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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.' Lenin

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Intl. Women's Day: FIGHT FOR REAL - NOT FORMAL - EQUALITY

Capitalism has inherited different forms of oppression from past societies which it then has used to divide and further exploit the modern working class. Thus, they become capitalist forms of oppression. The oppression of women is one such form which has existed since the beginnings of class society and which continues to rage with increasing brutality, especially against working class women. In this year's celebration of International Women's Day special attention must be given to the tasks which face us in regards to building a real Marxist-Leninist Communist Party and to the role which women must play in such an undertaking.

On March 8, 1908, in New York City thousands of women workers went out on strike. This day was later proclaimed by the Second International Conference of Women Socialists as International Women's Day; "International Women's Day is a token of invincibility and an augury of the great future which lies before the liberation movement of the working class." (1)

In viewing the woman question we must see two aspects; the oppression of women as well as the exploitation of women. The oppression of women is a phenomenon which crosses class lines; male supremacy is the ideological justification used to oppress not only working class women, but petit bourgeois and

bourgeois women as well. However, the insults and indignations that petit bourgeois and bourgeois women suffer are incomparable to the torment that working class women must bear while they watch their children starve to death. The exploitation of women under capitalism has a particularly brutal nature. Women comprise a large section of the Anglo-American work force. The oppression of women is a weapon which the capitalists use to further exploit the whole working class. As such then, we must treat the woman question as a special question of the class struggle.

Because of the dual aspects of the woman question, the bourgeoisie and the revisionists try to confuse the working class
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Europe - Japan Fight Back: IMPERIALISTS SCRAMBLE FOR WORLD MARKETS

On Feb. 11, 1974, President Nixon and "chief lieutenant" Kissinger called together representatives of the Common Market countries, along with Norway, Canada and Japan for a conference dealing with the "energy crisis". Following the three day meeting in Washington, the USNA imperialists made it clear that their "year of Europe" had not been a wasted slogan buried in the throes of internal and external crises, but in fact, had emerged 14 months late to describe some of the schemes of the imperialists to tighten their grip on the whole of the capitalist world.

Just as the recent Middle East war spoke bitter testimony to the treachery and strength of the two superpowers, it is becoming clearer every day that the "energy crisis" cannot be understood from the standpoint of a "common problem for all nations", but rather from the perspective of collusion and contention of the superpowers in their scramble to transfer their internal crises onto the backs of the weaker nations and peoples. As we have reported previously (Vol. 6, No. 1 and 2) the "peace" of detente between the USNA and Soviet rulers is in reality the preparation for war. In the midst of the deals that have greatly strengthened

the hand of each superpower (see Intl. Rpt. Vol. 6, No. 1), their contention for the control of Europe is becoming more marked every day. The so-called troop reduction talks between the Nato and Warsaw Pact forces are in fact facilitating the rearming of defensive armies with offensive weapons. This is underscored by the recent USNA announcement to develop a tactical nuclear missile expressly for use in Eastern and Central Europe, and the replacement of F5 fighter bombers with more sophisticated Phantoms. The Soviets have greatly strengthened their E. European forces (the Christian Science Monitor recently reported that Warsaw Pact troops outnumber Nato troops in parts of Germany 5 to 1, and 2½ to 1 in tank corps).

While the two superpowers scramble for world hegemony, most Common Market countries and Japan have been squeezed to the breaking point. It was recently reported that inflation in Britain has climbed 27% higher than in the USNA, with its overall production limping along at 70% capacity (Christian Science Monitor, Feb. 22, 1974). Japan's normal growth rate of 10% yearly has plunged to 2%. With most of the capitalist world heavily dependent upon oil imports (with the notable exception of the USNA and Canada),

and having previously suffered the devastating effects of the USNA dollar devaluation, the "energy crisis" sent ambassadors from Europe and Japan scurrying to the oil producing countries to arrange "bilateral" deals to guarantee further oil shipments. Leading the way, France has attempted to set up a 20 year supply of oil from Saudi Arabia, following an 18 mo. deal already in the works. Britain (plunged into deeper crisis with the current coal miners' strike) W. Germany, Italy and Japan followed closely behind. In fact, the Japanese imperialists, who are 99% dependent upon imported oil, moved quickly to try to set up a \$1 billion deal with Iran. They lent Egypt \$140 million to clear the Suez Canal, and they are also trying to finalize a \$1 billion deal with Iraq to build a refinery.

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Hearst Kidnapping— 'Left' Terror Aids Fascist Drive

The recent kidnapping of Patricia Hearst, daughter of the newspaper tycoon, Randolph Hearst, by the Simbionese Liberation Army (SLA) has invited an upsurge in fascist attacks on the working class and the revolutionary movement. Though born out of the spontaneous resistance of the working class against the fascist drive, the Hearst kidnapping is being used by the imperialists to help lay the ideological base for fascism. Although we do not condemn the use of terror at certain periods of time in the revolutionary struggle, under present conditions it becomes a tool that the imperialists can use in their interests. While "tightening up" the state apparatus, they want to isolate the revolutionary movement from the working class and then smother the revolutionary movement, especially the Marxist-Leninists in that movement.

It was in an atmosphere of increasing repression that the kidnapping took place. In the San Francisco Bay Area the bourgeois attacks against the working class have been getting more and more violent. In January at San Francisco school board meetings where members of the Nazi Party were present, the police attacked not the fascist Nazi Party members, but rather the people who demanded that the Nazis leave the meeting. The San Francisco police also "escorted" the Nazi party members from the meeting to supposedly "protect" them! The issue at these school board meetings was how to integrate the San Francisco schools and the Nazis were there to make it clear that they did not want to see the schools integrated.

Also in January after a series of killings in San Francisco and Oakland of some six people in two weeks, police and the bourgeois press launched an attack against the Negro national minority community. By claiming that the suspects in the killings were Negro national minority, police engaged in an all-out search in the Negro national minority communities and the bourgeois press constantly tried to divide the Negro national minority and Anglo-American sections of the working class.

The "kidnapping" of the Atlanta "Constitution" editor, Reg Murphy, followed fast on the heels of the Hearst kidnapping. These have allowed the bourgeoisie through the mass media to wage a full scale propaganda campaign to try to unite the working class in sympathy for Patricia Hearst and Reg Murphy; and to discredit any grouping that claims to be revolutionary. The working class as a whole does not support the SLA and is saying that it does not want any food "tinged with

blood". On the other hand, the worsening conditions that the working class is being forced to live under have called forth thousands of people to stand in line for the meagre amounts of food that are being handed out.

Rep. Ichord, head of the Internal Security Comm., said that the kidnappings indicated that the FBI needed much more authority and power to be able to track down the terrorists. He called for a crack down on all "Marxist-Leninist" organizations, even though the kidnapping of Murphy supposedly came from the "right". (The bourgeois press said later that the Murphy kidnapping had no political motivation.) This shows that the imperialists are no fools. They know that they must destroy the Marxist-Leninist organizations which are becoming more and more entrenched in the working class.

What has been the response by the bourgeoisie in the Bay Area to the Hearst kidnapping? A Negro national minority teacher in San Francisco was arrested during the protest at the school board and is now on trial for supposedly "inciting to riot". At the first distribution of free food that the SLA directed Randolph Hearst to carry out, the food was literally thrown at the workers. In East Oakland where most of the people receiving food were Negro national minority the people responded by throwing the food back and immediately the police moved in full force to attack those who were protesting. The people tried to resist these attacks and as a result during that afternoon and evening the police patroed the streets, harrassed the youth and blocked off a section of one of East Oakland's main streets. The working class in the Bay Area is living in constant fear of further police attacks.

It is obvious that the actions of the SLA have hurt the revolutionary movement in the USNA. They have set the working class up for increased repression and are being used to try to divorce the revolutionary movement from the working class. The history of the revolutionary struggle is filled with many organizations such as the SLA. The errors of one such organization, Narodnaya Volya, are pointed out in the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolsheviks) Short Course:

"The method of combating tsardom chosen by the Narodniks, namely, by the assassination of individuals, by individual terrorism, was wrong and detrimental to the revolution. The policy of individual terrorism was based on the erroneous Narodnik theory of active 'heroes' and a passive 'mob'."

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Southeast Asia

Imperialists Plot to Expand War

The guns of war continue to thunder throughout Southeast Asia. Their thunder continues because the forces of revolution in Southeast Asia are making tremendous advances, and the forces of imperialism are making a frenzied struggle to cling to the territories that they have seized. The Provisional Revolutionary Government in Vietnam and the People's Armed Forces in Cambodia are scoring victory after victory against the imperialist forces. They are gaining these victories because of their broad support from the peoples in their homelands. The puppet regimes and mercenary armies are no match for the advancing armed peoples of Southeast Asia.

The USNA imperialists will not sit idly by and watch their puppets toppled by the peoples of Southeast Asia. We must remember that "Imperialism is the most barefaced exploitation and the most inhuman oppression of hundreds of millions of people inhabiting vast colonies and dependent countries. The purpose of this oppression is to squeeze out super profits." (1)

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Bridge to Revolution

In the USNA today the imperialists are steadily working to institute fascism. Law after law has been passed over the years to make this transition. Just about all that is needed now is to put them into force. Comrades, we must meet this fascist offensive by building a united front of the working class against fascism and at the same time building a Communist Party of a new type to lead the united front.

The state form of bourgeois democracy at "home" serves its purpose for the imperialists in the period of rising capitalism and imperialism because of unbridled fascism in the colonies. This form of bourgeois democracy is characterized by a government of bribery and corruption backed up by terror and militarization. But we are in the period now of decaying and moribund capitalism and the state form of fascism that is necessary in the colonies to maintain imperialism is becoming increasingly necessary for the imperialists at "home". This form is characterized by a government of terror and militarization backed up by bribery and corruption.

