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"The world is yours as well as ours, but in the final analysis it is yours"
 "Our hope is placed on you... the world belongs to you" —Mao Tsetung

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The Future is Ours!

ON TO BOSTON FOR YOUTH CONFERENCE '77!

This year's Youth Conference '77 — "The Future is Ours!" called by the Communist Youth Organization will be held at Boston State College in Boston, Massachusetts on October 22-23, 1977. The Conference is being cosponsored by many youth and student organizations.



Hundreds of youth from across the country will be at the Youth Conference '77 to share lessons of their struggles and to unite to win future ones.

The Youth Conference promises to be an event full of determination, as youth from all nationalities will come together to share their experiences in fighting the oppression that youth face. Inspirational reports and speeches about the national liberation and independence struggles of our Third World brothers and sisters will also be given, being one of the highlights of the Conference.

The major address at the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania. This young brother will tell us of the battle that is being waged by his people for liberation from the racist rule of the white

minority regime in South Africa.

Films, workshops, and a People's Cultural Night will also be held. All the rich experiences that young people from all around the country have gained in the struggle will be shared for all to learn these important lessons.

The aim of the conference will be to unite and build a powerful youth movement which will target the rotten imperialist system that we live under as the enemy of all youth. This movement will take up the revolutionary fight wherever youth are struggling.

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DEMONSTRATE OCTOBER 15

STUDENTS UNITE TO FIGHT BAKKE DECISION

A National Day of Solidarity against the Bakke decision has been set for October 15. Called by the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition (ABCD), it will be a day when hundreds of progressive, anti-imperialist and communist fighters will join together for a demonstration and march in San Francisco to the Federal Building. Organizers from other areas of the country will be building for this day, as well as carrying on the struggle in their areas through petitions and forums.

One year ago the California Supreme Court ruled that U.C. Davis Medical School had refused admission to Allan Bakke, a white engineer in his 30's, because of an "un-constitutional" special admis-

sions program. Bakke claimed that he was rejected because of "reverse discrimination" and that less qualified minority students had been admitted in his place. At the time Bakke applied, U.C. Davis had opened only 16 out of 100 positions to minority students. The small number of slots for minorities was the result of hard fought struggles in the 60's and 70's. Before this time, even fewer minorities were allowed to attend the universities. With the Bakke decision, the ruling class is trying to eliminate minority admissions altogether.

The U.C. regents have openly cooperated with the courts in attacking the special admissions program. In fact

they originally encouraged Bakke to file his suit, and later helped him put together the "reverse discrimination" argument. They even referred him to a lawyer so he could sue the school. During the trial, the regents put on a flimsy defense of the special admissions program and offered no evidence of their blatant past discrimination. It is clear that the regents have brought the Bakke issue to a head for only one reason—to destroy special admissions and affirmative-action programs.

The Bakke case is having a widespread effect not only in college admissions but also in many corporations all around the country who are joining in to whip up racist hysteria over so-called "reverse dis-



crimination." Today these capitalists would like no more than to throw out affirmative-action programs so that they can maintain and increase their profits in the face of the deepening economic crisis.

Denying entrance to schools goes hand in hand with the denial of other basic democratic rights. Capitalists also attack the right of all workers to have union business conducted in their native language, and push the destruction of militant minority communities through re-

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RACIST CHANTS KILL BLACK GIRL



Seven-year-old Mellaine Turner died on September 13 from a sickle cell anemia attack. The attack was caused by extreme tension and fear which she experienced as she went to her new school in the all-white Bogan neighborhood. Mellaine is just one of many victims of the rising segregationist movement in Chicago. See story on page 2.



Segregationists like the KKK are always given police protection.

RACIST TERROR SWEEPS CHICAGO

As Chicago's schools opened this year a campaign of racist terror was launched against the city's Black community. So far one Black girl has died, a young Black man has had his hand blown off from a bomb in his kitchen and many Blacks have had their car windows smashed while driving through the all-white South West Side.

This latest round of terror has had the open participation of the Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan. The Nazi's have a store front near Bogan High School which has been the main center of many so-called "anti-busing" (anti-Black) rallies. They also operated a "hot line" all summer which offered a \$200 reward to anyone who killed a Black person. The city's biggest bankers and real estate tycoons have also been behind the rising segregation movement, making big bucks from fast sell housing deals in changing neighborhoods.

The stepped up attacks of the past three weeks have come as part of a so-called "anti-busing" movement, which is protesting the city's "volunteer busing program." In fact, the plan is a false effort to desegregate the city's schools. All it does is allow a few minority students to transfer from overcrowded schools in their community to less crowded white schools. The fact that only 572 students out of a total of 511,000 have been involved in the process proves that the plan is a hoax. The Chicago school system remains the most segregated one in the country with 90 percent of the schools being either all white or all minority.

The segregationist movement is being pushed at a time when the working people of all nationalities are being hit with rising costs of living, lay offs and an overall decline in the living standard. The aim

of the segregationist movement is to keep the workers divided according to their nationality and prevent the unity which is essential in order to fight against unemployment, police repression and other attacks on the people.

The leaders of the segregationist movement claim they represent the white workers, but their practice shows this to be false. They try to make it seem like the interests of the white working people are separate from the interests of the national minorities. They use the old fascist tactic of blaming the national minorities for the problems which face the white workers.

A look at the facts shows this to be untrue. Although unemployment is high among white workers, it is almost twice as high among minorities. Although most white workers are finding it almost impossible to get by with their present incomes, the facts show that the average income of minority families is even lower. How then can it be that the minorities are responsible for the economic crisis? The people responsible for the crisis are the people who control the government and own the factories.

Despite all their rhetoric, these false leaders have done nothing but hurt the people by keeping them divided. More and more people are coming to see these lies and are rejecting the leadership of the Nazi's and the KKK. These fascist organizations have made special efforts to organize among the white youth.

