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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 ty-
ranny and oppression." Lenin

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Conference of Marxist-Leninists Brings New Unity

The scheduled Conference of North American Marxist-Leninists was held from May 24 to May 28. The Conference was held despite a planned process of sabotage by groupings that withdrew from the Conference at the last moment as well as the FBI engineering the loss of three meeting halls in the two days prior to the convening of the Conference.

The Conference was a highly enthusiastic, deeply theoretical meeting of unity around the line of Marxism-Leninism. In total distinction to the so-called Conference on Party Building held in New York City recently, this conference was not a platform for big heads to hold forth. Neither was it a sounding board for muddle headed bourgeois concepts and inventions paraded under the slogans of Marxism.

The Conference was opened by 15 Communists (Comrades who had served more than 25 years in the Communist movement), firmly linking this conference with the history of the revolutionary movement. The Conference consisted of workshops on the National Question, Party Building, Women, Trade Unions and Youth. The resolutions adopted at the workshops provided a basis for the Continuations Committee to call for a draft resolution to be written for a Party Congress.

In attendance at the Conference were comrades and friends from all regions of the United States, including the Negro Nation and Puerto Rico. In addition, Comrades were present from Africa, Europe, Asia, South America and Central America. 45% of the revolutionaries in attendance were women, and 44% were Negro, Puerto Rican, Mexican, Phillipine and Indian national minorities.

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Nixon-Brezhnev Summit Internal Weakness Brings Thieves Together

Remembering that "politics is a concentrated expression of economics," the Watergate scandal must not be viewed as just the result of a corrupt government, but as the reflection of a deepening economic crisis in which the imperialists find themselves. The drive for maximum profits has yielded a crisis caused by overproduction. The struggle around Watergate is in actuality a struggle between different interests in the ruling class around the solution to this crisis. It is in this light that the recent visit by Brezhnev to the USNA must be seen. Detente between the USNA and the USSR is a solution to the overproduction crisis that is in the interests of the most wealthy, rapacious imperialists.

During the Truman administration the "cold war" was introduced by the USNA. This lie allowed for unprecedented super profits to be made at the expense of the colonial peoples while "rolling back communism." These super profits benefitted both the oppressor and oppressed classes in the USNA for the USNA proletariat became the most bribed proletariat in the history of capitalism.

The era of the "cold war" was laced with governmental scandals. There was blatant corruption, bribery and favoritism found in the Truman administration. President Eisenhower was caught red handed in a lie around the U-2 flights. He was forced to admit that he personally had ordered spying missions over Russia. The Tonkin Gulf incident was fabricated during the term of Johnson as a justification for the full scale bombing of N. Vietnam. This marked the introduction of a half million American troops into Vietnam and the killing and wounding of over a million Vietnamese men, women and

children. Why was there barely a peep from the public around these incidents while the Watergate incident has mushroomed to the point of governmental crisis?

No one cared what was happening in the government so long as the money kept rolling in. As the imperialists were reaping untold super profits off of the colonies, and the proletariat was becoming more and more bribed, there was no material reason for people to be unhappy with the methods the government used to insure these super profits. However, nothing can ever remain the same.

The laws of capitalism tell us that in order to make profits the capitalist must corner the market for his goods. In order to do this, he must out produce his competitors, thereby making his goods sell at a lower cost. However, with all capitalists trying to do this, the market becomes glutted with the result being an overproduction crisis.

During the boom of the "cold war," the productive forces of the USNA developed

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No Shortage— Oil Crisis A Hoax

Everyday in the newspapers, on the radio and TV we hear about the so-called "energy crisis". The major oil companies like Shell and Standard have been putting out advertisements saying that there is a shortage of oil and giving 'tips' on conserving gasoline (which is made from crude oil). These 'tips' include 'driving slow' or 'rediscovering the art of walking'. The government too is trying to promote panic. For instance, the Republican governors, holding their spring meeting in New York, announced that "the country is running out of fuel". There are rumors that gas might be rationed and Nixon himself has made two public statements alerting the country to the fuel shortage. But is there really a fuel shortage and why do the USNA imperialists continue this massive campaign around the question of fuel?

First of all, there is no shortage of oil in the USNA. Although most oil used now is obtained by drilling, it is also possible (and has been done since 1950) to produce oil by crushing and heating a certain type of oil containing sedimentary rock called shale. The world's largest reserves of oil shale are found in the Green River formation which covers parts of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. There are a potential 3.6 trillion barrels of oil in these rocks. This alone is enough to supply the entire world's oil needs for the next hundred or two hundred years. Besides that, the US has a liquid oil reserve of 47 billion barrels which Mr. Laird, when he was Defense Secretary, said could last the USNA from three to ten years (this is not including the huge off shore oil deposits which are relatively untapped in the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic shelf. Further, the shale oil is a very clean, low sulfur and non-polluting oil. This situation was best summed up by David Freeman, a leading spokesman for the Ford Foundation, who said, "this winter's so called energy crisis was manufactured right here in Washington." (1) Why then are the imperialists promoting such a hoax?

The basic law of capitalism is the maximization of profits. The huge oil monopolies are using the 'energy crisis' to justify the steep increase in their prices. In the last six months gas prices have jumped at least five cents a gallon in the Los Angeles area and similar

increases have been put into effect throughout the country. Hugh Lacey, vice president of Union Oil Company, said that gas will go up to fifty cents a gallon this summer and to \$1.50 a gallon within a year. The government, funded by the tax payers' money, is paying 40% more for gasoline than two months ago. It is clear that the oil companies are not suffering an energy crisis as Shell's first quarter earnings are up 49% over the same period last year.

Even more than the immediate increase in profits, the large monopoly oil companies are seeking to ruin the small, independent owners of stations by cutting off their supply of gasoline. Lenin pointed out that, "The enormous growth of industry and the remarkably rapid process of concentration of production in ever-larger enterprises is one of the most characteristic features of capitalism" and "the transformation of competition into monopoly, is one of the most important--if not the most important phenomena of modern capitalist economy." (2) In this case the oil companies are ruining the independent owners by simply refusing to supply them with gasoline. The Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America estimated at the end of April that 1,000 of its 21,000 stations have closed or will close on account of no supplies. The Office of Emergency Preparedness in Washington announced that since the end of April, 938 stations have closed or are going to close due to lack of supplies. The vice president of Urich Oil, speaking for the petit-bourgeoisie, predicts that nine out of ten independents will be out of business by September. In wiping out the small gasoline stations that have competed with the large stations by selling lower grade gasoline for cheaper prices, the large oil firms will be able to sell the low quality at high prices. They will have complete control over the whole market.

However, even more important than the domestic reasons, we must examine the international situation to find out why the imperialists need to propangandize about an "oil shortage and energy crisis." The imperialists are trying to get the support of the Anglo-American working class to consolidate their stranglehold over the other

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Price Freeze Guarantees Profits

On June 13, 1973, President Nixon announced a new plan for a "price freeze" covering all commodities with the exception of wages, rents, interest rates, dividends and agricultural prices at the farm level. The new plan was openly announced as a prelude to a far more sweeping "phase IV" program to take place in 60 days. It comes in the wake of the news that consumer prices have been rising at the annual rate of 9%, with wholesale prices increasing at the rate of 2.1% in a single month, and farm and food products rising at the fantastic annual rate of 43% in the past three months.(1)

Faced with such "startling" figures, if we are to believe the presidential press releases, Nixon has again rushed into action to "save" the country. These figures are of little surprise to the millions of toilers

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CONFERENCE

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There can be no question that in content, as well as in composition, this Conference marks a completely new stage in the development of a Party of a New Type - a Leninist Party.

If we Communist League comrades are not to lose our bearings, it is necessary for us to have a clear understanding of the forces at play that made the Conference the tremendous success that it was. First of all, it was a Conference of workers. This was the point around which all other factors revolved.

