

# GENERAL STRIKE!

## San Francisco

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Families and co-workers of murdered miners at Kentucky disaster site.

## MURDER IN THE MINES

### KKK Threatens Bessie

On March 9th at 12 pm the Blue Diamond Coal Company murdered 15 miners at its Letcher County, Kentucky, Scotia Mine. Knowing full well that the mine contained large amounts of deadly methane gas, the profit-hungry capitalists sent 150 miners to work anyway. The miners were sent in just hours after the Scotia mine owners had received warnings from federal inspectors that the mine was too gassy to be worked in. (Any mine with 1% methane level is considered too dangerous to be worked. This mine had an 8% methane level and yet the miners were forced to work anyway).

Surviving miners said that their brothers were sent to weld under these conditions, and that a spark from the welder had set off the series of explosions which ripped up steel tracks miles from the site of the explosion. 9 men died instantly. 6

suffocated behind a barrier thrown up to protect them from the smoke from the blast.

Knowing full well that the blood of the miners was on their greedy hands, the capitalists had the Kentucky State Police confiscate the film of newspaper photographers. News film was released only after Blue Diamond 'ok'd it.

But if this wasn't enough on Thursday, a second explosion killed 8 more miners and

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## HANDS OFF CUBA!

In the last issue of the Western Worker, Kissinger's trip to Latin America and the building of an anti-Cuba alliance was reported. Since that time it has become apparent that the US is intent on punishing Cuba for its support of the MPLA in Angola and the national liberation movements in Africa. The imperialists' drive toward war is exemplified on the international scene by Ford "scrapping" the word detente in favor of "peace through strength," and his trip to China, which signified the further development of the anti-Soviet alliance.

Kissinger in a speech in Dallas on March 22, has threatened Cuba with retaliation if it continues to support the struggles in Africa against apartheid and colonialism. The Washington Star also reported that the Pentagon has laid plans to invade Cuba if it continues on this path.

Our government and the big banks of this country are determined to stop the advance of the revolutions in Africa and Latin America. With the coup d'etat in Argentina, the Argentinian people face undisguised terror, violence and oppression. There is no doubt that the US government, through its many arms, was instrumental in the overthrow of Mrs. Peron, and the establishment of the military junta. The two continents, Africa and Latin America are huge reserves of political, economic and military strength for the ruling class.

Latin America in particular, has always been the "backyard" of the imperialist strength. From their stepping stone in the Negro Nation and Puerto Rico, the US imperialists conquered Latin America almost one

GENERAL STRIKE! Not since 1934 has there been a general strike. But every worker knows why this call is being made today. There is hardly a person who is not feeling the effects of sharp attacks on our standard of living.

The situation in San Francisco, as well as the whole country is becoming deplorable for the working class. There is 11% unemployment in this city. As the unemployment benefit funds go dry, the welfare department is making tremendous cut-backs. Child-care through Title 20 is also being cut. Rents in the city are skyrocketing. A four room apartment in the Mission District rents anywhere from \$185-\$250!

Workers in Hunters Point are being thrown out of public housing with no place to go, while homeowners are threatened with increased property taxes (and it was just raised 69¢ per \$100 assessed value).

And yet we are told by the capitalists to keep tightening our belts! WE are blamed for the crisis of the cities. And, right now they are blaming the city workers.

Since March 31, the 1900 "crafts" workers (a majority are semi-skilled and unskilled workers) employed by the city of San Francisco have been on strike. Salary negotiations with City Hall had broken down over the issues of pay-cuts, a "no strike" agreement, and a daily lay-off option. "Muni" (the municipal transit system) has been shut down by the strike after bus drivers voted unanimously to honor the picket lines. Meanwhile thousands of other city workers are still on the job because their unions have settled for meagre wage increases. And now, the executive committee of the San Francisco Labor Council has called for a general strike.

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## FATE OF BUSING: PASADENA

Workers and progressives of Pasadena have fought for years for the implementation and defense of the Pasadena School Integration Program. In the last few years, the bourgeoisie has launched a massive campaign to destroy this busing program, and wipe out the hard-won gains of the Negro and Mexican national minority. The pro-busing forces are on the defensive. Despite a valiant try, they barely lost a recent campaign to recall the reactionary Pasadena Board of Education, and the forces of reaction like the Nazi Party and the John Birch Society are gaining momentum.

When the Supreme Court begins hearings on the "Pasadena Integration Plan" on April 24, they will be deciding the fate, not only of Pasadena's plan, but of busing programs throughout the whole country.

Many people have been confused about the busing issue by propaganda which has said "Busing doesn't work" or "Busing causes violence" or "It is better to spend more money on segregated neighborhood schools". In every case Pasadena has proved the opposite. Continued on Page 9

## TERROR AT THE BORDER

In the past month, we have seen a vicious intensification of the attacks against the Mexican national worker on the part of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and outright fascist gangs.

The INS has carried out deportation raids at NAASCO and many of the factories in San Diego. The number of INS agents here has doubled. The result has been that thousands of workers have been deported.

### Terrorist Gangs

In the last 2 weeks terrorist gangs, both Anglo-American and Mexican national minority have attacked the vulnerable Mexican national workers as they cross the border. The gangs have robbed, insulted, kidnapped, and then raped the women.

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Longshore

RANK-AND-FILE ON MOVE

On February 21, longshoremen from ports up and down the west coast held a workshop in Wilmington, Calif. The basis of the workshop, called by the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) Local 13, was the fact that the employers association, the Pacific Maritime Assoc., and the international union leadership colluded to change last year's contract in mid stream.

ILWU Int'l. President Harry Bridges and the PMA changed an important section of the contract without consulting the rank and file nor the local leadership. The Pay Guarantee Plan (PGP) is similar to the autoworkers Supplemental Unemployment Benefits (SUB) Fund where the longshoremen are guaranteed work or an income if laid off. By changing the hours test which determined the amount of the PGP the workers could get, hundreds if not thousands of longshoremen would be eliminated from their right to collect their guarantee.

Even worst, within 9 months, many injured, sick and older longshoremen could lose a year's eligibility towards their pensions. They could lose their vacations and health and welfare benefits. While Bridges and the companies were forced to temporarily suspend this new hours test, over 50% of San Francisco's Local 10 longshoremen are reported to have already lost their vacations for this year.

SAN FRANCISCO

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During last August's police and firefighters strike, the City's Board of Supervisors was able to capitalize on the

The Communist Labor Party and Western Worker pledge our complete support for the San Francisco strike. We recognize the great significance of this strike. It represents an organized upsurge of the working class against the menacing increase in the fascist danger. We call on all our readers in the West to rally to the support of the San Francisco strikers. Workers! Organize strike support in your trade unions and communities. Let the strike represent the beginning of a coordinated working class mobilization during this period of major contract battles.

voters' resentment against the strikers and so, during the November election, secured easy passage of a City Charter amendment outlawing future strikes by these workers. The Board of Supervisors has learned its lessons well.

This June a Charter amendment will be on the ballot

The PGP, which the longshoremen fought for in last year's contract struggle, is being used against them, in the form of wage cuts, losing control over their hiring hall, etc.

The workshop was a response to the growing attack by the company and the international leadership on the daily conditions of the longshoremen. It was attended by officers and rank and filers from Seattle, San Francisco, Stockton, Sacramento and Los Angeles. San Francisco, Seattle and Los Angeles represent 60% of the membership of the longshore division on the west coast.

The main topics of discussion were around the inequalities of the PGP, the need to develop a program in the interests of the longshoremen and the fight for jobs. The following is the proposal which came out of the workshop:

WORKSHOP PROPOSAL FOR A COASTWIDE CONFERENCE

The overall resolution of the workshop was to call for a coastwide conference of the longshore division (not a caucus) to discuss and propose action around the direction of the union and the contract. The conference would be a rank and file conference open to all members on the coast.

The main aspect of the conference should be to key in on the question of jobs. Various examples were given at the workshop that should be used as a guide line-a) Equalization of earnings or work op-

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to outlaw strikes by anyone working for the city. It seems clear that City Hall has intentionally provoked this strike by dragging its feet on salary negotiations. (The unions first presented their proposals last December). The Board is hoping that such a situation will help them win passage of the June amendment and further divide the working class.

But why are the "crafts" who are among the city's highest paid workers being singled out and forced to strike? Because their unions have traditionally been the financial and electoral backbone of the San Francisco labor movement. It is a simple fact that if the Board of Supervisors feels free to treat the "crafts" workers like dirt, no San Francisco union will be safe.

This is why its crucial to see this strike in political and not just economic terms. Because of the political position of the "crafts" a cut in their pay makes it much more likely that the pay of other city workers will be trimmed next time around. And any worker who thinks that the money taken from the "crafts" employees will end up in his pocket is in for a big suprise. We literally cannot afford to let the "crafts" workers be isolated.

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EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

SOCIALISM: FOR THOSE WHO LOVE THEIR COUNTRY

In the United States of North America (USNA) there are many misconceptions about socialism. The capitalist class of this country does everything in its power to paint socialist countries as "evil" places where there is misery, where the people are powerless and hungry, where there is no progress for the people.

