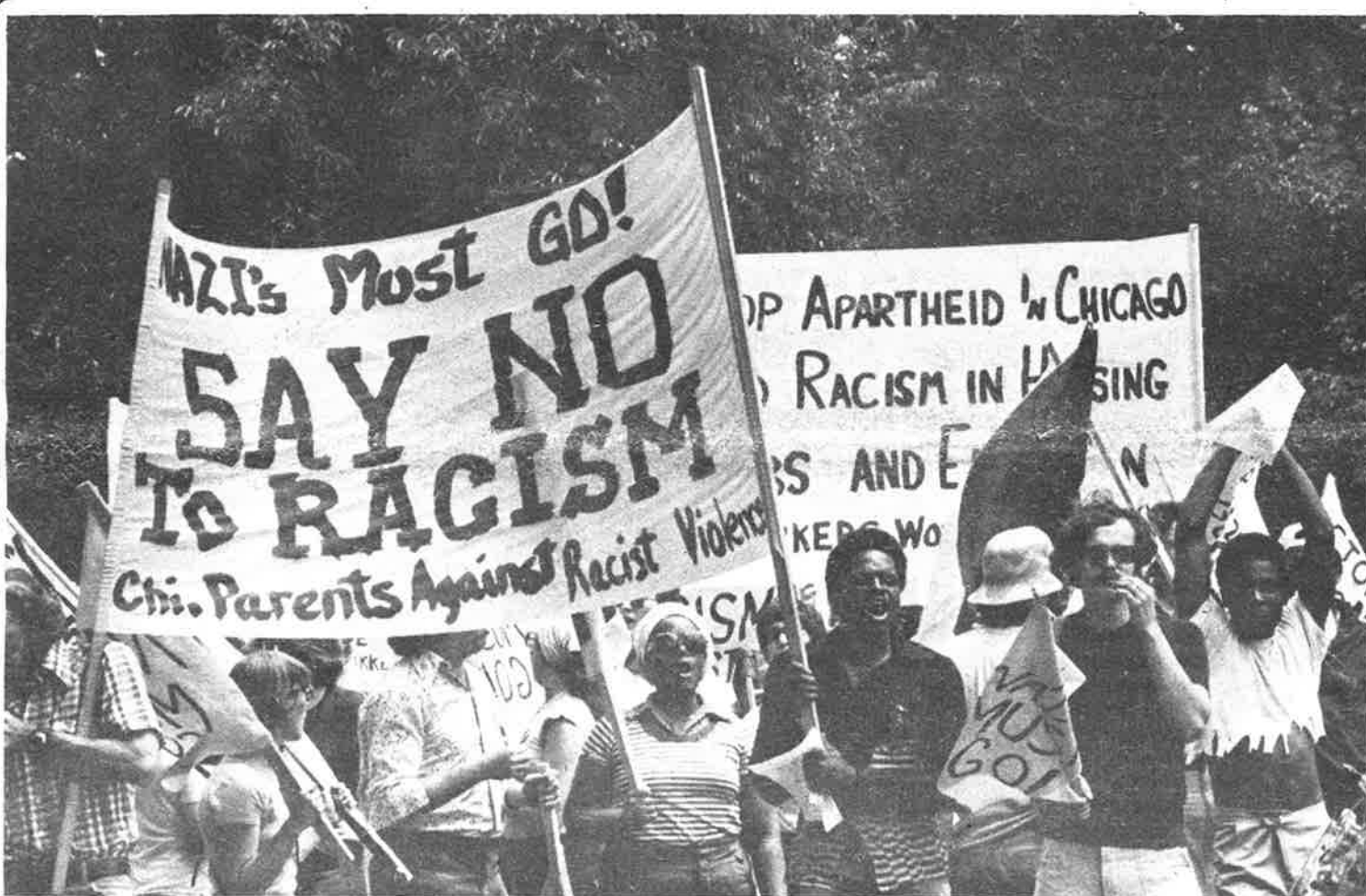


Behind smokescreen of anti-Soviet propaganda

Senate sneaks through fatter arms budget



Nazis confronted in Chicago

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By ANDY STAPP

JULY 10—The espionage trial of Anatoly Shcharansky has begun in the Soviet Union amidst hysterical outcries from the politicians and capitalist media in the U.S. One would suppose from reading the press and watching the TV news in this country that Shcharansky is merely the innocent victim of a rigged trial, a guiltless soul who never worked for the CIA, the crime he is accused of committing.