Some of the leading factors were the growing revolution of the masses of the people concerning the scandal and political crisis that resulted from the Watergate affair. The war weariness of the people and the constantly growing threat of a new imperialist war is causing more and more people to question the validity of a system that hands them 25 years of imperialist aggressions and threatens to continue that process. The worsening economic situation is forcing all revolutionaries to speed up the process of defending the standards of the working class in the absence of a revolutionary political party. This factor is sharpening the desire of the revolutionaries to organize the masses of unorganized workers. Generated by and along with the growing economic and political crisis is the rising militant struggle of the women, and especially the working class women, for their equality. This political and economic crisis is also having a strong effect on the youth. For many years there has not been a militant youth movement in this country and under these conditions there is a real need for a proper organizational forum for the special struggle of the young people.

Of great importance is the position of the various separatist movements in the USNA. Over the past three years the masses of the people have become disillusioned with the promises of the various separatists as a method of resolving the acute problems of discrimination and oppression in all fields of life. All the pump-priming on the part of the government has failed and will continue to fail to revive the nationalist orientations that have hindered the unity of the most oppressed and exploited elements of the working class.

Since this was a Conference of Marxist-Leninists, the overriding theme was the deepening crisis of and the struggle against revisionism. Enmeshed in a web of contradictions, led by inept and bungling renegades from Marxism, the CPUSA today does not represent a revolutionary force and no revolutionary will remain in such a party! In the main, these are the factors that prepared the soil

for the success of the Conference.

It is necessary for the Comrades to fully assess the role of the CL in the Conference. First of all, the activities of the comrades during the Conference was clear proof that the line of the CL on Party Building is correct. That line basically states that education is the principle political task in this period of party building. The fact that comrades from all sections of the country boldly and tirelessly fought for exactly the same line and policy is clear proof of the political nature of Marxist education. Without such education the truly heroic efforts of the comrades to

United Farmworkers' Union Rural Proletariat Organizes

Coachella, California is the scene of an intense class struggle between capital and labor, which has taken the form of two trade-unions in a fight over who will represent the rural proletariat, the farm workers--against the employers, the rich agricultural capitalists.

For years, the rural proletariat has been one of the most exploited and oppressed sections of the USNA working class. However, in the Southwest, the oppression has had a double edge because of the national question. Most of the workers and migrant laborers are of Mexican descent. If the workers get too organized for struggle, the state machinery of the USNA steps in and starts massive deportations. If there is a successful strike, the motion is the other way: labor is brought in to scab the fields and try to break down the workers' militancy.

But the laws governing economics and social development cannot be ignored. Confronted with the harsh labor conditions imposed upon them by the growers, the proletariat is militant in demanding their right to organize. In fact the whole history of the struggle to build the Southwest, has been accomplished off the labour, sweat and blood of the rural proletariat. The farm workers do not accept the status quo, but have always struggled against their exploitation and oppression.

Through long battles and organizational drives, broken unions and strikes, the high point of struggle was the formation of the United Farmworkers Organizing Committee in the 1960's. From this the

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guarantee the conference would have been impossible.

The correctness of the Bolshevik fractional method of work greatly contributed to the Conference. This style of work allows the League to place its fractions in every important area of activity. It, thus, helped to provide the necessary base for the Conference amongst different sections of the class.

Our tasks today are clear. It was at just such a juncture in the history of the Soviet Union that Lenin called upon the Communists to "win the vanguard of the proletariat to the cause of Communism." This is our task. The vanguard of the proletariat today is the unemployed, the unskilled and semi-skilled workers, who are more and more being thrown into the fight against capitalism and all its evils. If the Communist League is

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Conference Resolution

The presiding Committee of the Conference of North American Marxist-Leninists proposes that a Continuations Committee be formed. This Continuations Committee is to be composed of all the organizations represented on the presiding committee, and all other organizations who support the general line of the conference to build a Communist Party in the USNA.

The Continuations Committee will have the responsibility to publish a Draft Program of a Communist Party within 4 to 6 months. The Continuations Committee will have the additional responsibility to organize a founding Congress of the Communist Party of the United States of North America within one year.

The Continuations Committee of the Conference of North American Marxist-Leninists calls upon all Marxist-Leninists and honest revolutionaries to unite around this resolution and build a Communist Party in the United States of North America.

The time has come for the Proletariat of the United States of North America to have its Marxist-Leninist Communist Party. It will have its party.

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Oppression of Indian Peoples Escalates

Constancio "Tino" Deocampo is a Miwok Indian, father of five young children, and has been a theatre janitor for 12 years in the town of Vallejo, California. He has no prior arrest record. On September 9, 1972, while attending the Toulomne Acorn Festival in Toulomne County, California, an annual event of the Indian peoples, Tino was invited to attend a party at nearby Sonora, California. This party was attended by about 80 people, predominantly Anglo-American. A fight broke out at the party and a young Anglo-American man lay dead from a gunshot wound. A suspect was arrested, charged with the death and released a couple weeks later due to insufficient evidence.

Then on the insistence of the fascist white chauvinist District Attorney, Tom Marovich, police were sent to Tino's home in Vallejo. He was arrested and taken away from his wife and family to Sonora where he was booked for first degree murder. Tino pleaded innocent to all charges. Even though he had many letters of recommendation from respected citizens in Vallejo, his request to have his bail reduced to \$10,000 was denied. A few days later, he was taken before the Toulomne County Grand Jury. The Grand Jury refused to indict Tino for the crime because there was no evidence against him. In fact, no motive was established, no intent was ever shown and no weapon was ever found or seen on Tino. There was nothing to implicate him. Nevertheless, seeking blood, D.A. Marovich refused to drop the case and Tino's request to drop the case was denied by Judge T. Wesley Osborne, a rabid white chauvinist whose reputation in the county is well known to everyone - including Marovich. This was the first time since 1888 that a person who the Grand Jury failed to indict was put on trial on the same charge! The trial is scheduled for June, 1973.

Tino and his family have had to sell their home to meet bail and are thousands of dollars in debt. The Deocampos have had to split up because of the enormous bills facing them. The fascist police are constantly following Tino and his family, even going so far as to park outside his house for lengthy periods. Tino's wife, Jules, a Negro National Minority, has developed an ulcer and has had other physical complications.

The history of Toulomne County in rural California shows that this is one of many vicious attempts to

divide and oppress the working class. In earlier times white supremacy was used against the Mexican and Indian peoples in order to justify the brutal expansionism of the Anglo-American capitalists. The county was originally established by Mexican families in 1848, along with the already existing Indian and Anglo-American peoples; the population was joined by Chilians and Peruvians shortly thereafter. In 1848 gold was found at Wood's Crossing, now Jamestown, California. To consolidate their grip on the wealth of the county the Anglo-American expansionists instituted a campaign of legal and extra-legal terror against non-Anglo-American people classified by the county as "foreigners." Mexican and other peoples were murdered by these vigilantes and Sheriff's authorities as part of these vicious white supremacist attacks.

After this consolidation, the capitalists realized that these terrorist acts were driving away their sources of cheap labor, particularly Mexicans, to work their mines. In fact, the Sonora Herald came forth with an editorial asking the "good citizens" to calm the fears of the "foreigners" because "the commercial interests of the county have been suffering at the rate of \$10,000 per day." Again, "fold not your hands, but quiet the alarm among the men whose labor your future depends."

With the rise of USNA imperialism, the form of the oppression of these people changed while the content remained the same. Thus, white supremacy became white chauvinism, which provides the USNA with "the excuse for the brutal exploitation of the colored nations and peoples of the world."

