

# 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."

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## STOP THE KLAN!

Like a snake, coiled and ready to strike, the Ku Klux Klan has reared its ugly head in a small city just 70 miles west of Chicago. During the beginning of March the KKK placed a full page ad in the local newspaper in Aurora, Ill., announcing its organizing drive and intention to make Aurora its headquarters. This ad drew an outraged response from all sections of the working people, Negro and Mexican national minority and Anglo-American.

On March 18, hundreds of angry community residents, including workers, teachers, students, clergymen, representatives of PTA's and the American Legion, jammed the Aurora City Council to demand that action be taken against the Klan. Under this pressure, the City Council was forced to adopt a resolution which stated the City Council planned to: "... continue its efforts to encourage the citizens of Aurora to form a united front against the efforts of the Ku Klux Klan and all hate organizations which try to divide this community." The Council then adjourned, preventing the community representatives from expressing their views.

Having been denied their democratic right to speak at the City Council meeting, the community people then amassed at Progressive Baptist Church where they were joined by a delegation from Chicago Operation PUSH. Speeches by representatives called on all sections of the community to unite against the Klan organizing drive and to show support for Aurora by organizing in other communities.

The same night, over 500 people came from Chicago, sponsored by PUSH, to show solidarity for the struggle of Aurora community residents and to affirm that this is not just Aurora's struggle. This united front of Negro and Mexican national minority and Anglo-American workers and other democratic and progressive forces clearly show the outrage over the re-emergence of the Klan.

It is important for us to understand that this organizing drive on the part of the Klan is not an isolated incident. This scum, acting outside the law, yet protected by it, has surfaced to attack Negro national minorities. Just as the capitalists use the illegal Klan,

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## STOP AGGRESSION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA!

The present military and political crisis in Southeast Asia is seriously threatening the USNA imperialists' efforts to carry on its "quiet" war against the Indo-Chinese people. Reports of the collapse of the Lon Nol regime in Cambodia and the rapidly deteriorating position of the Thieu regime in south Vietnam are fueling foreign policy debates in the halls of Congress.

Repeated requests by Ford and the Joint Chiefs of Staff for more arms and military aid for their puppet armies are adding fire to the anger and hostility of the USNA working class towards a government that offers nothing but massive unemployment and despair. The Ford government is finding it increasingly difficult to rally support for its demand that we "stand behind" the unpopular bandit governments of its puppets in Southeast Asia and our "allies" world-wide.

Already 80% of the people in the USNA have opposed the further shipment of arms to Cambodia. The push by the imperialists can only lead to war as a solution to the economic crisis; but war is not an acceptable solution

to the working class. Through the grim experience of two world wars and the last two decades of war in Southeast Asia, the workers have learned that imperialist war can only mean the slaughter of workers by other workers in the interests of the imperialists. The USNA working class can and must resist all further plans for war in Southeast Asia and throughout the world.

In Cambodia, the fascist Lon Nol regime is quickly evacuating its remaining bunkers while its puppet army is disintegrating before the armed Cambodian people. 10,000 soldiers deserted in one month and casualties are about 5000 a month, leaving Cambodia's four divisions at only 25% of fighting strength. One-half of its forces are now defending the last foothold in Phnom Penh. Citizens are conscripted at gunpoint and the draft age has been raised to 50. USNA airlifts of arms and food have dwindled as the liberation forces now are able to reach even the "safest" airfields with rockets. The so-called "mercy" flights of USNA rice and medicine are used solely for the puppet

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## CLASS SOLIDARITY IN NEW ORLEANS

On June 30, 1974, the contract between New Orleans Public Service, Inc. (NOPSI) and the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) expired. Finally, on December 6, 1974, after 5 months of working with no contract, the drivers voted 560 to 25 to begin the first New Orleans transit strike in 45 years. Immediately after the Christmas holidays the drivers began a propaganda and agitation campaign to rally support behind their strike among the people of New Orleans. Two demonstrations were sponsored by left groups in support of the bus drivers. During this emotional and crucial period a group crawled out of the opportunist cesspool of the Negro petty-bourgeoisie in an attempt to usurp the leadership of the grass-roots movement. This group was granted an open meeting with the City Council. These opportunists took a position of "neutrality" and even threatened to break the strike and get the buses rolling in "the interest of the people."

