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

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La Colectiva del Pueblo Merges With C.L.

The process of building a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party is the process of uniting the vanguard of the proletariat into an organization that can act as a striking force for the working class; the process of defeating the opportunist agents of the bourgeoisie in the working class movement, in our case the CPUSA (Communist Party of the USA). This necessarily means defeating their social chauvinist, class collaborationist line on the national question which allies them with the imperialists in enslaving nations and oppressing national minorities. History shows us that a revolutionary disregards the national question at his own peril. The Colectiva del Pueblo is an organization of predominantly Mexican national minority workers and students who are Marxist-Leninists and have a large base in the working class area of East Los Angeles. The Colectiva members are all products of the Mexican People's Movement and have a long history of involvement in the working class struggle of the Mexican people and also student and community organizations. As a result of their experience and study they have come to the conclusion that the primary task of revolutionaries today is to build a Communist Party.

For this reason the recent merger of the leadership of the Colectiva del Pueblo and the Communist League in L.A. is of very great political importance. This merger signifies that concrete steps are being taken to form a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party in the USNA (United States of North America). But, the formation of a party of a new type must

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Fort Greene, New York; Tenants Fight Landlord

Of all the rotten, greedy slumlords in Fort Greene, Bogossian is the most hated and most selfish of all of them. He, and his parents before him, have made millions of dollars, charging high rents for rat-hole apartments in this neighborhood. Fort Greene is one of the oldest parts of Brooklyn, which is a borough of New York, across the river from Manhattan. Starting in the 1920's, the Bogossians and other landlords began buying the old brownstone

mansions here for a few thousand dollars and divided them up into 10 or 12 tiny "apartments" and rented them at very high rents to poor, mostly national minority workers, who came from the Negro Nation, Puerto Rico, the West Indies, and other countries. Today, Bogossian rents two run-down rooms to a family of four for \$145 a month, or one room for \$115 a month. Like all the landlords in the neighborhood,

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REFUTATION OF SYNDICALIST ERROR

A very serious political error appeared in the August, 1972 issue of the People's Tribune (Vol. 4, No. 7). The error appeared in the article entitled, "Negro Nation Day Celebrated in Los Angeles and Oakland". In the article there appeared a formulation:

"In Los Angeles and the rest of the Southwest, the Mexican national minority workers are the main revolutionary force. When this powerful force is united with its main allies, the Negro national minority and the Anglo-American workers, all hell will break loose as far as the imperialists are concerned."

It is doubtful that the imperialists are very much concerned when they see such formulations. Let us examine this statement. First of all, revolutions, no matter what form they take, are class battles to erect a superstructure in the interests of the various contending classes. Marx and Engels write, "The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles." (The Communist Manifesto,

Ten Classics of Marxism, International Publishers, New York, 1930, p. 9) This formulation also applies to the struggles in the Negro Nation and in the Southwest. In other epochs (i.e. feudalism) the peasantry or the bourgeoisie might have constituted the main force in a revolution. However, in the USNA, where over 60% of the population is working class, there can be no question as to what the main revolutionary force is.

It is unfortunate that not a single criticism was received as regards this syndicalist and revisionist formulation. Either the comrades do not understand Marxism, or they do not understand democratic centralism. No one is compelled to uphold and deepen an incorrect formulation. It is the duty of every Marxist, no matter on what level of service, to uphold the doctrine of Marx and Lenin.

The recent merger of a broad group of Mexican national minority Marxist-Leninists with the Communist League has made the comrades dizzy with

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"New Left" Attacks Communist League

To the representatives of the Communist League in the Bay Area:

Member groups of the Third World communities who are presently engaged in developing an anti-war movement during the summer of 1972 have met and discussed the participation of the Communist League in that joint action. It was a matter of common agreement among the endorsers of this position that the participation of the Communist League in organizing the Vietnam Summer Offensive was undesirable if not self-sabotaging.

Member groups have each had in the past extremely negative encounters with the Bay Area Communist League forces. The negativity arises from a clash with "CL's" petty-bourgeois "revolutionist" outlook and its contemptuous style of interaction—thoroughly consistent with its self-cultivating line. It is no accident that "CL" has achieved an unprecedented degree of distrust and disaffection from virtually all of the progressive "left" forces in the Asian, Black, Brown, and white communities, and has consistently isolated itself from the mass movement of workers generally and of Third World workers particularly.

"CL" is now being served notice that its history of self cultivation, wrecking, and vulgar perversion of Marxism-Leninism, and Mao Tse Tung Thought—the science and art of making a proletarian revolution—is now catching up with it, and that its isolation will be regarded

as a matter of formal policy among endorsing organizations.

We are not interested in physically abusing comrades (especially women) and sexually exploiting them under the banner of Marxism-Leninism.

We are not interested in descending on progressive working class caucuses, splitting them up, and snatching away a few of its more active members only to ruin them and dissolution them by taking them out of the mass movement to form some mythological communist party headed by CL.

We are not interested in self cultivation by way of rote memorization of M-L passages, yet being unable to apply the theory in rooting out the important questions arising in practice, and finding guidance toward further participation in, and building of, a mass workers' movement with Third World leadership.

We are not interested in sympathetic action with a group that finds leadership in egoism, wrecking, and pathological "pig" provocateurs of the kind like "Robert" Williams—a nationally renowned jack-ass whose politics can only find support in the equally degenerate and archaic line of self-cultivation, elitism, isolation, and infantile "storybook" revolutionism.

And given that "CL" in the Bay has earned itself the condemnations listed above, and more, we regard interaction with it as foolish and dangerous. The whole of the working class movement is, or soon will be alerted to the so-called "Communist" League.

We are, therefore, interested in building a Third World led anti-war, anti-imperialist, and pro-socialist movement within the United States.

"C.L." by its ideological line and the history of its style of work has proven itself unwilling, and incapable of participating in such a progressive movement. Its outright contempt for rank-and-file workers, communist organizers, and the masses of Black, Brown, and Asian people has earned it its due reputation.

You are hereby informed that your participation in the Vietnam Summer Offensive is unwanted and will not be tolerated.

signed,

Bay Area Black Workers Project (Affl. B.W.C.)

Basta Ya!
Peggy Avalos
Third World, R.U.
Commander
Earl Rose

Alberto M.
Los siete de la Raza
Sal Jimenez - Venceremos

C.L. Response To Conciliators

Over the past several years it has become increasingly clear that the Communist League could not continue the ideological, theoretical and practical fight against the revisionist CPUSA (Communist Party of the USA) without using our guns on the conciliators of revisionism. These conciliators long ago placed themselves as buffers between us and the revisionist CPUSA. It has become impossible for us to struggle with the center of revisionism without coming to grips with the CPUSA spawned gangs. These groups appear to oppose the CPUSA but in fact cover for it and act as the left flank guards for the consolidation and preservation of revisionism.

Even though we knew that the struggle was inevitable, we held off exposing these gangs. We believed it necessary to level all our fire against the main center of international revisionism—the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and secondly the CPUSA. We are thankful that the situa-

tion has changed and now our theoretical and ideological hands are untied.

In spite of the lack of concrete facts and any theoretical investigation there is a clear theoretical line that runs throughout the attack on the C.L. printed above. That theoretical line concerns itself with the non-existent "third alternative to imperialism and socialism". This line, which the imperialists manufactured during the Soviet revolution, was resurrected by the ideologists of USNA imperialism, routed through Moscow and into the political offspring of the CPUSA, the "New Left".

We are accused of opposing this third alternative—this third world. Apparently we are dragged into the court of the petty bourgeois radicals, charged by the conciliators of revisionism, and ordered by the syndicalist judge to give a yes or no answer to the question, "Have you stopped beating your wife?" Since there are

no yes or no answers to questions of tactics and strategy, we want to present our case to the vanguard of the proletariat—the most advanced and revolutionary workers, and if possible to the above mentioned groups who have signed the attack.