This fascist attack by the USNA state against Tino Deocampo is not an isolated incident but part of a general motion by the chauvinist imperialist state to intensify the exploitation and oppression of the Indian and other national minority peoples. Two Indians, Frank Clearwater, Apache, and Laurence Lamonte, Oglala Sioux, were recently cut down by Federal Marshalls' bullets during the recent reclamation by the Indian Peoples of Wounded Knee, South Dakota. In the last year alone militant Indian leader, Richard Oakes, was killed by an Anglo-American camp counselor in a self admitted murder; yet the state charged his murderer with involuntary manslaughter

and a jury later acquitted him of all crimes. Robert Hahn, a California Highway Patrolman, while on duty, shot and killed William Smith, Yorok, with a single shot, striking Smith almost directly between the eyes. He was finally charged with involuntary manslaughter and acquitted. Michael Ferris, Hupa Indian, was shot in the back by an Anglo-American assailant who was charged with involuntary manslaughter and acquitted. Raymond Yellow Thunder, Oglala Sioux, was forced to dance naked in front of American Legion Hall, then tortured, castrated and beaten to death. Assailant convicted of second degree manslaughter. Wesley Badheart Bull, Oglala Sioux, stabbed in chest, assailant charged with second degree murder and found not guilty. Reggie Davis, Pomo - found dead in jail cell. Beaten and hung by Chico City, California police.

These attacks must be seen as part of the USNA imperialists' attempt to lay the ground for fascism in this country. They must crush all resistance to their policies of war and aggression against the oppressed nations and peoples of the world. The struggle of the brave Indian peoples against imperialist oppression is exemplified by the struggle of Indian peoples for their fishing and land rights and the seizure of Alcatraz Island and Wounded Knee. The government decided not to massacre the Indian people at Wounded Knee partially because of the political isolation they find themselves in caused by the war in Indochina. However, systematic acts of murder and injustice against Indian peoples, such as, mentioned above, have been waged all across the country.

In addition the imperialists use their flunkey, the CPUSA, to buy off the Indian peoples' struggle, to divert the struggle into harmless reformist acts, to divide the Indian peoples from the working class in general. The CPUSA invited Tino to speak at their "People's World Conference" in Oakland, Calif. in May of this year and collected a token donation for his Defense Fund. On the promise of more money he went to their Chicago Conference to organize a "United Defense Organization Against Racist and Political Repression" where he had been invited to speak. In Chicago he had to pay all his own expenses after being told that this would be taken care

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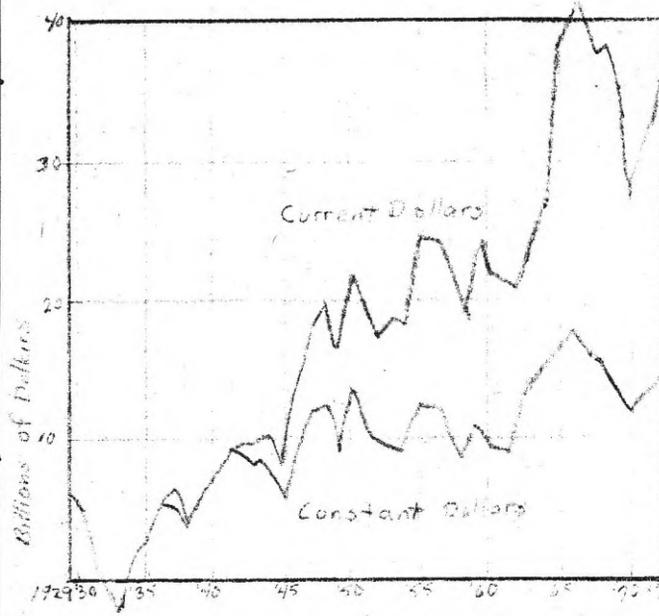
who have been steadily forced to eat worse and eat less each week, who have watched the grand "phases I, II, and III" grind by. As our pocket books shrink, along with our rights, we are again being asked to believe our president.

As we have pointed out in the past, the USNA dominated the world market for the 25 years following World War II. The war had left the European capitalist countries and Japan decimated and economically and militarily dependent upon the USNA for their survival. However, because of the uneven development of capitalism, i.e., competition between imperialist countries, the USNA could not prevent these countries from slowly redeveloping their economies. Inevitably, the fight for world markets, for the redivision of the world, again developed between the imperialist countries. By using its superior military might, the USNA has at least temporarily strengthened its world wide position by forcing these countries to take the brunt of the recent dollar crisis, created by the insatiable demand for the maximization of profits.

This led the USNA to indiscriminately print 50 billion paper dollars without the gold to back them up. The devaluation of the dollar and the corresponding revaluation of the currencies of the other capitalist countries has allowed the USNA imperialists to glut foreign markets with cheap (in relation to the other imperialists) commodities.

These conditions that have allowed for the consolidation of the world market have at the same time created the conditions for an even greater crisis. The years of the Vietnam war allowed for a tremendous growth of the productive forces of the USNA while its commodities were eaten up in warfare. But the inevitable falling rate of profit stemming from the continual investment in expanding the productive forces has forced the imperialists to produce more and more commodities. With its markets glutted, the imperialists are faced with a crisis in overproduction that has industry adding 1 billion dollars a month to its inventories in commodities. (2)

Alarmed by the falling rate of profit, the bourgeoisie is busy laying plans to expand its markets internationally. The gravity of the economic crisis has been underscored by the revolt of certain sections of the bourgeoisie to the policies of detente being worked out by the Nixon gang to allow economic expansion into the Soviet Union. It is precisely this deepening battle



among the bourgeoisie over war or detente to solve the problem of markets that has led to the Watergate situation. It is obvious that the horn of plenty fed by 25 years of uninterrupted growth and superprofits can no longer supply enough goodies for everyone.

Internally, the Nixon gang is walking a tightrope. While they obviously need some method to quell the increased resistance to spiraling prices and political corruption, the economic crisis compels the imperialists to cut back its bribery and to squeeze more and more profits from the working class. Thus, the new price freeze is a thin veneer for the development of fascism.

Beginning with Phase I, the imperialists are undertaking a massive campaign to consolidate their death grip on the working class. The wage freeze was lifted after assurances of "restraint" from the big unions around wage demands and the recent signing of "no strike" contracts in the steel and rubber industries. The administration is now preparing to zero in on the unorganized workers, the vast majority of workers, and especially the national minority workers, who are already suffering from the lowest pay, worst conditions and greatest exploitation. This was expressed by an administration official who stated, "The danger is not in auto negotiations in the mid-summer, but in the non-union area now." (3)

A freeze on prices guarantees the increased impoverishment of the working class. By freezing prices at their highest level, the bourgeoisie has the assurance of keeping profits high while the standard of living of the working class takes a plunge downward.

What lays in store for the working class? Phase IV, which is still being brewed in the imperialist witch's pot is already being heralded as containing all of the controls that are lacking in the current price freeze. The New Deal of the Roosevelt

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at an accelerated pace. At the same time there was the exploitation of new markets and the continual destruction of commodities caused by the war in Indochina. Because of the continual investment in expanding the productive forces, there was an inevitable falling rate of profit which in turn has forced the imperialists to produce more and more commodities. However, the markets have nearly all become glutted and the war is not using up the commodities fast enough. As can be seen from the Chart which shows corporate profits from 1929 almost to the present, profits seem to climb impressively without thinking about inflation. But compensating for inflation, one can see the boom especially in the middle of the 60's caused by the war in Indochina, but last year's profits were only about as big as those of 1950.

