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**BOMBS, BURNING CROSSES,  
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### KLAN-NAZI VIOLENCE IN LOS ANGELES

On the morning of April 8 a horrible sight greeted the students of Bell High School in Southeast Los Angeles. Hanging by a lynch rope from a tree was a football dummy painted black, topped with an "Afro" wig with the letters "KKK" emblazoned in dripping red paint. Only days before several Negro students at the predominantly Anglo-American and Mexican national minority school were warned to "get out by Thursday or something was going to happen." When confronted by angry parents and students, the Bell High principal shrugged it off as a juvenile prank, but he was unable to explain away a white van which has been reported out front of the school *distributing KKK KLUX KLAN literature!* Juvenile prank? Or part of a new wave of L.A. Klan terror?

Across town, on April 15, Rev. Harrison Bailey of Pasadena, a fighter for Negro rights and school integration through busing, opened a manila envelope received in the mail. It blew up in his face causing severe damage to his right eye and hands. Only months before Rev. Bailey was almost lynched by the American

Nazi Party in a Pasadena park. Another isolated incident by a handfull of nuts or part of a Klan-Nazi declaration of violence?

On April 13 the Klan struck again, this time bringing terror to the doorstep of Clifton Brandon, a 36 year old Negro molder and his family. "I heard a boom and the whole building shook like an earthquake." The front door of his Redondo Beach apartment had been smashed with an ax and on his front lawn a *wooden cross stood blazing* in the early morning darkness! The next day a sign went up on a nearby telephone pole reading, "White Man, Wake Up!" and signed by the Ku Klux Klan.

**Three terrorist attacks** by the Klan and Nazis in *two weeks*. Hardly juvenile pranks.

Understanding that this was serious business, members of the Southern California Fair Housing Congress, United Citizens County Committee, members from the Longshoremen's Union, the Ruben Castañeda Defense Committee and local Democratic Clubs called for a demonstration at the Redondo Beach City Council to demand action.

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### CINCO DE MAYO

On May 5, 1862, the Mexican people defeated the Imperial French legions in the hills outside the city of Puebla in central Mexico.

This famous battle marked the essential defeat of the imperialist designs of Napoleon III on the Americas. It signalled the victory of the republican form of government in Mexico, and was an important defeat for the pro-slavery forces in the United States of North America (USNA).

The French, British and Spanish aggressors recognized the vast wealth of Mexico and wanted it. In 1861, they stormed into Mexico, but the Spanish and British made an agreement with the Mexican government and withdrew their troops, leaving only the French troops.

Although much more poorly equipped, the Mexican national liberation forces led by General Zaragoza valiantly fought for their homes and sovereignty and succeeded in driving the French aggressors out.

The Mexican people have a long history of struggle for national liberation. They won their independence from Spain in 1824, but in 1848 the USNA capitalists stole half of their territory (what today constitutes the Southwest region) in the Mexican American War.

Today, the most powerful force, more brutal and more violent than any imperialism the world has ever known, continues to plunder this region and Mexico itself.

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This May Day, 1976, International Workingman's Day, is set amidst the red, white, and blue backdrop of the bi-centennial year.

The capitalist class has managed to keep the working class of this country often ignorant of its revolutionary history and heritage. This is true for May Day. Many workers are not aware that May Day was started right here in the USNA on May 1st 1886. On that date thousands of workers rose up in militant strikes and demonstrations to demand the eight hour day. This movement then became an international one of revolutionary

In this election year every major politician is trying to outdo the other in moving further to the right. Ronald Reagan is leading the pack with his campaign to return this country to the "Cold War" and McCarthy era. Every day, his fascist positions are being adopted by President Ford.

Jimmy Carter, the Democratic Party's front runner, refuses to take a position on anything. This makes him doubly dangerous. His recent statement about the need for "ethnic purity" in neighborhoods exposes him as an arch-segregationist and enemy of the Negro and every worker.



MASS MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION IN DETROIT IN 30's

significance and May Day was designated as our class holiday. On May Day we stand as one world-wide, international working class, raising one voice against all oppression and exploitation, taking strength from our knowledge of the inevitability of socialism.

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR COUNTRY?

On this May Day workers all over the US are asking: "What's happening to our country?" The answer: the most dangerous move to the right - the greatest danger of fascism in our history.

Negro "leaders" backing this demagogue are actually helping to "lead" us in the direction of fascism.

The capitalist class and their politicians are working closely together. The capitalists have automated to maximize profits. Automation has progressed to such an extent that millions of workers are not really needed. More is being produced than ever before, but with fewer workers able to buy. This forces the capitalist class in one direction. To militarize the economy and prepare for war against the socialist countries.

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### SUPPORT THE RUBBER WORKER'S STRIKE

Midnight April 20, 70,000 rubber workers across the U.S. set up picket lines at the gates of the Big Four multi-national corporations: Firestone, Goodyear, Uniroyal and Goodrich. The rubber workers are in an angry mood.

When midnight struck in Salinas, over 400 militant workers lined the Firestone plant. The capitalists' response: a quick injunction limiting pickets. Workers are digging in for a potentially long strike.

In 1973, under then existing "Phase III" controls the United Rubber Workers Union settled for only a 73¢ raise over 3 years, no cost of living escalator, and no resolution of the overtime question. The vote to ratify the 1973 contract was 8700 workers for and 8300 opposed. The Salinas local (URW 726) has not ratified a contract

signed by the International since 1965.

This disastrous settlement was made possible by the fact that separate settlements were reached with the various companies. This allowed the companies to assist each other through disruptions in production. In order to prevent a repeat performance of this disastrous scenario, rank-and-file workers have struck all four major companies together.

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## ARE YOU WILLING TO DIE FOR ROCKEFELLER'S MILLIONS?

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

Henry Kissinger is globe-trotting again. Only just recently returned from Latin America where he attempted to consolidate all the reactionary governments against Cuba and the growing anti-imperialist movements, he is now in Africa.

Kissinger is in Africa because the situation there is very, very tense. The MPLA just recently won victory in Angola. Mozambique in March closed its border with "Rhodesia" (Zimbabwe) and declared that a state of war exists between the two countries. In "Rhodesia" the possibility of full-scale warfare between the African liberation forces and the minority regime draws nearer every day. Kissinger is trying to prevent the liberation of southern Africa. He is trying to salvage colonialism.

The USNA Secretary of State would like to see some kind of compromise solution where "black" capitalist traitors would rule in southern Africa instead of the openly fascist European minority regimes. But if this is not possible, it's obvious that the USNA imperialists will support the fascist regimes of "Rhodesia" and South Africa to the end. Ford and Kissinger will send the young workers of the USNA to fight in Africa if they have to. Kissinger's visit is part of the USNA imperialists preparation for war.

The rulers of the USNA have reason to be deeply concerned about the situation in southern Africa. Right now there are tens of thousands of soldiers in training camps in Mozambique and Tanzania. These soldiers are part of what is known as the United Zimbabwe African People's Army. This army was formed recently and consists of African citizens of Zimbabwe ("Rhodesia"). They are preparing for the day when they will march against the fascist European minority regimes and free their country. (Africans in Zimbabwe constitute 95 per cent of the people and yet they have absolutely no political rights.)

In Namibia just south of Angola a guerilla war is being conducted by the South West African Peoples Organization (SWAPO) which is tying down 20,000 South African troops. Any escalation of this war would almost certainly result in fighting beginning in South Africa itself. The capitalists here in the USNA are committed to stopping these movements against colonialism and are especially concerned about maintaining the South African government.

## WHY IS THIS SO?

This is mainly due to the fact that these 3 countries - Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa - are extremely rich in mineral resources. "Rhodesia" contains large deposits of chromium. Namibia is very rich in gem diamonds, copper, lead, zinc, iron, tungsten and most importantly, uranium. The Republic of South Africa contains large supplies of diamonds, uranium and especially gold.

Since 1886, one-half of the gold mined in the world has been mined in South Africa. The overwhelming majority of the uranium mined in South Africa is sold to the USNA and Britain.

In all 3 of these countries there exists an extreme, vicious form of segregation called apartheid. Under this system Africans and Europeans are completely separated and Africans have no rights. For example, in South Africa 87 per cent of the land is occupied by the 4 million Europeans and 13 per cent of the land is left to the 19 million Africans. The United States government supports the system of apartheid in southern Africa and especially the Republic of South Africa - because South Africa to it means 1/2 the world's gold.

## APARTHEID

Under the system of apartheid, African men, women, and children are forced to carry internal passports with them at all times proving their right to

be in a certain place. In Namibia, where there is also apartheid, construction workers earn 7 cents an hour! In South Africa, African miners earn \$85 a month while European workers earn \$675 a month - in fact, it is illegal there to pay Africans and Europeans the same wages!

And the United States government, which talks so much about "the free world" and "defending democracy from communist tyranny" supports this system! In fact, it was the United States Department of Agriculture which calculated the cheapest diet that African gold miners in South Africa could be fed and still work a 54-hour week. Hundreds of US corporations like GM, Ford, IBM, Union Carbide, Exxon and Chase Manhattan Bank have investments in South Africa. In 1972, the United States of North America violated the U.N. sanctions and bought "Rhodesian" chrome even though it already had a surplus of chrome. The South African and Rhodesian fascist governments could not exist for a day without USNA support.

At the same time that the USNA is giving aid to the fascists in southern Africa, the liberation movements there have won the support of country after country. The U.N. several years ago ruled that South Africa is occupying Namibia illegally and SWAPO is the only legitimate representative of the Namibian people.

The U.N. also voted recently to give financial aid to Mozambique to offset the economic losses it will sustain from cutting off trade with "Rhodesia."

All over the world people have shown their sympathy with peoples of southern Africa. But the countries which have most vigorously supported these peoples are the countries of the socialist camp. The Soviet Union and Cuba, as well as some of the European peoples' democracies, have given financial and military support to organizations like the MPLA in Angola, SWAPO in Namibia and the African National Congress in South Africa.

The struggle in southern Africa is intensifying. The victory of the MPLA in Angola has created a situation where the forces of freedom are determined to fight the fascists and rid Africa of apartheid and colonialism once and for all. The USNA imperialists are determined to save southern Africa for themselves.

They have warned the Cubans in particular that if they support the peoples of southern Africa their country will be invaded. So we see that the struggle in southern Africa is rapidly becoming a confrontation between USNA imperialism and the socialist camp. The capitalists of the country are willing to risk World War III rather than give up control of southern Africa!

The people of the United States of North America must oppose Henry Kissinger's current visit to Africa which is a visit for uniting all the counter-revolutionary "black" leaders like Mobutu, Kaunda and others. But more than anything else we must *absolutely oppose any USNA military intervention in Southern Africa* - which is what the USNA imperialists are considering. The capitalists of this country are not going to give up southern Africa without a fight, without war. That is why they are talking about re-instituting the draft. We would like to ask all our readers: Are you willing to die for Rockefeller's millions? Are you ready to be sent overseas to defend the ruler of South Africa John Vorster who was imprisoned in World War II for being a Nazi? Are you willing to shed your blood so that 5 per cent of the people of Zimbabwe can dictate to the other 95 per cent?