Fascism was necessary in Germany to stem the tide of proletarian revolutionary

upsurge within the country. They needed to expand to develop their imperialist base and thus, had to wage war for the redivision of the world. World War I had stripped Germany of her colonies and she needed to obtain new ones. They had to have stability at home to wage war abroad.

However, the USNA imperialists are presently in a position of temporary hegemony over the capitalist world. But the situation in the colonies is becoming increasingly unstable for the imperialists, as is shown by the valient revolutionary struggles in Viet Nam, the Philippines, and other parts of the world. Because of this the imperialists will be forced to war not to gain colonies, but to restore and maintain the stability necessary to keep her position of hegemony. Although there is not a period of revolutionary upsurge within the USNA, the working class here does not want to go to war. This is shown concretely by the militant struggles against the war in Indochina. Thus, the imperialists are faced with having to impose fascism not to stem internal revolutionary upsurge, but to force the working class to participate in a war to stabilize the world for further imperialist

aggression.

The onslaught of fascism in the USNA is infuriating the working class and they are not fooled by the lies of the imperialists around Watergate and the "energy crisis". The Harris poll finds that 69% of the USNA people think Congress is doing only a "fair" or "poor" job and 68% think Nixon is doing only a "fair" or "poor" job. Opinion Analyst Daniel Yankelovich finds that 72% of the people think that national affairs are going "very badly" or "pretty badly". And Harris reports that more than half of Americans (up from 45% last fall) believe that the quality of life in the U.S. has deteriorated over the past ten years. His surveys find that not more than 20% of the public go along with the proposition 'We have been through bad times before, and things will once more return to the way they used to be.' California Pollster Mervin Field assesses the public mood as one of 'muted outrage, semishock - if not full shock - numbness, perplexity.' (Time, 2/25/74)

Though outraged, the working class as a whole has been left disunited and leaderless in the face of this fascist assault. The bourgeois-

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Important Lessons of 'Independent' Truckers' Strike

On January 31, at 12:01 a.m., William Schaffer, a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for twenty-six years, began the coordination of a national economic strike of more than one hundred thousand "independent" operator-owner truck drivers. The strike was called to protest against the rapidly increasing fuel prices and the "energy crisis" created by the USNA finance capitalists in their drive for maximum profits. The so-called "energy crisis", that is being used by the imperialists as a weapon against the less powerful European and Japanese imperialists, as well as to further strangle the poor and dependent nations and peoples is also being wielded by the imperialists in their drive to force down the standard of living of the USNA working class. At the same time, sections of the petty-bourgeoisie are being forcibly driven down into the ranks of the proletariat. The "independent" owner-operators are, to a large degree, being driven from their class and down into the ranks of wage slavery by the fuel price squeeze that, particularly in the trucking industry, is nothing but a cover for the increased monopolization and control of that industry by the imperialists.

In response to the monopoli-

zation that threatens the existence of the majority of the owner-operators, three main demands were put forth: 1) higher speed limits (many drivers are paid by the load, and the lost time from the decreased speed limits have greatly cut into their profits), 2) higher freight rates, and 3) a roll-back of fuel prices to the May 15, 1973 level. It is important to note that even before the national strike and up to the present time, a fundamental economic contradiction among the latter two demands has manifested a political split in the six man leadership of the strike movement. Three of the most decisive leaders on the committee are Michael Parkhurst, President of the Overdrive Road Masters Association, William Hill, Chairman of the Fraternal Ass. of Steel Haulers, and William Schaffer, national strike coordinator of the "independents" based in Pennsylvania, Maryland and W. Virginia.

Through a series of tricks and deceptions, the federal and state officials, acting as lackies of the oil monopolies, and William Simon, chief spokesman for their interests (as head of the Federal Energy Office) influenced William Hill (chairman of the six man strike committee) to vote in the interests of USNA imperialism. These interests were represented concrete-

ly by Hill's demand for the transfer of higher freight rates over to the shipping agents or companies in direct proportion to the rise in fuel prices. These agents would then refer the increases back to the Interstate Commerce Commission, who, in turn, would shift the burden caused by the increased profits of the oil companies on to the price of commodities that are eventually bought by the proletariat. This reactionary demand, smuggled into the strike by the imperialists' lackies, has been radically opposed by both Michael Parkhurst and George Rynn (another committee member) as well as over 7/8 of the rank and file.

The refusal to accept the demands of the imperialists brought about the mobilization of the state military apparatus against the progressive elements in conjunction with extra-legal fighting forces of teamsters' goon squads, Hell's Angels (in Cleveland) and other bribed "independents". These fascist forces were mobilized to attack the progressive elements, whose main demand of rolling back fuel prices placed them in direct conflict with the imperialists. These forces of goons and bribed and corrupted teamsters have had a long history of being used by the monopoly capitalists to

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Wounded Knee Trials:

INDIAN PEOPLE DENIED JUSTICE

The history of the United States of North America (USNA) is a history of brutal oppression and exploitation of the Indian peoples. "...The basis of the gigantic strength of USNA capitalism lies in the fact that the land was acquired by the slaughter of the Indians, that the primitive accumulation was provided by the slaves. Hence, the oppression and exploitation of Indians and African slaves became a matter of the utmost national economic importance." (Negro National Colonial Question, CL, p. 71)

OPPRESSION BREEDS RESISTANCE

The last few years have seen a great rise in the spontaneous anger of the Indian peoples. We have seen dozens of uprisings in the last year alone. The most significant of these was the Feb. 27, 1973 occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota by several hundred Oglala Sioux Indians and supporters. The occupiers held Wounded Knee for 71 days to protest the centuries-long oppression of the Indian peoples in general, and the sell-out actions of the supposedly "elected" tribal chairman, Dick Wilson, in particular.

The USNA imperialist state has always practiced the most blatant, naked chauvinism toward the oppressed Indian peoples, and Wounded Knee was no exception. The hundreds of Federal Marshals surrounding the valiant protestors attempted to kill them with hunger and disease by cutting off all food and medical supplies. Two of the occupiers were murdered by the Federal Marshals' rifle fire.

Now the USNA state is continuing its harassment and repression of Indian progressives. In St. Paul, Minnesota, two leaders of the American Indian Movement, Russell Means and Dennis Banks, went on trial on January 8, 1974 on 10 charges of felonies each. On January 2, another trial started in Sioux Falls, S. Dakota of 110 Indians involved in the occupations.

BOURGEOIS "JUSTICE"

The imperialists' blatantly chauvinist attacks on the Indian peoples are continuing in the courtroom. Every single one of the 31 jury panelists in the Means-Banks trial is Anglo-American. The government went so far as to have two of its attorneys infiltrate the defense by masquerading as defense attorneys. The judge in the

Peru: Revisionism Supports a New Alternative

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On October 2, 1968, a military junta took state power in Peru, by means of a bloodless coup. The junta, now led by Gen. Valesco Alverado, proclaimed the beginning of a "revolutionary" process that would be nationalist and humanist, and that would be an "alternative clearly different from the capitalist and communist systems." (1) Many of the measures of the junta have had a "progressive" ring to them, but clearly the total program is one that will bring reaction and misery instead of progress to the Peruvian people.

Means-Banks trial started off the questioning of the jury panel with such questions as: "You've got children. Would you care to express what feelings you might have if your son or daughter were to begin dating an Indian of the opposite sex?" and, "You've heard the story that to those of us who are white, for example, all blacks and all Indians look alike. Have you ever had difficulty in distinguishing persons of another race?" (N.Y. Times, 1/9/74, p. 18)

But this isn't the half of it. A vicious campaign of harassment and murder has been carried out against the Wounded Knee activists.

It is crystal clear that the imperialists will never allow for a "fair" trial of the Indian militants. The courts are a tool of the bourgeois state, and they faithfully do the imperialists' bidding. Let us not fool ourselves or the masses, like the rotten CPUSA does, into begging for the mercy of the imperialists. The imperialists will manipulate the trials as they see fit, and will get whatever sentence best serves their interests.

NEED FOR PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM

Nor must we fall into the syndicalist, chauvinist trap of isolating the Indian peoples' struggle from the general struggle of the working class for the dictatorship of the proletariat. The class-conscious elements of the Anglo-American proletariat must firmly and resolutely fight for Regional Autonomy for the Indian peoples. The first step in uniting our class must be a resolute fight against the barriers that divide our ranks.

Let us move quickly to create a real, multi-national, Marxist-Leninist Communist Party which will enable us to do this effectively!

REGIONAL AUTONOMY FOR THE INDIAN PEOPLES!

BUILD A MULTI-NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY!

After five years, the nationalist character of the junta is clearly visible, but it is also showing its true anti-communist colors. This aspect is particularly ominous given the recent fascist coup which overthrew the Allende government in the neighboring state of Chile. We must understand that the military junta is just a different form for leading the Peruvian people down the same path that brought Chile into a reign of fascist terror. We must analyze this situation from the perspective of Marxism-Leninism.

NATIONALIZATION

Nationalization is an attempt by the bourgeoisie to prevent an inevitable socialist revolution. However, we, as Communists, must view nationalization in a dialectical manner. Under certain conditions, we support the process of nationalization and under other conditions, we do not. Basically, nationalization is a question of state power, the fundamental question of all revolutions.