But the Chicago CYO has gone to the Bogan community in order to further expose these agents of the rich while bringing out the demand for jobs as the common struggle that all youth are faced with.

Dear YC,

I am a youth that is in high school who knows how the City Council is tricking youth my age by getting us involved with the ROTC program. They are training us to fight wars.

I think it is wrong because youth that are coming up now need to earn money other ways besides going into the Army to fight wars, or into the Navy to risk our lives for the system.

Let the rich class folks fight. They are the ones that get into the arguments—not us—so why don't they back up their words by fighting for themselves?

Youth, if we are going to fight, let's not fight for the ruling class, but for the poor and working people so we can end the discrimination against Blacks, women and youth.

So youth, let's get it together before we are tricked into going to the Army or Navy to fight the wars of the ruling class system!

A.R., Atlanta, Georgia

Dear YC,

I live in a cotton mill town in North Carolina. The public schools here are mainly for the working class families. They don't teach the kids to read. I have a son in the 10th grade who can't read.

Also they only teach subjects which would benefit the owners of the textile mills. One of my sons asked to take Spanish 2. The guidance counselor said, "You don't need Spanish 2. Why not take bricklaying." Now for the rich kids, every opportunity is given to them because they have private schools. These schools were set up to avoid integration.

Carter said that he created 200,000 jobs for the youth. Where are the jobs? They have a program here called Community Council Program Under Manpower. Who does this program represent? Not the working class or unemployed. I took my son down to apply for a job and was told that I make too much money for him to get a job. For a family of four, the mother can't make more than \$5,000 a year. But Carter said

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that the average family income should be \$10,000.

The schools have a program called ITC where the kids go to Cannon and are supposed to work four hours a day. Now in the plant where I work, they have to work eight hours and go to school. So how can a kid work eight hours a day and do homework plus go to school seven hours a day. That's 15 hours of his or her day! Already when you turn 16 you can quit school and work full time in the cotton mill. That's a life style pattern in this Black Belt town where I live.

The youth come into the factory at 16 and that's where he or she stays until the cotton dust makes it impossible to work any more. So for American equal education—that's a lie. If you are rich you get a good education but if you are poor, the cotton mills are waiting for you. From my standpoint, the only future for all working class and minority youth is in the revolutionary struggle for socialism where these things won't happen.

D.C.

Dear YC,

As a young Afro-American in the U.S., I really didn't know a damn thing about what was really going on in the world. To me, places like Europe and Soviet Union were just far off lands somewhere, that had a lot of white people who were as far away as the man in the moon. To say the least I was ignorant!

Since I met the CYO and the CPML this has changed. I recently got turned on to a book called *Soviet Social-Imperialism: The Soviet Union Today* and it blew my mind. The book is a collection of articles reprinted from the *Peking Review*, a weekly publication of the People's Republic of China.

The articles show how the Soviet Union goes around the

world yelling about its concern for peace and socialism, while it is really as close to being like Hitler's Germany as you can get.

In schools, the Soviets divide young people into two kinds. Those youth who are born from parents that are big leaders in the Party or the government are considered "superior children" who will be "organizers," "theoreticians," and "social activists." They get the best books, private schools and high jobs.

Those kids whose parents are factory workers or peasants are considered "inferior children" who at best can become "law-abiding citizens." This means many get kicked out of high school and most can't go to college—all because they supposedly have a "low level of knowledge."

The Soviet Union is a country that has many different nationalities of people living in it. But the Soviets feed the youth the racist rap that the Russian people are the superior race. They say, "There has never been greater human character than that of the Russian nation, at anytime, and in any place of the world."

These are just a few small examples of the kind of country this is. To this you still have to add the four different kinds of concentration camps, the fact that since most of the taxes are being used by the government to make bombs there is mass starvation, and the fact that one out of four people live below the level "guaranteeing the lowest standard of material life." All this is jumping off in a country that is supposed to be socialist!

The book just helped me to see that the Soviet Union is a country run by a group that is only about making money, pushing racism and building up the biggest war machine the world has ever seen. But by oppressing its people and bullying, lying and trying to rule the world, this book showed me that the revisionists will face the hatred and struggle of the world's people and will end up just like Hitler.

R.S., Chicago

3,000 RALLY AT KENT STATE MOVE THE GYM!

A militant rally and demonstration of three thousand students showed the growing support nationwide to stop the gym from being built on the site where four students were murdered May 4th, 1970.

The struggle against the proposed gym site is a stand that the students have taken to preserve the history of the struggle against imperialism as well as the continuing attacks on the rights and living standards of the people today.

A representative from the Black United Students (BUS) stated this clearly in his speech. "This is a system which is compromised of individuals who can allow for a student center, library, business building, nursing building, and now a health, physical education and recreation center to be built in the last seven years and