Yet these anti-communists are the same ones that ordered the murder of millions in Viet Nam; that are openly planning to invade Cuba today; that support the expansion of a military budget that maintains over 2,000 military bases abroad; that oppose programs for the unemployed and poverty stricken worker at home; that fully support the fascist murderers ruling Brazil, Argentina, Chile, South Africa, South Korea, etc.

So let us compare, using facts, how people live in a socialist country and how they live in a colony of U.S. imperialism. We'll use Cuba and Mexico as our examples. The facts quoted are the World Book Encyclopedia (1976 Edition).

MEXICO

Mexico is a neo-colony of the USNA. The US imperialists dominate and control Mexico's economy. US imperialism indirectly controls the government through Mexican rulers who are in the economic and political pay of US imperialism.

Mexico is an extremely rich country in natural resources. It is 17 times larger than Cuba and has 6 times as many people (60.2 to 9.5 million). In Mexico, many valuable minerals are found in abundance and are presently being exploited; large deposits of petroleum are present; one fifth of the land is covered by forest rich in timber; it has excellent fishing waters; and it has abundant farmland. Yet Mexico's riches and peoples are exploited by US imperialism. Mexico's wealth is extracted for the benefit of a handful of imperialists - leaving Mexico's people poverty stricken. Cont. on page 10

CUBA

Prior to 1959: Cuba was a colony of the USNA. Its economy and government were fully controlled by the US imperialists. As a result, 30-50% unemployment existed; each year one million children went without school (2/3 of the children had no primary school to attend); five million of the six million Cubans did not own homes and lived in 'bohios' (huts) without light, water or sewage; 43% of adults were illiterate; some beaches and hotels were off limits to Cubans so they could be used only by wealthy Anglo-Americans and Europeans; corruption in government was rampant; etc., etc.

Now let's see how conditions have changed since the Revolution:

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URGENT!

ATTENTION!

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TO ALL PEOPLE

WHO HELP OBTAIN JUSTICE FOR FARM WORKERS

The Western Worker is re-printing this important appeal from the Texas Farm Workers Union. Often fighting virtually alone, the Union is battling against staggering odds in the drive to organize Texas farmworkers.

The citrus harvest is over and so therefore is the strike reported in the last Western Worker. But the message of the appeal still rings out loud and clear. The farmworkers are re-grouping and getting ready for the coming melon harvest which should start in the middle of May.

The valiant cause of the Texas farmworkers must be taken up as the cause of the whole working class. Workers-farmworkers and urban workers-do everything in your power to aid this struggle. We cannot let the capitalists crush it!

Dear Supporter:

As you all know we are presently in the midst of a strike against the local citrus industry. To date we have been very successful in getting people to leave the orchards and support the strike. There hasn't been one crew that hasn't walked out.

But a strike is an expensive endeavor and our funds are rapidly disappearing. We need your help for it is only through the aid of our urban supporters that we can win our struggle and bring justice to the fields of Texas.

We need your financial support as well as food and clothing for the people that join us on the picket line. These people make a tremendous sacrifice when they leave their jobs to strike, help us feed their families.

Please send donations of money, food and clothing to:

Texas Farm Workers' Union P.O. Box 876 San Juan, Texas 78589 or call, Tele. 512 - 787-5984

Thank you for your help and someday Peace will be among us.

VIVA LA HUELGA

Antonio Orendain

# SUPPORT THE MOLDERS' STRIKE

**STRIKE.** Three thousand foundry workers in Northern California, Oregon and Washington went out on an important strike last week, after rejecting company offers for a new contract. The multinational foundry workers, represented by the Molders and Allied Workers Union, face a potentially long and bitter strike. They deserve the unflinching support of all workers.

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Area foundry workers have been leading the drive for the three-state strike and for democracy within the union. The foundries within the East Bay are at least 60% national minority workers who are among the lowest paid industrial workers in the country. Wages range from helpers at \$4.11 per hour to crane operators at \$4.72 per hour and molders (skilled workers) at \$5.86 per hour.

Foundry workers are important to capitalism. They are part of the backbone of this country. By producing the means of production, they enable factories, mines and mills to operate and produce.

The capitalist class has made it clear that they plan

to pin workers against the wall in this year of major contract disputes. The Molders and other contracts were negotiated during Nixon's wage freeze. Now the capitalists are united in their drive for more productivity off the backs of the working class.

More productivity out of us means more profits for the capitalist class. For workers more productivity means longer hours, longer weeks and murderous speedup. This means more injuries. For foundry workers third degree burns, crushed limbs and amputations are common. Currently one out of every three full-time foundry workers will be injured every year and one in a thousand die.

But the foundry workers are fighting back against the capitalist class. The striking foundry workers have been struggling hard for the past few months to unite their ranks and make their International union leadership toe the line and follow their militant lead. One of the first ground rules for negotiations set by the International was the mail-in ballot. This is directly

contrary to the Union Constitution that requires votes to be held at meetings.

Local 164, which represents 1,000 workers in 28 Bay Area foundries, voted 139-4 to reject the mail-in ballot. The workers organized and threatened an injunction. The International maneuvered and ended up forcing this rule on the rank-and-file.

At a strike meeting held earlier in the Oakland Labor Temple workers packed the hall and booed down the proposals by the capitalists, represented by California Metal Trades Association. The union leadership could only offer a few weak proposals and the workers were temporarily disoriented because they would have to work without a contract.

Despite the maneuvers by the CMTA and certain union officials, the workers voted to strike through the mail-in-ballot. The negotiating committee did not make a recommendation, but rank-and-file members of the committee urged workers to vote no if they were prepared to strike.

Along with wage, cost of living and health and dental plan demands, foundry work-

ers are fighting for plant-wide seniority and against speedups and for better health and safety.

The acceleration of the fascist drive against our class requires the unity of all workers - Anglo-American and national minority, young and old, urban and rural, men and women, employed and unemployed, union and unorganized.

Especially important is the unity among the rank-and-file of the different unions. This can provide a big push for the whole working class movement against capital.

The bourgeoisie's assault absolutely demands that all workers support the foundry workers strike. Millions of their fellow workers have contracts coming up soon and millions of other workers face speed-up, unemployment, and harassment. The capitalists are discussing eliminating the minimum wage law for many workers.

Workers must recognize that the foundry workers struggle is no different from that of the farmworkers of California and Texas, the cane cutters of Louisiana, the

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## SALINAS WORKERS PROTEST CLOSING HEALTH CENTER

The working class of Salinas, unable to pay thousands of dollars for health care, must go to the county hospital, Natividad Medical Center. The private hospitals in town won't let you in the front door without money in your hand.

The Board of Supervisors of Monterey County has long wanted to close down the county hospital or transform it into a private facility, since the private interests the Board represents aren't making enough profits there. The workers' fight to keep Natividad a fully operating public hospital has exposed the relationship between the county government and the bourgeoisie that seeks private ownership of the hospital. One of the members of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Ed Norris, is administrator and part owner of one of the private hospitals in town, which will gain if the public hospital is closed.

This struggle has exposed the county government -- they reserve democracy for the rich and systematically crush the rights of workers and progressives to participate in public affairs. Especially, they have tried to keep the Mexican national minority and Mexican national workers from being heard, and have attempted to divide workers of different nationalities by language.

In February when the Monterey County Board of Supervisors proposed closing down the hospital by 1980, and beginning immediately to shut down essential services, such

as obstetrics and the emergency ward, over 300 angry workers jammed the Supervisors' chambers to demand that Natividad be kept open. A number of organizations joined together in the Save Natividad Committee, to continue the struggle to stop this direct fascist attack on the hospital workers' jobs and the health care of the working class.

In response to demands, the Board of Supervisors scheduled a public hearing on March 6. Despite promises to hold the hearing in a large place, to publicize it, and to provide good translation, the Board initially scheduled the meeting at a place even smaller than their chambers. MECHA, the Chicano Concern Patrol, the United Farmworkers, the Communist Labor Party and other organizations and individuals forced them to change the hearing to an auditorium, but the Board still refused to publicize it.

At the hearing itself, they only provided translation at the back of the room. Led by workers in the UFW, angry workers and progressives denounced this crude attempt to segregate the meeting, and forced the Board to move the translators to the front of the room so all the speeches were presented clearly in English and Spanish.

Over fifty (50) speakers representing a broad spectrum of the Salinas working class and progressives spoke out to demand that Natividad remain "open, public, and intact":

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## FITZSIMMONS SELLS OUT TEAMSTERS

After just 3 days of the first nationwide Teamster strike, a "tentative agreement" was reached between International Brotherhood of Teamsters President Frank Fitzsimmons and owners of the trucking industry. Most of the 450,000 truck drivers, whose contract expired

The Teamsters are going back to basically the same kind of conditions that existed before the strike - except for a few cents more in take-home pay. Almost every teamster can smell the rottenness of another sell-out! This contract struggle from beginning to end, was



April 1st, are back to work. As of this writing, however, a number of Teamsters in 11 Western states are still honoring the picket lines of 1200 members of the International Association of Machinists (IAM) who are striking 21 trucking lines. Also not back to work, in addition to the countless number of illegally fired strikers, are those in jail for their defense of their strike and the union members killed on their own strike lines.

prepared and led by the giant trucking monopolies in collusion with their \$150,000 a year man Fitzsimmons.