Leontiev points out that, "A crisis of overproduction means a lack of sales, the contraction of markets, the closing of factories and plants, a curtailment of production. Tremendous quantities of commodities cannot be sold. This leads to an accumulation of reserves of all kinds. Tremendous stores of raw material, industrial goods and agricultural products are accumulated. These stores exert pressure on the market. In order to maintain prices, a considerable part of these stores of goods is destroyed by the capitalists. For this purpose also, production is curtailed. By means of these measures the capitalists maintain the prices of some commodities at a comparatively high level for a short time, but the force of the crisis proves stronger than all the measures they adopt. The curtailment of sales, the contraction of markets, the accumulation of reserves of commodities inevitably lead to a decline of prices." (2) Today this process is taking place. The imperialists are fighting tooth and nail to maintain profits imposing arbitrary restrictions and by holding back commodities such as can be seen by the so-called food and gasoline shortages. But for all their efforts, profits are falling and there will inevitably be a decline of prices.

Therefore in solving the problem of overproduction for the time being, the imperialists are faced with two ways to turn. They either need new markets or a further destruction of commodities, which can only come about by more war.

The low level tactics of the government which have been uncovered by the Watergate scandal are a result of this insatiable drive for profits. The spying, and wiretapping that

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Struggle of Farmworkers Intensifies

This is a brief account of some of the most recent struggles of the farmworkers in Coachella. A number of supporters of the farmworkers participated in a day's picket line. On arriving at the United Farm Workers' rallying point, they passed the Coachella Safeway parking lot.

This same parking lot has been often picketed by the UFW as part of their boycott effort, but now, at 4:30 A.M., it was filled with about 200 teamster employed goons who were shaping up for their day's "work." There was a lot of drinking going on and so forth.

At the Coachella Park 1,000 or more UFW members began leaving in long car caravans for the fields. The presence of the teamsters was a surprise as they do not usually work on Saturdays. And during the weeks of the strike, not many scabs had been working on Saturdays either. And so the presence of such a large number of teamster goons seemed unusual - this was the most there had ever been. They seem to be recruiting these boys according to size - over 6 foot, over 200 pounds, \$67 a day - and many of them are not teamster members. A teamster hiring hall in Long Beach has been recruiting these bums off the street - supposedly many are motorcycle gang members from Orange County. At any rate they appear to be and handle themselves like lumper pro-fascist elements.

The UFW caravans fanned out across the valley in search of scabs in the fields. Where they stopped to form picket lines, the goons showed up soon after, stumbled out of their cars like the filth and rabble they are and cursed, spit and threw things at the UFW members.

At one field about 200 UFW members, some aluminum trade unionists from Corona, Calif. and some 40 UAW members from the GM Southgate plant formed a picket line. Some of the farmworkers and the UAW members walked along a desert road at the side of the field to see if they could talk to some scabs who were working in the distance. There were about 40 in this group. When they were well away from the road and out of sight of the main group they were suddenly rushed and attacked by about 50 to 60 goons. The goons were wielding pipes, clubs and had at least two guns. The picketers were for the most part young boys, young women and older people as well. Several of the farmworkers moved

over to a nearby stack of pipes and picked them up, preparing to defend themselves.

At this point they were told by the Riverside Sheriff's Deputies who had trailed them there to put down the pipes. A UFW field organizer repeated the order and the pipes were laid down. At this point the goons all picked up pipes and began using them at will on the strikers! A general rout ensued, a slaughter that is, with the deputies of course melting away. One goon aimed a gun at two women supporters and fired. The shot came close enough to kick up sand on both of them. The goons seemed to delight in beating up those who could not run very fast. At least two young boys were severely beaten around the head and required many stitches. One extremely large goon was kicking a boy's head as he was lying on the ground and bleeding profusely from a wound. Two supporters ran back to try to help the boy. They threw some sand at the goon's eyes and at this point one was jumped from behind by the cops and arrested; but of course the goon was not!

Meanwhile the main body of strikers had heard the shots and a large number of them came running up the road to help their comrades. At this point the police formed a skirmish line across the road and forbade the UFW members to pass any further. Meanwhile the goons were still running down stragglers and beating them at will. When the UFW had finally collected their wounded and at least two ambulances had carried them off, the strikers were ordered to get in their cars and prepare to leave. At this point a large group of goons sneaked out of the fields and attacked the last two cars in the caravan. The cars were rocked, some windows broken, and again some young farmworkers were pulled from the cars and brutally beaten while the Sheriffs watched.

The entire UFW caravan left their cars and began picking up sticks, rocks and whatever they could find. The general feeling here was that if these dogs want to fight, then let's get it on! The goons retreated across the road (their cowardliness was very apparent; when faced with the least resistance they always turned tail) and their protectors, (for this was the Sheriff's role) then declared it an illegal assembly and ordered the UFW to leave!

Chavez hit Coachella Monday and went on the picket lines and had to leave because

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United Farm Workers Union has spread out across the country, and now covers about 70,000 members in agriculture, and has strong support from the unorganized farmworkers.

But this only represents a small number of the rural proletariat of the USNA. It is clear that the organizational drive must push out further and that the unorganized farmworkers are demanding that the Union come in and organize the fields where they work. In this situation, where a section of the working class begins to stir, the bourgeoisie must act. With the success of the UFWU evident, the bourgeoisie must move in a more subtle way.

This new tactic was to let the farm workers have the Union, but with some limitations. This has been evident with the support of the Catholic church and the line of passivism that is always preached in militant situations of strike picket lines and crop boycotts. In the leadership is Cesar E. Chavez, who is on record as favoring deportations and supporting the Dixon-Arnett Law, a California state law to blame unemployment on so-called 'illegals'. Chavez gets full support not only from the "liberal" Democrats like Kennedy, but also from the revisionist CPUSA!

He changed this recently.

The line "deportations" actually splits the working class and places the blame of the system, capitalism, upon another section of the proletariat, the Mexican national minority workers. So the line of Chavez is in accord with the growers, because for years their line has been to keep the working class divided and weak.

In spite of this passivist influence, the farmworkers' militancy and demands to be organized have continued to grow. Farmworkers all over the country are on the move. Fighting against great odds, they have rallied to their side the honest and progressive elements in others unions and organizations. From the very beginning it has been a battle against the bourgeois state which the growers represent.

The USNA government has brought scab crops like grapes and lettuce, and used the immigration laws to assist the growers. The state has used the police at every opportunity to arrest and beat up picket lines, and the courts to serve injunctions. In addition, the growers have also called upon the Teamsters Union to go in and smash the farmworkers, and take over the contracts of the UFWU.

This is not the first time that the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) has pushed their snouts into the

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Negro Nation Day Festivals

FREE THE NEGRO NATION

On June 19, 1862, the USNA Congress passed an act abolishing slavery in the territories of the United States. This historic date has long been the rallying point to celebrate the end of legal slavery and further to demand real freedom and democratic rights for the Negro people. Known as "Juneteenth," this holiday is still celebrated in many parts of the Negro Nation.

In the past few years the spirit of "Juneteenth" day has spread to many parts of the USNA, where Negro Nation Day festivals have been held to express full support for the Negro people's liberation struggle and to demand independence for the Negro Nation and all colonies and territories held in the grip of USNA imperialism. This year, festivals and rallies were held in such cities as Chicago, Detroit, Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Cleveland and New York. The great success of these celebrations indicated strong feelings of proletarian internationalism as they were well represented not only by workers from the communities but by comrades and friends from many parts of the world.

On June 16 the third anniversary of Negro Nation Day in Chicago was celebrated. The Chicago rally once again demonstrated the strong support of the workers in the community for the festival. The Negro Nation Day Committee and the Neighborhood Commons Corporation, a local housing cooperative in the community, did a fine job of rallying support and organizing the festival. Many workers donated much time and effort making banners and posters, preparing and serving food, serving on security teams and helping perform skits and entertainment.

Not even a fierce rain-storm that struck without warning could dilute the strong feelings and support of the community. The entire festival was quickly moved into a building donated on the spot by the Neighborhood Commons Corporation.

