

WORKERS VIEWPOINT

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of the U.S. Monopoly Capitalist Class.
Fight for Socialism!

The Proletariat and Oppressed People
and Nations of the World, Unite!

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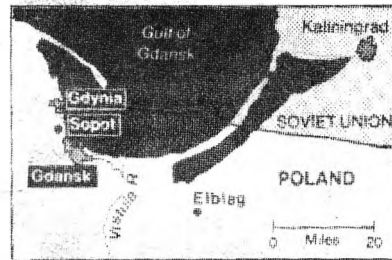
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"If we ran the country, we wouldn't be so bad off."

FIGHT ON, POLISH WORKERS!



The rebellion began in the northern port city of Gdansk with the Lenin Shipyard workers and has spread to the nearby Gdynia and Sopot, as well as the coal region of Silesia in southern Poland.

Polish workers are showing who are the real masters of society. The rebellion, with workers singing the Internationale, the song of Communists the world over, is like a knife in the heart of the scab revisionist leadership of Edward Gierk and his Soviet imperialist masters. It is also sending chills through the spine of the U.S. government, who prefer the goulash-brand of "Communism" to a genuinely independent Poland under workers' rule.

Polish Workers Wide Open to Revolutionary Socialism

Ten years ago, a rebellion led by the workers at the Lenin shipyard in the northern Polish city of Gdansk spread and shut down the whole country. Workers demonstrated at all government offices, including those of the phoney "Communist" Party of Poland. At the heart of the revolt was the massive hike in food prices, caused mainly by the large shipment of food to the Soviet Union. The heroic rebellion was crushed as Wladyslaw Gomulka, head of the country, ordered the murder of more than 55 workers' leaders. Post-rebellion shockwaves eventually toppled

Gomulka, and he was replaced by Gierk, who agreed to the workers' demands. But Poland's fundamental problem — domination by the Soviet Union and the scab policies of the Polish revisionist Party — was not solved.

And now, ten years later, the Polish workers at the Lenin shipyards are leading workers around the country in a renewed rebellion, using the strike weapon that is illegal in Poland. Their blows are aimed straight at the revisionist Communist Party that rules Poland on behalf of their Soviet masters. And while both the U.S., Polish and Soviet media are trying to portray the rebellion as being anti-socialist, in fact the opposite is true: by their action and words Polish workers show their wide-openness and spontaneous inclination toward real workers' rule. Living in so-called socialist Poland, the people can see the hypocrisy of the scab Communist Party. People are beginning to see through the appearance of workers' rule to the fact that the revisionist leadership has turned it upside down. "They say this country is run by workers. Up to now the workers have had no say at

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Armed workers guard the entrance to the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk.

Eggshot Damns Local 2 Contract Sellout

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca. — WHAM! Local 2 chief negotiator and International hack Vincent Sirabella got a black eye right in the midst of a press conference after the ratification vote on the sellout contract settlement. Sirabella at first thought that he had been shot. Only when he covered his eyes with his handkerchief did he find egg yolk flowing down his face.

"Lamb Chop and Eggs For Breakfast"

With their coattails caught between their legs, Sirabella and Local 2 President Charles Lamb didn't dare press any charges on the Communist Workers Party supporters who got a warm cheer from fellow workers. "Good shot - Fried Lamb chop and egg for breakfast!" Scared and shaken, they scurried back inside the hall as people shouted, "Come out and face the rank and file."

Earlier, Charles Lamb and Co. also got served notice by the CWP, United Hotel and Restaurant Workers (a rank and file caucus in Local 2) and progressive Local 2 workers who sent egg after egg at them, denouncing the sellout contract.

Three days before the ratification, Lamb and the International hacks made a backroom deal away from the pressure of the rank and file workers who had

been busting their ass walking the picket-line for a decent contract. Neither the membership nor the negotiating committee have been involved in the secret negotiations in Los Angeles. The negotiating committee, after hearing a verbal report from Lamb, voted 16 to 8 to reject the contract proposal. Lamb did not even have the respect for the committee or the rank and file to have a full written report outlining exactly what we're getting and not getting, while he hurriedly called together a ratification meeting. This backroom maneuvering, the main activity of all labor aristocrats across the country, was necessary for the Local 2 bureaucrats to push their real goal from the beginning of the strike — how to keep the rank and file under control.

"How Do We Take Back Local 2 And Build A Fighting Union?"

The contract proposal that he put forward to be ratified is no better than the one we rejected a few weeks ago when Mayor Feinstein tried to intervene. But all along the union hacks were the ones who actively disorganized the strike by not supporting any action against the Teamsters leadership when they sent workers back into the hotels. By not organizing the lines to shut the

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all. Maybe if we had we wouldn't be so hotels down, and demoralizing some workers who stopped picketing, and others from sticking it out, they hoped to pit those workers who wanted to stay out against those who were forced to work bad off economically and owe all that money overseas," said one Lenin shipyard fighter.

Meat Shortage Immediate Spark of Rebellion

On July 1, the Polish government drained the public supply of meat by raising the meat quota for special stores catering to party and government officials, thus sending already-high meat prices soaring. The same day, workers at plants throughout Poland walked off their jobs in protest. Strikes quickly spread with bus drivers and other dockworkers joining in. The government at first tried to bribe the workers by granting wage hikes to match the rise in meat prices. But it was too late — the demands of the workers went beyond economic issues to hit directly at the fascist Polish government.

Over the next few weeks, the militancy of the workers grew, with more and more joining in. From Gdansk the strike has spread not only to the surrounding cities, but also the coal-mining regions of southern Poland. By the middle of August, some 100,000 workers were out, and as of August 23, the number had grown to at least 150,000 with some 347 factories and businesses shut down.

Workers Hit Fascist Government, Demand Right to Strike

Last week, the striking workers issued a list of 16 demands (later expanded to 25) that spoke for all Poles. Put out by the Inter-Factory Strike Committee, the coalition body representing all the rebellious workers, the list includes the demand that all censorship end — in particular the censorship of news of the rebellion. The government-controlled media did not publish a word of the workers' action for more than a month after the initial strikes had begun and in fact cut all telephone communications. In addition, the workers are demanding that the media carry news of the strike and the strike committee.

But the most important demands of the Polish workers hit directly at the fascist government and its bondage to the Soviet Union. The Committee has insisted on the right to strike for all workers, as well as the rank and file's right to decide who runs the trade unions. Under genuine workers' rule, as in China under Mao's leadership, workers have these basic rights that ensure supervision of the leadership by the people. That Polish workers, as well as workers in all the Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union, cannot legally strike points to the fascist essence of these countries' regimes. While squeezing workers, the governments run the trade unions with a small gang of labor bureaucrats at the top who squelch all protest and who receive privileges in exchange for scabbing. These bureaucrats are part of a whole strata of Party and government officials that make up the new state monopoly capitalist class in Poland.

Blasting at this new class of oppressors, Polish workers have also demanded that the special stores that serve only Party and government bigshots be abolished. Along with this, the workers want meat rationed and an end to the system where bigshots always get all the meat they want while the people starve.

Religious Distress Shows Workers' Real Distress Church—Tool of U.S.

Another demand is the call for freedom from religious persecution. Many Polish workers consider themselves Catholics.

Bankrupt goulash communism — that man's aim in life is material comfort — cannot compete with the moral appeal of religion. Without genuine Marxism and blanketed by the spiritual vacuum and barrenness of revisionism, people will drift toward whatever they think helps them fight. Historically, Catholicism has been a major expression of Polish sentiment against national oppression and foreign domination, and this is one form resistance takes in Poland much as Islam served to clothe the Iranian revolution. Thus it is no accident that the fascist Polish government has to persecute religion.

This persecution of religion allows the U.S. and other imperialists to use it to infiltrate Polish society politically and ideologically. The Polish Pope, John Paul II is a spokesman for U.S. imperialism. The campaign for his nomination to the papacy was led by American, German and other European liberal heads of the church because of his familiarity with Eastern Europe and his rabid anti-communism.

The U.S. has succeeded in penetrating Poland to some degree, shown by the fact that pictures of the Pope have appeared on plant gates during the rebellion. But neither the U.S. government nor the Pope really stand with the interest of the workers, and Poles are getting clearer on this. The U.S. State Department has issued only cream puff statements about the rebellion. The revolt is "a matter for the Polish people and Polish authorities to work out," said David Passage, Department spokesman. This is a far cry from the 1950's theme of President-to-be Dwight Eisenhower and John Foster Dulles (later Ike's Secretary of State) of "rolling back the Iron Curtain."

U.S. Prefers Goulash Gierek Regime to Workers' Rule

The fact is the U.S. would like nothing better than for the Soviets to invade Poland. This would discredit the U.S.S.R. further and most important safeguard the goulash communist Gierek regime. As an August 19 *New York Times* editorial states, "Mr. Gierek has shown pragmatic skill in fashioning a Polish model of Communism that affords a measure of national freedom without unduly alarming his Soviet patrons. Americans and Soviets alike have a shared interest in his succeeding again." In other words, the U.S. ruling class and the Soviet new Czars both have a common stake in keeping Poland a tender piece of meat for both superpowers to chew on. Better a scab Gierek regime which the imperialists "understand" (since both capitalists and revisionists speak the same profit-is-the-motive-force language) than workers' rule or any staunchly anti-superpower, "Khomeini-type" Polish government.

This is why the Roman Catholic Church came out on August 22 saying that while it "understands" the workers' grievances, "prolonged stoppages, possible disturbances and fraternal bloodshedding are against the good of the society". From Warsaw, Poland's capital, the church also issued a statement in the name of the Bishop of Gdansk warning workers to "act reasonably and prudently". The Gierek regime and his Soviet backers are drooling for the least sign of hesitation and weakness on the part of the rebelling workers so they can crack down. 30,000 Soviet troops and two armored divisions occupy Poland. Additional soldiers have been amassed on the Polish border. Twenty leaders of the rebellion have already been arrested by the Gierek government. This is the situation in which the church's treachery plays into. The church took the same position in the 1970 and 1976 uprisings and is partly responsible for the massacring of Polish workers.

Rebellion Hits Brezhnev Doctrine Of Robbery

The tip of the uprising is aimed straight at the Soviet Union and its stranglehold on the Polish economy. Workers have demanded "realistic steps toward leading the country out of the recent crisis by informing the public fully about the socio-economic situation of the country and making it possible for all classes and sections of the Polish community to discuss the program of reforms." Tied to this demand is one that calls for *only surplus goods being exported*.