What has been the record of nationalization under the Peruvian petit-bourgeois military junta? Peru has nationalized the ITT controlled Per Telephone Co., properties of the Southern Peru Copper Co. (USNA), the International Petroleum Co. (a subsidiary of Standard Oil of New Jersey, now called EXXON), (2) and sugar estates of the W.R. Grace and Co. (3) On March 22, 1973, Petroperu, the state-owned petroleum company, bought out the Conchan Chevron Oil Co. (4), and the Cerro mines (USNA) were recently nationalized. The junta has also pressed Peru's rights to a 200 mile maritime zone, against encroachment by the superpowers on the country's sea resources.

Compared to nationalization in Chile before the fascist coup, however, the Peruvian nationalization has not been extensive. But more important, imperialist finance capital is being encouraged by the junta. The Peruvian steel concern, Siderperu, and a West German firm have recently signed an agreement to jointly build a steel tube manufacturing plant. The tubes will be used to build a trans-Andean oil pipeline, Petroperu having also just signed oil service contracts with two USNA firms and a European consortium. (5) And the Bank of Tokyo has given \$2.6 million in credit to the state mining corporation, Mineroperu, for the construction of a copper refinery which will be run jointly with the Japanese combine of Mitsui-Turukawa. (6)

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The Ugly Face of Opportunism

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In order to defeat the capitalist-imperialists and their running dogs, the revisionist CPUSA and many of their supporters, the Marxist-Leninists must make as their main duty the building of a multi-national communist party of a new type that will lead the revolutionary struggle in the USNA. The real revolutionary Communists in this country are struggling to do just that. However, there are people who phrase-monger and holler about being Communists and they are a disgrace to Marxism. They are a disgrace to scientific socialism and they don't know a thing about the dialectics of history or the dialectics of the development of the revolutionary movement, either in the USNA or in the world. In 1972 Marxists of the USNA and Canada met to set up a conference to organize and unify all of the real revolutionary forces in the USNA, Canada and other sections of North America. These groupings put out a Call, set up a preparatory committee and began work in order to bring about that conference. This conference took place in May, 1973 in Chicago.

Since the fall of 1973, we have received a number of periodicals known as the "Workers' Daily News Releases" under the leadership of the so-called Central Organization of U.S. Marxists-Leninists. It is almost incredible how some people can distort truth and facts. It is the distortions and lies that we have read in these sheets that we now want to discuss. The "People's Tribune" of Vol. 5 No. 4, May, 1973 exposed how the American Communist Workers Movement (M-L) attempted to sabotage the conference. These people are continuing their works of sabotage in the building of a revolutionary communist party in this country. They are proving that they know as much about Marxism as a rabbit does about bagging up a bunch of hound dogs.

We first want to quote from the original resolution or Call for a Conference of North American Marxist-Leninists that was printed in the "North American News Service" with its editor, Hardial S. Bains, and subsequently printed in both the Communist League's "People's Tribune" and the official organ of the American Communist Workers Movement (M-L).

"On what basis have these organizations united? We can

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NEW VOICE: Comradely Polemics on Imperialism

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The Communist League and the New Voice are engaging in comradely polemics over certain theoretical questions. These questions need to be clarified in order to understand how revolutionaries and Communists should move tactically in the struggle to overthrow imperialism and establish socialism. The following is the response of the Communist League to the position on imperialism laid out by the New Voice in their pamphlet: "Imperialism and the Working Class; an Economic Analysis".

First, what is imperialism? According to Lenin, it is the highest stage of capitalism. It is the monopoly stage of capitalism, most commonly characterized by the export of capital. "Under modern capitalism, when monopoly prevails, the export of capital is the typical feature." (1)

We must understand the meaning of capital to understand the oppression and exploitation of the colonies. "Capital is not a thing, but a definite social relation", says Karl Marx. (2) Lenin adds, "Capital is a special historically definite social production relation." (3) It is in this light that we must view the entire political, economic and social character of exploitation and oppression. Joseph Stalin in the Foundations of Leninism presents the contradiction between the colonies and the imperialist countries to point out the much more brutal subjugation of the colonies and dependent countries. He states, "Imperialism is the most barefaced exploitation and the most inhuman oppression of hundreds of millions of people inhabiting vast colonies and dependent countries. The purpose of this is to squeeze out super profits." (4)

Some of the following statistical data will bear this out. From the Review of International Affairs, an article entitled, "Investments and Profits" states that "1966 USA direct foreign investment was \$3 billion 600 million; in 1968 it was down to \$2 billion 900 thousand; the return profit from 1966 was \$4 billion 900 thousand while the return in 1968 with decreased investment was \$5 billion 800 thousand. The breakdown of US Investment and return was as follows (in 1968, ed.):

	Direct Investment	Return
Western Europe	34.4%	22.4%
Canada	13.8%	17.2%
Latin America	10.3%	25.9%

(5)

These three examples show that investing in the colonies and dependent countries of Latin America is far more profitable than investing in more developed countries. In addition, the Peking Review, No. 35 of 1969 reveals the plundering of Asia by the USNA, "US investment of \$4 million in India yielded a return of \$12 million." Let us take a look at USNA profit returns in South Africa. In the magazine Africa Today, Vol. XII, No. 1, p. 9 it states, "In 1962 the average net profit to net worth ratio for US firms was 25%, rising two years later to 27%. The return on 'raw' investment is 13%, comparing with a world average of 7.7%." It is clear from these examples that the USNA derives super profits at the expense of the colonies.

In the New Voice pamphlet it states, "the major reason for holding under-developed countries as colonies remains what it was when Lenin first analyzed imperialism - raw materials." It is true that the imperialists need raw materials, but that is but one aspect of capital as an entire social relationship. Stalin, following in the path of Marx and Lenin, makes clear the reason to be as follows: "The securing of maximum capitalist profit through the exploitation, ruin and impoverishment of the majority of the population of a given country, through the enslavement and systematic robbery of the peoples of other countries, especially backward countries and lastly through war and militarization of the national economy which are utilized for obtaining the highest profits." (6)

World Bank President McNamara said last year that "the poorest 40 percent of the population of many developing countries received a per capita yearly income of less than \$100 compared with an average of \$2400 in the developed countries." David Rockefeller, President of US Chase Manhattan Bank, revealed several years ago that "major aid recipients now put up an average of \$8 of their own resources for every dollar they receive from us." (7) This reveals the fact that the USNA gets 8 times the amount for each dollar they invest in major aid recipient countries, or major aid recipient countries, raped by imperialism, are forced to give up much more of their resources to the U.S. while receiving a great deal less in return. Even the monopoly capitalists have to admit to such obvious factors.

In addition to these factors, let us take a look at some of the concrete social and economic differences between the USNA and the colonies. In infant mortality rate per thousand births, the USNA has 19.8,

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about this question. For example, the Equal Rights Amendment which if ratified by 38 states will supposedly give women full "equality" with men is nothing but a bare-faced fascist attack on working class women and on the whole working class. The ERA will with one stroke legally wipe away the protective laws which it took the Anglo-American working class one hundred years of hard and militant struggle to attain. This is what the petit bourgeois leadership of "Men for ERA" has to say about these protective laws; "As for so-called labor protective laws such as one still on the books in some states that forbids working women to lift more than 25 pounds - tell that to any mother who picks up her kids." (2)

It should be noted that the Women's movement represents a genuine spontaneous rebellion of women against male supremacy and class oppression in its various forms. However, its leadership has been maintained in the hands of the petit bourgeoisie and as such it has served the bourgeoisie. The ERA proclaims women to be the same as men - not their equals which is the very recognition of differences. This attack on working class women forces them to do the same work as men regardless of the danger to their health and ability to reproduce. They too are forced to serve as cannon fodder for the imperialist wars of aggression. Thus, the "equality" law further enslaves working class women under the guise of equality. The struggle for the equality of women can only be achieved through the recognition of difference. What does Comrade Lenin say on this question? Let us quote from his essay "Women & Society"; "As long as women are engaged in housework their position is still a restricted one. In order to achieve the complete emancipation of women and to make them really equal with men, we must have social economy, and the participation of women in productive labor. Then women will occupy the same position as men.

"This, of course, does not mean that women must be exactly equal with men in productivity of labor, amount of labor, its duration, conditions of labor, etc. But it does mean that women shall not be in an oppressed economic position compared with men." (3)

The mounting fascist offensive of the bourgeoisie against the working class has particularly been felt by working class women. Forced sterilization of women on welfare, welfare cutbacks, forced work programs, rising unemployment and the ERA have been attacks aimed specifically at the working class women.

As we approach the formation of a real Communist Party, what are we as communists going to do to win over working class women to the side of com-



munist and to stop the fascist drive against working class women and the working class as a whole? Again let us turn to Comrade Lenin, "...the struggles for our demands for women must be bound up with the object of seizing power, of establishing the proletarian dictatorship... But the women of the working class will not feel irresistibly driven into sharing our struggles for the state power if we only and always put forward that one demand, though it were with the trumpets of Jericho. No, no! The women must be made conscious of the political connection between our demands and their own suffering, needs and wishes. They must realize what the proletarian dictatorship means for them; complete equality with man in law and practice, in the family, in the state, in society; and end to the power of the bourgeoisie." (4) For us this means that always and everywhere we must strive to involve women in our factory nuclei and fractions. Women must be allowed to move forward politically. It is our duty to arm women with a Marxist Leninist education, for the woman worker "can help the common cause if she is politically conscious and politically educated. But she can ruin the common cause if she is downtrodden and backward, not of course, as a result of her ill-will, but because of her backwardness." (5) In the USNA today fully 42% of the work force is made up of women. Although there are large numbers of women in service work and in small shops, there is also a sizeable number of women working in large-scale industry, particularly in the unskilled and semi-skilled jobs. In 1970 the average wages for men in manufacturing were \$6,654 per year, whereas for women they were \$3,430 per year. 80% of women workers in the USNA are unorganized. It is clear that most women workers are in the section of the working class which is most actively engaged in battle against the enemy. The Farah Pant strike is a good example of women workers who determinedly and unswervingly battled the capitalists for the last two years.