But at the City Council meeting the opportunist position was attacked and exposed and it became clear that the hegemony of the strike must be in the hands of the striking drivers and their supporters.

Due to public pressure and to their shaky position as an illegal and unelected government body, the City Council quickly called several public meetings where both NOPSI and ATU were to explain their positions. At these meetings, the City Council played their role well as puppets of the bourgeoisie. They tried every means available to wrest public support from the drivers and turn it over to NOPSI. At the same time, support for drivers was growing daily which strengthened the unity and ultimately assured victory to the striking drivers.

Finally the Federal mediator, after participating in a number of meetings, recommended that all

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## APRIL 26 - MAY 1 MARCH FOR JOBS!

On February 5, 1975, in Washington D.C., Leonard Woodcock stood before 10,000 auto workers and declared that if there were no reversals in the economic situation, if the government had not taken steps to relieve the auto workers in particular and all workers in general, he would lead an early spring march on Washington of 250,000 workers.

What happened, Mr. Woodcock? Although there have been various resolutions passed in many of your locals throughout the country to have this march on May 1st, you have done nothing to organize it. In local 51, Mound Road Engine Plant and Jefferson in Detroit passed a resolution. In L.A., and San Jose resolutions have also been passed; and yet we have heard not a word from Mr. Woodcock or any of the UAW international leaders.

It appears that the Feb. 5th rally was the be-all and end-all of Woodcock's militant stand on jobs. Unemployment is not decreasing, it is increasing. Daily, the threat of war increases not only in the Middle East where Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy has been brought to an abrupt end, but in Cambodia and Vietnam where the liberation forces have captured most of the country and are rapidly moving to liberate it all, unless of course the US sends in troops. Is a war what Woodcock meant by "concrete action by the government to relieve the economic situation?" That is not acceptable to us! It is not the answer to our problems.

And while Woodcock dilly-dallies, the reactionaries in this country are moving rapidly. In the last few months the Klan has surfaced across the country. Where were our labor leaders then? Have they helped to wage a struggle against these fascists? No, they are nowhere to be found.

The rally on Feb. 5th was a successful rally. It brought together many militant, angry and conscious workers ready to fight for jobs, to fight against war as the solution to the economic crisis, support their class brothers and sisters in the fight

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## **PERU** **MANIFESTO** **PART 2**

The following is the second part of an article, translated from the Spanish, from Vanguardia Revolucionaria of Peru.

**FIGHT THE REACTION WITH STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION, UNITING ALL THE PROGRESSIVE AND REVOLUTIONARY FORCES:**

1) Our organization, Revolutionary Vanguard, makes a call to the working class, peasantry, the political democratic sectors and organizations, to the revolutionary and progressive forces, and to all military personnel truly interested in an anti-imperialist solution to the problems confronting our country to close ranks and tear down the reactionary offensive initiated by APRA, Popular Belaundist Action, the CIA, as well as the reactionaries within the Armed Forces and the Auxiliaries and the conciliatory government.

2) Revolutionary Vanguard particularly calls on the rank and file of the National Guard to unite with the working class, peasants and the people as a whole to repudiate APRA and the other reactionary agents who have used their struggle as cannon fodder for their own interests.

3) Our call means:

a. Fight APRA, the imperialist agents and other reactionaries by denouncing their position in state organs and expelling their leadership from trade unions, universities and mass organizations. Dismiss Ismael Frias of Ultima Hora.

b. The immediate dismissal of Richter Prada, officials in the National Guard, and the Armed Forces who participated in the reactionary offensive. Dissolve all special organs of repression and torture.

c. A solution to the just demands of the rank and file in the National Guard.

d. An immediate solution to the just struggles of the agricultural and city workers against the capitalists, landowners, and the anti-worker politics of the Secretary of Labor, of Industry, and SINAMOS, and the denouncement of these officials. Dissolve the MLR.

e. An immediate expulsion of all imperialist enterprises working against trade unions, the people, and directly engaged in the reactionary offensive.