No sooner had the strike began when Fitzsimmons gave the green light to local IBT leaders that the International would encourage interim agreements or a "me-too" situation, where selected freight carriers who would agree to the union's last offer would be allowed to operate while the other companies were on strike.

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## WHAT MAKES REAGAN RUN?

WHO IS RONALD REAGAN?

Ronald Reagan on TV again. But this time he's not on the late show, not on GE Theatre or Death Valley Days host. Now, as winner of the North Carolina presidential primary. Californians know him as the Goldwater supporter who spent eight years as governor of that state, serving the bankers, industrialists and oil companies well and earning the hatred of the majority of workers and progressives. How did the star of "Bedtime for Bonzo" rise to such prominence, even to the threshold of the presidency?

Beginning as an "F.D.R. Democrat" Reagan used his acting career as a launch pad to the presidency of the Screen Actor's Guild. During the height of the McCarthy anti-communist pogrom, Reagan assisted the House UnAmerican Activities Committee in ruthlessly purging the Screen Actors Guild of all left-leaning progressives. There is a distinct ring of McCarthyism in Reagan's present attacks on Kissinger - an arch reactionary in his own right.

In 1954, Reagan began his career as "corporate ambassador" for General Electric Co., a cornerstone of the Morgan financial grouping. Ousted from the leadership of Wall Street by the Rockefeller interests, Morgan moved steadily toward the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), where their giant industrials were welcomed with open arms.

In the eight years from 1954-1962, Reagan toured 135 G.E. plants and spoke to over 250,000 workers. Reagan wasn't only selling light-bulbs - he was selling the National Association of Manufacturers.

During this period Reagan characterized himself as a "Democrat for Eisenhower" and later, for Nixon. He openly

emerged as a Republican in 1964. "I didn't leave the Democratic Party," Reagan explained, "The Democratic Party left me."

During the 1964 presidential election, Reagan campaigned as a "Goldwater conservative." When they failed to put Goldwater in the White House, G.E. and the NAM groomed Reagan to succeed where Goldwater had failed.

The original "Republicans for Reagan" committee was headed up by a cabal of right-wing reactionaries closely connected with the John Birch Society and the NAM. This committee included officers of Union Oil, Rockwell International (major defense and arms producers), Litton Industries and the Bank of America. The same interests who backed Goldwater in '64 threw all their weight behind Reagan in the 1966 California Governor's race.

It was common knowledge during that election that Reagan was supported by the Birch Society and that he refused to openly repudiate them. Rep. John Rousselot, a well-known Bircher and member of the California House of Representatives, received wide public attention for his famous question to Reagan - "Do you want us to support you or stone you which will do the most good?"

In his campaign Reagan opposed Social Security, the progressive income tax, Medicare, the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Act of 1964, public housing and federal aid to education and favored declaring war on Vietnam so that anti-war demonstrations could be treated as treasonable offenses.

He saw the "Communist threat" as the # 1 problem facing the US and stated "[the Communist leaders] have not retreated one inch from world revolution...The split in the Communist camp doesn't give me much comfort. The

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## SENATOR FROM BOEING

Meet Henry Jackson - the Senator from Boeing. Four years ago, voters across the country had asked, "... who?" during the 1972 contest for a Democratic Presidential candidate, Henry Jackson had the advantage of the best-financed campaign. Yet he met humiliating defeat in primary after primary, and finally bowed out before the Democratic Party Convention in August of that year. Jackson has spent the 4 years since making himself known to the public. With his victory in the Massachusetts primary, he proclaimed himself the candidate of the people. In reality he is a powerful politician and master demagogue who would serve his master well - and in doing so usher in fascism. Who are his masters? These are the questions we will answer.

Jackson hails from Washington state. He served in the House of Representatives from 1940 to 1952, and has been a Senator since then. Jackson has rewarded Washington state - the capitalists, that is - for their unlimited campaign funds by pouring billions of government dollars into the industries and banks of the northwest.

A look at the 1972 contributions to Jackson's campaign will show just how much a "man of the people" he really is: Gulf Oil, \$10,000 illegal contribution; Amerada Hess (oil), \$250,000; Dwane Andreas (agribusiness), \$25,000; Rapid American (garment and beverage mfg.), \$100,000; not to mention the secret money never reported from Victor Carter (L.A. "philanthropist", director of the United California Bank, and sits on the board of the Southern California Rapid Transit District), and the Boeing Co.; and fundraising efforts by Simpson Reed Timber and Weyhauser Lumber which in one night alone netted Jackson \$200,000. Jackson was the only Democratic Party candidate for president who refused to disclose who his contributors were before the 1971 campaign disclosure law went into effect. So in reality these known contributions represent the tip of the iceberg. This year, Jackson has again entered the presidential race with the richest war chest.

These are Jackson's masters - a consortium of petroleum and energy industries, aerospace, timber and agriculture - the four main component parts of the northwest economy. But through interlocking directorships and common stock these "northwest industries" are in fact rigidly integrated into the entire national economy. Jackson's politics are intimately connected to the interest of those capitalists whose investments are mostly concentrated in industry inside the USNA. He built his political career serving the men who make their living by the rape of our land, the sweat off our backs, and plunder of the world's people.

How does Jackson serve? After 36 years in Congress he is one of the most powerful senators in the USNA, and in the best position to steer more profits into the coffers of the bourgeoisie. He is a member of the Armed Services Committee in the Senate. He is chairman of the sub-committee on SALT. He is top advisor on military applications of nuclear power to the joint committee on Atomic Energy. He is the ranking majority member of the Senate Government Operations Committee. He sits on the Permanent

Investigations Committee (he joined during the infamous McCarthy era) and the National Security Committee, and is chairman of International Operations. He is also chairman of the senate committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Jackson holds power - he knows how to get it and how to use it.

**Generalissimo Jackson**

Because Jackson has been such a vocal spokesman against detente, we should examine his record on and ties to the military. Then we may understand why cars in Washington sport the bumper sticker: "Henry Jackson has a Military Industrial Complex."

Most rats will flee a sinking ship. Not "Scoop." In the final days of the Vietnam War, Jackson was one of the few who advocated continued aggression, long after most "hawks" hypocritically argued that continued support of the Thieu regime was worthless. He was among the few die-hards who were still voting to bomb Cambodia after the last POW had returned. He urged on the imperialist plunder using every lie and distortion possible. If the USNA was to be the savior of democracy, "We must pay the price," he argued. Hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese and US men dead are the price tag Scoop Jackson delivered history.

Fascist Admiral Rickover and retired Air Force General Schriever both regard Jackson as a prime architect of USNA strategic power. From 1961 when he voted against Kennedy's proposal for an Arms Control and Disarmament agency to 1972, when he opposed the SALT talks with Moscow, Jackson has sided with the most reactionary anti-Soviet bourgeois and military leaders, who serve as the backbone of anti-detente agitation in this country at this time. Jackson has served his masters, especially Boeing and other military contractors more dependent on war for profits, extremely well. His power in the Senate, through the various committees, is such that he can make or break military commanders and forced at least one admiral into early retirement.

Much of Jackson's power in the Senate is a direct result of his personal and political friendship with Nixon. During the 1972 presidential elections, the campaign contributors of both read as identical lists. When Nixon gained office he tried twice to take Jackson into his cabinet, once as Secretary of Defense and once as Secretary of State. Shrewd Jackson turned these offers down in favor of one which increased his senate power: (unofficial) floor manager for Nixon's defense budget requests in Congress. This brought about the largest "peacetime" military budgets in the USNA history. Nixon appointed James Schlesinger as Secretary of Defense on the advice of Jackson. The point is, while a Wallace or Reagan can rant and rave about this country's "second rate" military power, Jackson has done more to militarize this country than almost any man in government today.

**Pentagon Populist**

How does Jackson hope to capture the presidency with such an offensive history of war mongering and wasteful defense spending? He has tried to emphasize his "liberal" domestic policies.

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## S.F. WORKERS FIGHT EVICTIONS

The struggle of the tenants in the Hunters Point Housing Project in Hunters Point, San Francisco has taken a rugged turn. The capitalists and their tools - the city and federal government - desperately want the hill where these projects are located.

In February, over 200 Negro national minority tenants met at George Washington Carver School demanding guarantees that they would not be displaced. Walter Scott, representative of the City's Housing Authority, made empty promises of temporary housing adjacent to the projects. A speaker from Mayor Moscone's office hypocritically promised that "This is a new day at City Hall and your voice is going to be heard" - then urged the workers to drop their "impossible" demands!

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## 10,000 Signatures For CLP

As of the printing of this paper, which marks the halfway point in the struggle to put the Communist Labor Party on the ballot in the state of Michigan, we have accumulated approximately 10,000 signatures. We are well below the needed 25,000 if we are to reach our goal of 50,000 by April 30. We salute the valiant efforts of our comrades and friends who have spent countless hours canvassing neighborhoods, holding rallies at factory gates and speaking at numerous mass organizations. As the campaign continues the lofty ideals of socialism are being carried to the working class.