This gets to the heart of the economic crisis crushing Polish life. Because of the revisionist leadership and policies, Poland's economy is at the mercy of both superpowers, especially the Soviet Union. Since the new Czars' invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, Poland and the rest of Eastern Europe has been held in bondage by the "Brezhnev Doctrine." This theory of "limited sovereignty," "international division of labor, economic integration, specialization of production" and so on is the justification for Soviet imperialism. Under this system, Eastern Europe and other countries dominated by the Soviets are restricted to producing only certain



Hundreds of Polish-Americans showed their solidarity with the Polish strikers by demonstrating outside the Polish Embassy in New York City. Some criticized Washington for not taking a strong stand of support.

goods or raw materials. Then they are forced to exchange them unequally for Soviet manufactured goods. For example, the bulk of Poland's pork, beef, and poultry goes to the Soviet Union, while Poles starve. For this Poland gets pennies in return, forcing the country to borrow heavily from the Western imperialists, mainly the U.S. and West Germany, so it can buy foreign foodstuffs. Poland has a foreign debt of over \$30 billion. On August 22, a number of American banks helped put together another \$325 million loan to the country. Poles are caught with food shortages, a stunted economy and huge foreign debts. While Poland gets poorer, the imperialists—especially the Soviet Union, the main enemy of the Polish and Eastern European peoples—get richer. The Soviet Union is doing the same thing to Cuba with its sugar and Ethiopia with its coffee, following in the same wretched footsteps of U.S. imperialism.

New Czars No Different From Old Russian Czars

The Polish people's resistance to foreign, especially Russian domination is nothing new. Dating back to the 1500's Poles have had to fight for their independent existence. In the late 1770's, Czarist Russia ganged up with Austria and Prussia (now Germany) to divide Poland among themselves. At the Congress of Vienna in 1815, the Czar grabbed even more Polish territory and set up a puppet "Kingdom of Poland."

With the Bolshevik Revolution under Lenin in 1917, the newborn workers' government renounced all imperialist treaties. For the first time in history, Russia established equal relations with Poland. But with the degeneration of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union under the scab Khrushchev and the restoration of capitalism, the Polish Communist Party sold out workers' rule. Poland once again became a victim of imperial robbery and oppression. The only difference between the new Soviet Czars and the Czars of Imperial Russia is that the Soviet imperialists call themselves "socialist."

For the second time in the last five years, workers have brought Poland to a standstill, cutting railway and shipping lines. Their heroic fight proves once again that the working class, concentrated at the key points of production and services, alone has the power and organization needed to lead the struggle to abolish all classes and exploitation of man by man.

The steel-like unity and determination of the Polish workers forced the largest shakeup in the Polish revisionist Party in a decade. On August 24, in an emergency session of the Party Central Committee, Prime Minister Edward Babuch, three other full Politburo (the Party's top ruling clique) members and two deputy members were fired. Included were Jerzy Lukaszewicz, head of propaganda and ideology, and Jan Szydyski, head of Poland's Central Trade Union Council.

The workers' revolt has grown to at least 200,000 strong with 400 factories and businesses in Gdansk alone shut down and 100 more closed in the city of Szczecin in the west. In the South, Nowa Huta steelworkers near Cracow are also joining in. The workers made the government eat its lie that the 19-member Inter-factory Strike Committee "does not truly represent the workers" and on August 23 the Gierek regime had to negotiate with the Committee. When talks broke down, the shakeup came.

Lech Walesa, a 37-year old electrician and chairman of the Committee, commented on the government changes, "It's a patching up of holes. We want something new." □

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because they had families to feed, bills to pay, etc.—then the hacks would get off the hook. As it turned out, the vote was 1,800 yes against 500 no, while over 2/3 of the hotel workers didn't even vote. Those who voted yes admitted later that they had no other choice but to go back to work even though they knew it was a sellout.

After the ratification meeting, workers came up to the United Hotel and Restaurant Workers and CWP members: "It's clear throughout this strike that we not only have to fight the hotel bosses, cops and the Mayor, but the union hacks as well. How do we get ourselves organized to take back Local 2 and build a real fighting democratic union?" □

CWP Shuts Down Democratic Convention For Two Hours

NEW YORK, N.Y.—The Communist Workers Party shut down the Democratic Convention for two whole hours on August 14, the last night of the Convention. This is something over ten thousand demonstrators at the 1968 Democratic Convention failed to do. As an article for the *Village Voice* reported: "The Secret Service sealed the Garden for two hours, from about 9:50 to 11:50. They said it was because there were too many people in the Garden. But they wouldn't let anybody in or out. After awhile they did start to let people leave, but there were about 300 media people locked out."

"Kennedy Had the Good Sense To Be Scared"

What freaked out the ruling class, their politicians and the Secret Service the most was the CWP's ability to skill-

fully combine different forms to serve them notice. During the 1968 Convention protests, demonstrators never even saw the politicians except on TV, much less getting in the Convention hall. But, using passes with the highest security clearance obtained for us by our supporters in high-places, we repeatedly penetrated the Garden security. Our friends indicted the politicians over and over again, with one comrade unfurling a banner right in front of the speaker's podium. Twice our supporters lit firecrackers on the Convention floor. And on August 14 alone, we got to Carter and served him notice, not once, but twice. "Later I would wonder if Kennedy's awkwardness and tardiness on the podium, his stiff face and brief appearance, weren't related to the trouble with the communists. The trouble started after Carter had begun to talk, so he had no

way to know what was happening, but Kennedy must have known and maybe he had the good sense to be scared," observed one perceptive journalist.

At the same time, outside the Garden, the CWP's bold, frontal political assault stunned the police and Secret Service. We marched right up to the Garden, right up to the pigs and Secret Servicemen, and hammered home our notice. "Greensboro, Miami—Payback Time!" When the pigs broke ranks and attacked the demonstration, they were punished. Twenty-six pigs were hurt, and only 17 demonstrators were arrested. The injuries suffered by the heroic 17 didn't come from the open street battle, but rather from the torture inflicted on them by the desperate pigs in the backroom of the precinct. What these lowest form of cowards couldn't do in the streets, they did behind closed doors. During the

1968 Chicago Convention, 668 protesters were arrested and hundreds more were hurt to 192 police injured.

One thing stood out clearer and clearer for the whole country to see during the four Democratic Convention days. On one side was the stale, lifeless Democratic Party, choking on the smell of rotten lies layered upon each other year after year—trying to survive. Alexander Cockburn and James Ridgeway captured the suffocating atmosphere of the Convention when they said that the Republican Convention in Detroit was vigorous in comparison. (*Village Voice*, August 13-19, 1980)

On the other side was the Communist Workers Party, a strong, clean gale to clear away the smoke and decaying smells of capitalist backroom politics, and a beacon to lift the hearts and provide hope to the oppressed of this country. □

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Partying Is Such Sweet Sorrow

By Bianca McCrary Boyd

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... The next morning, I called Communist Workers Party headquarters. When I first asked for the Democratic Convention assignment I told my editor that I thought the CWP might manage to cause trouble. I'd interviewed them in Greensboro, where five of them were killed last November in a confrontation with Klansmen and Nazis, and since then the CWP had made the news a lot. They'd staged simultaneous demonstrations in 15 cities, hit John Anderson with an egg, and been arrested several times for disrupting the trials of six of the Klansmen and Nazis. I knew that two of the communist widows, Floris Cauce and Marty Nathan, were still in jail for contempt, and that Marty had had her mouth shut with adhesive tape in court. The press officer for the CWP told me that the other two widows, Signe Waller and Dale Sampson, were in New York. I wanted to see them, but I no longer thought the CWP was connected to the Democratic Convention story. Security at the convention was very thorough, and Signe and Dale had receded as personalities. I chased them to one press conference, missed them, and gave up.

... I went to hear Carter's acceptance speech out of duty and boredom. I heard firecrackers go off as Carter began to speak, and I saw Secret Service men running to an area near the podium. I didn't realize that the woman who set them off was Signe Waller.

Then a woman jumped up on a press table and began to shout. She was tackled by a Secret Service agent. It never occurred to me that this tiny figure was Dale Sampson.

I settled down to listen to the winner's speech. The enthusiasm, even among Carter's most ardent fans, was forced. Watching the Carter demonstration was like seeing the Democratic party jerk off. They couldn't even get the balloons on the ceiling to cut loose.

I straggled back to the Summit, where I sat in the lobby, listening to conversa-

tions and taking notes. I was thinking about going home when Allen Taylor, a television reporter from Columbia, South Carolina, came hurrying through the lobby doors. "Did you hear what happened with the communists?"

My mind snapped alert. "The firecracker?"

"No, outside. There was a fight between some communist group and the police. A lot of people got hurt."

Taylor told me he'd been in the Felt Forum, near the main press entrance, when about a dozen policemen ran by. He ran after them. While he was outside, the Secret Service sealed the Garden for two hours, from about 9:50 to 11:50. "They said it was because there were too many people in the Garden. But they wouldn't let anybody in or out. After awhile they did start to let people leave, but there were about 300 media people locked out. Some of them had to go on live at eleven o'clock, and they couldn't get back in. You should have heard it. A group of media people chanting *open convention, open convention*."

I ran to the phones and called Communist Workers Party headquarters. Signe had been arrested for disturbing the peace and was now at Central Booking. Dale had gotten away. The big news was this: several hundred CWP supporters wearing helmets and carrying sticks had marched on Madison Square Garden. In a confrontation with police, 21 cops had been injured, 17 communists arrested.

About 2:30 in the morning I arrived at CWP headquarters. Unlike the Summit lobby, the communist office was tense and silent. Like the Summit, the walls were covered with political posters. Signe Waller had just been released. She was still wearing the disguise that had helped her pass as a delegate: heavy black glasses, a black jersey, and flowered skirt. Her hair was in a bun. The only flaws in her image were new white tennis shoes, presumably for running, and a lost earring. "I lost an earring? Take those pictures over! Just joking! They released me

on my own recognizance. They said, with my political views, they know I'll be back for my hearing."

When I asked why they had wanted to disrupt the convention, Signe said, "We want the government to know that we will hunt them for the murders of our husbands. We will overthrow them."

Why firecrackers?

The press officer said, "We want them to know that, with our organization and our leadership, we can do what we say we can do. We can penetrate into the innermost sanctums of the ruling class."

I was surprised that two well-known radicals could get through the heavy security at the Garden, especially with firecrackers. Firecrackers contain gunpowder. The communists could have taken gunpowder into the Garden in small amounts and constructed a bomb on the inside. Life sure is getting to be like television.