We are confident that the overwhelming majority of the people of this country will answer a loud "NO" to these questions. Therefore we must act. We must force the Presidential candidates to take a stand against military and financial involvement in southern Africa. We must pass resolutions and circulate petitions calling for the expulsion of South Africa from the U.N. We must demand that Congress repeal the Byrd Amendment which allows the U.S. to violate U.N. sanctions against "Rhodesia." We must hold demonstration after demonstration and protest after protest against apartheid. The struggle of the people of southern Africa is *our* struggle.

## SELF-CRITICISM

In the last number of the Western Worker we published an article "San Diego Terror at the Border" that contains a very dangerous error for the unity of our working class. The article gave the impression that the Anglo-American section of the working class was the section that is responding to the fascists, that the Anglo-American workers, and particularly the Anglo-American youth, constitute the main reserve of the fascists.

We must clearly understand that the fascists mobilize the degenerate de-classed elements of our society, and the most degenerate sections of the working class and of the petty-bourgeoisie. It is an error to isolate the Anglo-American section of the working class and the Anglo-American youth by saying that **they respond to fascism**. It is clear that there are certain elements which are bribed and degenerate from our working class which will unite with the fascists, but to equate these elements with the Anglo-American section of the working class is incorrect and it puts the possibility of the unity of our working class in danger.

## CINCO DE MAYO

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Over 600 plants representing the biggest corporations in the USNA (like Motorola, Mattel Toys, RCA, Zenith, etc.) receive complete tax exemptions on the Mexican side of the border area. Superprofits are further made from the paltry wages of \$3.50 to \$5.50 per day that they pay the workers.

With their insatiable appetite for profits, the USNA financiers act through banks and the puppet regime of Echeverria to control the wealth and resources of all of Mexico.

The present nationalization drive being promoted by Echeverria and Portillo (the man chosen by Echeverria's party to be the next president of Mexico) represents the development of state capitalism (the ownership of industry and commerce by the government in a capitalist society).

The petroleum and most of the mining interests are already nationalized. Now steps are being taken to nationalize the land. The corrupt government of the Mexico comprador bourgeoisie is simply carrying out the

plans of the US imperialists to expand their control over Mexico.

As a result, peasants continue to be thrown off their lands and the land reform promises made 40 years ago remain unfulfilled.

In the Southwest, the mines, the fields, the forests, the waters that were originally under the control of the Indian and Mexican national minority peoples are now the private property of the Wall Street parasites.

The Indian peoples have almost totally lost control over their lands and the wealth on it. Power plants contaminate the air, strip mining destroys the land and waters, mounting repressive legislation and administrative decisions seek to destroy the culture, the health and the very life of the people that originally settle these areas.

The Mexican national minority has been legislated and militarily forced off most of their land. The intensive attacks against the culture and well-being of these people and the vicious deportation raids have made them "alien" in their own

land. Along the border, military forces and the corrupt and fascist Border Patrol maintains a state of terror.

But the valiant and fighting spirit demonstrated on the 5th of May 1862 remains, in both the Southwest and Mexico.

In the last few months over a dozen peasants have been murdered by the army. Last month armed uprisings occurred in 3 different states in Mexico in response to growing repression. Last fall over 100,000 marched in union solidarity in Mexico City.

In the Southwest, the struggles for land and equality, against deportations and for jobs, the struggles of the farm workers, of the miners, and the many other struggles of the Indian and Mexican national minority peoples, are objectively part of the struggle to put the control of the land and resources in the hands of the peoples of the area. This is the struggle for Regional Autonomy which must be demanded to concretely link the struggles of the Anglo American proletariat with the struggles of the peoples of the Southwest, Mexico and the rest of the Western Hemisphere.

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# SUPPORT THE TEXAS FARMWORKERS

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## PRESS RELEASE—April 8, 1976

On December 10, 1975, a small group of people claiming to be representatives of the United Farmworkers Union launched a campaign intended to force the Texas Farmworkers Union to vacate their offices in the building nicknamed "El Cuhamil" (located in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas). This eviction effort has been orchestrated—at times openly, and at times from behind-the-scenes—by the American Civil Liberties Union Attorney James Harrington and his wife Rebecca, a professional social worker. Despite repeated public attacks by these so-called U.F.W. representatives, the Texas Farmworkers Union has preferred to say as little as possible up to this time. Our virtual silence has been due to a concern for the harm which could befall the farmworker movement in general as a result of the adverse and divisive nature of the publicity which the Harrington faction has been propagating...publicity which can only help the enemies of the farmworker. That is to say, we did not want to "feed the fire." However, now that the Harrington faction has threatened to take the matter into court, we feel that we must speak out.

The building in question—El Cuhamil—was constructed on ten acres donated by the Catholic Church for the benefit of local farmworkers. Antonio Orendain, at that time Secretary-Treasurer of the United Farmworkers Union, initiated the efforts which resulted in both the donation of the land and the necessary building materials. El Cuhamil was built, over a two-year period, through the voluntary effort and sacrifice of local farmworkers—the great majority of whom (including the director of construction, Hipolito Rosel) are now members of the Texas Farmworkers Union. Thus, the essential irony of the whole affair is that the Harringtons, who arrived after El Cuhamil was already built, are now attempting to kick the farmworkers out of the building which they constructed with their own hands.

The background to this confrontation begins in the summer of 1975. In May of '75, Antonio Orendain and a small group of organizers, under the auspices of the United Farmworkers Union, declared a general strike against the melon harvest. By early June, more than 3000 workers had joined the strike—the work stoppage was virtually complete. This was when a local grower opened fire, without warning, on a group of strikers, wounding eleven. Shortly afterward, the Secretary-Treasurer of the U.F.W., Gil Padilla, flew into the Rio Grande Valley to survey the situation. When interviewed by a local television reporter, he expressed the U.F.W.'s backing of the Texas melon strike. However, he privately told Orendain that the U.F.W. would not financially support the strike, and urged him to call it off. Instead, Orendain and his strikers decided to continue the strike (still within the framework of the U.F.W.), sustaining it with whatever funds they were able to raise for themselves in Texas. In this manner, the strike was maintained throughout the summer, and enlarged to a statewide basis, hitting melon fields in West and North Texas.

By August, a serious problem had developed regarding the financial status of the Texas strike. Official U.F.W. policy is that all monies collected across the country must be channeled directly to the California headquarters. That office then decides how the money shall be apportioned among the various U.F.W. offices and organizing committees (such as the Texas group under Orendain). However, the money being raised for the Texas strikers was channeled through the Rio Grande Valley office because of: (1) the immediate need of the money in order to sustain the strike (2) the warning by Padilla that the U.F.W. would not finance the melon strike (it was feared that if the Texas money was sent to the California office, it would not be sent back; and the melon strike would be forced to a grinding halt). In August, we began receiving informal notifications that if we persisted in administering the funds which we raised, there could be legal complications for us. Our lawyers then advised us that the best thing for us to do would be to incorporate under Texas laws as a separate entity.

There was another reason for the separation, which involves the former Texas Director of the U.F.W. Boycott—Bill Chandler. In late July, Chandler began circulating a slanderous letter (copy enclosed) in an obvious effort to discredit the Texas strike and cut off support for the melon strikers. One of Chandler's close friends is Harry Hubbard, the President of the Texas AFL-CIO. In the August issue of the official Texas AFL-CIO newsletter (copy enclosed), Hubbard denounced the Texas strikers and discouraged Texas AFL-CIO members from supporting the strike. It may well be that Cesar Chavez neither knew nor approved of these attacks. Chandler has since been dismissed from the U.F.W. However, at that time, the Texas strikers felt that the U.F.W. was, so to speak, "showing them to the exit," thus, the separation.

Despite the unhappy nature of the split, Texas Farmworkers maintained their traditional support of California farmworkers and their union—the U.F.W. The same farmworkers who had built El Cuhamil, and who had cleaned the Valley of scab products by picketing every Saturday and Sunday, although now members of the Texas Farmworkers Union, continued their picket lines against products boycotted by the U.F.W. throughout the fall of 1975. It thus came as a shock to us when, in the first week of December, the previously mentioned Harrington and his wife began circulating a petition which demanded that the T.F.W. immediately evacuate their offices in El Cuhamil. They later handed the T.F.W. a series of demands—including a deadline of Feb. 15, 1976, by which time we were to be out of El Cuhamil. Those demands were imposed—not negotiated—and there was never any agreement, either written or oral, by the T.F.W. to concede to those demands. This is an important point to bring out in view of later attacks from the Harrington faction, claiming that the T.F.W. broke the agreement.

Members of the Texas Farmworkers Union unanimously decided to remain in El Cuhamil until a mutually acceptable agreement could be reached with more reasonable representatives of the U.F.W. than the Harringtons. Under continuing threats of court action from the Harrington faction, the T.F.W. held a press conference on March 29, in which it was pointed out that the Harrington faction had produced no legitimate credentials to substantiate their claim to be acting as official representatives of the U.F.W. Furthermore, it was stated that the official position of the T.F.W. is that it will not leave El Cuhamil until it is presented with a court order, proving that the Harringtons have received written authorization from Cesar Chavez to carry out their eviction efforts.

The Texas Farmworkers Union does not, and will never take a stand against the United Farmworkers Union. The T.F.W. has, in fact, asked for independent affiliation to the U.F.W. (no reply was ever received to this request). The struggle of workers is one and the same, wherever they may be; and we are all brothers in that struggle. However, the Texas Farmworkers Union **does** denounce the cheap political moves of an isolated group of ambitious individuals in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, who would seek to use the same union-busting tactics against the T.F.W. which have traditionally been utilized by the grower-court alliance.

## COACHELLA

### FIGHT FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

In this small rural community parents of children in the Coachella Valley Unified School District have united to demand the dismissal of 2 teachers from Dateland School. One, Don Cochran, is accused of child molesting, and the other, Elizabeth Jean Coffy, of child abuse and the striking of a teacher who came in defense of the child. Both teachers have a history with the students for such actions.

Since the incidents, the community of Coachella has been carrying on a large scale boycott of the school which has scored its first victory. One of the teachers, Elizabeth Coffy, has resigned under the workers' pressure. The boycott has resulted in 50% absenteeism at Dateland School, the scene of the incident. Along with 42% of the neighboring schools, the average absentee rate of all schools has been 33%.

The parents of the absent children are visited and receive telephone calls from the school personnel intimidating them and demanding that their children return to school. This has never been done to get the parents into school activities. It's clear that the reason the school district is now so preoccupied with student

attendance is that they lose \$6.30 for every student that is absent.