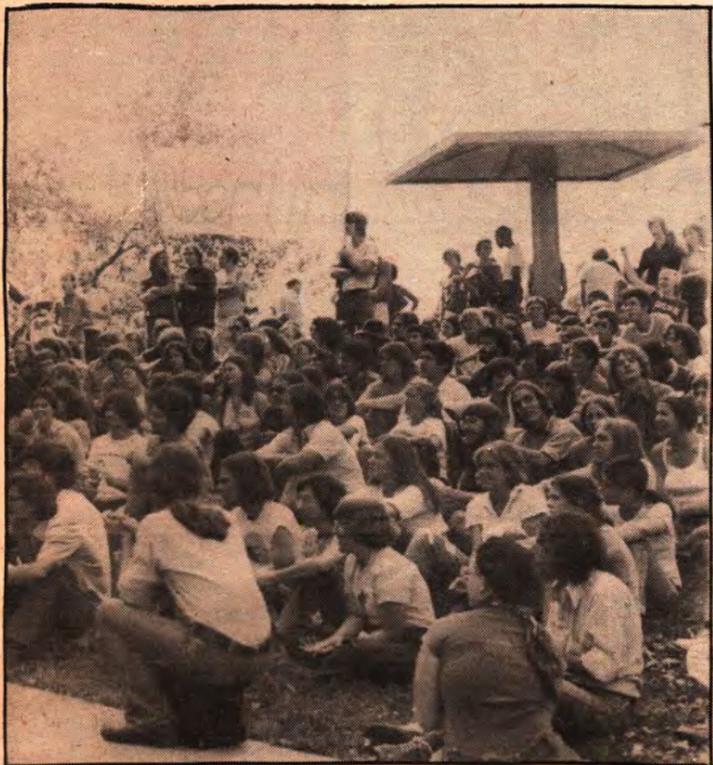
not hire any Black faculty to teach in those facilities". He further stated that "this is a system comprised of a few individuals which can allow prisoners to be killed and forgotten in jail, which charge two nurses of poisoning their patients and finding them guilty only because they are Filipino. This is a system of individuals who can go into Harlem, Bedford Stuyvesant, and the South Bronx during the blackout and mass arrest Blacks and Puerto Ricans."

The march of three thousand dedicated four buildings to the four students murdered and painted the words: WE WILL NOT FORGIVE OR FORGET on the side. The demonstrators proceeded to tear down the six foot fence and defied the court injunction by marching on to Blanket Hill. While there is growing support

for the struggle to move the gym—the fight must continue and grow even stronger. This can be done by showing the connection between the struggle at Kent State and other struggles such as the racist Bakke decision, unemployment, imperialist war preparations and the struggles of the third world.

One example of how these issues are related is shown by the recent finding that KSU President, Broze Golding, is on the Board of Trustees of Armco Steel Corporation which has land holdings in South Africa. Students have heard that this steel, made by the sweat and blood of the Azanian (South African) people, will be used to build the gym!

SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE AT KENT STATE! DOWN WITH THE BAKKE DECISION!



KSU students remain firm in their stand to move the gym.

INTERVIEW WITH YOUNG STEELWORKER

"I've been fighting since the day I was hired"

M, a young woman steelworker, gave *The Young Communist* this interview about the attacks on workers at U.S. Steel Southworks (Chicago), where several hundred workers have been laid off in the last few weeks. A great percentage of these workers are young. This interview speaks to some of the particular attacks by the imperialists against youth in the mill and in the community.

YC—What are some of the problems you face in the mill?

M—Well first of all, to get a job here is hard enough, and to keep it is even harder. I waited a year from the time I put in my application to the time they finally called me for an interview. Once I got in the mill I was soon put on the four day week and then laid off. I was still on probation and was therefore denied union representation. Since I had not worked in the past year I wasn't able to collect unemployment benefits.

I know in particular as a young woman that both the company and the union would seize any opportunity they could to get rid of me. I was pregnant when I was hired, although I didn't know it at the time. I've had to keep this fact secret from the company because they could easily get rid of me while I was on probation. This meant that I had to, at times, lift things equal to half my weight and climb around the blast furnace and on the cranes.

YC—What are some of the other forms of discrimination that you see in the mill?

M—One example is that many of us young workers are in the apprenticeship program. If we have gone through a year of the apprenticeship we are offered an "alternative" to the lay off. This is the retention program, where we work five days a week and only get paid for four. The company really loves

this because not only can they make us wage slaves four days a week, but they get an extra day where we work for free.

YC—How are the mills getting organized to fight back?

M—The masses of youth in the community surrounding the mill and in the mill can be organized but there has to be some common ground to build this unity on. A group like the CYO with the Jobs For Youth campaign can provide the leadership necessary to build the unity and take up these struggles. The fight for jobs—to get them, to hold them, and to improve them—is a constant battle against this system.

Since the day I was hired in the mill I have been fighting for these things and I would like to work with a group like the CYO so that I can get all my brothers and sisters in the mill and in the community to fight for our just demands.

FREE THE DAWSON FIVE !

Five Black youth in Dawson, Georgia are the focus of a growing and militant mass movement in the rural Black Belt South. Roosevelt Watson, James Jackson, Henderson Watson, John Jackson, and J.D. Davenport, ages 17-21, were all charged with the murder of a customer in a small country store in January of 1976. Only last month were the last three youth released from the county jail where they had been held for over a year waiting for their trial.

This trumped up murder charge is typical of the legal-lynching type justice given to Afro-American youth in the South. The only evidence the state had against the youth were "confessions" which brutal police torture forced them to make. Even the judge on the case had to agree the "confessions" could not be used in the trial. The state also was forced to take back its re-

quest that the death penalty be given, because of the militant movement that is growing in Dawson. The courtroom was packed by supporters every day the hearings went on.