Later it would strike me as strange that Signe was released without having to post bail. It would strike me as strange that Dale, who held a press conference a dozen yards from where she was knocked down, was not arrested. Later I would wonder if Kennedy's awkwardness and tardiness on the podium, his stiff face and brief appearance, weren't related to the trouble with the communists. The trouble started after Carter had begun to talk, so he had no way to know what was happening, but Kennedy must have known and maybe he had the good sense to be scared.

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The clubbily political and the rigidly political can never mesh, so this story has no resolution.

CWP Reaches Out to Iowa Quad City

QUAD CITY Iowa—Along the Illinois stretch of I-80, the tall corn stalks limply wave their tassels in the sweltering July heat as the Communist Workers Party's advance team passes by heading west to Iowa. Just as the capitalist politicians sent out advancement to beat the bushes for an audience to hear their lies, we too reached out to the American people—with the truth about the 80's. Soon the soft horizon of sloping hills

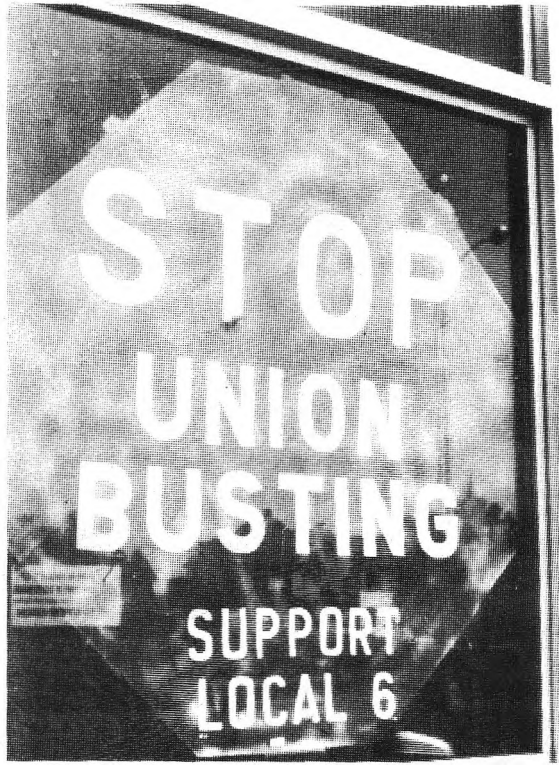
and silos is shoved back by sooty towers rising from factories gripping the banks of the Mississippi River. Davenport and Bettendorf dominate the Iowa side of the river and Moline and Rock Island flank the Illinois side. Over 400,000 people live in this area called Quad-City. They work at Alcoa Aluminum, Caterpillar Tractor, International Harvester, John Deere, Oscar Mayer and numerous grain processing companies.

Tired Voices, Grim Faces- Could've Been Detroit or New York

Although the neighborhoods are neat and clean, and downtown stores are bare of steel shrouds at night, the tired voices and grim faces of the people are the same as those in Detroit or New York. Not even a can of ice-cold Old Style under the cool umbrella of an old elm tree can block out the stampeding crisis of the 80's. "You can't even



Small farmers are being squeezed out by the economic crisis.



The strike of workers at Clinton Corn Processing Plant ended with the decertification of Local 6 by the Company scabs.

buy a job here," one man told us, shaking his head in disbelief.

More than 1,100 workers lost their jobs when the Rock Island Railroad went bankrupt on March 31st. Layoffs are hitting left and right. The strike at International Harvester lasted six months and the strike at a corn processing plant in Clinton, 50 miles from Davenport, ended when scabs decertified the union, leaving union members on the street. These have been bitter lessons for the predominately white working class of this area whose union struggles have been the main way to hold back the attacks on their standard of living. In the Clinton strike, workers saw they were fighting against even more. Daily the police charged and beat up workers on the picketline. A minister of one of the local churches put on a ski mask to hide his identity to check out workers' reports of police brutality. Standing beside the others on the picketline, he was badly beaten. When he publicly revealed the incident, the police charged him with assaulting a cop. The whole town turned against the police and city officials and the charges were dropped. Before we left for Clinton we were warned that the situation was very tense in town.

Arsenal Courts Sizzling Like A Little Miami

We found the situation tense all over the area. In Rock Island, an Afro-American housing project called Arsenal Courts, a cluster of brick barracks left over from World War II, 1200 people, was sizzling like a little Miami. Just a week before, a crowd of 300 people threw bricks and bottles at police as they patrolled the area with loaded shotguns. Days before, the rear window of one squad car was smashed by bricks and another had its tires slashed. Protesting police harassment at a community meeting, one woman shouted out, "They were carrying the guns like we were in prison. How would they like their kids to be in that environment?" Rock Island city officials ignored the other demands of the people for regular garbage pick-ups and insect extermination. Instead, they set up one lousy sprinkler for one day when the temperature hit 107 degrees.

In Clinton and Arsenal Courts, people have been really jolted as companies and city officials refused to give in to even the smallest demands.

"Gone Fishing" Becomes a Necessity

Camping alongside the Mississippi, we talked to workers moonlighting in an unusual way. At night, fishing lines with hundreds of hooks were strung out by the campers. In the morning, carp and bass weighed down each boat. "We've been getting 30 cents a piece for the carp. If we go out of town a ways, we can get 75 cents," said one of the wives of the fishermen. "Last year we took our camper and travelled around. But we couldn't afford the gas this summer so this is how we're spending our vacation."

People like these workers are trying to absorb the crisis in a multitude of ways - more overtime, cutting expenses, moonlighting, etc. But there's still an undercurrent of doubt and fear. One of the campers told us, "I've got my job so I'm not too worried, but I know my plant can close up at any time just like Chrysler did in Detroit."

The Communist Workers Party's analysis of the 80's economic crisis and the ruling class' inability to co-opt and deflect these struggles like they did in the 60's and 70's through reforms and crumbs from superprofits made in third world countries, sharply defines the situation facing the people even in small cities like the Quad-City area. Independent of their own will, people are being pulled into questioning the whole system. □

Klansman Metzger Election Win Real Nature of 2-Party System

The recent primary election victory of Tom Metzger, Ku Klux Klan Grand Dragon in Southern California's 43rd Congressional District dealt a serious blow to the Democratic Party's image of being the more liberal in the nation's two-party system. The party's already shaky reputation of representing the poor working person is visibly crumbling as racist Metzger scored a 392-vote victory in the most populous district in the nation.

True to themselves, the Democrats allowed a place for the open Klan leader to build a "legitimate" political career under the name of their party. They did absolutely nothing to block Metzger's election. It's a common practice for parties to pump cash into local campaign elections, but there were no contributions to Metzger's opposing candidate of the same party. Although Democrats could have taken steps to prevent the election, it was only afterward that they took passive steps to disavow him.

Out of fear of a Klansman tainting their liberal image, Democrats scrambled for a band-aid solution after the fact. The executive board lifted a requirement that party members support the elected nominee, which frees district voters to support other candidates in the November election. They also freed 43rd District voters from party rules which hold that any central committee member who supports a non-Democratic candidate faces removal from the committee. This move just leaves an option for not openly supporting fascist Metzger, while not taking concrete action to kick him out of the running. It's evident that the Democratic Party has no qualms about allowing low-life Klan to flourish within the sanctity of its own party. It became

clear when the Democrats' top boys, Carter and Kennedy refused to take a stand against the Klan in the murders of the CWP 5. Not speaking out against the Klan/FBI murders condones murder and exposes them as secret supporters of the dogs that they need to do their dirty work.

Seemingly, Metzger would have aligned himself with the more openly fascist Republican Party, but once-distinct lines between the two parties are melting under the heat of the volatile 1980's. The deepening of the economic crisis with major industries like steel and auto falling like dominoes leaves politicians few solutions to push as campaign promises. Both Republican and Democrats' crats' vague answer to overcoming economic instability is reindustrialization of domestic industry. However, neither party has a clear plan on how that would be implemented.

This election year will expose both parties' helplessness to do anything about the rancid state of the economy no matter how many slick-worded lies politicians push as solutions. Even the slickest are running out of tricks to deceive the masses into thinking capitalism can work. Rockefeller's own *Time Magazine* was forced to address the issue head-on in the cover story of the April 21, 1980 issue, "Is Capitalism Working?"

The majority of American people view the electoral system as ineffective and corrupt. Ask the person next to you what they think of the 1980 elections and candidates and the response will probably be negative. People are disillusioned with the two-party system and its unresponsiveness to the needs of the people. So people reach out to racists like Metzger searching for an "honest

solution" to economic burdens. Billing himself as the "champion of white workers," Metzger moved in to capitalize on the frustrations people feel living under this capitalist system that sucks their blood dry in the name of profit.

Placing the blame on immigrants, welfare recipients and minorities provides an easy scapegoat to keep the heat off the real cause of unemployment and economic instability: the monopoly capitalists. Metzger's backward ideas appealed to the majority of white voters in district 43 searching for strong leadership out of the economic crisis. But he's a dangerous catalyst to usher in fascism, just as Hitler rose to power through the ranks of the political system. Looking for any kind of change, people opted for a KKK dog instead of the predictable rhetoric-talking candidate.

A senior citizen from Spring Valley, Ca., listening to one of the capitalist politician's speeches stood up, pointed a finger at the speaker and shouted, "You bastards are exactly why I voted for Tom Metzger." Even Sen. H.L. Richardson (R) Arcadia, Ca., admitted, "Party loyalties don't count as much as they once did. An individual can attract voters if they have no other options, and this is a time of diminishing options."

What the myopic capitalist representatives want to hide is that there is a very real option: the Communist Workers Party and a Socialist USA. People must promote this at every opportunity, to squash the fascist trend represented through the election of Metzger and boldly push out and educate people that there is a very real solution to the oppressive conditions. □



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Jose Calderon, Communist Workers Party member, got past the security guarding the Aug. 5 National Governors' Convention in Denver and served notice to John Anderson. Later Anderson was greeted by two more eggs from the CWP. The action prompted this comment from our sports writer who's always on the lookout for new talent—editor.

A new pitcher has emerged on the scene in recent weeks. No, it's not Dave Rigetti. He's still struggling in Columbus down in the minors. And it's not Mike Norris, the young sensation of the Oakland A's. This one's got a sinker that

CWP Member Jose Calderon – The Next Cy Young?

looks like it rolls off the table. It's none other than Jose Calderon, the Denver CWP'er who just three weeks ago displayed a pitch that has been quoted as being "EGGravating" to hitter John Anderson.

