

# PEOPLES' 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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## INSIDE WESTERN ELECTRIC

Western Electric is one of the major corporations in the United States today. It has plants in 20 cities throughout the country and employs 170,000 workers. Western Electric is one of the prime manufacturers of communications products for the multi-billion dollar communications industry. It is the principle supplier of telephones, telephone cable, switching equipment and other telephone equipment for the Bell Telephone System. In addition, it is one of the main contractors with the Defense Department and the Atomic Energy Commission.

The Hawthorne Plant in Chicago was built in 1903 and employs 24,000 workers. Conditions today for employees have improved little since the plant was first built. The most oppressed workers at Western Electric are the black, brown and women workers. Women workers, for instance, are hired to work in pay grades 32 and 33, the two lowest pay grades in the plant. One woman has worked in the plant for a year and a half and operates a stamping machine. She makes \$2.60 an hour. Unskilled male workers are started out at \$2.93 an hour. Black and brown women workers have the worst jobs in the whole plant and their supervisors are invariably white male supremacists.

Most black and brown workers are placed in the lowest pay grades, make up the majority of workers that are given the dirtiest jobs, and are the first workers to be laid off. It is from policies like these that Western Electric made \$1½ billion profit in 1969!! While W.E. is making huge profits, the average worker's paycheck of \$6,200 is \$3,000 below the government's recommended living wage of \$9,200 per year.

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## U.S. Capitalists Copy Nazis

It is clear to everyone that the most violent and heated contradiction in the world today lies in the struggle of the colonial and semi-dependent countries for their freedom from the torturous grasp of the U.S. Imperialists. The workers and peasants of Africa, Asia and Latin America are rising in a tremendous revolutionary surge against oppression. Within the U.S. state, the contradiction between the Negro Nation (the south), Puerto Rico and the areas of Chicano concentration on the one hand, & the U.S. imperialists on the other hand, is the most acute. Within the U.S. itself, the national minorities comprise many of the most dedicated and resolute fighters against capital; precisely because of these world wide contradictions and of the rotten treatment they receive at the hands of the capitalists, the government & the white chauvinist society. It is exactly because these workers are the most revolutionary, that the imperialists must devise all sorts of plans for their suppression and elimination. Currently this is being planned largescale for Black citizens in the U.S..

One of the most brutal and obvious plans currently being developed by the capitalists of this country is directly copied after the Nazi extermination plans used to murder millions of Jews, Poles, Russians, Gypsies, and Serbs during the 1940's in Europe. This white chauvinist plan has three major parts. First, propaganda and "scientific" studies which are used to "prove" that Black people are inferior genetically and mentally. Secondly, forced separation into camps and "designated areas" and the disarmament of the people. Finally, systematic elimination through gas chambers, firing squads or the ovens. This was the plan first developed by Hitler and now being developed in the U.S. by the class enemies.



Recently, (April 22, 1971) the Los Angeles Times and several other national newspapers reported that a committee of the National Academy of Science (the leading scientific body in the U.S.) recommended to the federal government that it pay for a study to prove that black people are genetically inferior to the white race. This blatant white chauvinist theory is being "scientifically proven" by Dr. William Shockley, who said that "genetically inferior, largely black children are being produced in the United States by welfare policies that encourage illegitimacy." He has been joined by another "scientist", Dr. A. Jensen, who "maintains that IQ tests indeed show a sig-

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# FASCISTS' PLAN TO ELIMINATE BLACKS

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nificant difference...he believes is largely caused by heredity.. He has said repeatedly that failing to recognize this is inhumane and does great harm to disadvantaged black children by trying to educate them by methods doomed to fail! He says, "improved environment is not likely to change the fundamental intelligence of large groups," and "most so-called 'compensatory' (extra) education cannot work." He urged more specific simple job training & rote learning (memorizing, not understanding) among low IQ pupils, rather than what educators call "conceptual" or "cognitive" problem solving and learning. In other words these fascist "scientists" are saying that Black people aren't capable of solving or understanding anything. All they can do is memorize!

This is a classic case of the thief yelling "stop, thief!" First the imperialists deny the national minority workers jobs, decent housing, and education, and then they try to blame the minorities themselves for the conditions created by the imperialists. Further, these theories of genetic inferiority are nothing more than the same old white chauvinist lies that have been the excuse for centuries of murder, rape, beatings and attacks against black people. Last year the People's Tribune (Vol. 2, No. 3) ran an article warning of this coming

attack on the working class. In part it said, "The lies are the same old white chauvinist myths 'dressed up' and 'decorated' in scientific language and formulas. White chauvinism is the major form of American (U.S.) national chauvinism. It is the rationale for the brutal practice of white chauvinism. It is the moral justification of white Americans to exploit and oppress the colored colonial world. Professor Arthur Jensen has begun to spread a series of lies and distortions about the Negro people. He says that the Negro people are lazy and stupid. He says that ghettos are a natural product of the desires of the Negro people. Further he says that Negroes are biologically inferior and cannot be changed."

Let us make no mistake about it. These rotten theories have been attacked and discredited by many workers, both black and white. In fact, they are so discredited that the ruling class cannot come right out with them; first they have to have the idea presented by some "scientist" amid objections from other "scientists". Then the idea can be legitimized in the course of the debate. These ideas should not be debated, they must be attacked and buried, because they are the cornerstone to the division of the working class.

The Communist League recognizes that the attack on the black people is a direct result of the enslavement of the Negro Nation (the South). The revolutionary militancy of the black people, which the imperialists meet with beatings, jailings and murders, is a direct result of this contradiction. As the anti-imperialist revolution grows, as the movement of the world's proletariat grows, the capitalist class must get more and more brutal. Today they burn, torture and kill masses of men, women and children in Indo-China. Tomorrow they will eliminate any element within the U.S. that dares speak of democracy or socialism.

Why is it that these attacks are being directed primarily at the Black, Puerto Rican and Mexican peoples? Why not against all colored people (which it would be if it were a question of white supremacy)? Why not against the Japanese or the Chinese? Precisely because Japan is not a colony of the U.S., nor is China. Puerto Rico and the Negro Nation on the other hand, are direct colonies of the U.S.. In order for the imperialists to continue and maintain their dominance, oppression and exploitation of these nations they must degrade and attack the Black and Puerto

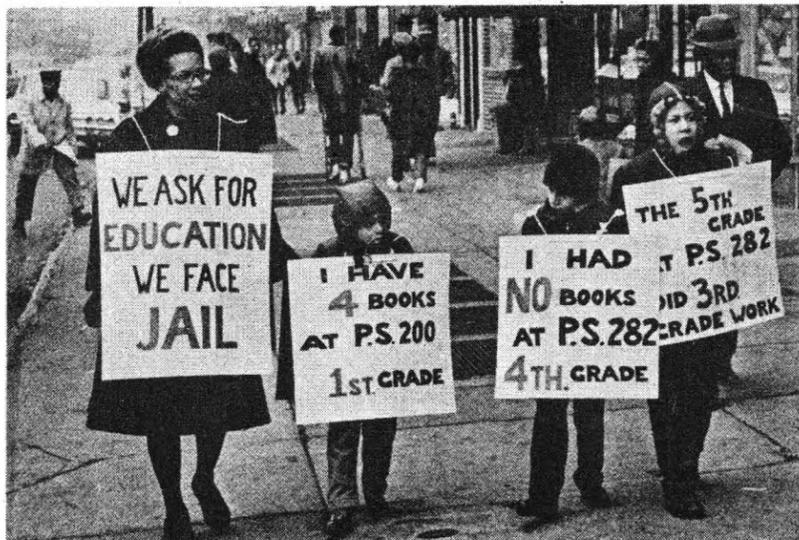
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Further, where do these ideas lead? These "scientists", both Jensen and Shockley, recommend taking black children out of regular schools, teaching them by rote, and training them for jobs with no emphasis on reading or mathematics or science. Hitler started his slaughter by saying, "We will purify the country by ridding it of the unfit", first the mentally ill and retarded, then the sick, the crippled and lame, then the jobless, the Communists, the minorities and the Jews. Finally, anyone who stood in his way. Hitler and the German capitalists first discredited the people they planned to eliminate with "scientific" lies and slanders, then rounded them up in camps and killed and mutilated them. The U.S. capitalists are now preparing the camps.