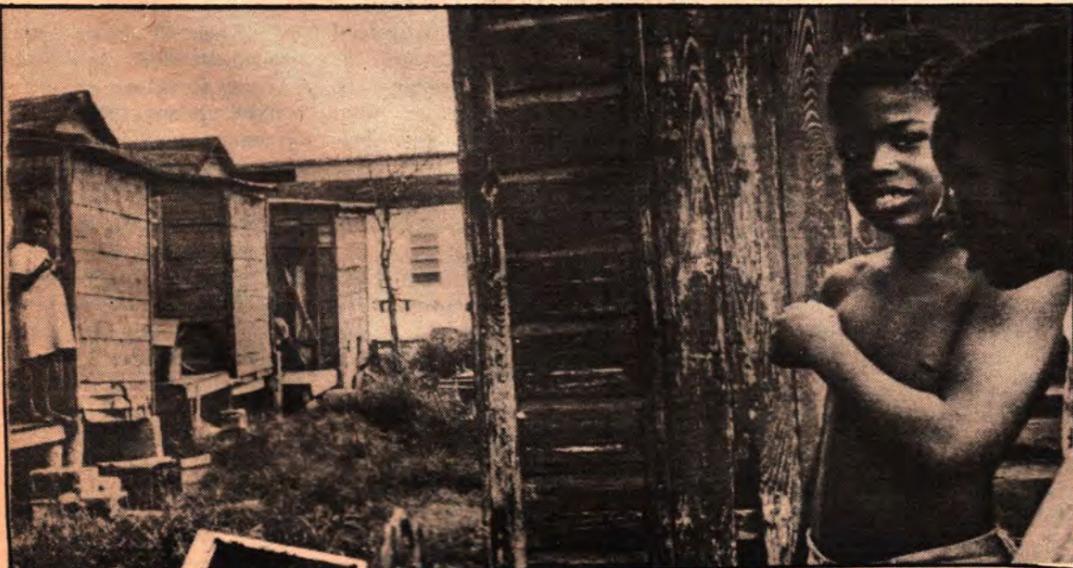
This kind of story is not unusual for the Black Belt South. Southern jails and prisons are filled with Black youth who have been framed on criminal charges. High unemployment, police brutality and life in the fields or factories at starvation wages are typical of the life faced by Black youth in the South.

The CYO interviewed a young Black woman in Dawson and she affirmed that, "About 70 percent of the Black youth are unemployed, and the wages are around \$2.00 per hour." As for jobs, she said, "Some work in the peanut plant and rubber plant, but most of them work on the plantation. The crops are mainly corn, soy-

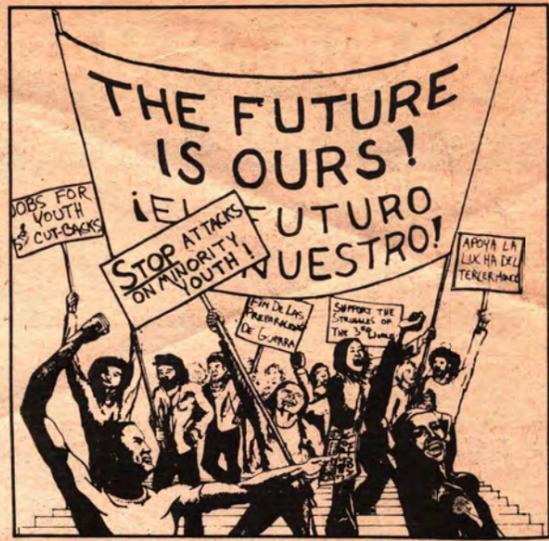
beans, peanuts and cotton. There is about 20 percent of the Black youth dropping out of school each year, because most of them are poor and have to help feed the family. Also because they aren't learning anything."

When asked about the Dawson 5 case, in particular, she replied, "Yes, the people know it's a frame-up."

The people in the South have already begun to show their strength in fighting against imperialist oppression. The struggle for political power by the Afro-American nation has been going on for hundreds of years and the struggle to free the Dawson 5, Gary Tyler and other political prisoners is one more struggle in the fight for self-determination for the Afro-American nation.



Poor housing is just one of the many forms of oppression faced by Black youth in the Black Belt South.



Agenda for Conference

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The following is the proposed agenda for the conference...

SATURDAY MORNING

Opening Address by the CYO

Solidarity Messages

Major Address: Representative from the Pan Africanist Congress

Lunch

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

First Series of Workshops:

SUPPORT THE STRUGGLES OF THE THIRD WORLD!

END SUPERPOWER WAR PREPARATIONS!

1. Palestinian Peoples' Struggle
2. African People Stand Up
3. Superpowers Prepare for World War III
4. Independence for Puerto Rico

Second Series of Workshops

STOP ATTACKS ON MINORITY YOUTH!

JOBS FOR YOUTH—STOP THE CUTBACKS!

1. Student Movement on the Rise
2. Unemployed Youth Get Organized
3. Youth on the Job
4. Stop the Attacks on Minority Youth
5. Struggle in the High Schools
6. Who's Getting Profits While Youth Get High
7. Fightback Grows Among Young Women
8. Youth Criticise Capitalist Culture

Break

SATURDAY NIGHT

People's Cultural Night

1. Dinner
2. Film: *Gary Tyler Must Be Free!*
3. Cultural Performances

Disco

SUNDAY MORNING

Life in the People's Republic of China Today

1. Film: *Island Militia Women—Film from China*
2. Presentation by CPML on Current Situation in China

Lunch

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Discussion of Resolutions and Sum Up of the Conference

Resolutions on:

1. Jobs For Youth
2. Support the Struggles of the Third World
3. Support the Fight Against Segregation

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CHAIRMAN MAO WRITES ON YOUTH

The following are excerpts from the essay "The Youth League in its Work must take the Characteristics of Youth into Consideration." This essay is taken from the recently published English Volume V of Chairman Mao's *Selected Works*.

In this work, Chairman Mao speaks of the need for the Youth League to take special care that their policies and style of work take into account the special characteristics of youth. In particular, he stresses the need for youth to maintain a balance between study and work on the one hand, and rest and recreation on the other.

We encourage our readers to study and discuss this article and to send us their comments. Write: CYO, P.O. Box 5698, Chicago, Ill., 60680.

The Youth League's assertion of independence from the Party is already a thing of the past. Today, the trouble with the Youth League is its lack of independent activities, not its assertion of independence.

The Youth League must co-ordinate its activities with the Party's central tasks, but in so doing it must have its own independent activities and take the characteristics of youth into consideration. In 1952, in a talk with comrades of the Central Committee of the Youth League, I raised two questions for it to think over: first, how the Party should lead the League's work, and second, how the League should do its work. Both involve consideration for the characteristics of youth. In various places the Party committees have expressed satisfaction with the Youth League because the latter has co-ordinated its work with the Party's central tasks. Now it is time to express dissatisfaction with the Youth League's failure to arrange for independent activities that suit the characteristics of youth. The leading organs of the Party and the League should learn how to lead the League in its work and, in order to organize and educate the mass of young people, they should be good at co-ordinating its activities with the Party's central tasks

and taking the characteristics of youth into consideration. . .