Since we are Marxist-Leninists and not a union of "revolutionaries", or syndicalists representing the particular aspirations of local groupings, we must proceed from theoretical considerations in every struggle.

From the standpoint of dialectical materialism, can there be a third force in any entity? Marxism denies this possibility. In the process of motion each stage is marked by the simultaneous emergence of position and opposition or of thesis and antithesis. Mao Tse Tung's On Contradiction is a simply written, deep analysis of this process. There is not and cannot be a third factor.

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Letter From Political Prisoners In Mexico

July 11, 1972

Companeros:

We have just recently returned from a visit to Mexico City. We arrived there on June 26, one week after Mexican President Echeverria had visited the United States. From the discussions we had with students and movement leaders we learned of their reactions to Echeverria's visit. On the one hand they were pleased to hear of the anti-Echeverria and anti-imperialist demonstrations held in the United States during Echeverria's visit. But, the students were also very concerned about the reports which appeared in the Mexican press stating that Echeverria had negated the existence of political prisoners in Mexico. Further, the Mexican press emphasized the fact that Chicano activists in San Antonio had cancelled a planned demonstration (in protest of the Mexican political prisoners situation) as a result of talks they had with Echeverria. The students were greatly disturbed because they thought that some of their Chicano brothers had been fooled by Echeverria's blatant lies.

Later in the week we were invited to visit the Carcel of Lecumberri where the political prisoners of Mexico City are encarcelated. Entering the prison was not an easy matter due to the tight security surrounding it. The day was spent in discussion with the political prisoners. We discussed both the Chicano and Mexican movements. We learned of the similarities of the two struggles due to the fact that our common enemy is United States imperialism. At the end of our visit the prisoners of cell block "M" presented us with a letter which they had originally written to the Chicano delegation invited to Mexico City by Echeverria. They gave it to us in hope that we would have it publicized in the Chicano media. The letter was written as a direct negation of Echeverria's statements. It was written to show that political prisoners do exist in Mexico. More important, the political prisoners wanted to express solidarity with their true Chicano brothers with whom they are united in the struggle against United States imperialism. Further, they wanted to reaffirm the fact that Echeverria, like Nixon, is an enemy of the people. His "brown skin" does not automatically make him a "carnal".

We are making an effort to have this letter published because we firmly believe that these political prisoners are our carnales in the struggle.

They have suffered for their political beliefs and activities, and many have died. According to the people (both students and workers who were there), the numbers of demonstrators killed on October 2, 1968 and June 10, 1971 total in the thousands. Yet, these people refuse to be intimidated or bought out. Within the walls of Lecumberri the struggle is continuing. We hope that you will publish the enclosed letter from the political prisoners of Lecumberri in the forthcoming issue of your paper.

Two Chicanas
M.E.CH.A. -
University of
California in
San Diego

P.S. For various reasons (which we are sure you understand), we have chosen not to reveal our names. But we hope that you will publish this letter in full, along with the letter from Lecumberri, to serve as an introduction and explanation to the latter. An English translation to the letter is included too.

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MESSAGE TO THE CHICANO DELEGATION VISITING MEXICO CITY:

Companeros!

To speak of Nationalism, here in Mexico, is to make it clear that no imposed frontier, by a foreign aggressor, can separate our people. When speaking of Mexican culture, language, tradition, and patriotism, the Bravo River is only a gash on our peoples' hearts and never a barrier between our common historical heritage. And when searching into the depths of our common historical heritage, we must not forget our wounds suffered at the hands of a common enemy; from whom we share a common oppression, a common exploitation and a common discrimination--endured here in Mexico and across the border, which unites us as oppressed working people, into one strong revolutionary force.

It is this common enemy, U.S. imperialism, who from across the river sustains the most monstrous system of oppression and exploitation upon the shoulders of its oppressed classes, fundamentally the working class, within which exists super-exploited stratas (Chicanos, Blacks; and Puerto Rican workers), and who, on this side of the border,

supports an oppressive ruling class which serves its interests and maintains the vast majority of the Mexican people undernourished, unhealthy and which fails to enrich the culture of the poor. In the United States the direct enemy is Imperialism, in Mexico it is a bourgeois class which is integrated within its claws. Let us not forget that we are speaking of that same international enemy who pillages small countries and who, through the exploitation of their natural resources, retards the development of dependent countries and nations living under colonial rule.

Chicanos and Mexicanos are united by a common historical heritage (nationality) and a just struggle against a common oppressor. We are struggling against an enemy who has long disrespected our sovereignty as a people. We are struggling against an enemy who tore away a part of our national territory and condemned a segment of our people to live under a foreign form of government. It is the same enemy who inside Mexico has created a ruling class at its service, which practices brutal political repression against our people. All of us have deeply imprinted in our memories the collective crime committed last June 10, 1971 in which the Mexican government, representative of the ruling bourgeois class, is responsible. Our common enemy speaks the language of imperialism, protects those criminals responsible for the 10th of June, has its claws stained with blood spilled at Tlateloco, and prides itself in the deprivation of civil liberties.

You call yourself Chicanos that is to say, Mexicanos who live in the North American system, because, as a people, we were weak to safeguard and defend the national territory. You are a national minority who was abandoned to rely on its own strength within the United States and as a national minority--similar to Black people and Puerto Rican people--you have confronted an insensitive Establishment who denies you self-determination. Chicano is a word which has come to mean a struggle for self-determination. That struggle and the struggle for self-determination for the Mexican people merge into a common commitment of those struggling on both sides of the border.

It is time that Chicanos cease to rely solely on their own strengths. The same goes for us. The coming Revolution will need of conscious individuals and necessity to transform the Mexican society. The seizure of power by an oppressed class in this part of the

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 success. Now, thinking that they won over the workers, they are attempting to win over the petty-bourgeoisie as well as those elements that we refer to as the Mexican minority nationalists. This is the only thing such a formulation could mean. What is the difference between the demand that Negro workers be installed as the constitutional leaders of a Communist Party, and the demand that the Mexican national minority is the "main force"? Either the Mexican national minority is a minority, or it is not. If they are indeed a minority - and divided into the various classes - then they cannot help but be an objective part of the Anglo-American proletariat. The main force is the working class in all its minorities, religions, and other social aspects.

No one can doubt that in the Southwest, the Mexican national minority workers are the key to the unity of the working class, and, therefore to the revolutionary movement. In many cases the workers of the Mexican national minority emerge as the vanguard of the proletariat, i.e. that advanced guard that shows the way and absorbs the initial blow in the interests of the entire class. But there is a difference between the vanguard and the main body. That main body is what is maneuvered into position by the general staff and carries to conclusion the struggle that was initiated by the advanced guard.

Marx and Engels write, "All previous historical movements were movements of minorities, or in the interest of minorities. The proletarian movement is the self conscious, independent movement of the immense majority, in the interests of the immense majority. The proletariat, the lowest stratum of our present society, cannot stir, cannot raise itself up, without the whole superincumbent strata of official society being sprung into the air." (Manifesto p. 20)

That is why we have to have a political program - why we must be able to maneuver. The slogan, "Regional Autonomy for the Southwest" is not the demand of the Mexican national minority; it is the demand of the Anglo-American working class - an honest and above board maneuver to unite the class and to establish democracy.

