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## From The Editors

Events are moving rapidly in our country, the wheels of history are advancing us forward. The class struggle between the workers and the factory owners, the proletarians and capitalists is also advancing steadily forward. In fact it is this ever-advancing class struggle, this war between rich and poor, oppressor and oppressed that reflects the heartbeat of human life, thought and society. Ever since classes developed it has been this way.

We are entirely partial in this class struggle. We are on the side of the workers and the oppressed peoples, we are against the capitalists and their flunkys. We are against exploitation and oppression, the calling cards of the factory owners and their government. The war between the workers and these robber barons is also the fight between two different social systems, capitalism and socialism. We are against the capitalist system of the slaveowners and we devote every breath of our life to fight for the system of the workers and peoples, socialism.

In order for real progress to be made in this struggle the workers must have access to information that greatly broadens their scope of understanding. They must have access to the revolutionary ideas of communism, spread in every factory, mill and mine, clarifying every question, shedding light on every dark object. In short the working class is in need of a newspaper that truly represents their revolutionary interests, not merely their interests in securing a "better deal" from the capitalists, but the interest of the workers for emancipation from the chains of capitalist wage slavery. A newspaper that is able to answer the important questions connected with the workers movement, that shows through its deeds its undying devotion to the workers' cause. To this aim we raise our pen.

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## Miners Strike Lays Bare Class Struggle

"King Coal" lies sleeping in the mines, 180,000 miners refuse to move him, they're on strike.

Winter has hit Kentucky and West Virginia, Illinois and Pennsylvania -- and the miners are on strike.

Battles are flaring everywhere, in these and other states. Caravans of valiant miners against the troops of the national guard and local police. In these small coal towns of the hills, meetings of miners run into the night -- planning, organizing new battles, new demands.

Everywhere the scab mines are being shut down.

The picket signs demand the health and welfare benefits promised long ago by the owners. They demand the pension plan fought for three years ago. Most of all they demand a grie-

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## Editorial

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We know that many workers will agonize over "another paper", that there are already "too many". That there are too many papers of our opponents circulating in our ranks, that there are too many "ragsheets" that say nothing, too many "theoretical" journals that distort and slander communism under its banner, that there are too many of these type newspapers -- we fully agree! That there are, however, any newspapers that explain the events of everyday life and the world-shaking events of class struggle, that inform us as to the plans and activities of our capitalist foes, that keep us abreast of all that is important, that there are papers of this type, we rarely see.

A World to Gain has a specific purpose. First, a few words about what it will not do. It will not elaborate to any great extent on the theoretical principles of Marxism, for that is left to our political organ, Bolshevik. The reader should not imply from this that we care little about theoretical principles of communism, on the contrary, we know, and history has proven that revolutionary struggle for the emancipation of the toiling masses is impossible unless guided by the workers political party which in turn is guided by the science and theory of revolution, Marxism-Leninism. But the newspaper that serves as the political organ of the workers revolutionary Party cannot at the same time perform all the necessary work of political agitation. It cannot answer every single question raised by life, it cannot inform the working masses on the struggle in each locality, and finally it cannot expose each instance of tyranny and oppression of the capitalist government and police. This task must be taken up by a paper whose existence is based on doing just these things.

Who is to explain to the revolutionary working class the cause of all their suffering and misery? Who is to indict the barbaric capitalist system in the interest of the workers for the daily crimes committed by its defenders and protectors? Who is to explain that the sugar coating of "human rights" in the speeches of Carter and Co. only conceal the intensified enslavement of the workers to the capitalists, of the people to the government and of the colonies to the bankers' military might? Who is to expose the viscious and vile campaign being mounted against our class brothers and sisters from Mexico? Simple reporting and recording of events, as our opportunist opponents all do, will not satisfy the desire for knowledge that the workers have, for the workers want to know everything that others know and more. Dust is being thrown in the people's eyes from every direction, from the press and media of the bosses to the leaflets and papers of our "revolutionary" opponents. A World to Gain exists to settle the dust, to cleanse our eyes with the solution of socialist revolution. We vow never to abandon this stand, we will never tell fairy tales or lullabies as do these elite intellectual enemies of the workers, disguised servants of the rich.

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## Miners

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vance procedure in their interests and the right to strike over local abuses. These demands are opposed by their own "leaders", Miller and Co. and the miners have taken the struggle into their own hands.

One picket sign reads "Fight Oppression -- Stop The Coal".

The miners know oppression well. Black lung disease, two deaths a week in the pits, countless accidents from gas explosions, flooding and fire. Homes that are little more than shacks are tucked away in the bleak hills of Appalachia. Schools, stores and hospitals are often-times hours away. Long hours are spent by these men bringing life-giving coal from the depths of the earth.

Coal that turns to gold in the pockets of the mine owners.

Yes, the miners know oppression well. They are learning about "them" and "us".

For some time we have attempted to educate the workers as to the existence of two hostile camps in capitalist society, the capitalists and the workers. This awareness of classes, of "them" and "us" is known as class consciousness, and a class struggle of the workers to break the chains of wage slavery is impossible without this awareness.

Very well! The fact is that our work to instill this truth in the minds of the working class is made all the more difficult because the capitalists and their press, media and so on daily cover up this division into hostile classes.

"One man, one vote!" "Democracy for all!"

The list of covers for the existence of workers as a class and their arch class enemy, the capitalists, is infinite.

The coal miners strike has lifted the covers and exposed beneath them the seething, bloody, naked existence of these classes, their two opposing interests, and even the form of their warfare.

The coal miners have brought to the light of day what we must learn in order to develop our struggle for emancipation.