The child who was beaten by Elizabeth Coffy was Spanish speaking. He was hit because he didn't understand her English commands.

Underlying the parents outrage in Coachella is the denial of an equal education for the Mexican national minority students. As a result the "Community Committee for Alternates in Education" (CCAIE) was formed 3 months ago when parents and 3 teachers of the Coachella Valley School District saw the need for a Bi-lingual program that would truly meet the needs of the students. 85% of the students are Mexican National Minority and Mexican nationals. Many of these are of migrant families, and many are from Mexico and speak no English.

The parents wanted a program that not only taught English, but also Spanish, so that all students would be bi-lingual. This would also stop so many children who don't speak English from being placed in mentally retarded classes. In this struggle for a quality education for the children, the CCAIE has proven to be the spokesman and true representative of the community. Cont. on page 10

### CLP STATEMENT ON THE TEXAS FARMWORKERS

The "Valley of Tears" — Texas Rio Grande Valley — is today the battleground for a truly historic movement of the U.S. working class.

The Struggle of the farmworkers in Texas for unionization and equality is the central and essential question facing the entire farmworkers movement. The Texas farmworkers are still waging their prolonged strike battles almost alone, fighting for justice and their union against staggering odds.

The significance of the Texas farmworkers movement goes beyond the question of Texas or the farmworkers struggle. The farmworkers of Texas, mainly workers from Mexico and Mexican national minority, migrate throughout the midwest and work side by side with the Negro national minority farmworker. The Texas farmworkers movement ties the struggles of the workers in the North with the struggles of workers in oppressed areas of Texas and the Southwest. Beyond this, it also forges real living links between workers in the USNA and those in Mexico.

The internationalism of the Texas farmworkers, expressed by the Texas Farm Workers Union (TFWU) opens the gates for the union organization of the hundreds of thousands of farmworkers in the Negro Nation. This will mark an historic course of struggle that can bring together the battles of the Mexican national minority for his land and equality with the struggle for the freedom of the Negro Nation!

The farmworkers movement has often been portrayed by the bourgeoisie as a purely "Chicano" "native born," purely California struggle. This is not true.

The movement of the farmworkers is a multi-national movement of rural workers crisscrossing California, Texas, other sections of the Southwest, the Negro Nation and rest of the South, the Midwest, the Northeast and Northwest. Indeed, a country-wide movement. In their ranks are the

over 600,000 Negro and Anglo-American minority farmworkers in the Negro Nation, the Mexican national minority, the undocumented worker, the Arab, the Filipino national minority and many more—the overwhelming majority of whom labor outside of California. Their movement is a vital one, a militant one, and most importantly an internationalist one.

The wages of all farmworkers in this country are virtually starvation wages, their conditions intolerable, and the life expectancy of a farmworker is 49 years. Lack of unions, exposure to deadly pesticides, government and vigilante attacks are the lot of the farmworkers. The farmworkers in the Rio Grande Valley and in the Negro Nation are at the very bottom—65 cents an hour in places, no health and safety or sanitation, and struggling amidst the threats of death at the hands of the growers and the state are their daily lives.

The tactics of the capitalist class are becoming more clear. The capitalist class is trying to isolate the farmworkers movement to California. What we are witnessing is the rapid mechanization of farm work. Machines are now doing, and will increasingly do, the work that thousands of farmworkers did before.

The bourgeoisie may well allow concessions to these remaining workers at the expense of jobs and protections for countless others. Unions and higher wages may be won in California. But the bourgeoisie will try to permit this only so long as wages are kept low and no unions or rights are gained in the Negro Nation and Rio Grande Valley. The bourgeoisie is trying to split the farmworkers movement.

But the farmworkers of our country will never stand for this. They know too well what poverty and oppression mean. They know that all farmworkers, and indeed all workers, are brothers and sisters, and will not let others worse off than they suffer.

The *Western Worker* is reprinting this statement from the Texas Farm Workers Union (TFWU) in the spirit of the unity of the farmworkers, and working class movement as a whole. It concerns the attempts by certain factions claiming to represent the United Farm Workers (UFW) to undermine the unity of the farmworkers movement. The task of our working class is to unite all workers regardless of union affiliation for the coming battles. We reprint this appeal in that spirit.

# EXPAND SAN FRANCISCO CITY

## WORKERS STRIKE

As the strike of San Francisco City workers ends its first month, the bourgeoisie has the upper hand. Led by a corrupt pack of labor misleaders, the 1750 crafts workers who are threatened with millions in pay cuts, and the 1900 Muni drivers striking in solidarity face a Board of Supervisors determined to smash organized labor in this "union" town.

The bourgeoisie has used every tactic in the book to divide the working class.

First, the Chamber of Commerce successfully mobilized a "taxpayers' revolt" against "greedy City workers." When the strike began, the local press suddenly became an advocate of equal rights, pointing out the white chauvinism of the striking unions in order to weaken the support of the national minority workers in non-striking unions. The press glossed over the fact that the majority of workers on strike are semi-skilled and unskilled workers, many of whom are national minorities. Reactionary politicians like Supervisors John Barbagelata and Quentin Kopp are now "friends of the little man," claiming they will take from the "rich" crafts workers in order to give to the underpaid clerical and hospital workers. Even liberal spokesmen have stepped forward to denounce the power struggle between the "labor bosses" and the white knights of City Hall. But this strike is not a simple "power struggle." It is a class struggle between the proletariat and the capitalists bent on breaking the back of the working class.

The once-powerful crafts unions are torn by contradictions. In years past, their leaders delivered cash and votes to City Hall and got favors in return. These labor misleaders were well-paid partners in the destruction of San Francisco working class communities through redevelopment, followed by the construction of huge skyscrapers and the flight of industry. Now many of the crafts workers have followed industry out of San Francisco. Even more have been forced off the union books and on to the unemployment rolls by the crisis of overproduction. The labor misleaders need a strike victory to prevent further erosion of their unions.

But the misleaders are weakened by their years of class collaboration. The few that want to fight have forgotten how and the rest are ready to sell out. One example proves the point: when 500 militant pickets closed down all the entrances to City Hall, Stan Smith of the Building Trades Council stepped forward to lead the picket lines away from the doors and into a huge, passive picket line around the whole block. He was immediately confronted by angry workers who rejected his leadership and reformed the lines at the City Hall doors. Smith's sabotage was typical of the labor leaders' active disorganization and demoralization of workers' power during the strike. By now it is clear that the call for a General Strike, which rallied every class-conscious worker in San Francisco, was nothing but the impotent gasp of the labor aristocracy.

The bourgeoisie cheers as the San Francisco Labor Council ignores the issue of rising City costs. The labor aristocrats refuse to discuss the need to roll back property taxes of small homeowners and demand City funds from the huge \$115 billion federal military budget. The Chamber of Commerce has used the issues of property taxes to divide striking City workers from the rest of the San Francisco working class and build a base for fascists like Kopp and Barbagelata. If they succeed, the living standard of all workers is threatened.

The 1900 Muni drivers have stood for labor solidarity against the fascist onslaught. With their own wages and benefits up for negotiation in July, they have recognized that this strike is *their* strike. Other unions have been less class conscious. Their leaders have led them across picket lines in a massive scabbing which puts all labor in jeopardy.

Some "left" groups have spread the myth of an all Anglo-American strike, encouraging scabbing by national minority workers. Although some of the skilled trades have definitely discriminated against national minorities, the majority of strikers are semi-skilled and unskilled workers. In fact, the largest local involved in the strike, Laborers 261, is 85% national minority.

San Francisco workers of all nationalities must stand together. We need every ounce of unity to defeat the upcoming ballot proportions (E & O) which will make it illegal for any city worker to strike and prohibit amnesty. If passed, these fascist laws will help lay the groundwork for a fascist dictatorship over the whole working class.

Rank and file workers have tried to take over the leadership of the strike and expand it. Picket lines were set up at BART stations and the airport, but these efforts were frustrated by confusion spread from the plush offices of

the labor aristocracy. Never was it more clear that the workers need leaders guided by scientific socialism to unite and defend our class. Never have workers felt more deeply the need for their own political party, a Marxist-Leninist communist party—to organize the working class to overthrow the capitalist system.

## EL PASO POLICE KILL YOUTH

Fernando Campos, 19, an innocent bystander at a robbery, was shot in the head and killed by Detective Ernesto Avalos. Fernando and a friend, Albert Dominguez ran out of a Pizza Hut in which a robbery and a shooting had just occurred. Detective Avalos stated that as the two youths ran out he identified himself and shouted at them to stop. Avalos claimed Fernando turned around with his hand up as though with a gun and Avalos shot him down. Dominguez stated that no one shouted at them to stop, and the autopsy showed the cause of death was a shotgun blast to the back of the head. Avalos played judge and jury, and executed the "suspect" in cold blood.

Avalos was temporarily suspended *with pay* while the police conducted an investigation. No indictment was brought against Avalos. The *El Paso Times* defended the killing and the use of shotguns by the police as "normal" and "in the line of duty." Thus the City Administration, the courts, the police department and the bourgeois press all justified Fernando's murder. This incident demonstrated once more that to the capitalists who control the government, the protection of private property is more sacred than the life of a human being.

If the city government and the police are so concerned with "crime," then why was nothing done when Police Deputy Superintendent Peterson was caught lending his apartment for a fencing operation (the buying of stolen goods)? The reason is because Peterson threatened to name other higher ups in the city and in the police who are connected to crime if he is brought to trial.

Protests throughout the city followed the murder of Fernando Campos. That same day, La Causa Legal Defense Committee issued a statement condemning the police and the use of shotguns, and called for letters of protest from concerned persons. The Committee for Justice for Fernando Campos, composed of workers, rank and file groups, community organizations and students including Unidad, MECHA, Committee for the Development of Mass Communications and others, formed to publicize the incident. The Committee demanded the firing of Avalos,

This summer contract talks begin between the United Auto Workers (UAW) and the major automobile capitalists. Their current contract expires this September.

The contract struggle of the auto workers is one of the most important contract battles which the working

class will fight out this year. The automobile industry accounts for 10% of all industrial production in the USNA. The auto workers are one of the largest concentrated sections of the industrial workers.

The *Western Worker* will be running a series of articles as the important struggle develops. In this first article, let's take a look at the situation in auto.

In Detroit, Ford Motor Co. is planning to close the Dearborn Engine Plant, part of the huge Ford Rouge complex near the Detroit River. This will eliminate 5,000 jobs at one stroke.

At the General Motors Assembly Plant in Fremont, Ca., the second shift, laid off for many months, was called back several weeks ago. GM is clearly stockpiling for this is the first time in years that all seniority employees have been working plus there have been new employees hired. At Milipitas, Ca., Ford speed-up and safety conditions continue to get worse each day. Workers there have discussed striking over production standards grievances.

FORD PICO RIVERA - L.A.

