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The Rodino Bill, currently before the U.S. Congress is a fascist piece of legislation that deserves the united opposition of workers of all nationalities.

Named after Pep. Rodino of New Jersey the Bill purports to make it illegal for employers to "knowingly" or "voluntarily" hire persons who do not have documents or permission by the government to work in the USNA.

The Rodino Bill does not jeopardize employers at all. Employers can simply evade the fine by having their employees sign a declaration stating legal residence. Before being fined he must be warned and cited. The employer is given two years to correct the violation. He can always pass possible fines onto the workers by coercing them into paying anywhere from \$300-\$500 as "protection."

CAPITALISM CAUSES CRISIS

The Rodino Bill, backed up by hordes of bourgeois propaganda on the television, newspapers and by the government, tries to blame unemployment on the undocumented worker. We are told that it is the Mexican worker who is taking our jobs and if enough were deported or kept out then everything would be fine.

Workers aren't responsible for the economic crisis—they are victims of it. The economic crisis that all workers face today is the result of the capitalist system. Factories are closed, layoffs and speedups occur because the capitalists are trying to drain every cent out of us. When too much is produced they lay us off and work the rest of us to death. When layoffs strike, they hit us all. Surveys taken of factories that have been the scene of deportation raids show that 99% of these factories have not rehired documented workers.

The economic crisis is hitting even harder in Mexico and Latin America. In Mexico unemployment is close to 50%! and inflation is many times higher than here. Gasoline goes for 90¢ a gallon and a medium size Ford costs \$12,000 in Mexico. This is in a country where wages in Mexico City, for example, are Cont. on p. 10



NEGRO HISTORY WEEK - 1976

This past year has meant continued hardship and misery for millions of people across the country. The hardest hit have been the Negro people, feeling the brunt of the crisis, forced lower and lower on society's ladder. While heroically battling against depression-level unemployment and attacks on hard won civil rights, the Negro people everywhere face the daily terror of the armed forces of the state. From the vicious rampaging of

a Negro neighborhood in Chicago by Nazi scum to the police murder of 75 Negroes in Los Angeles this past year, the Negro people are up against a concerted drive by the capitalists to isolate them from every other section of the working class.

The fate of workers of every nationality is tied to the fate of the Negro people. The history of the labor movement testifies that when the capitalists drive down the living standards of the Negro worker, the next step is the lowering of the standard of living for the majority of workers.

Despite the pronouncements of the Ford-Pockefeller government about "economic recovery" more than 30 million people are out of work with more lay-offs daily. Negroes and Negro youth in particular are forced to bear the greatest burden of unemployment. The government puts the "official" statistics at 8.3% - 7.6% for Anglo-Americans unemployed and 14.1% for Negroes. They do not count the millions of workers receiving welfare nor the millions whose unemployment benefits have run out. Recently the National Urban League un"officially" published a more accurate account. Their figures show the rate for Negroes at 25.1% as opposed to 13.6% for Anglo-

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PROTEST COP MURDER OF MEXICAN WORKER

At 3:00 a.m. on Jan. 23, unarmed Danny Trevino was shot point blank and killed by two San Jose police officers, Lt. Don Edwards and Officer Craig Smith. This Mexican national minority worker was shot while sitting in his car, despite the pleas of a friend who got out of the car to explain to the police that Danny was just drunk. The police justified their murder by saying that Trevino "appeared" to be aiming a gun.

The brutal murder was met with an immediate angry response from the workers of San Jose. The evening after the killing about 400 people packed Guadalupe Church to demand immediate action against the police officers.

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FASCIST TERROR HITS PINE RIDGE INDIANS

Dennis Banks, a leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM), recently arrested in California, is fighting extradition to South Dakota on the grounds that his life is in danger if he returns to that state. Those who are dependent on the chauvinist and distorted view of the Indian peoples' struggles presented by the bourgeois press may not understand his fear. The Indian reservations of this country, in this case the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations in South Dakota—which have been the scene of val-

iant struggles for land and sovereignty—are ruled by fascist terror.

In 1973 the USNA government occupied Wounded Knee in the Pine Ridge Reservation for 71 days. The government employed the combined forces of organization of the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs), the U.S. Marshall's Special Operations Group, the FBI, the "domestic Green Berets"—SWAT-or Special Weapons and Tactics units, the U.S Air Force, the U.S. Army (the 82nd Airborne) and the Penta-

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GROWERS KILL FARMWORKER LAW

On February 6th, California's Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB) shut down operations. This means that the right to secret ballot elections won by farmworkers after years of bitter and bloody struggle has been destroyed. Billions can be spent on military intervention throughout the world, but not a few million to continue to fund a law that workers have struggled and died for.

The many professional swindlers in the state legislature who are stooges of agri-business, knew all along how much money would be needed to keep the ALRB alive. Since the tactics of brute force and murder had not succeeded, the capitalists were forced to concede partial concessions to the growing strength and militancy of the farmworkers movement. But they never intended that the ALRB be a permanent agency capable of enforcing the just demands of the farmworkers.

The capitalist class controls the politicians and makes the laws. Their interests and the interests of the working class have nothing in common. Any law that serves the workers will ultimately be destroyed unless workers rely on their own strength and unity, and not simply on the "good will" of a few politicians, and keep constant pressure on the government.

The denial of the basic right to union elections will affect farmworkers in every part of the USNA. The California struggle has set the pace in many ways. The ALRB was the first of its kind anywhere for farmworkers.

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## END USNA AGGRESSION IN KOREA

The *Western Worker* is reprinting the following article from the *People's Tribune*, the CLP's national press. The significance of this article cannot be overemphasized at this time when US imperialism is driving towards war against the socialist countries.

Our party has stated on numerous occasions that the United States of North America imperialists are preparing for new acts of war against the Korean people, and particularly against the Democratic People's Republic. We have pointed out the introduction of ground-to-ground combat missiles armed with nuclear warheads along the so-called "demilitarized zone" (DMZ) dividing north from south; it is clear to us that since the USNA defeat in Indochina, the USNA ruling class is prepared to use any means to keep their Korean foothold on the mainland of Asia. Moreover, the USNA imperialists have always held the blood-thirsty hope of punishing the Korean people for their heroic victory over the USNA in the Korean War.

The war threat against Korea is not just a holdover from the 1950's—it is a very active threat. Holding Korea is of great strategic importance to the USNA. The Korean Peninsula is like a dagger aimed at the People's Republic of China, and at the eastern industrial regions of the Soviet Union. From a base in Korea the USNA could launch an effective nuclear attack against all the socialist countries on the Asian mainland. That the threat of war is not an idle one is clearly shown in the January 13, 1976 issue of *The Wall Street Journal* in an article entitled "U.S. General Envisions 'A Short Violent War' If Korean Reds Attack." This article is nothing short of a glorification of current USNA war plans, where Lt. General James Hollingsworth, who gained the reputation in Vietnam as the "kill'n'Cong" general for his ruthless helicopter gunship attacks on women and children, is quoted as saying that the next Korean War will be "a short, violent war," and goes on to say that "We'll need five days and five nights of real violence. . . we'll need four more days to tidy up the battlefield." While this murderous butcher implies he is referring to a conventional war, there can be no doubt that the real battle plans call for nuclear weapons. General Hollingsworth is only following in the tradition of General Douglas MacArthur who, during the first months of the Korean War promised the troops would be home by Christmas. MacArthur's true intentions were shown when he directed USNA and south Korean puppet forces in a drive toward the Korean-Chinese border, staged air attacks across the Chinese border on industrial sites in Manchuria, and called for the use of nuclear weapons against Chinese targets, and against the Soviet seaport of Vladivostok.

Conditions for a new Korean War are rapidly coming into existence. The Korean War of 1950-53 was undertaken by the USNA in response to the victorious socialist revolution in China, and the fear by the USNA that Korea would be unified under socialism. During 1949-50, the fascist Syngman Rhee regime, which had been set-up and protected in the south by the USNA, faced overwhelming support for unification, not just from the north, but also within the south. USNA response to this situation was war. Korea was the model for what the USNA later carried out in Vietnam in 1955 with the creation of the Ngo Dinh Diem regime in Saigon, and is trying to accomplish presently in Angola. With the USNA defeat in Indochina, and the current, growing strength of the reunification movement in the south, and the determination of the DPRK that reunification will take place, the stage is set. USNA imperialism must either quit Korea or initiate a war to block the reunification of north with south under the banner of the Democratic Peoples Republic.

USNA imperialists hold a special hatred for the Korean people and the Korean Workers' Party. The Korean War was to be a warning to the socialist camp, and the forces of national liberation, that the USNA was the master of the world. Instead, the Korean people, backed by the Chinese People's Volunteers, and supported by the Soviet Union and the rest of the socialist camp, handed the USNA a demoralizing political and military defeat. The USNA imperialists got a first-hand taste of the strength of socialism which a few years earlier had shattered German and Japanese fascism.