But there are large numbers of women who do not work. In the USNA 58.7% of women work. This means that a large percentage of women in this country are either on welfare or dependent on their husbands for economic support. What does that mean to us communists? We must involve ourselves in the women's mass movement. We must

join organizations such as Welfare Rights, Headstart, PTA, etc., in order that through these organizations we may fight against the special oppression of women as part of the fascist attacks on the working class. Everywhere that the working class is to be found there too is where communists must be.

Finally, we know that women are the greatest reserves of the working class. "This reserve constitutes a good half of the population. The fate of the proletarian movement, of the proletarian revolution, the victory or defeat of proletarian power depends on whether or not the reserve of women will be for or against the working class. (6) Historically this reserve has been used to divide the working class; to force wages down, break strikes, etc. Women have been shuttled in and out of production according to the needs of the capitalists. As communists we must change this historical pattern.

The fight for women's rights must be waged within the League itself. If this is not done, then as we ground ourselves deeper into the class we too will contribute to the spreading of this male supremacist venom. This struggle must not be waged abstractly through "ideological cleansing", but rather concretely by respecting the political leadership of female comrades and by making sure that they have the proper tools with which to fight - Marxist-Leninist education. This struggle must be waged through action, not words. A militant struggle must be waged by the male comrades to give-up the poisonous privilege. There is a definite difference between shooting a man because he has raped one's wife - one's "private property" - and shooting a man because he has degraded an equal - a woman.

This struggle against male supremacy within the CL must not be separated from the struggle within the working class; the League is part of the working class. Comrades in the League must walk on two legs in regards to the woman question; on the one hand we must recognize the special oppression of women and on the other, we must see women as part of the Anglo-American working class.

The struggle against male supremacy will not be won until the conditions are right - until we have communism. However, this is not at all to say that we should give-up the struggle. We must begin now to lay the groundwork for creating the right conditions.

- 1) J.V. Stalin, from a collection of essays in The Woman Question, International Publishers, New York, 1970, p. 44.
- 2) Chicago Daily News, 2/22/74.
- 3) Ibid., p. 52.
- 4) Ibid., p. 91.
- 5) Ibid., p. 64.
- 6) Ibid., p. 44.

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The USNA imperialists met the threat of this independent action on several fronts. Japan suddenly found that oil it had frantically bought at prices up to \$22.60 a barrel from Nigeria, and Iranian oil bought at \$17.04 (which sold for less than \$5 a year ago), had to be re-sold to the USNA oil monopolists at \$13.50 (Monitor, Feb. 11, 1974). This almost incredible fact only underscores the temporary, but nevertheless tremendous, international strength that the USNA oil monopolists have in controlling the capitalists' world oil supply. At the same time, France suddenly found itself hanging on its long range deal with Saudi Arabia, while the USNA controlled Aramco Corp. (which controls 3/4 of the Saudi refineries) made plans to allow King Faisal to "nationalize" the refineries (with the USNA oil giants getting the bulk of the oil at a discount, Chicago Daily News, Feb. 25, 1974). The USNA further threatened the Common Market countries with cuts in its portion of the NATO budget, which would force W. Germany to come up with the difference.

On the heels of these threats, the USNA imperialists called a conference named "Project Interdependence", formerly "Project Independence", to meet in Washington to "discuss" the oil crisis. At the proposed meeting, only the USNA and Canada were less than 80% dependent upon foreign oil. Since it is widely known that the USNA oil firms not only orchestrated but profited greatly from the current oil "embargo", this so-called project could only be a naked test of strength for the USNA imperialists.

The USNA imperialists' plans for hegemony in Europe are not new. The rise in

strength of USNA finance capital in Europe followed the destruction wrought by World War I and was greatly increased by the end of World War II. Much of Europe was in a state of ruin. The former "empires", especially of Britain and Germany had, for the most part, collapsed. Although France also, was deeply hurt by the war, its early defeat and occupation by the German invaders saved it from the decimation seen in both Germany and Britain. Although it too had lost much of its colonial possessions, France remained in a far stronger position than the other ruined European imperialists, maintaining colonies in S. E. Asia (where French finance capital in the form of banking and control of the huge rubber plantations is still strong) and North Africa (based mainly in Algeria, and with financial interests in Morocco, Lybia, etc. Their continued financial interests in these countries give France another source of oil and the ability to seek an independent road).

At the same time, the USNA imperialists, through the Marshall Plan, the development of NATO, etc., ended up controlling most of W. Europe both economically (holding most of the capitalist world's gold supply at the end of World War II) and militarily. Faced with the establishment of People's Democracies in E. Europe, and the real threat of proletarian revolution in W. Europe (as well as, in Japan), the bourgeoisies were propped back up by the USNA imperialists. They feared proletarian revolution more than capitalist competition. But as these bourgeoisies regained their industrial strength and economic positions, they found themselves more and more hampered by the hegemony of the USNA, by the lack of colonial resources, etc.

The French, who came out of WW II in the strongest position in W. Europe, were able to resist the economic and military power of USNA imperialism. DeGaulle understood very well the nature of the "aid" that the USNA was hawking and led the resistance. One important move was to bar NATO troops from France, because the presence of 300,000 USNA troops under the name "NATO" throughout the rest of W. Europe represented the basis of the strength of the USNA imperialists. The French also led the way to the formation of the European Common Market (EEC) in 1958. The EEC was the new form of the old bourgeois dream of a "United States of Europe". With the combined economic might of the participating countries, the EEC became a serious challenge for the control of the markets of the capitalist world (the EEC produces twice the number of cars made in the USNA). But from its inception, the EEC was filled with contradictions rising from the separate interests of each of the bourgeoisies, who all have independent desires to regain their place in the imperialist "sun".

The French continued to take the lead in opposing USNA hegemony by attempting to bar Britain's entry into the EEC. But the USNA's "junior partner" was finally admitted, leading to greater splits and contradictions within the Common Market. This led the way for the influx of greater amounts of USNA finance capital into the EEC countries. The French also attempted to challenge USNA economic power by demanding gold for its vast accumulation of USNA currency. But the insuing dollar devaluation temporarily stymied these plans and brought about even greater havoc to the economies of the EEC countries. (Although France, with the most independent economy in W. Europe, has remained in the strongest position to continue to challenge the USNA imperialists.)

Given the conditions of economic crisis combined with the increased military threat from the Warsaw Pact forces in Eastern and Central Europe, the Common Market community split in the face of the USNA's recent threats. France still harbors the dream of an independent Europe, with France at the helm. They pushed through a resolution before coming to the conference that all Common Mkt. countries avoid setting up "permanent" institutions that would further tie their future energy needs to the whims of the USNA imperialists. But this agreement also faltered under the weight of further USNA threats, to be replaced by a weakly worded compromise that promised to "review" the decisions of the conference at a later time.

The position of the USNA in determining world events is becoming widely recognized:

"Paradoxically, circumstances conspire to give the United States economic predominance among major industrial nations with the awesome potentiality of determining the course of world developments, whether toward a Smoot-Hawley type of isolationism (...in 1930, the U.S. met depression with the isolationist Smoot-Hawley Tarrif Act imposing the highest rates in history, in effect exporting unemployment and, some believe, helping Hitler into power...) or a Marshall Plan type recovery." (Christian Science Monitor, 2/13/74)

At the conference in Washington, French Foreign Minister Jobert found himself isolated. While he continually cried that the conference was simply a "sham" to cover the "selfish" interests of the USNA imperialists, Walter Scheel, W. Germany's Foreign Minister, and Finance Minister Helmut Schmidt acted as the main spokesmen for the pro-USNA forces: "It is not to be papered over", said Mr. Schmidt, "that only the United States has brought about an armistice in the Middle East, that only the U.S. has the power to maintain, and that Europe alone has not even the power to preserve its own security."

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POEM

My conviction
like a sharp razor
will cut
thru the
stoney, cold
exploitation
that has become
my life.
I, a proletarian
will do so
because my children
starve
because a smile is as
rare as the warmth
we had,
because a young virgin
would rather die
than sell herself
to live...
because our blood
flows so freely;
Because our bones
can be mutilated
but not broken!
Our miserable eyes
cry
but do not shut out
the light -
the path to our
liberation.

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(Christian Science Monitor, 2/13/74). With the Japanese and the other European powers numbed by their internal crises and the controlling position of the USNA, the French proposal for independent conferences between Europe, Japan and the oil producing countries fell flat. This is not to say that the challenge of the rising W. European powers against USNA control has been defeated. The French, especially, remain in a strong position. While the USNA has continued to collude with and control the W. European powers and Japan, the inevitable conflict and contention for the control of the world's markets will continue to develop.

The worsening conditions of the working class in Europe and Japan are not solely the result of USNA imperialism. In order to contend for world hegemony, the bourgeoisies of Europe and Japan are tightening their grips on "their" working classes. They are imposing fascism as a prelude to imperialist war. In Britain, the fall of the Heath Govt. did not signal the collapse of the bourgeoisie. Harold Wilson's new "Unity" government is nothing but a call to unite the bourgeoisie in order to attack the British workers. In France, also, the resignation of the government only meant a shifting of forces to clamp down on the French workers and prepare for imperialist war.