SHCHARANSKY AND LIPAVSKY

The media bosses seem to have short memories. Last March 8, the New York Times reported that "American intelligence sources confirmed a report in Time magazine that the roommate of Anatoly Shcharansky, Dr. Sanya L. Lipavsky, had worked for the CIA in 1975-76, providing information on the Soviet scientific community."

The Times then noted that although Carter had said on June 13 that "he was completely convinced that Mr. Shcharansky had never worked for the CIA, well-placed sources said today President Carter at the time knew of Dr. Lipavsky's connection."

Obviously the credibility gap (a delicate phrase the U.S. press invented to describe lying) in the Shcharansky affair originates in the White House and not the Soviet law courts.

This would hardly be the first time that a U.S. president was

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100,000 in D.C. say: 'Equal rights now!'

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In Havana, Cuba

World Youth Festival opens July 28

By MOLLY CHARBONEAU
[The author of this article is a member of Youth Against War & Fascism and one of 400 U.S. delegates to the Eleventh World Festival of Youth and Students] JULY 10—In less than three weeks

over 16,000 youth and student delegates will be gathered in Havana, Cuba, to participate in the Eleventh World Festival of Youth and Students to be held from July 28 through Aug. 5. Under the slogan "For anti-

imperialist solidarity, peace, and friendship" these young delegates, representing liberation movements, socialist countries, and innumerable progressive organizations from all five continents, will take part in ten days

of political, athletic, and cultural exchange which will help to build solidarity among progressive youth around the world.

STREET PARADE, GYMNASTICS DISPLAY TO OPEN FESTIVAL

On July 28, 45,208 people will take part in the opening of the Eleventh Festival, which includes a parade of delegates, the opening ceremony itself, and a gymnastics display by 14,730 Cuban children, backed up by a giant card section which will convey the ideological message of the performances by a simultaneous display of slogans, according to the May 21 issue of the Cuban daily newspaper, Granma. The event will take place in Havana's Latin-American Stadium, the country's largest baseball park, which is expected to be filled to its 60,000-person capacity by enthusiastic spectators.

According to the May 21 Granma, the opening ceremony "is designed to evidence how broad and deep-rooted ideologically speaking, the entire program of activities is." The scope and breadth of just the opening alone is eloquent testimony to how deeply the Cuban people feel about the Eleventh Festival and how much hard work they have done and will continue to do to guarantee the success of this important international event.

Toledo protest of Bakke decision



TOLEDO, July 4—A spirited street meeting was held at the riverfront festival here bringing the racist Supreme Court ruling on the Bakke case to the attention of hundreds of people. Response was good to the speakers and the **Workers World** newspapers that were distributed. Here Michael-Franklin Green, organizer of the rally, is being interviewed by Channel 24 TV.

After three week strike

Ohio nurses stop forced overtime

By a Cleveland nurse
CLEVELAND, June 30—After nearly three weeks on the picket line, 300 striking nurses at St. Vincent Charity Hospital won a decisive victory today when they forced the administration to agree to voluntary overtime.

Nurses had been faced with the problem of compulsory overtime, working as many as 24 hours in a 32-hour period. If they refused, they were suspended for three days; however, not then and there when their services were needed, but later at the hospital's convenience.

Mandatory overtime was the chief issue that sparked the strike. The nurses stressed in their picket signs that overworked nurses give poorer quality patient care.

In the settlement, management agreed that nurses may refuse overtime without the threat of disciplinary action. In order to encourage nurses to work overtime voluntarily, management will pay double time rather than time and a half, and those working a double

shift may report off duty the next day if they are too tired to work.

The other major demand besides wages and fringe benefits was a union shop. The nurses did not win this, but they already have a maintenance of membership clause in their contract, and they won the concession that a representative of the Ohio Nurses Association Unit would be allowed to interview every newly hired nurse for 30 minutes for the purpose of recruiting him or her into the Association.

In the new contract, wages of nurses will rise 22% over the next three years. For starting nurses, this will mean a wage increase of \$1.54 an hour by the third year. Improvements were also made in

such fringe benefits as sick days, holidays, vacation, and educational days.