The barricades are up!

On our side stand over 180,000 miners, their faces covered with the soil of exploited labor. In their eyes shines the hope of a new day, fresh victories and valiant determination. In their hands are the instruments of freedom from bondage, freedom from oppression at the whip of the mine owners and their capitalist cronies. In their minds is the class consciousness of "them" and "us" and the knowledge that we workers have a historic mission before us -- the overthrow of a terrible, viscious system that keeps "us" poor though we work hard, and makes "them" rich though they don't work at all!

This is the scene on our side of the barricade.

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# Multi-National Unity: A Powerful Weapon Against Exploiters

"La Migra" (INS) is carrying out daily raids in the barrios, beating, arresting and deporting thousands of workers they call "illegal".

The infamous and hated KKK is mobilized on the border, terrorizing at will, given a free reign to raid farmworkers' homes, doing the dirty work for the rich landowners and the INS (Immigration and Naturalization "Service").

Mr. Gallup inquires as to the view of citizens towards immigrant workers who are branded as "illegal aliens". Posing the question as if immigrant workers are "stealing" jobs from American workers, the Gallup Poll then goes on to ask what is the attitude towards a national ID card, complete with photo and fingerprints, the type of "fool-proof" card already being tested on immigrant workers in Florida.

Cesar Chavez, so-called "leader" of the farmworkers and self-proclaimed "savior" of the Chicano people has called for the farmworkers to help the INS round-up workers without papers, under the pretext that Mexican workers are "strike-breakers" and "scabs". The UFW bosses were later forced to back down on this slanderous accusation by the wrath of the rank and file farmworkers, who would not allow themselves to be divided in such a way by these wolves in sheep's clothing.

Carter has proposed a so-called reform, intended to force all undocumented workers to register with the government, holding out to them the hope that maybe someday they will be "legalized" by the state. The real aim of this nefarious scheme is to double the border patrol and unleash wholesale deportations of those who haven't been in the U.S. long enough (or unable to prove it) to "qualify". The end result of this "reform" will be to increase the surveillance and harrassment of immigrant workers and to test its effectiveness on the entire working class.

What does all of this mean?

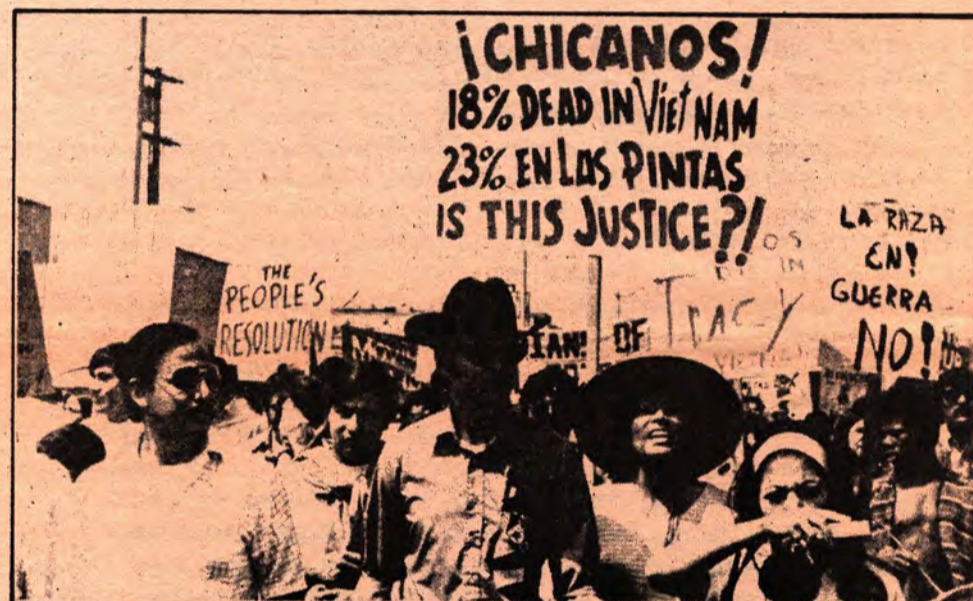
All of this is an attempt to cover up the real causes for the miserable conditions of life in the U.S. today! Every day, thousands more workers are being thrown out onto the streets. Those who remain on the job are being worked to death -- mandatory overtime, ever-increasing speed-ups and more and more harrassment drains us of our energy, robs us of our rest and relaxation, and ruins our health. Skyrocketing prices for the basic necessities eat away at already meager earnings. Health care, childcare, public transportation and schools -- all the essential social services are being slashed, while military spending is at an all-time high.

While the masses of people are getting poorer everyday, the capitalists get richer and richer. In fact, they are on a spending spree, buying up more diamonds, furs, yachts and limousines than ever before. While they eat steak and lobster, and prepare to grow 25% less grain to keep prices high, more and more of our children go to bed hungry. All of

this and more are the contradictions inherent in the capitalist system, and they cannot be solved until we do away with capitalism.

As the working class and masses of people become increasingly aware of the need for fundamental change, the capitalists and their flunkies grow more desperate to save their dying system. But what are they to do? How are they going to explain away our misery, our humiliation, our deprevation? How are they to account for rising unemployment? Since none of these things can be explained or accounted for by these thieves, they can only lie about it. Riding in their private jets, lounging around their swimming pools, they have the nerve to say that immigrant workers, who in Texas get paid \$1.00 per day for back-breaking work in the fields, are "stealing" our jobs!

But facts are facts.



The Chicano people, who have a long and militant history of struggle against imperialism, exploitation and national oppression, rose up against the U.S. war of aggression in Viet Nam.