How must communists and all progressive forces respond to this confusing mire of world events? The rise of national chauvinism that inevitably comes as a preparation for imperialist war must be exposed. The masses of the world are suffering more and more from the plots and intrigues of the imperialists to strengthen their world position at the expense of poorer and dependent countries and nations. Our hope must not be tied to the temporary rise of the external strength of USNA imperialism. It is clear that this strength is marked by worsening conditions within the USNA, by driving down the standard of living of the masses of toilers within the USNA.

The bribery and corruption that has left us begging at the table for scraps from the imperialists' feast must now be countered with the call for proletarian internationalism. We must answer the mounting fascist drive with the unity of action of the working class against our imperialist enemy. We must build a communist party able to guide our forces in line with the proletariat and the masses of the world in the final assault upon imperialism and the system of wage slavery.

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The imperialists will fight furiously to keep their colonies, their sources of super profits and are currently making preparations to further escalate imperialist war in the colonies.

VIETNAM

The USNA imperialists had no intention of living up to the "Peace Agreement" signed in Paris a year ago by the master of deceit - Henry Kissinger. Article Seven of that agreement stipulates that the two south Vietnamese parties "shall not accept the introduction of troops, military personnel... armaments, munitions and war materials into South Vietnam..."

In bold violation of that agreement, the imperialists have increased the number of its military personnel in Vietnam (disguised in civilian clothes) to over 24,000 and have agreed to meet their puppet Nguyen Van Thieu's request for over \$1 billion in military aid in their next fiscal shipment.

The puppet Thieu regime is in need of more military aid and military personnel from the USNA because its strength is being greatly challenged by the rapid growth of and popular support for the Provisional Revolutionary Government. The PRG is not only defending the Vietnamese people from further imperialist aggression, but is also building schools, roads, and hospitals. The degeneracy and bankruptcy of the Thieu regime and the intentions of USNA imperialism are rapidly being exposed by the courageous liberation fighters. The people of Vietnam hate the fascist thug Thieu, and would swiftly reject him in a democratic election. The forced passage of an amendment allowing Thieu to run for a third term drew the strongest legislative opposition to the Saigon regime since the Buddhist protest of 1963.

The Paris "Peace" agreement calls for "democratic general elections" to unify South Vietnam under one government. But the politically crippled, despised traitor Thieu declared last month that there would be no general elections in south Vietnam until North Vietnam withdrew its troops from the South. This phoney tactic has been repeatedly exposed by the fact that there are no troops from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in the South.

Unable to control the freedom loving Vietnamese people by political deception, the imperialists have used the fascist butcher Thieu's mercenary forces to conduct 13,916 air bombings in the first ten months of the "cease-fire". (2) In November of 1973 alone, the Thieu forces dropped nearly 8000 bombs on the Vietnamese people. The PRG has documented over 2,000 violations of the "cease-fire" by the mercenary forces during a single two-week

period in January. Over 50,000 Vietnamese people have been brutally murdered during the "reign of peace" in Vietnam over the past year.

The blatant disregard for "peace agreements" and treaties is not a "new" disease contracted by the USNA imperialist dogs. "U.S. imperialism has violated the agreements reached at the first Geneva Conference by obstructing the reunification of Vietnam, conducting open armed aggression against southern Vietnam and engaging in so-called special warfare over a period of years. It has also violated the agreements of the second Geneva Conference by its flagrant intervention in Laos and in an attempt to rekindle the civil war there. Apart from those who are deliberately deceiving the people and those who are utterly naive, no one will assert that a treaty can make U.S. imperialism lay down its butcher's knife and suddenly become a Buddha, or for that matter, behave itself even a little better." (3)

The USNA imperialists face a contradiction in dealing with Vietnam. On the one hand, the policy of detente has so far allowed them to consolidate hegemony over the rest of the capitalist world. The people of the Soviet Union would have never tolerated detente between their government and the USNA imperialists while the USNA troops were butchering the people of Vietnam. And the people of the USNA fought long and hard for the removal of USNA troops from Vietnam. They will bitterly protest any moves on the part of the government to send USNA troops back into the bloodbath. But on the other hand, the USNA imperialists must tighten their grip on the colonies, the sources of super-profits, of markets and raw materials. Imperialist war is inevitable in their desperate, bitter struggle to maintain their colonial possessions. There are forces within the USNA government who are anxious to pick up the military stick against the people of Vietnam - such as Admiral Moorer and the Joint Chiefs of Staff - who gave Thieu the go-ahead to attack the Paracel Islands. But even as they are now struggling over what tactics to use in consolidating their grip on the capitalist world's markets, their interests inevitably will lead to war. The imperialists will have to bring fascism upon the working class at "home" to quell resistance to further wars of colonial aggression and annexation abroad.

CAMBODIA

In Cambodia, also, the imperialists have failed to stem the revolutionary uprisings of the people by either political deception or outright terror in the form of a puppet regime.

In March of 1970, during the absence of Prince Norodom

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Sihanouk, the USNA imperialists instigated the Lon Nol clique's reactionary coup d'etat and imposed upon the Cambodian people a fascist regime. As soon as this regime took power, the Cambodian people rose up in resolute protest and opposition. The raging flames of people's war spread quickly throughout the country.

The Cambodian People's Armed Forces for National Liberation, relying on the people, have now liberated over 90% of the territory and over 5½ million people.

The traitorous Lon Nol clique, the feeble political corpse, is being propped up by nearly \$1 million a day in USNA military hardware. USNA military experts swarm Phnom Penh in a desperate attempt to keep their fascist puppet in power. According to the Parisian daily "Liberation" (Jan. 24) "There are Americans all over the place. It is generally estimated that there are about 1000 hidden, protected and escorted but in permanent liaison with their embassy. The survival of Phnom Penh seems to depend on them. It is an American colonel who directs operations in defence of the city. He is permanently at Lon Nol's headquarters ..."

But neither military hardware nor USNA advisors can save the butcher Lon Nol, from drowning in the turbulent sea of the Cambodian people's war. The people of all strata, workers, peasants, students, even monks and laymen, have launched struggles of all forms against the clique. While the imperialists may resort to more trickery to disarm the growing resistance in order to continue their facade of disengagement, they must eventually re-enter Cambodia in force.

Until recently, Highway 4 was the main supply route for USNA military equipment to Phnom Penh. The People's Armed Forces turned this highway into the graveyard for Lon Nol's First Division. The mighty liberation forces of Cambodia include some 80 insurgent battalions who have at their use 10 USNA 105 mm artillery pieces which they captured. All roads leading to Phnom Penh have been cut for two months by the liberation forces. Phnom Penh survives only because of a USNA airlift. Day and night, C-130 cargo planes land and take off from Pochenton Airport.

But the liberation forces even have this last source of the Lon Nol clique's life in their sights. Pochenton Airport, last month was heavily shelled by the People's Armed Forces. Two airport depots of military supplies were demolished, 5 planes destroyed, the runway wrecked and more than 20 puppet military personnel killed or wounded. The fearless Cambodian freedom fighters have

recently landed shells on Lon Nol's "presidential palace" and they won't halt their advance until every trace of the treacherous fascist regime has been destroyed.

PHILIPPINES

The USNA's fascist flunkey in the Philippines, Ferdinand Marcos, has assumed the role of butcher of the Philippine people, unable to quell the rising tide of revolutionary upheaval there. The imperialists have been exceptionally brutal and vicious in their attempts to subdue the people of the Philippines, using over 1000 "Green Berets" against the revolutionary forces.

Recently, the puppet Marcos called out nearly half of the 70,000 armed forces to try to crush the insurgent people of Jolo City in the Sulu province of the Philippines. He ordered the city to be strafed by F-86 Sabre Jets and bombarded by gunboats in the Sulu Sea and army units using mortars and 105 mm howitzers. Thousands lay dead and tens of thousands are wounded and homeless. Government troops burned nearby towns seeking to deny supplies to the liberation forces. Even the Sulu provincial hospital was bombed.

Why were these people massacred? Because this area is extremely rich in raw materials and cheap labor for the imperialists. United Fruit Co., Dole, and Del Monte have massive fruit plantations and canneries in that province. B.F. Goodrich, Firestone, and Goodyear have huge rubber plantations in the Sulu province. The USNA imperialists will try to slaughter like cattle any people who dare stand up and fight to shed their colonial chains, and threaten the imperialists' super profits.

Another extremely important reason for the inhuman massacre is that in spite of Marcos' attempt to paint the struggle of the people in the Sulu archipelago as a religious conflict, it has become clear that this struggle is a key part of the overall struggle against USNA imperialism and their fascist pawn - Marcos.

The struggle in the Sulu province is deeply rooted in the peasantry and rural and urban proletariat. Muslims and Christians have been fighting side by side. The Communist Party of the Philippines has been playing a significant role in the upheaval in the Sulu province. Last April, the revolutionary forces issued a program of 19 demands on the Marcos regime including the right to secede from the Philippines if they chose to do so.

Moreover, the Philippines represents an essential base for the protection and expansion of the imperialists' colonial empire. The importance of the Philippines to the whole "Pacific Strategy" of the USNA military apparatus compels the imperialists to fight ruthlessly to maintain "stability" there. The inevitability of the even-

tual expansion of war in S.E. Asia will keep the imperialists "clinging" to their base in the Philippines.

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ROLE OF USNA WORKING CLASS

The imperialists, aided and abetted by the CPUSA-led gang of revisionists and social chauvinists are using the "period of peace" to politically disarm the proletariat. They have united to push the treacherous idea that as long as "our boys" are not doing the fighting and dying by the thousands, we are not to be concerned about such places as Vietnam, Cambodia and the Philippines. This gang of traitors must and will answer to history for this deception and treachery.