Support for the strike came from the Greater Cleveland District Nurses Association, the Kaiser ONA Unit, Akron nurses (who were out on strike last year), and several UAW and AFL-CIO union locals.

The St. Vincent ONA Unit is the only collective bargaining unit in any Cleveland area hospital. It conducted a 17-week strike in 1969 to gain recognition and still holds the record for the longest nurses' strike in U.S. history. Its present victory will undoubtedly be an inspiration and a guide for other nurses laboring under similar conditions.

Visually impaired march against airlines



JULY 6—Long obstructed from obtaining full human and civil rights, disabled people have been forced to demonstrate again and again in their struggle to obtain access to such necessities as jobs, education, housing, travel rights, and even basic life-supporting services. Yesterday over 1,000 very angry visually impaired people demonstrated in Washington, D.C. in protest of a Federal regulation that forces them to give up their canes during flights on commercial airlines.

POLITICAL PROGRAM OF THE FESTIVAL

Once the Eleventh Festival begins, over 100 different activities are scheduled for each day. Besides the scheduled sports and cultural events, the political program of the Festival, detailed in the June 4 Granma, will feature "eight main meetings and more than 20 rallies of solidarity with an equal number of countries and regions." Some rallies planned include those in solidarity with Latin America, Africa, Vietnam, Chile, Palestine, Puerto Rico, Angola, Korea, Panama, Mozambique, Northern Ireland, Western Sahara, Arabian Peninsula, Ethiopia (whose National Preparatory Committee is headed by Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam), and many others.

In addition to rallies and meetings there will be six centers focused on particular issues and struggles with several commissions within each center to deal with specific political subjects. Among the wide range of issues and struggles to be addressed by these centers will be the struggles of youth and students against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, fascism, apartheid, and racism; struggles of youth within the capitalist countries against exploitation, the economic crisis and the monopolies and the efforts of these youth to bring about social, economic, and political change; efforts toward anti-imperialist solidarity and the struggle of youth for a new economic order.

Many more issues too numerous to list will also be taken up, and a special rally on the last day of the Festival will cover the struggle for the rights of young women. The eighth day of the Festival will be in solidarity with the host country and with the people and younger generation living, working, and building socialism in Cuba.

Once the Festival draws to a close the militant spirit generated there will be carried to progressive youth throughout the world by the delegates returning from this significant, international event.

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Anti-racists mobilize against Bakke decision

People United of Milwaukee demonstrate



MILWAUKEE, June 29—Clara White, a leader of People United of Milwaukee, spoke here today to a large gathering protesting yesterday's U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding Bakke's attack on affirmative action. WW photo

New York committee meets to defend affirmative action

By TANA MARIE LOY

NEW YORK, JULY 10—The New York Chapter of the National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision (NCOBD) held a meeting here this past Saturday to discuss the implications of the recent U.S. Supreme Court's favorable ruling on the Bakke case, a ruling which gives legal backing to the racist idea of "reverse discrimination."

The chapter, like all the others throughout the country, mobilized thousands to go to Washington D.C. on April 15 where 35,000 had gathered to say no to racism and no to the Bakke decision. Just one day after the court's ruling a demonstration called by the New York Chapter of the NCOBD brought out 1,000 angry people who confronted the government, the city, and the police in a show of determination and strength in this anti-racist movement.

The Bakke decision is a blow to affirmative action programs and it is a deep and direct attack against the poor, the oppressed, and the workers. The Bakke decision has given the go-ahead signal to all reactionary racist elements.

However, the mobilizations, the response after the ruling, the intense outrage indicate that people are reacting to this crisis situation with deep anger and resistance. Those attending the meeting on Saturday began to plan the strategies and tactics to attack racism and sexism wherever it manifests itself—in the schools, the communities, and workplaces.

Each focus gave a brief report of its activities. In the Bronx, the Latin focus met at student-occupied Hostos college and linked the struggles of the students under attack by the Koch administration and the Bakke case. In Brooklyn, the focus met in the Crown Heights community which has witnessed police murder and other racist attacks. The women's focus showed a film depicting the growing political changes in the lives of working women. In each situation, the focuses have become more involved in the daily community struggles because this is where the racism of the Bakke

decision will manifest itself.