Concerned with profits and nothing more, it is the factory owners who give the orders to lay us off and instruct their henchmen to fire us for any measley excuse -- in other words, steal our jobs! It is they who get rich by charing us outrageous prices for shoddy goods we are forced to produce at break-neck speed. It is the bankers who rake in the billions as we are forced to use credit more and more to buy the things we need, and end up paying 40% more for this "privilege".

No -- it is not immigrant workers who are stealing from us, but an insignificant minority who own all the wealth -- the Rockefellers who sleep on \$35,000 beds with mink bedspreads, the DuPonts who own two mansions for every season of the year, and all the bankers and factory owners. It is this class of robbers, and they alone, who benefit from our pain, our hunger, our sweat. (cont. on pg. 4)

## Multi-National Unity (cont. from pg. 3)

"Divide and Rule" is an old tactic used by the exploiting classes to keep the people from recognizing their true enemies. Spreading the poison of national chauvinism, the supposed "natural" superiority of one nationality over others, the ruling class is using all the means at its disposal -- the newspapers, radio, the TV, schools, etc., to spread this poison. Newspaper stories on "wetbacks" who are "pouring into the U.S.", TV news coverage of every word David Duke has to say, making this chief-tan of the Klan out to be reasonable and someone we should listen to, a loyal citizen who is just doing his share to "keep out the 'il-legals'" -- all of this is designed to corrupt the political consciousness of the masses.

Journalists who crawl on their bellies before the moneybags and the government are straining every nerve to rouse the hatred of the people against the people of other nations who are forced to immigrate to the U.S. in search of work, most especially against Mexican workers. But the Mexican people have at no time and in no way oppressed the American people, and they suffer from the same exploitative system as the American people do -- capitalism.

Corrupting the political awareness of the people -- this is also one of the aims of the government's policy of mass arrests of immigrant workers. For the government of the U.S. capitalists and bankers maintains itself in power, in the final analysis, by means of the pistol and the billy club, and has had to suppress the indignation and uprisings of the workers and oppressed people numerous times. Governments such as these, who represent the interests of a handful against the vast majority, have long recognized that popular discontent can never be removed and that it is necessary to divert the discontent from the state and the class it serves to some other object. Thus, to divert attention away from the real cause of unemployment, we get a slander campaign against Mexican workers; we get Carter's "reform" package which enables the government to oppress immigrant workers and all workers still more.

All along they cover up why it is that workers from countries dominated by the U.S. capitalist class are forced to leave their families, their loved ones, their native soil. What we get instead are lies and absurdities -- that there are just "too many of them", a "population explosion", etc. etc. This is nothing but a smokescreen. Before the peoples revolution in China we heard about "overpopulation" as the explanation of why there was mass starvation. But shortly after the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, there was a labor shortage. This is because once the vast resources of a country are used to benefit the people themselves, there is more than enough work to be done to improve the lives of the masses. And today, almost 900 million Chinese people have enough to eat, a decent place to live, and productive work. Contrast this to India, which is still under the rule of capital, where mass starvation is common. And now the same lies are told about India and the countries of Latin America and Africa that were once told about China -- that unemployment and starvation are the result of "overpopulation". Its the same old tune, but the name has been changed.

Even the word they choose to describe immigrant workers -- "aliens" -- is in itself designed to pit workers against each other. The dictionary defines "alien" as: belonging or pertaining to another; strange; foreign; wholly different in nature; incongruous; unsympathetic; adverse; etc. But it is not Mexicano workers who are "alien", "strange", or "wholly different in nature". The real aliens are those who live off the sweat and toil of others -- a class of leeches who have never done an honest days' work in their entire lives. It is they who are alien; it is they who perpetrate a system alien to the interests of the masses.

They sneer at the cultures, traditions and language of minority nationalities. They try to make us believe that the English language is somehow superior, that oppressed nationality workers are "stupid" if they speak English with an accent. Isn't this 90% of the jokes on "chico and the Man"? But nothing could be further from the truth! In actual fact, hundreds of thousands of immigrant workers speak two languages instead of one! And as English-speaking workers also know, there is nothing shameful about speaking "only" one language. "The workingmen have no country". These words of Karl Marx ring out loud and true: workers around the world have a common cause, and a common enemy, no matter what language they speak.

There are those among us, however, "friends of the workingman" such as Ceasar Chavez, who take the side of the capitalists, mouthing the same lies about immigrant workers "taking away our jobs". For the capitalists need flunkies such as these to stand between themselves and the workers, and who, posing as leaders of the workers' struggles, prove much more effective in "winning the hearts and minds" of the workers. Their job is to convince the working class that we should be "reasonable", stop asking for "too much" lest we rock the boat and get the owners mad. In short, they preach day in and day out that what is good for the capitalists is good for the workers, not only on the next contract, but the capitalist system itself. Who of us has not heard these very words, or something similar, at union meetings, from the mouths of "our" representatives? And Ceasar Chavez, though he wears a more "liberal" mask than Frank Fitzsimmons, is no different. His deeds are ample proof of this, and deeds, not words, tell the truth about where he, and all others like him, really stand. We must not be fooled by those who would shout to the skies and beat their chests about how they work in the interests of our class, all the while sticking the knife in our backs! These leaders support the workers like a rope supports a hanging man!

Spreading the poison of national chauvinism, whipping up hysteria, "testing" public opinion on a national ID card, and "reforms" which give the police more power and multiply their forces, expanding the computer network of information on all U.S. citizens -- what are the links between these facts?