As in the past, many of Chicago's finest blues musicians once again turned out to show their support for the battle to free the Negro Nation and gladly donated their time and talents to entertain the festival. Such blues greats as Carey Bell, Eddie Taylor, Lee Jackson, Sunnyland Slim, Dogman, and Willie "Winehead" Williams performed for the crowd. Further entertainment and a militant exposure of how drugs are used by the capitalist class to blunt the revolutionary spirit of the

working class were provided in a skit presented by workers in the community.

The festival, as always, was also a forum for raising important political questions that face the working class. A keynote speech was given on the question of liberating the Negro Nation and Puerto Rico from colonial domination. Another important speech linked up the struggle of the Negro people for liberation with the struggle of the Mexican national minority for regional autonomy for the Southwest. Another speech spoke to the corruption and degeneration of the Nixon gang and called upon workers to take independent action around the Watergate affair. International solidarity with the struggle to free the Negro Nation from imperialist domination was eloquently expressed in a speech offered by an Ethiopian student.

On June 16 and 17, festivals were held in Oakland and San Francisco, respectively. Over 250 workers joined the Communist League and their friends in very successful celebrations filled with enthusiasm and militant support for the freedom of the Negro Nation.

As in the Chicago Rally, the Oakland festival showed the community's firm grasp of the importance of this working class holiday. Along with the food and refreshments, bands from the community, including "The Everyday People" and the "Shades of Rhythm," provided lively entertainment. Included in the entertainment was a skit presented to dramatize the importance of the Watergate affair to the working class.

Many important speeches were made, including talks given by comrades from Ethiopia, Puerto Rico, Latin America and from the Communist League to emphasize the political importance of this day. A comrade from the Ethiopian Student Union of North America spoke of the relationship of imperialism to the socialist countries and colonial and semi-colonial nations. He pointed out the particular features of the struggle in Ethiopia against the comprador feudal landlord class representing USNA imperialism, and stressed that the struggle in Ethiopia is part of the world wide proletarian revolution. Two other fine talks were given by a comrade from Puerto Rico, and a comrade from Latin America, pointing out the integral connection between the struggle in the colonies against USNA imperialism and the success of the revolutionary struggle of the Anglo-American working

class. The question of regional autonomy for the Southwest was raised by a Mexican national minority comrade. In her speech, the comrade pointed out how the Mexican national minority is a key link between the Anglo-American working class and the workers and poor peasants in Mexico. Another important speech presented at the festival dramatized the need for the unity of the working class, and showed how white chauvinism, the poisonous ideology of imperialism, is used to divide the class. It was pointed out that chauvinism conceals the class outlook and substitutes in its place the national imperialist outlook to prevent the revolutionary unity of the working class and secure the rapacious and reactionary rule of imperialism.

The importance of Negro Nation Day as a holiday of the Anglo-American working class lies in the fact that the independence of the Negro Nation is an integral part of the proletarian revolution in the USNA, a part of the question of the dictatorship of the proletariat. To unite the Anglo-American working class and to link up our fight with the world wide battle against imperialist rule, the demands for independence for the colonial nations and territories from its rapacious and reactionary rule must be fought for in the strongest terms. Let us take the fighting spirit of Negro Nation Day to heart!

FREE THE NEGRO NATION!

FREE PUERTO RICO!

REGIONAL AUTONOMY FOR THE SOUTHWEST!

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the goons were trying to get at him. He announced to the workers: all picketing was called off and that the strikers were to sit-in at the park--which is where they are all the time anyway--until the Sheriffs decide to do their duty!

After the violence, there was a lot of discussion about what had occurred. The advanced workers said non-violence is not working, so let's give them a taste of what they're dishing out. This is why Chavez is calling off the picket lines, because the UFW members would dump the non-violence right on the goon's heads. It is Chavez' tactic to call off the picket lines, open the fields to the scabs, and squeal to the bourgeoisie for aid! Chavez is now the strikebreaker and the farmworkers are reaping the fruits of bourgeois leadership.

Bradley Elected in Los Angeles : What Does It Mean?

Within the past month there has been very much said on the election of Tom Bradley as mayor of Los Angeles City. On the one hand, we hear that this election is of no importance and that Bradley and Sam Yorty, the ex-mayor, are the same: both are fascists. As revolutionaries and communists, we cannot accept such a dogmatist analysis or push such an important event aside so easily.

For the revolutionary movement the election of Tom Bradley poses these questions. First, what reasons allowed Bradley to be elected? Second, what does his election mean to the working class?

Los Angeles is the third largest city in the USNA with a population of 2.8 million. The Negro national minority population makes up only 18% of this. Bradley is the first Negro to be elected mayor of a large city that does not have a Negro majority.

Before running for Mayor, Bradley had been a policeman for 21 years and had served 10 years on the L.A. city council. Four years ago, Bradley also ran against Yorty for Mayor and lost. At that time Yorty's platform was the same as it was in this year's election, basically appealing to the white chauvinism of the Anglo-American people to get himself re-elected. But these tactics did not work this time. Yorty has spent 12 years in office and has ignored the growing problems of pollution, crime, traffic congestion, etc. Yorty said that with a Negro in office there would be radical changes in L.A.

and insinuated that there would be all Negro control of the city.

Bradley tried to counter these accusations and reassure the Anglo-American population in three ways:

First, he made a noticeable change in appeal in this election. In 1968 Bradley campaigned in such a way as to get all the support he could from every strata of the population, including "left" groupings. In this election he condemned all such groupings and made it clear that he had no ties with them. In May of this year, Mayor Yorty accused Bradley of having radicals in his campaign. In an article in the LA Times it was reported that Yorty said that he recalled that in 1969 Gus Hall (General Secretary of the CPUSA) said that Communists must put "total focus" on Bradley's election. Bradley responded to this statement by saying, "There are no so-called radicals supporting me or involved in my campaign." "I have fought Communism all of my life."

Second, Bradley referred to his history of 21 years on the L.A. police force and promised to crack down on crime and street gangs. His administration, he says, will be "representative of the entire city and we will operate on the basis of merit and qualification."

Third, Bradley promised to eliminate the many other municipal problems which had been ignored by Yorty, such as, pollution, traffic congestion, etc.

What was surprising was that besides receiving 92% of the Negro vote, Bradley also received 51% of the Mexican vote and 50% of the Anglo-American vote.

Even in such strongholds of Yorty's as the San Fernando Valley, the voters were repelled by Yorty's appeals to white chauvinism.

Why was Bradley's victory possible at this time? Over the past few years we see that there has been a general motion towards electing Negro politicians to public office. This year, besides Bradley's election, Negro women were elected mayor in Compton, Calif. and in Taft, Oklahoma. What will their election mean? What has the election of Carl Stokes, Kenneth Gibson, and Richard Hatcher to the office of mayor meant? Have there been any real changes in their respective cities? If we take a look we will see that there has been no real change. It is clear that their role is not to work in the interests of the working class, but for the bourgeoisie.

Therefore, what does Bradley's election mean to the working class? Bradley was elected to channel the working class mass movement and in particular the Negro mass movement to the benefit of the bourgeoisie. Anytime that there is a spontaneous upsurge and struggle of the masses, the bourgeoisie constantly attempts to bring it under their influence, to give it their political expression and to channel it into non-revolutionary reforms. And many times they succeed.

The illusion that a Negro in office will bring equality destroys the revolutionary initiative and struggle of the working class, especially the Negro section of the class. The most that these bourgeois politicians can offer the Negro national minority workers is

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capitalist countries and to further plunder the world's resources.

While the USNA imperialists leave their own oil untapped (the Alaskan pipe line work has been halted), Nixon announced on April 18 an end to the quotas on oil imports, as well as, a phasing out of tariffs on imports. The USNA is now importing 30% of its crude oil and by 1983 is expected to import as much as 60%. Most of this imported oil comes from the Middle East which is the largest supplier to the rest of the capitalist countries. Eleven of the Mideast and North African countries have banned together to form the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries. The purpose of this organization is to get higher prices from the Japanese, Soviet, USNA and European imperialists.