RACISTS UNDERSTAND MEANING OF RULING

An example of this are the 20 racists at a local college who wrote the president of that college claiming that the affirmative action programs were unconstitutional because of the Bakke decision. While the press is trying to sow confusion about the decision, it is obvious to the racists what the decision means.

The New York NCOBD's Labor focus is planning a meeting this Friday. The effects of the Bakke decision in labor are critical. The struggle in the unions for affirmative action programs is intense. An example is the construction industry, which never really implemented any such programs. The fight for jobs by Black and Latin workers is a daily struggle. As one worker, a member of NCOBD, put it, "I know what it's like to fight for a job and it's time for some concrete action in the streets." The many federally funded construction sites around the city were discussed as possible targets of actions.

The lack of coverage in the establishment media was again discussed at tonight's meeting, as well as the press coverage that attempted to create the illusion that the Bakke decision wasn't an attack on affirmative action nor was it racism. But as Larry Holmes, national organizer of the NCOBD, put it, "The idea of 'reverse discrimination' means that somehow Blacks and Latins and other oppressed people have become equal with whites. So 'reverse discrimination' means separate but equal and that's apartheid."

It was clear from those attending the meeting that all present shared a commitment to find ways to forcefully combat the racist attacks wherever they are manifested. It was said in different ways by many people but the feeling was the same: the Bakke decision is a real attack and will be fought concretely by people in every situation and in the streets if necessary.

Two Seattle marches condemn Bakke ruling and anti-gay attacks

By JIM McMAHAN

SEATTLE, July 2—In one of the largest turnouts ever here, some 4,000 people demonstrated in the Lesbian/Gay Rights march yesterday.

Immediately before the Lesbian/Gay Rights march, a large picket line was held at the Federal Courthouse to condemn the racist Bakke decision. The picket line extended to nearly the whole length of the block as demonstrators chanted, "B-A-K-K-Bakke takes our rights away!" and "Overturn Bakke; Affirmative action now!"

Jackie Agtuca, speaking for the National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision, exposed and condemned the Supreme Court's ruling. She announced plans for another demonstration on July 8 to be followed by a Civil Rights March on July 15. She urged everyone to attend the Lesbian/Gay Rights march which followed.

The large turnout at the Lesbian/Gay Rights march was a strong response to a local reactionary campaign, Initiative 13, which would end protection for

lesbians and gay men from the Seattle Open Housing and Fair Employment Ordinances. It would thus legalize the discriminatory practices of bigoted bosses and landlords. Initiative 13 is an attack on women's rights and the rights of nationally oppressed people since it would also remove the enforcement powers of the Office of Women's Rights and transfer sex discrimination grievances to the Department of Human Rights. This department is already overburdened with other discrimination grievances.

Initiative 13 is the same type of campaign and is being backed by the same right-wing forces who overturned equal rights laws for lesbians and gay men in Wichita, Eugene, St. Paul, and Miami. Led by a cop, David Estes, a bigoted group calling itself Save Our Moral Ethics (SOME) has been thus far running a low-key campaign. But there has been stepped-up police harassment against the gay community since this campaign started. In May the cops raided a gay rights party where the Seattle Committee

Against Thirteen was holding a fundraiser for the campaign against the initiative. The resistance of the crowd prevented the cops from arresting anybody.

Lesbians, gays, and supporters of gay rights showed yesterday, by coming out into the streets in record numbers, that they know it will take a determined struggle to defeat SOME and Initiative 13. Witnessed by thousands of downtown shoppers, demonstrators chanted and carried signs and banners denouncing Initiative 13 and SOME and the Bakke decision. At the large rally afterwards, the militant statements of the speakers received the loudest applause and cheers. The march and rally was organized by the Washington Coalition for Sexual Minority Rights.

More demonstrations are being planned against SOME and Initiative 13. Literature is being distributed to counter their lies and distortions, and people are being organized to counter SOME whenever they appear in the streets to gather signatures for their bigoted initiative.

Judge told: '300 years is enough'

By RICHARD FERGUSON

NEW YORK, July 9—"He said to be patient," a Black bookstore clerk, Audrey Hair, told reporters after a 40-minute debate with U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, over the recent Supreme Court's racist decision on the Allan P. Bakke case.