For Jose, this sports writer has just a few questions and a couple of suggestions pertaining to your new-found career. First, we'd like to know if your "egg ball" is a slider, a sinker or is it a downright spitball? It looks to us that you've learned that pitch from Gaylord Perry, the king of the spitter. The only other guess we could come up with is you and Bruce Sutter of the Cubs secretly met and he taught you his fork ball.

The suggestions we have are only to enhance your already promising career. First, we hear Anderson is a sucker for a high, hard fastball. So next time you face him, try "frying" it right down the mid-

dle. If you need a good teacher, the Party has some friends that would put Ron Guidry's fastball to shame and make Nolan Ryan's look like a changeup. If you don't believe me, ask Teddy Kennedy. He has nightmares thinking about going to a city where he knows he has to face the Party's fastball staff.

Lately, there has been a large surplus of eggs throughout the country.

Rumor has it that it's all caused by the chickens finally coming home to roost. (Carter, Kennedy, Reagan, Anderson, etc.) My final request is that when you take your next road trip, and you are in my town, I would like you to autograph my egg for me. I know it will be famous someday and you are destined to become the next Cy Young Award winner as the best pitcher in any league. □



6 Hijackings to Cuba Tell All:

AMERICA'S NO REFUGE IN THE 80's

Carter figured that if he allowed 18,000 Cubans to seek refuge here, he'd be able to prove that capitalism is "superior" to socialism, workers' rule. What was portrayed as a human rights effort on the part of the Carter Administration to embrace the refugees was merely a move in the tug of war ploys between the U.S. imperialists and the Cuban scab revisionists.

But, Project Flotilla backfired on the government. Losing the race to outdo capitalism, Castro and his sellout gang actually encouraged people leaving Cuba. To these revisionists wasting society's most precious resource—human beings—

means nothing more than a way of relieving the pressure of the country's joblessness problem. With the massive stream of Cuban refugees into the U.S., the ruling class' chauvinism was pricked. That's why Carter clamped down against harboring the refugees. Now the recent upsurge of refugee hijackings has left the U.S. government looking shamefully ridiculous.

America's No Place of Refuge In the 80's

Whereas in the past, it has taken immigrants several generations before realizing that American streets are not

paved with gold, nor is opportunity knocking at every door, today during this extreme crisis it takes only a few days before Cuban and Haitian refugees can see how this system is killing them and the majority of Americans as well.

Since April, when the first boat arrived from Cuba and reached the Miami port, the Cubans have faced brutal police, hostile immigration officials, no-care government agents and a general chauvinist welcome hyped up by the media.

The Cubans have resisted, with fists waving in the air; they have been fighting the backdrop of scapegoating that characterized their initiation into the country. The media as well as vote-seeking politicians slandered them for everything from being retarded political prisoners to causing high unemployment among blacks in Miami. They were even blamed for triggering off the Miami revolt in Liberty City.

It took only days before the Cubans realized that their side was with the oppressed in America. They immediately took a firm stand with the brothers and sisters in Miami, realizing that they shared

the same Yanqui imperialist enemy, a dying, desperate and vicious spectacle of a government.

With memories of the Bay of Pigs and the U.S. blockade of Cuba in the 60's deeply imprinted in their minds, the refugees took to the streets. They had been promised a better life, yet here they are treated as cattle, subjugated to live in holding camps (tents), where they are made to wait for human living conditions and welfare, like sinners in purgatory. They have yet to receive official refugee status, which would give them license to be oppressed as American workers, "legally." So they are termed aliens, as if they landed from outer space and given only dominoes to distract them from the cruel realities that slap them in the face daily.

Hijackings Make Carter Swallow His Words

When Carter was indicted by Communist Workers Party supporters last week at the National Urban League Conference in New York (see *Workers Viewpoint*, Aug. 25-31, 1980, "Condemning Chief Hangman Carter"), his response was, "well you sure don't see people fleeing from Key West to Communist countries." Yet within three weeks there were six hijackings by refugees armed with only gasoline-filled bottles, who declared their hatred for life in America. While spokesmen for the government charged them with air piracy motivated by personal problems, the real implications are obvious.

Both Superpowers Are to Blame For Cuba's Crisis

Both superpowers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, are to blame for Cuba's present economic crisis. The United States invaded Cuba, attempted several coup d'etats and organized an economic blockade which strangled the economy. The Soviet imperialists capitalized on the Cuban people's justified hatred of Yanqui imperialism and the sellout nature of the Cuban government. The result was that the Cuban economy became totally dependent on the Soviet Union.

What this means for the Cuban people is that all they have back home is a lot of talk about socialism, but they live with a stunted economy and fascist repression. The people are hungry, starving, disillusioned. They did not agree to trade off one superpower's brutality for another.

This is what caused thousands to flee Cuba. And what did they find in America? The same poverty, the same oppression. And it's leading them right back to Cuba, if not in body then in soul. Things must be bad here, if they are willing to risk their lives and go back to the hell that they say they faced in Cuba. □



These Cuban refugees at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania learned fast that America's streets aren't paved with gold. Where it used to take years before immigrants lost their illusions about capitalist democracy, in the 80's they learn in months.

Delegates Gag on Caviar When CWP Stirs Up Dinner Party

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. — The Tavern on the Green Restaurant in Central Park played host to many of the Democratic Convention delegates. But on the evening of Tuesday, August 12, they were served a course by the Communist Workers Party that made the caviar stick in their throats.

Signe Waller Serves First Course Of Steaming Exposure

By 5:00pm many of the black delegates invited to a special meal provided by Carter/Mondale had taxied up to the restaurant. Shortly afterwards a group of CWP friends and members rallied behind Signe Waller and Dale Sampson, both made widows by the CWP 5 assassination. Signe Waller served the first course of steaming exposure by saying, "I'm a widow of one of the CWP members assassinated November 3. Right now in Greensboro, two other widows, Florence Cauce, a black woman, and Marty Nathan are serving time in jail, because they dared to stand up at the Mickey Mouse trial of the Klan thugs and tell the truth about the FBI, State Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms conspiracy which resulted in their husbands' murder. This conspiracy goes straight up to the White House."

The waiters, towel on arm, shuffled their feet, the \$50 and \$100-a-plate meal grew cold and the cocktails got hot

as the black delegates started to sweat a little while they were reminded that none of the candidates, Carter, Reagan or Anderson bothered to show up at their conference in Richmond, VA at the end of February. Were they not aware that the Carter administration could well make all the same promises he made in 1976 plus a few more because none had been fulfilled and the "problems" had grown? They were reminded that it was not until after the Miami, Orlando, Florida; and Chattanooga, Tenn. rebellions that the faces of black delegates and black "leaders" became visible to the candidates. The demonstrators posed the question to the black delegates, "Which side will you be on when the ruling class imposes all-out repression and fascism—preparation for World War III? What are you going to do when it hits first in the Afro-American communities—right on your doorstep?"

Dellums Called Out On Richmond Conference Resolutions

Then Dale Sampson called on Ron Dellums to make a statement on a resolution which he and other black delegates had accepted at their Richmond conference. The resolution stated, "1) We condemn the Greensboro Massacre on Nov. 3, 1979; 2) We demand immediate prosecution of the 35 Klan and Nazis involved? 3) We demand in the Greensboro murders dismissal of all charges

against the anti-Klan demonstrators arrested on November 3; and 4) We demand that the entire Department of Justice investigative report related to the Nov. 3 murders be released to the widows of the slain demonstrators." Dellums bypassed this opportunity to publicly support this resolution when the tape recorders were humming and the cameras snapping, even though it was one of many resolutions which the black delegates were to have placed before the convention.

Although most of the delegates stood paralyzed glaring as if Carter had showed up in blackface, a few came over to talk to the CWP and take the *Workers Viewpoint* paper. When the cops made an appearance to "warn" the group that it was on "private property" in the public park, people strolling, jogging and bicycling by came right up to the fence to ask what was going on and to buy the paper.

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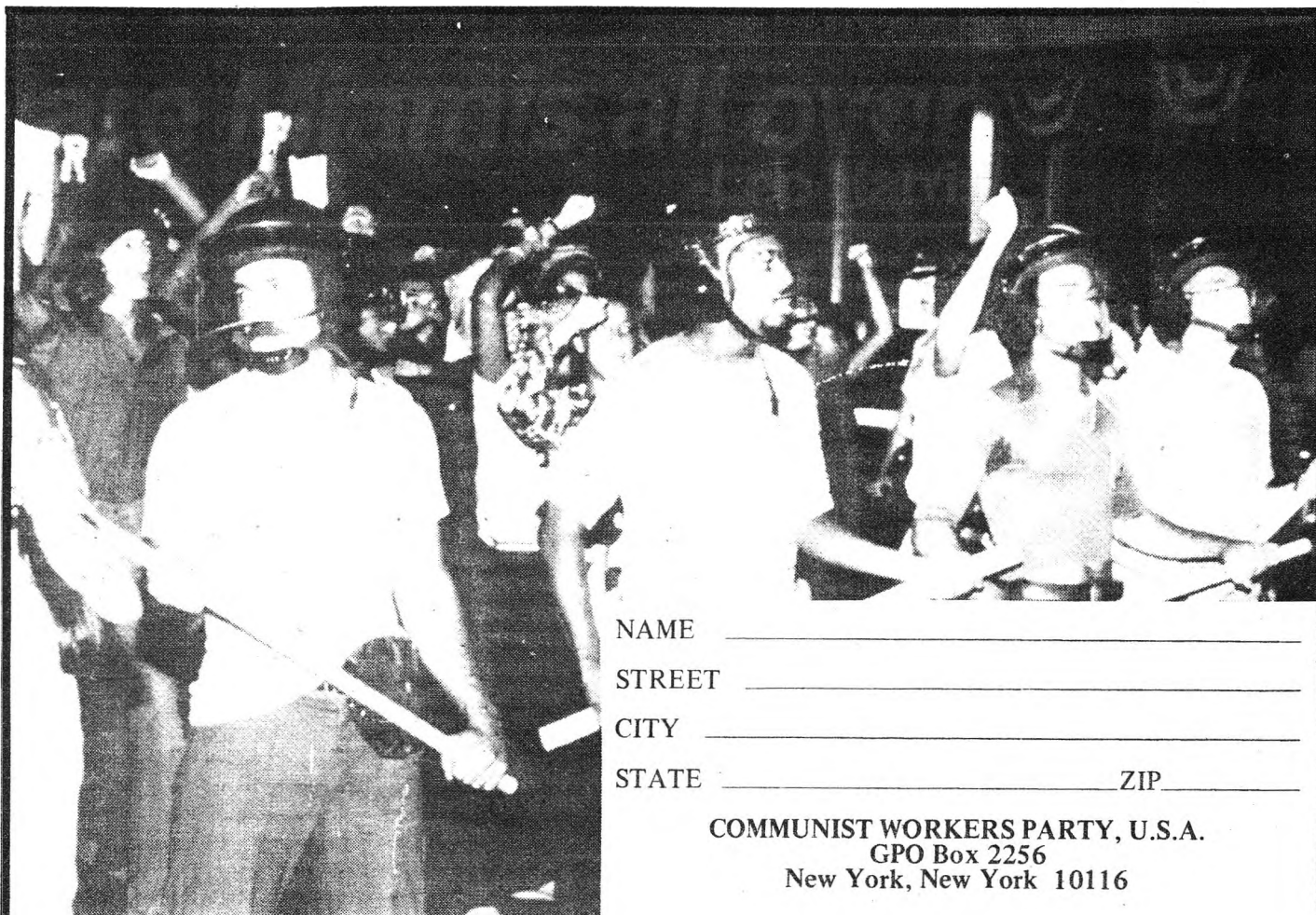
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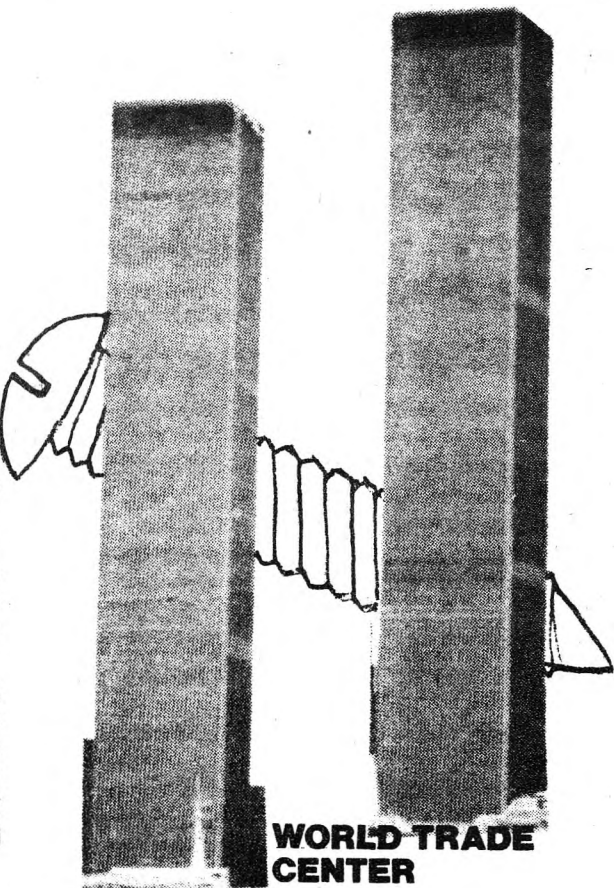
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World Trade Center 7 Turn Screws on Feds