Rican peoples. They have to make them look inferior and sub-human. If the imperialists fail in this, imperialism will fall. We must see to it that it fails! And, the responsibility lies squarely on the backs of the white workers in the U.S.. They must stand up and fight for and with their class brothers and sisters and completely united demand:  
INDEPENDENCE FOR THE NEGRO NATION!  
INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO!  
REGIONAL AUTONOMY FOR MEXICANS IN THE SOUTHWEST! and  
COMPLETE EQUALITY WITHIN THE WORKING CLASS!

This is the ONLY way to stop the imperialists from exploiting, oppressing and slaughtering. This is the ONLY way to build real Proletarian Internationalism.

**WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD UNITE!!**

# Western Electric

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The higher paid skilled jobs such as millwrights, pipefitters, painters, carpenters, etc., require an apprenticeship training program. All black, brown and women workers know that these programs are off limits to them because of the national chauvinism and male supremacy that the company pushes. This leaves the highest paying skilled jobs to white, male workers. The union endorses this policy of the company by not fighting for the entrance of black, brown and women workers into these programs.

All the devices that the company uses like paying lower wages to women workers, paying lower wages to black and brown workers, keeping national minorities and women out of apprenticeship programs and giving the best paid, skilled jobs to white male workers, keeps ALL workers at Western Electric divided and fighting each other. The company knows that as long as workers are divided and fighting each other, they can't unite to fight their real oppressor--the capitalist system.

A tactic the company is using to scare and intimidate workers is layoffs. Workers all over the country know that the economy is slowing down and people by the hundreds of thousands are being laid off. Layoffs at Western Electric are beginning and increasing. The company has announced that 15% of the Hawthorne plant will be laid off. Our supervisors come around and intimidate us by saying, "If you don't work harder and faster you could be laid off with the rest of those lazy bums."

Recently around the plant there has been talk of striking. Our union contract expires July 25th of this year and we won't know until then if we are to go on strike. The union and the company however are working hand in glove to scare us by spreading viscous rumors about strikes and layoffs.

In the face of these miserable working conditions, oppression of national minorities and women workers and low wages, what is our union doing? Unions were formed to fight against oppressive conditions and to defend the rights of the working class. Now, our union, like most other unions, actually helps the capitalists keep workers oppressed. Every black and brown worker at the plant knows that the union doesn't represent his interests. One example of this is that the union hall is located in Cicero, an all white fascist incorporated city within Cook County. Black and brown workers know better than to go into Cicero after dark. Last year a black man was beaten to death with clubs by thugs in Cicero. Ci-

cero has a national reputation for this and other fascist attacks on national minorities. It's obvious that the union holds its meetings in Cicero to keep black and brown workers from going to the meetings.

Does our union fight against layoffs? No!! The union has stated that if you have less than one year's service and get laid off they can't do much for you. Does the union fight for equal pay for equal work? No!! The union is asking for a 28% wage increase for all workers across the board. The union will never get 28% but regardless of what they do get, it will only perpetuate the wage divisions between men and women and between national minority and white workers. About the only thing our union stewards do tell us on our jobs is to "work hard and produce more so the company won't lay you off."

It's common knowledge in the plant that our union leaders, from President Becker on down, receive salaries of from \$6000 to \$13,000 per year from the rank and file members. In addition to this, our union misleaders also receive a salary from the company. It's not hard to see who Becker and his gang really serve, the capitalists of Western Electric.

In a similar situation like we're facing now, the rank and file membership of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) took



its own independent action. In 1908, 193 rank and file delegates called their own meeting representing 193 local unions throughout the country and voted to kick out their corrupt union leaders, McNulty and Collins. This was the first time in the history of the trade union movement that the rank & file membership succeeded in kicking corrupt union leaders out of office. This action represented 80% of the Brotherhood's membership. So we can see that way back in 1908 the IBEW rank and file knew how to

get what they wanted. And 63 years later we have similar rotten servants of the capitalists like Becker to deal with.

Western Electric is also responsible for developing & manufacturing communications systems for the Defense Department and the Atomic Energy Commission. In fact, Western Electric is one of the top five corporations in the country receiving contracts from the government. The imperialists' war efforts have been directly supported by Western Electric's work on the Safeguard Anti-Ballistic Missile system, project Mercury communications network, communications projects in Thailand, Nigeria, and Southeast Asia & production of non nuclear components for nuclear weapons. It is due to Western Electric communications systems that the imperialist war machine can be co-ordinated so quickly.

Who owns Western Electric? W.E. is owned 100% by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) the largest monopoly in the world. AT&T owns 98% of the world's telephone lines.

Who owns AT&T? AT&T is controlled by the Rockefeller family. The Rockefellers own diamond mines in South Africa, oil reserves in Southeast Asia and Alaska, banks in Saigon, Jack-in-the-Box hamburger stations, ranches in South Ameri-

ca and use the U.S. Army to protect their interests all over the world. These and other interests make Rockefeller an imperialist giant who was met with cries of "Kill Rockefeller!" and "Yankee go home!" during his trip to South America in the spring of 1968. The Rockefellers are a fascist family and are responsible for the slaughter of millions of colonial people throughout the world. These are the type of men whose policies direct West-

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# Anti-Imperialist Women Meet With Indo-Chinese

"The United States Imperialists make aggression against our country--it is our duty to fight that aggression until the aggression is over."

These are the words of Nguyen Ti Xeim, vice president of the Woman's Union in Hanoi, who was a representative of the Vietnamese women at the Indo-Chinese Conference held in Vancouver, British Columbia, on April 1971, where American and Canadian women met with representatives from the Women's Union of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the Women's Union for the Liberation of South Vietnam and from Laos.

The purpose of the Conference was to unite women around internationalism and to find ways and means of building a genuine anti-imperialist women's movement. As one Vietnamese comrade said, "We must see who the main enemy is. The struggle of the American people inside the United States is the struggle for democracy and against oppression and racism. We have a common enemy and our struggle is to fight back against our common enemy. The American people have the duty to see that the war in Indo-China ends: If

your "house", but you are in our "house". Mr. Nixon has stated once the Vietnamese people have the 'right to self-determination' that the Americans would get out of Vietnam. We say as long as the American troops are in Vietnam there can not be any democratic election. We say the puppets have no right to self-determination."

All of the Indo-Chinese delegates told us that it was the United States Imperialists and the Saigon and Laotian puppet regimes that is the enemy of the Indo-Chinese and not the people of the United States. They emphasized the importance of pinpointing the main enemy. Without doing this, they said it would be very difficult to establish correct ways of solving the problem facing them.

Phan Min Hien from the Women's Union for the Liberation of South Vietnam spoke at length about the Women's Union and the daily struggle that they wage. There is a need, she said, to cooperate with the many different organizations representing different political tendencies, such as the Women's Peace Union, Women for the Right to Live, Women's Organization to Defend the Digni-

women alike. Although these groups have many different interests they are united around the question of throwing out U.S. Imperialism. Each organization has its main objective-objectives such as peace, land, religious freedom, higher wages etc. but they are all united in the common front around the question of kicking the U.S. Imperialists out.

The peoples of the three Indo-Chinese countries, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia have risen in a common fight against U.S. Imperialism. Proletarian Internationalism means support for the Indo-Chinese people in their just struggle against U.S. Imperialism! It also means supporting the 8 Point Statement of Minister Mme. Nguyen Thi Binh from the Delegation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, which is as follows: "To respond to the deep desire for peace of broad sectors of the people in South Vietnam, in the United States and in the world, on the instructions of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, I would like to further elaborate on a number of points in the 10-point Overall Solution as follows: 1-The U.S. Government must put an end to its war of aggression in Viet Nam, stop the policy of 'Vietnamization' of the war, totally withdraw from South Vietnam troops, military personnel, weapons, and war materials of the United States as well as troops, military personnel, weapons and war materials of the other foreign countries in the U.S. camp, without posing any condition whatsoever, and dismantle all U.S. military bases in South Vietnam.