Young people between fourteen and twenty-five need to study and work, but as youth is the age of physical growth, much is imperiled if their health is neglected. The young need to study much more, for they have to learn many things older people already know. However, they must not be overloaded with either study or work. And the fourteen-to eighteen-year-olds in particular should not be made to work with the same intensity as grown-ups. Young people, being what they are, need more time for play, recreation and sports. Otherwise they won't be happy. And in time they will fall in love and get married. In all this they are different from older people. . .

At present the classes in junior middle schools take too much of the students' time, and it would be preferable if they were cut down to suitable proportions. Meetings for activists are too frequent and should also be reduced. Study on the one hand and recreation, rest and sleep on the other should both receive adequate attention. Young workers, peasants and soldiers learn while they work, and so adequate attention should also be paid to their work and study as well as to their recreation, rest and sleep.

We should grasp the matter firmly at both ends, with study and work at one end and sleep, rest and recreation at the other. In the past, we firmly grasped one end, leaving the other end either not grasped at all or only half-heartedly so. Now it is necessary to arrange some recreation, for which there must be time and facilities, and this end should be firmly grasped too. The Party Central Committee has decided to cut down the number of meetings and study hours, and you must see to it that this decision is carried out. Challenge anyone who refuses to do so.

In short, young people should be enabled to keep fit, study well and work well. Some leading comrades are interested only in getting work out of young people and pay

little attention to their health. You can quote the above to their faces. You are on firm ground, namely, you are protecting the younger generation so that it can grow sturdily. We of the older generation were deprived of our due, for adults simply didn't bother themselves about their children. Adults had a table to eat their meals at while children had to do without one. Children had no say in the family, and if they cried they were sure to get slapped. In the new China of today we must change our approach and think more in the interest of our children and youth. . .

The Youth League organizations should give consideration to the characteristics of youth and have their own sphere of work, but at the same time they should submit to the leadership of the Party committees at the corresponding levels. This is nothing new but something of long standing and has always been a tenet of Marxism. This is to proceed from reality. After all, youth is youth, or else why bother to have a Youth League? Young people are different from adults and so are young women from young men. Disregard these characteristics and you will alienate yourselves from the masses. Now you have nine million League members, and if you neglect the characteristics of youth, probably only one million will support you and eight million will not.

In its work the Youth League must make allowance for the majority of its members and at the same time pay attention to the advanced ones. This may not satisfy some of the advanced elements, for they want the League organization to make stricter demands on the entire membership. This is not really proper, you must try to convince them. The draft constitution of the League lays down far too many obligations and too few rights; there should be some leeway so that the majority can keep in step. You should focus your attention on the many and not just on the few. . .



Chairman Mao at Chingkangshan Mountains in 1965.

Eternal Glory to Chairman Mao!

In the past month the Chinese people have commemorated two historic events.

On September 9 over 10,000 people met in Peking to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao Tsetung and to mark the inauguration of the Chairman Mao Memorial Hall. Millions of people across China paid tribute to their beloved leader and pledged to turn the memory of Chairman Mao into strengthening their contributions to the socialist revolution and construction.

On October 1, National Day, the Chinese people celebrated the 28th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. On this day, thousands of people filled the streets celebrating the many victories they have won in the struggle to build socialism in China.

We salute the victories of the Chinese people and dedicate the following original song to our beloved departed leader, Chairman Mao Tsetung.

SONG TO CHAIRMAN MAO

To the tune of the traditional Irish song *Danny Boy*

*Oh, Chairman Mao, your body now has left us,
But, oh, your thoughts remain to guide us still.
Throughout the world the masses read your teachings,
That part of you, no force on earth can kill.*

*Eternal glory to our beloved comrade,
Your fine successors we shall strive to be;
We are determined to change sorrow into strength,
And raise the red flag high, for all to see.*

THERE IS ONLY ONE CYO

Are there going to be two Communist Youth Organizations in the U.S.? This question has come up recently as the Revolutionary Communist Party has initiated the building of a "National Communist Youth Organization".

They are proposing to bring the "student section" headed by the Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB), together with the "working class section" headed by Youth In Action (YIA), to form their version of a Communist Youth Organization.

To confuse things even more, the founding of this organization will be taking place at the same time that the CYO, along with anti-imperialist organizations and activists, will be holding the Youth Conference '77 - "The Future is Ours!" It is high time that this confusion is cleared up and the differences between the RSB/YIA version and the real CYO be explained.

While the CYO, since its birth two years ago, has boldly taken communism to the youth in leading their struggles, the RSB/YIA

has consistently spread their view that the young people are backward and hate communism. Nowhere does this come out clearer than in the newspaper of the YIA, *The Young Red*. The form as well as content of this paper does its best to hide communism from the masses of youth and it gives a distorted picture of what communism is by calling it "some kind of dream world."

One of the most blatant examples of how the YIA sees youth as ignorant comes out in their comic strip of the working class hero, "The Bionic Kid."

The story is of a young Burger King worker who, upon seeing a demonstration on his way home from work, immediately thinks, "trouble makers!", (as if this would be the normal response of all young people). No wonder the YIA has such a hard time organizing the youth, they think that young people naturally line up somewhere between the cops and the KKK.

The Young Red is nothing but a blatant slander to the working

class youth. *The Young Red* like the YIA is supposed to be for the working class youth while the RSB and their newspaper *Fightback* are aimed at students. While the RCP is screaming about uniting youth, they have continued to put up barriers between students and working class youth.

The CYO, on the other hand, sees that the struggle of working class youth and students are not separate. Working class youth and students are oppressed by the same system, a fact that the RSB/YIA will not mention, as they feel that the youth are "too backward" to understand.