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It is up to the communists to explain these things, to expose the cases of barbarism, to indict the police, courts, laws and government. In particular it is up to the Leninist Core to Found the U.S. Bolshevik Party to do this, as our opponents have proven themselves incapable or unwilling to take up this task. For many years the papers of these traitors to our cause have been circulated among the workers and yet they never take up the question of raising the political consciousness of our class. Yes, they report on this strike and that election, on this union "leader" and that police murder. But all the while they draw the conclusion that capitalism can be reformed and made to work better. This is the cry of liberals! They refuse to tell the working class of the historic mission that destiny has placed before us, to destroy capitalism, to do away with all exploitation of man by man through socialist revolution, through armed struggle against those that suppress us daily with force. Is it any wonder then, that we brand these forces as opportunist, as masqueraders, as snivelling liberal reformers?

Fellow workers, we cannot publish this paper without your support and assistance, without your comments and criticism. We would be deceiving ourselves and our readers if we promise to carry out all the tasks we have mentioned without assistance. We will stub our toes many times in the course of printing A World to Gain, but these small scars will be healed with your help -- we do not fear mistakes, and we will never attempt to conceal our shortcomings. Together we will overcome them and avoid the same ones in the future, of this there's no doubt.

Let the class struggle rage, give it every assistance, push it ever forward and we will be victorious. The days of exploitation and oppression under the capitalist whip is drawing to an end, the days of glorious freedom and liberation, of joy and socialism are drawing nearer. The storm clouds of revolution are bursting forth with the thunder and lightning of the working class struggle, we have nothing to lose but our chains, and, dear workers, we have a world to gain.

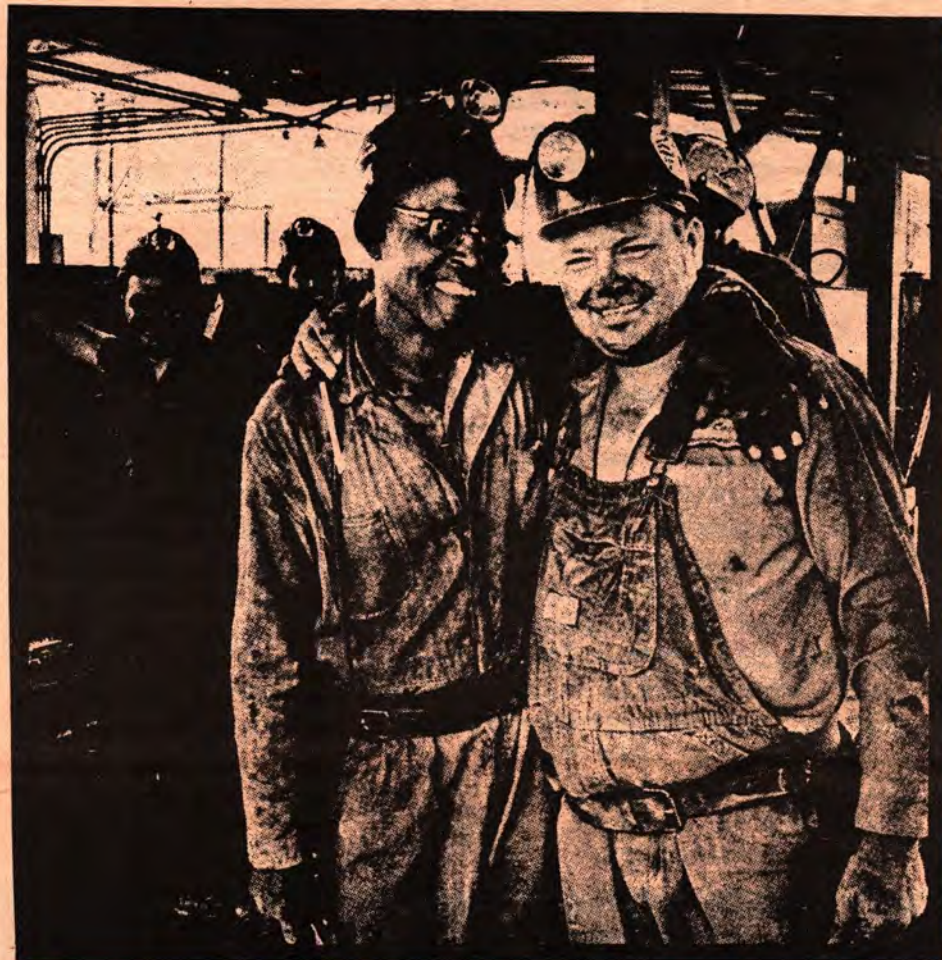


Karl Marx

## Miners (cont. from pg. 2)

On the capitalists' side stand the owners of the mines, their friends the bankers, their servant the government, their goons the police, and their labor lieutenants, the union "leaders". On their faces are the tans from Florida, vacations in the Bahamas. In their eyes the contempt for the workers, their slaves. In their hands are the bullets of the police and the laws of the government. And in their minds is the fear of the growing discontent, the rumbling under their feet, the awakening of the masses.

Such is the scene on their side of the barricades.



As the capitalists' system plunges into deep economic crisis, the number and intensity of these strikes increases. The workers cannot make ends meet. Many are laid off, the rest are working longer hours. Inflation is hitting us with right hooks. Cutbacks in education, health care, childcare, programs for the elderly and youth, recreation and housing pound us even more.

180,000 miners are in the street. Organized, militant, determined they march in caravans to stop scabbing and fight for their interests.

The mine owners answer with bullets. One dead, many more injured. The defenseless miners arm. "We cannot stop bullets with petitions and picket signs!"

"Them" and "us".