Hair was on her job at a discount record and book store in Washington D.C. when told of Warren Burger's presence in the store. She immediately approached him and engaged in debate on the further injustices oppressed peoples will suffer due to the admission of Allan P. Bakke to Davis Medical School in California. Presently a student at Antioch College, she told of how her own chances for admission to law school were affected by this

court decision which is anti-woman as well as anti-Black.

"I asked him if he didn't think 300 years was enough time for my people," Miss Hair exclaimed at one point. Apparently the "Chief Justice" felt it was not long enough and told her simply to be patient.

At one point "Justice Burger" commented on the state of Florida's "liberalness"—a state whose "liberal" deeds include the murder of four Black protesters at the Nixon inauguration; the anti-gay rights campaign led by Anita Bryant; the imprisonment of a prominent Black newsman for having visited Cuba; and, the importation of Cuban counter-revolutionaries to carry out the state terror against the oppressed communities. And this is just the beginning.

Hair quickly responded to Burger's praise of Florida, telling him that her grandfather had been lynched in Fort Pierce, Fla. in 1931.

Throughout the debate, which attracted a small crowd in the bookstore, Hair remained calm, but made it clear in a firm manner that the Bakke decision is perpetuation of racism by the U.S. Supreme Court.

On an NBC interview today, Audrey Hair commented on the massive 35,000-strong demonstration in Washington D.C. this past April 15 to say no to Bakke. Although the demonstration was completely whited out nationally by the capitalist press, over 35,000 primarily Black people demonstrated, angrily chanting "Beat Back Bakke!"

Women in Bronx against racism



NEW YORK, July 7—The Women's Focus of the New York chapter of the National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision (NCOBD) held a meeting in the Bronx office of ASPIRA (a Latin student's organization). The NCOBD is continuing to organize many community activities against all forms of racism. WW photo: Julie Cherry

In New York City

Contract vote proves transit ranks still angry

By KENNY PETERSON

NEW YORK, July 12—The fires of rebellion are still smoldering in transit.

After more than three months of pleading and coaxing, after more than three months of threats and intimidation, after more than three months of lies and deception, the bureaucrats who presently head the Transport Workers Union (TWU) have failed to uproot the deep-seated opposition among the transit rank and file towards their proposed contract.

By their own bullying tactics, the TWU officials have converted this opposition to the contract which they negotiated last spring with City Hall into distrust and antagonism towards themselves. The failure of that contract to win a majority among the Transit Authority (TA) workers in last week's ratification election is tantamount to a repudiation of the TWU leadership by the rank-and-file men and women who operate the largest mass transit system in the country.

With more than 70% of the 33,000 bus and subway workers voting, there were 12,049 in favor of the proposed contract and 11,509 against. Among the workers at the TA only, however, there were 8,506 votes in favor and 10,825 opposed. In other words, at the several independent bus lines the majority favored ratification, while at the TA—which comprises the main body of transit workers—most favored rejection.

SUIT SEEKS TO THROW OUT CONTRACT

Rank-and-file groups opposing ratification have filed a suit in federal court here attempting to throw out the disputed contract on the basis of the rejection within the TA. They won a temporary restraining order on July 7, the day after the votes were announced, holding up the ratification by the TWU. Another hearing is scheduled for tomorrow.