It must be pointed out that the workers of the aggressor country cannot benefit in the long run from the bribes and tricks of imperialism. It is the working class that inevitably suffers from imperialist wars. It is the working class who is forced to fight and die for the protection and expansion of the colonial empire. A recent poll showed that the majority of people in the USNA now support complete amnesty for those who refused to kill for the imperialists in Vietnam. This overwhelming drive for peace, along with the growing need of the imperialists to mount further wars of aggression makes it clear that a bitter struggle lies ahead of us. To consolidate their "home front", the imperialists must rely on fascism. This same spectre is beginning to be witnessed in many of the imperialist countries (such as W. Europe and Japan) that are preparing to fight for control of the capitalist world.

We must take the overwhelming desires for peace to a higher level. Our hopes for real peace can only come with the defeat of imperialism. Our hopes for real peace can only come by refusing to fight the imperialists' wars. Let the social chauvinists choke on their spoon-fed slogans. We must raise the banner of proletarian revolution!

- 1) Stalin, Foundations of Leninism, FLPH, p. 5
- 2) Peking Review, Dec. 11, 1973 p. 11
- 3) People of the World, Unite and Defeat the U.S. Aggressors and All Their Lackeys, FLPH, p. 6

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which awaited exploits from the 'heroes'. This false theory maintained that it is only outstanding individuals who make history, while the masses, the people, the class, the 'mob', as the Narodnik writers contemptuously called them, are incapable of conscious, organized activity and can only blindly follow the 'heroes'. For this reason the Narodniks abandoned mass revolutionary work among the peasantry and working class and changed to individual terrorism....

"By these assassinations of individual representatives of the class of exploiters, assassinations that were of no benefit to the revolution, the Narodniks diverted the attention of the working people from the struggle against that class as a whole. They hampered the development of the revolutionary initiative and activity of the working class and the peasantry.

"The Narodniks prevented the working class from understanding its leading role in the revolution and retarded the creation of an independent party of the working class."

Today we are also in the process of building an independent party of the working class. It is clear from the history of the struggle to build a revolutionary movement that it cannot be successfully waged by a group of isolated individuals. This struggle must be based on the organization of the working class to fight as one army against the bourgeoisie. The bourgeoisie is organized. It has the state - the government and the military - under its control and will continue to crush us as long as our class is unorganized.

We want to reemphasize that terror is a tactic that can be used in the struggle. But "Terror can never be a regular military operation; at best it can only serve as one of the methods employed in a decisive assault." (1) We do not want to belittle the "significance of heroic individual blows", however, the actions of the SLA are not those of heroes of the working class, but of people who are isolated from and contemptuous of the working class.

The key to stop the growing fascist repression is not kidnapping relatives of the capitalists, but building a united front against fascism and a Communist party to lead the united front. Then and only then will we be able to abolish capitalism itself once and for all.

1) Lenin, "Where to Begin", Selected Works, One Volume, Int'l Pub., N.Y., 1971, p. 39.

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is using many methods to channel the outrage of the working class away from the capitalist class and lay the ideological base for fascism. The membership of exotic cults has risen tremendously. Exorcism, a throwback to the ignorance of the Middle Ages, is gaining wide popularity, as well as, other mystical cults. And not only are fundamental religious groups, such as, Billy Graham's and Oral Roberts, booming, but the more traditional churches like the Roman Catholic, the Methodist, Presbyterian and so on, are experiencing a revival as well. (U.S. News, 2/25/74)

We also see that "illegal" vigilante groups are mushrooming in number. Set up to fight the "crime" which the bourgeoisie says is the "cause" of everyone's problems, they are the beginnings of fascist storm troops - organized "illegal" terror. Many police departments are paying the expenses of these volunteers. Detroit has appropriated \$30,000 and New York City has budgeted \$2.5 million to pay volunteers for the year ending June 30. (U.S. News, 2/4/74)

In addition, the mass media is playing up the nostalgia of the 1950's and earlier, bringing out movies like "American Graffiti" and records that remind people of the "good old days". And new TV shows are being added, such as, the "Waltons" and "Apple's Way" to dull the revolutionary potential of the working class.

But the "good old days" that the imperialists talk of are their good old days. The "good old days" of the working class are mass unemployment, sweatshops and lynch mobs.

Dimitroff warns us that "Whoever does not fight the reactionary measures of the bourgeoisie and the growth of fascism at these preparatory stages is not in a position to prevent the victory of fascism, but, on the contrary, facilitates that victory." (Dimitroff, Georgi, United Front Against Fascism, New Century Publishers, New York, p. 9) Comrades, though we find ourselves in a period of revolutionary ebb, the objective conditions say that we must redouble our efforts to build a Communist Party of a new type and at the same time build a united front of the working class against fascism.

What exactly is the united front? It is a loosely knit coalition of organizations who are united solely on the basis to stop fascism. It is composed of both the trade unions and the popular front, organizations which the working class belongs to that are not based in the plants (organizations such as the NAACP, PUSH, MAPA, La Raza Unida, etc.). These two elements, the trade unions

and the popular front, must be joined into a united front of the working class. The organizations within the united front call upon each other for support in their struggles against fascist assaults, e.g., when a strike is called in one plant or industry, a general strike may be called through the united front. The united front is unity of action.

The united front is not a mass labour party; it does not have an extensive program. It would be very difficult for us to play a part in the building of such a party at this period of time. A labour party must be based on organizations of labour and the sell-out of the labour aristocracy makes this impossible at this time.

In the USNA we must build a united front from below. What does this mean concretely? In the 1930's in Europe there were many working class parties who all had formed or had linked to them trade unions. Thus, in building a united front there at that time the political parties pledged to support each other and the trade unions were immediately drawn into the coalition. However, we have no working class parties presently in the USNA and the trade unions are tied to the bourgeoisie through the union mis-leaders. Thus, it is impossible for us to build a united front from the top.

This means that we must enter the working class organizations and trade unions from below and push them into joint anti-fascist struggle. We must carry on careful analysis of where the working class is to know which organizations are key, which organizations are composed of the sections of the working class which are going to be first and hardest hit by the fascist assault. We must dig deeper into the most revolutionary sections of the class.

Fascism will not be defeated by the unity of the "left" movement in its present state of isolation from the working class. Through our factory nuclei and community fractions the united front must be quickly shifted from the "unity" of the "left" to the revolutionary movement of the working class.

When we call for a Communist Party and a United Front, we do not mean that the Party will be built out of the united front. These are two separate tasks that we must carry on simultaneously. As Communists we must participate in and lead the united front to first defeat the fascist offensive and then pass over to the offensive, to overthrow the basis of fascism, capitalism, and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat. The goal of the anti-fascist struggle is just that - against fascism. It

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is the role of Communists to take that struggle on to the final insurrection. Without this the whole anti-fascist struggle will fail as it did in other countries.

Several years ago, the Chinese made a general call to build a united front against imperialism. The October League and other organizations in the "left" have distorted this call by calling for a united front against imperialism within the USNA. The call by the Chinese was a call to the colonial world which is exploited and oppressed by imperialism. Within the USNA we are not exploited by a foreign power, but by the USNA capitalist class. The way we can best support the struggle of the colonies against imperialism is to build a Communist Party to lead a united front to stop the fascism the imperialists need to further plunder and rape the colonies. Then we must strike the death blow to capitalism itself.

The USNA working class loves democracy. They have a militant history of struggle against oppression and exploitation, from the building of the trade unions, to the battle fields of Germany. That is why the accession of fascism is being done in the name of democracy. The working class is refusing to enter into further imperialist predatory war in Indochina. We must seize this opportunity and give the working class the leadership it is crying out for.

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attack progressive strikes (such as the Farm Workers' strike in California) and are now being used against their "own" fellow drivers. In the same light, Frank (Opportunist) Fitzsimmons, President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, completely denounced the strike. In fact, he stated "keep the (monopolists's, ed.) trucks rolling." as part of the drive to lay the goundwork for fascism.

The Communist League recognizes that the controversy now raging over the role of the petty-bourgeois "independents" and the many and varied intermediate strata between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat (small businessmen, liberal professors, technical, managerial and commercial employees, etc.) is not a new one. In the 19th Century Marx dealt with this question. He showed how the "middle elements" are increasingly ground between the advance of large capital, on the one hand, and the growth of the proletariat, on the other. He further showed that large numbers of this "middle" strata fall into proletarian and semi-proletarian conditions. Marx went on to show the vacillating and unstable political role of this strata, now siding with the

bourgeoisie and then with the proletariat, torn between bourgeois prejudices, traditions, aspirations (such as the common sight of many "independents" rigs with American flags, swastikas and stars and bars plastered all over them) and at the same time, the active process of ruination and proletarianization that is objectively taking place. This process has been driven home during the trucker's strike, as many of the "independent" truckers are now saying, "tear down the American flag." Of course, as communists, we must ask, "which one are you going to pick up - the Swastika or hammer and sickle?"

It is obvious that the process of ruination and proletarianization is taking place in the trucking industry, as the press of large scale capital towards complete monopolization pushes the crisis on to the owner-operators. It is also clear that the term "independent" is an illusory one, simply because the private ownership of the vast majority of the means of production is in the hands of the finance capitalists. This is particularly true of petroleum, the essential raw material being used as a weapon against the truckers.

The recent strike and the continuing struggle of the petty-bourgeois truckers is very explosive. The split in the leadership of the strike has only exemplified the vacillation and unstable position of the "independents", characterized by violent swings from revolutionary to ultra-revolutionary actions.

As communists we must be very alert to this situation. Obviously we must not proceed from the erroneous positions that the strike has either a totally revolutionary, or conversely, a totally reactionary character. Our immediate concern is in supporting the progressive demands of the majority of the petty-bourgeois truckers whose demands placed them in direct confrontation with capital. It is this progressive lower strata who can be potential allies to our cause.