But time is rapidly passing. The deadline steadily approaches. We call once again to all comrades and friends, workers and progressive people - the struggle to put the CLP on the ballot is also your struggle. Send resolutions of support, letters and contributions to:

CLP Ballot Registration Campaign  
%People's Tribune  
P.O. Box 3774  
Chicago, Ill. 60654

## SELF CRITICISM

As pointed out in criticisms received from our readers, the Western Worker article, "Malpractice Hoax" Western Worker Vol III # 2 had a number of weaknesses. We welcome these criticisms and encourage all our readers to make suggestions and criticize the Western Worker so that our Party can develop the kind of press that becomes a real tribune of the people and is able to lead the working class along the road to socialism.

We are printing the following criticism because we think it clearly states the main errors of the "Malpractice" article and presents the correct proletarian point of view on an issue of vital concern to the working class.

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## LA YOUTH "shot down like a dog"

It is late at night - you are 16-year old Barry Evans, a young Negro national minority worker from the Pacoima ghetto in Los Angeles. You are well-known as a community leader. Only recently you wrote a high school paper criticizing the police and other government agencies for their lack of concern for the rights of poor people in the United States. It is late at night as you walk through the housing projects and are met by two L.A. policemen. And as witnesses watch horrified, you are clubbed to the ground, and as one witness put it - "Shot down like a dog." Barry Evans - another victim of Los Angeles police violence.

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The sun is setting as you, Jimmy Blando, a young Mexican national minority worker from L.A.'s Pico Union District, step into a supermarket to make an urgent call. In fact, you are calling the L.A. Police Department because you are concerned for your safety. As you wait for the police to arrive, you purchase a small pocketknife for protection.

But when the police arrive, you panic, you run down the street and the cops shoot you in the leg. You limp forward and finally stop under a street light at Pico & Hoover streets. But when the cops catch up to you, the officer empties six bullets into your body. The officer then reloads his revolver and pumps another six rounds into your already lifeless flesh. As witnesses watch on in horror, the cops handcuff you, step on your face and tell you not to move. Jimmy Blando - a troubled young worker who sought protection from the police - only to have them gun him down in the street.

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These stories are terrible - but true. They happen every day in Los Angeles. In the last year and a half over 75 civilians were killed by the infamous LAPD. Chief Edward Davis, a member of the John Birch Society, has declared the 7,000 man Los Angeles police force to be judge, jury and executioner for the working class youth of Los Angeles and especially for the Negro and Mexican national minority youth.

The two cold-blooded murders described above were only two among a dozen such killings which brought together over 150 people at a mass meeting against police brutality at the L.A. Inner City Cultural Center on March 19. In a real show of class solidarity workers and youth from all over L.A. County, of all nationalities came together to discuss what could be done to end these killings and bring the cops to justice.

At the end of the meeting at least a dozen different defense committees joined together to form C.A.P.A. - the Coalition Against Police Abuse and to demand:

1) Suspension without pay and indictment of all officers involved in cases of abuse and brutality.

2) A federal investigation of the L.A. District Attorney's office for lack of indictments of officers involved in cases of abuse & brutality.

3) Elimination of the L.A. "special tactics" squads, such as SWAT & Criminal Conspiracy Squad.

4) Elimination of the Internal Affairs Division, the investigative body of the LAPD, and the establishment of an impartial, "community controlled" agency to investigate charges of police abuse.

5) An end to the illegal use of police in deportations - No More Deportations!

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## DEATHROW LOUISIANA FREE GARY TYLER!

In Louisiana a young Negro man named Gary Tyler sits on Death Row. Not even 17 years old, he has spent the last 18 months of his life in Angola State Penitentiary, 13 of them in total isolation. A few weeks ago he watched as an electric chair was moved past his cell and into the prison. That electric chair is intended for him. Gary Tyler has been framed! Unless we stop it, his death will be another legal lynching in the Negro Nation!



Gary Tyler.

### The Frame-Up

In October, 1974, a fight broke out between Negro and Anglo-American minority students at Destrehan High School. The Negro students were put on a bus to take them off the campus. Gary Tyler sought refuge on that bus. Anglo-American minority students and parents, throwing rocks and bottles, attacked this bus of Negro students. A shot rang out and Timothy Weber, an Anglo-American student fell dead.

After this, all the students were taken off the bus and searched. No gun was found. Not on any student and not on the bus. It wasn't until the bus was driven back to a police substation that a .45 was "found" by police. This gun belonged to the police firing range, and had not been reported stolen or missing - until it was "found" on the bus.

On the day of the shooting, David Duke, leader of the Ku Klux Klan, flew all the way from Boston to Louisiana because of this case. (In Bos-

ton, he had been leading anti-busing demonstrations). He was determined that this young Negro worker, innocent of any crime, was going to be convicted and executed. The Klan, eager for bloody publicity, staged a "memorial" for the slain youth, held several press conferences, and tried to whip up a lynch mob fever in Destrehan.

At the trial, the State presented one witness who claimed she saw Gary fire the shot. Three witnesses on the bus disputed this, including the bus driver who swore that the shot was not fired from the bus at all. (This man had spent 20 years in the Army). In spite of this, it took an all Anglo-American minority jury less than 3 hours to convict Gary Tyler of first-degree murder. Today, he is the youngest person in the USNA on death row.

The key state witness has revealed that she lied in Court because the District Attorney threatened to charge her as an accessory, and get her 99 years in prison if she didn't testify against Gary. Two witnesses know who the real killer is. They have admitted seeing an Anglo-American student aim a gun at the bus full of Negro students. Someone knocked the gun downward as he shot, and the deflected bullet was the one that killed Timothy Weber. The lives of the families of these witnesses have been threatened, and their parents refuse to let their daughters testify.

Gary will be granted a hearing on his motion for a new trial on April 8th, but his execution date still stands.

Recently, a supporter of the Gary Tyler defense was murdered by a shot gun blast to his stomach as he left a fundraiser for Gary at Southern University. Richard Dunn's only "crime" was that he supported justice for Gary Tyler. Gary Tyler's only "crime" was that he is a Negro in the Negro Nation!

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In late January, Danny Trevino, an unarmed Mexican national minority worker was shot point blank and killed by Lt. Don Edwards and Patrolman Craig Smith, two San Jose police officers. To this day, no government body or agency has taken legal steps to bring these two murderers to justice. Edwards and Smith are still free, enjoying an administrative leave with pay. In effect, the city is saying to members of the police department: one way to get a paid vacation is to murder a national minority worker.

The murder is not an isolated case. The fascist offensive of the bourgeoisie against the working class is rapidly mounting. Since 1969 there have been 16 people killed by the San Jose Police

## PROTESTS MOUNT OVER MURDER JUSTICE FOR DANNY TREVIÑO

Department, 8 Negro national minority, 7 Mexican national minority, and one Anglo-American.

In nearby rural areas, like in Salinas, fascist gangs like the Posse Comitatus are being organized by the large agri-business interests to terrorize the farmworkers. In San Francisco, the Nazi Party is being openly protected by the police department and the Board of Education in carrying out its attacks against the Negro workers. Indian people have come under attack in the Santa Clara Valley.

Recently, a vicious attack against a Negro national

minority family living in a predominantly Anglo-American neighborhood in San Jose occurred. Three thugs yelling that they "want the niggers out of here" kicked in the door to the home. After the scum had been run off the family's property, one of them returned and fired a shotgun blast through an upstairs bedroom window. The police arrested the three attackers and cited (like a traffic ticket) two of them for "disturbing the peace" and "unlawful entry". The third got off scot free, and no felony charges have been pressed against any of them.

The brutal murder of Danny Trevino was met with an immediate angry and militant response by the workers and other progressive elements of San Jose.

The evening after the killing 400 people demanded immediate action against the police officers. A Committee on Public Safety (COPS) was formed to put pressure on the city government to see that the following demands were met:

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;

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## LA YOUTH

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6) Establishment of a special prosecutor for all police crimes to be appointed by the board of supervisors.

The Coalition, which includes many local defense committees as well as the Gary Tyler Defense Committee (see article on Page 3) is planning to make demands on the Police Commission on May 6th, while conducting a picket line at Parker Center at the same time.

*Los Angeles Youth -  
At the Bottom of the Barrel*

Nobody is suffering more from the present economic crisis in our country than the young workers. Denied jobs, the unemployment rate amongst Negro youth of L.A. is now over 50% and climbing. In the last 2 years over 32 L.A. public schools have been shut down. The L.A. Board of Education has fought against every attempt to integrate the L.A. school system, thus condemning a new generation of youth to the most segregated crumbling school system in the country.

Community youth centers and recreation facilities are being shut down left and right. With no jobs, no education and no hope for the future, armed forces recruiting stations of L.A. are filled. Some choice for the working class youth - die a slow death in the city streets or risk a quick death in another war!

Los Angeles is the home of the biggest Juvenile Detention Facility in the country. Central Juvenile Hall - a prison for hundreds of young workers - most of whom are either runaways or orphans. Central Juvenile Hall - where dozens are forced to sleep on the floor, where the lights are burned all night and young workers suffer severe physical breathing difficulty and psychological damage from unbearable heat. Central Juvenile Hall - where last year reporters from the *Los Angeles Times* found rats in the halls and cockroaches in the refrigerator. Despite promises that things would be improved, reporters went back last week to discover that nothing had changed!