The USNA imperialists want to 1) seize control of the world's oil resources so they can strangle their economic competitors, such as, the Common Market and Japan, and 2) begin using up the world's resources for now and hold their own reserves for the possibility of world war. Lenin pointed out in Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism, "Concentration has reached the point at which it is possible to make an approximate estimate of all sources of raw materials (for example, the iron ore deposits) of a country and even, as we shall see, of several countries, or of the whole world. Not only are such estimates made, but these sources are captured by gigantic monopolist combines ...the yoke of a few monopolists on the rest of the population becomes a hundred times heavier, more burdensome and intolerable." and further in the same essay,

"an essential feature of imperialism is the rivalry between several Great Powers in the striving for hegemony, i.e., for the conquest of territory, not so much for themselves as to weaken the adversary, and undermine his hegemony." (3)

The economic competition between the USNA and the European and Japanese bourgeoisies can be resolved neatly in the favor of the USNA, if the USNA can cut off the oil supplies from the Middle East to Japan (who imports 99% of her oil) and Western Europe (who imports 90% of her oil). Hardly a day goes by in the Senate without the discussion of the possibility of war and the need to make war preparations. Thus, the USNA imperialists continue to supply arms and money to Israel and other fascist governments so

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has become general use has escalated to the point where the FBI and the CIA are not enough for "national security". The President has instituted his own security network to obtain dossiers of both current and potential political dissidents, be they representatives of oppressed classes or of the bourgeoisie. The present testimony of John Dean at the Senate hearings, is pointing out concretely that President Nixon was involved from the very beginning in the coverup of the Watergate affair along with Haldeman and Ehrlichman. His testimony is also exposing attempts by the Nixon administration to guide the Senate hearings, both through political influence and with hush mouth money. It is obvious that Nixon was involved from the very beginning in the burglary of the Democratic Headquarters, along with the Ellsberg set up. What does this conspiracy mean concretely?

Though President Nixon represents the ruling class in the USNA in general, he represents a certain interest in the ruling class in particular. Nixon is the spokesman for the most wealthy, rapacious imperialists. In this light the Watergate struggle is a struggle between special interests in the bourgeoisie around the question of the solution to the over-production crisis. As we saw earlier, the imperialists in general were happy with Nixon and previous administrations as long as profits were high, but now that profits are falling, an intense struggle is being waged over which way to go.

The imperialists have two roads open to them: one, they can intensify the policy of war. This will lead to another boom, but along with that boom, a falling rate of profit and another over-production crisis. Or, two, they can follow the policy of detente or imperialist peace and stave off war for a little while longer. This political maneuver at this point in time will mean gigantic investments and gigantic profits for the larger imperialists in the near future. The situation has become such that not everyone can now make money. Some of the lesser capitalists will have to be squeezed out so that the richest can become richer. This can be most clearly seen in the fuel crisis where thousands of "independent" gasoline distributors are going out of business so that the monopolies can reap in more profits. It is this latter road that Nixon represents and the visit of Brezhnev must be seen in this context.

It is no accident that not only did the Senate hearings committee, but also the Soviet embassy, asked that the

Watergate investigation be cancelled during the Nixon-Brezhnev summit. Why was this the case? The crisis of USNA imperialism is indication of a rotten decaying imperialist state filled with internal and external contradictions. But if this is the case, why does the USNA find itself in a position of world hegemony? The struggle between the Soviet Union and China has allowed the USNA to achieve temporary world hegemony. The struggle of the opportunist leadership in the Soviet Union to replace the dictatorship of the proletariat with the victory of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie has been marred by the socialist countries of China and Albania. In order to consolidate their power the opportunists must have the help of the USNA. Brezhnev made virtually no comments about the Watergate affair before he arrived here, even going so far as to say that it was only a domestic problem of the USNA. And while he was here, he wanted no "domestic problems" interfering with his discussions with President Nixon. In fact, Brezhnev would like to have the Watergate investigation done away with altogether so that Nixon can have a totally free hand to carry out the detente policies of the fascist minded imperialists. While in the USNA, Brezhnev had the gall to ask the people of the USNA to support the imperialist butcher, Nixon.

The agreement signed by Nixon and Brezhnev at the end of their meeting signalled the beginnings of a period where each imperialist power will be able to super exploit their own proletariat and colonies without interference from each other. In the non-aggression pact the two governments agreed to "avoid military confrontations" with each other and with each other's allies and to avoid situations that would cause "a dangerous exacerbation" of their relations. Lenin describes this situation where "peace" between imperialists means war in the colonies. He says that there is an "... indissoluble economic and historical connection between every war and the policy preceding it of each country, each class that was in power before the war and achieved its aims by so-called 'peaceful' means. So-called because the ruthless methods required, for example, to ensure 'peaceful' domination over the colonies, can hardly be called peaceful.

"Peace prevailed in Europe, but continued because the European peoples' domination over hundreds of millions of colonial inhabitants was effected by constant, uninterrupted, never-

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era was the closest thing to the current programs, Phases I-IV. As R. Palme Dutte pointed out in 1935, "The 'New Deal,' the policy of the Roosevelt regime expressed in the National Industrial Recovery Act and associated measures, represents the most comprehensive and ruthless attempt of finance capital to consolidate its power with the entire strength of the State machine over the whole field of industry, to hold the workers in subjugation under extreme and intensified exploitation with a universal lowering of standards, to conduct on this basis and on the basis of the depreciated dollar a world campaign for markets and to prepare directly the consequent inevitable war." (4)

The alternatives are clear: either bow to the growing fascist moves of the Nixon gang and accept its plans to fill its pockets at the expense of the impoverished masses of the world, prepare for a life that will offer only increased starvation and hell or join the growing battle to break the chains of imperialist domination and murder. Fascism can be stopped by a united working class led by an independent working class Communist Party. The fight to build such a party is underway. Join the fight to push Nixon and his "phrases" and "freezes" into his rightful place: the garbage heap of history!

- 1) New York Times, 6/17/73.
- 2) Ibid.
- 3) Business Week, 6/23/73.
- 4) Dutte, Fascism and Social Revolution, Int. Pub., 1935, p. 267.

ending wars which we, Europeans, do not consider to be wars, because all too often they resembled not wars, but the most brutal slaughter, extermination of unarmed peoples." (3)

Throughout his speech to the American public, Brezhnev spoke of peace, a peace that supposedly was in line with the concept of peaceful coexistence spoken of by Lenin. Instead Brezhnev's words were reminiscent of the renegade Kautsky and his theories of ultra-imperialism. Kautsky asked, "...Cannot the present imperialist policy be supplanted by a new, ultra-imperialist policy, which will introduce the joint exploitation of the world by internationally united finance capital in place of the mutual rivalries of national finance capitals? Such a new phase of capitalism is at any rate conceivable." (4) Lenin responded to Kautsky's

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Los Angeles County: Thousands Deported

In Los Angeles County over 10,000 workers of Latin American, but mainly Mexican descent have been deported in the short span of two weeks. The immigration officials are picking up any one who looks Latin American and if they do not have their papers on them, they are deported. Immigration officials have cordoned off streets and gone door to door in search of "illegals", knocking down doors and entering houses without search warrants. They have stopped buses and forced people off at gunpoint.

The increasing fascist attacks on Mexican national minority workers must not go by unnoticed. Workers of all nationalities must not sit back quietly while their fellow class brothers and sisters are being harassed, attacked and deported. It is in the interests of the imperialists to keep the working class divided and from carrying on independent political action. On the contrary we must fight hard for the unity of our class, to understand what is going on internationally and nationally, so as to build the political organization which is needed to lead the working class in its struggle for political power.