The Korean situation has great significance for the revolutionary, anti-fascist, peace-loving people of the United States. The Korean War was fought during a period of extreme reaction in the USNA. The foundation of this reaction came in the late 1940's with the purging of Communists and other progressives from the trade unions, and the initiation of the McCarthy era with its pro-fascist, anti-Communist attacks against the organized working class movement, against the peace movement and against the Negro People's Movement. It was during this period that the likes of Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and

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## INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

### ANGOLA GUATEMALA

The heroic struggle of the Angolan people, led by the MPLA, against USNA intervention is nearing complete victory. The MPLA has liberated Huambo, the Capital and one of the last strongholds of the U.S. financed UNITA-FNLA forces in the south. The FNLA has been routed in the north. Forty-two nations have now recognized the People's Republic of Angola, the legitimate government of the Angolan people.

Faced with this total victory of the Angolan people the danger of a more massive USNA intervention grows every minute. Kissinger and Ford continue their war-mongering speeches. Kissinger is now demanding "overt" as well as "covert" aid. UNITA and FNLA puppet leaders say publicly that unless the USNA intervenes, they won't hold out any longer.

FNLA troops are running from battle--looting, raping, and robbing banks as they flee. When these "liberators" of the Angolan people do fight it is just as often against their UNITA ally over a share of the loot.

Faced with this utter rout, the CIA has financed mercenaries from the USNA, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and West Germany. Paid hundreds a week, these hired murderers have been unable to do anything, except maybe keep down fighting between UNITA and the FNLA. A few days ago, 15 mercenaries who refused to fight were machine gunned to death by their own troops. Cuban "gusanso" through "Alpha 66" (a paramilitary fascist group) have also been recruited into the fighting by the U.S.

#### C.O.R.E. MERCENARIES

During the recent fighting in Huambo scores of visiting foreigners had to be evacuated by airlift. Among them were Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) head Roy Innes whose group has been supplying UNITA with Negro mercenaries. Last week a group of 200 mercenaries re-

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In Guatemala, a country of 6 million people, more than 18 thousand people are dead, more than 50,000 wounded and almost a quarter of a million are homeless and in danger of starving or being killed by disease--victims of a severe earthquake. News of the disaster itself reflects the brutal truth that these hundreds of thousands are victims of USNA imperialism as well.

Most of the fatalities occurred because, in this coffee, cotton, banana and sugar-rich country, extreme poverty forces millions to live in mud huts and shacks. This poverty is due to U.S. imperialism's plunder of Guatemala. The imperialists extract superprofits off the backs of the people, leaving the Guatemalan people destitute and the imperialists richer. Thousands of victims of the earthquake in rural villages, where annual income is only \$80 a year, are cut off from cities even in normal circumstances. No medical care for the dying, no way to bury all the dead, no clean water or sanitation--these are the conditions created by imperialist exploitation.

The USNA government is shedding crocodile tears and making a big publicity stunt of the million and a half dollars worth of aid it is giving the disaster torn country. What they are not saying is that this is only a small portion of the aid they send every year--military aid to keep their puppet government in power and the people in poverty and at the mercy of the ravages of nature. In 1973 for example they sent \$22 million in military grants and \$15 million in weapons, all to be used against the people of the country.

In 1954 a reformist, Jacobo Arbenz Gusman, was elected promising land reform (2% of the people now own 62% of the land, much of which is in the hands of U.S. corporations). The CIA trained and financed 200 exiles to overthrow this government, supported an invasion with U.S. planes, and flew in the new dictator on the Embassy plane of U.S. Ambassador Pentifoy. In the years that followed over 5000 people were killed in a campaign to wipe out a guerilla resistance movement.

In the last 20 years, the Guatemalan people have been driven into greater and greater poverty. During the same time the Cuban people who have freed themselves from U.S. imperialism's grasp are building socialism. They have wiped out illiteracy, unemployment, discrimination, hunger, begging, gambling, drugs, prostitution, and slums. The Cuban people are guaranteed education,

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## Undocumented Worker Crushed JUSTICE FOR RUBEN CASTEÑADA

On November 13, 1975, the Immigration and Naturalization Service crushed the legs of Ruben Castañeda. INS agents turned on the machine in which he was seeking refuge during a deportation raid on the factory where he worked.

Ruben's case is yet another example of the fascist terror faced everyday by undocumented workers. Forced to come here by the ravages of imperialism in their countries they face a life of constant brutality and harassment. If detected by the Border Patrol many women are raped and others murdered or beat up for "sport."

Once in the USNA, they face constant fear of deportation and further brutality. Their lives mean nothing to the imperialists. They can be murdered, robbed or beat up at

will and the police won't do a thing.

Undocumented workers by themselves are virtually defenseless. If they resist they are deported.

It is time for the working class to come to the defense of the undocumented workers as part of the defense of the working class.

A Defense Committee has just been formed to fight for justice for Ruben Castañeda and prevent his deportation.

The Communist Labor Party calls on everyone to support this important effort.



## SALINAS HEALTH PROTEST

The County Board of Supervisors is considering a plan to close down the ONLY county health center-Natividad Medical Center-in Salinas, California. This direct attack on the health care needs of workers of all nationalities is being met with resistance by workers and progressives.

Community groupings have come together in the SAVE NATIVIDAD COMMITTEE and are planning a mass protest meeting to keep the Center open:

COME TO:

County Board of Supervisors Meeting  
Salinas Community Center  
March 6, 1976  
9:00 A.M.

The Communist Labor Party wholeheartedly supports the SAVE NATIVIDAD COMMITTEE and the CLP puts forward the following demands:

1. Keep Natividad open.
2. Free Universal Health Care.
3. Jobs with Peace.

## SAN FRANCISCO

# TENANTS BATTLE CITY HALL

On January 29 a group of angry tenants confronted the new San Francisco city administration of George Moscone with the demand for fairness and equality for the residents of the Hunter's Point Projects. The city is attempting to evict these tenants from their homes and trying to develop a multi-million dollar project for the capitalists.

This is just a part of the plan these greedy capitalists have to steal this hill with a \$100,000,000 view of the waterfront from the working class and exploit this land for their own use. The struggle which these tenants are waging against the capitalists has resulted in the exposure of the most blatant examples of corruption, deception, and chauvinist maneuvering that can be imagined.

Struggle is not new in these projects. This community has the largest concentration of Negro national minority workers of any in the west bay. True to form, this means that it is also the poorest, the most neglected by the city, and the most brutalized commun-

ity in the area. Residents of these projects have been faced with decrepit conditions. Leaky gas pipes, water pipes broken inside the house that can't be shut off, buildings without lights, roach infested housing so bad that some tenants have to leave their lights on to sleep and rat infestations as well.

When these grievances are reported to the housing authority the response is so slow that buildings have been without hot water for weeks and without lighting for over a month. These tenants have come to expect no response from the Housing Authority for anything except a late rent payment--and for that, one day late often brings a 3 day eviction notice. As one resident observed. "It's as if they're doing us a favor for us to live in this rat trap with bugs all over and no heat."

It has been obvious for years that the Housing Authority has deliberately been allowing these projects to fall apart--and it is becoming clear that this was all in line with

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## ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO SUPPORT MIKE MACKKEY

In this bicentennial year, the capitalist class is proclaiming itself as the defender of democracy and justice for all peoples.

But to Mike Mackey of Albuquerque, New Mexico and to millions of workers across this country such claims are a bitter and brutal lie.

Throughout history, the bourgeoisie of the USNA has used its state (the police, courts, prisons, etc) to terrorize the working class, and keep its active fighters tied up in legal problems, in jail or dead.

The case of Mike Mackey is another chapter in this blood stained history. Mike is a Negro national minority self-employed painter. He has been a consistent fighter in his community. In the South, he marched as a follower of Martin Luther King. In Albuquerque, he has been involved in running an independent candidate for political office.

Mike now faces 5-10 years in jail for assaulting a police officer. The facts of the case show he has been framed and railroaded.

Returning from a fishing trip with two young children, ages 5 and 7, Mr. Mackey

found his car missing. Neighbors said that the "wrecking company" had taken the car. He found his car in a nearby wrecking yard and towed it home.

He went inside his home to feed his children, and noticed from the window that the wrecker was in front of his home, preparing to take his car again. He went outside with a loaded shotgun to protect his property and told the wrecker driver to leave his car alone--that he had not been served with any legal papers of repossession.

Mike went back inside his house. A few minutes later a friend came over to tell him that there were 30-40 police outside. Mr. Mackey called friends by phone to witness his arrest, and sent a friend to tell police he would come out without a struggle and that he had two young children in the house.

The friend reported the police said they knew who was in the house. Less than a minute later, tear gas was fired into his child's room. Mr. Mackey came out with a child in each arm. The presence of witnesses, it is believed, prevented Mike from being shot to death.

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## EQUAL RIGHTS COUNCIL FIGHTS POLICE BRUTALITY

On February 3, thirty Negro youth came to the meeting of the Equal Rights Council in Venice, California. They came to ask for the Council's support in putting an end to police brutality and entrapment of Negro youth in the community. The Equal Rights Council then called for a meeting on February 8th at the Oakwood Wesley House and demanded that Mayor Bradley, Assemblyman Sieroty and Councilwoman Pat Russell show up to hear the youths' complaint and take action.