Revolutionary Vanguard proclaims that the only revolutionary solution to the problems confronting our people that will destroy the reactionary forces is a new government with the people forming the democratic Armed Forces that will serve in the interests of the people and repress the imperialist and reactionary forces.

To achieve this Revolutionary Vanguard calls on the unity of the popular forces to form a Revolutionary United Front.

**UNITY OF THE POPULAR FORCES TO FIGHT THE REACTIONARY OFFENSIVE. A REVOLUTIONARY UNITED FRONT, A POPULAR AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC!**

February 5, 1975

National Political Bureau

of Revolutionary Vanguard

## **CORRECTION**

In Vol. 2 No. 4 of the People's Tribune, in the article on Busing in Los Angeles, we referred to the Asian national minority students. This is an incorrect and chauvinist conception. We would never refer to an European minority or a North American minority. The point is that there are various nations in Asia and to lump them all together is national chauvinism. And also the only "Asian" peoples that are a national minority in the USNA are the Philipinos. No other nation in Asia has the same colonial relationship with the USNA. This kind of chauvinist error can only lead to division amongst the USNA working class and the world-wide working class.

## **STOP KLAN!**

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they use the legal Immigration Service to terrorize Mexican national minorities and arrest and deport undocumented workers.

During a time of economic crisis and resulting high unemployment, it is necessary for the capitalists to further divide the different sections of the working class along national lines, and particularly to make national minority workers the scapegoat for the economic crisis. The Klan's appeal to white chauvinism, just like the policy of deportations of undocumented workers, is designed to weaken the fighting ability of the working class, in order for the capitalists to prepare for fascism and war.

The Ku Klux Klan is a terrorist, fascist, criminal group of thugs who are violently anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, anti-union and anti-anything that does not represent "native born, protestant and white." Their long history of lynchings, burnings and beatings of Negro workers is well-known to all. And yet the Aurora newspaper printed an advertisement in their paper, allowing this scum to rear its head "legally."

The Klan must be stopped! We as workers cannot allow them to surface again. We must take a stand against these anti-working class criminals. They represent fascism, a system of terror and horror for the working class. We must represent freedom, equality and we must fight for the unity of the working class. An attack against one section of our class is an attack against us all. Remember, the Klan strikes everyone. They strike against anything or anyone progressive. It is an insult to the workers of Illinois when a newspaper prints an article publicizing the Klan. Workers will not be recruited into this fascist organization. The Klan can be stopped—we must stop them!

**NO MORE LYNCHINGS!  
STOP THE KKK!  
STOP DEPORTATIONS!  
UNITE THE WORKING CLASS!**

## **LONGSHOREMEN** **WEST COAST ILWU** **REJECTS CONTRACT**

On March 7, the ILWU West Coast Longshoremens rejected a contract that had been hailed as a "model contract in times of growing recession and depression". Harry Bridges, president and head of the ILWU negotiating committee, along with the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) and the mass media called the contract a great breakthrough for the longshoremens. The real story of this contract didn't hit the press until it became clear that there was overwhelming pressure from the rank and file.

Bridges put forward three arguments in favor of the contract. He said the contract has a no lay-off clause, guarantees a \$234 weekly wage, and finally, "it's the best we can do." A quick glance at the contract shatters these arguments. Under the heading "No Layoff" in the Feb. 14, 1975 special supplement to the ILWU Dispatcher it says, "There shall be no reduction in registered longshoremens or clerks work force during the term of the agreement except for normal attrition due to quits, deaths and retirements, and deregistration for cause. This does not preclude the parties from agreeing on a reduction in force should unusual circumstances develop." Could a depression be an unusual circumstance? First Bridges says we are heading for a depression, then he turns around and refuses to read the very contract he negotiated. As for the pay guarantee: PMA agreed to put \$201,923 in a Coast-wide fund each week. At \$234 per man per week, this would pay about 862 men, in a registered West Coast work force of 9-10 thousand. Bridges' final argument, "this is the best we can do" is probably the closes he come to the truth. Under the present leadership, or misleadership, West Coast longshoremens know that the company would just laugh at a strike threat. The longshoremens are not prepared for a strike at this point.