Any investigation shows that because of the questions of history, the Southwest cannot establish democracy without placing the power in the hands of the minority. This is the case also in Ulster. But is this possible without the unity of the class? It is not. How is it possible for one element of the working class to have as its allies another element of

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 not be looked at in isolation but in its interconnections; and in this case, the fight against international revisionism and USNA imperialism. Throughout the world there is a sharp struggle taking place between the revisionist line and the line of Marxism-Leninism. This struggle takes on different forms and has different historical and political aspects depending on the specific nation's internal political and economic history, and other related phenomena.

For instance, in Brazil the Communist Party of Brazil was completely reorganized. Here the traitorous revisionists were thrown out and the Party was able to organize itself under the line of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought. In France, however, the revisionists are firmly in control of the Communist Party and are very clearly part of the bourgeois state apparatus. In France, the order of the day is the building of a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist Communist Party that will fight the revisionist party and the French ruling class to the death.

The merger clearly shows that the coming together of the Colectiva del Pueblo and the Communist League was because of the unity that was reached on the line of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought and was a clear example of the effects on the working class movement in the USNA of the Albanian Party of Labor, and their heroic stand against the revisionism of the social-imperialists.

In the national arena, this merger signifies that the building of a proletarian Communist Party is taking place at a very rapid pace and that the class struggle in the USNA is going into a new phase.

Not too long ago, the C.L. and the League of Revolutionary Black Workers in Detroit reached unity on the line of Marxism-Leninism. This event was perhaps one of the most important events in recent working class history. It clearly showed that the advanced sections of the working class were attain-

that class? What a shameless syndicalist and petty-bourgeois formulation. The Communist League fights for the unity of the class. We proceed from the fact that the proletariat is objectively united, that is to say, all proletarians must sell their labor power to live. The disunity of the class is political, and therefore, the struggle for unity is political and such formulations play into the hands of our class enemies.

We are sure that the comrades in the Southwest and throughout the League will remain vigilant and defeat any attempts to import syndicalism and bourgeois ideas into the League.

ing class consciousness and were leaving the spontaneous movement. It also linked the east coast with the west coast and the struggle of the Negro Nation with that of the working class in the Anglo-American nation. But, more than anything else, it was a definite defeat to the revisionist Communist Party. It slammed the door shut on syndicalism and embarked on the road to building a new communist party.

A similar thing occurred with the recent merger of the Colectiva del Pueblo and the C.L. In essence the same thing occurred except that the Colectiva was smaller and did not have the long experience of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers. This merger linked in a living way the struggle of the Negro people for Independence for the Negro Nation with the struggle of the Mexican national minority workers for Regional Autonomy for the Southwest, and most importantly, it united both of these with the struggle for proletarian revolution and Marxism-Leninism. This is a significant step in the process of party building.

Mexico borders the Southwest for over 1,500 miles and is a semi-colony of USNA imperialism. Conditions in Mexico are bleak with a fascist dictatorship that literally moves to the right each year. It has a population of 34,000,000 people with projections that by 1980 the population will increase by 50%.

Historically the USNA imperialists have always looked to Mexico as a source of cheap labor. During the period of imperialist growth between 1890 and 1920 thousands of Mexicans came to the USNA. Some came as a result of the civil war in Mexico, but most came as contract laborers, recruited by the trainload to work the beet fields of Colorado, the gardens and groves of California, the railroads of the entire west, the copper mines of Arizona, the cotton fields of Texas and the iron works of Chicago.

In the Southwest which includes California, Colorado, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico, there is a population of 10 million Mexican national minority people. They represent the second largest national minority in the Anglo-American nation, with the largest concentrations in the urban areas of Los Angeles, Denver and San Antonio.

The situation for the majority of the Mexican national minority in the USNA is one of poverty, unemployment, poor housing and health conditions, and lack of proper educational facilities. The overwhelming majority are unskilled laborers and agricultural workers. Many women are employed in sewing factories in which the conditions are always deplorable. The other most notable areas

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of employment are mining, railroads, and clerical workers. Mexicans are paid the same low level wages as the other national minority workers and work in the worst of conditions. The medium family income is \$5,762 annually, however, 25% have an income under \$4,000 annually.

Unemployment is also high in Mexican national minority communities. For example, in East Los Angeles the unemployment rate is 20%. The USNA imperialists, besides exploiting the Mexican national minority as an integral part of the Anglo-American working class, also uses this reserve of unemployed as cheap labor in times of crisis and as a major part of their military forces for fighting their imperialist wars of aggression such as the war in Vietnam, where 22% of all US casualties are Mexican national minority.

The above facts make it clear that the demand for Regional Autonomy for the Southwest is key to the proletarian revolution in the USNA and the

demands of Independence for the Negro Nation and Puerto Rico, and Regional Autonomy for the Southwest are all integrally connected.

In the Negro National Colonial Question booklet the Communist League emphasizes the impact of the national oppression on the Negro people and its effects on the Anglo-American working class:

"First of all, it is clear that the low wages paid to Negro national and Southern workers act as a direct drag on the wages of workers employed in the same industries in the Anglo-American nation. Workers in the 'North' can't improve their wages too much when the corporation can get more work done for less at a southern based plant. Further, Anglo-American workers in many industries constantly face the threat that the company will 'run away' to the South if the workers don't tone down their demands for higher wages and better working conditions. In addition Anglo-American workers must realize that the imperialists have always used the 'army of unemployed' or 'reserve labor force' in the Anglo-American nation to break strikes, hold wages down and force speed-

up conditions in nearly every sector of the economy. This reserve force in the Anglo-American nation has traditionally been re-inforced by the giant reserve force of low-paid, unemployed and job hungry workers in the Negro Nation and in the South."

The same holds true for the Southwest region and Puerto Rico. The success of the proletarian revolution can only come about with the correct Marxist-Leninist line on the national colonial question. Our duty to the worldwide proletarian revolution is to build a multi-national, Marxist-Leninist, Communist Party, so that our class will go into the struggle united and well-armed.

"We call upon all honest Marxist-Leninists who realize the necessity of the struggle and are not afraid of the challenge to join us in liberating our class and destroying forever this evil system of exploitation." (from the Constitution of the Communist League) Won't you join us?

FREE THE NEGRO NATION!
FREE PUERTO RICO!
REGIONAL AUTONOMY FOR THE
SOUTHWEST!

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he charges as much as he can get and spends as little as possible on repairs. Ten families in one of these tenements may share one bathroom. The "kitchen" may be only a hotplate. The rooms are often dark and poorly ventilated; the walls haven't been painted for years and have huge holes where the plaster has fallen off. The ceilings leak; the stairs are about to fall down. No matter how much you clean, there are still mice, rats, cockroaches eating your food, spreading diseases, and biting your children. The better-off citizens of New York all have locked front doors and buzzers for their apartments, or doormen. Bogossian tenants have no such luxuries. Families come home to find their apartments robbed, their hallways stinking of wine and urine. They find junkies shooting up in the bathroom or sleeping in the hall. Bogossian especially hates to spend money on repairs. Even if there is a gas leak in the building, or no electricity, he doesn't want to be bothered. "Don't call me unless it's an emergency," he told one woman who called to tell him the water in her building had been turned off all weekend. In one case, Bogossian told his workman to repair a rusted out water pipe with a few pieces of tape. When the workman told him it wouldn't work and he needed a new piece of pipe, Bogossian said: "Don't worry about it, these people are dogs." Bogossian prefers renting to people on welfare because welfare pays more for rent than the

average working person can afford, and welfare doesn't care what condition the apartments are in. Also, he thinks that people on welfare are in a helpless position and won't be able to fight him. Bogossian isn't the only landlord in the neighborhood who gets rich off the misery of the working class. All landlords contribute to making our living conditions miserable.