A few years ago this Thunderbird plant was running a one-shift 60 hour a week operation. For a while \$300 paychecks were commonplace as were many physical and mental breakdowns of workers. In 1974 the situation changed drastically. Production plummeted and workers with as much as 6 years seniority were out on the street. This last week, over 2 years later, the UAW local has been sending letters to laid off workers begging them to come back and ensuring them extended employment (as if they could!) Some hiring off the street has taken place recently.

GENERAL MOTORS - Van Nuys

This plant was hit extremely hard during the sales crisis of 1974. The entire second shift was laid off in November of 1974.

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the Negro Nation in the rest of the USNA.

Committees like the Committee for Justice for Fernando Campos represent the resistance of the working class against these fascist attacks. These coalitions will allow the working class to gain the unity of forces and the strength of a common strategy to expose and to stop these genocidal acts.

The committees fighting for equal rights which are developing throughout the Southwest, the Negro Nation and the rest of the USNA must come together as part of the national movement for an Equal Rights Congress to combat the growing attacks as one united and invincible force.



# FIGHT EXTRADITION OF INDIAN LEADER

The mention of Wounded Knee never fails to revive memories of massacres and the valiant fightback of the Indian peoples. Since 1973, not a month has passed without either a new murder, FBI occupation or struggle of resistance from within the reservation of Pine Ridge in South Dakota. The USNA government, using the strategy of attacking the leadership to destroy the movement, is tracking down Indian leaders like the bounty hunters of the "old west." Already they have arrested and are trying to extradite AIM leader Dennis Banks from California. Now, in their frantic haste to send the leaders to certain death in South Dakota, the ruling class has made its "internal Indian problem" an international one. The target of this current attack is Leonard Peltier, 31 year old Sioux Indian from North Dakota. Like Dennis Banks, he too is fighting extradition: not from one state to another, but from Canada back to the United States.

To understand the importance of this case some background information is necessary. Last June, a shoot-out was precipitated on the Pine Ridge Reservation when two plainclothes FBI agents drove their unmarked car off a roadway and began firing upon a twelve year old who fled up a nearby hill on foot.

The resulting shooting spree, lasting over an hour, left one Oglala Indian, Joseph B. Stuntz, dead, and the two agents mortally wounded. No other agents witnessed the shoot-out yet the FBI quickly issued warrants for four people who were high on the list of "undesirable Wounded Knee militants."

Leonard Peltier was elevated to the status of "Most Wanted Man" as soon as the other three were arrested and sent to prison in Rapid City, S.D., where they await trial on charges stemming from the incident.

Who is this "dangerous" man, wanted so much that the FBI combed hills and valleys and enlisted the aid of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in order to find him? Leonard Peltier has never been convicted of any crime. He spent some time in the US Marines and was given a medical discharge because of a partially paralyzed face resulting from a club wielding cop. Leonard worked in Milwaukee as a social worker finding jobs and housing for Indian people; later he moved to Seattle and set up an Indian-run auto repair shop to provide jobs for unemployed or out of town Indians. He set up a kind of halfway house to smooth out the transition period for Indians stuck in a hostile city and unable to return home to rural reservations because of unemployment there.

Leonard Peltier was always able to come up with a roofing job or something for those served by *Indians in Need*. Members of his legal defense committee stated that "Leonard's heart has always been to help Indian people in whatever way he can." Obviously, the FBI needs him as a scapegoat. Their credibility is at stake and the situation around Wounded Knee has grown worse than ever since the siege by hundreds of US Marshalls ended during the summer of 1973. In 1974 there were 23 murders in Pine Ridge. In 1975 the figure leaped to nearly a murder a week. No one was ever arrested for these crimes, though many have positively identified the assailants. On the other hand, arrests and grand jury subpoenas written out on the spot are a constant threat to those who are for genuine enforcement of the treaties and justice for the Indian peoples.

So instead of the common criminal portrayed in the capitalist press, we now see a defender of the Indian people, forced to flee from the murderous grip of FBI agents with no intentions of justice.

Since the arrest, Canadian police have proven their eagerness to be the US's junior partner in crime against the Indian peoples. Leonard Peltier is being held in Vancouver, British Columbia,

under heavy guard in solitary confinement. By their actions the B.C. state authorities have already condemned and convicted him. Out of fear for his safety he has gone on a hunger strike (to prevent attempted drugging). Harassment is directed at all Indian supporters wishing to be present at the court hearings. Indian observers have been subjected to humiliating body searches by up to eight police officers at a time!

Canadian Indian policy intends to suppress not just this individual but also the tribes and peoples of the vast Canadian territory. The government opposes any move that threatens to replace the Department of Indian Affairs bureaucracy with independent Indian controlled government on a regional or national basis. The mercury contamination of Northern reservations is proof that the Canadian and USNA bourgeoisie share a common view of the original inhabitants of this land. To them they are nothing but roadblocks to the vast wealth and resources, to be removed any way necessary for the capitalists to line their pockets with profits of plunder.

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## STOCKTON

# SUPPORT BUSING, NOT FASCISM

On the weekend of April 10, 1976, in Stockton, California the car of Anne Stallworth was firebombed in the night. Anne Stallworth is the only Negro national minority member of the school board in Stockton.

Over the past year and a half a bitter struggle has broken out in Stockton over the question of busing and integration of the schools. In Stockton, like elsewhere, the capitalists are organizing fascist gangs to attack the working class. This attack on Ms. Stallworth is the culmination of months of attacks on busing by fascist forces.

The struggle around busing in Stockton began in October, 1974 when Superior Court Judge Keane ordered the integration of the Stockton schools. He found that almost all of Stockton's schools were segregated.

In Stockton, the Mexican, Negro, Chinese, Japanese, and Filipino students make up about half of the total students in the district.

This busing order created great controversy in Stockton. The democratic, progressive, and honest forces stepped forward in favor of busing.

Progressive members of the Stockton Unified School District like Ms. Stallworth came out in support of busing. She pointed out that 50% of the Stockton students were already bused - for purposes of segregation!

Many church organizations and community groups backed the integration order. First Unitarian Church urged the SUSD publicly to accept the court decision.

Raunell Foster, president of PEOPLE (Positive Educational Opportunity Provides Lasting Equality) testified before the board in favor of integration.

S.S. Desire, a high school student group, was formed to insure that the transition to integrated schools would be peaceful.

The Stockton Teachers Association and the Stockton Association of School Administrators also came out strongly in favor of integration.

In opposition to the peaceful integration of the schools, fascist forces began organizing. On January 30, 1975 at a meeting at a Stockton junior high school a group was formed called Stocktonians for Action. This meeting was leafleted by a dozen Nazis. This group has since changed its name to Stocktonians United for Neighborhood Schools (SUNS).

SUNS was instigated and is headed by a man named James L. Anderson. Anderson is the "former" head of the Posse Comitatus. The Posse is the

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## CINCO DE MAYO

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The hunger and misery, the unemployment and deaths that maintain our brothers on the other side of the border in dire poverty are the results of the greed and brutality of the small, imperialist class of the USNA.

We must join hands with our brothers and sisters across the border in our common struggles against these imperialists by demanding an immediate end to deportation, the elimination of fascist laws like the Dixon Arnett Law, the Rodino Bill and the Eastland Bill, and jobs with peace.

On May 5, 1862, the Mexican people defeated the French conquerors. In 1959, in Cuba, USNA imperialism was defeated for the first time in the Western Hemisphere. Today the road of socialist revolution is the road of liberation that is being taken by the peoples of Latin America.

The concrete development of the unity of the struggles in the Southwest and in Mexico against USNA imperialism is a major step towards the development of the Hemispheric Revolution that will eradicate USNA imperialism from the face of the earth. Let us advance history by raising the flag of socialism and burying this obsolete and degenerate, crime-ridden capitalist system.

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# MAY DAY

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Only under a military economy can the capitalists get rid of surplus commodities which are blown up, used by soldiers, and in production of military equipment. It is no accident that the military budget is now up to \$113 billion and that the military draft is again being proposed!

Yet do ANY of the Presidential candidates speak out against the military budget? Do ANY demand that the money go to jobs, schools or health care? NOT ONE.

The so-called "Veto-Proof Congress" has passed more for the military than even Ford had asked for. At the same time, the foodstamp and child care programs are being drastically cut. In fact, most of the politicians are using the phoney "red scare" to justify pumping even more money into the military.

## The Drive Towards Fascism

In order for the capitalist class to really make this move to the right - towards fascism and war - the resistance of the working class must be crushed. That's just what's happening in our country.

The Negro section of our class is the first to be hit. The Negro worker is isolated, the most discriminated against in the working class. In the oppressed Southwest, along with the Negro national minority worker, the undocumented worker is especially vulnerable. Constantly threatened with deportation, they are virtually defenseless.

The bourgeoisie, using "legal" and terroristic "extra-legal" means, is taking back everything the Negro worker has ever won. The U.S. Supreme Court has reversed almost all of its progressive decisions of the 1960's from voting rights to numerous other anti-discrimination decisions.

Busing is attacked by the politician, the Klan, Nazis, and the Supreme Court. Since the busing of school children has always been used in the USNA, busing is attacked solely because Negroes are being bused.

Cops in many places are doing the work of the Klan - killing national minority youth in unprecented numbers.

The undocumented worker is the target of a new upsurge in "anti-alien" hysteria, MIRA terror, deportations, more repressive "anti-alien" laws and outright murder and rape by fascist gangs at the border.

The bourgeoisie and their violent "spokesmen" are trying to use the Negro and Mexican worker as the scapegoats for the ills of capitalism, just like Hitler used the Jews.

But in a society where workers of different nationalities work side by side in the plants, picket together, stand in the same unemployment and foodstamp lines, and face a common educational and political system, the fascists cannot hit the Negro or Mexican worker without attacking the entire working class.

That's just what's happening before our very eyes! Along with attacks on busing and the Negro go the reduced educational standards of ALL working class children. It's not just the Negro today who is being brutalized by the cops. No, and it's not just the Negro who is being thrown into the streets and unemployment lines. All workers are facing speedup and must pay the astronomically high prices for basic necessities. Proposals are being put forward in Congress to have all workers, not just the undocumented, carry I.D. cards. Senate Bill 1 is aimed at all as it would virtually outlaw strikes. Fellow workers! The struggle for busing and against deportations is the first line of defense of our entire class!

Workers in organized labor are being assaulted by the capitalists like never before. Unions are being seriously weakened by the bourgeois state, and from within by

Rubber Workers, Molders, hospital workers, and others. The Teamsters and now the Rubber strike show that our class is angry. This mood will inevitably lead to many more important strikes this year.

The pitched class battles that are growing today are the strongest in recent years. They range from the struggle to get a bus line in Watts to the boycott of an entire school district by over one third of the farmworker town of Coachella, California.