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takes a whole political struggle to overthrow them at the source. Because of the political pressure from CWP’s actions, about a week later, BATF head Dickerson was forced to admit he had processed papers for this particular agent, Butkovich’s, assignment.

The actions of these seven comrades, motivated by something much more profound than individual bravery, got so close to the heart of the enemy it totally unnerved the Assassins and Murderers of the U.S. people. July 23 was a resounding shot signalling the furious concluding barrage in the CWP’s campaign to serve notice on the politicians — July 23 saw actions against the BATF in over 12 cities, then CWP blew the sham Klan/Nazi trial wide open in Greensboro, and politicians got no sleep as they never knew when people would egg them, burn them in

effigy or disrupt their charades.

As one lawyer at the plea hearing commented, “They dropped your charges like that because you have the initiative with you political pressure, because one of their agents killed your people.”

After getting a taste of CWP’s political offensive, the Feds just hope to hurry the case out of court. But if they thought we had tricks up our sleeve before, they ain’t seen nothing yet! For starters, we are demanding to subpoena Dickerson and dog Butkovich himself to our own trials.

As one of the seven comrades promised, “We served notice and we are going to keep on serving notice, through the November elections to the dictatorship of the proletariat!” □

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“By then it’s too late,” said the General Secretary, “The key thing is to prepare now, by the time masses are voting with their feet, we want to affect which way they’re going. To wait for the snowball effect is to approach revolution incrementally in steps, what the Italian revisionists are known for. History doesn’t progress in increments, it some-

times takes a leap. We cannot take over one school, one union, at a time and wait until we have all the unions and schools then call for seizure of state power. This would objectively lead to pessimism. In fact some comrades say, ‘I can’t even win one worker into the Party, how can we win over the majority? He respects us and all, when push comes to shove, he’ll come along. But he won’t join the Party now.’ This is one of the ways that an incremental approach to revolution comes out. The key is to win over independent unions and pacesetter unions, like Local 2, so that when one goes, all the others come along.”

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Jerry Tung was also applauded with a standing ovation. During the intermission, the emcee was barraged with questions. One sister wanted the General Secretary to give more perspective on the disorientation of Americans and more clarification on “winning over the majority.” “To give some historical perspective,

the Bolsheviks did not have the majority, in fact the Russian proletariat only composed 10-20% of the population. But between April and July, the Bolsheviks grew very fast. Their sharp line was crystalized in the transitional demand, ‘bread, peace and land,’ and they were able to seize state power. In China, the Communist Party of China did not have

think the only way out is socialist revolution, but you can’t just tell people that. You have to fight with people and gain their confidence. You’ve been talking all night about revolution, do you believe in fighting for immediate gains?” Jerry Tung answered: “We do believe in fighting for immediate gains; that hasn’t been the problem. Our problem has been nar-

row scope, not being able to explain beyond the immediate issues. But I disagree with you that you have to gain people’s confidence first before you raise socialism, because people are disoriented in a big way. It’s proven by our practice all over the country. In fact, if you wait and don’t raise socialism as the only solution until you gain people’s confidence you’ll mislead them. For example, the Local 2 strike is a good thing; it’s a preparatory school for war, but it’s not war itself. If you bank on winning the strike, you’ll mislead a lot of workers.”

There were still a lot of unanswered questions but it was already past twelve. People went away with much food for thought, inspired by the Miami Rebellion and challenged by the General Secretary’s presentation of our tasks in the 80’s. The janitor, there since 5 p.m. to help set up, stood up the whole night listening. Unlike others in the past, he did not tell us to end the program at 11 p.m. When asked about the evening, he said, “Those guys up there really made sense. I wish more people could hear them.” □

There are Miamis all over

-Leo Harris

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Grasp the Principal Contradiction

We are printing this Peking Review article put out during the height of struggle against the Right Deviationist wind represented by Teng Hsiao Ping in 1976. It gives the history of the two line struggle in China since 1949 over the principal contradiction question. We hope this can lend more clarity to how Chairman Mao's basic line developed, as well as the different shades of the revisionist lines throughout the last 20 years in China.

—Studying Chairman Mao's theory on class struggle and criticizing the revisionist programme of "taking the three directives as the key link"

by Tien Chih-sung

To have a correct understanding of classes and class struggle in the socialist period and firmly grasp the principal contradiction in socialist society is a fundamental question that concerns our getting a deep understanding of the character, target, tasks and prospects of the socialist revolution and correctly implementing the Party's line and policies. To change the Party's basic line, subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism, the revisionists invariably obliterate class struggle and distort the principal contradiction in socialist society. In the course of his struggle against revisionism over the past more than 20 years, Chairman Mao has systematically, comprehensively and profoundly expounded class contradictions in socialist society. His teachings are a powerful ideological weapon for combating and preventing revisionism and consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat. In the current struggle to counterattack the Right deviationist wind to reverse correct verdicts, we must redouble our efforts to study and have a good grasp of the series of directives given by Chairman Mao on class struggle in the socialist period so as to criticize the revisionist programme of "taking the three directives as the key link."

A Review of History

As far back as on the eve of country-wide liberation, Chairman Mao explicitly pointed out at the Second Plenary Session of the Seventh Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party that, after the victory of the new-democratic revolution, the principal contradiction at home is "the contradiction between the working class and the bourgeoisie." This scientific thesis provided the theoretical basis for the Party's line and tactics in the socialist period. But shortly after the conclusion of that plenary session, the renegade, hidden traitor and scab Liu Shao-chi struck up an entirely different tune, babbling that "today's capitalist exploitation, far from being a sin, has a merit" and that "the more one exploits, the greater one's merits are." According to him, since the bourgeoisie "has a merit in carrying out exploitation" and "is not the target of struggle," socialist revolution was unnecessary; hence the need to "consolidate the new-democratic order" instead of carrying out the socialist revolution. What a preposterous argument for writing off class struggle and opposing the socialist revolution!

Chairman Mao criticized in good time Liu Shao-chi's absurdities and led the whole Party and the people of the whole country in unfolding on a large scale the *san fan* movement (against the three evils of corruption, waste and bureaucracy in the Communist Party and government organs) and the *wu fan* movement (against the capitalists' five evils of bribery of government workers, tax evasion, theft of state property, cheating on government contracts, and stealing economic information from government sources for private speculation) from winter 1952 to summer 1953. This was followed by the smashing of the Kao Kang and Jao Shu-shih anti-Party alliance in 1954 and the crushing of the Hu Feng counter-revolutionary clique in the movement to suppress counter-revolutionaries and the socialist transformation of agriculture, handicrafts and capitalist industry and commerce. In co-ordination with the socialist transformation were a series of struggles to criticize bourgeois ideas in the ideological field. All these struggles were determined by the principal contradiction between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie and constituted a powerful criticism of Liu Shao-chi's theory of class conciliation.

In 1956 when the socialist transformation of the ownership of the means of production had in the

main been completed, another struggle arose between Marxists and revisionists centering around the question of whether to affirm or negate the contradiction and struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie. Liu Shao-chi and his followers blathered that "the contradiction between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie has been basically resolved" and that the principal contradiction at home was no longer the contradiction between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, but "the contradiction between the advanced socialist system and the backward social productive forces." Plotting behind Chairman Mao's back, they smuggled their revisionist stuff into the resolution adopted at the Eighth National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party held in 1956. Upon discovering this, Chairman Mao promptly pointed out that Liu Shao-chi and company's view was erroneous and anti-Marxist. Later, in his *On the Correct Handling of Contradictions Among the People* written in early 1957, Chairman Mao elucidated in a comprehensive way the class contradictions and class struggle under the dictatorship of the proletariat and further criticized the theory of the dying out of class struggle peddled by Liu Shao-chi and his followers. Chairman Mao pointed out: "In China, although in the main socialist transformation has been completed with respect to the system of ownership," "there are still remnants of the overthrown landlord and comprador classes, there is still a bourgeoisie, and the remoulding of the petty bourgeoisie has only just started. The class struggle is by no means over. The class struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, the class struggle between the different political forces, and the class struggle in the ideological field between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie will continue to be long and tortuous and at times will even become very acute." The struggle against the bourgeois Rightists in 1957 and the repeated occurrence of serious class struggle that followed testified to the correctness of Chairman Mao's thesis.