Fort Greene has been a working class neighborhood for the past 20 or 30 years. It was then when USNA imperialism began starving the colonial peoples of the Negro Nation and Puerto Rico off their land and thereby forced them to come to the northern cities of the USNA where there was a demand for cheap labor. (See the Negro National Colonial Question, p. 57 and p. 90) Once here, they were crowded into ghettos like Fort Greene, Bedford Stuyvesant, and Harlem. Now, these working class families are being driven out of Fort Greene by the petty-bourgeoisie and professionals who move in and "improve" the neighborhood. The petty-bourgeoisie get low-cost loans or mortgages (which Chase Manhattan Bank eagerly provides in this neighborhood to people who can afford the payments), they buy their "brownstone", kick out 10 or 12 Negro and Puerto Rican families, and then fix up the house so that one or two middle-class families can live in it.

Bogossian however, isn't selling right now. He's hanging on to his property as long as he can, putting as little money as possible into repairs, and getting the most he can in rent. In Fort Greene, from

welfare tenants alone, he collects a cool quarter of a million a year. When the neighborhood is so full of influential homeowners that he absolutely has to sell, he will sell his buildings for at least ten times what he, or his parents, paid for them.

The working class is being attacked on two fronts in Fort Greene: on the one side from the Bogossians, with high rents and decrepit housing conditions, and on the other side from the petty-bourgeoisie homeowners who are driving us into worse neighborhoods: deeper into Bedford Stuyvesant, to the South Bronx, Brownsville, places that make Fort Greene look like paradise.

Anyone would like to move out of tenements like these, but there's nowhere to go. If people are forced to move, they spend months or even years looking for an apartment and usually end up living in a worse place and paying higher rent. Why is there no decent housing for these working class people?

Exactly 100 years ago, Frederick Engels, who with Karl Marx founded modern communism, looked at the housing problem and saw the same situation we see today and asked: "Where then does the housing shortage come from? How did it arise?" He answers: "It is a necessary product of the bourgeois (capitalist) social order; ... it cannot fail to be present in a society in which the great masses of the

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workers are exclusively dependent upon wages, ... in which the workers are crowded together in masses in the big towns, at a quicker rate than dwellings come into existence for them under existing conditions; in which, therefore, there must always be tenants for even the most infamous pigsties, in which finally the house-owner in his capacity as capitalist has not only the right, but, in view of competition, to a certain extent also the duty of ruthlessly making as much out of his property in house rent as he possibly can. In such a society the housing shortage is no accident; it is a necessary institution and it can be abolished together with all its effects on health, etc. only if the whole social order from which it springs is fundamentally refashioned." (1)

The housing shortage we see in Fort Greene, as in thousands of ghettos all over the country, is a result of capitalism, the modern system of exploitation where a minority of rich parasites, the capitalists, live off the work (and misery) of the majority, the working class. To abolish an effect you must abolish the cause itself. The abolition of capitalism can come about only with a revolution of the working class and its allies--forcibly overthrowing the capitalist class.

Several months ago the Communist League began passing out the People's Tribune in Fort Greene and talking to the people living there. A booklet was put out entitled, What's Happening in Fort Greene? The booklet explains why the capitalists are interested in Fort Greene. The reasons are plain: "First, it is near downtown, and because of this the land is potentially valuable. Second, the subways put it ten minutes from Wall Street. Third, it is near the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges and the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, which makes it even more centrally located. Fourth, there is a park. Fifth, many of the houses, the ex-mansion brownstones, are well-built and do not have to be torn down, but merely renovated. Finally, the area includes many colleges, schools, cultural centers and similar things created for the benefit of the middle-class or petty-bourgeoisie and which make it attractive to the petty-bourgeoisie. These and other characteristics of the Fort Greene area definitely ruled out the possibility that it would simply go the way of other "inner city" neighborhoods like Brownsville and large parts of Bedford Stuyvesant, which have none of the advantages that would make them attractive to the capitalists and petty-bourgeoisie. These neighborhoods are reserved for the national minority sections of the working class (in the main), the most exploited and oppressed

sections of the proletariat." (2)

What do the capitalists plan for Fort Greene? Fort Greene is a few blocks from downtown Brooklyn. As the booklet points out, we have to look at the developments in downtown Brooklyn to understand the social forces behind the move to get the national minority workers out of Fort Greene and other neighborhoods near downtown. It's clear that the biggest USNA imperialists, using the bribed higher-paid workers and mainly the petty-bourgeoisie, are waging an all-out attack on the national minority workers here. "The Downtown Brooklyn Development Committee was formed in 1968. Its

75 low-cost mortgages for homeowners in Fort Greene.

This attack on the poor, mainly Negro and Puerto Rican workers in Fort Greene is staged by several forces who work, sometimes in cooperation with each other, and at other times at cross purposes. These forces are: 1) the imperialists (bankers, big business owners, etc.) 2) the landlords, and 3) the petty-bourgeois homeowners. We must recognize that none of them have the same interests as the working class and all of them benefit from the oppression and exploitation of the working class. In addition to the imperialists, the landlords and the petty-bourgeoisie, the working class also had to defend itself from the attacks



members represent the biggest imperialist groups in the USNA; the Chase Manhattan Bank, First National City, Manufacturers Hanover Trust, Chemical Bank, Dime Savings of Brooklyn, Con Edison, NY Telephone, Brooklyn Union Gas, Abraham and Strauss, etc. These profit-hungry imperialists see that there are millions to be made in land speculation and construction in the development of downtown Brooklyn. They plan to build several 16-18 floor office buildings, 60 to 100 stores, movie theaters, underground shopping areas, malls, etc. By the end, in 15 years time, they expect 25,000 new office workers and 25,000 more students to be coming into the area. The problem arises, where to house these 50,000 petty-bourgeois and 'white-collar' workers as well as the executives of the various stores? In answer to this, the city's Economic Development Administrator stated, 'The area is surrounded by a ring of 'renaissance' neighborhoods whose unique housing continues to draw young middle-class families.' He was 'referring to the brownstone boom that has begun to spread around the downtown section.' That is, to Fort Greene and similar neighborhoods nearby." (3) To encourage middle-class families to buy these brownstone houses and drive national minority workers out, Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank recently announced that it would allocate 1 million dollars, or

of the liberal reformers--politicians like McGovern, Chisholm, Lowenstein, and especially the revisionist CPUSA (Communist Party of the USA) --whose job it is to tell the working class the wrong solutions to our most urgent problems, and to do whatever they can to thwart the revolutionary aspirations of the working class. The CPUSA, for instance, tells us that the housing problem is being solved under capitalism, that we don't have to get rid of capitalism, but only vote for this or that congressman, or have the government "own" the housing and the tenants "run" it in order to get decent housing for the working class. We know from our own experience just how far this type of "reform" will get us!

Faced with a gang of enemies such as these, we have no choice but to get organized and fight. The working class in Fort Greene is getting organized to fight.

One Negro national minority woman in Fort Green, has been living in one of Bogossian's apartments for over a year. For a front door the apartment had several slabs of rotten wood stuck together. There's no way she could lock the door. She has lived in constant fear of her family's safety and never knew what she would find when she got home. Bogossian said the door was good enough, and for months refused to replace it. After asking Bogossian for a new door many times, the wo-

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LETTER FROM MEXICO

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world will not only defeat the ruling class regime, but will also defeat the imperialist power which will surely come to its aid; Chicanos as part of the Mexican nation living within the entrails of the monster, will be one of the most important allies in the march towards victory.

To fight for the just rights of the Mexican workers in Mexico is fortifying one's patriotism, one's national consciousness. To fight for the just rights of Chicano workers, within the United States, is also to fortify one's patriotism and national consciousness.