In case the U.S. Government declares it will withdraw from South Vietnam all its troops

and those of the other foreign countries in the U.S. camp by June 30, 1971, the People's Liberation Armed Forces will refrain from attacking the withdrawing troops of the United States and those of the other foreign countries in the U.S. camp; and the parties will engage at once in discussions on: -the question of ensuring safety for the total withdrawal from South Vietnam of U.S. troops and those of the other foreign countries in the U.S. camp. -the question of releasing captured militarymen.

2- The question of Vietnamese armed forces in South Vietnam shall be resolved by the Vietnamese parties among themselves.

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**The Fate Of The U.S. Aggressors!**

they do not want to see American troops die on the battlefields of Indo-China they have to work in such a way to stop the war in Vietnam. We feel that this is the duty of the American people."

"Vietnam is one. Vietnam has the duty to throw the aggressors out of their country. You, the U.S. Imperialists have invaded us--we are not in

ty of Women, etc. Many of these organizations, in fact, met on the streets while carrying on mobilizations against the puppet government and the imperialists for peace and independence. Not only is the united front made up of many different organizations but of many different classes of people; students, intellectuals, Buddhists, workers, peasants and national minorities, men and

# P.R.G. Peace Initiative

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3- The warlike and fascist Thieu-Ky-Khiem administration, an instrument of the U.S. policy of aggression, are frantically opposing peace, striving to call for the intensification and expansion of the war, and for the prolongation of the U.S. military occupation of South Vietnam, and are enriching themselves with the blood of the people. They are serving the U.S. imperialist aggressors who massacre their compatriots and devastate their country. They have stepped up the 'pacification' campaigns to terrorize the people and hold them in the vice of their regime, set up a barbarous system of jails of the type of 'tiger cages' in Con Dao and established a police regime of the utmost cruelty in South Vietnam. They carry out ferocious repression against those who stand for peace, independence, neutrality and democracy, regardless of their social stock, political tendencies and religions; they repress those who are not of their clan. They increase forcible pressganging and endeavour to plunder the property of the South Vietnam people so as to serve the U.S. policy of 'Vietnamization' of the war. The restoration of genuine peace in South Vietnam necessitates the formation in Saigon of an administration without Thieu, Ky and Khiem, an administration which stands for peace, independence, neutrality, which improves the people's living conditions, which ensures democratic liberties such as freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly, freedom of belief, etc, and releases those who have been jailed for political reasons, and dissolves concentration camps so that the inmates therein may return to and live in their native places. The Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam is prepared to enter into talks with such an administration on a political settlement of the South Vietnam problem so as to put an end to the war and restore peace in Vietnam.

4- The South Vietnam people will decide themselves the political regime of South Vietnam through really free and democratic elections, elect a national assembly, work out a Constitution of a national and democratic character, and set up a government reflecting the entire peoples' aspirations and will for peace, independence, neutrality, democracy, and national concord.

The general elections must be held in a really free and democratic way. The modalities of the elections must guarantee genuine freedom and equality during the electoral campaigns and vote proceedings to all citizens, irrespective of their politi-

cal tendencies, including those who are living abroad. No party shall usurp for itself the right to organize general elections and lay down their modalities. The general elections organized by the U.S. puppet administration in Saigon at the bayonets of the U.S. occupying troops can not be free and democratic.

A provisional government of broad coalition is indispensable for the organization of really free and democratic general elections and also for ensuring the right to self-determination of the South Vietnam people during the transitory period between the restoration of peace and the holding of general elections.

5- The provisional coalition government will include three components:

Persons of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam.

Persons of the Saigon Administration, really standing for peace, independence, neutrality, and democracy.



National Liberation Front fighter captures U.S. pilot.

## "All Reactionaries Are Paper Tigers"

Mao

Persons of various political and religious forces and tendencies standing for peace, independence, neutrality, and democracy including those who, for political reasons, have to live abroad.

The provisional coalition government will implement the agreements reached by the parties.

The provisional coalition government will carry out a policy of national concord, insure the democratic freedoms of the people, prohibit all acts of terror, reprisal, and discrimination against those who have collaborated with either side, stabilize and improve the living conditions of the people and organize general elections to form a coalition government.

The provisional coalition government will pursue a foreign policy of peace and neutrality, practice a policy of good neighborhood with the Kingdom of Laos and the Kingdom of Cambodia, respect the sovereignty, independence, neutrality and territorial integrity of these two countries; it will establish diplomatic relations with all countries regardless of their political regime, including the United States, in accordance with the five principles of peaceful coexistence.

6- Vietnam is one, the Vietnamese people is one. The reunification of Vietnam will be achieved step by step, by peaceful means, on the basis of discussions and agreements between the two zones, without coercion or annexion from either side, without foreign interference. The time for reunification as well as all questions relating to the reunification will be discussed and agreed upon by both sides. Pending the peaceful reunification of the country, the two zones will re-establish normal relations in all fields on the basis of equality and mutual respect, and will respect each others political regime, internal and external policies.

7- The parties will decide together measures aimed at ensuring the respect and the correct implementation of the provisions agreed upon.

8- After the agreement on and signing of accords aimed at putting an end to the war and restoring peace in Vietnam, the parties will implement the modalities that will have been laid down for a cease fire in South Vietnam.

To attain a peaceful settlement of the Vietnam problem, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam declares its readiness to get henceforth in touch with the forces or persons of various political tendencies and religions in the country and abroad including members of the present Saigon Administration, except Thieu, Ky and Khiem."

# What Is The State?

Q.- How is it that the owners of capital (the owners of the oil, steel, land, factories etc.), who make up around 1% of all the people in the U.S. have the power to command, oppress and exploit the majority of the whole mass of labor?

A.- The owners of wealth (the bourgeoisie), who get their wealth by exploiting or robbing the workers, are able to keep on top of the majority of the toiling people because they have control of the state.

Q.- What is the state?

A.- The state is a special system or machine for the subjugation of the working class by the capitalist class today. The State machinery (the police, the judges, the laws, courts, prisons, the Army and Navy, etc.) exist to serve the rich, defend their property and most of all their exploitation of the working class.

Q.- How did the state arise?

A.- The state has not always existed. There was a time when there were no police, prisons and laws to protect the oppressor class. Only when classes appeared was it necessary that the state appear. As V.I. Lenin says in THE STATE:

"The state is a machine for maintaining the rule of one class over another. When there were no classes in society, people labored in primitive conditions of greater equality, in conditions when productivity of labor was still at its lowest, and when primitive man could barely procure the wherewithal for the crudest and most primitive existence, a special group of people especially separated off to rule and dominate over the rest of society had not yet arisen, and could not have arisen. Only when the first form of the division of society into classes appeared, only when slavery appeared, when a certain class of people, by concentration on the crudest forms of agricultural labor, could produce a certain surplus, when this surplus was not absolutely essential for the most wretched existence of the slave and passed into the hands of the slaveowner, when in this way the existence of this class of slave owners took firm root - then in order that it might take firm root it was essential a state should appear."

Q.- Why do the capitalists need to oppress the working class?

A.- Only in order that they may continue to rob the working class every minute of every day that workers spend on the production line and in the factories (just as the slaveholder lived off the sur-



The police are used to enforce the capitalists' rule.

plus made by the slave, the capitalist lives off the surplus made by the worker and moreover invests this surplus value again and again into production and grows rich). Today under capitalism we are wage slaves. Marx, born over 150 years ago is important to the working class because he was a revolutionary, whose life's work was dedicated to the overthrow of capital and the liberation of the working class. He has shown the workers of the world how they, through their labor, have created everything that there is of value (LABOUR THEORY OF VALUE) and how they are being systematically robbed by the capitalist class who keeps the major part of this value to amass great wealth and power for themselves (THEORY OF SURPLUS VALUE).

