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MINERS STRIKE

"Showdown time is here!" That's what thousands of southern West Virginia coal miners are saying as a district-wide strike against Federal Judges sitting in Charleston, West Virginia, begins its third week. The first week of the strike centered around several different but interrelated issues; including the firing of a local union president in Logan County West Virginia; the slowness of the grievance procedure; extreme dissatisfaction with United Mineworkers' President Arnold Miller and most importantly, the coal operator's constant visits to the Federal Courts to get TRO's (Temporary Restraining Orders), injunctions, and contempt fines against UMWA local unions who go out on strike.

Events came to a head on August 15 when Sim Howze, a Negro national minority local union president from Logan County, was sentenced to 90 days in jail for contempt of court. Howze told a Federal Judge that neither he nor his men would cross a picket line even though his local had been on strike for a week and a TRO had been issued against them. Because Howze took a public position in court protecting the rights of the working class, he was held in "personal contempt" of the court!

The miners of southern West Virginia strike more often than any other organized section of the USNA proletariat. The Federal District Court of southern West Virginia has issued almost 200 TRO's so far this year and there have been between 300 and 350 wildcat strikes. The coal companies cause and provoke these strikes by their frequent and flagrant violations of the UMWA contract. The miners file their grievances as required by the contract, but here again, the coal companies obstruct and delay (they "stonewall") the grievance procedure, leaving the miners no choice but to "come off the mountain together." And in the mines of West Virginia, "no one leaves the hill alone!"

When the miners walk out, the companies run off to court and get a Temporary Restraining Order, and often an injunction against striking for the life of the contract. When the men refuse to return to work, contempt orders and fines are imposed which are bankrupting many local unions. These fines are especially galling because the law requires that they be paid to the companies — which means the miners re-pay their hard earned wages back to the coal operators! In this way, the coal operators use the courts to conduct their labor relations and to force the miners to work under court order, fines, and now jail sentence! There is no clearer case of the way in which the state apparatus serves the interests of the ruling class. The Judges are only too happy to give the coal operators what they request, for they consider the miners to be "naughty children" and often publicly "scold" them in court. Increasingly, the miners are coming to see that what is "legal" is not right, and that the courts are

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PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE

"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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SUPPORT PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION

The Portuguese people are in the midst of a profound social revolution which evolved from a 50-year struggle against fascist-clerical terror against the masses. It is the result of a generation of war against the enslaved people of the African colonies, and is a splendid aspect of the era of imperialist wars and proletarian revolutions. We must support this unfolding revolution.

A revolution is the process of dismantling the existing political superstructure and the ensuing struggle of each of the classes to erect a superstructure which corresponds to its individual interests. Therefore the revolutionary process is one of constantly making and shifting alliances. It is this aspect of the Portuguese revolution which confuses many people who have not had the opportunity to witness such a social process. Because the present political motion in Portugal is so poorly understood, and in order for our readers to more effectively support that revolution we present the following background to the current rapid political developments.

Portugal is the poorest country in Western Europe, with an average income of just under \$1000 per year as well as the highest illiteracy rate in Europe. Nor could fascism have existed in Portugal for 50 years without having won-over ideologically a considerable section of the population. The reactionary Catholic church was the main instrument in this cultural struggle. While 50 years of repression and a fascist ideological diet have left

sections of the masses ignorant, religious and conservative, it was the recognition of this backwardness that prompted the revolution in the armed forces.

As in all countries, the Army is the principal state institution. The necessity of garrisoning their colonial world and later fighting the decade long imperialist war in Africa slowly transformed the Portuguese army from a professional army into a people's army and planted the seeds of revolution. One out of every four men of military age is in the Army; the military budget is over 7% of the GNP. At the same time, the pay standards of the Army are practically nonexistent. The middle grade officers receive a poor salary, the elite units get only a token salary, while conscripts from the masses get no pay at all. However, the upper grade officers draw huge salaries while sitting on the Boards of Directors of giant corporations, obtaining military contracts for their clients and generally enjoying an easy life paid for by the blood of the many.

The opening up of lesser officer ranks to proletarian and peasant troops allowed the discontent to spread throughout the Army. In Africa, the Army's main enemy, "Frelimo" (Front for the Liberation of Mozambique) was the principal teacher of the revolutionaries. Captured documents and soldiers taught that the common enemy of the Portuguese and Mozambique toilers was the monopoly capitalists of Lisbon and

Oporto. The discontented officers ranked their own backward, sickly troops as inferior to "Frelimo." At the December 1st, 1973 meeting of the Armed Forces Movement (MFA), the organizational form of Frelimo was adopted and a manifesto drawn up. In setting forth the political goals for the proposed coup in Portugal, the MFA stated that they would "favor the least advantaged sectors of the population" and "defend the interests of the working classes." Their program also spoke of "saneamento" or a movement to thoroughly clean out the state apparatus.