This is the class struggle and we must understand its importance. Every few years the workers contracts expire. Every few years we strike for a living wage and more benefits. As soon as our contracts are signed, inflation takes away our new pennies. As soon as our contracts are signed the owners devise new schemes, make new laws to take away our benefits.

How long can this continue.

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# ★★★★★ Nothing To Lose ★★★ A World To Gain ★★★★★

In Haymarket Square  
for the eight hour day,  
the workers stood firm  
in open defiance  
to the capitalists and their state.  
The police attacked  
again and again  
casualties mounted  
but the workers did not waver  
for theirs is a strength  
born of suffering and want  
determined they stood  
and determined they fought  
on they fought  
for the right to a union  
from coal mines in Virginia  
to the farmland of California  
from the steel plants of Pennsylvania  
to the auto industry in Detroit  
Open warfare was declared  
with the oppressors  
in one camp  
and the oppressed  
in the other  
the unions were won  
with courage and boldness  
paid in blood, sweat and tears.  
Our eyes were opened  
by those who saw far ahead  
that revolution is the only way  
we'd really be free  
and betrayed by others  
who cared not a lick  
except for themselves  
and least of all us.  
But we saw who they were  
and realized our tasks  
for we have  
nothing to lose,  
A world to gain.



"In Haymarket Square for the 8 hour day ..."

In October, 1917  
in old Russia  
the opera of revolution  
rose to a deafening crescendo.  
The Russian masses handed  
their oppressors a resounding defeat  
while the party played  
its melodic guidance.  
Led by that brilliant  
conductor V. I. Lenin,  
the workers of the world  
began to understand  
the symphony of freedom.  
A symphony written by Marx,  
and his good friend Engels,

harmonized by Lenin  
together they formed  
the opera of revolution:  
Marxism-Leninism.  
Following the beat of  
the Russian Party  
the U.S. working class  
orchestrated its own Party  
the Communist Party, U.S.A.  
led by those advanced workers  
who had seen revolution  
as the dawning of a new day.

It was they with their Party  
who took up the task  
of conducting revolution  
to end the screeching  
of that worthless band of "musicians"  
the owners of all  
whose only tune is  
"what's in it for me"  
It was they with their Party  
who sought to show  
the working class and toiling masses  
that in revolution  
they really had  
nothing to lose,  
A world to gain.

The first imperialist world war  
had ended  
and for a time that worthless class  
the bourgeoisie,  
sought to smother  
the flames of resistance  
with crumbs  
and for a time the flames burned low  
But the crisis of imperialism  
that crisis known as the depression  
forced these owners of all  
to take back even those crumbs,  
forced them to shove their crisis  
onto the workers and toiling masses  
but this only added fuel to the  
burning desire for revolution  
the added fuel of  
no food  
no job and  
no money  
the added fuel of  
peeling plaster, backed up toilets,  
no heat, rats, roaches  
and no medical care  
The added fuel of resistance,  
led by the C.P.U.S.A.,  
strikes,  
militant outbreaks,  
of armed rebellion,  
of a million people  
in the streets  
protesting inhuman and barbaric  
treatment at the hands  
of this worthless class,  
this bourgeoisie,  
who forced us to go to war again  
a war to die again  
for freedom??  
No not for freedom  
but to redivide the world  
like a piece of cheese.  
where the biggest rats  
got the biggest pieces  
but while these rats  
huddled around their spoils  
the working class was moving,  
changing,

fanning the flames of revolution  
ever higher,  
into an inferno.  
For in the struggle for revolution  
we have no fear!  
why should we  
we have nothing to lose  
and a world to gain.

No longer did the Russian warship  
stand alone  
guarding the shores of  
socialism and freedom  
two new warships were added  
to the socialist fleet  
with the triumphant revolutions  
of China and Albania  
Now the position of  
us downtrodden millions  
grew stronger  
day by day  
it seemed as if nothing  
could turn us away  
from the storm of revolution.  
But ugly forces were lurking  
to lead us astray  
mutiny was festering  
on the warship from Russia  
they slithered and slid  
and they wrecked and they split  
led by that slimey Kruschsevite clique  
Our own C.P.U.S.A  
wracked by mistakes  
never corrected  
led by revisionist dogs  
now took on the character  
of those Kruschsevite hogs.  
"Peaceful transition" they uttered  
"its a new era" they whined  
"the owners of all will  
provide all our needs" they cried  
and for a time  
we lost our way,  
but the working class  
would not be fooled  
for our is a wisdom  
forged in iron and steel,  
our is a resistance  
molded from suffering and misery.  
We exposed these dogs  
for what they were  
and against them we had no fear  
for we have  
Nothing to lose,  
A world to gain.

The sixties exploded  
and the bourgeoisie quaked,  
the workers and masses  
shook the very foundation  
of this capitalist nation  
Watts, Chicago, Newark, Harlem and D.C.  
ghettos in every city  
echoed with the thunderous roar  
for freedom  
by the masses of people  
factories in every city  
sizzled with the electricity  
of the workers struggle for revolution.  
But the storm of revolution  
remained just out of reach  
and again our heads were handed  
on a platter to the capitalist class  
by those perpetrators of opportunism,  
again we were helplessly cut down  
in the streets by the state,  
because the advocaters  
of revisionism  
could not and  
would not arm us.