Q.- How does the working class get state power?

A.- The working class can get STATE power only by organizing themselves as a class, smashing the STATE machinery of the bourgeoisie, setting up their own state machinery, the dictatorship of the proletariat or workers, and "with this machine, or bludgeon, we shall destroy all exploitation. And when the possibility of exploitation no longer exists anywhere in the world, when there are no longer owners of land and owners of factories and when there is no longer a situation in which some gorge while others starve--only when the possibility of this no longer exists shall we consign this machine to the scrap heap. Then there will be no state and no exploitation."--Lenin, The State.

## Western Electric:

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ern Electric, and whose policies direct this whole capitalist system.

What can workers do to fight against these cruel company policies? First and foremost the working class must build a strong Communist Party that will organize and co-ordinate the struggles of working and unemployed people all over the country; and whose eventual goal will be to take the lead in overthrowing the imperialist system and replacing it with socialism.

Secondly, in order to construct this Party, we must continue to struggle with in our trade unions, even with all of their rottenness. We must fight the union bureaucrats at every turn to put the unions back in the hands of the rank and file. We must fight for equal opportunity in apprenticeship programs, equal pay for equal work for men and women, against all discrimination directed at national minorities and defend the rights of all workers at the plant.

Only when these two forms of struggle are combined will the working class find itself strong enough to win in its fight against capital.

BUILD A CLASS PARTY!

BUILD A MASS STRUGGLE!

## ALL VOLUNTEER ARMY-

## AN ARMY OF PAID KILLERS

In January of this year, the Nixon government openly announced its plans to build a "professional or volunteer" army by 1973. This report was aired at about the same time as the newspapers and major news magazines were carrying full length articles about the degenerating draft army in Indo-China. These articles told of the worst situation the U.S. government has ever faced in its army. They told of the climbing and serious desertion rate, the frequent killing of superior officers, the flagrant refusals to carry out orders, the large scale use of dope, a growing number of riots and demonstrations at all the bases, at home and overseas and finally a liberation movement among black soldiers that has tripled in the last two years.

Many officers won't go out at night for fear of being "fragged". "Fragging" means to be attacked with a fragmentation grenade by one of your own men. Today many officers in the field collect all grenades as soon as the soldiers come in from patrol. Its no wonder they are scared, the army reported at least one fragging of an officer every week during 1970.

The availability of dope in Indo-China has caused many of the disillusioned soldiers to become addicts. Large numbers of whom would never have taken to drugs if they hadn't been forced into fighting the Indo-Chinese people, something they didn't and don't want to do. As a result, thousands of young men have become addicted! Not only to marijuana but many to heroin, a condition they won't be able to shake loose even when they are discharged.

Narcotics were used originally by the imperialists to dope up the Indo-Chinese people and keep them from revolting but today it is the U.S. soldiers and not the Indo-Chinese people who are "high" a good deal of the time. The army even admitted to 400 deaths from overdoses of drugs in Vietnam in 1970!

Officers report that they can no longer order their men on missions without explaining why it must be done. And, if the men don't like it they won't go. As Sgt. Ralph Mitchell said in Newsweek, "If a mission looks like it would be too costly you can bet your ass we won't do it."

Black G.I.'s who have always had it the worst in the



The Black liberation movement in the Army is growing rapidly.

army, are revolting and will no longer take the worst jobs and the most dangerous assignments.

These are just a few of the countless examples of how the draft army in Indo-China is falling apart at the seams. Anyone who knows anything about the military, knows that an army in this condition can't possibly do the job efficiently.

How come the draft army of today is in such bad shape? In WW II the U.S. had a draft army that fought and fought hard! The difference between WW II and the war in Southeast Asia today can be boiled down to this, the U.S. army in WW II was fighting to destroy the fascist aggressors. Today the U.S. is the aggressor. The U.S. imperialists, with their army to do their fighting for them, are the only aggressors in Southeast Asia today. They are responsible for this genocidal, slaughtering, murdering war. A war in which the U.S. working class doesn't believe. A war directly opposed to the interests of the soldiers and the working and oppressed peoples of the whole world. This is why the soldiers are demoralized, take dope, refuse to carry out orders, desert and kill officers. And, this is why the imperialists and the Nixon administration are being forced to try and build an army of paid killers who will bow to their every whim and slaughter without conscience or guilt. An army of mercenaries, an army with no principles or morals, an army that will slaughter for one thing--money. We recall how fascist Hitler demanded a military youth movement that would furnish him with "craven beasts of prey". This is what the U.S. imperialists want and need.

So, the imperialists think that a mercenary army will be able to "take care of business" in Southeast Asia! They couldn't be more wrong. True, a mercenary army is capable of slaughter, but not of winning a war. Never in history has a mercenary army won anything, except the overwhelming hatred and fire of all honest and moral peoples of the world.

The imperialists fail to recall the fact that the bones of Hitler's craven beasts of prey are scattered across Europe and the Soviet Union--that Germany ended up a divided and defeated nation. They forget that the French also used a cruel murderous mercenary army in Vietnam for nine years. Africans, Thais, whole divisions of captured Nazi soldiers--scum from around the world were thrown into Vietnam and in the end the morally straight, principled, unpaid soldiers of the Vietnamese Peoples' Liberation Army defeated them. This will surely be the fate of the motley army of mercenaries that U.S. imperialism is developing.

Up until now the U.S. imperialists have mainly used South Vietnamese puppet troops (ARVN) and South Korean troops as mercenaries and already the futility of these attempts can be seen. While Nixon, Rogers, Laird etc., openly lied to the U.S. people about "everything is going as planned", the ARVN troops in Laos were completely crushed. Is this what the imperialists had planned?!

A mercenary army, however, means more than an army of imperialist killers in Southeast Asia or in Latin America or wherever the imperialists are carrying out their wars of aggression. For the U.S. work-

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## WELFARE REFORM:

# Nixon Takes A "Free Ride"

Everyday in the papers President Nixon says that people on welfare are lazy, that they are getting something for nothing, that the "honest, hard working citizen" is going broke because he has to pay the way for welfare "bums." Nixon says, "Able-bodied persons

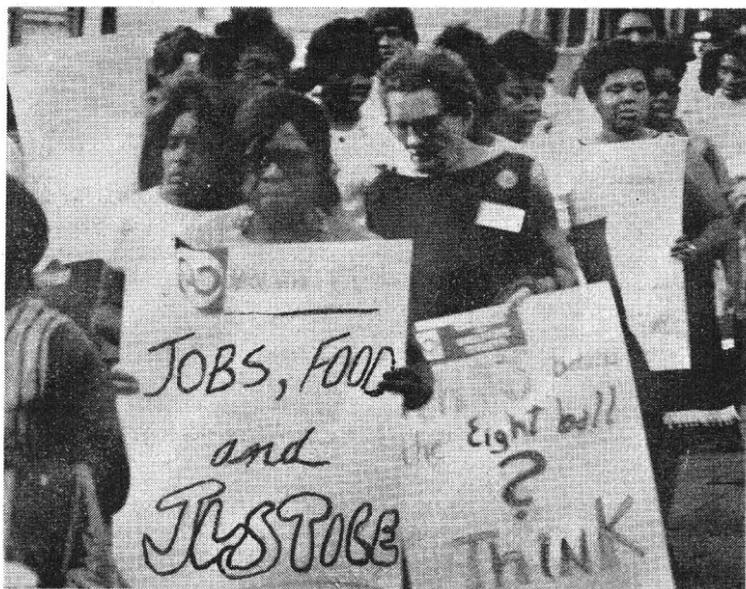
who think they can take a free ride are just going to have to get out and push with the rest of us." He is calling for a law that would require everybody on welfare to work for their welfare checks. He calls it "Welfare Reform".

Picture what will be done with "Welfare Reform" if it becomes law: Men and women on welfare will be assigned by the government to their jobs. They will have no choice about where they want to work, they can't look for a job with higher pay, they can't quit, even if the conditions on the job are unbearable. They certainly can't go on strike for a higher welfare check. How is this different from slavery?