In 1958, Chairman Mao put forward the general line of "going all out, aiming high and achieving greater, faster, better and more economical results in building socialism." Under the guidance of this general line, a mass movement to bring about a big leap forward in the national economy was launched in China's urban and rural areas and people's communes were established. The continuous deepening of the socialist revolution promoted the rapid development of socialist construction, while throwing class enemies at home and abroad into utter confusion and arousing their bitter hatred. It was in these circumstances that the Peng Teh-huai* anti-Party clique jumped out. He and his followers maliciously attacked the general line, the big leap forward and the people's commune at the Eighth Plenary Session of the Eighth Party Central Committee, fully revealing their ugly features

as agents of the bourgeoisie. Leading the whole Party in resolutely counterattacking this clique, Chairman Mao pointed out: "The struggle at Lu-shan is a class struggle, a continuation of the life-and-death struggle between the two major antagonistic classes, the bourgeoisie and the proletariat, a struggle which has been going on in the socialist revolution for the last ten years. This kind of struggle, it seems, will continue in China and in our Party for at least twenty years and possibly half a century. In short, the struggle will not cease until classes die out completely." Here Chairman Mao told us in clear-cut terms that the struggle within the Party is determined by class contradictions and is a manifestation in the Party of the struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie and that the protracted nature of class struggle determines the protractedness of the struggle between the two lines.

From 1960 to 1962, China met with temporary economic difficulties arising from three successive years of natural disasters and the scrapping of contracts and withdrawal of experts by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique. Taking this as an opportunity to work for restoration, Liu Shao-chi and company again carried out underhand activities. Echoing the anti-China chorus of the imperialists, revisionists and reactionaries in the international arena, they flagrantly pushed an all-embracing revisionist line in a frenzied attack against the proletariat. Liu Shao-chi shouted himself hoarse that "industry should fall back to a sufficient degree and agriculture should do the same, including the fixing of farm output quotas on individual households with each on its own." Countering Liu Shao-chi and company's plots to restore capitalism, Chairman Mao issued the call "Never forget classes and class struggle" at the Tenth Plenary Session of the Eighth Party Central Committee convened in 1962 and set forth more comprehensively the Party's basic line throughout the historical period of socialism. He pointed out: "Socialist society covers a considerably long historical period. In the historical period of socialism, there are still classes, class contradictions and class struggle, there is the struggle between the socialist road and the capitalist road, and there is the danger of capitalist restoration. We must recognize the protracted and complex nature of this struggle. We must heighten our vigilance. We must conduct socialist education. We must correctly understand and handle class contradictions and class struggle, distinguish the contradictions between ourselves and the enemy from those among the people and handle them correctly. Otherwise a socialist country like ours will turn into its opposite and degenerate, and a capitalist restoration will take place. From now on we must remind ourselves of this every year, every month and every day so that we can retain a rather

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sober understanding of this problem and have a Marxist-Leninist line." This basic line put forward by Chairman Mao tells us that the principal contradiction between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie runs through the entire historical period of socialism. We must firmly grasp this principal contradiction and carry out the struggle by the proletariat against the bourgeoisie without letup. Otherwise, "it would not be long, perhaps only several years or a decade, or several decades at most, before a counter-revolutionary restoration on a national scale would inevitably occur, the Marxist-Leninist party would undoubtedly become a revisionist party, a fascist party, and the whole of China would change its colour."

Even though Chairman Mao explained in explicit terms the class contradictions in socialist society and made clear the Party's line and tactics, the bour-

the Lin Piao anti-Party clique popped up representing the overthrown landlord, and capitalist classes in another trial of strength with the proletariat. On the eve of the convocation of the Ninth Party Congress in 1969, Lin Piao worked hand in glove with Chen Po-ta to draft a political report to be delivered at the congress. Completely negating that the principal contradiction at the time remained the contradiction between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie and denying that the Party's main task was to continue implementing the Party's basic line and it was necessary to continue the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, the draft report asserted that the main task after the Ninth Party Congress was to develop production.

This reactionary fallacy of Lin Piao's was a refurbished version under new conditions of the revision-

"The main target of the present movement is those Party persons in power taking the capitalist road"

geoisie and its representatives in the Party, dictated by their reactionary class nature, did everything they could to adulterate and distort them. In 1964 when the socialist education movement was being carried out in the cities and countryside, Liu Shao-chi once again came forward jabbering that the principal contradiction in the rural areas was "the contradiction between the 'four cleans' and the 'four un-cleans'" (clean meaning cleaning things up politically, ideologically, organizationally and economically) and "the intertwining of contradictions inside and outside the Party." In saying so, he openly blotted out the class essence of this struggle and created a theoretical basis for pursuing a bourgeois reactionary line of "hitting hard at the many in order to protect a handful." Chairman Mao severely refuted Liu Shao-chi's reactionary fallacies and pointed to the class nature of this struggle when he stressed that in this movement it was imperative to grasp the key link of class struggle and grasp the key link of the struggle between the two roads of socialism and capitalism and for the first time set forth explicitly that "the main target of the present movement is those Party persons in power taking the capitalist road." Chairman Mao's instructions set right the orientation of the socialist education movement and enabled this movement then underway in the urban and rural areas to win great victories.

The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution personally initiated and led by Chairman Mao is the corollary of the development over a long time of the principal contradiction between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie in socialist society. This struggle is in essence "a great political revolution carried out . . . by the proletariat against the bourgeoisie and all other exploiting classes; it is a continuation of the prolonged struggle waged by the Chinese Communist Party and the masses of revolutionary people under its leadership against the Kuomintang reactionaries, a continuation of the class struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie." During the early period of the Great Cultural Revolution, Liu Shao-chi and his followers dished up the "February Outline" which described this serious political struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie as a "purely academic question" and a "discussion between different opinions" and, flaunting the tattered banner of the bourgeoisie that "everyone is equal before the truth," they opposed the proletariat exercising dictatorship over the bourgeoisie. The May 16, 1966 Circular of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party worked out under Chairman Mao's personal direction made a scathing and penetrating criticism of the "February Outline" and drew the particular attention of the whole Party and the whole nation to exposing and criticizing "persons like Khrushchov" "who are still nestling beside us." This Circular as well as *Bombard the Headquarters*, a big-character poster written by Chairman Mao on August 5, 1966, and the *16-Point Decision* (i.e. *Decision of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party Concerning the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution* adopted on August 8, 1966) are important documents which armed hundreds of millions of people ideologically and politically and ensured the rapid advance of this mammoth struggle along the course charted by Chairman Mao. After the collapse of the Liu Shao-chi anti-Party clique,

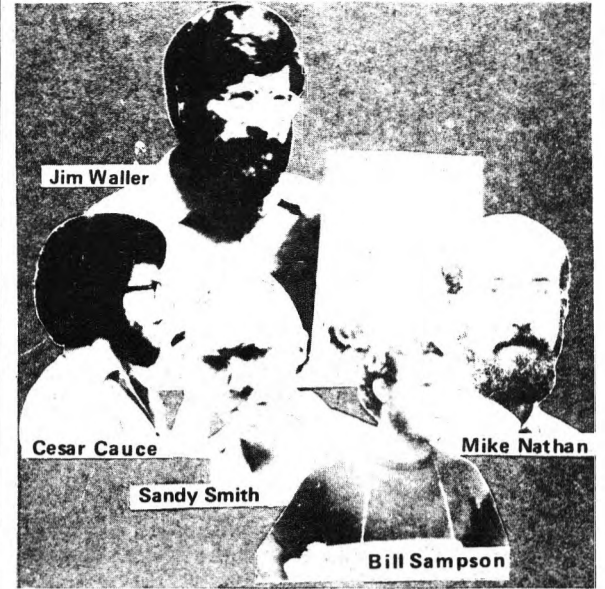
ist nonsense spread by Liu Shao-chi about "the contradiction between the advanced socialist system and the backward social productive forces." The above-mentioned draft report which effaced class struggle, distorted the principal contradiction in socialist society and trumpeted the theory of productive forces naturally was rejected by the Party Central Committee and Chairman Mao. In August 1970, the Lin Piao anti-Party clique started a coup d'etat, which was aborted, at the Second Plenary Session of the Ninth Party Central Committee; then in 1971 it hid in dark corners drawing up the *Outline of Project "571"* and launched a counter-revolutionary armed coup d'etat. All this fully showed that Lin Piao and company's vociferous utterances about "developing production" were sheer humbug designed to lull the revolutionary will of the people and facilitate their counter-revolutionary restoration. The Tenth Party Congress held in 1973 reaffirmed the Party's basic line and pointed out that the downfall of the Lin Piao anti-Party clique was by no means the end of the struggle between the two lines in the Party. Such a struggle will go on for a long time; it may occur ten or even 20 times, and persons like Wang Ming, Liu Shao-chi and Lin Piao may again emerge. This is an objective law independent of man's will.

Present-Day Struggle

With a view to ensuring the advance of our Party and state along the Marxist-Leninist line, Chairman Mao published in early 1975 important instructions on the question of theory. He said: "Why did Lenin speak of exercising dictatorship over the bourgeoisie? It is essential to get this question clear. Lack of clarity on this question will lead to revisionism." He also pointed out: "Our country at present practises a commodity system, the wage system is unequal, too, as in the eight-grade wage scale, and so forth. Under the dictatorship of the proletariat such things can only be restricted. Therefore, if people like Lin Piao come to power, it will be quite easy for them to rig up the capitalist system." These instructions point out in a more incisive way the principal contradiction and the main danger that will long exist in the historical period of socialism and elucidate the extreme importance of the proletariat exercising all-round dictatorship over the bourgeoisie. Acting in accordance with Chairman Mao's instructions, the people throughout the country have studied the theory of the dictatorship of the proletariat in a deep-going way and raised their consciousness of class struggle and the two-line struggle to a higher level; they are determined to strive to create conditions in which it will be impossible for the bourgeoisie to exist, or for a new bourgeoisie to arise. Meanwhile, they pledge to take class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line, grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war, and strive to build China into a powerful modern socialist country before the end of the century.