*L.A.P.D. - "We are training for food riots"*

Many people blame the unprecedented brutality of the L.A. police simply on "racist cops." But is this the real reason for this wave of fascist terror that has swept our city and daily claims the lives of the youth? We must look deeper than this.

The L.A. police brass gave us the answer themselves 6 months ago when they announced that the LAPD had begun training for "food riots." Six months ago the LAPD announced that in these times of unemployment and inflation that they must be "ready to handle" any demonstrations or "riots" of hungry people in L.A.

The streets of Los Angeles are filled with hungry, angry

unemployed young workers. The ruling class of Los Angeles has decided to BEAT THE WORKING CLASS INTO SUBMISSION rather than FEED THE HUNGRY. Only last month the L.A. City Council voted itself another salary increase making it the highest paid city council in the country. This is only another slap in the face to our class. They have the money to raise their salaries and finance a police force of paid killers but "the wallet is empty" when it comes to the needs of the working class and especially of its youth. THIS IS WHY OPEN SEASON HAS BEEN DECLARED AGAINST THE PROLETARIAN YOUTH!

*The Solution?  
Join the Young Communist League!  
Build the Equal Rights Congress!*

As evidenced by last week's mass meeting against police violence, the people of L.A. are not taking this lying down.

The indignation of the working class against the police can be compared to a bubbling volcano ready to burst.

The formation of the city-wide coalition of defense committees in L.A. is a significant step towards the building of THE NATIONAL EQUAL RIGHTS CONGRESS. In the past the separate, isolated grass roots defense committees have been unable to mount an effective resistance to gestapo police terror because they were not utilizing their collective strength against the common enemy. We urge the recently formed Coalition Against Police Abuse in L.A. and all defense committees on it to join the movement for a NATIONAL EQUAL RIGHTS CONGRESS!

The Young Communist League also calls upon the active young fighters in L.A. to join our ranks. In the past the youth of the United States of North America have had no revolutionary voice to represent them. The battle against police terror is only one part of the struggle of the workers against the capitalist system that cripples our bodies and poisons our spirit. Right now, we are on the defensive, our class and our generation fighting back against the hammer blows of fascism.

The YCL understands that the root cause of our suffering is not "racist cops" or "a few corrupt politicians" - it is the CAPITALIST SYSTEM. This system is like a great man-eating machine which has squeezed the blood out of the older generation, ground up the working class fathers and mothers of this country in their PROFIT-MAKING machines and has spit out the poverty, hunger and deprivation of our rights.

MUST THE YOUNG GENERATION SUFFER THE SAME FATE AS THE OLDER GENERATION? Must the younger generation be delivered up to the fire and blood of new wars? Must another generation be sacrificed in the factories and fields to keep a handful of billionaires wealthy?

To all of these questions the YCL answers NO! The

## MINERS

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3 federal inspectors bringing the total death toll to 26. The Scotia coal operators were so eager to make their millions and get the mine back in operation, that these men were sent in to repair the collapsed mine roof -- even though the methane gas remained!!

The site of this mine disaster is a few short miles from Harlan County, Kentucky. Harlan is the site of the notorious scab, anti-labor union, the Southern Labor Union. Most of the miners who died, lived in Harlan County.

Some of the fiercest union battles of the 1930's were fought in Harlan which earned its nickname "Bloody Harlan". In the 1970's Harlan has become a center for the terrorism of the Ku Klux Klan. The KKK has engaged in cross burnings, the burning of workers' homes, threatening phone calls, and warning letters in this community. Recently, the Klan threatened the life of Bessie Lou Cornett. Bessie, an Anglo-American woman, is an outspoken fighter for the workers of Harlan of all nationalities. She is on the staff of the Harlan Labor News. Bessie has been fighting all her life for better working and living conditions in the coal mines of Appalachia, for better housing and for equality for Negroes. The Klan has threatened to "tar and feather" her the first chance they get.

The Scotia Mine murders and the threats against Bessie Lou Cornett may seem remote. But remember the horrible day in Ludlow, Colorado in 1914 when the Colorado National Guard, under John D. Rockefeller's orders, burned down the tents of strikers, massacring scores of women and children. Or think about the disaster at Sunshine Silver Mine in Kellogg, Idaho in May, 1972. There the mine operators killed 91 miners, poisoned by carbon monoxide gas from a spreading fire deep in the mine which the capitalists did not tell the miners about.

The owners of the Scotia Mine are members of the capitalist class, just like the owners of Sunshine who left 75 widows and 184 fatherless

working class will be the grave digger of the entire capitalist system! In the final analysis the world belongs to the young. The fascists understand this - that is why their cops are planting so many of us six feet under!

But what the fascists don't understand is that with every young sister and brother who falls, a thousand new fighters rise to take their place in the battle for jobs, peace, equality and socialism!!

*Stop Police Killings!!  
Build the Equal Rights Congress!  
Join the Young Communist League!*

- Submitted to the  
*Western Worker*  
by the Young  
Communist League

## GARY TYLER

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The Gary Tyler case is a horrible example of the reign of terror which the USNA imperialists, assisted by the Ku Klux Klan, police and army, inflict on the Negro Nation. The Communist Labor Party demands that Gary Tyler be set free! His case must become known throughout the USNA and the world. WE must mount a massive campaign, like those to free the Scottsboro boys and Joanne Little. GARY TYLER MUST NOT DIE!!!! We urge all our readers: Write immediately to Governor Edwin Edwards

State Capital  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Let him know that the eyes of the country are on him; we must stop the execution scheduled for May 10, less than a month away!

Send messages of support to: Gary Tyler

Box C-127  
Death Row  
Angola, Louisiana 70712  
and send contributions to:  
Gary Tyler Defense Comm.  
PO Box 47534

Los Angeles, Calif 90047  
To get in touch with the  
Gary Tyler Defense Comm.  
write to: 2677 S. Orchard #1  
Los Angeles, Calif  
90007

FREE GARY TYLER!!  
FREE THE NEGRO NATION!!

children. This class cares only about one thing - their own profits. This class owns all the mines, mills, factories and means of transportation in this country. They control the government. They finance the Klan and the Nazis, the Posse Comitatus and ROAR.

Workers in the Southwest know well the cruelty of the coal owners and other capitalist interests. Indian and Mexican national minority workers are ruthlessly exploited in mines in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. Workers in uranium mines are absolutely certain to get cancer from the conditions there. Indians are forced off their lands as the capitalists exploit the rich minerals discovered on the reservations. While the Indian peoples barely survive on barren land and welfare payments, the capitalist class reaps millions in profits.

Bessie Lou Cornett and the families of the miners who died in Scotia are our working class brothers and sisters; like us, they own nothing and are forced to work for the capitalists in order to live. The honest people of Kentucky are demanding that the operators of Scotia Mine be arrested and tried for first degree murder. We must support them in this fight. They are struggling against the same enemies all of us are struggling against. Because our enemies are united we must unite in defense of the most oppressed. We must act like the workers of New Mexico, who organized the Juan Chacon-Bessie Lou Cornett Defense Committee last summer. In addition to helping free Bessie Lou after the Klan had her arrested on

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## LA FIREMEN FIGHT DISCRIMINATION

We are reprinting this appeal of Firefighters For Independent Rights & Equality (FFIRE). We urge our readers to support this important struggle.

Los Angeles is a City heavily populated by Minorities. 42% of our City's population is either Spanish-Surnamed, Black, Asian or Native American. The present cause for concern is that we are grossly under-represented in a very important City wide institution. Of the Los Angeles City Fire Department's 3,009 firefighters, over 90% are Anglo.

In a Consent Decree issued by the United States District Court in 1973 the L.A.F.D. was ordered to put all its effort into significantly raising the level of Minority input until it is brought up to parity with the local population. An Affirmative Action Program was instituted to help accomplish this goal. Beginning in 1975, Training Centers held twice yearly (January and April) were to become solely concerned with fulfilling the directives of the Decree.

All applicants for Fire-recruit positions are thoroughly pretested before entrance into a Drill Tower where training takes place. 161 out of every 1,000 applicants are admitted to either one of two Drill Towers. There exists an overall average Elimination rate of 23%. The January and April training sessions of 1975 graduated a consistent amount of Minorities. The number eliminated reflected the average. However, in the January training session of this year the circumstances have drastically changed.

The January group of 1976 originally consisted of 161 trainees. 104 of these recruits were representative of the Minority community. The remaining 57 were Anglo. From the original group only a total of 61 recruits graduated. Of the 100 recruits eliminated, 75 were from the Minority group of 104. While the Anglo elimination figure of 39% is itself off the average 23%, it is not comparable to the astounding Minority elimination figure of 73%. The washout toll for this group is the highest in Departmental history.

Our organization, Fire Fighters for Independent Rights and Equality (FFIRE), consists of ex-recruits who were unjustly eliminated during the January session. There are 50 of us and we are a Minority group. We all know we were Racially Discriminated against by prejudiced Captains and Drill Instructors who ran the Towers with the sole purpose of eliminating us. The above statistics speak for themselves.