At this meeting 70-80 people were crammed together to express their opinions on police activities in the Venice community. Sixty percent of those present were Negro national minority residents of which about 70% were youth. Mexican national minority and Anglo-Americans also came in support.

At the meeting there were representatives from the office of Councilwoman Pat Russell and Assemblyman Sieroty. Both youth and parents took the floor to tell of police harassment and beatings of youth for no apparent reason.

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A couple of youth had their heads split open. One 13 year old told how he had been walking up the stairs to his apartment when the police called him down to ask where he was going. They asked him where he lived and he said "right up these stairs". They then proceeded to beat him. His sister opened the door and yelled at the police to stop beating her brother and in response the police dragged him up into his apartment and beat both him and his sister and also knocked his mother down! They took him and his sister and proceeded to beat them all the way to the police

There were many stories of this type. The city representatives said they would look into this especially when an older Negro man said he had filmed the police beating of youth in the Oakwood Park. The city representatives agreed that the root of the problem is social conditions--high unemployment, etc.--but that nothing immediate could be done to get jobs for people, decent schools, etc.

The people responded by saying, "you've been putting off that problem for three hundred years." As one woman put it, "they have us locked up in here like a concentration camp." The issue

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# NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

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Americans. While the bourgeois press tells us we are in a period of so-called 'stability' the economic gap between Negroes and Anglo-Americans widens.

## THE NEGRO NATION

The past years have seen a marked decline in the standard of living of the Negro. In the Negro Nation these fascist attacks have especially increased. George Wallace is traveling around campaigning that he stands on the side of "the people." A look at the situation of most Negro and Anglo-American minorities in his own state of Alabama shows which people he represents - the giant Wall St. monopoly capitalists. Alabama ranks at the very bottom in per capita income, unemployment benefits and school expenditures. As with the rest of the Black Belt area of the South that makes up the Negro Nation, there exists starvation welfare payments, high infant mortality rates and the lowest living standards in the country. The Negro Nation suffers from the most brutal colonial oppression at the hands of the imperialists.

In Moss Point, Mississippi Christopher Moore, a young unemployed Negro worker, is being held without bail with no evidence against him, facing a frame-up murder charge that could send him to the electric chair. Demanding his freedom, the people have been marching and holding rallies since last summer. The KKK responded by riding through the heart of the Negro community shouting "Chris Moore should be dead."

Throughout the South the police have been protecting the Klan wherever it rears its ugly head. From New Orleans to Harlan County, Kentucky, the KKK has been holding cross-burnings, spreading their poisonous filth in trying to pit Anglo-American against Negro. In Picayune, Mississippi; Mobile, Alabama; Memphis, Tennessee - hundreds of valiant isolated struggles are being waged - a continuation of the historic struggle of the Negro people for national liberation.

## THE SOUTHWEST

In every part of the USNA the wages of workers of every nationality are tied to the wages of the Negro worker in the Negro Nation. As elsewhere, the Negro in the Southwest and West is branded with the stamp of second-class citizenship, a direct result of the chains of oppression of the Negro Nation.

In Pasadena, California, the Nazis hung a Negro minister, painting on his shirt "Down with School Busing" and three swastikas. From Seattle to San Diego to Dallas, hundreds of Negroes have fallen

at the hands of fascist police departments - the killers going free time after time. At the same time as the California governor's office announces that "Discrimination in housing is a thing of the past," Negroes are forced to live in the worst slums, unable to get loans and threatened with increased cuts in sorely needed medical care and other social services.

In San Jose and Los Angeles, two recent court decisions in effect legalize "de facto" segregation in the schools, thus giving the greenlight to the right-wing Birchers & Nazis to step up their hate propaganda and attacks.

While the Negro remains

the hardest hit, he is not the only victim nor even the real enemy of the capitalist class. The real target is the entire working class who must be kept under control, divided and therefore weak if the bourgeoisie is to remain in power.

The oppressed Southwest region of the USNA was once part of Mexico - stolen by the imperialists at gunpoint. The results are that the millions of Mexican national minority workers find themselves aliens in their own land. The western parts of the USNA were exploited and developed with the wholesale slaughter and theft of the lands of the Indian peoples - forced to toil under the iron hand of the imperialists - whether on the reservations or in the cities. It is for these reasons that the imperialists can't help but attack

the Mexican and Indian alongside of the Negro. The history of the West and Southwest is filled with countless examples of terror against the many minority peoples. From the vigilantes and goon squads - paid for and directed by the wealthy - to the blood thirsty Texas Rangers and Pinkerton strike-breakers the Negro, Mexican, Indian, Chinese and Filipino have suffered tremendously - always rising up again and again to resist their oppression.

World War II and the years following saw a rapid expansion and mechanization of industry throughout the western parts of the country. This same period saw millions of Negroes migrating North & West in search of a better life - attempting to escape the starvation, low wages and fascist rule in the Negro colony. So, too, have millions of Mexicans been forced to come to the USNA in order to feed their families who were starving because of the rape and plunder of Mexico by the US imperialist parasites. These different minority peoples have been met with the most vicious chauvinism, forced to live as second-class citizens. Those fortunate to find employment were given the dirtiest, most hazardous kind of jobs - from the mines of New Mexico and Arizona to the steel mills and garment sweatshops of Los Angeles.

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## WAVE OF TERROR AGAINST NEGRO PEOPLE

### ALBUQUERQUE

A Negro man, father of two and long time civil rights activist was set up and framed by police. Having committed no crime whatsoever he faces years in prison. A multi-national coalition is taking up his cause and those of other groups and individuals fighting for equality and against oppression in New Mexico. (See article, page 3)

### DENVER

Long known for the ruthlessness of its police department, Negro and Mexican national minority alike are murdered, brutalized and framed. Capitalists keep these two sections of the class divided.

### SEATTLE

Some know it as "redevelopment" and "red-lining"--the refusal of banks to grant loans for construction in certain areas. To the residents of the Central City, mostly Negro, and the minorities from the countries of Asia in the International District, it means the bulldozers which are leveling whole blocks of their homes.

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Busing is under renewed attack in San Francisco and San Jose. Actions by the court and school boards of these cities are just as much outright attacks on the Negro people as the cross burning which took place at the home of a Negro national minority family living in a predominately Anglo-American neighborhood in San Jose.

Residents of the Hunters Point Projects in San Francisco, long condemned to living in intolerable conditions are now being thrown-virtually into the streets--(See article, page 3). The destruction of the Model

Cities Program is also part and parcel of an attack on the working class, hitting hardest the Negro national minority workers and the Spanish speaking workers of the city.

In Oakland, police terror and unemployment hits the large Negro national minority population. Scores of young Negroes are killed by the cops. Sunshine Biscuit Co. is one of the many factories where Negroes face increased harassment and discrimination.

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

In Taft last spring a gang of young Anglo-American hoodlums ran 40 Negro and foreign students out of this small college town. In Keene, segregationists burnt the home of a Negro family to the ground. The Posse is openly organizing with the support of the capitalist media and has blatantly attacked the farmworkers movement. With close ties to the Nazi Party, these scum have loudly proclaimed their genocidal intent against the Negro people whom they refer to as the "hoardes from Oakland."

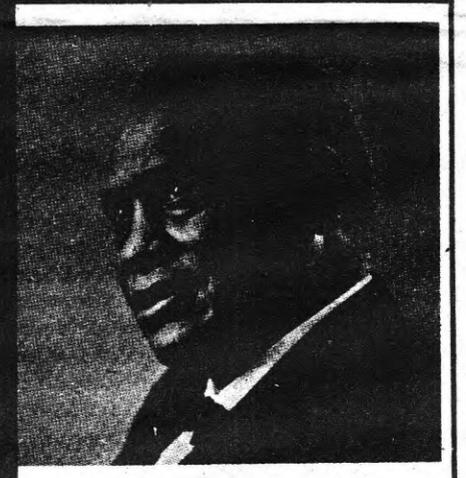
### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

In Los Angeles alone in 1975, police killed more than 75 Negro national minority workers in cold blood. While the killers go free, thousands of the Negro national minority languish in jail, victims of the white chauvinism of these vigilantes in cops clothing. Among those who face life behind bars is Phillip Allen, whose cause has been taken up by workers and progressives of all nationalities.

In Long Beach, police admit "mistakenly" killing a Negro worker on New Years--yet ruled "justifiable homicide."

Appeal of the Gitelson decision to integrate the Los Angeles schools may be decided

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## ROBESON DIES TRAGIC LOSS

Reprinted from the *People's Tribune*.

Paul Robeson, a truly heroic figure in the academic, cultural, and political history of this country, is dead. In the trenches during the Spanish Civil War, in the gold mines of the Union of South Africa, on a thousand different picket lines, before the lights of the Metropolitan Opera, Paul Robeson was the gigantic figure, the magnificent voice of progress, decency and socialism.

Although best known for his roles in "Emperor Jones" and "Othello," the toilers of this country knew and loved Robeson as their best and most articulate spokesman in their struggle for equal rights, for industrial unions and in the struggle against the fascist danger.