SPINOLA

Antonio de Spinoza, head of state following the coup d'etat, was not the first choice of the MFA to be leader. However, the fact that he could control the elite regiments—the paratroops and the Air Force—plus the instant popularity of his book, *Portugal and the Future*, made his choice inevitable.

What was Spinoza's outlook?

He was an architect of neocolonialism, who believed decolonisation should extend over a generation or two. He also advocated a rapid industrialization of Portugal by public funding of the big monopolies, and by eliminating unprofitable small enterprises. Of course he was eagerly supported by the "liberal fascists" who were willing to support a Dominican type coup in which the imperialists overthrow a fascist regime in order to

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BUILD THE PARTY

CLP Conducts "Build the Party" Campaign

We call on all workers who support our fight against fascism and for proletarian revolution in the USNA to come to the aid of the CLP as we conduct our "build the Party" campaign. The three goals of the campaign are to double our numbers by recruiting militant fighters, to raise funds to support our work, to double the circulation of the *People's Tribune* and to triple that of the *Tribune Popular*. The campaign's target date is November 7, the 58th Anniversary of the Soviet Revolution.

Without its party, the working class has nothing. The working class needs an independent party to lead its struggle!

Build the Party
Recruit
Raise Funds
Build the Party Press

MINNEAPOLIS

WORKERS RALLY ON LABOR DAY

The workers and farmers of Minnesota have a particularly rich history in the struggle for jobs and peace, for the civil rights of all people, and for socialism. From the farm boys who refused to fight in World War I, hiding by day in storm cellars, to the Finn and Slavic miners who fought for 30 years on the Mesabi Range to organize U.S. Steel. In the 30's, we sent dozens of volunteers to Spain to fight the Franco fascists. Our Farmer-Labor representative in Congress, John Bernard, cast the one vote that prevented the US government from placing an arms' embargo on the Spanish Loyalists. In 1934, the gigantic demonstration of the Workers' Alliance, when 80,000 people rallied at the State Capital and occupied the State Legislature, paved the way for achievement of social security, unemployment and farm insurance.

Today the economic crisis is arousing both workers and farmers with renewed vitality. In July in Mountain Iron, Minnesota in the heart of the iron range, 2700 workers went on strike against U.S. Steel's Minntac plant. This wildcat strike which started in protest of the violation of sen-

iority rights soon spread to the nearby mine. One of the chief demands of the strike was the settlement of the hundreds of outstanding grievances. Since the signing of the ENA, virtually no grievances have been resolved. The response of U.S. Steel to the workers of Local 1928 should serve as a warning to all workers and particularly to steelworkers saddled with the ENA. Almost immediately John Doe injunctions against picketing came out from the courts. These were then reprinted in full page ads in newspapers all over the Range. The plant itself was kept running with a combination of supervisors and scabs who were flown in by helicopter! After nine days the strike ended under the threat of heavy fines. The original grievance was resolved and the courts ordered that no strikers should be discharged unless convicted of destroying property. U.S. Steel responded by suspending over 90 workers and declaring that in their opinion the courts could never tell U.S. Steel who it could or could not fire. This strike has pointed out

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prevent a mass movement and establish an anti-communist democracy (e.g. the overthrow of Trujillo in the Dominican Republic and of Diem in south Vietnam).

Spinola's main political base was the Popular Democratic Party. Flanked by the old line fascists, Dr. Azeredo Perdigao, Col. Megeul as Defense Minister, and Gen. Silverio Marques as Governor of Angola, Spinola accepted state power from the butcher Marcello Caetano. The Revolution of Carnations was underway.

The big monopoly capitalists moved to bend the revolution to their interests. As the popular "Dynamizing Movement" of the revolution fanned out into the countryside to teach the people of their new rights, the Portuguese "paleo-capitalists" formed their "dynamizing movement of business and society." Their aim was to coopt the public treasury extensively to finance redevelopment in order to be competitive with other European capitalists.

An example of the concentration of wealth in Portugal is seen in the 168 enterprises of the Jorge de Melo combine (Companhia Uniao Fabril), whose assets total \$2½ billion. These enterprises include a tobacco monopoly, chemicals, shipbuilding, fertilizers, soap, textiles, mining, cellulose, refining, insurance, real estate, tourism and restaurants. Through his **Banco Totta Alianca** this vast network includes interest in all large southern African firms, especially the Union Miniere Du Haut Katanga (the largest mining firm in the world). Many joint ventures with the multinationals, and especially his **Standard and Chartered**, 15% owned by Chase Manhattan Bank, connect him with world imperialism.