In a four page article in May '77's *Revolution*, the RCP's newspaper for "intellectuals," about the building of their youth group, they pointed out how the RSB "will make important contributions to the formation of a powerful young communist organization." Then, in the same breath, they go on to say, "At this point, in terms of building on-going struggle and political organization, the working class youth section is

much more undeveloped and fragile."

To the RSB/YIA one of the main obstacles in building their organization is the level of anti-communism among the masses. As they said, "Another key question that came up was around the level of anti-communism among the people, and what would the response be as the groups went into the streets and neighborhoods as an open communist organization." Heaven forbid bringing communism out front to the masses!

Mind you, this quote did not come from the mouths of the KKK or the Nazis that are always promoting the view that communism is something to be afraid of and that the real communists are very isolated from the people. No, these words came directly from the pages of *Revolution*, the newspaper that calls itself communist.

But disdain for the masses in general is not the only matter of grave difference between the RSB/YIA and the CYO. The RSB

has been notorious for its white chauvinism when it comes to opposing national oppression. They have continually opposed raising special demands for minority and foreign born students when fighting cutbacks on the campuses.

When it came to uniting with the Black United Students at Kent State, the RSB refused to take up any of the special demands of the minority students around cutbacks in minority admissions and Black Studies. This, as well as similar actions on other campuses, has won the RSB the hatred of many minority organizations around the country.

The Young Red goes right along with the RSB on this question also. On a review that they did on the movie *Carwash*, the YIA summed it up as great and "where its at!", they find full agreement with the capitalist's portrayal of Blacks. They don't expose that the movie shows Blacks as happy and content with being oppressed. The movie is the typical stereotype the capitalists have of Black people which the

BIKO'S DEATH SPARKS REBELLION IN AZANIA

Once again the racist regime ruling South Africa has demonstrated its brutality and blatantly shown the world the real meaning of apartheid. It has killed Steven Biko while he was in the custody of police.

Biko, 30 years of age, was a student and one of the leaders of the liberation movement in Azania. He was the founder of the South African Student Organization. Through his leadership and his personal dedication, Biko helped to inspire Azanian youth and students in their struggle against the oppressive Vorster regime.

It has been the youth who have played a leading role in the Azanian people's fight for liberation in recent years. This has been shown from the dirt roads of Soweto to the streets of the South African capital Johannesburg, where on numerous occasions thousands of youth have displayed their militant opposition to the racist government. Steven Biko was in the forefront of these struggles waged by the Azanian people; he was one of the young people who sparked the growth of the Azanian liberation movement.

But it is no great surprise that he was murdered by the white minority government. The Vorster regime, as one of the many methods devised to cool the resistance

of the people to oppression, has a long history of similar murders. Over 50 people in the last 15 years—all of whom were non-white political prisoners—have died while in the custody of South African police. This pattern has recently increased. Biko was the 20th Black to die at the hands of the police in the last eighteen months.

It is unlikely that the killers of Biko will be brought to justice by the South African government, despite the claim by the fascist Police Minister Jimmy Kruger that "heads may roll." Only once last year in the city of Natal have police been charged with the death of a political prisoner and then they were set free on the grounds of "insufficient evidence."

In the end, though, justice will be served for Steven Biko and the thousands of martyrs like him in Azania. The liberation movement is daily growing in strength, and despite the hardships to be faced in the future, will emerge victorious.

1,200 ARRESTED

In the days that followed the death of Biko, the Azanian people, in defiance of a ban on political gatherings, turned out in the thousands to pay their respects to this liberation fighter. At the University of Fort Hare, 1,500 Black students (the entire enrollment of



Steven Biko

this segregated college) met in memory of Biko and most were arrested. In the Black ghetto of Soweto, 2,500 people turned out to pay tribute, as did over 600 in Cape Town. Throughout the country the people mourned their loss.

While rightly displaying their grief and respect for Steven Biko, the Azanian people have not forgotten the cause for which he died. They continue their struggle for self-determination and liberation in the face of many obstacles.

Nor should we forget here in the U.S. Rather we should take up the call for support of the Azanian people's struggle issued by Steven Biko last December: "We rely not only on our own strength but also on the belief that the rest of the



A few days after the death of Biko, his widow Ntsikie and their children display their determination to continue the struggle for liberation.

world views the African discrimination against, oppression and exploitation of, the Black majority

by a minority as an unforgivable sin that cannot be pardoned by civilized societies."

Palestinians demand Self-determination

For the past thirty years Palestinian youth have grown up in the midst of constant Israeli terror, living either as refugees in neighboring countries or as second class citizens in their own homeland. Victimized by Zionist oppression, they have fought side by side with their parents, laying down their lives for liberation.

The state of Israel was created in 1948. Prior to that, Palestine was a British mandate where Brit-

ain governed the land. It was through the cooperation of Britain, the U.S. and the Zionist movement that the United Nations passed a resolution which partitioned the homeland of the Palestinian people and created Israel, which granted the Zionists 54 percent of the land.

The colonialist newcomers immediately began a war of terror against the Palestinian people in order to get more land. They uprooted millions of Arabs and occupied 81 percent of the land. Since then, through their use of terror and armed suppression, the Zionists were able to occupy all of Palestine as well as parts of surrounding Arab countries.

Though the Zionist state of

Israel was created in 1948, the Zionist movement started in the 1800's. Zionism grew along with the growth of colonialism and imperialism. Its aim was the conquest of Palestine by European Jews, just as the imperialist powers colonized and plundered Africa. Like the imperialist powers, who used religion, race and language and the rhetoric of civilizing and modernizing to justify their plunder around the world, so have the Zionists used these same arguments to justify their takeover of Palestine. But all the words in the world cannot cover up the imperialist, colonialist and racist nature of the Zionist ideology and the policies of the state of Israel.