The Mexican people, in particular the working class, is aware of the struggles that Chicanos have undertaken in their own right, is aware of the development of the Chicano movement as a revolutionary force and its potential support of our struggle at home. It is of dire necessity, for the liberation of Mexico, for its emancipation from the imperialist yoke, that solidarity should exist between us and you, as brothers and sisters involved in a common struggle. As for Chicanos, from which the working class must lead because it is the most oppressed and exploited, they must be reciprocally aware that Mexico is its strongest ally--a confirmed revolutionary support.

The revolutionary militants of Mexico and in particular political prisoners--of which more than a hundred are behind bars in Mexico City alone--are deeply grateful for the show of solidarity from the Chicano people. But more than just an expression of gratitude, we wish you a re-

volutionary salute and invite you to join us in a common struggle, to unite with us, with our forces merging together in a united anti-imperialist fighting force.

Solidarity between the Mexican workers and Chicano workers, within North America, should be a growing and lasting solidarity. The solidarity of which we speak must extend to include all working classes of the United States, specifically its working class; since the political repression which the bourgeois class of the U.S. practices on Chicanos is part of the political repression practiced against the North American working class as a whole; since the source of cheap labor provided by the Chicano workers lowers or freezes the wages of the North American working class; therefore, the struggle of Chicanos against national repression is also of interest to the working class of North America. It should be clear that only the decisive and active intervention of the North American proletariat will defeat Imperialism and will speed up the resolute march of our peoples towards Socialism, the only system under which our pressing problems can be resolved.

This unity, of which we call for, must be a unity of two peoples, side by side, against both ruling classes; it must be unity against the two dominant classes; it must be a union against Imperialism. The struggle of the Mexican people will only achieve victories if, under the leadership of the working class, it stands for complete popular unity and knows who are its enemies.

and find out what was happening. In the evening a film was shown and people stayed for a discussion on how the working class can fight for decent housing in Fort Greene. An organization was formed to continue the fight in a militant, organized way. This new organization, the Tenants' Rights Movement, sees that its purpose is "to unite working class people of all nationalities in the fight against capitalist exploitation and attacks. For instance, the urgent need for decent housing now. ...our fight is not just against individual capitalists like Bogossian, Nicosia and Slippian, but against our class enemy--the capitalist class--which uses every means to rob and oppress us. We must learn and teach others the true interests of the working class, that is, to do away with capitalism and to establish socialism...." (4)

Relying on the proletariat in Fort Green, the Tenants' Rights Movement will use every necessary form of struggle to force the landlords to provide decent living conditions. However, the Tenants' Rights Movement sees that its main task is

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In the history of capitalism, "free enterprise" developed a gigantic accumulation of financial capital. At the point where investment in the national market and the national productive process became unprofitable this accumulation of capital was invested overseas. Thus a higher stage in the development of capitalism was reached: imperialism, the export of finance capital. Imperialism created its antithesis--the colonies. This international capital quickly conquered the world. World War 1 signified the complete conquest of backward peoples, the further accumulation of finance capital, and the inevitability of war to re-divide the colonies which were and are the condition for the existence of imperialism.

October 17, 1917, marked the world shaking birth of a second "world"--the world of socialism. Socialism sprang from the imperialist world and separated from it, that is, formed an external contradiction to the imperialist system. Thus the internal contradiction of imperialism is the colonies. The external contradiction is the socialist world.

There is no possible 3rd factor from the standpoint of theory and philosophy. Thesis: capitalist imperialism, antithesis: the proletariat and the toiling masses, synthesis: socialism. This is the motion of history.

Philosophically and theoretically these conciliators try to present the revolutionary movement with an undiscovered third dimension of dialectical motion. They pretend to dis-

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man began to work with the Communist League and other people in the neighborhood to get the door replaced. Now the door has been replaced and we are working together to get the money for the door taken out of the rent check. Many tenants in the neighborhood supported the action and told us that they hoped we would make Bogossian pay. In the meantime, to rally support for this fight, the C.L., working with several active national minority women in the neighborhood, held a fundraiser on Monday, July 16. We sold dinners, soda, literature, etc. to start a tenants defense fund. We raised the slogan, "Make Bogossian Pay!", displayed his rotten "door" along with the banners: "Fight for Decent Housing. Fight for Socialism." We publicized the fight throughout the neighborhood, with the slogan that an attack on this one working class woman is an attack on the whole working class.

Fifty-five dinners were sold that day and many people came by to offer their support

to raise the political consciousness of the proletariat and expand the political organization of the class to fight to get rid of capitalism and establish socialism. As Karl Marx said, "Now and then the workers are victorious, but only for a time. The real fruit of their battle lies, not in the immediate result, but in the ever expanding union of the workers."

The task of the Communist League is to build a genuine multi-national communist party. We see the Tenants' Rights Movement as a concrete step in party building, in that it builds ties between the C.L. and the working class and trains as leaders the advanced fighters of the class.

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2. What's Happening in Fort Greene?, Communist League, 1972, p. 6
3. *ibid*, p. 13
4. Marx, Karl and Engels, F., Manifesto of the Communist Party, International Publishers, N.Y., p. 18

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cover an anti-antithesis existing within the internal structure of imperialism. We invite these conciliators to keep their undialectical improvements on Marxism to themselves--to us their "improvements" stink of the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency).

It would be bad enough to charge these philosophical Neanderthals with eclecticism. However, philosophy isn't at all the question. The real question is political and we are going to have to look at the hows and whys of this third world nonsense.

The concept of the "third world" has a material base and arose under certain conditions and at a certain time in history. This concept arose during the middle 1950's when the Chinese revolution was defeating its internal enemies, and the Khrushchev gang was consolidating its power and rapidly dismembering the monolithic character of the world Communist movement, and consequently placing the needs of the particular struggles above the needs of the general struggle.

A main aspect of this counter-revolutionary motion was consolidated by the calling of the Afro Asian Conference at Bandung, Java. The purpose of this conference was to consolidate a powerful bloc of "colored" peoples behind the arch comprador, Nehru of India. Another major goal was to win over revolutionary China to the side of the comprador regimes, or at least to test and see if China was more "Asian" or more "Communist".

The results of the Bandung Conference are well known. Through the manouvering of a host of feudal and comprador counter-revolutionary gangs, Nehru did indeed, for a moment, emerge as the leader of a "new political force". The attempt to isolate or corrupt China failed, and China too emerged politically stronger than before the conference. Any cursory analysis reveals the impossible contradictions of Bandung. The Afro Asian Conference represented everything from the slave owning empires of Saudi Arabia and Ethiopia to the revolutionary socialist state of the People's Republic of China. It was impossible to securely hang the label of "anti-imperialism" on two thirds of the regimes present at Bandung. Nonetheless, the political task of the imperialists was to create a grouping that would appear to be anti-imperialist and at the same time be non-communist. The thinking behind this was to give the masses of Africa and Asia a third choice, making it possible to be anti-imperialist and at the same time non-communist if not anti-communist.