A man on welfare can be assigned to work where a strike is going on. If he refuses to

workers can feel secure if this law goes through. And even some of these skilled workers are destined to become "welfare recipients" as is being proven by the ever increasing number of aerospace engineers etc. on welfare today.

For the Black,, Chicano, Puerto Rican and other national minority workers, it is not only their jobs at stake, but also their lives. We know, that the majority of welfare recipients in the nation are white, yet every time Nixon says the word he directs it at the minorities primarily. He cannot come right out with it, but everytime he says "welfare" he wants the white workers to imagine Black people. When he says people on welfare are taking a free ride and having illegitimate children, he is really calling Blacks and all national minorities a bunch of bums and whores. When Nixon blames the money problems of the workers on the high cost of welfare, he wants us to think that white workers suffer because of black people. Didn't Hitler blame everything on the Jews too? Weren't the minorities in Germany the first to be attacked and murdered? In this low down way



Welfare recipients actively protest Nixon's "Welfare Reform."

as he loses his welfare, his last chance for survival. Nixon thinks he can break every strike in the country with welfare reform.

There are millions of people on welfare. Where are they all supposed to work? There aren't any jobs now and the capitalist system is never going to be able to supply enough jobs for all the potential workers. But, when the factory owners find an army of millions who are forced to work for one dollar sixty cents an hour or less, you can bet they'll say goodbye to the two and three dollar an hour workers to hire "welfare recipients"! This is why "Welfare Reform" isn't just the concern of people on welfare; it is a threat to the wages of every worker, to the job of every worker. Only a few highly skilled, highly paid

Nixon is spreading his chauvinist lies in order to build support for the fascist slaughter of millions of black, brown, red and Asian workers, who are the most revolutionary and the fighting heart of the working class.

In every way "welfare reform" which is being discussed in Congress right now, is another part of the trend towards fascism in the U.S.. Another method by which the capitalists hope to "revive" the economy at the expense of the working class and for the benefit of themselves, with violence by all means!

There is one thing though that we do agree with Mr. Nixon about. When he says that everyone should work for his living, all workers agree. We would like to ask, who is it that's

taking a free ride? Is it the man on welfare who got laid off and just can't find another job? Is it the woman on welfare who has 5 kids and can't afford a babysitter so she can work? Or is it the capitalist who sits on the Board of Directors of Chase-Manhattan Bank, who has never worked a single day on an assembly line or in a factory, who spends his time relaxing in Europe, while he makes billions of dollars off the labor of the workers and off the war in Indo-China? We say it is leeches like this, the whole capitalist imperialist class, that are taking the free ride!

We agree so much with Nixon's cry against those few people who are taking a free ride, off everyone else, that we will continue to fight for a working class Communist Party, we will continue to prepare the working class for revolution in order to seize state power from this class of capitalist parasites, and, under the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, to implement the slogan: "From each according to his ability, to each according to his work". And it will apply first of all to Mr. Nixon and his class!

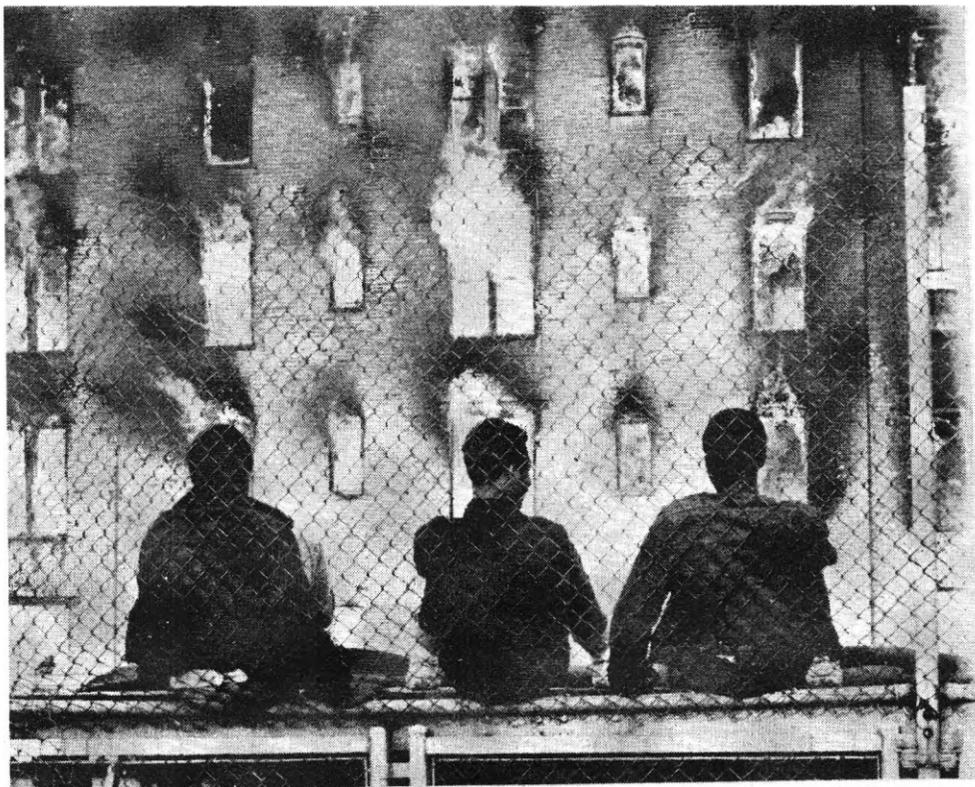
## Mercenary Army:

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ing class it means another step towards fascism right here. We must never forget that the primary reason the capitalists build any kind of national army is to suppress its enemies inside, not outside the nation.

In order to carry on wars around the world the imperialists must keep the working class in the U.S. firmly under their control. They have to crush all revolutionaries and revolutionary acts of the working class. They have to try and smash every anti-capitalist sentiment in the working class. This they try to do through violence. This is why they need fascism and this is why they need a mercenary army today. The imperialists know that they cannot rely on a civilian army, drawn principally from the working class, to suppress the rest of the working class. Just as the soldiers in the draft army are refusing to kill for the imperialists in Southeast Asia, they are refusing to do the same at home. Again, the only alternative the imperialists can see is a mercenary army.

The working class is the most just and moral class history has ever known while the imperialist capitalist class is the most savage, cruel, and profit hungry class history has ever known. We are confident that the beating being given the U.S. army and the mercenaries by the peoples of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos is only a prelude to the whipping that they will inevitably receive throughout the colonial world and finally here at home.



Fires burn in Brownsville...

**BROWNSVILLE:**

## We Have A Right To Eat!

On May 6, a demonstration of welfare recipients was called in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, New York. The peaceful demonstration turned into a battle when the police tried to break it up. The newspapers and T.V. reported that it was a riot by gangs and crazies who rioted for no good reason. What are the facts?

The facts are that the Brownsville "riot", like Watts, Newark and Detroit, was an

uprising by the most oppressed and exploited working people against the capitalist system. 85% of the 100,000 people of Brownsville are black and Puerto Rican. 80% are on welfare, with almost no chance of finding jobs or decent housing or giving their children good food or a decent education. As if this wasn't bad enough, the state of New York on May 1, passed a welfare cut of 10%, which actually came to 25% when the overdue cost-of-living raises which weren't given

are taken into account. The New York Times reported that this 10% reduction means \$23 less per check--or the same as 6 days food for a family of four.

And of course this welfare cut is being made at a time when prices and rents are continuing to go up, when Lindsay is planning to lay off 90,000 city workers who are not allowed to get unemployment, only welfare. The welfare cuts are an attempt to put the burden of the current capitalist-created economic crisis on the backs of the whole working class, especially the most exploited and oppressed, the national minorities.

We cannot let this happen! We will not watch our children go hungry. We have a RIGHT TO EAT!!!