If Paul Robeson had been a selfish man, he could have named his price. Instead, he threw his lot with the people of the world. He spent his considerable fortune in the cause. As he was loved and respected by the masses, he was hated and feared by the reactionaries of this country.

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## San Francisco Busing Attacked

Opponents of integrated schools are trying to destroy the San Francisco busing program when the court order runs out in June. With an endless number of rotten and vicious tactics, the reactionary forces of San Francisco, and in the country as a whole maneuver to keep the national minority workers segregated and isolated.

To gain support for continued segregation, they have sabotaged the current San Francisco busing program with lack of funds, poor scheduling and inadequate service.

The Nazi Party, an open fomentor of violence against the Negro people are allowed to openly use the Board of Education meetings in San Francisco to call for an end to busing and "race mixing." Opponents of busing are given much publicity, blaming everything on the busing program--from poor quality schools to crime on the Muni (Municipal bus lines) The President of the Board of Supervisors ran on an anti-busing platform and the city is trying to evict Negroes from the Hunters Point Housing Projects. A concerted drive aimed at the Negro People is underway in San Francisco.

Some say in San Francisco that they are "for" integration but against busing. Since integration is impossible without busing, this line is exposed as reactionary and a lie.

The education and safety of our children is a vital concern of the working class, so it is no surprise that the bourgeoisie uses it to attack the workers and to pit one section of the working class against another. The most insidious and misleading tactic they use in San Francisco is to offer some bilingual education in only a few schools. Public education in their own language must be guaranteed to all children. By offering these bilingual programs in only a few schools, however, the bourgeoisie tries to force the Spanish speaking and Chinese workers into fighting for bilingual education in their "neighborhood schools" and against the Negro people and busing.

This is a vicious trap which pits nationalities against each other at a time when it is so crucial that we all unite.

We refuse to settle for a bad busing program, but must demand a program of busing and integrating the schools that fully guarantees quality education and safety of all children. We refuse to settle for bilingual education in only a few schools but must demand that regardless of which school a child attends he is guaranteed that he can learn in his own language with respect for his culture and background.

We must also expose the bourgeois attempts to blame

poor conditions of the schools. We don't have the money we need because the bourgeoisie sends billions of dollars in military aid to every corrupt dictator in the world. And they say they have no money for our children's education! We must demand the nationalization of education--that the federal government take the responsibility for providing quality education at the expense of the military budget.

To prevent the fascist assault on the working class which is pointed most sharply against the national minorities, and to ensure equal and quality, integrated education for all children, we have got to support each others struggles.

We have not been able to succeed in either the struggle for busing or bilingual education because we have been fighting isolated from each other and often against each other over these issues. The building of a coalition that will unite these struggles for busing AND bilingual education, and for the nationalization of education is essential. This will be a big step towards building the unity of the organization fighting for equal rights--towards the formation of the Equal Rights Congress.

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## CHINATOWN, L.A.

# STRUGGLE FOR CHILDCARE

For over five years Chinatown residents have demanded funds for childcare. Time after time the government denied these requests. Two years ago, without government approval, residents opened a morning program for preschoolers - Little Friends Community Playgroup. At that time, Castelar elementary school had the only full time childcare center, with a waiting list of 200! To begin to meet this need Little Friends became a full time program a year ago.

Three months ago the Building and Safety Department notified Little Friends to close the childcare center for supposedly violating the safety code.

The workers of Chinatown are protesting the government threats to Little Friends. On December 5, representatives of Councilman Ferraro's office, as well as other government representatives, attended a community meeting where 300 residents told the government that they are tired of waiting forever for the government to fulfill its responsibilities.

Supporting the Chinatown community were residents of Echo Park, a neighboring multinational working class community, predominantly Mexican national minority. Echo Park had recently won a two year fight with Ferraro

for childcare funding. Within a few days after the community meeting, the state showed its divisive, pernicious character by going to the Echo Park Community Center and threatening to cut off their funding if they continued support for Chinatown. The workers of Echo Park could not be intimidated. Together with the workers of Chinatown they have put forth the key demand of this struggle: Equal rights of all working class and minority communities to social services - not at the expense of other communities.

Confronted in his own City Hall headquarters, Ferraro was compelled to promise \$100,000 for childcare in Chinatown. Ferraro walked out of the meeting when the workers said this was not enough.

In the depths of economic crisis the attack on childcare by the government is part of the bourgeois strategy to drive the working class into the most abject poverty and misery. The people of Chinatown bear the brunt of national oppression, toiling often 7 days a week in the numerous small sweatshops where Chinese speaking workers can find work. Women workers particularly suffer in these conditions. With piece rate wages barely enough to feed

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## San Jose

# CANNERY WORKERS DEMONSTRATE TO KEEP JOBS

On January 6th, 1500 cannery workers appeared at the San Jose City Council to fight for their jobs. They were faced with a dilemma. The workers had been told by the cannery owners and union officials that they had to make a choice: Either keep the plant open at the expense of better sewage treatment for the city, or shut down operations and move the plant because the city wanted to raise taxes and develop its sewage treatment.

The Santa Clara County Cannery Association along with the union leaders of the Teamster's Cannery Workers Local 679 took out a full page ad in the San Jose Mercury to support the owner's position of keeping the plant open at the expense of sewage treatment.

The just demand of the cannery workers was to keep their jobs. If the plant did move many would be unemployed and forced to move.

The union and owners dominated the city council meeting with their demands.

But the true demands of the cannery workers were never heard. The workers at the canneries in Santa Clara

County are residents of the county

They, as much as anyone else, want decent sewage treatment, sanitation, and health for themselves, their families and fellow workers.

The capitalists try to force the workers to choose between their jobs and a good environment. We must begin to wage the struggle for jobs in such a way as to demand jobs and a healthy environment. These two things are not opposed to each other and both are in the interests of the workers.

The capitalists always try to tell us that if we want to keep our jobs we have to give up something we need and deserve, be it wages, working conditions, health and safety or the environment.

The capitalist class spends billions every year on military weapons and technology that can destroy our planet. Yet they tell the workers that they don't have the technology or the money to keep our air and water clean. This is nonsense. The socialist countries of the world all prove that it is possible to

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## KOREA

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numerous other bourgeois politicians received their training in the methods of fascist mobilization and coercion. The Korean War could not have been started without this reaction, but it is a testament to the democratic and peace-loving sentiments of the mass of people of the USNA that this period of reaction was blunted and that the ruling class found it impossible to sustain support for its aggression against Korea. Today, the forces who engineered and guided the period of reaction during the Korean War are hard at work. Their drive toward fascism was initiated to blunt and turn back the Negro People's Liberation Movement and the anti-Vietnam war movement. While the full scope of their designs was revealed in the Watergate Crisis, their campaign continues. The preparations for war are greater than they have ever been. No longer does the ruling class even pretend to gather support for its imperialist military adventures. Ford, Kissinger and their whole Washington gang say

they will continue the intervention in Angola no matter what the people of the USNA want. To deal with the USNA working class and its desire for peace they have drawn up fascist measures even harsher than the McCarthy-era laws like the McCarran Act. Pending is Senate Bill 1 which would outlaw not just revolutionary work, but all work for peace and justice.

We are particularly ashamed and outraged by the betrayal of the Korean people during the Korean War by the Communist Party USA. During the early days of the war many staunch comrades took to the streets agitating against the war, but the response of the CPUSA's leadership was to order this activity halted and to go into hiding. Rather than wage a tit-for-tat struggle against reaction and war, these craven cowards hid behind the shallow legalities of the Constitution. Taking their first opportunity to cover their dirty tracks, the CPUSA leadership expelled the very militants who raised the cries of protest against the USNA aggression. In 1962 many of these same militants raised the call "U.S.—Get out of Vietnam—No

more Koreans!" This slogan was attacked as "too left" by the very same people who betrayed the Korean people, and who throughout the whole Vietnam War only acted because they were pushed by the outrage of workers and progressives. Can the Korean people and the peoples of the USNA stand this type of cowardly behavior in the face of threats to use nuclear weapons? Such behavior was unacceptable yesterday, it is unacceptable today, and it will always be unacceptable! In his famous book "Left-Wing Communism, An Infantile Disorder" the great V.I. Lenin commented: "One gets to know one's friends in times of misfortune."

The reunification program of the Korean Workers' Party and of the government of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea is a correct and just program. This struggle for reunification deserves the full support of all socialist and anti-imperialist countries. We, of the Communist Labor Party of the United States of North America pledge ourselves to support the struggle for reunification in any way we can. We pledge our Party to cease-

lessly fight for the withdrawal of USNA military forces from Korea, and against any new imperialist military actions. Finally, we vow to the Korean people, to the people of the whole world, our dedication to remove from power those reactionaries who have caused so much pain and suffering. Justice will be done!

We extend our warmest regards to Comrade Kim Il Sung and the Korean Workers' Party; to the people of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea; and to the freedom fighters of the south whose valiant and heroic struggle for freedom and reunification is being carried out under the most difficult conditions.