The main question raised by many of the ports, in particular L.A., Hueneme, San Francisco and Oakland, was equalization of work and equalization of earnings of men in the industry. In the last ten years, a situation has developed where some men work steady for one company every day, while the majority work out of a hiring hall on a rotating basis. Steady men make close to \$25,000 a year while a hall man makes from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year. It has become clear to many longshoremens that the long years of fairly high wages and a big cushion are coming to an end. The question of their jobs is becoming the number one issue. This contract did not present any workable alternative or any hope for the future. The large ports, especially Los Angeles and San Francisco see the growing steady men problem, which in effect is leading to two contracts and two unions, one for the steady men and one for the hall longshoremens.

Even setting aside the question of job security, this contract was a clear step backward in terms of economic demands. For example, elimination of the cost of living clause, the attempt to stop all job actions, and the increase in the work day from 8 to 9 hours on many jobs: More production, fewer man hours and fewer jobs!

The late sixties were characterized by the raping of the traditional longshore set-up. Containerization and mechanization were the main ways the employers increased profits. Today they have started a second phase, intensifying each worker's output, doubling up on jobs, and developing a steady work force that will not only intensify labor, but will weaken and try to break the hiring hall, one of the ILWU's traditional sources of strength.

The ILWU finds itself with a shrinking work force and membership. There are more divisions than ever, between terminal warehousemen (TWs), B men, A men; between steady men

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## ARE THERE 'RACES'?



### NEW ORLEANS

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unsettled issues be submitted to binding arbitration. Before the City Council and the public, the transit union agreed to binding arbitration. But NOPSI with arrogance typical of the bourgeoisie agreed to submit only those issues they felt would be arbitrated in their favor and put limitations on the rest. With enthusiastic militancy the transit union voted overwhelmingly to reject NOPSI's outrageous proposal. Not wishing to be excluded from the limelight, and mostly because the public put its foot in his rear, Mayor Moon Landrieu rose from the east and set in the west with NOPSI. Together with the City Council Landrieu drew up a "submission agreement." They threatened that if their proposal was not accepted they would use any legal means to end the strike including hiring strikebreakers. But the transit drivers were not fooled by this re-writing of NOPSI's proposal and voted it down 433-69. At the next City Council meeting the Union announced their rejection of administration/City Council proposal and submitted a counter-proposal. Finally realizing its weak position NOPSI capitulated to 5 fringe benefits in return for the Union dropping the cost of living clause and agreeing to submit wages and other points of contention to unrestricted binding arbitration. Thus ended the 82 day transit strike in New Orleans.

Why do we call this strike successful? Although the Union had to give up some just demands, many of their most crucial demands were met. But more

importantly, this long strike left the transit drivers with great solidarity and increased militancy. The working class of New Orleans stood by the striking drivers when it was easy and didn't waver when it was hard. They recognized that the plight of the striking drivers was common to all working people. And now all working people in the Negro Nation share in the fruits of victory. What the bourgeoisie has feared most, the awakening militant unity of the class, has shown its beautiful face in New Orleans.

Although the strike was an apparent success, an idealist and romanticized approach to the strike would be harmful to the struggles of the working class. In order to analyze our work correctly we have to understand the long-term significance of just compromise. All compromises are made from positions of weakness. Principled compromises of the working class in its battle with the bourgeoisie are made to strengthen the working class in order to engage in a head on fight against capital for the final victory of Socialism.

This small battle of the working class in the Negro Nation has virtually seen its conclusion. But the struggle of the Negro proletariat for national liberation must continue under the leadership of the class conscious proletariat and its party. The very thing that in its embryonic stage caused this strike to be as successful as it was is the weapon with which the proletariat of the Negro Nation will strike a death blow at imperialism. Our weapon is class solidarity—armed with Marxism-Leninism and led by our Party.

Are there races among human beings? Is there any connection between "race" and the national question?