We ask for you to show your support. Listed below are our basic demands:

1. We want full reinstatement of every firefighter terminated or resigned since

## EQUAL RIGHTS CONGRESS

Plans are moving rapidly ahead for the holding of a National Equal Rights Congress Convention in Chicago during the Labor Day Weekend. Just recently, the national convention of La Raza National Law Student Association voted to send delegates to the Convention. We salute this action.

More information on this important event will be forthcoming in the pages of the Western Worker.

We call on all interested organizations and individuals to rally around this banner. Send delegates to the Convention. For more information, contact:

Equal Rights Congress  
P.O. Box 2488  
Loop Station  
Chicago, Illinois

the validation of the Consent Decree.

2. We want training and probationary programs monitored by a federal or state agency (not by the City itself) as well as organizations from the ethnic communities.
3. Because of the discriminatory and unfair training practices of the following: Chief Engineer Long, Chief Wilson, Chief Brubaker, Captain McQuinness, Drill Masters and Instructors. We want their resignations and a full competent training program and staff dedicated to training and not eliminating.
4. We want a definitive list of the entire LAFD training

Comrades and friends, recently the Party's center put out the call to build the Party press. We are sorry to report that the response has been very poor.

This country is entering a period of increased reaction. The workers are being hit from all sides. On the economic front the standard of living is rapidly dropping with no relief in sight. On the legislative front, bills like S.1 are on the verge of becoming law, greatly curtailing the few liberties left to the people. On the social front, the fascist gangs are intensifying their struggle against the Negro and other national minority workers—discrimination grows, closing the few doors open to the minority worker.

The working class needs its Communist Party. It needs the political leadership which the Communist Labor Party must provide. In this election year, the various candidates are being forced to deal much more with the demands of the people and they are promising that the sky's the limit if they are elected. But the Democrats and Republicans are tied completely and absolutely to the bourgeoisie. The supporters of every major candidate are the big banks and industrialists. Tied to the imperialists like they are, there is no possibility of them representing the interests of the vast majority of people in this country.

The working class of this country has a heroic history of struggle against the capitalists. May 1, as many workers know, is May Day, the international holiday of the working class. This holiday represents the hundreds of years of struggle which the workers world-wide have engaged courageously in against the horrors and deprivations

## DEFEND RAMON CHACON

(We are reprinting this press release, made available to us by the Ramon Chacon Defense Committee. We urge all our readers to actively support Ramon Chacon in his struggle for freedom.)

Supporters of South Texas Chicano activist Ramon Chacon, who is imprisoned in Mexico, have announced the start February 2, of a national campaign for his freedom. The campaign will include benefit performances throughout the US by Mexican movement singers and actors.

Charged with subversion of the Mexican government and illegal transportation of guns, Ramon Raul Chacon maintains that he is the innocent victim of a set-up. Held incommunicado for three days after his arrest, on October 2, 1975, Chacon was beaten and tortured until he signed a confession which he did not understand and has since repudiated in court. He had simply accepted a ride into Mexico with a Mexican acquaintance and had no knowledge of the guns allegedly found hidden in the vehicle they were driving at the time of the arrest. The owner of the car escaped after the arrests.

Chacon has told family members that in spite of the charges ultimately brought against him, his interrogators limited their questioning to his activities in the U.S. An unidentified American was present and presiding at his torture. Chacon supporters feel that this is evidence of the US and Mexican governments' interest in destroying the increasing solidarity between Mexican and Chicano activists.

Chacon is now at the state prison in Monterrey, where he shares a crowded barracks with other prisoners and eats only if he has money to purchase food. His trial has tentatively been set for March. "It has been difficult to find Mexican lawyers who will help Chacon," said a Texas lawyer who is assisting Chacon's family, "and he is still uncertain whether he will have adequate representation at trial."

The Ramon Chacon Defense Committee hopes through the tours of Jesus Molina, Xavier Martinez and other Mexican artists to draw national attention to Chacon's case, to encourage people in the US to join in demanding that the Mexican and US government arrange for his release, and

and probationary standards, procedures, policies and criterion on which the entire system functions.

- A. Grading (changed from subjective to objective).
  1. Test grades entered in ink.
- B. Terminations monitored by outside agencies with the right to appeal.

## BUILD THE PARTY PRESS

of capitalism. May Day celebrations this year must be militant demonstrations of the united will and action of the proletariat against unemployment, for the equality of national minorities, for peace and socialism. The party's press is and must become a powerful weapon with which workers across the US will know and participate in celebrations of this important working class holiday. Using the press to organize these events, we will be able to reach far and wide, and draw in thousands of workers into demonstrations, marches, rallies and meetings.

The Communist Labor Party provides the working class with an alternative. It provides the working class with a voice with which to speak, a platform for which to fight, an organization with which to organize and lead. The main spokesman of our Party is our press. If we do not develop our press, if the party press is not distributed far and wide, the organization of the proletariat will greatly suffer. The role of the communist is to spread the ideas of socialism and to organize the proletariat to accomplish its historic task. The press is an indispensable tool in accomplishing this mission.

We appeal to the comrades and the many revolutionary and progressive workers that support our party to support the press. All comrades *must* subscribe, and ensure that all supporters and regular readers of our press *subscribe* through the party apparatus. It is the task of the party and its contacts to distribute our papers, build our press, raise funds and contribute, so that the working class will always have a tribune from which it can speak out against the tyranny and oppression of capitalism.

to raise money for Chacon's care as well as for the defense effort.

Molina, who will appear in Texas and Midwest cities, is a noted progressive folk singer and poet. Martinez will travel throughout the West with members of CLETA, a people's theater group from Mexico City.

Ramon Raul Chacon is from Mercedes, Texas, where he has been active in several community groups. He has long supported efforts to improve conditions for the many impoverished farmworkers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. He was also an original organizer of and student at Universidad Jacinto Trevino, the nation's first Chicano college. Among defense committee coordinators are Chacon's brother, Ernesto, a leader of the Raza Unida Party in Wisconsin, and Chacon's wife Concha, who is working and caring for the couple's two babies in Texas.

The defense committee urges persons who wish to help, to write letters demanding Chacon's fair treatment and ultimate release addressed to:

Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State  
2201 C. Street N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20520

(Or William D. Rogers, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Latin American Affairs)

Luis Echeverria Alvarez  
Presidente Licenciado  
Presidential Palace,  
Mexico, D.F., Mexico  
Send copies to:

Jose Juan De Olloqui  
Mexican Ambassador  
2829 16th Street N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20009

For more information, or if you want to help the defense efforts by contributing, contact the Ramon Chacon Defense Committee at either:

688 W. Roberston  
San Benito Texas 78585

or:  
c/o Latin American Union for Civil Rights  
805 S. 5th Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

These demands are for the benefit of improving service and responsibility of the Fire Department to us the people of the community. We must all take as strong a stand as possible to show the City that we will not permit such blatant Discrimination and that we are serious in demanding our rights due us as citizens of Los Angeles.

The Communist Labor Party urges all the readers of the **Western Worker** to help sustain our party's press by subscribing now.

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false charges of kidnapping a Klamman's wife: this committee has worked to get Juan Chacon, well-known leader of miners in the Southwest for over 20 years, re-instated after Kennecut Copper Mine fired him.

We urge all our readers to write the Governor of Kentucky to demand that Bessie Lou be protected. Demand that the murderers of the 26 be jailed for their crime. Demand all the fascist gangs, like the Ku Klux Klan be outlawed. Get you union or community group to pass resolutions and all write letters. Bessie Lou's life is in our hands. We cannot let the Klan kill her!!

Write to:

Governor Julian Carroll  
Governor's Mansion  
Frankfort, Kentucky

Mayor Nicely Hazen  
City Hall  
Cumberland, Kentucky

Representative Ken Heckler  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

## SF STRIKE

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This strike is only one of the many ways that City Hall is dividing the workers of San Francisco. School teachers are being told to fight among themselves and choose either layoffs for recently hired national minorities or an end to the seniority system. For City workers (including teachers) it's layoffs and speedups or paycuts. San Francisco's national minorities are being made to choose between busing and bilingual education. To all the workers, the politicians offer the choice of either increases in the property tax (the City's largest source of income) or cuts in City services. And the same thing is happening in cities across the country, with New York City standing out as the most notorious example. What we need to understand is whos to blame for the financial crisis of our cities, and what can be done to get us out of this situation.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce (in close connection with the National Association of Manufacturers) is callously putting the blame for the crisis on the working class.

The Chamber works through politicians like Supervisor Kopp (who broke into politics as an outspoken opponent of busing and integration) and Supervisor Barbagelata (the local chairman for the 1968 Wallace-for-President campaign).

The goals of these representatives of the capitalist class are to: 1) build a mass base for fascism among the petty bourgeoisie and the upper strata of the working class around the issue of the rising property tax, 2) keep the Anglo-American and national minority workers fighting each other over who gets or keeps jobs in the face of growing unemployment and layoffs, 3) isolate the unemployed workers on welfare, particularly the national minorities, by blaming them (along with public employees whose wages haven't even kept up with the cost of living) for San Francisco's financial problems,



26. Part of the 25,000 unionists who marched silently up Market Street, San Francisco, July 1934, behind the coffins of the two workers killed on "Bloody Thursday." The mayor, governor, police, and employers believed at first that they had broken the back of the union that day by finally moving freight from the docks. They were confronted, however, with a general strike of all San Francisco workers and finally had to yield to most of the longshoremen's and maritime workers' demands.

and 4) divide the national minorities by pitting their needs against one another, especially around the question of quality, integrated and bi-lingual education.