It was at this time that the capitalist-roader Teng Hsiao-ping who clung to the revisionist line of Liu Shao-chi and Lin Piao and was criticized but has refused to mend his ways saw the "writing on the wall." He hurriedly came up with his revisionist programme

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Five Communist Workers Party members — Jim Waller, Sandy Smith, Bill Sampson, Cesar Cauce, and Mike Nathan were assassinated last year, Nov. 3 at a Death to the Klan rally in Greensboro, North Carolina. The fascist Ku Klux Klan/Nazis under the direction of the FBI had fired point blank into the crowd, isolated the leaders and murdered them. It was a bloody day in Greensboro for the masses. But it was also the beginning of a fiery hell for the U.S. monopoly capitalist class.

The U.S. government is attempting to cover up the assassinations by trying to put the CWP on trial. It has indicted six members and supporters of the CWP on trumped-up charges that they rioted on Nov. 3.

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FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES

Our Readers Speak Out!

Some Inmates Wanted to Join CWP on the Spot

Dear WV,

I thought I had it bad when I was assaulted and arrested by the cops, beaten and tortured in the back room of the precinct, denied medical care, a phone call, food and restroom facilities and accused of all sorts of ridiculous crimes by lying cops. But I soon learned different.

Many, many poor and working people I met were in the exact same spot. Many had been beaten far worse than I had. But the biggest difference was that I had been busted because our Party's strong political offensive had struck terror into the capitalists' and their pig servants' hearts. I was in for a reason, a good reason, and I had the Party backing me up.

Don't get me wrong — most of the people I met were in for a good reason too. They were victims of the ruthless fight to survive capitalism, which forced them to crime and imprisonment.

But I was different and lucky because my fight was a fight for a bright future, not just an endless fight to survive that becomes more and more desperate each year.

The other prisoners realized that I was different too. The first questions like "What are you in for?" and "What were you guys demonstrating about?" soon changed. As we talked, folks wanted to know how we can defeat the capitalists' moves to world war, how socialism works, how the Party can lead the people to a successful revolution. Our talks went far beyond just pouring out hate for capitalism (although there was plenty of that), and opened up a new horizon where the bright future can be seen. Some of the inmates were so impressed that there is a chance for a better future that they wanted to join the Party on the spot.

For myself, feeling the power of the Party's line and the tremendous potential of these people, I felt so much stronger that all the little bullshit and harassment of the cops and courts couldn't touch me. These are people that the capitalists throw on the junk heap, but with the Party's line and leadership we will certainly dump the pigs on the junk heap and make a whole new world.

People are wide open, fighting and dying everyday. As we link this tremendous force of the oppressed with the inspiration and scope of the Party's line, there is nothing that can stop us.

For all my new found friends in the joint, this letter is for you. I will remember you guys every day. I hope I was able to bring as much inspiration and energy into your lives as I found among you.

H.I.
New York

Reader to "Communist" Party: If You Don't Agree With the CWP... The Burden is on You...

Editor's note: *The following letter is a copy of a letter that was sent to the Daily World, newspaper of the "Communist" Party, U.S.A.*

August 10, 1980

Editor, Daily World
239 West 23 Street
New York, New York 10011

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to an article that appeared in your Sunday, August 9 issue entitled, "Media use 'Communist' tag to smear party."

I was given the paper at today's "Day of Protest" by the individual whose Hall-Davis nominating petition I signed. Although I don't hold any faith in the elections, I do also intend to vote for them.

I was dismayed by the particularly sectarian and hostile name calling which the article put on the Communist Workers Party, an organization whose political line I disagree with in many respects. In spite of their anti-Soviet and anti-China line I do recognize a significant fact. Five of their members, including two local union presidents were murdered by the Ku Klux Klan and Nazi Party with the instigation and help of the U.S. government in the form of the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms bureau of the Treasury Department. (T-men were prominent in the raids and murders against the Black Panther Party a decade ago). The

agent involved is of course under the command of President James Earl Carter, the heckling of whom you wish to disassociate yourself from.

One of the murderers, Covington, is not only free on the streets and under no charges whatsoever, but recently racked up 50,000 votes as an open Nazi and Greensboro "anti-'Communist' hero" in the North Carolina Republican primary for the office of Attorney General.

Killer cops in New York and Kluxers in Tennessee have been let off in sham trials like the current Greensboro trial. Those massacre victims not actually killed are now facing felony charges with bails many times higher than the Nazi-Klux scum murderers. Do you see a pattern in all of this? Open season on activists, Blacks, militant workers, Latins, Jews, homosexuals — any and every threat to the capitalist class or scapegoat for their crisis, declared by the courts and government, (and by their biased reporting) the media, that doesn't only lie about you.

I understand your dismay at being confused by the lazy lying corrupt press prostitutes with such a group trying to raise the issue of the murders and confront the chief of the murderers state — "president" Carter as he posed as a friend of his Black intended and real victims. I understand that heckling at such an event is not at all your style. (This is symptomatic I believe, why so

many honest revolutionary-minded people won't join you.) One message you should read into this deliberate distortion by the gentlemen of the press is a physical threat to anyone who is or can be labled a "Communist." At at time when the government and press are winking that go-ahead green light and assisting behind the scenes the fascists, such name calling and mud slinging by your newspaper is unbecoming and ill advised.

The spectacle of the left's non-support is not lost on the government or the fascists in their calculations as to just how far they can go. Any of those five could have been you or I. One needn't join or endorse the CWP to understand that and feel a burning desire to avenge the murders and solidarize with the victims of the remaining prosecutions.

Honest differences among subjectively revolutionary-minded people should not degenerate into sectarian attacks on the victims of Klan-Nazi-Government repression. Rather every possible avenue of co-operation against the attacks should be explored. If you don't agree with the way the CWP is trying to raise the issue of the murders and trials the burden is on you to find your own way with an eye towards co-operation.

Sincerely yours,
E.W.
New York

"You have my respect and friendship"

August 11, 1980

Dear CWP Comrades,

Due to my own misunderstanding, I did not promptly answer your letter of April 14, 1980 (see enclosed xerox copy of your letter). I gave my previous verbal approval to print my letter to the Greensboro Justice Fund to CWP comrades who have been in and out of Gainesville during the past months.

However, I would just like to set the record straight and go ahead and give you my formal approval to use my letter in your newspaper.

I do have some differences, some questions and some problems with some of the political positions and political practice of the CWP, however as I stated in my letter: "Although we may have some differences in politics, in style, etc., you have my respect and friendship. The revolutionary love and spirit of the CWP 5 will live on as we struggle to build the new society these comrades gave their lives for."

I have also enclosed a money order for \$25.00 to pay for the following:

\$13.00 for 1 year subscription to *Workers Viewpoint*

Please Note: I would like to thank the friends from the Greensboro Justice Fund who suggested that you send me a Free One Year Subscription to the *Workers Viewpoint* Newspaper of the Communist Workers Party (CWP). Therefore, you can use this \$13.00 toward another subscription for someone unable to pay or as a contribution to the Greensboro Justice Fund.

\$6.00 for CWP publications that I have checked on the Enclosed Order Form and—

\$6.00 for 3 copies of Lenin's "Between the Two Revolutions" (see enclosed letter form from Cesar Cauce Distributors). I received 2 copies so far, so you only need to send me 1 additional copy which I want to share with some comrades I'm associated with.

In addition I would like to be sent a lot more Free the Greensboro 6 literature, leaflets, etc. to distribute to friends and sympathizers to help spread the word and organize the struggle to Free the Greensboro 6. I would very much like to continue to support the Greensboro Justice Fund's efforts. In this regard, I would like to work with you in the future at setting up some meetings with comrades I am associated with in the Northeast specifically, New England.

These comrades have differences with the CWP as I have, but I would like to bring them and your forces together for the purpose of 1) supporting the Greensboro 6 and 2) engaging in ideological and political struggle and debate over all the issues facing us as Communists. The

earliest this might take place would be late this fall or early winter depending upon peoples' work schedules. I would also like to request any literature, books, etc. on the following questions to help develop my political education and political consciousness:

1. Revisionism — What is it? How do we struggle to prevent it?
2. Centrism—Same as above.
3. National Liberation Struggles relationship to the Class Struggle.
4. The National Question in the U.S.A. — Afro-Americans, Native Nations, Puerto Rican, Chicano, Asian-Americans struggles
5. The Soviet Union & China
6. What is Social Imperialism?
7. What is Imperialism?
8. The struggles for African Liberation on the continent of Africa and throughout the world
9. Sex Politics — relationship to Class Struggle also the Gay Question, Personal Relationships
10. "Ultra Leftism — An Infantile Disorder" — An examination of this tendency to understand what it does or does not mean for us today in the U.S. in 1980

This is just an outline of the questions on my mind which I would like your input on, your Party's understandings, etc. Please give my greetings of revolutionary love and solidarity to the CWP 5 widows especially Marty Nathan who I met before in Gainesville. And greetings to all the CWP comrades who I have never had the privilege to meet in Gainesville.

Free the Greensboro 6
Yours in the struggle,
J.R.

P.S. Please send me information on how I can receive The May Day Singers two songs, "In the 80's" and "Five Alive" on their first record.

Thank you for your support of the CWP 5 and the Greensboro Justice Fund and your interest in the Party and its paper. The questions you have raised are very important ones. They are also rather complex and detailed. And we just don't have the space to answer them all at once in the Workers Viewpoint. We would like to meet with you so that we can have a full exchange of views and reach unity.

*As you must know, Marty Nathan and Floris Cauce are in jail doing time for daring to indict the monopoly capitalists and their courts. (See WV, Aug. 12 and 18). You can write them at: Marty Nathan/Floris Cauce
Culford County Jail
401 W. Sycamore St.
Greensboro, N.C. 27401*

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NASSCO WORKERS...

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ing hard that the legal system is the only way to resolve problems. But this is a lie and the company knows it. NASSCO has been served notice that the workers aren't going to take the shit anymore, and it's scared stiff. That's a victory right there. That's why on Monday, NASSCO desperately fired four more workers and suspended four others 30 days for strike activity, bringing the total fired to 28. That's why the company has hired extra Pinkerton security guards and kept militant workers in isolated work areas. And that's also why NASSCO has refused to let workers see their safety committee representatives, fearing any type of walkout over working conditions.

Workers Pursue Success Inside and Out

Shipyards workers are pursuing their success. There have been spontaneous acts of sabotage. An explosion occurred and a fire started in one of the tenders, and lights continue to flick on and off as lines get cut. A scab got hit in the head although he wasn't even one of the hardcore scum. Rallies continue to be held in the yard in defiance of the company, one of NASSCO's conditions in exchange for amnesty for the strikers was that the union only meet with members on a one-to-one basis, thus trying to block the union from having lunchtime meetings in the parking lots and yards. The front line of stewards is beginning to be rebuilt.