Arm us with our  
science of freedom:  
Marxism-Leninism  
A science taught  
by a genuine Party,  
a Party that could  
teach us  
and guide us  
through the choppy seas of revolution.  
A Party that will raise  
our struggle above  
those waves of confusion  
and move the masses ahead  
closer to revolution.  
A Party of fighters  
unafraid to lead the revolution  
against those plunderers and exploiters  
the capitalist class.  
A Party with a rich history  
of struggle  
against those snakes  
who hide the truth  
from the workers:  
opportunists and revisionists  
of every color.  
A genuine Bolshevik Party  
dedicated to marching  
everforward on the socialist road  
A road that is full of  
curves and potholes,  
twists and turns,  
A road paved with  
much knowledge,  
experience,  
courage,  
A road lit up by the teachings  
of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao and Hoxha  
The glorious socialist road travelled  
by China  
by Albania  
A road tread  
by workers fighting heroically  
for their freedom,  
of those that will fight  
with a gun clenched  
in one hand,  
and a red flag in the other.  
Just as Karl Marx said:  
The workers have nothing to lose,  
A World to Gain!



## Multi-National Unity (cont. from pg. 4)

The bourgeoisie is preparing for fascism and war. For this is the only "way out" of the present crisis for them. Their system is in deep crisis; it is everyday decaying and rotting and breaking apart at the seams. We can see this heppening all around us for it is part of our daily lives. And this crisis, the most severe since World War II, is occurring not only here in the U.S., but all over the capitalist world. It is an economic crisis -- skyrocketing inflation, rising unemployment, cutbacks and more cutbacks. But it is also a general crisis -- political, military, cultural.

The political crisis can be seen by looking at the rapidly increasing numbers of people who refuse to vote, for example, because they assume (and rightly so!) that all politicians are liars and cheats. The military crisis is revealed by the fact that the "invincible" American military machine is unable to hold on to the neo-colonies of the U.S. rulers when challenged by the peoples of those countries (VietNam, Cambodia, Laos, for example). The crisis on the cultural front we witness every day -- "punk rock", pornography and more pornography, disaster movies, modern "art" consisting of a splash of paint on a canvas, etc. All of this and more is the present deepening crisis of capitalism. The bourgeoisie, unable to solve these problems because periodic crises are part and parcel of the capitalist system, is desperately searching for a "way out" which will guarantee their continued reign.

Their "way out" is to further repress the working class and the masses, their "way out" is to head for war in order to redivide the world, their "way out" is to slaughter millions and fill the jails and torture chambers, build neutron bombs and more drug "therapy". Comrade workers, don't be taken in by claims that fascism could never happen in this "bastion of democracy and freedom". For it will not come about through the rise to power of the American Nazi Party, for example. Fascism is not the doing of a madman, a people "gone beserk", or any of the other nonsense we hear about why Germany and Italy were under fascist rule in the 1930's. Fascism is the open, terroristic dictatorship of a class -- the same class who is in power this very moment in the U.S. -- the bourgeoisie. They throw away the mas of "democracy", of "fairness", of "human rights", and resort to ruling the people through naked and unrestrained force. And why? Because the people will no longer submit to the abuse and poverty that is heaped on them by their masters. The workers will no longer allow themselves to be divided and pitted against each other, but are rising up against these common enemies of all the people. Fascism comes about because the bourgeoisie is unable to hold onto their rule in any other way. They throw away the carrot and bring out the stick.

This is the real meaning of George Gallup's poll testing public opinion on a national ID card. This is why the news media and the government are whipping up a campaign of hate and hysteria against workers of oppressed nationalities.

This is why they are passing more and more repressive laws, for example one which would make it a crime for this newspaper to be written, published, read, or even discussed! This is why the local police look more and more like an occupying army -- SWAT teams, anti-riot tanks, sharpshooters, etc. This is why the government is centralizing any and all information, from life insurance questionnaires to credit applications.

All of these factors -- the economic and general crisis of capitalism, the rising tide of resistance and struggle of the working class and the inability of the capitalist class to rule in the same old way, are combining to make up a revolutionary situation. And this is what the bourgeoisie is trembling in their boots about!

A revolutionary situation does not always lead to revolution, however, and there can be no revolution, no fundamental change in our lives, unless the working class has its political Party to lead it in this life and death struggle. For our enemy is indeed ruthless, with a vast array of weapons at its disposal -- real weapons and ideological weapons -- from the CIA to CBS, from the Tactical Squads to the God Squads; our enemy is organized, and has a "general staff" working out its strategy and tactics. For this very reason, the working class cannot hope to win this battle for political power against the bourgeoisie unless it is organized, unless it has a correct plan of attack, a correct program of struggle, and a general staff, its Party, which applies all that has been learned in the course of making proletarian revolution worldwide -- the science of Marxism-Leninism.

As the bourgeoisie prepares to institute fascism in order to prevent revolution, they are at the same time frenziedly increasing military spending, beefing up the military machinery they need to launch a new world war. Carter's recent trip and his promise of 8,000 more troops in Europe is clear evidence of the mounting war preparations. Together with the Soviet Union, which is socialist only in words, but is in actuality a greedy, aggressive, plundering enemy of the world's people, they contend more and more as to who will control the world. All the SALT talks, peace treaties, "detente" and lullabies cannot cover this up!

The bourgeoisie of the U.S. and the bourgeoisie of the U.S.S.R. reap huge superprofits from the oppressed nations they dominate economically, politically, and militarily. For who owns the copper mines in Chile, the gold mines in South Africa (Azania), the coffee plantations in Columbia? The U.S. bourgeoisie, those same culprits who own all the means of production right here in the U.S.





# LIFE OF THE MIGRANT WORKER- HARDSHIP AND STRUGGLE

LETTER FROM AN ADVANCED WORKER COMRADE-REPRINTED FROM OUR CENTRAL  
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What is a migrant worker?

A migrant worker is the poor working man struggling while the rich man gets richer.