USNA MILITARY FORCES OUT OF KOREA, DOWN WITH THE FASCIST PARK REGIME!

VICTORY FOR THE KOREAN REUNIFICATION MOVEMENT!

LONG LIVE THE KOREAN WORKERS PARTY AND THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF KOREA!

## COP KILLING

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Worker after worker spoke, calling for the jailing of Trevino's murderers and relating their stories of police harassment and terror. A committee of 40 people (the Committee for Public Safety), representing many segments of the community and organized labor was formed to organize a rally at the City Council meeting on the following Tuesday.

Over 700 people packed that City Council meeting demanding 1) the immediate arrest of the two police officers and bail set at \$100,000, 2) that the police officers be charged with murder, 3) an independent investigation of the murder, 4) an open grand jury hearing on the murder, 5) payment of damages to Trevino's widow, 6) that a citizens police review board be established to monitor police actions, 7) independent autopsy and blood analysis, 8) full scale review of police training procedures and regulations involving the use of firearms, 9) full disclosure of the disciplinary records of Officer Smith & Lt. Edwards

The Confederacion de la Raza Unida and the Committee for Public Safety presented the demands. Speakers from UAW Local 560, Councilio Latino, and WOMA spoke in support of the demands. A real step forward for the unity of the working class was the standing ovation the mainly Mexican national minority audience gave to the president of the NAACP as he condemned the vicious murder and demanded that justice be served. Loud applause was heard as he stated that "Old Mississippi is coming right here to San Jose."

The City Council was pushed by the angry crowd to take a position recommending an open grand jury hearing & an independent investigation. However, they would not call for the jailing of the two police officers who are still free.

The City Council agreed to set up a subcommittee with representatives of the Committee for Public Safety and three City Council members to investigate the facts and get an answer to many of the questions surrounding the murder. But a week later, nothing has been done. The committee has met with resistance from the D.A.'s office and the chief of police who refuse to take any action against the murderers, claiming they do not have enough evidence.

When 300 workers showed up at the City Council meeting the following week to find out why nothing had happened, the Mayor kept tight control over the speakers. Meanwhile Mexican national minority youth held a candle-light vigil outside the city hall. At that meeting, Danny Trevino's sister spoke, revealing that in the family's independent autopsy report, pieces of her brother's body were missing and there was no way for the examiner to determine how he died. It is clear that the D.A. and police chief are white-washing the whole murder. And the city council is helping them cover-up!!

The workers and fair-minded people of San Jose must demand that the city council take a position on the arrest of the two police officers. The city council has the power to order the city manager, Ted Tedesco, to order the police chief to arrest the murderers. If the police chief refuses he can be fired. If Tedesco refuses to comply with the city council's order he can be removed.

Platitudes and well-meaning words are not enough, we must demand immediate action to jail the killer cops who have been roaming the streets free for two weeks. Most importantly, the Committee for Public Safety must throw open its doors to wide support from all sections of the community.

It is truly significant that the NAACP is participa-

ting in the committee. This shows the beginning of real unity between the Negro national minority and Mexican national minority communities.

Also significant is the active participation of UAW Local 560. However, at both city council meetings, only a handful of Negro people were present and virtually no Anglo-American workers. Unless the divisions in our class are overcome, not only are the Mexican and Negro people isolated and set up for attack, but divided from the national minority workers, the Anglo-American workers will also be easy prey for the capitalist class.

The bourgeoisie is carrying out a concerted drive to force down our standard of living and strip us of our hard-won democratic rights. The attacks come first on the national minority workers, but they are attacks on the working class and aimed at all. The Santa Clara Valley is a rich source of profits for the capitalist class with its non-unionized oppressive electronics factories, its huge defense industry and its link with the rich, agricultural Salinas Valley. The fascist danger is therefore great.

With layoffs in effect or planned in the canneries, electronics, auto, county government and at Lockheed, the situation is desperate for the working class in Santa Clara County. Recently, for example, 35,000 unemployed workers applied for 2,000 jobs at Marriot Park jobs that are seasonal and only pay \$2.20 an hour. In addition, city and county governments are yelling "fiscal crisis" and cutting social services—like the threat to sell Valley Medical Center to private industry—and threatening to raise taxes on workers homes. A freeze on county hiring is in effect with more layoffs predicted this fall.

The capitalist class wants to keep us divided and defenseless in the face of

their ruthless plans for fascism and war. Each national grouping cannot fight its own isolated battle and hope for anything but defeat. The Negro and Mexican national minority workers have taken an important step toward unity in seeking justice for Danny Trevino. The Anglo-American workers, too, MUST come to the defense of the national minority workers NOW. Only in this way can the bitter divisions the bourgeoisie has created in our class be bridged.

It is in this spirit and in order to build this unity that the Communist Labor Party is proposing the formation of an Equal Rights Congress. This Congress could unite organizations like the Confederacion and the NAACP, plus PTA's, neighborhood councils, church groups, and youth and women's organizations. The ERC would not detract from any one struggle. But rather would add the united strength of thousands of workers to each one of our fights.

By coming to the defense of those workers under attack the working class will be able to build the unity necessary to make our struggles for jobs, peace, and socialism victorious.

## MARCH IN SAN JOSE

The organizations protesting the murder of Danny Trevino have called the following march to demand justice. The *Western Worker* urges all of our readers to support this march:

MARCH  
TUESDAY, FEB. 17, 1976  
TIME: 5 P.M.  
MEET AT ST. JAMES PARK  
MARCH TO THE CITY COUNCIL  
TO DEMAND INVESTIGATION  
FIGHT FOR DEMANDS

## FARMWORKERS

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Farmworker organizing is going on from New York to Florida, from Texas to California and in parts of the South and Midwest.

If the grower capitalists can get away with such a blatant attack on the workers' rights, this will set the pace for the capitalist class on all fronts. Already, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), which supposedly guarantees the right to unionize for non-farm workers, is being undermined. Most cases before it are now decided in FAVOR of the EMPLOYERS, thereby denying unions. Other cases take from one up to 8 years to settle, which leaves a worker threatened with loss of his job for organizing activities with no protections. Very clearly, the destruction of the California ALRB is part of the growing attack on every worker.

With the ALRB ineffective, there is going to be increased violence in the fields. The farmworkers will have to resort to the Huelga (strike). All indications are that the growers and Teamster Union leadership are planning an organized assault against the farmworkers movement especial-

ly in the Imperial Valley of California where the United Farmworkers (UFW) have just scored election victories at the Bruce Church Company, Abatti Farms, Abatti Produce and Interharvest and is now trying to organize the packing sheds in Coachella. In the past violence from Teamster goons, police, sheriffs, Migra and vigilante groups like the Posse has resulted in death or injury.

### UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

The unity forged between documented and undocumented workers in the fight for the right to elections contributed to the farmworkers victory last August. Where the undocumented worker was defended and organized, the workers' movement and the United Farmworkers Union won elections. Where this unity was neglected, the gains were not as great and losses were recorded.

The threat that this unity presents to the agricultural capitalists is clear. During operation of the Act thousands of undocumented workers were deported in order to weaken the movement. In numerous cases active supporters of the UFW were sought out for attack and deportation. In Salinas, the Police Department raided three labor camps under the pretext of searching for contraband and deported many work-

ers. One of the amendments which the growers and the grower-controlled Teamster leadership demanded in the law in return for support for funding, was the exclusion of undocumented workers from its provisions.

### UNITY GROWING

This absolute necessity for unity is now laying the basis for the expanded organization of the farmworkers, which must include not only the Mexican national minority and the Mexican national workers, with or without documents, but also the thousands of Negro, Puerto Rican, Arab, Filipino and Anglo-American farmworkers in this country.

Fellow workers! We must not stand idly by as the capitalist class denies our rights and turn to terror against us. No matter how strong or militant the farmworkers movement is, it cannot possibly win lasting gains without the support of the rest of the working class, especially the urban factory worker. The farmworkers movement is an example to us all. Its demands reflect the justice, decency and equality that we all strive for. The entire labor movement is under attack today. Unless the working class rallies to the defense of the besieged farmworkers, no gains can really be made for any

worker.

Do not wait until it is too late. Right now, the ALRB can still be refunded if enough pressure is put on the legislature. Pressure is all they understand.

The Communist Labor Party urges all workers and progressives to organize a massive defense of the farmworkers from your factory floors, communities and organizations; organize protests and petitions; go to your state legislators and make the demands of the working class known. If you don't live in California, write California's Governor Brown and Assembly Speaker Leo McCarthy, State Capitol, Sacramento, Ca. 95814.

For too long sections of the workers have struggled alone. Only by putting an end to this intolerable state of affairs can we defend ourselves against the offensive of capitalism and prepare to pass on to our own offensive to build the ONLY SYSTEM that is run by the workers in their own interests--SOCIALISM!

FULL FUNDING FOR THE ALRB!  
STOP DEPORTATIONS!  
JOBS WITH PEACE!

## CANNERY WORKERS

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have excellent productivity and a clean, healthy environment with no waste of scarce resources.

