby Hines, 23, were taking a ride when they saw a woman walking along the road outside of Tarboro. They stopped to offer her a ride and witnesses attest she entered the car voluntarily. All involved in the case agree that the men had sexual relations with the woman but the guilt or innocence of the men depended on whether the woman agreed to have sexual relations with them voluntarily. The facts of the case attest to the fact that her actions that evening were voluntary. Unlike most rape victims, the woman was unscratched, unbruised and physically uninjured in any way. Furthermore, at the woman's request the men drove her to within a block of her house, at which point she got out of the car. Do these seem like the actions of three men who have just raped a woman? Are rapists usually this courteous? When she got out of the car she was observed by several Anglo-American minorities. In order to try to "save her reputation" she accused the men of rape. (This has been the reason behind many a flimsy excuse of rape to justify the murder of innocent Negro men and boys!) The next day the three men went about their normal activities. If indeed they had raped the woman, would they not have tried to flee? In addition, immediately upon hearing that he was wanted for



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rape, one of the defendants, who resides in Washington, D.C., returned to Tarboro to establish his innocence. With the consequences of rape well known, are these the actions of three Negro men who are guilty of having raped an Anglo-American woman in the Negro Nation? Of course not!

Despite the fact that over 50% of the population of Tarboro is Negro, only one Negro sat on the jury which heard the case - the other 11 were Anglo-American minorities. Further, although the men were given a chance to plead guilty to the lesser crime of assault with intent to commit rape (a crime which carries a 15 year sentence and the possibility of parole in 3 years), they refused declaring they would not plead guilty to a crime they hadn't committed even if such admission would free them in "three minutes"!

A cruel twist has recently been added to this case. The North Carolina State Legislature has revoked the death penalty for rape where life is not threatened, but they have refused to make the new law retroactive. That is, Jesse, Vernon and Bobby face death for what is no longer a capital crime. These young men now face the terror of death row whose swelling population stands at 66 - 31 of whom are in the Raleigh, N.C. penitentiary. 26 of the 31 are Negro and one is an Indian.

The bourgeois press has published nothing on the case of these three young men. We cannot let cases such as this one go unexposed. This is nothing more than "legal" lynching! It is our duty to expose the realities of the "legal" terror which is being perpetuated against the Negro Nation to the whole of the USNA proletariat.

Presently the USNA imperialists are on the threshold of a major economic crisis. The imperialists are uniting all the forces they can muster to defeat the growing militancy of the USNA workers. As in the past, the main brunt of the economic crisis will be borne, and is being borne, by the Negro national minority and the people of the Negro Nation. Attacks against the Negro people and the Negro and other national minori-

ties are part of the bourgeoisie's maneuvers to divide the class and divert the anger of the working class away from the capitalist exploiters. The imperialists especially rely on this maneuver during periods of economic depression. It is therefore imperative that we, too, unite all our forces, in order to defeat the fascist offensive which the imperialists are launching against the working class.

As the experiences of the socialist revolutions in China, Albania and the Soviet Union have taught us, the correct posing of the national question is a key factor in ensuring the success of the revolution. Here in the USNA the keystone of the revolution is the Negro Nation.

Although the objective situation in the Negro Nation has not changed much in the last hundred years, subjectively the situation is not the same at all. Today we have in the USNA a real communist party, the CLP, which is actively fighting to unite the working class for the liberation of the Negro Nation, Puerto Rico and all oppressed nations and peoples. The CLP proposes to put into practice as no other party or organization has ever done in the USNA a program which is consistent with Marxism-Leninism. All our forces must be called forward in the defense of the Negro Nation. In all aspects of our work we must consistently put forward the question of the liberation of the Negro Nation.

## CORRECTION

There is a correction to Vol. 1 No. 1 of the People's Tribune. One of the fraternal delegations from Puerto Rico who attended the Congress was not mentioned through an oversight. The second sentence of the second paragraph of "Build the Party" should read: "They represented all sections of the USNA, including fraternal delegations from the Puerto Rican Revolutionary Socialist Party and the Independist University Youth."