What is the real heart of the Palestinian Question? Speaking of the Zionists' brutal conquest of Palestine Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Palestinian Liberation Organization said, "Having achieved that end, they built their own settlements and colonies on the ruins of our farms and our groves. The roots of the Palestinian Question lies here. Its causes do not stem from any conflict between two religions or two nationalisms. Neither is it a border conflict between neighboring states. It is the cause of a people deprived of its homeland, dispersed and uprooted and living mostly in exile and in refugee camps."

The Palestinian people have been driven from their country and an artificially created state (Israel) now occupies it. Their fight is one of re-taking Palestine; of achieving self-determination as a people with the goal of establishing a democratic state where Jews, Christians and Moslems alike can practice their religions.

Today the Palestinian people, led by the PLO, are continuing to struggle for their liberation and self-determination in the face of increasing Israeli aggression. In the West Bank area of Palestine, which has been occupied by Israel since the 1967 war, the Zionists have already established 78 settlements and are planning more as they continue to usurp and settle Palestinian land. In southern Lebanon the Zionists are aiding and fighting alongside right-wing forces in an attempt to wipe out Palestinian refugee camps and liberation fighters.

The U.S. imperialists are supporting Israel in these latest acts of aggression. The U.S., as well as Britain and other imperialist powers have historically supported

Zionist aggression in order to have a base in the Middle East for their own purposes. The interests of U.S. imperialism are served well by the racist Zionist rulers of Israel.

While the U.S. has long been seen by the world's people as an imperialist superpower aiding and abetting Israeli aggression, the other superpower, the Soviet Union, is also no friend of the Palestinian people. They operate under the mask of socialism as "natural allies" of the Palestinian liberation struggle.

Evidence of the real nature of the Soviet Union's "support" for the Palestinian people can be seen clearly in their support for the United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 passed on November 22, 1967. This resolution does not denounce Israeli aggression in the 1967 war or refer to the national rights of the Palestinian people. It does accept, though, the right of Israel to exist and labels the Palestinian Question as mainly one of refugees. Clearly the Soviet Union takes an opposing stand on the Palestinian Question and on that of the PLO and its genuine supporters around the world.

The Palestinian people are waging armed struggle for national independence and self-determination in the face of Zionist aggression and superpower meddling. They are continuing to move forward on the path of liberation as are their brothers and sisters in other third world nations.

Commenting on the struggle of the Palestinians and the unity of third world nations, Yasser Arafat said, "Our resolve to build a new world is fortified: a world free of colonialism, imperialism, neo-colonialism and racism, in each of its instances including Zionism."



Showing their enthusiasm for liberation, Palestinian youth crowd around Yasser Arafat, head of the PLO.

RSB/YIA find complete unity with.

A good example of how the RSB/YIA refuse to fight for the democratic rights of minorities can be seen in their stand on busing. Along side the KKK and other racists, the RSB/YIA oppose busing. The right to busing is a democratic right of minority people, it is a chance for an equal education. By opposing integration they line up with the segregationist movement in keeping the schools segregated and inferior for minorities.

The test of a true communist organization can only be born out in practice. So far the practice of the RSB/YIA has proven to be in opposition to communism and judging from their continued white chauvinism towards minority youth, and their slanders of the youth in general, they are continuing to peddle their opportunist lies to the youth. While exposing these phony communists, the CYO will continue to fight under the proud banner of communism and prove to be worthy of the name, Communist Youth Organization.

"FREEDOM ROAD" - REALITY OF RECONSTRUCTION

Dear Friends,

I recently read the book *Freedom Road*, which was written by Howard Fast and first published in 1944. I saw this as a very important book to read because it exposes the betrayal of reconstruction, which the majority of us were never taught.

Reconstruction was the period after the Civil War when Blacks and poor whites came together to try and build a new system to replace the slave plantation system. Most of our history books say that the reason reconstruction failed was because Blacks and working class whites did not know how to run their own lives. This is not true. The fact is, that President Grant along with the Republican Party conspired with the ex-slave owners of the South to smash reconstruction.

Freedom Road tells the story the way history books never did.

This book brings out several points that make it worth reading. For example, in this book I saw the strong unity that existed between the ex-slaves and the poor whites. They saw that neither they nor the Blacks benefited from the system of slavery. Although the living conditions for the slaves and ex-slaves were well known, it is not

so well known that the whites suffered. They were always in debt to the landlords and many of them died each year from lack of food and medical care. After the plantation system was smashed, ex-slaves and poor white farmers joined together, determined to make a new life for themselves based on equality.

The growing unity and militancy of this movement struck fear in the minds of the rich northern capitalists and their southern plantation owner friends. Right from the beginning the plantation owners plotted ways to get their land back which was already being divided equally among the people.

One way they sought to do this was to begin a campaign of terror against the Blacks so as to isolate them from their allies. The KKK was formed at this time for that purpose. The following quote from the book shows where the plantation owners were coming from:

There will be men enough, the scum that we use for overseers, the trash that bought and sold slaves and bred them, the kind who were men with bull whip and filth without one, the kind who have only one virtue, a white skin, we'll make it a badge of honor. We'll put a