Working class battles currently being waged for bilingual education, for decent housing, for the organization of farmworkers in the Rio Grande Valley, for the rights of the Indians are increasingly taking the character of demands by the Mexican national minority of the Southwest and Indian peoples for control of their land and self-government.

The farmworkers in California are battling tooth and

are primarily the Negro, Mexican national minority, and Appalachian "white".

Yet it is very often amongst these workers that the bourgeoisie has succeeded in forcing the most division. We have all witnessed how these workers sometimes fight over the remaining jobs, who's going to get the worse schools, and housing. No worker can really progress unless the rights of the worker at the bottom are fought for.

No worker can get ahead without the Negro workers. The trade union movement has floundered because it has refused to really organize the Negro worker. The women's movement has now to deal with the question of the Negro woman if it is to proceed. There can be no serious talk of a better education for any working class child without addressing ourselves to the lot of the Negro schoolchild.

The wages of the worker in the North are dragged down by the lower wages in the Negro Nation in the South. Shops will run away to the Negro Nation unless the working class takes up the struggle for wage parity, and unions in the Negro Nation. This is often true even in the oppressed Southwest. Farmworkers in parts of California may get a little more because the farmworker in the South gets less.

In the Southwest the unity between the Mexican and Negro national minority is crucial. The Southwest itself is a conquered territory. It was ripped away from Mexico by the annexationist war of 1848 - a war fought to enable the capitalist slaveholders of the South to expand their territory. The lands of the Southwest were also stolen from the Indians. The Mexican national minority and Indian peoples have been forcefully deprived of their land rights, the right to speak their own language and local self-government.

The capitalist class has worked overtime to keep the commonly oppressed Negro and Mexican national minority divided. The Negro is told the undocumented worker is taking his job, the Mexican national minority is told the Negro is favored and so on. The most intense and important area of concern is the question of busing and bilingual education.

The busing issue is developing rapidly in this part of the country. In the Southwest the right of the Mexican national minority to speak and be educated in his own language must be fought for. For a militant struggle to be waged for bilingual education it must be taken up by the whole class. The Negro worker is forced into the very worst, most segregated schools in the country - constantly denied equal rights. It should be obvious that unless these two sections of the class unite and take up the struggle for busing and bilingual education - take up the struggle for equality - that neither section can get anywhere.



THE HAYMARKET MARTYRS - Seven labor leaders framed by the capitalist class for their role in 1st May Day.

trade union misleaders. The 8 hour day, the legacy of May Day, is virtually a thing of the past for many workers. Real wages are being slashed and speedup is the order of the day. Shops are running away to the Southwest, to the Negro Nation and other colonies for lower wages and lack of unions. In the first major contract dispute of the year the Teamster leadership, in collusion with the government, sold out the workers and set the stage for similar settlements in other industries.

## The Rise in the Working Class Movement

The fascist danger will increase in the coming year. This places great responsibilities on the working class movement and its Communist Labor Party.

Something extremely important is happening in our country. Along with the fascist danger there is arising a more militant, more determined and sharper upsurge of the working class.

This May Day is taking place amidst a rash of strikes: San Francisco City workers,

nail for the right to freely choose the union of their choice after growers and politicians sabotaged the ALRB.

## The Fight to Unite the Working Class

Fellow workers! Such a powerful enemy as USNA imperialism cannot be fought when our forces are scattered, fighting separately, and sometimes even fighting each other. Our working class is very large and potentially very powerful but we can have no lasting strength unless we are united.

On this May Day Communists and class conscious workers must pledge ourselves to work militantly and tirelessly for the unity of our class.

Unity of the working class will not come by itself. It must be fought for within every struggle, every movement of the workers. Because a top section of the working class has been hopelessly bribed by imperialism, the unity of our class can only be built from the bottom up.

At the bottom are those workers most severely exploited and oppressed by capitalism. These workers - the unskilled and semi-skilled -

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## TERROR IN L.A.

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On Monday, April 19, demonstrators were met at Redondo Beach City Hall by gangster-type cops from special tactical squads. They were also met by certain leaders from an organization called the Coalition for Economic Survival. These leaders called the various organizations to tell them the demonstration was off; then urged the picketers to put down their signs and stop marching. They claimed wrongly that by confronting the Klan we only aid them. But the Klan is like a rattlesnake. Unless you kill it, it will strike you!

Faced with over 80 angry citizens, the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the cross burning. But this was not good enough!

A mass meeting was held several days later. This meeting was attended by representatives of the Fair Housing Congress, the SCLC, SNCC and the NAACP and Rep. Yvonne Braithwaite's office. At this meeting the participants agreed to again confront the Council, this time to demand a full investigation of the incident, protection for the Brandons and all Negro national minority families in the area, and the arrest and conviction of the gangsters who burned the cross.

On April 26 over one hundred people of all nationalities jammed the Council chambers. At first the Council would move no further than condemning the cross burning, but pressured by the people, they voted unanimously for the above mentioned

demands!! This was a victory—but the battle is far from over .....

### BREADLINES AND BURNING CROSSES

Los Angeles is falling into an economic disaster. Drive through the city and you see the shut down factories, boarded-up department stores, "for sale" signs in front of public schools, long lines at the unemployment office. Unemployed young workers line the streets; poverty, malnutrition are the order of the day.

It is in times like these that the millionaire capitalists have always re-armed the Ku Klux Klan and pushed them onto the scene. Calvin F. Craig, Georgia KKK leader recently stated, "The Klan is the type of organization that grows and decreases in cycles. The cycle now is inflation, unemployment, crime. You've got everything the Klan can grow on today. You get to a small town and people are out of work. The mood is restless. They'll grasp the first thing that can help."

Well said, Mr. Klansman, except that the Klan has never helped the workers of any nationality! Today the Klan claims to be the "defender of the white man."

## POSTAL WORKERS

DEAR WESTERN WORKER,

The Postal Workers' Rank and File Movement is growing steadily. We have a strong foothold among the clerks and mail handlers at the large annexes in Los Angeles and we are picking up support from carriers. Postal workers are showing they are ready and able to defend their jobs.

At first response was slow. Postal workers, like other workers, are used to being ripped off and let down by their unions so they were suspicious. But when they realized that although the Rank and File leaders were hard working unionists we aren't mired down in the sell-out politics and protocol of the big time union leadership, the rank and file workers began to turn out at our meetings.

Our petition campaign among postal workers is showing broad support from all crafts and both at large installations and small carrier offices. We are now beginning to circulate a public petition calling for Congress to restore good service. This will also effectively save our jobs. Our slogan expresses these aims: SERVICE — NOT LAYOFFS.

Since we began organizing several things happened. The postal unions in San Diego were forced to call a rally attended by 1,500 workers in response to a threat to cut 400 jobs. The letter carriers union has called for state-wide demonstrations on April 23rd. Also, a group of big local leaders around Los Angeles, headed by Overby, the LA carrier's pres., are making a direct attempt to get the Rank and File Movement to come under their control.

The Rank and File Movement is too strong and motivated now to be taken in by these bourgeois labor leaders. Even though these people seem to be moving at present, they will crawl back into their plush offices once the heat is off and let management run rough-shod over the workers unmolested. So the Rank and File must continue to build our movement aimed not only at protecting our jobs immediately and taking the initiative away from management in their drive to wreck our jobs, but also at strengthening the unity of the workers so we can ultimately overcome our enemies.

We are holding a demonstration at Terminal Annex in Los Angeles on May 2 from 11 AM to 2 PM. All workers are urged to join in and carry picket signs indicating worker support for the postal workers. For more information write P.O. Box 30, Venice, Calif. 90291.

This is a cheap lie. It's impossible to stand up for the Anglo-American ("white") people without standing up for ALL members of the working class.

To whom is the Anglo-American factory worker truly bonded - to the Rockefeller family, who are also "white" or isn't he bonded to his Mexican, Negro and Puerto Rican national minority brothers who daily work right beside him in the factories of our country?

This is a CLASS society. There is a class of capitalists and a multi-national class of workers. Our class is made up of Anglo-Americans, Negroes, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Indians, immigrants, young and old, skilled and unskilled. The Klan is not only anti-Negro, they are anti-labor, anti-union and anti-working class!

Allow us to take the reader back in history to prove it.

During a strike of Missouri and North Arkansas railroad workers in 1921-23, the Klan organized to wreck the strike. The Klan lynched one striker and whipped a strike sympathizer on Jan. 16, 1923. Then they rounded up strikers, brought them before a kangaroo court and expelled strikers from Arkansas towns. They broke this long and bitter strike in 4 months. The Klan: in the pay of the capitalists.

Another example: in 1935, Joseph Shoemaker, the Anglo-American director of the Workers Alliance was arrested in Tampa, Florida. When Shoemaker and the others arrested left the police station they were met by a mob of Klansmen. They were beaten, tarred and feathered and ordered to leave town. Joseph Shoemaker was castrated and died 9 days later.

Today Bessie Lou Cornett, an Anglo-American leader of the Harlan County, Kentucky, mineworkers has been threatened by the KKK. They have threatened to tar and feather her. She must be defended. The Klan is not simply anti-Negro. They are the advanced guard of fascism directed against all workers.

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## WORKERS CORRESPONDENCE GARMENT INDUSTRY

Dear Western Worker,

We are garment workers in San Francisco, who read with great interest the article on the Tobias Kotzin garment factory in Los Angeles (in the *Western Worker*, vol. 3 no. 4, March 8, 1976). We face the same working conditions. Last fall we got a 6 percent raise—only to lose it all through cuts in the piece rates. The company tries to force us to work harder, faster, produce more profits for them while we take home less and less. We have to work to live, but day by day the work is killing us. Poor heating and ventilation cause extremes in temperature, dust and lint make it hard to breathe. Our nerves are shot. All we can do is go home and go to sleep—no energy for our families, friends or outside activities. We have no sick leave, so we have to work everyday we can. (Plus sometimes for weeks or even months we have no work.) So how can we possibly work harder to make up the cuts in piece rates?

We get harassed if we step forward and demand our rights. But we'll get harassed anyway. The garment factories are hard-pressed to keep up their profits in this time of high unemployment and inflation. They're going to push us harder and harder *IF* they can.

The capitalists of the garment factories, like all other capitalists, know our strength. To keep their profits up, they have to keep us down. To keep us down, they keep us divided—blaming each other instead of them. The main problem facing us is UNITY. The main obstacle to our unity is division among workers of different nationalities.

Garment shops are now and always have been made up of workers of all different nationalities. Because of the lousy working conditions, poor pay, seasonal layoffs, high turnover, the capitalists have to have a large, cheap available labor supply.

Native-born American workers should ask themselves—what would you do if you face 40 percent unemployment as in Mexico, or wages of 29 cents an hour for an electrician in the Philippines or 22 cents an hour and an 84 hour work week for a factory worker in South Korea? If your family was facing misery and starvation wouldn't you do almost anything to get to the U.S.?