In 1963 I was about 20 yrs. of age. I went to the state of Florida thinking that I would get rich the way the man made it sound. He promised good. He said I didn't have to worry about anything. When you first get there they usually put you on a camp out in the field plowing the garden or picking vegetables, cutting sugar cane or picking fruit. Not knowing your earning was 40¢ a hamper and the contractor gets 10% of that. You see, I was a truck driver since I was the only one with license.

Once you're in this camp, it's too late to turn back. It's like signing your life away.



"ONCE YOU'RE IN THIS CAMP IT'S TOO LATE TO TURN BACK. IT'S LIKE SIGNING YOUR LIFE AWAY."

Who is the contractor?

a.) What does he offer you?

The contractor is the man that rounds up the people and brings them to this camp to work on the farm for the farmer.

The contractor provides you with clothing, shelter and food (which his wife does the cooking), and any other hang up you may have, to make sure you don't leave (such as drinking and smoking). They even bring women from the street to satisfy your manly needs, not knowing that all this would be deducted from your pay at the end of the week. You see it's a big rip-off. The contractor gets paid twice. The farmer gives the contractor your pay. The contractor gets 10% of your weekly earnings for bringing you there and then he takes out for your rent, food and anything else you owe him.

The big man, he'll never pay you. Farmers pay the contractor for your work. He takes out his money before you even get it. He makes 100% profit. He takes out for your food. They drive a lunch truck out into the fields and sell you lunch. Some of them even charge you for taking you to the place you work. So he's getting paid twice, because the big man pays him for bringing the workers there.

The really bad part about it, when Friday comes up, and they hand you \$12.00, and it really does something to you. Then when somebody wants to leave they tell you you owe them money, or they'll beat you up. Or they'll call the cops and tell them a lie and have you locked up. They'll always take the contractor's word for it. Then the contractor would blackmail you- tell you if you go on working for him he would get you out, owing him even more money for bailing you out. And then you'll be much deeper in debt, that's one thing about the Florida laws, the farmer and the law works together. If you wanted to leave you would have to do it without anyone knowing.

The main thing they don't want you to do when you get there, is leave. Unless you make up your mind to leave late one night, you just have to stay.

In Pompano Beach, there's a place like a big building with stores in it, movies, laundromat, cleaners, liquor store, everything. All around it are camps, and people are brought there by the trucks. The man, or the men, who own the place make all the profits. It's owned by the big-men who own the farms. They keep all the money they have paid out. That's how the system works in the state of Florida.

What type of people go?

Anybody - that gets suckered into going- Black, White, many Mexicans, Cuban, and Puerto Ricans. Men, women, children. Usually about 25-30 people on the camp.

Conditions??

They have these canal ditches for water. They use it to irrigate the farms, and there's water moccasins, rattlers, everything in there. They go into the fields, and people get snake bites all the time. In some parts, where the sugar cane is, the dirt is like muck, almost like quicksand, and a lot of people get lost, and they have never found them. In 1964, a guy was working near two ditches and fell into it. There was about 15 water moccasins in there.

Whenever people go to a store and see vegetables and fruits, if they only knew what people go through to get it.

A lot of people have died behind it.

When we first moved to the camp, the gas wasn't turned on and we had to eat cold canned food for two weeks. Some of the people got stomach problems from it. If you said you were sick, the contractor would come and say "you ain't sick. Get your ass up and go on the truck".

You had a choice. Either get up and get on the truck, or he would hire guys to beat you up. If you really got sick or got snake-bitten, if the contractor wasn't around to take you, there was no other way to get out and go on your own. Either die, or lay there and suffer until someone got a way for them to go.

There you saw not only workers from the South, also from the North. A pregnant lady, seven months pregnant, believe it. He told her, either work in the field or pack up your things and get out.

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Finally, the contractor's wife said, "I can always use a hand to help around the camp." So she was kept on as a hand to clean up. She went into labor about three in the morning. The contractor, he kept sleeping until about 5 a.m. Some of the guys had to go bang on his door and make a lot of noise to get him to get up and take her.

They don't have bathrooms, just outhouses. They don't have heat. They claim it stays warm in Florida, but in January and February it's cold. The camps are made with concrete floors, so you can imagine how cold it gets. If it rains, its all damp and wet. You have to get up in the morning and get on that cold floor.

They don't have showers. It's a shed with sprinklers in it, like in a slaughter house to clean off the blood. The only reason they had it was its a state law. Say, if 40 people live in the camp, and if everybody wants to take a shower, they have to take it together, women and men. Some of the men had wives with them and they wouldn't let them go in like that, but the others, it was being treated like a female animal and a male animal.

The food - the people didn't care how they cook, knowing you didn't have any other way to get food, so they could fix you anything.

One camp, we didn't have water. There was a stream about 50 feet behind the camp - It was for drinking, washing, everything. It was a swamp out there, and if you didn't go in your house and close the windows at night, the mosquitos would get you.

I remember one time it rained for two days. Everybody refused to go out and cut cabbage. The big man came and told the contractor, "Get their asses in the field, or pack up and get out." The contractor told the people they wouldn't get food or wine or anything that night if they didn't go out. So they went.