All oppressing classes and nations have proclaimed their "inherent superiority" to the classes and nations they oppress. The CLP, as a part of the international proletarian revolutionary movement, the revolution that will end all oppression, stands with the great teachers of the proletariat and with all real scientists, in declaring all "racial" theories as complete nonsense and vicious lies. Aristotle proclaimed the "superiority" of slave owners over slaves thusly, "For that which can foresee by the exercise of mind is by nature intended to be lord and master, and that which can with its body give effect to such foresight, is a subject, and by nature a slave; hence master and slave have the same interest." This old idea of the natural "inferiority" of oppressed people's and classes did not take on a specifically "racial" tone until developing capitalist Europe launched its four century orgy of conquest, murder and enslavement

of Asia, Africa and the Americas. The "scientific" theory of "races" reached its "highest" development in Nazi Germany, South Africa and the USNA. "Racial" theories are nothing but justification and covers for national oppression.

A series of studies produced by UNESCO conferences from 1949-1967, which gathered together anthropologists, biologists, sociologists and other scientists from around the world made these conclusions (reported in Racial Discrimination, by Hernan Santa Cruz, published by the U.N. in 1971)

1. (1949) For all practical social purposes "race" is not so much a biological phenomenon as a social myth.

2. (1964) All men living today belong to a single species and are derived from a common stock; pure races in the sense of genetically homogenous populations do not exist in the human species and there is no national, religious, geographic, linguistic, or cultural group which constitutes a race.

4. (1967) "Race", in the biological sense, is totally irrelevant to racial attitudes and thinking.

5. (1967) The division of the human species into "races" is purely arbitrary and conventional and should not imply any hierarchy whatsoever.

The real nature of the "scientific theories" of race can be seen in such "profound" statements as that of Houston Stewart Chamberlain, one of the founders of this "science", who said, in discussing the difficulties of determining who was an "Aryan", "One has to use intuition or spiritual divination, this I call 'rational anthropology.'" No doubt it was this rational anthropology which the Nazi's used to declare the Japanese "honorary Aryans" during W.W. II English racial "experts" declared the Welsh, Scots and Irish all to be "inferior races." The USNA Census defines "race" as follows: "The population is divided into three groups on the basis of race—white, Negro, and other. Persons of Mexican birth are classified as white unless they are definitely of some other racial stock. In 1970, the father's race was used for persons of mixed parentage who were in doubt as to their classification. In 1960, persons who reported mixed parentage of white and any other race were classified according to the other race." (U.S. Census Abstract, 1971, p. 2).

Race theories, whether they put forward three, five or twenty-three "races" are mere matters of convenience for imperialism. They have no scientific basis—the range of physical variation within any of the so-called "races"—Caucasian, Negro, Mongoloid, Australoid, etc., is greater than the difference between the "races."

Physical differences developed as responses to various factors—skin color to the intensity of sunlight, fat distribution to the degree of cold, etc., as a product of thousands of years of isolation of peoples. Today, that isolation has ended, and with the advance of socialism ending all national oppression, there will soon be an end to all racial theories and the blending of all these physical differences.

The only connection between "race" and national oppression is as an ideological justification for imperialism. The historical accident that with the exception of Japan, the major imperialist powers are "white" and the oppressed nations and peoples "colored" was trumped up into a "scientific theory" to justify the "white man's burden." The foundation of the USNA on the basis of the theft of land from the Indians, the theft of labor from the Negro slaves, gave rise to the vicious white chauvinism that is the mainstay of the USNA imperialists and their justification for looting the world.

**S.E. ASIA**

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troops while the starving citizens of Phnom Penh go unaided.

In the last five years, 10% of the population has died and 3.4 million are homeless. The naked results of the imperialists' "quiet war" have brought a crescendo of national liberation to the doorstep of the US embassy, where all the air strikes of the puppet air force have been planned. Embassy workers are now busy destroying incriminating documents and evacuating families. The French embassy was evacuated, leaving a small consulate to meet the liberators. At the same time, the Khmer Rouge has recently held its second annual congress and is aiding in rebuilding the 90% of Cambodia freed from puppet rule.

In Vietnam, the position of the treacherous Thieu regime is seriously threatened. In the north reconstruction has swiftly restored the ruins of USNA bombing. Even during the most barbarous assaults by USNA B-52 raids on the population, no one starved. The Vietnamese have completely rebuilt the irrigation and dike system that was destroyed by air raids. Industrial production is up 15% from last year and over 400,000 meters of housing have been built (imperialist bombs had destroyed every home in Quang Binh province). One out of three Vietnamese are going to school.