The second largest monopoly capitalist is Dr. Miguel Quina, who holds a group of 60 companies concentrating in southern Africa. He holds a 10 year monopoly on Rubber in Angola, is a big holder in General Tire and Rubber Co., has interests in the City Bank of New York, and is a major stock-holder in J. Walter Thompson Advertising and Marketing.

These "revolutionaries" grouped around Spinola were willing to lose Guinea and the Cape Verde islands, but would fight to the death to hold Angola with its booming economy in oil, iron, ore, diamonds, coffee, fishing, cattle and cash crops.

MFA

The revolutionary core of the MFA opposed Spinola and his neocolonial plans. Ousting Spinola, the MFA declared: "We have no desire to construct a neocolonial community. We are interested more in the formation of a socialist interdependence, and that only to the extent that our brothers in Guinea, Mozambique and Angola accept, desire and demand." The clumsy attempt by Spinola's group to restore the political power of the monopolies was easily crushed. Spinola fled. The MFA moved closer to the people and especially to the proletariat. The new ruling group consisted of President Francisco Da Costa Gomes, a former leftist but now middle element; Prime Minister Gen. Vasco Goncalves, formerly a moderate who has developed steadily leftward, and General Otelo de Carvalho, formerly head of the military committee of the MFA. Presently military Security Chief of the present government, Carvalho at one time was a leftist but is being wooed more and more into the support of "democratic" socialism.

With all the hullabaloo in the capitalist press about the growth of the counter-revolution and the danger of civil war, we must assess the objective position of the revolution. At least in words, all the major groupings are committed to some sort of a socialism. However, we Marxist-Leninists

understand that the political form of socialism is the dictatorship of the proletariat. This can be accomplished only if the proletariat is the vanguard of society. There is no such thing, anywhere in the world, as "democratic socialism", unless one is to point to the cronies of the 2d International—Indira Ghandi's India, Golda Meir's Israel, or Willy Brandt's Germany. Such caricatures of socialism can be found in the history of the British Labour Party and social-democrats throughout the world. However, with the rise of Khrushchev revisionism, the concept of monolithic communist unity came to an end, and with it the former definitions, such as Marxist-Leninists, which used to identify the ideological and political unity of groupings and parties. Today in the absence of such monolithic unity, each and every Marxist-Leninist bears the responsibility of following the class motion and deciding what is right and wrong in relation to the goal of the working class—to raise the position of the proletariat to the position of the ruling class.

Is it possible to attack the Portuguese Communist Party as revisionist without concretely examining each tactic? It is not possible. Yet agent provocateurs operating under the mantle of "ML" have joined the fascist mobs in the burning of Communist Party Headquarters and assaulting individual communists. Behind this Trotskyite-like maneuvering is the formulation that it is the Portuguese Communist Party and not the fascists that are the main danger to the revolution. But with us, no phrasemonger can cover counter-revolutionary activity with ideological formulations. We have paid dearly and have learned our lessons well.

The idea of a "revisionist" revolution doesn't deserve comment. Revisionism is a subjective, unscientific anti-Marxist trend within Marxism. It is the polarity—the internal opposition to Marxism. But revolutions are not ideologies. Revolutions are class struggle. Anyone who attempts to fit a revolution into an ideological pattern is bound to be tossed aside. We must develop the ability to describe the form of things both in its unity with and in its opposition to its content. That the army seized power in Portugal in no way describes the content of that struggle. The anti-fascist content is clear to all. But it is also clear that the next step of the revolution is the splitting of the revolutionary forces. We support the tactic of "revolution in permanence" which demands the rallying of the broadest social forces against an isolated enemy; and also demands that the revolution turns against inherently reactionary forces who assisted in the overthrow of the former state. Above all, the party of the proletariat must remain independent of, but in close alliance with, all the revolutionary forces. The unfolding of the revolution in Portugal has confirmed this tactic. The alliance between the people and the MFA is the cornerstone of the revolution at the moment. It is the only possible condition for the development of the influence and the steeling of the PCP.