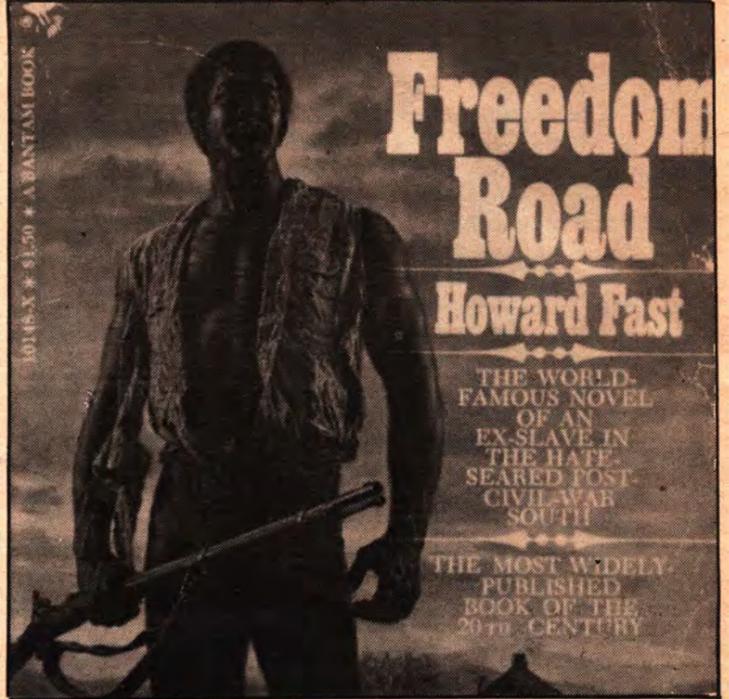
premium on that white skin. We'll dredge the sewers and the swamps for candidates, and we'll give them their white skin and in return, gentlemen, they will give us back what we lost through this insane war, yes, all of it.

Yes, the KKK was formed by the plantation owners to give them back what they had before the war, complete domination over the Black population.

Finally this book shows how the northern capitalists helped the southern plantation owners get back "their" land. As the Klan and local sheriffs rode across the South raping Black women and burning Black homes, many of the Black leaders turned to the President in Washington for help.

Of course, he never once responded to these requests. In fact, the growth of white supremacy was given even more silent support. The northern troops were withdrawn from the South on purpose, the Black militias were broken up, and an all out attack was launched on the reconstruction government. Within a few years every Black had been driven out of political office, and a new form of slavery began to take form.

Some of you might say, why should I read something that hap-



pened long ago? Why? Because it not only happened then. Its happening right now. We, the working class of all nationalities should learn from this book, and realize what is really the cause of our oppression—this rotten system, the imperialist system, where the rich get everything they want.

We must all strive for unity so we can smash our oppressor and get back the unity that we once had between Blacks and working class whites.

So I encourage my brothers and sisters to read this book. We are all allies in the struggle!

A Young Black Woman from Chicago

BAKKE...

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development, and heighten attacks on fighters like Gary Tyler. The Bakke decision will destroy affirmative-action in the workplace as well as in the schools.

Through the Bakke decision, the ruling class hoped to divide whites from national minorities by saying that minorities are the reason there are not enough slots in the university to go around. But the Anti-Bakke Decision

Coalition is uniting anti-Bakke forces throughout the state into a single multi-national organization. Over 80 progressive organizations, including MECHA, the United Students Against the Bakke Decision, the San Jose Bakke Committee, the CYO, and numerous student, women, community and workers' groups are participating in the coalition.

The ABCD has participated in broad outreach efforts to com-

munities, workplaces, and campuses. Speakers have gone to union meetings and picket lines. Leaflets have been widely distributed in all regions, and campuses are being mobilized as the new school year begins.

The regents and the courts have always done the bidding of the capitalist class. The regents are hand-picked from the Boards of Directors of the biggest multi-national corporations, such as Del Monte, Union Oil and Tenneco. Their imperialist oppression of national minorities extends both at home and abroad, as seen in their racist investment policy of

holding millions of dollars of stock in South African corporations which maintain the apartheid regime. The courts too have a history of racism and oppression—upholding Jim Crow laws as constitutional, attacking the rights of undocumented workers, denying abortions to low-income women, and providing justice only for the rich.

The fight against the Bakke decision is not over—in many ways it is only beginning. The U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments on the case this fall and it will be many months before a final decision is handed down. To

defeat the Bakke decision, the struggle for democratic rights and multi-national unity must be built. As the ABCD coalition states in its principles of unity, "Rely on the masses of oppressed people to defeat the Bakke decision."

For more information, including brochures, petitions, and other literature on how you can join this fight, write:

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People's Culture

To the Tune of *I am Woman* by Helen Reddy

*We are the CYO, and you will watch us grow
As we struggle on to victory
And we will not stop, til the workers are on the top
And the Black Belt nation is set free.*

CHORUS:

*Yes, we are the youth, and we have much to learn
But we know the truth, and we'll take what we have earned
With the masses, we can do anything
We are strong. We are invincible. We are the future.*

*For Jobs for Youth we'll fight, and we'll struggle with all our might
To end this rotten system finally
But we are not alone, we've got a Party of our own
To lead us to the final victory.*

CHORUS

To the Tune of *Da-doo-ron-ron* by Shawn Cassidy

*When the workers rise up, your day will come
And you'll run, run, run, and you'll run, run.
We'll seize the state by taking up the gun
And you'll run, run, run, and you'll run, run.
Yeah, your day will come
Yeah we'll take up the gun
Yeah, when we smash your rule
Then you'll be done, done, then you'll be done.*

*When we overthrow the bourgeoisie
Then you'll run, run, run, then you'll run, run.
When socialism sets the people free
Then you'll run, run, run, then you'll run, run.
Yeah, we'll smash the bourgeoisie
Yeah, we'll set the people free
Yeah, when we smash your rule
Then you'll be done, done, then you'll be done.*

A Message of Thanks to Our Comrades

*You have given us
the view of the whole
to combat narrow circle isolation.
You have shown us
the enthusiasm of the masses
to combat conservatism.
You have given us
the determination
to struggle on
against all attacks
against all opportunism
to overcome our errors.
To build the mighty youth arm
of the new vanguard Communist
Party!*

A Red Banner Will Cleanse the Earth

*We thrill at the beauty
the richness
of our land.
We grieve at the wounds
the scars
left by greed and
exploitation.
With our red banners
we will cleanse
and heal her.
With the power
the land
the productive forces
in our hands
in our proletarian state
We will build a
Socialist Motherland
more beautiful than before.*