The deportations are in essence an attack on the whole Anglo-American working class and are a sign of the economic crisis in which the USNA imperialists find themselves. Mexican workers have served and are serving as a reserve of cheap labor for the imperialists. Deportations of Mexican workers have occurred many times in the past whenever the imperialists no longer needed their labor or when they struggled against the imperialists. The imperialist's striving for maximum profits inevitably leads to overproduction and unemployment, the search for new markets to dump their goods, war, mass misery and inevitably revolution - they are caught in the contradiction.

The imperialists want the rest of the Anglo-American working class to support their attacks on Mexican workers. "They are going to take away your job", "they are aliens, illegals", "they can't speak English", say the imperialists and they say it for a reason - to maintain their domination. In opposition to this we must raise the banner of proletarian internationalism.

Mexico and the Southwest Region remain under the domination of USNA imperialism. It was USNA imperialism which annexed the Southwest Region

from Mexico in the 1800's. It is USNA imperialism which forces Mexican nationals to leave their homes and come to the USNA in search of work. As a result of the colonial rule in Mexico and the Southwest by the USNA imperialists, Mexicans here face a second-class citizenship, low wages, harassment and threats of deportation. The low wages paid to Mexican national minority workers keep the wages of all workers low.

Workers of all nationalities - your interests do not lie with the imperialists, but in uniting as a class to overthrow the imperialists, thereby doing away with all inequality, oppression and exploitation. We must not allow the attacks to go on against our class.

Fight to stop the fascist attacks on Mexican workers!
Struggle for Regional Autonomy for the Southwest!
Build a multi-national Communist Party in the USNA!

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There is a mistake in the article "May Day 1973, Report on International Situation." On page 12, col. 2, the 2nd sentence of the first new paragraph should read, "We will not link up with the gangs who are using the present difficulties of the Soviet peoples to join the hysterical anti-Soviet choir."

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equality with the Anglo-American section of the class. In many ways the bourgeoisie has granted "equal rights," such as the right to vote, political office, etc., when it has found that it would aid the bourgeoisie. But when one sees that 31% of the Anglo-American working class lives below the "poverty level," this does not represent very much! It does nothing to free the Negro national minority workers or the working class as a whole from the cause of their oppression and exploitation which is the system of wage slavery under which we live.

Only when we have a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party that speaks solely in the interests of the working class, for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat will the working class get the changes they want.

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of. Then he was not allowed to speak and received no money.

In Tino's case, the CPUSA has pushed the line that the killing should be blamed on a Negro national minority worker who was also present at the party where the killing occurred. This is nothing but another example of how the CPUSA attempts to divide the class by pitting the workers of one nationality against those of another rather than expose their imperialist masters. Again, the CPUSA tells us that the courts are not part of the bourgeois state but only show a "lack of concern" for the working class! What does this have in common with Leninism? Absolutely nothing.

Lenin points out: "The State is a machine for the oppression of one class by another, a machine for holding in obedience to one class, other subordinated classes." (1)

"But what is lost sight of or glossed over is this; if the state is the product of the irreconcilability of class antagonisms, if it is a power standing above society and 'increasingly alienating itself from it' then it is obvious that the liberation of the oppressed class is impossible not only without a violent revolution, but also without the destruction of the apparatus of state power which was created by the ruling class and which is the embodiment of this 'alienation.'" (2)

The drivel of the CPUSA is not just a harmless error or a mistaken belief but the conscious setting up of the working class for fascism by lulling it to sleep and disarming the class.

Marxism teaches the revolutionary proletariat that the only way fascism can be defeated is by proletarian revolution to overthrow the capitalist system and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat. Nowhere in the CPUSA's program is there mention of revolution or the dictatorship of the proletariat, or the hegemony of the proletariat. The CPUSA tells us we can battle the imperialist state unarmed, that we can win great victories without a revolutionary Communist Party, without a united working class, and without proletarian revolution. These degs say that we can create some sort of a defensive "shield" to resist imperialist bombardment.

In conclusion we see, as the Peoples' Tribune pointed out recently: "In opposition to the 'cultural freedoms' being offered by the bourgeoisie and echoed by its adjunct the CPUSA, the battle for the democratic rights

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theory, saying that it was "a most reactionary method of consoling the masses with hopes of permanent peace being possible under capitalism, by distracting their attention from the sharp antagonisms and acute problems of the present times, and directing it towards illusory prospects of an imaginary 'ultra-imperialism' of the future." (5) And again, "The 'theory of ultra-imperialism,' however, serves Kautsky as a means by which to justify the opportunists, to present the situation in such a light as to make it appear that they have not gone over to the bourgeoisie but simply that they 'do not believe' that Socialism could come immediately and expect that 'perhaps' a new 'era' of disarmament and lasting peace will be ushered in." (6) However, under imperialism, there can only be imperialist war or imperialist peace preparing for an inevitable imperialist war.

In actuality peaceful coexistence is a framework of struggle against the capitalist powers where the workers have not as yet reached maturity. It was proposed along with peaceful competition to allow the Soviet Union time to develop. What did Lenin say about peaceful coexistence? He made clear that "...by such a peace the government means an immediate peace without annexations (i.e., without the seizure of foreign lands, without the forcible incorporation of foreign nations) and without indemnities." (7) And this is definitely not the case with this imperialist nation and this social imperialist nation. They are using the word "peace" to justify annexations and indemnities.

Brezhnev also admitted in his speech that the Soviet Union had been instrumental in the so-called cease fire agreement, or in other words, in the attempt to impose an imperialist peace in Indochina. We have reported in the past how the Soviet Union blockaded supplies to N. Vietnam, making them unable to carry out large offensives, such as the Tet offensive in 1968. Displaying the true colors of a social imperialist, he made a deeper commitment to continue efforts in this direction and further sellout the people of Indochina. The imperialists understand though that they will be unable to impose an imperialist peace. A recent Senate Report by the CIA finds that a political solution to the situation in Indochina is impossible and that to contain the situation, full scale war will have to be undertaken within four months. (8)

Though the political aspect was primary in this meeting between Brezhnev and Nixon at this point, concrete beginnings of economic solidarity were made in the trade agreements. They are aiming at \$2-3 billion worth of trade between the USSR and the USNA over the next 3 years and to carry this out they are increasing transportation between the two countries and setting up a USNA-Soviet Chamber of Commerce. This is providing a means for the USNA imperialists to loot the Soviet Union at the expense of the Soviet peoples and at the gain of the Soviet leadership. For example, take the case of Occidental Petroleum Corporation beginning to tap natural gas from Siberia. Currently, the land involved is not in use. The Soviet government can then take this money and invest it elsewhere for profit and, thus, the Soviet people are robbed both by the USNA imperialist, i.e., Occidental, and by the Soviet government. The trade agreements are being hindered by the struggle between the imperialists within the USNA. In order for exports to the USNA to be profitable for the Soviet Union, it must have a "most favored nation status" which will make it have equal footing with the "allies" of the USNA. The opposition to the Nixon faction might keep the USSR from obtaining this status for a while.

Foreign investment is desperately needed by the Soviet Union to bolster up the economy, ruined by the Khrushchevite revisionists. Soviet agriculture, once a model of Socialist cooperation is no longer able to feed the people. Industry, once controlled strictly by the State for the benefit of all the toiling people of the Soviet Union, is now being opened to direct imperialist investment and exploitation by not only the USNA imperialists but also by the European and Japanese imperialists. Thus, the Soviet working class, once the most advanced politically and economically in the world, is suffering the indignities of unemployment, piece rates on work and foreign exploitation.