The significance of the strike lies in underlining the fact that there is no objective "independent" or "middle" road for the truckers. They are being forced to line up either on the side of capitalism or on the side of the proletariat; for fascism or communism. Although the subjective desires for a return to the "good old days" will obviously continue to play on those elements being forced down into the proletariat, the monopoly capitalists will no longer allow this to take place in fact. They are offering, and will continue to offer, in the place of these desires, an invitation to join the growing fascist labor front. In this light, the importance of support for the progressive sections of the owner-operators becomes all the more important. We can and must drive a wedge in the plans of the fascists.

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REFORMS-MASS ACTION-REPRESSION

The agrarian reform of the junta has also been far short of revolutionary. The coastal sugar estates have been converted into cooperatives, but only workers who were previously full-time are eligible for membership. Part-time workers on the old estates retain the status of hired peons. In the Andean region, the most efficient haciendas have also been converted into cooperatives, but the middle-sized estates have been left untouched, with the result that there is enough land available for only 10% of those who need it. (7)

In the area of industry, the junta has set up the "Industrial Community", which organizes management and workers into a stock-holding body. This is an obvious effort on the part of the junta to convince the Peruvian people that there is no longer any need for class struggle. (8) But the Peruvian people are not convinced of this. According to the Guardian, "Many workers have called for much more thorough-going agrarian reform, without compensation to landowners, complete nationalization of natural resources and more active participation of workers in all levels of management. The government has set up its own labor federation, Workers Center of the Peruvian Revolution (CTRP), to compete with the Communist-led (i.e. revisionist) General Confederation of Peruvian Workers (CGTP). Elements within both groups have pushed for more militant actions." (9)

More militant actions, on the part of the masses of workers, are occurring everyday. In the province of Chimbote in May, 1973, there was a 24-hour general strike protesting anti-labor moves by the government. The government answered by suspending constitutional guarantees in the province, and a 15 year old was killed by police in the course of a violent protest. (10) At a Cerro de Pasco mine, more than 25 members of the mine union were murdered by the government and over 100 were wounded. (11) Strikes at the large copper mines have been common in recent years, and some strikes have taken on a clear political character. For example, workers have demanded more participation in, or nationalization of, their enterprises. And the 700 elected representatives of the Industrial Community have made a number of demands on the military junta; that the government aid workers in reorganizing and developing companies abandoned by their owners, that workers be allowed to speed up their purchase of company shares, and finally, that the Ministry of Labor be censured and completely reorganized.

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Argentina 58.3, Chile 91.0, Columbia 70.4, El Salvador 66.9, India 139, Mexico 68.5. In net supply of pounds of meat per year eaten per person, the U.S. receives 243, Burma 14, Celon 4, India 3, Indonesia 9, Mexico 44, Republic of Korea 19, Iran 30, Egypt 28, Ethiopia 43. The per capita gross domestic product per year of the USNA is \$4, 734, Argentina \$971, Ethiopia \$65, India \$94, Ivory Coast \$342, Jordan \$273, Rep. of Korea \$256, Malawi \$64. (8) These are just some of the figures that show the greater colonial oppression and exploitation as compared to that in the USNA.

The struggle for new markets and the redivision of the world is a result of the drive for maximum profits. Again, Stalin clearly presents that the basic economic law of capitalism is not the law of value or average profits or surplus value; on the contrary, it is maximum profits. (Stalin discusses this matter in Selected Works, Cardinal Pub. pp. 337-38 under the heading "The basic Economic Law of Capitalism".)

Another assertion in the New Voice pamphlet is that the increased productivity of labor among USNA workers proves that they are more exploited than the colonies. The pamphlet states, "Another factor is the productivity of the workers. The higher the productivity, the less of their working day that goes into producing the equivalent of their basic needs. More of their working day goes into producing surplus-value for the businessman. Productivity is mainly determined by the level of technology. In Marxist terms, the relative surplus-value is higher. The type of industries to be found in the colonies is labor intensive and has a low productivity." What does Lenin say about the matter? In summarizing Marx he points out, "An increase in the productivity of labor implies a more rapid growth of constant capital as compared with variable capital. And since surplus value is a function of variable capital alone, it is obvious that the rate of profit (the ratio of surplus value to the whole capital, and not to its variable part alone) tends to fall." (9)

It is important to understand that the drive for maximum profit is stymied and hindered with the increase in labor productivity. Lenin further states, "Profit is the ratio between the surplus value and the total capital invested in an undertaking. Capital with 'a high organic composition' (i.e. with a preponderance of constant capital over variable capital exceeding the social average) yields a lower than average rate of profit; capital with a 'low organic composition' yields a higher than average rate of profit." (10) However, surplus value, though accumulated from the unpaid labor of the workers, still doesn't re-

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only be united on the basis of the interests of the whole working class, that is, on the basis of Marxism-Leninism, which is hostile to any struggle for personal interests or opinions. Marxism-Leninism is the theory of scientific socialism, that is, it is based in objective reality as opposed to a subjective fight for individual ends.

"We are united on the basis of Marxism-Leninism to organize a conference to be held sometime in 1973, where all honest revolutionaries would be minimally united on the basis of wanting to struggle for Marxism-Leninism against revisionism, for a Marxist-Leninist party of the working class in the U.S.

"The Preparatory Committee of the Conference of North American Marxist-Leninists calls on all those who agree in the main with the above points to attend this revolutionary conference. Those who call themselves Marxist-Leninists must hold themselves accountable in front of the people. There are many differences on the crucial task of building the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of a New Type. But these differences can only be aired in this mass democratic conference. All organizations whatever their size and experience have equal right as well as every obligation to present their views openly for discussion. For among Marxist-Leninists, there is no jockeying for position and fame. Let all Marxist-Leninists unite for the cause of proletarian revolution and the proletarian party." Signed: Communist Party of Canada (M-L), Communist Party of Quebec (M-L), American Communist Workers Movement (M-L), Association of Communist Workers - Louisville, Ky., Red Collective - New Orleans, La., Red Star - Tampa, Fla., Communist League and M-L Cadre of Durham, N.C.

flect total profit in and of itself.

The pamphlet goes on to state that colonies have a high intensity of labor and therefore lower profit. Marx points out it is just the opposite: "the more intense working day of one nation would be represented by a greater sum of money than would the less intense day of another nation." (11)

It is obvious that the imperialists try to secure maximum profit at the least cost. The use of cheap labor and the relatively small investment in constant capital in the colonies provides a tremendously higher rate of profit. The "energy crisis" proves that the capitalists refuse to explore areas that they deem costly. Stalin adds greater clarity to the subject, stating, "Capitalists bring in new technology as well as bring it to a halt. How is this howling contradiction to be explained? It can only be explained by the basic economic law of modern capitalism, that is, by the necessity of obtaining maximum profits. Capitalism is in favor of new techniques when they promise it the highest profit. Capitalism is against new techniques, and for resorts to hand labor, where the new techniques do not promise the highest profit." (12)

We must consider the entire relationship of imperialism and its incessant drive for maximum profits to understand the brutal exploitation and oppression of the colonies.

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Now these are the organizations that originally were in the struggle to build a revolutionary party in this country. However, one of these organizations, the ACWM(M-L), has now stepped out with the call to unify Marxists in this country not for the purpose of building a revolutionary party, but for the purpose of playing with revolution by talking about some kind of "Marxist-Leninist center". No where in the history of the struggle for scientific socialism has a party been built in any country out of the mass movement or revolutionary mass movements or so-called mass democracy, etc. Communist movements have been built with people who have been won over to a Marxist understanding of not just talking about the world and trying to interpret it, but as Marx says, of changing the world. And when we talk about changing the world we are talking about changing reality, changing it from the reality of monopoly-capitalist imperialist bandits to the reality of a revolutionary socialist dictatorship which will eliminate the exploitation of man by man. This is the only reason that the Marxist-Leninists met at this conference and it was at this conference at the last minute that the ACWM(M-L) rebelled against carrying out its obligation.

The Central Organization, just like its creator, the ACWM(M-L), will not fool anybody and neither will the "Internationalists" and its organizer, Hardial S. Bains (Communist Party of Canada (M-L)). This group of people have as yet

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primary and secondary school teachers was captured by "Marxists", the government withdrew the legal trade union status of the group. The union called a strike and the government responded by arresting strike and union leaders and by decreeing a law allowing teachers to be dismissed from their posts. Students and workers joined together to demonstrate against these government actions. The junta then suspended constitutional rights and declared a state of emergency in the two provinces of Puno and Arequipa. (12) Demonstrations continued for a week, and a student was shot to death. (13)

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not gotten off the campus grounds, just like the old Internationals. They go from one university to another trying to organize students to lead the working class, but this is not going to happen. The students are not going to lead the working class because on the university and college campuses of capitalist countries, whether in Canada or the USNA or anywhere else, there are various ideas among the students that belong to different classes. When we talk about building a revolutionary communist movement, we are talking about building a communist movement from the working class. As Marx says, of all the classes that stand face to face to capitalism, the only consistent revolutionary class is the working class. It's the only class that is capable of carrying on a dynamic struggle against imperialism, to overthrow imperialism, and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat. Nobody is kicking against the student. We know that from the campus ground also will come some fine communists. But, nobody is going to successfully organize the revolution from the campus grounds. It has to be based in the working class - in the shops, the mills, the mines, the factories, the sweat shops and communities in the USNA. And that is precisely where communists have to work. If the ACWM(M-L) and Bains want to keep on working on the campus ground and are afraid of the working class, then let their campus "gods" carry them forward because we are going to speed along the revolutionary road of Marxism and we are not going to be returning.