Capitalism denies this basic right to millions of people. Only the complete destruction of the capitalist system can promise them a decent future. Our first task is to build a Communist Party, an organization of leaders, to march at the head of the working people from Brownsville, Harlem and East Los Angeles--people from all the oppressed and exploited communities and factories all over the country--people who want to fight against capitalism and for socialism. That way we'll be able to take care of business - united as millions of workers, instead of just hundreds here and hundreds there!

## Labor Reform or Revolution?

The Communist League, as well as the working class, has reached a higher understanding of the labor movement than even a year ago. On April 18 and 19 the C.L. held its first major labor conference. This conference dealt with all aspects of the workers' struggle at their place of work and in the unemployment and welfare lines. The conference placed as primary the role of the unorganized and unemployed, and did not limit the discussion just to trade unions. We approached the question of the trade unions from the point of view of the millions of revolutionary but unorganized workers in this country.

In order to understand the role of the trade unions and the question of the growing revolutionary struggle, we must see the real role of these unions, their leaders, and the position of the so-called "lefts" on trade unions. The conference presented to the comrades and friends four major reports, and a number of secondary but important reports. They were: Reform vs. Revolutionary Struggle In

the Labor Movement; National Minorities in the Labor Movement; Splits in the Working Class Movement; and United Front-United Action. In addition there were reports on Women in the Labor Movement; The Lumpenproletariat; Fascist Labor Fronts; Unemployment Councils; Auto Workers Report; as well as a number of other reports.

These reports exposed the position of labor misleaders, phoney left groupings, and proposed a more correct line for struggle in the labor movement. These reports were based on the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, and Mao Tse-tung. One of the first questions we had to answer was why do communists work in reactionary trade unions? This question was answered in the report Reform vs. Revolutionary Struggle.

### WHY COMMUNISTS WORK IN REACTIONARY TRADE UNIONS

Lenin in What Is To Be Done? makes it very clear that we must be wherever the working class is, whether that be in the church, streets

or in the unions. It is the job of a communist to go to the working class; therefore we go into the unions.

Anyone who goes into the unions today must realize from the beginning that he is in hostile waters. The unions are controlled and ruled by fascist labor misleaders. Unions today are not the unions of 30 years ago. Today they and large sections of their membership are pro-capitalist rather than anti-capitalist. Large sections of the more skilled workers support these union misleaders and the capitalist system because they get high wages, and a prime position in the working class. In addition, many unions and some of their members actually support white chauvinism and the imperialist war.

The Communist League realizes that the unions do not represent the most revolutionary section of the class, and that is why we have always gone to the most exploited and oppressed workers to build a base for a communist party. In line with this, we have also gone into the unions

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because we can't leave them to the capitalists. We must develop an understanding of how to work in them. We know the reactionary nature of the unions and are tempted to withdraw from that struggle, but Lenin and Stalin keep us on the right line. Lenin says:

"To refuse to work in the reactionary trade unions means leaving the underdeveloped or backward masses of workers under the influence of the reactionary leaders, the agents of the bourgeoisie, the labor aristocrats, or the workers who have become completely bourgeois."

Stalin furthers this position in answering Trotsky's position that communists should withdraw from the reaction, reformist trade unions:

"Is this a correct policy? It is incorrect in its very essence. It is basically incorrect because it is in conflict with the Leninist conception of leadership of the masses. It is incorrect because the trade unions of the West, despite their reactionary character are the most elementary, the most comprehensive organizations of the most backward workers, hence they are the widest mass organizations of the proletariat. We cannot go to the masses, we cannot win over the masses if we bypass the unions. To accept Trotsky's viewpoint would mean to hand over the masses of workers to be devoured..." (Collected Works, Vol. 8, p. 185.)

In addition, there will never be a successful revolution without the seizure of the means

In addition, there will never be a successful revolution without the seizure of the most strategic means of production, like steel, railroads and mining. Therefore we must go into unions like the United Steel Workers, the United Mineworkers, etc. to build support.

This sums up our position on why we work in unions, but this is only half the question. The other half is, what do we do once we are in the unions? First we have to know who is the enemy.

## WHO IS THE ENEMY?

We all realize that the main enemy is the capitalist class, but this enemy has many faces and many fronts. Inside the labor movement the main tactic of the capitalists is the line of pure reformism. It is our job, as it was Lenin's, Stalin's and Mao's job before us, to combat this bourgeois line and present the class with the correct revolutionary line. The report, Reform Vs. Revolutionary

Struggle in the Labor Movement, gave a good explanation of this:

"Reformism regards socialism as a remote goal and nothing more, and actually repudiates the socialist revolution and aims at establishing socialism by peaceful means. Reformism advocates not class struggle, but class collaboration." (J. Stalin, Anarchism or Socialism)

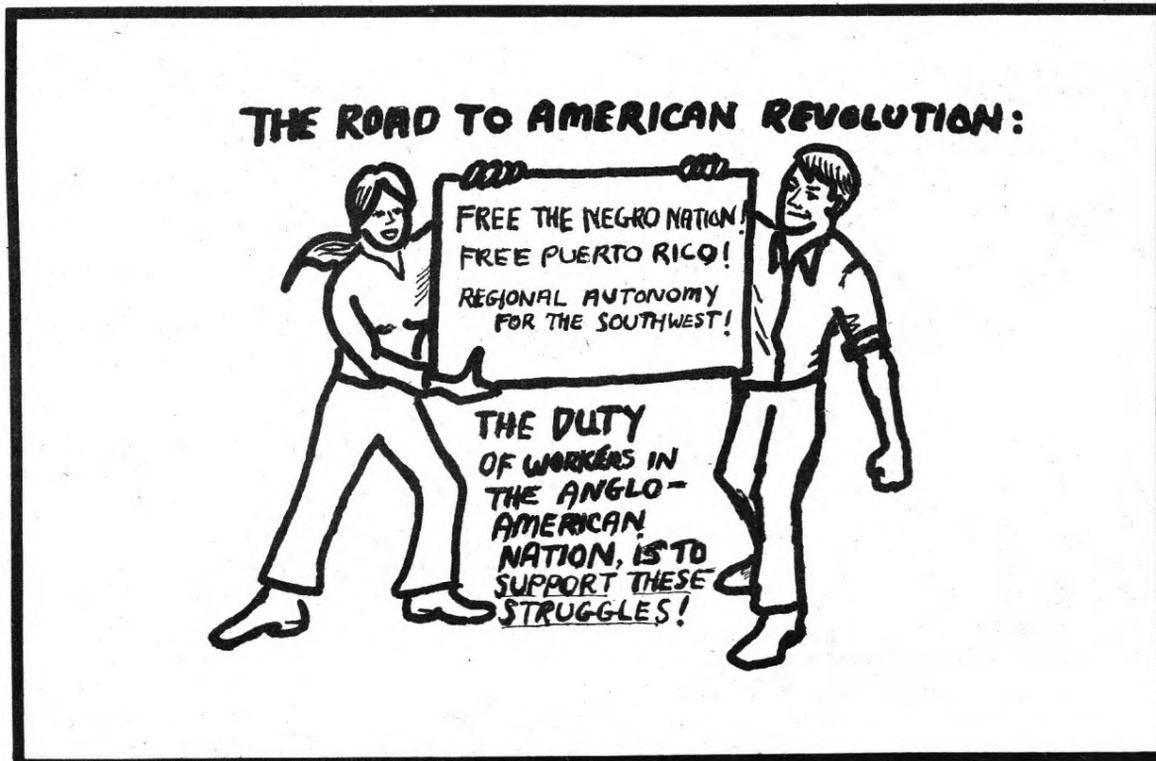
This statement by Stalin exposes the nature of the reformists' outlook. Reformism is a program of relying on gradual change and making things a little bit better, slowly. It develops out of faith in the fair mindedness of the bourgeoisie. This is a shakey foundation to build a program around, that is, the dependence on the liberalism of monopoly capitalists.