Mugabe...

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The response given to Comrade Mugabe by the Harlem masses was 180 degrees different from the response to the politicians of Harlem—Basil Patterson, Charles Rangel and others. Calling them "crooks" and "thieves," the people saw right through their new-found "support" for the people of Zimbabwe. The people demanded, "where were you when we were out in the streets demonstrating for Zimbabwe?" and "what are you doing right now for the people of Harlem?"

While thanking the people of the U.S. for years of support, Comrade Mugabe also painted a picture of the new society that the people of Zimbabwe are building, "fully committed to government of non-racial society. We will not practice racism in reverse... the only condition for those who want to remain is that they accept the principle of an African majority." Addressing the racist South African government, Mugabe warned that "P. Botha (prime minister of Azania) should learn the lesson of defeat

Outside the gates, the fired workers continue to organize. On Tuesday, between 150 and 200 workers kicked and batted around an effigy of NASSCO president French and the Department of Defense, chanting "French, you liar, we'll set your ass on fire". It was clear what the workers thought of his letter blaming the victims, as the effigy was lit, and it was packed with eggs hurled at the Front Office, letting the company know the battle was still on.

Thursday night at the Ironworkers monthly union meeting, the membership voted five resolutions that resoundingly sealed the strike victory and outlined some measures to continue the fight. These resolutions said with one voice that the strike was necessary and correct, called for supporting the 28 fired workers, and demanded that the International take a position against union-busting.

The International didn't back the wildcat with any support or strike pay. When the International's representatives came to town, they stayed in a hotel just two blocks from NASSCO's superintendent of industrial relations. They were so busy meeting with other unions to cover themselves and not get sued that they didn't even bother contacting the local first or visit the picket lines to see what was really going on.

Marcos lied, saying that the strike was provoked by saboteurs, and had to confess that he was forced into agreeing

with the strike. This is the same Marcos who pushed the company's view during the last contract negotiations that the rank and file couldn't ask for too much because it would hurt NASSCO's profits. One woman asked why she never saw him out on the strike lines and exposed his lack of support for the workers.

NASSCO Served Notice Again, Hot Debate Sparked

The next day, Friday, the offensive continued with a rally outside the front gates. Stravinsky, a labor relations punk who likes to intimidate workers by talking tough, was called out. Fired workers took turns on the bullhorn, telling him that if he didn't come out and face the crowd of workers gathering, they would go in and get him. Stravinsky was found crouched behind the secretaries after he lost the tug-of-war to lock the labor relations office door. The rat could only shake as demonstrators indicted him and took the sign plate off the office as a trophy for the crowd of 200-300 workers. Meanwhile, "Payback" and "F--NASSCO" were painted on the walls of the front office.

This action sparked off a hot debate among the rank and file strike leaders. Many in the yards loved it and said the union was showing "guts". Others thought we should rely on arbitration and not hurt company property or do anything out of line that might hurt the arbitration chances. While this debate goes on, it is vital what position strike leaders take in providing leadership and informing the workers. Among the strike leaders there is also some confusion, but two clear positions stand out—those who support the Friday action want the union to keep up the offensive and back up what it says, others are on the defensive and want to confine the fight to the legal process.

Channel 39 came out with an editorial saying that the union should pay for the spraypainting done around the strike, and some people are reacting to this. Others like Miguel Salas, an ironworker and business agent of Local 627, are clear. In a reply to Channel 39, he pointed out that NASSCO is trying to bust the union and 39 has to take a stand on this.

Some of the officials of other unions have threatened to sue the Ironworkers union. These bureaucrats never supported the wildcat in the first place and never fought for the interests of shipyard workers. They stand exposed in contrast to the fighting leadership coming from some of the Ironworkers' leaders, and these hacks would do anything to get back to a peaceful, share-a-bed relationship with NASSCO. Red-

baiting has also been used, blaming the whole fight on outside agitators, as if 6,000 workers are outsiders at their own plant.

One of the main forces pushing red-baiting besides the company is the so-called "Communist" Labor Party. They are incapable of providing any real fighting leadership, have always taken company positions, and can't stand to see real working class leadership developing. And what the union needs most of all in this critical time is strong, clear leadership.

More at Stake Than Firings—Two Roads in the 80's

What the NASSCO shipyard workers are up against is more than just the company, they're taking on the Department of Defense and the U.S. Navy too. It was admitted in court that the Navy has been in constant contact with the company during the negotiations over the fired workers to pressure for its ships to be built on time. NASSCO's negotiator with the union is not the usual labor relations dog, but rather it is Samuel Timmons who specializes in contract compliance. This means he usually deals with the buyer, the Navy. NASSCO's close ties to the government can be seen in the fact that NASSCO got \$100 million worth of contracts to build cable-laying ships, despite the fact that a shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts submitted a lower bid. The Defense Department made this decision knowing that the Quincy company would go out of business without the deal.

For the same reason that NASSCO workers are up against more than just the company, the issues go beyond 28 fired workers. The only way for the capitalists to get out of the economic crisis ripping the country apart is to win a World War III with the Soviet Union, to redivide the world and reconquer markets and sources of raw materials. As their drive towards war speeds up, this means more deaths and crippling injuries to shipyard workers in exchange for starvation wages and benefits stripped to the bone. Any resistance will be increasingly met by brute repression, fascism. At the same time, with millions of Americans forced to look toward a radical change in the 80's and the ruling class locked in its own infighting, we have a unique opportunity to seize power into our own hands.

Whether to take militant action at the ship launching or not, whether to wildcat or not, whether to build up the leadership and fighting ability of our unions or allow them to be busted, whether to fight and have a chance of living or lay down and die—these are all part of the two roads challenging our trade unions in the 80's. These are extreme times requiring us to respond with extreme measures. □

Principal Contradiction...

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of "taking the three directives as the key link" in a bid to negate Chairman Mao's teachings on taking class struggle as the key link, change the Party's basic line and undermine the mass movement to study the theory of the dictatorship of the proletariat which was gaining momentum throughout the country. He was especially afraid of the criticism of bourgeois right and tried to defend it as he would his very life. He hastily put up a struggle to oppose restriction and criticism. Resorting to eclectic tactics, he put studying the theory of the dictatorship of the proletariat and combating and preventing revisionism, stability and unity and pushing the national economy forward on a par, thereby confusing the primary with the secondary and using the secondary to replace the primary. His real aim was neither to develop the economy nor promote stability and unity. What he did was nothing but undermining the great revolutionary unity under the guidance of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and openly working for restoration and retrogression, making a vindictive counterattack

and restoring capitalism. He alleged that "the quality of education is low" and "scientific research has lagged behind" and these "have hampered the four modernizations" (meaning modernization of agriculture, industry, national defence and science and technology), and that "not reading books" and "not having culture" are "the greatest danger" and "the greatest crisis" today. All these and other fallacies are aimed at negating the fact that the contradiction between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie is the principal contradiction in socialist society and are designed to create public opinion for the bourgeoisie to exercise dictatorship over the proletariat. The unrepentant capitalist-roaders incited people to fan up a "gale for vocational work" and an "economic gale" and clamoured that "if a gale is not strong enough, have a hurricane then." Their vain attempt was to lure the masses and cadres to become engrossed in production and vocational work and forget class struggle and the dictatorship of the proletariat so that they could restore capitalism with ease.

Having seen through all this with great insight,

Chairman Mao pointed out in good time to the whole Party and the people of the whole country: "What taking the three directives as key link! Stability and unity do not mean writing off class struggle; class struggle is the key link and everything else hinges on it." His criticism hit the nail on the head of the revisionist line which negates the taking of class struggle as the key link. Varied and weird, the absurdities spread by those who whipped up the Right deviationist wind to reverse correct verdicts are, to all intents and purposes, aimed at writing off class struggle and distorting the principal contradiction in socialist society, thereby changing the Party's basic line, pushing the revisionist line and restoring capitalism. This being the case, our struggle against the unrepentant capitalist-roaders in the Party who stirred up the Right deviationist wind is, in essence, another big struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie and a continuation and deepening of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, which concerns the destiny and future of our Party and state. . . .

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NASSCO SHIPYARD WORKERS TAKING THE "WAR" INSIDE



Shipyards workers served the company and the government notice by wildcatting for three days. Workers are continuing their offensive both inside and outside the yards.

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—Things are definitely *not* business as usual here at the National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO). Shipyards workers both inside and outside the company gates are carrying on their offensive that began after union steward Steve Crain, of the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, Local 627, was indefinitely suspended on July 30 for cussing out a foreman.

Workers disrupted a launching ceremony for a newly-finished Navy ship and, when NASSCO fired 17 union stewards and workers, staged a three-day wildcat strike. The majority of the 17 are stewards of Local 627 (the strongest union in the yard with Communist Workers Party sympathizers in union leadership positions) and a local of the International Association of Machinists. The strikers returned to work under pressure of a court injunction and the lack of support from the International and the city's Building Trades Council. Meanwhile, two other ironworkers and Local 627 business agents had been fired. But the rank and file returned with the spirit of "taking the war back inside," and that's exactly what they've done. (See *WV*, Aug. 18-24, 1980)

Served Notice, Company Cracks, Down in Desperation

Freaked out and on the run, NASSCO has worked overtime trying to make people believe that everything is back to normal. Larry French, president of the company, even sent a letter to all the workers apologizing for the "inconvenience" caused by the fired workers and signed, "Larry". NASSCO is trying to put the blame on its victims, and is push-

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Harlem Greets Prime Minister Mugabe:

"Zim-bab-we

Zim-bab-we Mu-ga-be Mu-ga-be!"



To the cheers of thousands of people chanting "Zim-bab-we! Zim-bab-we! Zim-bab-we!" and "Mu-ga-be, Mu-ga-be! Mu-ga-be!", Comrade Robert Mugabe of the Republic of Zimbabwe came to Harlem to thank the "Afro-American community, to progressive people, for the support—both material and moral, through-

out our years of armed struggle."

Comrade Mugabe's message was clearly addressed to the masses of Afro-American people in Harlem, and while speaking of the experience of ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union) and the Zimbabwean people, he was also clearly giving inspiration to the masses of

American people: "In spite of all the enemy's military power, you and I refused to submit our dignity to the slave-master... We took to arms and challenged the white man to defend his fascism—and we won, we won, we won!"

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