The Marxist-Leninists of this country and of the whole world know that the only way the unification of the world's communist movement could ever have taken place was that there were dedicated communists who helped organize the world revolution. The world revolution has gone a long way because it is not just one sixth of the earth that has been taken out of the hands of the capitalist class since 1917 by the revolutionary Bolshevik party of the Soviet Union. As of now, one third of the world's surface has been taken away from the imperialists and a billion people, one third of the world's population, have gone through the socialist process. The Central Organization can't see that the revolutionary movement is growing, that a revolutionary party will have to be built in the USNA. They want to continue to carry on this foolish idea of mass democracy and central organizations.

What kind of central organizations have communists talked about and built in the world? The fact is that the First International built by Marx and Engels was a central organization of the world's communist

movement. So was the Second International. The Third International built by Lenin and Stalin and the rest of the revolutionary communists was a center of the communist movements of the world. What can be a center of the communists within the USNA? The only center for the communists of the USNA can be nothing more or less than a revolutionary, multi-national, communist party. This party will have a central committee able to carry out, under democratic centralism, the policies and the programs of this revolutionary party to get rid of, once and for all, the exploitation of man by man in the USNA and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat. Now if this is what the Central Organization wants, they certainly are distorting, lying and going about it in the wrong way. No communist should sit quietly by and let this go on. It is alright for people who do not claim to be Marxist-Leninists to talk and to have their own opinion about whatever they like, but whenever they try to quote this as being Marxism-Leninism, then it is necessary for all Marxist-Leninists - all revolutionary communists - to come out openly and blast such reactionary undemocratic, un-Marxist principals and actions and expose them not only to the working class of this country but to even the students on the campus grounds.

The ACWM(M-L) or we should say the name they go under now, the Central Organization, will cry to the high heavens that they are not sabotaging or not trying to split the Marxist-Leninists in this country. But if you just take some quotations from their periodical, the "Workers Daily News Release", you will see that this is precisely what they are doing, and what they will continue to do if they keep following the un-Marxist line that they are pursuing now. Take for example the following quotes taken from Vol. I No. 6, Sept. 19, 1973 of the "Workers Daily News Release" discussing a sham conference they held in Aug.-Sept., 1973:

"What is the stage of the proletarian revolution in the United States? A Workers' Daily Commentary - Boston, September 19 - What is the stage of the proletarian revolution? What are the tasks of the Marxist-Leninist at this time? Great discussions and debates are taking place all over the U.S. on these and other closely related questions. Is now the time to build up the Marxist-Leninist party or to build "pre-party formations, rank and file caucuses", etc? Is the primary task to develop the unity of the Marxist-Leninists in one national CENTER or to develop the unity of the "mass movement"? Is the main obstacle facing the Marxist-Leninists modern revisionism or is it "sectarianism and dogmatism"? Should the Marxist-Leninists develop the instruments of working class propaganda or lead

reformist struggles at the "point of production"?"

Here are some answers to those questions from the same issue:

"1. Struggling to re-enunciate the basic principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung thought amongst the working masses, 2. Struggling against the reformism, liquidation and right-wing sectarianism caused by the modern revisionists and opportunists as the main obstacle in the Marxist-Leninist movement and the revolutionary mass movement of the working class, 3. Struggling to build up democratic centralist organization and communist apparatus in their own areas, and 4. Struggling on the national basis to develop the trend of Marxist-Leninist unity and solidarity and oppose the splittist and anti-Marxist-Leninist counter-current represented by the sham anti-revisionists of the so-called 'Communist' League and certain notorious ex-'leaders' of the student movement. The fact that the Conference united comrades from six organizations and from all parts of the country on the basis of building one MARXIST-LENINIST CENTER shows that the proletarian revolution has advanced to a higher and new stage. In the 1960's and '70's the key task was the dissemination of proletarian ideology, Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung thought. It is a historical fact that wherever this line was executed material conditions for proletarian revolution were advanced... Today the political work has advanced to the stage of building one united MARXIST-LENINIST CENTER as the LEADER AND PATH-FINDER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT."

And continuing their attacks against the Communist League: "...the so-called 'Communist League' has jumped out for a trial of strength with the Marxist-Leninists in the hopes of smashing the Marxist-Leninist Center and gaining hegemony over the Marxist-Leninist movement. The first Conference of American Marxist-Leninists totally rejected the 'Communist' League method of demanding unity on the basis of some 'theoretical grasp of Marxism' or 'agreement with such and such position paper' while in practice refusing to unite on the political line of building the Marxist-Leninist Center."

And further: "The '(Communist) League consistently agreed to one thing when sitting with the Marxist-Leninists and then turned around and did the exact opposite in practice. They used the method of informality in order to try and cover over their tracks and refused to be held accountable for their erroneous attitude towards the political line of uniting the Marxist-Leninists in one center."

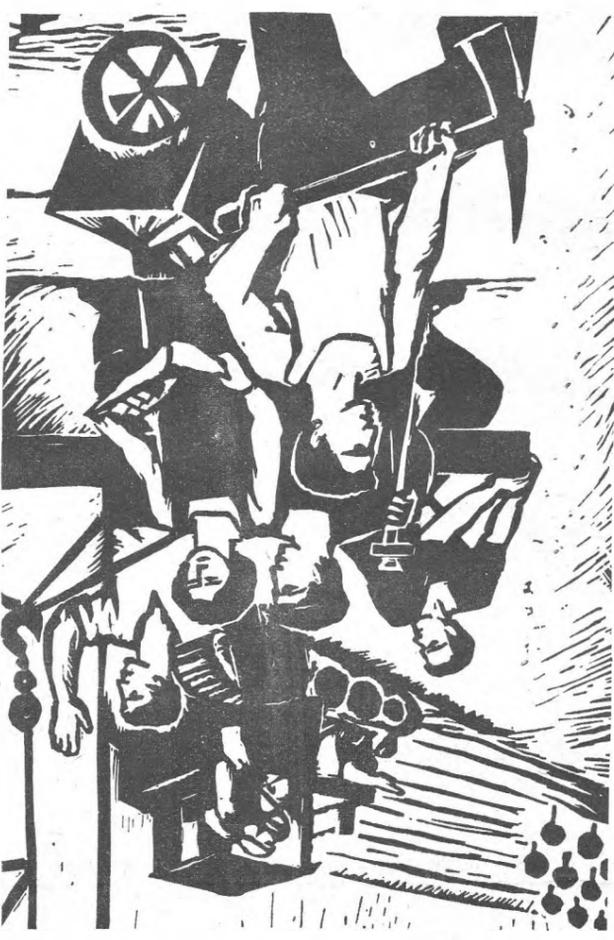
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Why this attack against the Communist League? It is for no other purpose than to hide the fact that the Central Organization is trying to bring confusion as a means to cover up their actions to counter the building of a revolutionary party in the USNA. Further, they know good and well that the Communist League doesn't have to step out and show its strength. The Communist League was built from the revolutionary and socialist processes in the USNA, as pointed out in the pamphlet, Dialectics of the Development of the Communist League, reprinted in the "North American News Service", Dec. 15, 1972. The CL has developed from the struggle against revisionism in this country from many different angles. First of all, many of the leaders of the CL at the present time were previously members of the CPUSA. After the Party was liquidated in 1944, they struggled against the revisionism of the CPUSA and for the reconstitution of the Party. But the Marxists were not successful because the 16th convention of the Communist Party showed that it had reached a stage of no return where the party itself could not be reconstituted. It was the struggle of the Communist caucus in the Communist Party at that time that led to the development of the Provisional Organizing Committee (POC) when the revisionists kicked out the Marxists in 1959. As of today, the CL has followed through with this struggle against revisionism and we are developing and bringing into the organization real dedicated young communists. The party that we are going to build in the USNA will be a multi-national communist party and it will be a young party.

It has to be a young party because nearly 80% of the USNA working class right now is young. That is precisely where the communist party will be getting most of its forces from, not from the campus ground. We know many students will leave the campuses; many students on the campuses are workers and will become dedicated communists. These working class students will get jobs and later become members of the multi-national communist party and they are absolutely welcome. But we are not going to try to confuse the youth or confuse the students on the campus ground and tell them that they are capable of leading the working class. That is what the Central Organization is doing and this is precisely why they attack the CL. They are trying to say that the CL is of the same "caliber" as the pimples on the backside of the CPUSA, e.g., the Revolutionary Union and the October League. But who is showing its actions to be another pimple on the backside but the Central Organization. And these people know this.

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 La Vanguardia Popular, que se
 publicando un periodico nuevo,
 Hoy la Liga Comunista esta



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 Como comunistas tenemos
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 esta situación. No podemos
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 es completamente revolucionario
 o completamente reaccionario.
 Nuestro interés inmediato es
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 dueños-operadores es aun mayor.
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 a los planes de los fascistas.

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 progresistas (como la huelga
 de los "Farmworkers" - el pro-
 letariado rural - en California)
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 contra sus mismos compañeros.
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 national Brotherhood of Team-
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 berían seguir funcionando.
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 hizo todo lo posible para apre-
 surar la llegada del fascismo
 n los EUN.
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 que la controversia que existe
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 los "independientes" pequeño-
 burgueses y de las distintas
 estrategias intermedias que hay
 entre la burguesía y el pro-
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 profesores liberales, técnicos
 de empresas, etc.) no es una
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 ilusión, simplemente porque
 los medios de producción están
 en manos de los capitalistas-
 financieros. Esto es sobre
 todo cierto en lo que se re-
 fiere al petróleo, y el petrol-
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 esta usando en contra de los
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 de la posición inestable de los
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