If the capitalists continue to try to force us to choose between our jobs or decent environment, we must demand that they take some of the money out of their huge profits for the betterment of the environment. If they refuse, demand that the city, county, state and federal governments take over the factories and run them in our interests.

### CANNERY CONTRACT DUE

It appears that the cannery owners have used the smokescreen of the increased sewage tax to threaten and confuse the workers. It now appears that the sewage plant will be built and the canneries will remain open in San Jose.

But it is very possible that the canners will use this issue to affect the union contract that expires June 30. Workers must be on guard. The canners and union misleaders have set the stage to cry poverty and deny any wage increase and benefits.

Instead workers must unite and be prepared to fight tooth and nail against any attack on our standard of living. Workers in the canneries should join with the progressive caucus Cannery Workers Committee that has been formed within the union to fight for equality for women and minorities, for health and safety and against the collusion of the union misleaders with the owners. This fight must include the fight to keep the

plant open, for jobs at the expense of the military budget, and to provide decent unemployment benefits for those laid off.

Capitalism causes unemployment as well as pollution. Until the working class wipes capitalism off the face of the earth, not only our jobs, but the earth itself is in danger.

## MIKE MACKAY

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He was tried by an all Anglo-American jury, many who slept through the proceedings, and was found guilty. Now he needs to raise money for an appeal or he will go to prison.

Terror against the national minorities is nothing new in New Mexico. Unemployment is as high as 60-80% in places. The police brutalize the Negro national minority workers in the South Broadway part of Albuquerque, and recently a new wave of terror has hit the Mexican national minority in Northern New Mexico, Tierra Amarilla. The Navajo and other Indian peoples suffer the same violence at the hands of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). In the oppressed Southwest region of the USNA these attacks by the state can't help but hit these sections of the working class and oppressed peoples.

Unity of the workers is a necessity if these attacks are to be met and beaten back. Steps are being taken in this important direction. 'People United for Political Action', a coalition of organizations and individuals has committed its forces to fight for Mike Mackey

and the three men of Tierra Amarilla--Pedro Archuleta, Moises Morales and Andres Valdez--and for other struggles in New Mexico such as the growing movement of the Ozuna Tenants Association fighting for a Tenants Union.

The Communist Labor Party calls on all workers and progressives to fight the injustice done to Mike Mackey. Demand that all charges be dropped! Build support for the Coalition march on April 3 in Albuquerque.

## CHILDCARE

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and house a family, there is nothing to spare to pay for childcare.

Unhappy mothers are forced to bring their children with them to work or leave them unattended at home and in the streets. Even worse many women are forced to work endless hours at home in the dreaded "cottage system" where employers provide the raw material and pay for the finished product at starvation prices. Even under current labor laws, such practices as hiring out work at home are illegal. Women working alone at home without possibility of organizing with other workers have no power to stand up to whatever indignities, cheating and harassment the employer subjects them to.

In China before the socialist revolution, a similar system of extreme capitalist exploitation existed. For instance in the city of Soochow, there was only one childcare center for the capitalists and another for managers of a factory. Today



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22,000 children are in 500 centers offering a range of services from day care to live in care. These kinds of examples have been repeated wherever socialism has triumphed.

By uniting together, despite government threats and coercion, the two communities of Echo Park and Chinatown are taking a major step to winning a better life for all workers. It is essential to continue this struggle by uniting with other workers throughout the country who are demanding that the federal government stop its rapid preparation for imperialist war, and instead turn our hard earned tax dollars to essential social services for all workers. In their struggle for national equality, the people of these communities will be greatly strengthened by joining in the growing movement for Equal Rights Congress, fighting for the equal rights of all national minorities oppressed by USNA imperialism.

# NEGRO HISTORY

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Similarly to conditions in the Negro Nation, the bourgeoisie has seen to it that their servants in the trade union movement guaranteed that the Negro and Mexican national minorities would remain unorganized, thus further isolating them from the rest of the labor movement. The results for the imperialists: superprofits. For those who labor: a divided proletariat with low wages, lousy working conditions and a low living standard for the majority.

But the capitalists have also had to contend with an heroic resistance to this exploitation and oppression. In August, 1965, the historic Watts uprising took place. The movement of the Negro people for national liberation and the Negro national minority for equality inevitably came into confrontation with the rifles of the police, Army and National Guard. This fascist reaction marked the beginning of the open confrontation of the Negro people's national liberation movement with the full force of the imperialist state. Just four years later, in East Los Angeles, the Chicano Moratorium brought thousands of Mexican people up against these same butchers.

What is happening in the Southwest and West is happening throughout the country. The bourgeoisie is responding to its economic crisis by increasingly curtailing what reforms our class has fought for to mere paper laws with no enforcement in practice. They are resorting to both legal and illegal means to drive the Anglo-American worker to the level of the Negro worker, and the Negro worker to the 1940's level of semi-slavery. No real freedom or progress can exist as long as the Negro Nation and the Southwest region remain in the oppressive grips of USNA finance capital. The demand of the entire Anglo-American proletariat must become **INDEPENDENCE FOR THE NEGRO NATION! REGIONAL AUTONOMY FOR THE MEXICAN & INDIAN PEOPLES!**

## EQUAL RIGHTS CONGRESS

Already, spontaneously, the movement of the Negro people has taken up the struggle of jobs for all, jobs with peace. This fight is concretely a fight for the unity of the working class. But looking around, we see a hundred fronts of battle, thousands of isolated pockets of struggle, tens of thousands of disorganized workers under attack and ready to fight.

In order to advance further, all the various fronts of the spontaneous struggle must be united against the most violent danger to the working class - fascism. The capitalists are moving rapidly to set up a police state in our country. We must not forget the tragic lessons of Nazi Germany. In isolating the Negro from the rest of the workers movement, especially from the Mexican people they are being set up the same way that the Hitler fascists set up the Jewish people. And with the same results - the brutal enslavement of workers of all nationalities.

In order to defeat this fascist offensive, the Anglo-American workers must rally to the defense of the Negro worker. What is needed is to bring together all the various groups, organizations and militant working class fighters spontaneously struggling against the oppression and brutality of the capitalist state, for the rights of the Negro and all minority workers.

Especially in the oppressed Southwest, where the Negro, Mexican and Indian face a common social oppression, must this solidarity be forged. Although attacked separately and in many different ways, our enemy is the same and our struggles must be united in order to be victorious. Whether the fight is for a quality education through busing or for bilingual education, for better housing or against deportations and police brutality, the enemy is the same: the capitalist system and its continuous crises.

These disconnected fronts can be united into one mighty Equal Rights Congress, which can truly defend the interests of the Negro, Mexican, Indian and other minority sections of the working class.

Throughout the Southwest and West our class is under siege. In most cases we are resisting separately and suffering defeats. Yet in more and more instances working people are coming together to fight as one - recognizing the identity of interests we share.

### WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

Workers of every nationality have begun to rise up under the leadership of communists and progressives - fighting for Jobs with Peace and the unity of the proletariat. But this is not enough. Small, uncoordinated groups, each fighting their own way, cannot win.

Throughout the Southwest the view has long been held that the Negro would liberate the Negro and the Mexican and Indian would liberate their own peoples. And what has happened? Every section of the proletariat has been sinking lower and lower.

The Negro labors in the heart of the vanguard of the proletariat. It is only through the struggle of the working class that the Negro and all oppressed people will achieve real emancipation. It is only through unity between its various sections that the working class can emancipate itself. The Anglo-American worker must realize that he can rest assured of no right that is denied to the Negro, Mexican or Indian. Denying rights to minorities is only the preparation for denial of those rights to others.

The basis of the united struggle of the working class must be the growing recognition by workers of all nationalities that capitalism has nothing left to offer them but war and fascism. For the Negro as well as the Mexican and Indian, capitalism can mean nothing more than national oppression, unemployment, and second-class

citizenship. For the Anglo-American worker capitalism can mean only the steady erosion of his standard of living and his civil rights - the eventual reduction of all workers to slave labor.

There is only one solution - socialism, where society is run by the workers in their own interests. Where social needs, not profits, determine the course of human destiny. Only socialism can provide full employment, equality, and guarantee the civil rights of all workers.

This is not just a fight of the Negro people, nor of any section of the working class, but of all workers. Nor can the struggle be limited to making the Negro worker equal to the Anglo-American worker, thus limiting the drive for liberation to an equality of poverty. The struggle must be seen for what it is, a struggle for complete emancipation of the working class from the shackles of capital.

In the spirit of Negro History Week, 1976, let us prepare to convene an Equal Rights Congress. The first step in the emancipation of the working class, and the soundest counter-offensive to the advancing menace of fascism in the USNA, is the unity of our class in defense of Negro worker. United in struggle, the working class can realize its historic goal. By crushing the forces of fascism, the forces of national liberation and socialism will triumph.

**FREE THE NEGRO NATION!  
REGIONAL AUTONOMY FOR THE  
MEXICAN AND INDIAN PEOPLES!  
EQUAL RIGHTS FOR  
ALL NATIONAL MINORITIES!  
BUILD AN EQUAL RIGHTS CONGRESS**

with concrete issues, people respond. When 70 people come to a meeting in the rain, most not having transportation, it is obvious that they are no longer going to accept these fascist attacks.