The teachings of Lenin and Stalin on the October revolution have had a profound impact on the struggling colonial masses. Stalin sums up this teaching: 1) That the national and colonial questions are inseparable from the question of emancipation from the power of capital; 2) That imperialism (the highest form of capitalism) cannot exist without the political and economic enslavement of non-sovereign nations and colonies; 3) That the non-sovereign nations and colonies cannot be emancipated without the overthrow of the power of capital; and 4) That the victory of the proletariat cannot be a lasting one unless the non-sovereign nations and colonies are emancipated from the yoke of imperialism. (Stalin, Marxism and the National and Colonial Question, Int. Pub., Page 114)

These teachings--proven correct by history--had to be subverted and ignored, hence the necessity of the third choice. This third choice however, had to be an understandable concept not simply words. The fact that the majority of the countries signing the Bandung communique were feudalistic and comprador regimes prevented the imperialists from giving it a militant and anti-imperialist label. The leadership of the United States and Britain balked at any color identification such as a movement of the colored masses of the world. It was Khrushchev and the world revisionists who provided the way out. In An Account To The Party And The People (Report of the C.C. CPSU, To the 22nd Congress of the Party, Oct. 17, 1961) Khrushchev stated, "The position of imperialism in Asia, Africa and Latin America, where the colonialists until recently oppressed hundreds of millions of people is getting shakier. The revolutionary struggle of the peoples of those continents is rapidly gaining momentum. In the course of the past six years twenty-eight states have won political independence. The sixties of our century will go down in history as years of the complete disintegration of the colonial system of imperialism." (p. 22) Further, "The countries that have liberated themselves from the colonial yoke have achieved certain successes in national and cultural regeneration." (p. 23) And further, "The countries that have gained their freedom from colonial oppression have entered a new phase of development." (p. 24)

The concepts of "underdeveloped" and "countries that have gained their freedom..." runs through out the revisionist political statements. It was the revisionists, in service to the imperialists, who

have developed this third force concept.

The truth of the matter is that the capitalists understand the dialectical process just as we do. They understand that if they don't provide the alternatives to imperialism, we will. They want and have a situation where they both pose and oppose.

Let us look at the situation in the so-called third world. Marxism teaches us that politics is a concentrated expression of economics. How is it possible then that a country can be politically free when the economic structure is controlled by foreign capitalists. It is precisely because of this inevitable political control through control of the finances that the revisionists in all capitalist countries--especially in the semi-colonies--cannot help but become entangled with the interests of the national bourgeoisie, and through them entangled with the interests of the imperialist groupings.

The heavy artillery in the arsenal of the revisionists and the conciliators is the concept of the "underdeveloped", "emerging" countries. We must examine this concept in the light of Marxism and the class struggle. The first question is--emerging from what to what? The emerging nation is nothing less than a semi-colony, a colony in motion--or as Khrushchev puts it--entering a new stage. Let us examine this stage.

"The facts are clear. After World War II the imperialists have certainly not given up colonialism, but have merely adopted a new form, neo-colonialism. An important characteristic of such neo-colonialism is that the imperialists have been forced to change their old style of direct colonial rule in some areas and to adopt a new style of colonial rule and exploitation by relying on the agents they have selected and trained. The imperialists headed by the United States enslave or control the colonial countries and countries which have already declared their independence by organizing military blocs, setting up military bases, establishing "federations" or "communities", and fostering puppet regimes. By means of economic "aid" or other forms, they retain these countries as markets for their goods, sources of raw material and outlets for their export of capital, plunder the riches and suck the blood of the people of these countries. Moreover, they use the United Nations as an important tool for interfering in the internal affairs of such countries and for subjecting them to military, economic and cultural aggression. When

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they are unable to continue their rule over these countries by "peaceful" means, they engineer military coups d'etat, carry out subversion or even resort to direct armed intervention and aggression.

"The United States is most energetic and cunning in promoting neo-colonialism. With this weapon, the U.S. imperialists are trying hard to grab the colonies and spheres of influence of other imperialists and to establish world domination.

"This neo-colonialism is a more pernicious and sinister form of colonialism." (from The Polemic On The General Line Of The International Communist Movement, Foreign Languages Press, Peking 1965, p. 190)

It is clear that the new stage, the "third world", is nothing more or less than the political expression of neo-colonialism.

Let us examine concretely the politics of neo-colonialism. The slaughter of the revolutionaries in Indonesia is a prime example of the politics of neo-colonialism. The blood bath in Cambodia, the

brutal dictatorships of Egypt and throughout sub-Sahara Africa, and the gorilla regimes of Latin America all testify to the politics of the "third world".

We cannot move on without exposing all of the ideologists of this reactionary theory. For example, it is no accident that Franz Fanon's fascist theories developed from and completely mesh with this third alternative concept. Here however, the alternative to the working class is the lumpen-proletariat. The inevitable result of this "theory" applied to the conditions of the Anglo-American nation is to stay away from the Anglo-American people in the working class and concentrate on "hurling" the national minorities (the "colored" peoples) into combat with the bourgeois state. The "politics" of the third world are the politics of slaughter of the oppressed peoples inside the boundaries of the USNA, and throughout the world.

Aided by Khrushchev revisionism this third world concept has also been imported into the so called Marxist-Leninist movement. For the past decade the prime tactic of the CIA has been to separate the great Chinese revolution and especially the great Marxist-Leninist Mao Tse Tung from the

world revolution that was initiated by the Bolshevik Party in 1917. Opposing Mao to Lenin and especially Stalin, quoting the teachings of Mao out of the historical and political context, these enemies of the working class have served for a long time to disrupt and disorganize the revolutionary movement.

Life asserts itself and that assertion is quickening. The imperialists, their handmaidens the revisionists, and their lap dogs the conciliators are in their last trench. They cannot stop history. We would like to caution the many honest revolutionaries who have been caught up by the left phraseology of the conciliators to look carefully at the star you are hitching your wagon to. All falling stars appear very attractive and brilliant--but they do not shine for long.

We declare before all our enemies--the working class will be united, nations will be liberated by overthrowing capital, socialism is inevitable. All the dirty manoueuering and backstabbing by the conciliators will not deter or halt the process of history.

In the following issue we will deal with the specifics of the political projections of the Revolutionary Union (RU) and the rest of this cabal.

Letter to Women's International Democratic Federation

In Vol. 4, No. 7, an article entitled, "Letter to Women's International Democratic Federation" from the Vietnam Women's Union of Haiphong appeared in part on page 10. Due to an error on our part, the remaining section of this important article was left out. We wish now to present this important article in full:

Haiphong April 20, 1972

On behalf of the 250,000 Viet Nam Women's Union members in Haiphong port city symbolising the voice and urgent appeal of 700,000 mothers and children in the city we strongly denounce to you the towering crimes committed by the U.S. imperialists against our city's people, women and children.

Dear Friends,

On April 16, 1972 at 2:15 a.m. while everybody in the city was fast asleep, while mothers returning to their sweet homes after a day's work were in bed with their lovely children, hundreds of U.S. aircraft including B.52's on Nixon's order dropped over 600 bombs on densely populous quarters in the city and on outlying villages. At 9:15 a.m., U.S. aircraft renewed their raids, they fiercely struck at downtown streets, school, the workers living quarters and even nurseries, kindergartens and community

halls. During the 3 successive raids on April 16 with 500 U.S. air sorties, thousands of bombs were dropped to kill Haiphong citizens, 244 persons were dead, 531 wounded among them many women and children. Nearly 2,000 houses were demolished.

At Phuc Loc hamlet alone, Hung Dac village, An Thuy district 350 of the total 150 homes were hit, 63 persons were killed, 161 others wounded. Among the 63 dead were 37 women (2 pregnant) and 10 children. Two families lost all its members: the family of Mrs. Huc with 6 persons and that of Mrs. Ban with 2. Mrs. Doan's family lost 8 of its 13 members, the survivors being her 4 orphans and her 11-year-old sister. Mrs. Vinh's family was survived by a little child which was gravely wounded.

The U.S. aggressors claimed that only economic establishments and military targets were hit but in reality they had 3 successive raids on populous districts, rained bombs on workers' living quarters. Many workers' families had no survivor. For example Mrs. Phat and all her three children were killed. One mother was killed with her baby still in her arms. Another had her baby mangled by a U.S. bomb splinter, along with her hand.