The reformists feel that they can serve humanity and progress by getting up close to the most reactionary forces in society. With faulty logic like this it is no wonder that the labor movement is on rough ground. Stalin said in Dialectical and Historical Materialism, "...in order not to err in policy, one must be a revolutionary, not a reformist." What Stalin says here is very simple in appearance but very deep when realized in practice. It means the difference between moving a force of workers on an offensive drive for social change and just demands, educating them as to the nature of capitalism in the process, or sneaking around, dealing with the 'liberal' and the 'just' bosses, using the workers for a backstop (in other words, class collaboration). It means the difference between getting reforms by means of revolutionary action or getting reforms as a handout from the ruling class. When the revolutionary method is not applied the reformist dealings give the boss a fine oppor-

tunity to buy off the opposition from the top, an opportunity which he readily accepts. The reformist method gives the ruling class a free reign with the 'carrot and the stick'. The reformists tell the workers about how reasonable the bosses are and warn them (the workers) not to cause trouble. (They're getting the carrots and don't feel like giving them up.) We know what that leaves for the workers. They get the stick!"

The report continues by talking about three basic expressions of reformist trade unionism. The business union concept which was made popular by Gompers, which says that management and unions are in business together and what is and what is good for GM is good for her workers. The second type is the social democrat reformist policy of talking about the needs of the workers being broader than just nickel and dime issues. This grouping is best represented by Reuther, Woodcox and Bridges, who talk about social problems like the war and discrimination, but always defend the interests of the company. The third type is represented by Goldblat of the I.L.W.U. and Matless of the United Electrical Workers, who talk like communists, but act like fascists. These social-fascists talk at peace rallies, demonstrations and other events, but when it comes down to the real issues of fighting for organization of the unorganized and defending the interests of the working class as a whole, they develop a hands-off policy. Each of these different types of union misleaders represents, in one form or another, agents of the companies and the capitalist class. Whether through hard talk or soft talk, they have attempted to fool the class into a reformist bag that only aids the capitalists in the long run.

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# ONE MILLION PROTEST WAR!

More people in the U.S. are opposed to the war in Indo-China than ever before. From April 24 through May 5 over one million people marched and protested. There were many different types of people but they were all united in their feeling that the U.S. is waging an unjust war against the Indo-Chinese people. In San Francisco 150,000 people demonstrated, in Washington D.C. there were almost half a million, and thousands came out to oppose the war in other cities all across the country.

A few years ago the people could believe Kennedy and even Johnson when they promised a quick end to the war. A lot of people even believed Nixon's "peace" talk a year ago. But since the expansion of the war into Cambodia and Laos, the U.S. people have started to see that the rulers of this country, whether they are Republicans or Democrats, are not going to end the war.

The demonstrations in April and May showed a big increase in anti-war feelings.

Yet the war goes on. In this so-called democracy the demands of the people are ignored. Not even just ignored, but violently suppressed. Over 10,000 people were arrested, armies of federal troops and police occupied the streets, and many people were clubbed and gassed. This is the rulers' reply to the peoples' demands! Obviously, the majority, the working class, has no control over what the government of their country does. A small group of men, the imperialist class, runs this government for their own benefit, and couldn't care less about what the majority wants.

If this is true, how are we going to end the war and all future imperialist wars? Stalin once said, "What is most likely is that the present-day peace movement, as a movement for the preservation of peace, will, if it succeeds, result in preventing a particular war, in its temporary postponement, in the temporary preservation of a particular peace, in the resignation of a bellicose government and its

supersession by another that is prepared temporarily to keep the peace. That, of course, will be good. Even very good. But all the same, it will not be enough to eliminate the inevitability of wars... It will not be enough, because, for all the successes of the peace movement, imperialism will remain, continue in force--and, consequently, the inevitability of wars will also continue in force.

"To eliminate the inevitability of war, it is necessary to abolish imperialism" (Stalin, Economic Problems of Socialism in the U.S.S.R.)

Stalin's words are still very true for us today. We should have no illusions about ending the war without a fight. Even if the U.S. Army is pulled out of Vietnam, the imperialists will launch new wars for profit in Africa or Latin America. The U.S. workers are going to have to overthrow the imperialists and put themselves in power before we get peace.

## ALBANIA: From Backwardness To Socialism

The Peoples Republic of Albania has a proud history of struggle against oppression and backwardness. Having established socialism in their country, the working people now rule and are building up a bright future. This remarkable country can teach workers a great deal in our fight against the profit system and also about life under socialism.

Albania is a small country in the Balkans of southeastern Europe. It is surrounded by Yugoslavia on the north and east, Greece on the south, and is just across the Adriatic Sea from Italy. It has a population of slightly more than two million people.

Until recently it was the most backward country in Europe with no industry and many poor peasants using the most primitive agricultural methods. The advance and growth of Albania was blocked by the imperialist domination of her stronger neighbors. The history of her recent struggles for freedom begins near the start of the nineteenth hundreds, a time when working people throughout the world began waking up.

On November 28, 1912, the Albanian people ended the 500 years of oppressive rule by the Turkish Empire. They proclaimed their independence and the national flag was raised by Ismail Qemali, a national hero. But this freedom was shortlived



as Enver Hoxha, the First Secretary of the Party of Labor of Albania, explains:

"The bourgeoisie and the feudals who came to power went only half way and betrayed the brilliant cause of the patriots of the period of our national revival. Albania remained in a state of poverty and ignorance and was sold off to the foreigners."

The imperialist powers, then as today, refused to allow countries to develop freely and made plans to carve up Albania. While the Albanians were threatened by their neighbors, the Italian imperialists

with modern weapons, tanks, and planes, invaded and took a region called Vlora. After 3 months of fighting, the Albanian guerrillas, mostly peasants with only primitive weapons, defeated the Italian occupationist army and drove them out on September 3, 1920. These victories showed once again that a small nation can defeat a big power if it unites its people, takes up arms and is determined to win.

During World War II, fascist Italy, with the help of Nazi Germany occupied and oppressed Albania, as they did most of Europe. The Albanians were the only people occupied by the fascists who were able to free themselves without outside help, while the war was going on. The political organization of the people in their fight was the National Liberation Front, and the main armed force was the National Liberation Army. The liberation forces were led by the Communist Party of Albania (now called the Party of Labor of Albania, the PLA) but included a broad range of progressive minded people and groups representing workers, peasants, shop keepers, women, youth and intellectuals. After the formation of the Communist Party (1941) and the National Liberation Front (1942), the cadre did persistent work among the masses. This work was very dangerous because the Italian army was always trying to de-

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"WORK AND LEARN" by CLIRIM CEKA, ALBANIAN ARTIST.

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stroy the peoples organizations of resistance. The Communists patiently did the work of explaining to the people that the immediate enemy was the Italian fascists and that they must be overthrown by an insurrection. They went to the workers, the peasants, the students and young people and finally to the patriotic elements in the puppet army. Every industrial area became their stronghold and they had supporters throughout the country. In the spring of 1943 they organized and called a general insurrection. The insurrection was well planned, the youth especially fought very bravely, and it found mass support. In less than three months the number of partisans (guerrilla freedom fighters) doubled. In May the first battalions were formed and by July there were 20 battalions and 30 bands of partisans fighting in every part of the country. By April 1944 enough territory had been liberated to set up a government. A constitution was drafted and Enver Hoxha, the leader of the Communist Party and the liberation struggle, was named President. In November the last of the fascist troops were pushed out of Albania and the national liberation was victorious.

With the ousting of the invaders and the establishment of the Peoples' Power the Communist Party was charged with the task of leading in the rebuilding of the country. This was no easy job for many reasons. The economy was in shambles because the bridges had been blown up; the highways, ports, and telephone networks were in ruins; mines and factories were closed; much of the arable land was not under cul-

tivation and 1/3 of the cattle had been slaughtered. The U.S. and British imperialists, who maintained missions in Albania, directed the internal and external enemies of socialist construction. The Yugoslav revisionists, posing as friends and led by the renegade Tito, continuously caused trouble by arming traitors and trying to turn Albania into a province of their country. The Greek monarcho-fascists, put into power by the imperialists, went so far as to stage a military invasion on August 2, 1949, but this was smashed immediately by the Albanian National Liberation Army. The peoples state and army had to be strengthened to defend the country. Immediate economic measures were necessary to get the people working and producing.