Many questions are being raised about the ability of the Army to carry out a revolution. Surely the "(ML)" attackers of the MFA have a different judgment of the Chinese Liberation Army or the Red Army under Stalin. History has proven that the socialist revolution is not possible without winning a portion of the Army over to its side. The bloody defeat of the Berlin Soviets by the Kaiser's professional army is proof enough of this. All revolutions require that the state apparatus be turned against itself. We can expect that a phase of the revolution inevit-

ably requires the Army to fight itself. The fact that a section of the Army is in the process of deserting the revolution is no cause for alarm, but rather indicates the deepening of that revolution.

CIVIL WAR DANGER

The reported immediate danger of civil war in Portugal seems to be based on rather superficial assessments. The process of polarization is proceeding very rapidly and must eventually lead to such a civil war. Never in history has a deposed class failed to fight for its restoration. But before such a war can be launched, it is necessary to group together the counter-revolutionary forces. Of course this is being done, but more slowly than the capitalist press would have you believe. For example, the situation in the North of the country actually is one of the trade unions, MFA dynamizing teams and the PCP penetrating into the stronghold of Feudal-Clerical reaction. The gains made by the revolution are not reported—only the fascist terror unleashed by the landlords and the church. In fact, the situation in the North is characterized by the struggle against the organization of the agricultural workers much more than an attack on communism.

Nonetheless, we should be clear that the counter-revolution is powerful and international. The rag-tag gang clamoring for the blood of the revolutionaries consists of the reactionary hierarchy of the Catholic church, the landlords who maintain an almost feudal regime in the North and the big monopolies, as well as nearly 300,000 Portuguese settler refugees from the African colonies. Imported thugs from Brazil's death squad and elements of the Spanish Falange lie at the core of this grouping. Assisting and shielding them are the social-democrats of Portugal, the Mitterand group of France, Willy Brandt and his gang from Germany and the Right wing of the Labour Party of Britain. Flanking these misleaders are the traitorous and revisionist right-wing communist parties of Spain and Italy, assisted by a big portion of the CP of France. Working through and utilizing these groups and parties are the British Military Intelligence and the CIA. The refusal of certain socialist states and communist parties to recognize and support the revolution has hurt both the revolution and these states.

While the line up against the revolution is formidable, it is weak and isolated compared to the hundreds of millions of toilers who support it. Civil war in Portugal would have a galvanizing effects on the workers of Europe. Thousands of honest radicals and progressives have already gone to Portugal to help. The rulers of Europe will think twice before launching such a war.

The working class of the USNA must be won over to the support of this revolution. They must be shown that the Portuguese workers, their brothers and sisters, are in mortal combat against the holdovers of a Nazi-like regime. We must show the common cause of the workers of Portugal, Africa and the USNA. A peaceful socialist Portugal will serve as a beacon for the whole of Western Europe. The events in Portugal, at any event, show that the capitalist system in Europe as a whole is teetering to its historical brink and is on its way out. The Portuguese people and their organized vanguard can count on the Communist Labor Party to give our unstinting support to a struggle that is near and dear to us.

LONG LIVE THE PORTUGUESE
REVOLUTION!

Minneapolis

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with great clarity the growing viciousness of the attacks on all workers. It also pointed out how important it is for us to "clean house" of I.W. Abel and his supporters!

But probably the most enduring struggle in Minnesota and throughout the Upper Midwest has been the battle by the Indian peoples over hundreds of years for control of their lands. Testimony to the increasingly violent and revolutionary character of this struggle are the 43 murders this year on the Pine Ridge, South Dakota Reservation alone. Clearly the USNA state has no intention of letting any of these valuable grazing lands or mineral deposits slip from its grasp. In Minneapolis, the massive unemployment of the Indian workers (80%) has objectively linked the struggle for control of reservation lands with the general cry of the working class for jobs with peace.

Over the last year, both Indian and Negro workers have been beaten and terrorized in increasing numbers. We should realize that in spite of Minneapolis' liberal image, there is a vicious undercurrent of white chauvinism, particularly in the Minneapolis police force. This was clearly demonstrated when Officer Raymond Presley, a Negro, was suspended for exposing the unjustified beating of a Negro by two Anglo-American officers in the Cassius Bar and the fact that the police department forged records to show that the Anglo-American officers were not drunk. Officer Presley was suspended for revealing these facts to the public.

In late June, following the shooting in the back by the police of an unarmed 14-year old Negro burglary suspect, public hearings were held by the State Human Rights Commission, the Urban League, and the NAACP to get testimony on other incidents of police attacks. Following these hearings, the NAACP held a press conference to "declare war on police brutality."