Why do these miserable conditions exist? Because the U.S. capitalists go around the world and enslave whole nations and peoples to make more money. Maximum profit is the name of their game.

So we must not fall for the old trick of "divide and conquer." Next time the company (or the union) tries to blame "foreign" workers for the lack of jobs and low wages, think again. Who controls the U.S. economy? Why are people forced to come to the U.S.? And when they do come here, what happens to them? They are at the bottom of the heap—facing constant discrimination in employment, housing, education, everything.

A good example of this in San Francisco is Chinatown. In Chinatown sweatshops women work 10-12 hours a day, day and night for 75 cents, \$1, \$1.50 per hour! So \$2.75-\$3.00 looks good. The garment factories want to keep Chinatown the way it is, so they can use it to beat us all down.

We must stop blaming each other. If one nationality is attacked, we all are attacked. We must demand that all union business is conducted in Chinese, Spanish, English and any other language necessary for all members to participate.

And what about the unions? Unlike L.A., most of the larger garment shops in San Francisco are unionized. Chinatown is not—with a few exceptions. But what are the unions doing? Not much. Even though we have a union contract, it's not enforced. Most of the workers have never even *seen* it. The union instead of trying to rally the workers to enforce the contract, divides and attacks us. The union blames *us* for not fighting for our rights—says *we're* too stupid, too afraid, to stand up. We've seen time and time again, that when we do fight back the union doesn't back us up. The union is supposed to be our organization—the organization of all the workers at the shops—our force for unity.

We have to see that they do their job. It can be done. The unions in San Francisco are in a very weak position right now. Increasing unemployment has thinned their ranks and dues. The garment shops know this. At one shop the company cut the piece rates so low, workers were not even making the minimum wage of \$2.30! The workers went to the Labor Commission of the Federal government, because the union had done nothing. So the garment companies know the weakness of the unions—and when they see a chance they'll smash them.

We need a union—but a fighting union that will back us up. The pressure has to come from us—the union members, fighting together. We must organize ourselves and plan our every move. It's not an easy task. For years we've had almost nothing but bad examples—the company attacks us one by one (and rewards a few sellouts), the union divides us, we blame each other for our problems.

In the U.S. today we still have some democratic rights—like the right to a union, the right to strike. But these rights are being threatened. To maintain their profits, the factory owners will push us as far down as they can. We have to fight to keep our rights. What happened in the Philippines with martial law and Nicaragua with the Somoza dictatorship can happen here. We must adopt the old slogan "An injury to one is an injury to all." This is the reality. Therein lies our strength.

S.F. garment workers

# MAY DAY

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## Regional Autonomy for the Southwest

To unite our class all workers must support the right of the Mexican national minority and Indian peoples to control their lands, resources, and local self-government as the only guarantee of true equality. Workers must NOW begin to actively raise the demand for Regional Autonomy by taking it into the class, popularizing it amongst the workers and their organizations, and by fighting for it in the legislative and educational struggles.

The Communist Labor Party has always raised the critical importance of the unity and common action of the different organizations fighting for equal rights as a concrete step in the struggle to unite our class forces.

Today there is a very important movement developing in the working class for the uniting of these organizations into a National Equal Rights Congress. The Equal Rights Congress Convention will be held over Labor Day Weekend in Chicago, Illinois. Such a Congress will be a historic step forward for the working class movement. We are already witnessing unity of action by local councils throughout the USNA, and here in the West and Southwest. Needed during the coming period will be unity of action on a larger scale - state, region and country-wide mobilizations!

### Strikes, Unions & Jobs

The strikes, struggles in the plants and unions are an extremely important part of the struggle for jobs with peace - for the struggle against unemployment.

Every economic question facing our class concerns the question of jobs. The automation that is threatening thousands; the greater speedup, longer hours, forced overtime mean more productivity with fewer workers.

The fight for jobs also involves more than simply the question of employment. It is the struggle for decent wages and working conditions, for the right to organize unions, decent welfare benefits, and against rising prices.

Today the bourgeoisie tells our class that jobs can only come about through a rapid expansion of the military industry and military budget.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The war industry is a highly automated and sophisticated enterprise with relatively few jobs available for workers in it. Studies show that far more jobs would be created if the monies were spent on hospital construction, day care, better health and safety in the factories and so on. And no worker wants to see the world annihilated by World War III.

For the fight for jobs movement to draw large numbers of workers into it, for it really to attack the growing danger of fascism and war, workers must demand productive jobs for all at the expense of the huge war-making military budget. Jobs with Peace!

This overall unemployment crisis places great responsibilities on the trade union movement. Unions were formed to fight for the economic interests of the working class. It is therefore natural and necessary that the unions become the base of the class in its struggle for jobs.

Within the union struggle there is arising an extremely important anti-fascist workers movement. This is the "rank and file" demand for trade union democracy and control over their unions. This movement must be supported and developed further.

The gulf between the workers and many union leaderships is constantly widening - the workers must fight capitalism's attack on their living standards and the union misleaders are tied to capital.

The international leadership of many of the big unions, led by Fitzsimmons in Teamsters and Abel in steel are moving towards establishing a fascist front against the workers. Opposition is rapidly growing within the ranks of labor. The upcoming District 38 election of the Steelworkers, with militant miner Juan Chacon challenging the Abel forces, will be an important working class battle in the Southwest.

In the Southwest as well are thousands of unorganized farmworkers, garment and electronics plants, canneries and mines. Workers in these industries are critical to the unity of the working class. The many women and colonial workers are forced to labor under brutal conditions, with the constant threat of deportation raids.

The struggles of the workers are constantly isolated by the bourgeoisie, virtually every union drive is beaten back by the capitalists and their agents in labor.

But the unionizing movement will inevitably continue for without unions these workers cannot fight back against capital. A resurgence of the union movement will be necessary, one that is supported and pushed for by those workers already in unions. Indeed, the demand for wage parity and unions in the Negro Nation and Southwest will have to become a clarion call of the labor movement!

In the Southwest this movement will have to be militantly against deportations, for the organization of the undocumented worker, for the rights of women and the Indian peoples. The movement will develop as part of the struggle for land and equality for the oppressed peoples of the Southwest.

For any union drive to succeed today workers in the Negro Nation must also be organized. The Texas farmworkers stand today in a pivotal position.

# RUBBER WORKERS STRIKE

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This anger by the workers is fed and fired by tremendous increases in the cost of living since 1973, plus stepped-up company harassment during the past years. Hundreds of workers have been laid off, the unemployment rate in rubber is now 24%, speed-up threatens life and limb, and forced overtime - 6 day weeks is the rule. Company profits are up 33%.

The workers swear up and down the line that they will not compromise their demands for parity with the auto workers cost of living with escalator, 25 and out, 100% health and dental, no forced overtime, and more authority for the safety committee to close down unsafe working conditions. The rubber workers are fighters. There has been a history of wildcats among rubber workers like the Firestone plant in Salinas when a two week suspension of 64 workers

To date, the bourgeoisie has managed to keep the different rank and file workers movements separate, has divided the organized from the unorganized, spread divisions on the basis of nationality. An important task of the labor movement in coming years will be to unite the various struggles in more concrete ways - the banner of this great movement will have to be: JOBS, PEACE, AND EQUALITY.

**BUILD THE CLP!**

Fellow workers! Capitalism has absolutely nothing to offer our class or any truly progressive person. Capitalism is polluting our ocean, air, rivers, lakes and streams. The capitalist class is responsible for the misery and sufferings of the toiling peoples of the world. Under capitalism our children have no real hope for the future, only a life of ignorance and poverty.

Unless eliminated, capitalism threatens to drag the world into a barbaric and heinous destructive war - the likes of which no one even cares to think about.

But beyond the gathering storm clouds exists a bright future for our class and humanity. That future is socialism where society is run for the betterment of mankind and not for the profits of a few.

The biggest step that can be taken towards this inevitable victory is the building of the Communist Labor Party. Only the working class can build the Communist Labor Party. If you want to stop fascism - build the Party. If you want to stop war - build the Party. If you dream and want to fight for the future of humanity, for the future of our children and country - join the Communist Labor Party!

**LONG LIVE MAY DAY!  
BUILD THE COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY!**

triggered a 2-1/2 day strike in June, 1972. And again in October 1973, just 3-1/2 months after the International strike was ended, a stoppage slowdown followed by the suspension of 11 workers resulted in another wildcat lasting 3-1/2 days.

The companies are determined to force down the standard of living of the workers and at the same time increase productivity, wringing every ounce of production from the workers.

Witness what has been happening at Goodyear in Los Angeles. While hundreds of workers are laid off, many workers are being shifted out of their job classifications, and forced to work two jobs simultaneously. Tire trimmers, for example, are also inspecting the trimmed tires.

In every capitalist industry workers lives are endangered due to speed up and neglect of safety conditions that are "too expensive" for the capitalists. While health experts are investigating the deaths of six rubber workers from leukemia 10 years ago, which Goodyear admits were caused by exposure to chemicals (benzene), Goodyear and other rubber workers continue to be exposed daily to dangerous and debilitating chemicals proven to cause black lung and skin disease.

As the working class all across the country fights for a better life, the capitalist class strikes back with all the means at their disposal - from the terror of the KKK, to the armed police, to laws and court decisions which pave the way for a fascist dictatorship. At Goodyear in Los Angeles, the goons of the police department harass and beat up Negro national minority workers on the street in front of the plant. As they always do, the courts have already entered this strike on the side of the companies.

The rubber companies are well prepared. They have been able to stockpile, warehouses are full, and the auto companies are reported to have enough tires to last for over a month; while all the workers have is what they've set aside from overtime, and maximum \$35 a week strike benefits which at best will last 3 weeks. It is reported that in response to the strike the rubber companies withdrew SUB funds for laid off workers.

**SUPPORT THE COLONIAL WORKERS!**

The four giant multinational rubber corporations have widely diversified operations including rubber and plastic non-tire operations. The majority of these operations are located in colonial areas of the world, and especially in the Negro Nation and the oppressed Southwest region of the USNA.

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# FIGHT EXTRADITION

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What is the imperialist's master plan for the various Indian peoples? U.S. federal policy is geared to destroying the Special Indian Status as guaranteed by treaties between Indians and the federal government over the years. The USNA hopes to transfer jurisdictional powers over Indian people to individual states. It all hinges on resource consolidation and the fact that many reservations throughout the country are sitting atop vast reserves of coal, petroleum or other exploitable resources. The USNA state, acting as agent for the capitalist class, does not wish to permit Indian people a federally recognized voice and so hopes to divide Indian claims. It wishes to give the states the power to divide up whatever resources can be gleaned from the Indians who will be demoted to the status of poor local groups unable to defend their rights, land and resources.