This is the mood of millions of workers throughout this country. The crying need of our class is for unity against the fascist drive. The examples of the work of the Equal Rights Council in Venice shows what can and must be done.

Mayor Bradley of Los Angeles has proclaimed February "Afro-American Month". A coalition of organizations, including the Venice Equal Rights Council, is coming together for a demonstration later this month to protest attacks on workers throughout the county. The C.L.P. pledges our unstinting support and urges united struggle around the following demands:

1. Stop Police Brutality and Harassment.
2. Stop Deportations.
3. Support busing and bilingual education.
4. Smash the Klan, Nazis, the Posse and all fascist gangs!
5. Jobs with Peace!
  - a. Extend unemployment benefits
  - b. No welfare cuts.

## WAVE OF TERROR

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any day. It was reversed last summer in an ugly slap in the face to the Negro peoples' drive for equality. If the decision is favorable, L.A. will have the largest busing program ever instituted in the USNA. Even if the decision is favorable it is clear that the struggle for busing and integration has just begun.

In San Diego, police murder of Negro workers continues and recently even the bourgeois press has admitted what many maintained for years: that the federal government through the FBI funded and directed the organization of terrorist right-wing groups

and the killing of Negro activists in the 1960's.

The Ku Klux Klan is openly organizing in the high schools in this border town directing its blows to the Negro and Mexican worker.

The stage is set for such rampant chauvinism and terror in the police departments by LA Police Chief Ed Davis, favorite speaker for the John Birch society, opponent of the principle of "innocent until proven guilty", advocate of a fascist police state and enemy of the Negro and workers of all nationalities.



## EQUAL RIGHTS COUNCIL

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was raised of the importance of uniting the Negro and Mexican national minorities as well as the Anglo-American workers. About 30 to 40 people signed up for a committee to join the city-wide demonstration on Mayor Bradley's office.

The Venice ERC is being formed and developed in struggle. Organizations and individuals will come together in struggle--the struggle to defend the national minorities, the struggle against the state by taking these demands directly to Mayor Bradley.

Workers and organizations around the ERC know now more than ever that when we deal

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gon's Directorate of Military Support.

A full scale assault and massacre was planned. But the USNA government found itself politically isolated—the eyes of the world were on them—and their aggression in Vietnam had been exposed. So they agreed—hypocritically—to a settlement. What took place at Wounded Knee was in essence the testing out of civil war, with the Indian people as guinea pigs. It was a dress rehearsal, with live ammunition, of the military takeover contingency plan outlined in operations "Garden Plot" and "Cable Splicer", recently exposed by congressional investigations of the intelligence agencies.

Since 1973, the murders, beatings and arrests of Indians and Indian activists at Pine Ridge have come mainly from the BIA, the FBI and Tribal Chairman Dick Wilson's "goon squad." Wilson's power comes only from the outside and from the minority of people whose relief from poverty comes by supporting the U.S. sponsored regime on the reservation. With the backing of Washington, the BIA, and with federal grants for such things as "Highway Safety" and "Tribal Rangers", Wilson and his men exercise a dictatorship of terror for the imperialists.

In February, 1975, Wilson's goon squad chased and fired on a van driven by AIM members, threatened with death persons opposed to Wilson's dictatorship, among them two tribal councilmen and Pine Ridge BIA Superintendent Albert Trimble. (Trimble recently defeated Wilson in tribal elections.) The

goons beat up a man in front of the police station, then entered it to use the toilet. Police did nothing.

The same day Wilson's goons shot up an airplane being used by people involved in the Wounded Knee defense team. Also, driving up in a 15 car caravan, they beat up the group hospitalizing two people. In all of this, Wilson's men were arrested only on minor charges, while his opponents faced serious felonies and high bail.

In early March, after a week of shooting incidents, a Wilson supporter was killed. The man arrested for the murder and released on bond, Stacey Cottier, and a friend were shot. The one person who could have established Cottier's innocence of the murder charge was killed, along with her two children, in a truck crash. Survivors said the truck was rammed by the pickup of an Anglo-American farmer accompanied by a member of the goon squad. But police termed it an "accident."

The next day, Jeannette Bissonette, mother of six children and sister-in-law of slain Oglala Sioux civil rights leader Pedro Bissonette was herself the victim of a sniper's bullet. It is believed that the bullet was meant for Ellen Moves Camp, a Wounded Knee activist.

In 1974, there were 23 murders in Pine Ridge. In 1975, the figure leaped to virtually "a murder a week." In March up to two murders a week in a population of 11,000. 26 arrests of AIM adherents occurred in one month, the deaths of six AIM supporters in two weeks.

Buildings and homes have been burned and shot up. In one incident an off-duty BIA policeman wounded five occupants of one building, includ-

ing a three year old boy whose arm was nearly shot off and who was maimed for life. No one was ever arrested for these crimes, though many victims positively identified their assailants. On the other hand, arrests and grand jury subpoenas written out on the spot are a constant threat to those who are for enforcement of the treaties, for self-government and justice.

This is not the full picture of the violence of U.S. imperialism's control of the reservation. The median income of residents of Pine Ridge is \$800 a year. Unemployment on the reservation is 70%. The alcoholism rate is 5 times the national average; tuberculosis claims 15% of the population, 5 times the rate for the rest of the country. Suicides are from 2 to 5 times more frequent on the reservation. One out of three Indian children die before they are one year old.

What's behind this fascist terror against the Indian peoples? Imperialism and its insatiable drive for maximum profits. The goal of the imperialists is to seize the resources of the Indian peoples. Many of the reservations are rich in coal, oil, uranium, and water. Pine Ridge shows that the imperialists will stop at nothing—murder, forced sterilization, imprisonment to accomplish this. Anyone who resists is killed or framed.

The imperialists have now succeeded in leasing out 90% of the Pine Ridge land to ranchers. The BIA—the supposed "protector" of the Indian people—determines what to charge for the leases. So most grazing land is leased for less than \$2 an acre. All the money collected goes to the BIA as trustee. The BIA "gives" it back to the Indians in the

form of foodstamps and welfare. As a result the Pine Ridge Indians live in shacks on welfare while looking out over their vast grazing lands being exploited by capitalists. The Indians have no cattle and no land.

There are no movie houses museums, concert halls, theatres, restaurants, or parks on the Pine Ridge Reservation. In 4,353 square miles there is one public library and one bank. No public transportation exists. The towns which border the reservation

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## PAUL ROBESON

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During the height of the cold war, Joe McCarthy was intimidating huge sections of the progressive community, and the Generals were openly calling for war against the USSR. In this period of hysteria and intimidation Paul Robeson declared to the world that the Negro people would never fight the socialist Soviet Union. Every reactionary attacked him—but it was clear that they took his words to heart and while increasing their terror against the Negro people, they also began to offer bribes in return for patriotism.

In 1953 Robeson was awarded the Stalin Peace prize for his service to mankind.

His book, "Here I Stand" is still a rounded program for the Negro Liberation Movement.

The causes Robeson fought for are too numerous to mention. We can only say that the world, and especially our class would have been poorer had he not been with us. A valiant black man who fought for all humanity, a cultural worker who would interrupt concerts to passionately defend the most humble of the proletariat, a gifted and articulate spokesman for socialism—such a man was Paul Robeson.

Slandered, persecuted and hated by one section of society—loved, respected and followed by another—Paul Robeson was one of those men who have created the political form of the world around us.

Our Party expresses its sorrow and sense of loss upon receiving the news of the death of this great artist, brilliant intellectual, and heroic progressive.

## S.F. HOUSING

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a long term plan of the bourgeoisie, Ex-mayor Joseph Alioto has been busily buying up waterfront property—and has succeeded to a point where he and his family now control virtually the entire shoreline of the city. Their plans include the development of a new "Fishermen's Wharf Jr." in the area of the Hunter's Point Shipyards.

The only thing left to complete is the securing of the hill directly overlooking this area—the Hunter's Point Projects. How can the plan for building a playground for the bourgeoisie be complete with this decrepit center of working class poverty right on top of it? The obvious answer is that it can't be completed, and that's why the city and federal government are trying so desperately to take over the hill. These tenants are very aware of this plan to build up the hill—and they also know that building up the hill means moving the Negro people out. So the Housing Authority has announced plans to tear down a four block radius of the projects

starting April first.

The residents of sector 17A West and East have been ordered to relocate and have been offered \$200.00 for the costs. This "relocation" will mean moving into other projects around the city which have already been abandoned because there is no low cost housing available in the city—and the government isn't building any.

### TENANTS FIGHT BACK

But these tenants are fighting back. A new group, Tenants for Action (TFA), has been formed to organize support. It is important that this struggle receives support from other communities, and especially from the other projects around the city that are faced with a lot of these same poor conditions. The TFA knows that tenants in another section of the projects were offered the same paltry relocation fee and held out for 4,500 dollars per family. The 110 families in section 17A are demanding this same fee. In addition they are demanding that the Housing Authority give them the option of moving back into their own apartments at the same rent once they have been rebuilt—they want this guarantee in writing before they leave.