Fellow workers, in the face of these increasing attacks on our political and economic rights, we absolutely must stand together and fight shoulder to shoulder for the good of all. This Labor Day, the Communist Labor Party is proud to join with a dozen other progressive organizations ranging from the United Electrical Workers' Unemployment Committee to the Minneapolis NAACP in holding a picnic and rally for Jobs with Peace. We call on all workers and progressives to join with us in what will certainly be a step toward the resurgence of the united movement of the employed and unemployed workers in Minnesota.

Jobs with Peace

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MINERS

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used to control and repress the working class, not to insure "justice".

Southern West Virginia contains two United Mine Workers of America districts, District 17 and 29, and about 30,000 miners are employed in the two districts. The region also contains the world's richest deposits of metallurgical coal and steam coal, so it is obvious why the bourgeoisie has moved in recent years to curb the miners' strike movement. The moves of the bourgeoisie include the use of the courts and the elimination of the "right to strike" clause from the current contract settled in last year's negotiations. They were aided in this attack by the vacillating "leadership" of UMWA President Arnold Miller. Miller, elected on a reform program, has no ideological basis for standing up to the coal operators' attacks, for he and the leadership around him do not perceive any alternative other than preserving and protecting capitalism. That means the right of the coal companies to increase their profits at the expense of the health and safety of the coal miners! Miller promised a long strike in 1974 for a decent contract, and encouraged the miners to prepare, but when he sat down at the table with the Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA), he immediately collapsed and gave up the right to strike, something the miners have always had. The bourgeoisie clearly understood that their victory was key to coal profits. Dean Witter and Company, an analyst for big stock investors, told those who were thinking about buying stock in coal companies in March of 1974 that "In order to win the last UMWA election, Arnold Miller had to make many promises to the miners, like any politician... Though Miller is both honest and sincere, he is not charismatic, and it seems likely there will be at least a short strike, if only to solidify his leadership;" and "...any dollars and benefits agreed upon must be in return for a workable grievance procedure and union-initiated disciplinary action to prevent unauthorized walk-outs and excessive absenteeism." ("The Renaissance of Coal" by Joel Price, CFA for Dean Witter & Co., March, 1974, p. 19, 21) This was six months before contract negotiations! It is clear that the bourgeoisie knew where Miller's reformist leadership would lead!

The coal miner's response to this attack on their basic right has been to fight back with a strike movement of massive proportions — an organized fightback led by vanguard workers. It is not the first mass strike the West Virginia coal miners have carried out in recent years. In 1969, the miners shut down the entire state to get Black Lung benefits passed by the legislature. In 1974, they shut it down again in a winning protest against the government's policy of rationing gasoline during the phoney "energy crisis". So, the current TRO strike is certainly not a unique experience for the West Virginia coal miners.

Although a powerful weapon in the hands of the working class, such strikes will remain only a defensive weapon of the miners, and of the entire working class, until the practical leadership comes to understand that there is an alternative to capitalism, and that is socialism.

The current strike has been building up for several months. Dissatisfaction with the slowness of the grievance procedure, especially the failure of the Miller administration and the BCOA to name a permanent panel of arbitrators in the time limits of the new contract, has combined with the operators' boldness in violating the contract and scurrying like rats to the Federal Court for their temporary and permanent injunctions. On top of all this the miners no longer have the "right to strike" clause in their contract.

With all this background, Roger Thompson, a young Anglo-American president of Local 1302, of Amherst

Coal in Logan County, was fired on August 4, allegedly for instigation of a work stoppage. On August 6, the company obtained a TRO and, on the 7th, a contempt order. During this time Local 1302 refused to work and picketed out about six other coal companies in Logan County. These other coal companies also immediately obtained TRO's from the Court.

On Sunday, August 10, a large mass protest meeting against the slowness of the grievance procedure and the absence of the arbitrator panel was held in Marmet, West Virginia. Arnold Miller attended and spoke, along with Jack Perry, President of District 17 and the District 17 lawyer. The miners did not like what they heard and Miller was forced to flee the wrath of the miners. Roger Thompson was present and announced to the

body of men attending the circumstances under which he had been fired. As a result, all 33 mines in Logan County were shut down that night by roving pickets as well as a number of mines in neighboring Boone and Kanawha Counties. During the rest of the week, these mines remained shut by pickets and more were added to the list as the picketing spread throughout District 17.

More TRO's and contempt orders were obtained as the coal companies obtained expensive but valueless pieces of paper in a vain attempt to force the miners back to work. On Friday, August 15, Roger Thompson's Local 1302 was back in court along with three other Logan County locals, including Sim Howze's Local 8584 of Buffalo Mining Company. All the locals received heavy fines. They did not

return to work, and on Monday, August 18, nearly 300 miners came to Charleston with Sim Howze to show their support for his position. By the middle of the week of August 25, the strike had spread to Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois, with new reports of mines closing constantly coming in.