This is nothing but a time-tested fascist trick. It was the southern states clamoring for their "rights" that gave the federal government the excuse it needed to ignore the murder of Negro and Anglo-American civil rights workers. It was the cry of "states rights" that spelled the end of Reconstruction in the south. And it was the federal government, not wishing to trample on "states rights" that allowed for the removal of the Cherokee from Georgia in 1831. The now famous Trail of Tears was the forced march

of 50,000 Indians of several southern tribes, over half of whom perished en route to the west bank of the Mississippi river.

What can a worker of any nationality hope to gain from a government so oppressive against the Indian peoples? The current situation among the Anglo-American working class - speedups, unemployment, increased police terror and war preparations - show the common grounds on which we fight this imperialist state. Yet it is the isolation of the Indian peoples which has done so much harm to both their struggle and the struggle for equality of all nationalities. This must be reversed immediately. The first order of business is to link this struggle with other struggles for equal rights around the country. To this end the Equal Rights Congress and unity of action in each locality is totally necessary. The entire working class and progressive people must be mobilized; counter the attacks against the national minorities as the first line defense against fascism, which seeks to divide and conquer.

In the case of Leonard Peltier much is needed immediately. The defense committee needs money and specific office equipment, food, etc. to conduct necessary publicity and coordination. From all parts of the USNA letters and telegrams must come urging: LEONARD PELTIER MUST NOT BE EXTRADITED. To return him to South Dakota at this time means sentencing him to die a violent death at the hands of State authorities, FBI and fascist punk gangs.

As important as saving the life of one freedom fighter

is, our real task must to save our class, our peoples. The right of regional autonomy for the Indian peoples is an integral part of this struggle. Real regional autonomy means that the Indian peoples themselves and not the capitalist corporations, their government or their lackeys, control their land, their natural resources and their lives. It is the only means of guaranteeing real equality for the Indian peoples.

By militantly supporting these demands to end imperialist grip on Indian lands can the Anglo-American working class unite itself and unite with the liberation movements. Only a united front of the working class can stop the drive of money mad financiers towards fascism. This is the only road possible in our struggle for socialism.

Demonstrate your support for Leonard Peltier and the Indian resistance. Visit local Canadian consulate offices with demands of NO EXTRADITION. Letters and telegrams should be sent to:

Ron Basford  
Minister of Justice  
Parliament Buildings  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada

Donations and copies of the letters and telegrams should be sent to the:

AIM LEGAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE  
INDIAN CENTER  
1855 VINE STREET,  
VANCOUVER, CANADA

or in the U.S., to:

RED NATION LEGAL DEFENSE COMM  
1619 SECOND AVE.  
SEATTLE, WA. 98104

# STOCKTON

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fascist gang in the pay of the big growers which on September 2, 1975 stopped organizers from the United Farm Workers Union from entering the tomato fields near Stockton. Their members were armed with shotguns and rifles and made it clear that they were quite willing to kill the UFW members if they entered the fields.

The Posse is openly organizing against busing in Stockton as well as working through its front men like Anderson. Members of the Posse have attended school board meetings to oppose busing. At one meeting they sat holding American flags as symbols of the freedoms busing will supposedly "take away."

While the Posse tries to portray itself as a legitimate "conservative" group, in fact it is a fascist, terrorist organization. Membership in it is restricted to "white Christians". Its literature contains statements like the following: "Your officials were sent to the captiol or Washington to represent white Christian Americans and NOT the riffraff Jews, Negroes ...." (LA Times 8-28-75)

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## CLP MICHIGAN BALLOT CAMPAIGN

We encourage all of our readers, supporters, and anyone interested in the CLP, to send letters, statements of support and contributions to:

CLP Michigan Ballot Campaign Office  
16525 Hamilton  
Highland Park, Michigan  
48203

# RUBBER WORKERS

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The goal of the capitalist class is maximum profits and he will sail high and low waters for this end. In the colonies and neo-colonies he finds conditions of his own choosing and anchors his ship. What are these conditions?

First and foremost there exists an abundant supply of cheap labor. To quote from US News and World Report. "Several Southern states offer to prepare a factory site, train the work force to the employers specifications at public expense, float low-interest bonds to pay for construction and grant several years immunity from property taxes."

The capitalist state is assisting the capitalists in every possible way. Most of these southern and southwestern states have "right to work" laws which do not allow labor to be organized. The workers in these areas are whipped in line by the KKK, Texas Rangers and other violent representatives of imperialism.

The vast majority of rubber factories are located in colonial areas. Goodyear, for example, has 56 facilities within the USNA. 27 of these are located in the Negro Nation and Southwest region which are mostly non-tire.

In the present contract

negotiations these multinational corporations are demanding lower wages for the non-tire operations. This would represent an attack on all workers in two ways. First, the capitalists plan to separate the skilled tirebuilders from the unskilled and semi-skilled, primarily Negro and Mexican national minority workers in non-tire operations. Secondly, to separate workers from Ohio from the rest of the rubber workers in the Negro Nation and Southwest region.

The owners of the rubber giants are clearly and openly pitting the more highly paid northern workers against their working class brothers and sisters in the oppressed nations and regions of the US. They have made it clear they will retaliate against the militancy of the workers by relocating even more plants in the South and Southwest, shifting more and more of the burden of the crisis onto the backs of Mexican national minority and Negro workers.

As the contract struggle in rubber proceeds, the workers must carry forward the militant internationalist spirit of May Day, the spirit of the fighting unity of the working class. Workers in the North, the South, the East and West must link arms and demand equality. No work-

ers' job is secure while the capitalists can move to regions where wages are allowed to be lower and the workers not organized. The rubber workers can no longer allow their southern counterparts to receive minimum wages or less. Only on the basis of equality, can the living standard of the working class be protected.

Fellow workers! What happens to the rubber workers affects all of us. If we let the rubber workers stand alone, the capitalist class will gain further strength in their assault on the working class. We can rally to the support of the rubber workers, just like the Muni bus drivers have done for the crafts workers of San Francisco. Auto workers, stand by the rubber workers now, so you will have strength in September.

What is at stake in this strike is more than the question of wages and standard of living. The capitalist class, in the midst of economic crisis, is trying to break our will and ability to organize and unite. They want to break the unions, and make all working class resistance illegal, like it is in the colonies and neo-colonies. To fight back we must fight back not in isolated struggles but as a united class.



The Communist Labor Party proposes the following program as the basis of that united struggle:

1. Strict adherence to a 35 hour work week. No forced overtime. No speed-up.
2. Jobs for all unemployed workers. Full employment at the expense of the military budget. Jobs with Peace.
3. End all USNA support for fascist military governments in the colonies and neo-colonies. Support the workers in the colonies in their struggle for equal pay for equal work, and the right to unionize.
4. Remove all unsafe working conditions, including chemicals which cause long term illness like black lung and leukemia. Guaranteed safe and healthy working conditions.
5. End to discrimination. Equality for all national minorities and women.

## COACHELLA

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When the parents of the girl who was molested came forward and asked that the CCAE represent them in their complaint against Don Cochran, they agreed. The School Board did their investigation and said that there was nothing that could substantiate the accusation. The case was dismissed by the Board.

In a session with the CCAE, Dr. Tucker, Supervisor of the CVUSD, said, "If this would have happened in any other school district like Beverly Hills or Palos Verde, the teacher would have been dismissed immediately or would have quietly resigned." When asked why not here in Coachella he replied, "... what the School Board needs is parent pressure."

And so parent pressure was applied when the School Board met April 7, 1976 and 500 to 600 parents showed up! When it was demanded that the 2 teachers be dismissed, the School Board decided to reassign Don Cochran to a "non-teaching position", and

did not even discuss investigating the complaints against Elizabeth Coffy.

Angry at the response by the Board, the CCAE and community organized a walk-out. 500 High School students walked-out, Dateland School had to close down, and so 5 schools were closed that Thursday, April 8, 1976. 2,000 parents and students participated in the demonstration. The whole school district sent their students home at noon, because there were not enough students in the class rooms.

The response of the School Board to the mass demonstration was typical of this grower controlled body. Elementary school children were told to hurry home because a gang was coming to kill them that had already killed six teachers.

The schools were closed the following day, and the school board "hoped that tempers would cool down over Easter Vacation so that the schools could quietly re-open Monday". The local newspapers also tightly controlled by agribusiness completely falsified the demonstration, saying that

there was a riot. What riot? Even the captain of the Coachella Police came on radio to state that he was pleased that there was no violence, and that the CCAE had an orderly and peaceful demonstration. Then it was stated in the press that the demonstration was a plot to take over Southern California and the whole Southwest and hand it back to Mexico.

The Board and the growers were frightened by this show of unity and militancy in this farmworker town and were trying to break it. But the boycott has continued and draws mass support from the community.

Progressive teachers who supported the parents demands to remove the two teachers were immediately reassigned to non-teaching positions without any reason being given. It just so happens that these teachers are among the only bilingual teachers in the district and the only ones at Dateland! Their union, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) refused to back them and even threatened their teaching credentials.

It is very clear that the agribusiness interests that control the Imperial Valley don't want to see farm-worker children educated. They want to see them kept ignorant so they can better exploit them in the fields. After all, the growers don't need educated workers to do their hot, backbreaking labor.

The poor education of Coachella's children is the result of the chauvinistic capitalist system. The capitalists spend money on the military but say "to hell with" the education of workers' children. Well, we the workers and parents have had enough! No more will we allow our children to be beaten in school or be "handled" by chauvinist teachers.

The Communist Labor Party supports the demands of the Coachella parents:

1. Immediate dismissal of the two teachers, Don Cochran and Elizabeth Jean Coffy.
2. No disciplinary action be taken against the four teachers active in CCAE.
3. No disciplinary action be taken against students participating in demonstrations and in the CCAE.
4. That the CCAE be given the opportunity to work with the School Board to better the programs at the schools, and the programs being reviewed for the schools.

Send letters, telegrams, and petitions to the Coachella School Board, Coachella, California.

The Communist Labor Party also recognizes that the Mexican national minority of the Southwest cannot be guaranteed an equal education without a thorough bilingual program for the students. Such a program can only be insured through control by the Mexican national minority over their land, and through a flexible system of self-government.  
**REGIONAL AUTONOMY FOR THE MEXICAN NATIONAL MINORITY OF THE SOUTHWEST!!**

On Monday, May 10 there will be a demonstration at the Bell City Council at 7:00 PM to demand that the City Council do something about the hanging of a Negro student in effigy at Bell High. The demonstration will be at Pine and Gage. We urge all our Los Angeles readers to attend these activities!

This May First, International Workingman's Day, let us rise up as a united class to meet the challenge of the Ku Klux Klan and Nazi Party! This May First, let us hurl the gauntlet at the feet of these low-life stormtroopers for the rich! This May Day we look with contempt on those who feast while millions go hungry, and spit in the eye of the modern-day Hitlers!