On February 3 Tenants for Action called a meeting for the tenants to discuss their problems. The meeting was publicly announced and from the outset the Housing Authority's "leader of the projects" stated her intent to disrupt the meeting. She and one of her henchmen did successfully disrupt the meeting by trying to take it over, turn the question into a personal conflict between herself and the leading member of the TFA. Finally, she tried to turn the question into a "racial conflict" blaming "white devils" for the problems of the communities.

The tenants at the meeting did however recognize the TFA as the real leadership in the community that really represented their interests and not those of the Housing Authority. The workers elected the TFA to represent them.

It is clear that the bourgeoisie and their henchmen are terrified of any united action of the working class and so they use every trick they can think of to divide us and keep us fighting each other. For years they have been using the divisions between the Anglo-American workers and the national minority workers and even among

the national minorities to isolate these struggles and destroy them one by one.

They tell the Negro community we don't have enough funds for you because the Mexican and Spanish speaking community took them, and they tell the Mexican and Spanish speaking community that the Negroes took all the funds.

But unity is being built in San Francisco despite these tricks of the capitalists. In the Mexican and Spanish speaking community, the Mission Childcare Consortium Unemployment Committee is lending their support for the rights of the Hunter's Point residents for equality and decent housing. They are fighting with the TFA to help them win their just demands.

This important action lays the basis for uniting the different grass root community organizations that are struggling for equality and justice.

The Communist Labor Party calls on all workers to support the struggle for decent housing and relocation rights of the workers in the Hunter's Point Projects.

BUILD THE EQUAL RIGHTS CONGRESS

## RODINO BILL

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\$120 a month for a six day week, with 23% making still less.

Mexico's economy is dominated by the same huge capitalists that exploit workers here. As a result of this extreme poverty Mexican workers are forced to come here to feed their starving families. Once here, they, along with the Negro national minority, are forced into the worst jobs, lowest pay, with the most atrocious hours and conditions. They pay taxes but are denied social services

### RODINO BILL ATTACKS ALL

Actually, the purpose behind the Rodino Bill is to drive down the standard of living and strip away the rights of the entire working class by isolating and attacking those most vulnerable--the undocumented workers.

In reality, any worker who "looks foreign" or has an accent would be subject to harassment under the Rodino Bill. Since the USNA is a country of immigrants", any worker with a dark skin would be discriminated against and denied work. All workers would be subject to extensive I.D. checks. Past practice under California's old "Dixon Arnett Bill" shows that especially Mexican national minority workers and even many Negro national minority workers --on the basis of looking Haitian or Jamaican --were harassed or denied jobs

Everywhere the working class is feeling the pinch of this economic crisis. Workers across the country are beginning to stir and express their anger. Workers are resisting cutbacks in foodstamps, unemployment, welfare; thousands are protesting education cuts, worsening health care, and all forms of attacks on national minorities. Contracts are up this year for 4.5 million workers and militant struggle is the order of the day.

## ANGOLA

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cruited in Washington, D.C. received a commitment from CORE for transportation to Angola.

South African regular troops are in Angola and contrary to published reports are being told to remain there by the USNA. In fact, thousands more troops are being mobilized in South Africa for possible further intervention. The South African controlled state of Namibia, which borders on the south of Angola, has been put on war footing. Zaire continues to be a base of operations for interventionist forces.

The U.S. imperialists interests in Angola go far beyond the wealth of even that rich country. The imperialists are fighting to save their interests in the oil, diamond, and gold-rich African continent. A

But no struggle can be won, nothing significant can really be accomplished by the working class when it is divided and fighting itself. Unfortunately, the bourgeoisie knows this better than we do. The millions of dollars spent by them to convince the working class that undocumented workers are the cause of unemployment and now the Rodino Bill, attest well to this fact.

The low wages paid the undocumented worker will go still lower under the Bill and will drag down the wages of all. If the Rodino Bill passes trade unions can be busted, strikes of all workers broken, under the disguise of "checking" for undocumented workers. Job security would be so shaky for so many workers that no real united and militant struggle could be waged. More speed-ups would occur and conditions would deteriorate still further. The only alternative for the working class is to organize and fight side by side with the undocumented worker against the evils of capitalism.

### POLICE STATE THREATENED

Practically speaking, in order for the government to enforce the Rodino Bill all residents of the USNA would have to carry I.D. cards. Mrs. Francis Knight, head of the Passport Department of the Department of Justice recently proposed the use of an internal passport system to be used by all persons in this country. This policy is identical to that of the fascist apartheid system of South Africa where the government knows everything about everyone at all times.

Passage of the Rodino Bill would turn the population of this country into agents and informers, where no one would be free of suspicion or harassment. In 1798 opponents of the first U.S. anti-alien law ominously warned: "the country will swarm with informers and all . . . who breed in the sunshine of des-

revolutionary, liberated, socialist Angola would be a severe blow to imperialism's huge interests in South Africa, Namibia, Zaire and Rhodesia. Over 400 U.S. companies as well as G.M., Chrysler, and Ford have huge operations in South Africa alone.

It is for these reasons that massive U.S. intervention of one kind or another is a real threat. The imperialists may resort to another Vietnam unless the working class and progressive forces of this country demand no aid or intervention in Angola or Africa. Join with the coalitions fighting against U.S. intervention in Angola. Pressure your Congressmen. Demand:

NO AID OR INTERVENTION  
IN ANGOLA OR AFRICA!!

MERCENARIES OUT OF ANGOLA!!

RECOGNIZE THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA!!

potic power." In 1972, Rep. Eilberg, an author and supporter of the Rodino Bill stated that all citizens, i.e., the doctor, the milkman would have the responsibility of turning in the "illegal."

So we can see that the Rodino Bill, directed at the undocumented worker is aimed at us all.

### "ANTI-ALIEN" HISTORY

This is the way the bourgeoisie has always moved. Single out one section of the class for attack, then attack the whole class. The bourgeoisie has a long history of blaming the ills of society and especially unemployment on "aliens."

After stealing the Southwest from Mexico in the war of 1848, the capitalists imported thousands of Chinese to work the fields and mines and build the railroads. When the depression hit in the 1890's, anti-Chinese hysteria was whipped up, blaming the Chinese for lack of jobs. Laws prohibiting Chinese immigration were passed and vigilantes expelled Chinese from their jobs. The result was that the wages of the entire class fell and conditions worsened for all. The same for the 1920's. The bourgeoisie whipped up "anti-alien" feelings which resulted in the infamous "Palmer Raids." This was used as an excuse to attack the growing trade union movement for which the labor movement suffered a great setback.

During the depression of the 1930's deportations were increased and the government's "Operation Wetback" during the 1950's recession resulted in

2,000 deportations daily. "Operation Wetback" coincided with the capitalists' vicious attack on the trade union, anti-war and other working class struggles.

The capitalists were able to succeed with these attacks because they were able to divide and confuse the working class. Let us not let this happen again! The working class must unite to stop the Rodino Bill. Pressure must be placed on government officials, petitions, letters and demonstrations must be used to take the issue to the working class.

Various steps can be taken. In place of the Rodino Bill demand from Congress immediate and unconditional amnesty for all undocumented workers. Demand an end to all deportations and the abolition of the border patrol and Immigration and Naturalization Service (MIGRA). The borders must be opened and workers allowed free passage. We must demand of our trade unions that they come out against the Bill. The unions must organize the undocumented workers so that the working class can fight in a unified and militant fashion. Jobs for all at the expense of the military budget!

Join with the many organizations and coalitions that have come together to fight the Rodino Bill.

One of the clarion calls of the growing movement to unite the different organizations fighting for equal rights must be:  
STOP THE RODINO BILL!  
NO DEPORTATIONS!  
JOBS WITH PEACE!

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are ramshackle collections of bars, liquor stores and gas pumps.

The Oglala people, the Lakots, like Indians in every part of the USNA--from movements of thousands on the reservations to small groups--many even "officially" unrecognized by the federal government--are fighting for their land and resources, their culture, their freedom of religion, their right to govern themselves. This is their absolute right. Unless the working class of the

USNA supports this right, we set ourselves up to suffer the fate we abandon them to--unemployment, death, war and slavery.

A debt is owed to the Indian people and to history. We must begin to repay that debt by raising our voices in support of Dennis Banks, in support of the Indian peoples' demand for recognition of their treaty rights, the abolition of the BIA, for an end to murder and violence against them, and for self-government. These demands for land and equality are best summed up in our determined fight for Regional Autonomy for the Indian peoples!

## GUATEMALA

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health care, food, clothing and shelter. Only socialism can make it possible to avoid and mitigate such tragedies as the Guatemalan earthquake.

The hearts and hands of the USNA working class go out to the suffering Guatemalan people. In the shadow of this calamity, let us renew our determination to do away with, once and for all, the vicious USNA state, hangman of world revolution on whose hands is the blood of the Guatemalan people.

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A BIRD THAT LAYS SUCH ROTTEN EGGS  
IS LONG OVERDUE FOR EXTINCTION