The U.S. imperialists wan-

tonly bombed markets, bus stations and ferries where evacuees, women and children for the most part, were to be found. Many schools like the Thai Phian senior secondary school, the Ly Tu Trong primary school and the Thuong Ly industrial general education school were destroyed. They used demolition bombs, blast bombs, and even perforating bombs. The last type with its anti-tank bombs label had been dropped on children's cradles in a kindergarten of Can Tre workers' community killing 8 little children and one nurse. These same bombs killed 4 of the 10 pupils who were on permanence duty in the Thai Phien senior secondary school. Mrs. Ngyuen Thi Bang, a pregnant nurse at Tien Phong plastic goods factory had her body blown up from a stretcher to as high as the rooftop of a two storey building. The U.S. government has produced new kinds of bombs which explode in mid air and made victims either had their heads off or got cranial shock. Many victims were so disfigured that their relatives couldn't recognize them at the funeral. Right after the bombing raids, our Haiphong Women Union received a number of little orphans like little Tuan, only 3 years old will never see his parents again. His mother and his younger sister were killed by U.S. bombs when they were hiding in a stretcher and his fa-

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WILDCAT STRIKE IN DENVER

On August 3, 1972, 601 workers of Mountain States Telephone Company, a subsidiary of International Telephone and Telegraph Company (IT&T), went out on a wildcat strike at four Denver plants. The workers, both men and women, Negro and Mexican national minority, and Anglo-American nationality, walked out on their jobs, and respected picket lines in support of seven Negro national minority women who were suspended because of "insubordination"; in other words, they were suspended because they militantly resisted the imperialist company's policies of harassment, male supremacy and white chauvinism towards national minority women phone operators.

The event that actually precipitated the massive walk-out was a case in which a Negro national minority woman operator, suffering from a kidney infection, asked to go to the restroom and was refused permission by the supervisor. The supervisors, bribed puppets acting in the interests of IT&T consciously treat the operators in a consistently ruthless manner. They listen in on the lines the operators work on and

then ridicule the workers' performance to their faces. They inspect workers' personal information files to promote malicious inter-office gossip, attempting by this to divide the workers. They stand over the heads of the women, threatening, intimidating, and provoking them constantly. The white chauvinism and male supremacy infecting these supervisory agents of the bourgeoisie precipitated militant resistance among the Negro national minority women workers, seven of whom were immediately suspended. The Negro national minority strikers emphasized the general maltreatment and oppression suffered by operators of all nationalities. The solidarity of the workers of Mountain States Telephone in the massive strike action was an event showing high class consciousness. Not only women workers Negro, Mexican and Anglo-American nationalities, but also men of these nationalities from other sections of the work force of the company participated energetically in support of the seven suspended Negro national minority women operators.

The second morning of the strike, eight men at a garage

the Fatherland, we earnestly call on the WIDF and all women's organizations in the world to act vehemently so as to stay at once the bloody hands of the U.S. imperialists.

From the heroic port city still plagued by U.S. bombs and shells we, Haiphong women who have succeeded in defeating the 4 years U.S. war of destruction, firmly defending this outpost of Socialist North Viet Nam, now eagerly call on the WIDF to strongly condemn the towering crimes committed by the Nixon clique, and through the WIDF to women all over the world whom we hope will push up their demand that the U.S. Government immediately stop its "vietnamization" of the war, and end to its aggressive war against the three Indochinese countries.

With the militant solidarity of the world women who are strongly against the U.S. imperialists aggression, for Peace and justice, for the right to live and for the future of our children, and with the courage and staunchness of all Vietnamese women, our people who are overcoming all destructions and challenging enemy bombs and shells will certainly win final victory in our anti-U.S. struggle for National salvation.

On Behalf of the Executive
of the Haiphong Chapter
of the VN Women Union
President
Tran Thi Thanh Tho

facility of the company were suspended for failure to report to work. Many workers supported this action also, as it followed on the heels and was born out of the exemplary action of the women operators.

The union supposedly representing the Mountain States Telephone workers, Local 8412 of Communications Workers of America (CWA), (AFL-CIO), took a very two-faced stand on this strike. In the beginning and peak stages of the action, the union gave permission to workers to walk out, expressing "sympathy" with the strikers, but said they could not sanction the strike because wildcats are illegal. At the same time they told the company they were doing all they possibly could to halt the action. This union's true role in terms of its interests in fighting for the workers was clearly revealed last year, when the operators went out on strike for a better wage contract and were prepared for a three-month long struggle to get their demands met. The union settled for a contract after the first day of the strike and the operators were forced to return to work, dissatisfied with the new contract.

In this current strike, the union tried to curry favor with the strikers by their false sympathy and pretended "unofficial" support of the action, in order to conceal the fact that they truly work for the interests of IT&T, and against the interests of the workers.

On the second morning of the strike, the union attempted to get everyone back to work by trying to instill fear among the strikers over the threat of a court restraining order to be brought by the company. Nevertheless, 125 staunch fighting workers at two of the plants refused to heed the call of the lap dog union to give up the struggle.

Then IT&T, through its local subsidiary Mountain States Telephone, skipped over to court and of course a temporary restraining order was graciously given to them. IT&T, an imperialist corporation with its poisonous tentacles stretching all over the globe to rob the colonial and semi-colonial workers of their labor power, land, and resources, has a great deal of control over the governmental bodies in the US-NA. It is part of the bourgeois class and this class holds state power. It does all it can to keep itself and the rest of the minority class of imperialist thieves in power by suppressing revolutions in U.S. imperialist dominated South America, and the rest of the world. One glaring example of the methods of IT&T is the exposure of documents showing IT&T's proposition to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to work jointly to overthrow the newly elected "progressive" regime in Chile. IT&T acts as

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ther lost his life when he was out protecting the people's lives and property.

Many other little ones survived the attacks but became orphans and even they are too little to know their parents names.

The United States is half the globe away from Vietnam. Our Vietnamese people have never done it any harm. Who allows the U.S. imperialists to use modern lethal weapons to massacre Vietnamese civilians, mothers and children, and bring untold sufferings and mournings to our families? Mr. Nixon at one time boasted of his humanity claiming that he "is anxiously concerned about the world's children". The fact is that he has killed a great number of our Vietnamese children. The heart-rending cries of small kids thirsty for mothers' milk. The curses from maimed parents who are no more able to work—all that is a slap in the hypocritical mouth of Nixon the most truculent and brutal, warmaniac of our time.

As mothers and wives who very much love their husbands and children, and are greatly concerned about family happiness, as labourers who are passionately building a new happy life, and as citizens who ardently treasure Independence and freedom of

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an informer network all over the South American continent to smash guerrilla movements as they bud and thereby keep the USNA imperialists in power over the colonial and semi-colonial countries. Its fascist and imperialist nature strikes deep resistance in the USNA also, as witnessed by this militant and unified wildcat strike.

This strike was an exciting act of working class unity. These workers put their jobs on the line to fight for the rights and freedom of Negro national minority women workers. This is the only way that the Anglo-American workers will free themselves from the ruthless exploitation they face under the rule of imperialism. The struggle of the Negro national minority workers in the Anglo-American nation links the struggle of the Anglo-American working class to the struggle of the Negro Nation for independence from the imperialist USNA state. As Anglo-American workers fight for these demands, they link themselves concretely to the international anti-imperialist struggle waged by oppressed peoples in the colonial and semi-colonial nations. These struggles for national independence are inseparably linked to the world wide motion toward socialism. The Denver workers of Mountain States Telephone have demonstrated the unity of the working class that is the true road to their emancipation.

The brave stand taken by the working women and men of Mountain States Telephone Co. against male supremacy, white chauvinism and imperialist oppression is deserving of much praise. At the same time we must not forget that the wildcat was crushed by a court restraining order sought by the company, and we must draw some clear conclusions from this.