This strike is part of the working class' constant fightback against fascism and the erosion of their hard won rights. Through such struggles as these, united with the science of Marxism-Leninism, the working class will realize its historic task, overthrow the capitalist state and build the dictatorship of the proletariat and socialism. Then working class people will judge their former judges and we can be sure that they will remember the Federal Judges of Southern West Virginia.



Miners crowd in front of the Federal Building to protest the jailing of Sim Howze, president of Local 8584 in Logan County West Virginia for contempt of federal court. Photo reprinted from the Charleston, W. Va. Gazette.

FASCISTS MANEUVER

NEW HARLAN FRAME-UP

BESSIE LOU

Due to the militant support and defense of Bessie Lou Cornett, the charges of kidnapping, have been dropped! Since Bessie's arrest six weeks ago, workers and progressives from coast to coast have been demonstrating, marching and rallying to free and defend her. The weekend of August 22-23, Bessie spoke in Washington D.C., Baltimore and New York City. In New York, workers stayed after work outside of their factory to first attend a rally in support of busing and then after Bessie's arrival, a rally in her behalf where she spoke and was warmly received.

But Bessie is still under the hammer of attack by the state. As we reported in the last *People's Tribune*, an old indictment which charges her with assaulting a police officer on a picket line, has been reactivated. She and six other workers will go on trial next month. This arrest resulted from militant activity around a hospital strike in Pikesville, Kentucky. This hospital serves the miners.

The fight to defend and support Bessie Lou must continue. Although she has been freed on the kidnapping charges, the state in conjunction with the coal operators and the Klan are trying to stop her and her fellow workers' activity in their struggle for the rights of all working people. This weekend, August 31, in Cumberland, Kentucky, workers and progressives will rally against the Ku Klux Klan and in defense of Bessie Lou. The support for Bessie in her home town of

Harlan, Kentucky, has been extensive and militant. Workers from all across the county will be coming to Cumberland to demonstrate against the Klan and let them and the coal operators know that the workers will not be stopped in their militant struggle.

The Ku Klux Klan has been continuing to spread their vile chauvinism and anti-union ideas throughout Harlan County. Workers in the county have been receiving little calling cards which say "You have been visited by the Ku Klux Klan. We hope you won't have to be visited again." But the workers there are not frightened by these thugs. These cowards have no support in the community amongst the workers. Their only support comes from the paid gangsters and police officers.

NAZIS ATTACK CHICAGOANS

The frame-up of Bessie Lou and continued activity by the KKK and other fascist groupings like the Nazi Party must be stopped! Last weekend in Chicago, Illinois, the Nazi Party demonstrated at Marquette Park. At the end of their demonstration, they began hurling rocks and stones at passing cars and yelling obscenities at the Negro passengers. Some days before, they beat up a Negro reporter who was covering a story on the harassment of Negro residents in that area.

The KKK and Nazi Party and all other fascist gangs are on the rise because of the discontent of the working class at the rapidly deteriorating eco-

nomie situation. These forces are trying to stop the fightback of the workers and channel it to the support of a fascist government. They have threatened to burn the buses this September and are manning the Mexican border, beating up and deporting Mexicans who have come across to find work to feed their families. If we allow their terroristic actions to continue, we will be defenseless against the final assault by the fascists to establish their dictatorship. These groups are only the advanced guard of the real thugs, the Rockefellers, Morgans, Duponts and the rest of the ruling class.

The Communist Labor Party pledges its unending activity against the rise of the fascist gangs and fascism itself. We urge all workers to join with us in the defense of Bessie and in struggle against fascism, in support of busing and for jobs with peace. Only a united, organized working class can defeat this fascist offensive. Let's unite as one and fight in the defense of our class!

SMASH THE KLAN
DEFEND BESSIE LOU CORNETT

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SUPPORT BILINGUAL EDUCATION

The question of busing in Detroit is a struggle for integration, and equal, quality education. Detroit's population is predominantly Negro national minority, and for them segregation and poor quality of education has been a way of life. There are also about 100,000 Spanish speaking workers, most of whom live in the southwest section of Detroit. Because of the large number of Spanish-speaking students in Detroit schools, in addition to the struggle for busing, there also exists a struggle to maintain and expand Detroit's bilingual program.