Detente for the imperialists will mean the beginnings of the possible attainment of their strategic goal at this point in time: the investment of enough finance capital in the USSR to bring it under the domination of USNA finance capital. This would completely destroy the heroic victory of the proletariat, placing them in total subjugation to imperialism. Brezhnev will be walking a tight rope in the next few years, for though he needs the investment of foreign capital to bolster the economy of the USSR, he would also like to have the Soviet Union obtain

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these reactionaries can continue to slaughter the Palestinian people and maintain a "safe" Mideast for the imperialists. Newsweek stated that, "Members of Congress and the State Department alike are growing concerned that increased US dependence on Mideast oil could cause another problem. Western Europe and Japan also are utterly dependent on Mideast oil, so there could come a time when the three major industrial areas of the world will be competing, perhaps, belligerently, over the same energy supply." (4)

We must expose this talk of an energy crisis for what it is, an attempt to 1) justify the looting of the public by the monopolies in a concentrated drive to charge outlandish prices and 2) to get the proletariat behind the bourgeoisie in its drive to loot the world. This action by the bourgeoisie is not in our interests. Our interests lie with the peoples of the Mideast and Venezuela, not with the fascist scab of Iran and Golda Meir. For centuries the bourgeoisie has rallied the working class to fight not our own enemies, but the bourgeoisie's enemies. Again the drive for profits and control of the world is pushing our country towards war. The support of this war by the working class is crucial for the bourgeoisie and they are using the most crude white chauvinism and narrow interests under the fraud of an "energy crisis" in order to gain our support. Our duty is to combat this energy crisis fraud and to expose it for exactly what it is.

The interests of the proletariat do not lie with the reactionary governments in the Mideast, nor with the petty bourgeoisie whose businesses are being ruined, nor with the giant monopolies. The interests of the proletariat and of all society lie in the destruction of the bourgeois social order and the creation of a society under the leadership and dictatorship of the only progressive class, the proletariat.

- 1) LA Times, 1/26/73.
- 2) Lenin, Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism, Ten Classics, p. 16.
- 3) Ibid., p. 25.
- 4) Newsweek, 1/22/73.

world hegemony under the dictatorship of the Soviet bourgeoisie.

In conclusion, Nixon came to the summit meeting representing the interests of the most wealthy, fascist imperial

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Some years earlier there were similar battles around the lettuce fields in Salinas, Calif. The Teamsters came to the aid of the growers, where the Teamsters had only certain field workers organized. This entitled the grower to state that his fields were a closed shop. In addition, one of the biggest growers, Bud Antle, had a loan from the Teamsters, which called for large yearly interest payments.

In Coachella, the growers decided to sign up with the Teamsters Union after the Farmworkers Union contracts expired this year. This came after Frank Fitzsimmons, President of the I.B.T., addressed the American Farm Bureau with a line of 'getting together to solve common problems'. Fitzsimmons has even taken further, to the House Sub-Committee on Agricultural Labor, where he shed some crocodile tears that the farmworkers did not have the bourgeois state and law protecting them!

Fitzsimmons talks about "democratic freedoms" under the bourgeois state in the Congress, but his henchman

Einar Mohn and the Teamster Western Conference have invaded the fields around Coachella with their goons to make sure that the new contracts are carried out. In response to this open attack on their UFWU the farmworkers have called a strike against the table-grape crop and the growers.

In this fight, much is at stake. If the UFWU can stop the crop now being picked, then the strength of the message will be clear to other growers. However, if the growers can get in this early harvest of table-grapes with the assistance of the Teamsters, then other areas and growers will stay with the Teamsters.

The Teamsters have moved in with a two year contract which will cover 150,000 field workers, and calls for the growers to hire the Teamsters Union to recruit the workers for the harvest. In fact the IBT becomes the labor agent! Further, the Teamsters refuse any rank and file elections to see what the farmworkers want. Einar Mohn went as far as to say:

"I'm not sure how effec-

tive a Union can be when it is composed of Mexican-Americans and Mexican Nationals with temporary visas. Maybe as agricultural jobs become more attractive to whites, we can build a union that can have a structure and that can negotiate from strength." (1)

This chauvinist attack is aimed at splitting the working class and in particular is directed at the large base of the IBT, the 400,000 workers in the trucking industry, to support the line of the union leadership, the line of business unionism and class collaboration in the leadership's drive to destroy the farmworkers union.

This open blatant use of one union to destroy another union has split the Teamsters themselves in certain area Locals. Honest rank and file have moved in opposition to Mohn and Fitzsimmons with court actions, resolutions and by joining the UFWU picket-lines in Coachella to show their support for the farmworkers fight.

The AFL-CIO, of which the UFWU is an affiliate, has given \$1.6 million to back this strike. This will not only pay strike benefits of around \$90 a week to every member on the picket lines, but will also insure that they remain dues paying members after the strike is over. There has been support of the farmworkers from other unions in the form of food and monthly assessments, and weekend visits to the Coachella picket lines in acts of solidarity. However, the action is now getting rough. After some weeks of picketing the fields, shouting insults and blaring megaphones, the violence has started in earnest.

Under these conditions the IBT Western Conference had the gall to appeal to the UFWU to return to the doctrine of non-violence!! The Teamsters made the claim that some shots were fired at their headquarters in Salinas by the farmworkers. A bigshot Teamster organizer, Grami, claimed that this could be the turning point. And indeed it was, as Grami himself was shot while he was surrounded by his henchmen, that rushed to a Coachella labor camp on word that the UFWU were blocking exits! Even the Riverside County Sheriff's Department has had to arrest some of the Teamsters for their excessiveness.

This struggle is played up as a jurisdictional dispute and union busting. But what does it really mean concretely to the rural proletariat in the Southwest, the rest of the country in particular and the USNA proletariat in general. Why are the Teamsters used as a battering ram against another section of the working class?

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(1) L. A. Times, April 28, 1973.

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of the Indian peoples is fundamentally a question of land, of territory. Concretely it is a question of regional autonomy." (3) Only when the Indian peoples have control of their land, when political power rests in their hands, when they have control of their local institutions, such as, the courts, can people like Tino Deocampo achieve true justice and democracy.

Our first task as revolutionaries today is to build a Marxist-Leninist multinational Communist Party that can lead the proletariat in its fight against the revisionism of the CPUSA and rising fascism, that can bring class consciousness to the working class and lead the insurrection to smash the bourgeois state and establish the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. Such a party will actively fight to unify the class around the battle to secure independence, freedom, and democracy for all nations and peoples oppressed by USNA imperialism by raising the revolutionary demands of:

REGIONAL AUTONOMY FOR THE INDIAN PEOPLE!

REGIONAL AUTONOMY FOR THE SOUTHWEST!

INDEPENDENCE FOR THE NEGRO NATION!

FREE PUERTO RICO!

WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD UNITE!

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to continue to contribute to the process of party building then it must rest on this slogan. Far from allowing diffusion to creep into the League under the guise of preparing to join in the creation of a new Party, the League must in all its aspects tighten its education and activity. Before the convening of the Congress, the League must learn how to act as a political party, rather than a league of Communists. This is the summation of all our tasks in the immediate period.

All that we have struggled for since the 16th Convention of the CPUSA in 1956 - the convention that signaled the victory of revisionism at home and abroad - is at hand; i.e., the inevitable formation of a real Communist Party, a Party that will be as advanced over the revisionist CPUSA as was the Bolshevik Party over the old Social Democratic parties.

It is clear that a new stage in the history of our country is here. The deepening of the crisis of capitalism, at home and abroad, provides the objective context for us to make our contribution - first in the formation of a party of the proletariat and finally in the victory of Communism in our country.

1) Lenin, The State, FLPP, 1970, p. 14.

2) Lenin, The State and Revolution, FLPP, p. 9.

3) Peoples' Tribune, Vol. 5, No. 2.