In south Vietnam, the bankruptcy of the Thieu gang is underscored by the heroic fighters of the liberation forces and the successes of the provisional Revolutionary Government. While millions starve in Saigon, not one Vietnamese goes hungry in the liberated areas. Over 4000 bases established in violation of the Paris Agreements have been overrun by the liberation army. The strategic Central Highlands have been abandoned by the puppet forces leaving south Vietnam cut in two. All but the few provinces around Saigon have been liberated. Under the baton of the US government, the bellicose Thieu junta has systematically sabotaged the Paris Agreement on Vietnam, frenziedly intensified the war and brutally cracked down on patriots, peace lovers and individuals and members of its own administration and army who are not in league with it. Under the Thieu regime, millions of people are being herded into concentration camps. Inflation is galloping, taxes have become heavier, unemployment is rampant, famine becomes a threat and the people are driven to misery. Any semblance of democratic liberties have been stripped away and a broadly based anti-Thieu movement has grown, leaving little base for the treacherous regime to continue. While New York City has 15,000 police for over 8 million people, Saigon, with a population of less than half that amount is patrolled by Thieu's police force of over 45,000 men. The \$150 billion spent by the imperialists to destroy the Vietnamese people has only welded an unrelenting force for the liberation of Vietnam.

On the face of it, Ford seems to be losing a battle for more funds and support for the war of aggression. His 220 million proposal for more aid was immediately shot down in Congress. Hos-

tile opposition to his plans have brought him to bitterly state that "Our national security and the integrity of our alliances depend upon our reputation as a reliable partner" (Christian Science Monitor, 2-28-75). This open and obvious call to support naked imperialist aggression and support of fascist armies can only rally the scorn and anger of the USNA masses. USNA imperialism does not abide by popular support. The Korean war was entered into at a time when the masses of the USNA wanted nothing to do with another war. The last four presidents walked all over S.E. Asia. They have always met the needs of imperialism and tried to build support for their actions afterward. The flimsy excuse of the Gulf of Tonkin, the 1970 "incursion" into Cambodia, the landing of marines in Santo Domingo to "evacuate U.S. citizens" are previews of future actions in S.E. Asia. At this time the Aircraft Carrier Enterprise and its fleet hover off of the coast of Vietnam. A helicopter carrier with a full regimental combat team lies idling off of the coast of Cambodia. The opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is to resume bombing of Hanoi and to mine the harbor at Haiphong.

In the Congress, much of the leading opposition to Ford has poured from the mouths of converted "hawks" like Henry "Scoop" Jackson, who argues that we should give only "limited" support to the puppet governments and turn our attention to our "own" troubles. This position is carefully designed to trick us into believing that our "own" troubles are one thing, while the "troubles" of the colonies are another. This position carefully paves the way for the further advance of a secret war, to bide time while fascism is brought down on our necks in preparation for open war of aggression in the colonies. Ford then is left to rail against this "new isolationism" that would have us "turn our backs on the rest of the world."

To follow either Ford or Jackson offers no solution in the interest of the working class. Nevertheless, the public debate around S.E. Asia offers us an important opportunity. We can use this debate to show that we do not buy either side of the coin being offered. Our future is tied in a thousand ways to the liberation of the colonies of USNA imperialism. We will not be satisfied with the substitution of one imperialist lie for another, for the substitution of one puppet government for another, or for a "secret" war in place of an open aggressive war. The solution to "our" troubles does not lie in imperialist war—nor does it lie in an unprincipled call for "peace." Any call to defend either position must be thoroughly exposed; demands must be made—on Congress—in our unions—in the unemployed councils—that WE WANT JOBS AND PEACE; and not one at the expense of the other! The working class must oppose every step by the imperialists to send troops to Southeast Asia. We must make it clear that the USNA working class will not fight another war for the imperialists. Again we shout - our demand is for Jobs Not War!

**LONGSHOREMEN**

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and hall men; between men who have two jobs and those who depend on the hall for a living.