We will not accept the blame for this so-called crisis of the cities and we cannot blame the city workers either. This is a crisis of capitalism - an overproduction crisis. This means that we don't work because there's too much produced. It means we have to suffer layoffs, paycuts and increased taxes to make up for the capitalists loss of profits. At the same time we are told there is no money for the cities and we see a \$113 billion military budget!

Every worker has a right to work, to a decent life, but the capitalists cannot provide us with that right. Their system is obsolete. Capitalism does not work! The crisis of San Francisco is only one of the examples of the moribund nature of the capitalist system. There is only one system which can provide jobs, housing and a decent life for the workers, and that is socialism! It is only when workers run the society that they can plan the economy and provide the necessities of life for all workers!

At the same time we are being attacked economically, the political attacks follow right along with it. Basic rights that we have fought bitterly for are being taken away.

Proposition E, designed by the Board of Supervisors for the June ballot, would outlaw strikes by city workers. Any city worker who went on strike would be fired! The basic right to strike is one of the main defenses of the working class against the constant drive of the capitalist class to sink us ever deeper into poverty. This amendment must not pass! If strikes can be outlawed for city workers, how long will it be before all of us will lose this basic right of labor? This is a fascist law! Only fascists outlaw strikes and protests. And this is exactly what is happening. Because of the economic crisis, the bourgeoisie is preparing for war - \$113 billion for war - war against the socialist countries. We can be sure Kissinger isn't

In light of the city workers' strike and the imminent General Strike, what is needed for victory is the unity of the working class.

The capitalists are offering war and fascism as a solution to the economic crisis - putting the burden on the working class. We must shift this burden onto their shoulders!

The Communist Labor Party, understanding that socialism is the only answer to the situation in San Francisco, to the increased fascist violence against the working class, puts forward the following program to rally all those who want to fight against this capitalist system and impending fascist onslaught by the imperialists, for the San Francisco area:

1. No lay-offs of City Workers (including teachers) or elimination of unfilled city jobs. End the hiring freeze. No cuts in city services.

2. Support the "craft" workers. Vote NO on Prop. E. Defend the right to strike. Full collective bargaining.

3. Defend and protect the national minorities. Support busing and bi-lingual education. Outlaw the Nazi Party and all fascist gangs.

4. Free quality 24 hour child-care for working families.

5. Roll back property taxes. Guarantee low-income housing for all workers.

6. Full employment at the expense of the military budget; Jobs with Peace! City officials must go to Washington and demand funds for city services. These funds should come out of the \$113 billion military budget.

Take this program to your factory, community, church, union and mass organization. Have them take a stand in support of the City Strike and the General Strike. Let Mayor Moscone and the Board of Supervisors know that the working class in San Francisco will fight for our basic rights. We will not let them destroy the labor movement in this town!

For those workers who want to "Fight City Hall" in San Francisco, please contact the CLP at:

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## PASADENA

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Pasadena makes it clear that what is at stake here is not just a question of philosophies, of priorities or "what works" in education. No! The real question is: will the Negro workers be driven back into semi-slavery? Will the workers of other nationalities allow themselves to be used as pawns against the Negro national minority? Will the working class of our country stand divided and defenseless in the face of economic crisis and the growth of a fascist police state?

Fascist forces have been preparing the ground work for some time in their assault against Pasadena's busing program.

### John Birch Society in LA Area

The John Birch Society has its western headquarters in San Marino, a wealthy suburb that borders on Pasadena. In league with the Nazi Party who carried out a mock lynching of a Negro national minority minister last fall, the

Birchers are spearheading the anti-busing struggle in both Pasadena and Los Angeles. -- under the pay of the capitalist class.

The John Birch Society, an anti-labor, anti-Negro, and anti-communist group of businessmen and sympathizers has concentrated its efforts on taking over PTA's and Boards

of Education to use them as a base of political reaction. In 1960, Robert Welch, its founder called on all members "to join your local PTA, at the beginning of the school year, get your conservative friends to do likewise and work to take it over."

In Paradise, California they sent a student to school with a tape recorder to get evidence against a "subversive" teacher. In Pasadena, they have taken over more than one PTA chapter by packing meetings for nominations. In city after city across the country they have been responsible for firing of teachers and principals, banning of books and closing down of libraries, terrorizing whole towns through control over jobs, flogging and whipping, and near lynchings.



SCHOOLCHILDREN ENJOYING THE RIDE DURING BOSTON'S BUSING CRISIS LAST FALL

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## TEAMSTERS

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Fitzsimmons was saying "yes" to the militant activity of the rank and file while sabotaging it at every turn. He prevented any real preparations and organization for the strike, which were essential if the Teamsters were to succeed.

This tactic resulted in 2/3rds of the drivers and warehousemen working prior to Saturday's announcement of an interim agreement.

Why else would Fitzsimmons and company have a mail-order referendum which would take two to three weeks? Because he and his handpicked henchmen had to avoid the militant rank and file who promised to show up at the usual ratification meetings.

Why else were there no strike funds in many locals to bail out union brothers arrested and beaten by police?

Why else didn't the "leadership" demand that their locals stay out until all illegally fired workers were reinstated?

Why didn't the International with its millions of dollars collected in union dues rally support from other unions and forces? Why no ads in the press, calls for support on TV and radio?

The only answer can be that Fitzsimmons and the capitalists he serves - that same class of parasites which pays him well for his services - knew that this would be a short strike that could only end in defeat for the workers.

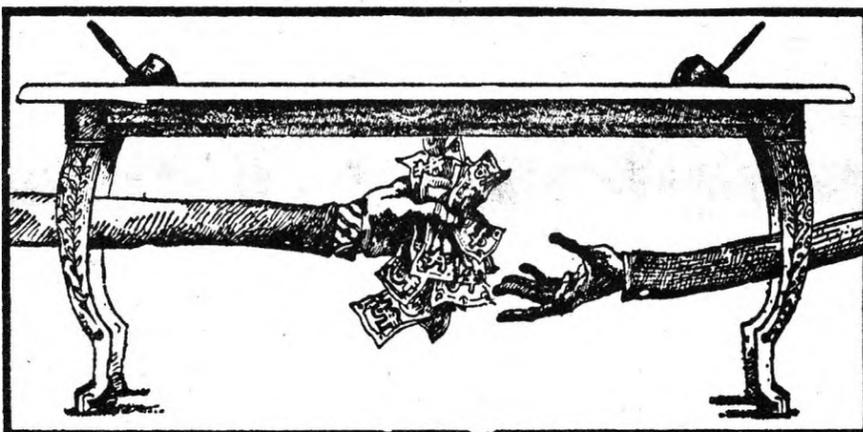
That's why the companies didn't bother putting ads in the newspaper - want ads asking for scabs to break the strike. They didn't have to.

That's why the government which works in the interest of the capitalist class, didn't have to institute the fascist anti-labor Taft-Hartley law to try and break the strike.

And that's why the capitalist news media -NBC- had a week long "special" which tried to label every one of the millions of Teamsters as part of the "mafia".

Organized crime is well entrenched in the Teamsters union at the very top. They

use the trucking industry to transport illegal and stolen goods. And the effect of these millionaire gangsters and their henchmen is disastrous for the rank and file Teamsters. These gangsters have conducted union busting drives as well as allowed wholesale violations of the Master Freight Agreement.



80% of the contracts in the New York-New Jersey area are below the Master Freight Agreement.

Despite the fact that Fitzsimmons' promises were phoney from the beginning, the rank and file fought bravely for a decent contract. Despite treachery, thousands of Teamsters stood firm against all kinds of odds - from attacks by police and railroad agents to the sell-out of their leadership and many misguided fellow workers.

The bourgeois news was full of stories about thousands of auto workers and others getting laid off because of the strike. But it was the capitalists who own the factories that laid them off, not the Teamsters. The millionaires of General Motors, American Motors, etc. wouldn't risk losing a penny of their stolen profits so they lay off workers and blame those on strike who are fighting for a little more of the enormous wealth that the working class alone produces.

At the same time, the trucking monopolies were assuring us that the wage increases and benefits that the Teamsters received "must be passed along to the

public" as they are seeking rate increases from the government.

Secretary of Labor Usery just made the statement that the settlement was "in the best interests of the nation". But how can this be in the "best interests" of both workers and capitalists? The tiny class of capitalists - no more than 500 interlocking boards of directors of the giant banks and corporations - own

everything worthwhile and know only one thing - their ruthless, unbridled striving for maximum profits. The working class - the proletariat - is the majority yet owns virtually nothing. The labor of the Teamsters, the auto workers, the miners and farmworkers - of our whole class both here and in the colonial world - is what has created all of the wealth, yet every gain, from the right to unionize, equal rights, decent housing, to decent health care has only been achieved at the sacrifice of millions - up against the capitalist class and their police, courts and fascist gangs.