The bilingual program in Detroit is presently concentrated in Webster and Maybury elementary schools in the southwest section of the city. The bilingual program had its beginnings in 1971 when parents, teachers and a few "Latino" social service agencies held meetings and discussions with the Detroit School Board to demand equal and quality education for Spanish speaking children. The need for a bilingual program was made evident: "the percentage of Spanish surnamed fourth and sixth grade pupils underachieving one year in reading is 63%, while the percentage of eighth grade reading underachievers jumps to 80% and the 10th grade reading deficiency is 61%." (Initial plan for the implementation of a bilingual education program, Board of Education of the School District of the City of Detroit, March 3, 1972, p. 13) These deficiencies still exist, not just in reading, but other subjects as well, and are reflected in the large number of drop-outs at Earhart Jr. High and Western High School.

The bilingual program was finally implemented in school year '72-73 at Webster and Preston elementaries after much struggle on the part of the community. The original program was funded for \$150,000 to service the Kindergarten thru Primary grade 2 at Webster, and two preschool classes at Preston. The proposal also called for the expansion of the program to the next highest grade each year until the program would be operating at the preschool thru 6th grades.

This year the bilingual program at both the Detroit level and the federal level, has been changed considerably when the director of the bilingual program resigned at the end of the school year. She then pointed out some of the factors which have held the program back: the general lack of cooperation on the part of the Central School Board as well as the Regional Board and administration, the chauvinism expressed in Webster school by non-Spanish speaking teachers, and the failure to integrate the bilingual program into the instructional program already offered at Webster. All these things have contributed to keeping the program from achieving its goals. The director also pointed out that both she and the Community Advisory Council were forced by the School Board's administration to submit a proposal for this coming school years' program, which was neither to their liking nor in the best interests of the community.

The proposal was poor because the large federal cutbacks by the Ford government aimed at welfare and social services have also hit education. The cutbacks in education are reflected in the bilingual program in the requirement that the programs serve only "children of limited English-speaking ability". (Federal Register, Vol. 40 No. 29, Wednesday, March 12, 1975, p. 11592) Thus, in Detroit the budget for the bilingual program has been slashed to \$110,000 for '75-76, leaving only two lab teachers and one cultural heritage teacher (out of the ten previously hired), as well as cutbacks in the number of community persons hired as teachers aides. This situation may potentially split the people in

the community by pitting those Mexican minorities raised in Detroit (who speak English and wouldn't qualify) against those Mexican nationals who don't speak English and would probably be the only ones eligible for enrollment in the bilingual program. Before this year any child could participate in the program. This year there will only be 82 children eligible.

These cutbacks are actually attacks by the bourgeoisie on the working class. The bourgeoisie is trying to force the national minority workers, in particular, to give up needed educational services so that more government funds can be devoted to the

military budget. In Nazi-like fashion, the bourgeoisie then points to the foreign born and undocumented workers, claiming that its all "their" fault that there is unemployment and inflation. Never once do they speak of their own insatiable hunger for profits as the cause of the current depression.

The Spanish-speaking workers in Detroit have struggled very hard to get a bilingual program for their children. We cannot allow the bourgeoisie to divide the working class in Detroit by pitting Negro against Mexicans and the minorities against the Anglo-Americans on the question of busing and bilingual education.

We must support these bilingual programs and demand that these bilingual services be expanded to follow the children to the schools where they will be bused. The whole working class, not just the Spanish-speaking workers, must fight for bilingual education. We must also struggle to obtain peaceful integration of the schools. Quality education for only one section of the class is not possible. Only integrated, bilingual education can provide quality education for all.

Support Bilingual Education
Fight for Busing
Quality, Equal Education for All

MURDER CHARGES

JOAN LITTLE FREED

The case of Joan Little has been international news. All around the world, workers and progressive people have spoken out in her defense. From all corners of this country, money and support were given to her case. And with great joy we note that Joan Little was acquitted of the murder charges against her.

The CLP supported Joan Little and showed how her case was integrally connected with the struggle of the Negro people and the struggle of women for equality. And we are filled with happiness that she has been acquitted. But we do not accept the explanation that the reason Joan was freed was because the justice system works and there exists equality for Negroes in our society.

The justice system in this country was built to serve the bourgeoisie. From its inception this system only let those go free who worked in the interests of the capitalist class. The runaway slaves never went free. The poor farmers never went free. The factory worker never went free. The point is, that the reason Joan Little was allowed to go free was because she had the money and the lawyers and because rallied around her were influential sections of society.

There are hundreds of Negro workers, both men and women, in the Negro Nation in particular, sitting on death row. In South Carolina alone, once a week one person is sentenced to death. And the vast majority of these prisoners are Negro.