It first shows us the correctness of the Marxist-Leninist position on the bourgeois state, the so-called bourgeois "democratic" state. In class society, the state is an instrument of class oppression. In the bourgeois "democratic" state the state is the major tool or apparatus by which the bourgeois ruling class, the owners of the means of production, exercise their domination over the working class. The bourgeois courts are one element of this state instrument of class oppression. Others are the police, the prisons, the army, etc. When the capitalist owners of the means of production and their flunkies (supervisors, managers, etc.) feel their interests threatened by the outraged resistance and class conscious unity of the working class against oppression and exploitation, they call upon their lap dogs and cronies in the state apparatus to assist them in the crushing of our class. From

Violence Waged Against Negro People In Chicago

On Chicago's south side, the demented spectre of white chauvinism divides and cripples the working class. Confused by metaphysical, bourgeois ideology and rotted by bribery, large sections of the Anglo-American working class turn on each other to voice their despair and frustration. Chicago has had a long history of oppression of

minorities. While the Irish, Italian and Polish immigrants once were the butt of anti-democratic slanders and attacks, the brunt of these attacks has always fallen heaviest on the Mexican, Puerto Rican and especially Negro national minority workers, in other words, those workers from the colonies.

Currently the reign of the capitalists has left large sections of workers frustrated and angry. The police, armed agents of bourgeois rule, are confessed murderers and thieves; the cost of living has risen 15% over the last four years; food prices, rents and taxes are outrageous. At a time like this the working class should expect the activation of the most reactionary elements in the class to attack its honest, revolutionary elements. This is the current dangerous situation in Chicago.

Within the last few months a wave of firebombings and other violent acts have been waged against the Negro people by degenerate Nazi-like elements within the Anglo-American people. A few examples of this are recorded in the Chicago Sun Times. On May 27, 1972, a series of attacks began on the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Mumford of the 11800 block of So. Prairie. This followed the May 23 attack on the Rudolph Johnson family of 12800 So. Green. A month later the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Harber of 10300 So. Prospect was attacked and set afire. Following this fire bombs were hurled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Draper in the 9900 block of So. Charles. These attacks were made under the sanction and protection of the Chicago Police Dept. The police, in fact, provided direct leadership to such attacks on April 9, 1972, when, led by Sgt. T. Danaher, they entered Flukies Bar and Restaurant at 8211 So. Cottage Grove. These police tried to provoke fights and harrassed customers with statements like "all black women are whores". (Chi. Sun Times, 5/11/72) Finally it was announced on June 29, 1972 (Chi. Sun Times, 6/29/72) that in this same general area a fascist grouping known as the Committee for more Effective Police was formed. This organization, all Anglo-American, was headed by the well known pro-fascist lawyer S. Thomas Sutton, and it patrols an area bordered by 57th, 87th, Ashland and Western. This grouping is nothing but another KKK, and was blessed by the Commander of the Englewood Police Station, Julius H. Watson (Chicago Sun Times, 6/29/72).

These events are clear to all. Mayor Daley, as far
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this example we must see that the bourgeoisie is very well organized, that the bourgeois state is the main expression of this organization, and that in order to successfully struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat and socialism, the working class must also have its own organization, a vanguard organization capable of leading and organizing our fight everywhere and at all times. The workers in any one factory cannot rise up spontaneously and defeat their bosses in that factory. Such a theory is syndicalist and is opposed to Marxism-Leninism which sees that this approach leads workers towards an isolated and disastrous confrontation with the bourgeois state apparatus which stands directly behind the imperialists. We need a vanguard multi-national real communist party guided by the scientific theory of Marxism-Leninism to coordinate and lead us in a successful struggle against the bourgeois ruling class and its dictatorial state apparatus. To build a real Marxist-Leninist Communist Party is our main task at this point in history. Such a Marxist-Leninist communist party can represent our class by advancing the slogans of independence for the Negro Nation, independence for Puerto Rico, and Regional Autonomy for the Southwest, in this way representing the interests of all elements of the Anglo-American working class.

The wildcat at Mountain States Telephone points out the need for a vanguard, to unify and give leadership to our struggle in the face of bourgeois repression and the sell-out, stab-in-the-back tactics of the bourgeois union misleadership. The "leadership" of the CWA which refuses to support its membership when it is in direct confrontation with the capitalist oppressors is a leadership of class traitors and bourgeois agents trying to mislead the working class in the interests of the imperialists. We must join together the advanced proletarian elements throughout the USNA to expose such rotten toadies of the bourgeoisie and build a real, multi-national Marxist-Leninist Communist Party.

FIGHT FOR THE UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS!!

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back as 1968, has encouraged the use of Anglo-American vigilante groups and extra legal gangs to physically suppress the Negro national minority and stir up hatred and division within the working class. The key to the bourgeoisie's rule is the division of the working class. The key to the unity of the class is the steadfast fight of the workers, especially Anglo-American workers for this unity. How must this fight take shape? The Anglo-American workers must first of all struggle side by side with the national minority peoples for justice and democracy. The Anglo-American people must resolutely oppose the violence of the Anglo-American thugs before it gets started. The bourgeoisie is planning a series of pogroms against the Negro people. But they can think again, this is not 1898, 1900, or 1906 when hundreds of Negroes were burned, lynched and tortured in Wilmington, N.C., New York, and Atlanta; or Chicago in 1919, when hundreds of Negro workers were lynched from the Lake St. El (elevated train) tracks. The capitalists are striving to throw the Negro people back into slavery and to use the ignorant, bribed, and unbalanced Anglo-Americans to help them do it.

However, this is not just an attack on the Negro people, but the entire working class. If the Anglo-American people allow themselves to again be made the unfortunate pawns of finance capital, the entire class will be driven into a state of fascist terror. Anglo-American people, is it the Negro workers who oppress you, who tax and jail you, who crush your strikes, lay you off and fire you? Is it Negro workers who started the war in Vietnam and forced you to fight

in it or who raised the food prices. Of course not. Only fools think thus.

Anglo-American people, how long is it going to take before you realize that your lot and that of the national minorities in the USNA is fundamentally the same! The over riding majority of the Negro, Mexican and Puerto Rican national minority peoples are workers. Everyday they get up and punch in, just as the over riding majority of the Anglo-American people do. We are all workers--we all work for the capitalists. It isn't our fellow workers who are the enemy, this is what the capitalists want us to think and do all they can to foster.

The oppression of the Negro national minority in the USNA is preparing the way for more attacks against the entire working class. The oppression of the Negro people is the key to the oppression of the entire working class, and likewise, the struggle for the independence of the Negro Nation is the key to the freedom of the working class.

The Communist League urges workers of all nationalities to prepare for violence but not against the Negro people or any national minority, but against the ruling class and its puppets like the Committee for a more Effective Police Force. We must replace the reactionary "white is right" nonsense with "Workers and Oppressed Peoples of the World Unite!" And finally, the most pressing need of the working class now is a multi-national communist party which will lead the fight for unity and for state power for the proletariat.

UNITE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN WORKING CLASS!!!

BUILD A COMMUNIST PARTY!!

Out of our
silent places
we crouched...
and with subjugated
fears and discontent screaming
from every pore -
we marched;
slowly at first,
wondering and hoping (at first),
when suddenly
like a bright red banner
unfurling --
were heard cries,
and all the hills echoed
our joyous hymns of liberation,
no longer
slaves of the universe...
the shattering
of chains
was heard
exploding in the wind!

(And)

like leaves of gold;
everywhere
sprouted our strength!

On we marched -
with determined passion
and fury;
with mighty arms
embracing an
Eternal Truth!

(That)

Woman

(is) blood in the
veins of the
Revolution!



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