**LONG LIVE THE UNITED FRONT!  
DEATH TO FASCISM!  
OUTLAW THE KKK, NAZI PARTY  
AND POSSE COMITATUS!  
FREE THE NEGRO NATION!  
WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES  
OF THE WORLD UNITE!**

## LOS ANGELES TERROR

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This is why the KKK has emerged in Los Angeles - to CRUSH the workers struggle, to try to keep workers divided - to lead us like lambs into the slaughter. But we are not lambs, and as the dozens who rallied at the Redondo City Council showed, we will NOT be led to the slaughter!

### THE STRUGGLE FOR BUSING - A BATTLE AGAINST THE KLAN

This Klan violence is coming on the eve of the Supreme Court decision on busing. The KKK, Nazis and other fascist gangs have rallied against busing. The fascists battle against busing is only a smokescreen for a drive against the Negro worker and all people who believe in justice and equality.

The Brandon children are the only Negro children in the Redondo Beach School District. At Bell High School, where the aforementioned lynching in effigy took place, the majority of Negro national minority students are bused in. The day of this lynching dozens of Anglo-American students assured their Negro school mates that they would back them up and defend their rights.

The packed city council chambers of Redondo Beach also proved that the Anglo-American workers are opposed to hoodlums like the KKK and will stand with their minority brothers.

The conditions are ripe in our country for the formation of a national Equal Rights Congress that will bring together hundreds and thousands of organizations involved in the struggle for equal rights and justice into a mighty umbrella organization.

The Communist Labor Party urges all organizations and

individuals who stood up in Bell and Redondo Beach against Klan Terror to join the Equal Rights Congress, for who knows when the Ku Klux Klan will strike again? We must unite now before it is too late!

### FREE THE NEGRO NATION!

It should never be forgotten that the birthplace of the Ku Klux Klan, Pulaski, Tennessee stands in the heart of the South of the United States of North America. The Klan first arose in order to drive the newly freed Negro slaves and poor Anglo-Americans back into a new type of slavery.

From that day forward Wall Street has used the Ku Klux Klan to help them rule the Negro Nation. Sometimes they wear white hoods, sometimes blue police uniforms, and sometimes business suits. All the recent repressive anti-working class legislation passed in the Anglo-American nation - wage controls, gun control laws, unlawful assembly, conspiracy and all the rest have long been on the books in the Negro Nation.

Thus we see that the shadow of national oppression follows the Negro wherever he goes. Thus we see, too, that whatever fate befalls the Negro worker lies in store for all workers.

But most importantly we see that the struggle against the Klan, against police violence, for busing, for jobs, peace, equality and socialism of the Anglo-American working class is tied by a thousand threads to the struggle for liberation and independence of the Negro Nation.

**OUTLAW THE KU KLUX KLAN  
AND ALL FASCIST GANGS!  
FREE THE NEGRO NATION** these must become the battle cries of our class.

### DEMONSTRATE!!!

On Sunday May 2nd at 2:00 PM there will be another meeting to plan further activities against the Klan and in defense of the Brandon family. This meeting will be held at the Church of Divine Guidance, 1518 S. Gramercy Place, Los Angeles.

This Monday, May 3rd the Fair Housing Congress will hold a Smash the Klan forum with movies and speakers. The place: St. James Parish Hall, 415 Vincent, Redondo Beach.

On the evening of May 6th there will be a rally at 7 pm to stop "Bus Stop" at Madison Jr. High in North Hollywood. "Bus Stop" is an organization fighting against integration of the Los Angeles schools.

## NEGROES BEWARE DO NOT ATTEND COMMUNIST MEETINGS

Paid organizers for the communists are only trying to get negroes in trouble. Alabama is a good place for good negroes to live in, but it is a bad place for negroes who believe in SOCIAL EQUALITY.

**The Ku Klux Klan  
Is Watching You.  
TAKE HEED**

Tell the communist leaders to leave.  
Report all communist meetings to the  
**Ku Klux Klan**  
Post Office Box 651, Birmingham, Alabama.

## AUTO WORKERS

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Almost 2,000 workers with up to 12 years seniority were on the street and the GM SUB (Supplemental Unemployment Benefits) fund was by this time almost bankrupt. Eighteen months later they began to be called back. Today the plant is roaring along with two shifts, 60 jobs per hour. Production is being sustained primarily by the Camaro which is new to the plant. It is one of the GM's hottest models. There are strong rumors that the plant is about to go on a 9-hour day, 6 day a week operation. The night shift production workers are almost entirely new-hires, that is probationary workers who may be fired at any time for any reason. They are largely women and Negro and Mexican national minority workers. The Negro national minority women in particular are being overworked in an attempt to force them out.

Many women have been assigned to the body shop spot weld lines which as any auto worker will confirm, is the worst job in the plant. The body shop is generally known as "hot, heavy, hard and dirty". As a result of this deliberate placing of slightly built women and men on extremely arduous jobs there have already been a large number of injuries and quits. On April 7 alone, 24 women and 12 men quit GM.

The plant resembles a battlefield. Trails of blood lead to the medical office. Bandaged workers painfully struggle to keep up with the relentless pace of the assembly line.

### GENERAL MOTORS - Southgate

In January, 1974 this plant was the first GM plant to feel the full force of the economic crisis. It was almost completely closed for eight months. The plant was retooled for the Vega. That car proved to be a turkey and the plant was shut down in December, 1974 again for retooling. In March, 1974, Southgate was given the Monza town coupe. This lasted until July, 1975, when the whole plant was laid off again. In February, 1976 many workers got called back as the plant imminently planned to expand production for the Chevette. Then the word came from Detroit - no Chevette for Southgate. Today over 400 Southgate workers, some with more than 6 years seniority, are working as new hires at the Van Nuys plant.

At the Southgate plant today the layoffs continue as operations are consolidated (sped up). There are many depressing rumors of the plant closing completely or shutting down for 10-20 weeks. The union leadership and principally the right wingers of the Shop Committee have completely disgraced themselves by proclaiming at a union meeting that they would do absolute-

ly nothing if the plant closed down! The plant currently has 1,000 workers laid off from employment levels of a year ago.

At the same time that the capitalists are closing plants like Dearborn Engine and Southgate, they are building auto plants in the Negro Nation and throughout the South, especially in so-called "right to work" (right to slave) states. GM has recently opened 6 new plants in Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana. GM is refusing to hire laid off workers with seniority at these plants. Their strategy is obvious: pay the Southern workers \$2.00 an hour-type wage with no union protection and make millions off the colonial people of the Negro Nation.

Fellow workers, the current situation in the automobile industry is a deplorable one. While millions of workers throughout the USNA search for work and stand in unemployment lines, the huge capitalists who own the auto plants work "their" workers almost to death with speed-up and overtime. Record profits are being reaped by the auto companies. This is because it is more profitable for them to make one man do two men's work than hire 2 men at a plant! And maximum profits are all the capitalists care about. This is why there is unemployment, a high rate of industrial accidents, lack of technical innovation, and youth in this country who may never work.

The struggle around the upcoming contract is the struggle to defend ourselves against the capitalists attack on our standard of living. Our main weapon is this crucial battle in the unity of the working class. Without this unity, the capitalist class will beat us into submission.

On this question of unity, two immediate issues are raised. The first is the current Rubber strike. The auto companies have a large stockpile of tires. They did so in anticipation of the Rubber strike. Rubber and auto workers have a common bond. If one loses, the other is hurt too. The strike funds for the Rubber workers will run out soon. Auto Workers! Your fellow Rubber Workers need your support. UAW Local 216 in Southern California has taken on their cause. All auto workers must do the same!

The second issue is the question of the workers in the Negro Nation and the rest of the colonial world. Auto plants are moving to the Negro Nation where wages are low and unions are non-existent. The Negro Nation is and has always been a source of superprofits for the US imperialists -- the Ku Klux Klan for one has insured this. Currently the KKK is rampaging in California as well. Unless all workers fight for wage parity and unions in the

## STOCKTON

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Even after the appeal in the busing case was rejected \* the anti-busing forces continued their dirty work. Under the guise of fighting a legal battle these forces were preparing the conditions for extra-legal terror.

After the high court ruling the Stockton Record (the town's only Daily) printed two to three articles a day supporting the anti-busing forces. At the end of every weekly Board meeting Anderson has been allowed up to 20 minutes to rage against the evils of "forced busing."

He has issued threats to progressive school board members saying in effect "I can no longer be responsible for the actions of the people." It should be clear that James L. Anderson and his SUNS grouping are responsible directly or indirectly for this cowardly criminal act on Anne Stallworth! It should also be clear that the reactionary anti-busing school board members who have encouraged anti-busing activities are accomplices and accessories to this act.

This type of terror is unfortunately not new to the Stockton area. It has been the scene of many bitter working class struggles over the years. The 1937 cannery strike was broken by Associated Farmer- led gangs numbering over 1,000 in a struggle remembered by workers as the Battle of Stockton.

Eight miles to the north of Stockton is Lodi, a town which during World War II was a hot bed of Nazi sympathizers. This town does not permit Negroes to stay overnight. One particularly infamous building in Lodi was the American Legion Post. This was used repeatedly in the thirties as a staging area for the mobilization of gangs for strikebreaking.



Negro Nation, no worker will be safe. If "right to work" laws can exist in the South, how long will it be until they are forced through in the North? The fight to outlaw the KKK is part of the fight too!

The Communist Labor Party puts forward the following demands to be fought for at the auto contract negotiation tables:

1. Keep Dearborn Engine and Southgate Open!
2. An end to compulsory overtime, strict adherence to a 35-hour work week!
3. No speed-up.
4. Guaranteed safe and healthy working conditions!
5. Organize the Southern plants. Equal pay for equal work.

Today there are offices of both the Nazis and the John Birch Society in the Stockton area. (The Posse shares a phone with the Nazis at their office)

The capitalists have always utilized fascist thugs in the Stockton area because the area is very important to them. Stockton sits in the middle of some of the most productive farming land in the world. Within a fifty mile radius of Stockton over 220,000 acres of tomatoes alone are under cultivation and 50,000 workers toil in the tomato canneries. The capitalists are determined to maintain control over this region and they are utilizing the terror of the fascist gangs in order to do it.

Fellow workers. The fascist gangs of the Central Valley can and must be stopped. The example of Detroit proves that busing can be implemented successfully and peacefully. The cowardly attack on Anne Stallworth must not go unanswered. We urge all our readers to send letters to the Stockton Board of Trustees condemning this despicable act. Demand that a grand jury conduct an investigation of James L. Anderson's connections with the Posse. and this crime.

We must support both the integration of the Stockton schools and the development of a thorough bilingual education program in these schools. We call upon all the progressive organizations in Stockton to join forces and participate in the growing national movement to build an Equal Rights Congress. It's time to return in kind any acts by the fascists which harm our children, neighbors and workers.

OUTLAW THE POSSE, NAZIS AND KU KLUX KLAN!!

## 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:

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