This individual case of freedom is important and shows that with the proper amount of support it is possible to struggle successfully. But no matter how many Joan Littles go free, the national oppression of the Negro people will remain. After the Scottsboro boys went free, the lynchings of the Negro people did not stop. After Angela Davis went free, the brutality against the Negro people did not halt!

The solution to the arrests and executions of workers like Joan Little is not to fight solely in the courts for the freedom of an individual. The struggle must be extended and based upon the struggle to free the Negro Nation—to break the chains of bondage that daily shackle the Negro people. There is only one way to change the justice system in this country and insure equality for all peoples—that solution is socialism.

FREE THE NEGRO NATION!

International Briefs

MIDDLE EAST

The headlines of the August 26, 1975 papers all read "Tentative Sinai pact OK'd," "New Troop Lines For Egypt and Israel." Everyone is hailing this agreement as the end to the threat of war in the Middle East. But what are the facts that have led to this agreement, and whose interests does this agreement serve?

Firstly, it is becoming very obvious that the right-wing, fascist, anti-Arab, religious, backward elements in Israel are gaining an upperhand. Since the beginning of this recent round of talks Israelis have been staging massive demonstrations against any concessions by the Israeli government to the Arabs. These reactionary elements in Israel are forcing their government to sign an agreement now rather than have the Israelis attack the Arabs again.

Secondly, of all the many "wonderful" provisions of the agreement, not one provides for the Palestinians. The agreement can only hurt the Palestinian people and Arab toilers. This document, which supposedly "solves" the Middle East crisis, cannot change the objective relations that exist in the Middle East. The fact is that the land that Israel stole many years ago belongs not to her, but to the Palestinian people. This conflict cannot be solved by a piece of paper proclaiming cooperation between the reactionary governments of Israel and Egypt.

It is obvious that this "peace agreement" could not have taken place

without the blessings of the United States. In the proposed agreement it is suggested that US civilians man the borders between Egypt and Israel. But it is also obvious that this agreement could not have been settled without the blessings of the leadership of the Soviet Union. Although the USSR has been more covert in their actions in this agreement, both the Soviet Union and the United States are behind this proposal.

The only progressive solution to the Middle East situation is a free Palestinian nation. The USNA proletariat must demand an end to all restrictions enforced against the Palestinian liberation forces by the bordering reactionary Arab states. We must demand unconditional freedom of movement for all Palestinian people in the Arab states, an end to USNA imperialist and Israeli Zionist occupation of Palestine, and we must demand the restoration of the democratic rights of the Palestinian people. We must further demand a stop to all direct USNA imperialist and Israeli Zionist barbaric attacks against the toiling masses of the Palestinian and Lebanese people in southern Lebanon, and their indirect, violent attacks against the vast majority of the oppressed Arab masses. The national liberation struggle of the Palestinian people is a part of the world proletarian struggle for socialism.

No USNA Military Intervention in Southeast Asia or the Middle East!

CHILE

The fascist Chilean government has again shown its true nature. It has been reported and confirmed that 110 Chilean revolutionaries from the MIR (Leftist Revolutionary Movement) have been brutally murdered by this terroristic junta. Although first reports came in stating that the comrades were killed in battle with the Argentinian government, it has now been revealed that this was a lie. The fact is that the Chilean government assassinated these revolutionaries in cold blood.

Since the fascist take-over in Chile, thousands of progressives and communists have been tortured, beaten and killed by their government. Hidden away in the newspaper are the tales of the countless murders of the Chilean people.

Our Party condemns the fascist junta and demands that our government stop its support for these Nazi-like fascists. Throughout Chile the revolutionary and progressive forces are battling against their government. They are uniting all who can be united against these gorillas. We wholeheartedly support the struggle of the Chilean people for their freedom. And we have printed and made available for everyone to read about the tor-

ture and murders at the hands of these fascists. The pamphlet *The Struggle in Chile*, is a collection of an interview with Manuel Cabieses Donoso about his thousands of hours in the concentration camps of Chile and a statement from the Political Commission of the MIR. We urge all workers and progressive people to buy this pamphlet and to militantly give their support to the Chilean people.

Our Party feels that it is our responsibility to get the message of Manuel Cabieses Donoso, the brave revolutionary Communist, and of the heroic Chilean people, out to the workers of our country. We never forget that our government is behind the butchers of the Chilean people. Our publication of this interview and statement and our consistency in exposing the fascist dictatorships throughout Latin America and the role of the USNA government in the affairs of these nations, is but a token of our determination to do all in our power to facilitate the overthrow of the Chilean pirate regime.

Long Live the Valiant Struggle of the Chilean People!