First, the property of those who had fought against liberation and the mines were nationalized. Then the National Bank and the property of foreign capitalists were taken by the state. These first measures formed the socialist sector of the economy, and on this basis measures could be taken in favor of the working people. An eight hour day was enforced along with equal pay for equal work regardless of age or sex. All workers were given 15 days paid annual vacation and unemployment was eliminated. The reason for the success of the revolution was the alliance of the workers and peasants and the new government took steps to strengthen it. All old land rent debts were cancelled and within a few yrs. a thorough program of land reform was instituted. In general, rich landlords were only allowed to keep as much land as they could cultivate themselves.

The rest was divided up among the peasants who actually worked the land. The ancient system in which the labor of many produces the wealth of a few was destroyed.

Albania has made tremendous advances in the past 25 years. Through determination and hard work the country has gone from a backward agrarian economy to an advanced industrial-agrarian one. Here are a few figures that show their economic and cultural advancement.

--The total industrial output of the year 1938 is realized today in 5 days, the production of coal in 2 days, chromium ore in 6 days, copper in 9 days, electrical energy in 4 days, sawn timber in 6 days, cement in 9 days etc.

--Today in Albania 2 out of 7 persons attends school, in 1938 one out of 18 attended.

--Today they have one physician and one dentist for every 1,320 inhabitants, in 1938 there was one for every 8,500 inhabitants.

--The prolongation of life span from 38 years in 1938, to 68 years today.

--In 1969, as against 1938, their development has had the following growth; national income 7.6 times, industrial production 3 times, labor productivity 2.3 times, audiences in theaters 20.5 times and book circulation 34.5 times.

It is clear that Albania is making great progress and advancement of the standard of living. This comes at the same time as so many other countries are falling apart. The U.S. leads the way with massive unemployment, inflation, tight money, gold crisis, and poverty and misery for the working people. Albania has escaped all these problems, along with crime, dope, the generation gap, ghettos and discrimination. They have done this on the basis of a planned socialist economy. Instead of each worker being forced to make it as he can and each capitalist trying to grab a quick buck, (with rules like these how could we escape economic crises?), all production is planned. Every five years the workers, the managers and the government examine their resources. A thorough study is made of what people need and what can be accomplished. A plan is drawn up and serves as a guide to industry, agriculture, trade and constructions for the next five years. They have just completed (five months ahead of schedule) the fourth five-year plan. One of the results of this plan was the bringing of electricity to all parts of Albania. By comparison, Greece is only 30% electrified and Italy will not be fully electrified for another thirty years. This goal in Albania was achieved 15 years ahead of schedule. Another great benefit has been the abolition of all taxes on the working people (in the U.S.

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This reformist philosophy and its leaders have harmed and destroyed the revolutionary fight-back of the rank and file for the last 30 years. But these phonies couldn't get away with this trickery without the aid of the Left.

### REVISIONISM COVERS FOR REFORMISM

In order for the reformists to continue to fool the people they had to gain the aid of the Communist Party U.S.A. This so-called communist party has consistently supported the position of these reformists against the position of the rank and file. In the Los Angeles Area, for example, the C.P.U.S.A. openly defended the financial secretary of a U.A.W. local who was attacking the rank and file caucuses. This is just one example of how the revisionists have covered for the fascist labor leaders. The Reformism report says that, "Reforms are regarded by the revisionists as a partial realization of socialism, not as a buffer between the classes or a tactic of the bourgeois ruling class."

### ANARCHO-SYNDICALISM AIDS REFORMISM

"Anarcho-syndicalists don't see revolution as the act of an entire class overthrowing another class. They don't see the need for the class as a whole to strike out against the bourgeois state. They see the revolution as an individualistic occurrence where 'everyone does their own thing!' The workers will overthrow the bosses, the students will take care of the universities etc. And, most importantly, they deny the need for a strong workers' state, a dictatorship of the working class. Being idealists they push the line of 'no state'." (People's Tribune, March 1971, pg. 10).

This philosophy aids reformism by disorganizing and by talking against communist leadership and theory; this gives full play to the reformists and their wishy-washy programs.

### TROTSKYISM: SABOTUERS OF THE REVOLUTION

Within the labor movement the Trotskyites are active agents of the capitalist class. Trotskyism means opportunism! It means sounding "left" but acting "right." History has proven this to be true. For example, while Trotsky himself pretended to be fighting for the Russian workers, he was in fact being paid by the German imperialists! Another example; during WW11, when revolutionary Russia was being attacked by fascist Germany, the Trotskyites openly supported and aided Hitler! We ask, "Why did Ho Chi Minh, Mao Tse-tung, Fidel Castro etc., immediately see to it that all Trotskyites

were shot, not just chased out of their respective countries, but shot?." Because the Trotskyites did all they could to sabotage and destroy the revolutions. They were clearly enemies of the people. The situation has not changed! We must carry on a relentless struggle to destroy Trotskyism wherever it raises its head.

### THE RESTATING OF MARXISM-LENINISM IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT

The report, after showing who and how the enemy puts road blocks in the way of the class, sums up by stating what we must do in the unions. Our main task is Party building. That means that we must first bring the philosophy of Marxism-Leninism to the class. We must not be afraid to fight for socialism. We must build Communist cells and units as our primary task. We must fight for reforms in a revolutionary way, and expose the reformists for what they are. As Communists we know that reformism cannot stop fascism. Reformism as a philosophy represents the interests of the bourgeoisie. The working class must see the need for revolutionary philosophy. Our fight must be to build not just a good union, but to build a Communist Party. We must follow the motto of the 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

This report established clearly why we should be in the trade unions, and who the internal enemies of the class are. In the next report we will try to deal with the question of the minorities in the labor movement. This section of the class represents the most oppressed, exploited, and unorganized sector of the labor movement.

## ALBANIA

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about ½ of our incomes go to taxes). At the same time prices of many medicines, foods, utensils and clothes were reduced from 10%-80%. These are just some of the advances possible under socialism.

Albania plays a role in world affairs far beyond what her size would indicate. She is a leader in the communist world in the fight against revisionism, first of Tito, then of Krushchov and now of Breshnev. The PLA attacked the new Tsars of Russia as social-imperialists for their attack on Czechoslovakia in 1968. They have consistently defended the People's Republic of China, the work of Joseph Stalin, and revolutionary Marxism in general, against the attacks of the revisionists. Albania has been a leader in exposing U.S. Imperialism and its schemes against Korea, Vietnam, the Congo and other areas. As a

member of the United Nations, Albania has consistently demanded the admission of China and the censure of the imperialists. In a speech just last year the Albanian representative attacked the U.S. Imperialists as "the principle bastion of racism in the world" and pointed out the repression of the black and brown people here and the fabulous profits that the international monopolies make off the exploitation of the workers in Rhodesia and South Africa.

Albania is an example to the peoples of the world. A small country, devastated by wars, and surrounded by hostile governments, she has built up her economy through her own efforts. She has created a rich life for her people. She has attained a place of dignity in the world, not by aggression, but by continually exposing reaction and supporting just struggles of liberation.



Enver Hoxha, First Secretary of the Party of Labor of Albania.

## CHINA (viene de la pagina 3)

los obreros norteamericanos tienen solamente una estrategia realista si desean tener paz y esta es derrocando y destruyendo al imperialismo de los E.U.A.

Pero el imperialismo no puede ser destruido hasta que la clase obrera de los E.U.A. se una y construya un apoyo masivo para la gente de Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia y China. Nosotros tenemos un mismo enemigo--luchando juntos, venceremos!

Nosotros le mostraremos a los imperialistas lo que en verdad significa luchar por "libertad" y "democracia". A nosotros "libertad" significa libertad de opresion y dominio imperialista; y "democracia" significa suprimir esta pequena clase de asesinos, los imperialistas, para que la mayoria, la clase obrera, pueda tener real democracia!

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