The employers and the union leadership have perfected a system of using union and non-union labor side by side, to the immediate short-range benefit of the class A and B men. But the real benefit goes to the employers, because the "casual" workers are not part of the union and do not receive any benefits under the contract. This system of more rights for some workers and no rights for other has turned working men against each other. Today the most common attitude is, "get what you can and don't worry about the other guy." The responsibility for this attitude and division can be

traced to a long history of acceptance of a bribe, a cushion for a small section of the longshoremen. Harry Bridges has always fought only for a narrow, small section of the waterfront workers. Now his chickens have come home to roost. The various pockets of opposition have defeated his latest contract sell-out.

**TURN DEFEAT INTO VICTORY**

The defeat of the contract will have little meaning in terms of unifying the longshore division unless some real alternatives are put forward. You can be sure that Bridges is planning his counter-offensive in an attempt to push through a bad PMA contract.

The undertone of opposition that has been building up for years is now beginning to surface, but the progressive forces in the union are scattered. There is no clear opposition in terms of a united coast-wide movement against Bridges & Co. They still have the ability to break anyone who stands in their way. The times demand a clear understanding on the part of the more advanced sections of the longshoremen's union. A program that takes from the history of the ILWU and the working class as a whole all that has been positive and rejects all that has divided the industry and our country must be our starting point. If the contract is negotiated mainly for fringe benefits, not for jobs, then the only fringe a lot of us will end up with will be unemployment. This is the battle ground today. This question must be the starting point and unity factor for all men in the industry.

Laying the basis for unity within the ILWU demands two things. First, we must tie together the progressive democratic forces who see the union being destroyed. Second, we must establish a higher form of organization to insure that battles can be fought and won, to turn protest and opposition into organization and progress. The main thing lacking in the longshore ranks is a clear class outlook. The lack of real communist units that unite the democratic forces. When the communists were fighting and working in the industry, when education and study circles were used to raise the class consciousness of the workers, then the union was strong. When this element left, quit, or was run-out of the industry, the union was turned

over first to the do-gooders, and then finally to the anti-communist, pro-fascist elements.

In an industry and a country where workers have been bribed, it is difficult to show them that their only hope for survival in the long run depends on their ability to unite as a class, in common defense against the capitalist class. It is the duty and responsibility of the class conscious workers to link the main question for the longshoremen - jobs - with the fight for jobs which is gripping the working class as a whole. For if this link is not forged, the narrow outlook of trade unionism will set the longshoremen up to be isolated and defeated by their opportunist leadership and the employers.

**FIGHT FOR JOBS!****MARCH**

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against the Klan, against deportations and for busing. The momentum of the rally is not over. In fact it is daily rising. UAW workers want to march again. They want to show their disdain with the Ford administration and his bankrupt policies, on the most important working class holiday in the world, May Day, the International Workingman's Day. The capitalists have tried to squelch this holiday in the USNA which is celebrated worldwide by demonstrations, rallies, marches, etc. to show the capitalist class that the working class united, organized, and getting stronger will some day rule this earth. The UAW workers want to bring May Day to life here again and they deserve the fighting support of every worker, employed and unemployed. Not only the UAW, but all workers. Although a march was planned on April 26th by the AFL-CIO which we will also support and attend, we want to march on May Day! May Day is OUR holiday!

The working class in this country has been without independent proletarian political leadership for a long while. We have put our faith in the great labor leaders as our representatives, or perhaps the Democratic party, but those days are numbered. We need independent leadership. Leadership who will not fail us when we are ready to move. Leadership that will not attach us to one presidential hopeful or another. Leadership that will lead us to victory over the ruthless dictatorship of the bourgeoisie.

The Communist Labor Party strongly supports the UAW workers in their struggle for a march on May Day. We support them in their militant continuous fight for jobs. We call on every worker, UAW, AFL-CIO, Teamster, non-unionized workers, unemployed, to make your voices heard. Let's march on April 26 and on May Day! If we can't go to Washington, let's march wherever we are. Let's build and strengthen the political party who can lead the working class, the Communist Labor Party. Heed our words, Mr. Woodcock. Your days are numbered! Make your choice - March on May Day!