## REVOLUTIONARY POETRY

### AT THE CRACK OF DAWN RISE THE BRAVE

A migrant worker  
writes of his experience  
what light is shed  
on so much misery  
a life of existence  
tyranny reigns  
what gall they have  
The ones who own it  
all

Determined to struggle  
we shall always remain  
they do no work  
they are lame

A contractor  
paints it pretty  
while our blood and sweat  
they take without  
pity

experiences of oppression  
and exploitation  
for our class  
as a whole -  
the same is true  
for the miners  
in Africa  
who dig up  
the gold

The world is in great  
turmoil  
the new replacing  
the old

Everywhere fists of iron  
clenched tight  
the masses  
are rising  
Proletarian Revolution  
Clearing the Path  
a new world is  
on the horizon

up at the crack of dawn  
Migrant workers  
picking fruits and vegetables  
which feeds many  
while still others go hungry  
high prices for the food  
while the workers receive pennies  
for all that they do

At the end of the week  
\$12.00 they give you  
while profits they reap  
it turns our insides  
But we will not weep  
the police they call  
when we raise our protest  
But never will they quiet  
our voices

Conditions of horror  
Many die in ditches  
while the capitalists  
Secure all their riches

Brothers and sisters  
our struggle  
is Just  
the capitalists  
are old  
and decayed  
like an antique with no use  
which is gathering dust

At the crack of dawn  
rise the Brave  
recognizing today  
the situation  
is grave  
But no doubt about  
it  
Our victory is Certain

For socialism, for communism  
we fight  
where the workers  
are their own masters  
we will work  
with all our might  
to abolish all classes  
In the interest  
of all the masses

He would go out and go to different town - he was really a dog - he would pick up ladies to work. There wasn't a woman he brought that he didn't go to bed with. Either that or beat them up and throw them out if they refused him.

It's been about 15 years, but I still can remember the real heavy parts of it.

## Multi-National Unity (cont. from p.3)

And no matter how many times Walter Cronkite says that the Soviet Union is "communist", it is the new capitalist class of Russia who reaps vast profits from the sugar plantations in Cuba, the steel mills of East Germany, and the military hardware sold in the Middle East. The new Soviet bourgeoisie who locks up militant workers and the true Bolsheviks in their mental institutions and jails. The new czars who live like kings while the masses of people have to wait years for a shabby one-bedroom apartment.

These two biggest plunderers, the US and the USSR are contending more and more as to who will grab more spoils. This is the reason they have their armies, navies, and air forces poised for attack in Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia. Because they desire to have more power, more wealth, more raw materials, more "spheres of influence". Because they want to redivide the world in their own greedy interests. And a new world war is being actively prepared for by these two superpowers, a war in which each wolf hopes to gain new territories from the other.

On the other hand, the workers have nothing whatsoever to gain from a new world war. The only way we could gain would be to turn such a war into a civil war, a war against our "own" bourgeoisie, in order to take what is rightfully ours and build a new social order, where there is neither poverty nor hunger, humiliation or abuse. A society where all nationalities are encouraged to develop their cultures, speak their languages and cherish their traditions. The proletariat, in close alliance with all the movements of oppressed nationalities and the oppressed Afro-American nation in the Black Belt South, will turn this decadent, dying beast into a system where the fruits of our labor belong to those who produce them. This system is socialism, where the proletariat rules for the benefit of all society. Where the tiny band of thieves, murderers and thugs -- the ruling class of capitalist owners -- is deprived of their vast wealth, which they have attained at the expense

of the well-being of the people. This is no utopia, no idle dream, but in fact the inevitable outcome of the class struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, that struggle for power which is everywhere and everyday growing, intensifying and bearing fruit.

It has been proven in practice, in living example, by the people of China and Albania, that this is so. For in these countries, the proletariat, led by its vanguard political Party, its Communist Party, has overturned the despicable rule of foreign domination and their "own" bourgeoisie, and transformed their countries from lands of poverty, want and wealth-for-a-few, into lands of prosperity, well-being and dignity. Comrade workers, turn a deaf ear to the slanders heaped upon the socialist countries, lies which are intended to turn us away from revolution, which is indeed the only solution!

For the working class, whether black or white, Mexican or American, Puerto Rican or Asian have only one common goal, one common interest. To attain freedom, emancipation from the shackles of wage slavery. We must not allow the hate campaign against any workers, whether brown, black or white, to derail us. All over the world the workers are rallying under the red flag of international working class solidarity, leaving the capitalists and their flunkies, like Cesar Chavez and George Meany holding the limp flags of nationalism, of hate and oppression.

The winds of revolution are blowing throughout the ghettos and barrios, the factories and workshops, across the docks and railroads, into the mines and oil fields, the working class is awakening like a powerful giant, proud and defiant we stand as one man. Indeed, the working man has no country -- we are determined!



"They throw away the mask of 'democracy', of 'fairness', of 'human rights', and resort to ruling the people through naked and unrestrained force."



South African workers burn identification passes

## Miners (cont. from pg. 5)

Our struggle cannot be regarded merely as this constant begging for more money, as the constant fight for better conditions. This is only part of our fight. As long as the system of capitalism exists, as long as the owners and their laws and bullets strike us down, as long as the blood of the workers runs in the coal mines of Kentucky and West Virginia, we will remain the wage slaves we are today.

This is a fact.

We must prepare for greater battles, fresh victories. We are beginning to stand tall and erect, we are refusing to stoop, we are refusing to beg!

We must understand that the owners have their own system, capitalism. It is based on their exploitation of our labor power, the fact that our work provides them with outrageous wealth and us with bare subsistence.

Our struggle is for emancipation from this system. Our struggle, the class struggle, is for the socialist system. Yes, fellow workers, the socialist system. Based on true equality, the ending of exploitation of man by man. Based on the rule of the workers to determine their own destiny. Committed to an end to oppression, and end to ghettos, an end to humiliation, depreivation and want. This socialist system will not be handed to us on a silver platter by those it vows to destroy, the moneybags and exploiters. It must be fought for forcibly. It must be organized carefully. It must be led by the workers and their political party. To this goal we commit our lives.

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