When "Labor" Secretary Usery opens his mouth, he speaks for the imperialists and their traitors in the labor movement. When Fitzsimmons makes deals with the Bank of America - the backers of California's huge agri-business to destroy the farmworkers union - he does so to guarantee the profits of capital and therefore harms both Teamster and farmworker.

The lessons of the Teamsters strike must not be forgotten. Presently, nothing can be done within the union leadership. Pro-

gressive Teamsters must begin anew the efforts started by the rank and file in Los Angeles, St. Louis and other cities. Fighting in such a way as to expose those in their ranks who seek to divide them, they must build caucuses of progressive members with the goal of seizing control of the shopstewardships and creating a network independent of the companies and their stooges.

The bitter lessons are becoming clearer. Fitzsimmons and company didn't say a word about the thousands of Teamsters laid off - thrown out in the streets to join the growing ranks of the unemployed. He didn't say a word about the speed-up, the forced overtime or any of the other thousands of attacks by the capitalists in their frenzied drive toward war and fascism.

Nearly 2 million other Teamsters - cannery workers, office workers and helpers - have never been included in the Master Freight Agreement and earn far lower wages. The Teamsters union has been further weakened by this. Those covered by the MFA must fight for the continuation of the MFA and for better representation not only for the truckers, but for all Teamsters.

The Teamsters must unite against the growing war danger, in the fight for jobs with peace! They must support their fellow workers in the fields to choose a union and win the best possible representation. Only by the organized efforts of the rank and file can the policies of Fitzsimmons and his cohorts be defeated.

This strike marks a new stage of development that must be analyzed and organized into a mass campaign for the control of the Teamsters union. With the convention only months off in July, the next stage of the struggle is set. The objective basis is there to rally the progressive forces of the Teamsters to organize and fight to dump Fitzsimmons and all of his kind.

## MEXICO

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### EDUCATION

One out of every four adults does not read or write. One out of every three children does not attend school because of the lack of schools and teachers; and less than 10% of the children go beyond the 4th grade.

### HOUSING & FOOD

Only 12% of the land that could be under cultivation to produce food is in use. Most of the people are presently living with inadequate food and housing. Food is plentiful for the capitalist and inadequate for the workers and disabled.

### EMPLOYMENT

Because of imperialism, 40% of the people of Mexico are unemployed or underemployed. The average salary for a rural worker is \$175 per year. Many are forced to beg and do the most menial jobs just to survive. Child labor is common.

### ECONOMY

Mexico has an imperialist dominated economy. The economy is organized to produce the maximum profits for the imperialists and their henchmen in Mexico. Mexico owes the USNA over \$12 billion. And 80% of all foreign investments in Mexico comes from the USNA. All the major mines, factories, farms, etc., are directly or indirectly controlled by the USNA imperialists through the banks.

### DEMOCRACY

The imperialists and their puppets control the government and the major political party (PRI). Talk of democracy for the masses and of social and economic equality are plentiful, but empty promises. The capitalists daily become richer off the sweat of the workers. The Mexican government daily terrorizes the people; farmers are shot down by the army; labor leaders and students are jailed and shot. The dictatorship of the bourgeoisie that exists in Mexico means fascist terror for the workers and toilers, and democracy and wealth for the imperialists.

### CRIME & DRUGS

USNA interests are presently using Mexico as one of the principal producers of illegal drugs in the world; the poverty and misery of this capitalist society maintain a high crime rate.

### HEALTH

Health services are very limited, and rarely exist in the rural areas. Preventive medicine is non-existent for the workers. Hospitals and doctors are often hundreds of miles away.

## CUBA

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### EDUCATION

Ninety-nine percent of the adults read and write; every child attends school at least until sixth grade. All education is free and workers are encouraged to continue their education through classes set up at the workplaces.

### HOUSING & FOOD

Since 1959, over 350 dams have been built for irrigation and electrical power. Today, electricity and running water is available to every family. At least one hot meal, and more often two, are given free to every worker and child at his work place or school. All young children are guaranteed plenty of milk daily; the government assures that all food stuffs are distributed equitably among the population; no one dies of hunger or suffers malnutrition any more.

### EMPLOYMENT

In Cuba there is a shortage of workers. Workers can freely change jobs. The minimum salary is over \$1000 per year. Cuba has the highest standard of living of any country in Latin America. No one needs to beg or sell trinkets in the streets to survive.

### ECONOMY

Cuba has a socialist economy. The working class, through its state, controls the economy. The factories, mines, fields, banks, etc., are owned and controlled by the Cuban workers and peasants. The wealth of society is organized to bring about the maximum economic growth and political and social equality.

### DEMOCRACY

The dictatorship of the proletariat that exists in Cuba means that the working people of Cuba control the state and determine their own future. The Communist Party of Cuba helps to guide the development of the country.

This is but a brief overview of the differences between socialist Cuba and capitalist Mexico. These examples should give us some understanding as to why, in just the last 60 years, almost half of mankind lives under socialism. It begins to explain why tens of millions more are daily fighting valiantly to throw out U.S. imperialism and their own capitalist rulers. It explains why the heroic people of Mexico, with the aid of the working class of the U.S.N.A. and throughout the world, will overthrow imperialism.

Cuba has shown that the only way oppressed peoples and nations can liberate themselves is by breaking with imperialism, with all capital, by destroying the control that the capitalist class has over the government and the means of production in the country and establishing socialism where the working class and the toiling masses control and benefit from the wealth produced by their labor.

It is no wonder that the U.S. bourgeoisie hates Cuba. Since 1960, the U.S. government has maintained an economic blockade against that country. The capitalists are so afraid of this small country because Cuba is living proof that socialism is the only answer to the misery, the hunger, the unemployment, the discrimination, and all the other social and economic problems of capitalism.

Fellow workers, socialism is for those who love their country and its people, because only socialism can save it!

## SALINAS

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this official slogan of the Save Natividad Committee was the universal rallying cry. Highlights included a skit by the Teatro del Valle, which dramatically exposed the role of private interests in closing the hospital and called for the nationalization of health care.

In the face of this massive outcry the Board of Supervisors backed down from its original plans to close the hospital and is instead moving to transform it into a private facility. Already in the last three years, 16 of California's 49 public hospitals have been closed down or turned over to private ownership. Possible plans that the Supervisors have for Natividad include: 1) contracting out; under this

All the laws and reforms have to be approved by committees of Poder Popular (Popular Power), to which all Cubans actively belong. Judges are elected by the people they serve. All elected officials are subject to immediate recall. Managers of factories can be dismissed by the workers. No one can be fired without the approval of the workers at the plant. The dictatorship of the proletariat means democracy for the workers and peasants and dictatorship for the capitalists who seek to re-establish their reign of terror.

### CRIME AND DRUGS

Although Cuba was famous for its gambling, prostitution and drugs before the socialist revolution, now drugs and prostitution are unheard of, and crime is very rare. Rapists, child molesters and other degenerate anti-social elements are severely punished.

### HEALTH

The finest health care is free and available to all. Much emphasis is placed on preventive medicine and proper nutrition. Many of the diseases prevalent under capitalism (tuberculosis, malaria, many parasitic diseases, etc.) have been eliminated or brought under control.

system private hospitals and doctors are hired to care for County patients which results in higher costs, and frequently their refusal to provide services to these patients: 2) consolidate the County hospital with the local private hospital; and 3) to form a "non-profit" medical corporation. This plan is favored by the Natividad administrator, Mr. Skouras, and the leadership of the Monterey County Employees Association.

In San Jose County when workers organized successfully to keep open Valley Medical Center, the Center was replaced by a private medical corporation with its first aim to benefit the capitalists' profits not provide service for the working class. We must prevent the same thing from happening in Salinas. Under the medical corporation plan the County would not provide services for anyone who doesn't qualify for Medi-Cal. This means thousands of workers who now receive medical care from Natividad would be denied essential health services to the working class.

To start off this most fascist attack against the working class, the Board of Supervisors is closing the Extended Care Ward where sixty poor and homeless old people receive shelter and medical care.

The capitalists' spokesmen complain that they are losing money on these old people and plan to transfer them to private nursing homes which are certain to refuse them. Capitalism is just as willing to discard these workers who have produced the wealth of this country as they are to throw out an old machine.

We must be clear. The cries of "financial crisis" by the County are phoney. Monterey is a vastly wealthy county where the giant agricultural firms make billions of dollars of profit from the hard labor of the workers. The moves against Natividad Medical Center are nothing less than the attempt of the capitalist class to make the working class, in particular the national minority workers, bear the burden of the overproduction crisis.

The Communist Labor Party raises the demand, KEEP NATIVIDAD OPEN, PUBLIC AND INTACT! and calls for free and universal health care, organized through out the country on following principles:

1. Nationalization of all hospitals, clinics, and health facilities with employees including physicians and dentists becoming federal employees paid at equal rates in all parts of the country.
2. Special attention to the health needs of the Negro Nation, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, the Southwest and all Indian territories to eliminate the present crushing inequalities in care.
3. Financing provided by the federal government.
4. The construction of a system of neighborhood health clinics with money taken from the military budget to create new jobs in health care.

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