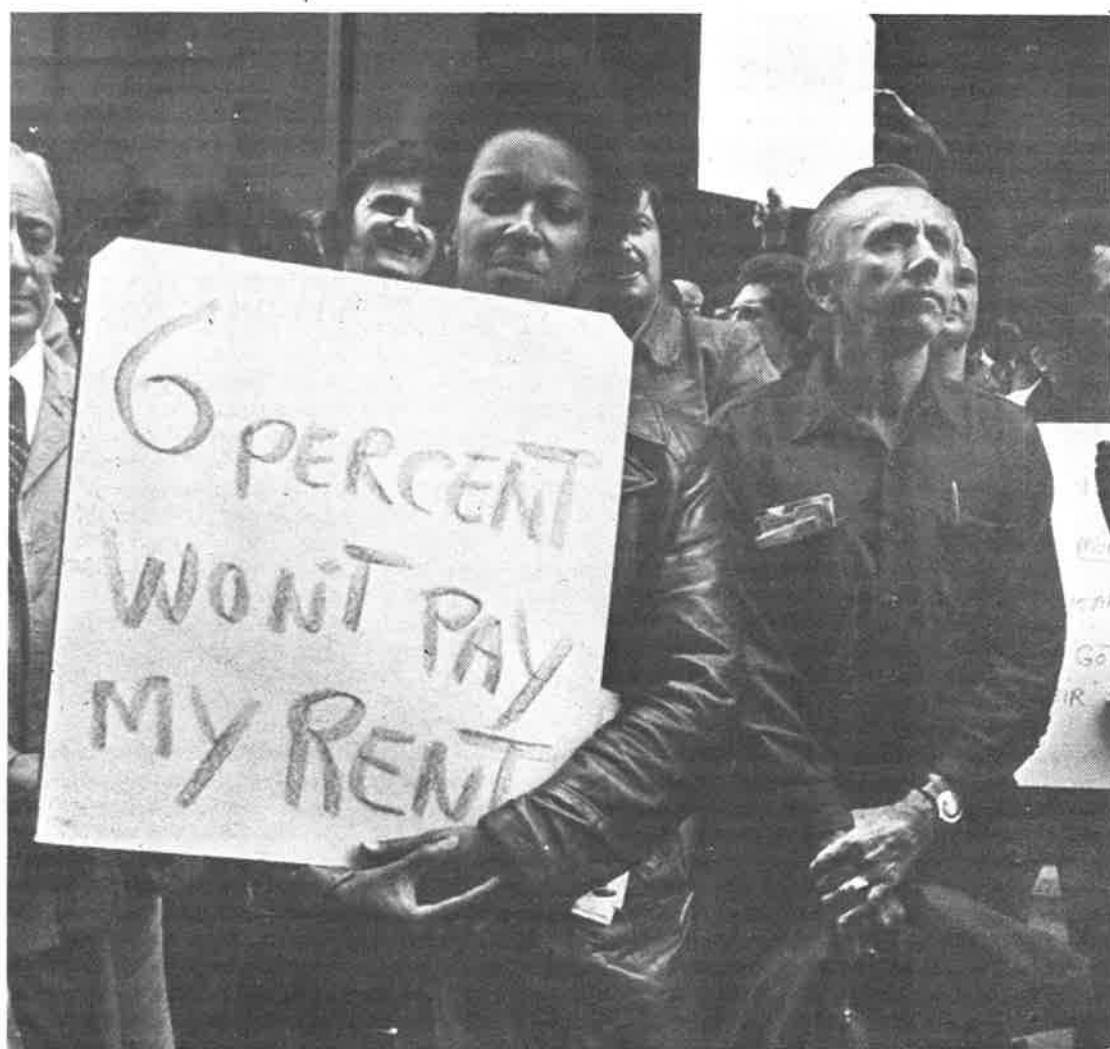
Ever since the terms of the proposed contract were announced there has been vociferous rank-and-file opposition to it. There have been several rallies and demonstrations, one involving over a thousand workers in front of the TWU hall itself. On April 25 the union officials bowed to rank-and-file pressure (and the threat of a court action that was potentially

very embarrassing to them) and threw out the uncounted ballots of the first election. The rank-and-file opposition had charged the TWU officers with fraudulent and improper behavior in their handling of that ratification vote.

Further postponements were due to the negotiations for a new contract for New York City's 200,000 municipal workers. The TWU leaders admitted their reluctance to conduct the election at the same time for fear of strengthening the militant vote.

Throughout all this time the transit workers were subjected to a barrage of propaganda invoking the city's fiscal crisis, the supposed dangers of a strike, the presence of "outside agitators," and so on, all the while painting up the contract to be better than it was. On top of all this were added the difficulties of a mail ballot, which weakens and isolates the militant vote.

The voting proves that the workers did not succumb to the threats and the lies and that the officials are more discredited than ever. Disputing allegations by the TWU bureaucrats that the rejection vote in the TA was due to that unit's large number of younger Black and Latin workers, Philip Santangelo, a subway conductor, said pointedly: "It's all of us. People just aren't taking any guff any more. The men are up in arms already. The leadership is just way out of line."



For three months New York City transit workers have been fighting to get a decent contract.

WW photo: Bob R.

Central Park beatings an escalation of anti-gay violence

By PAUL WILCOX

NEW YORK, July 10—In an area of Central Park popularly known as the Rambles, not far from where over 75,000 lesbians and gay men had militantly demonstrated for their rights only a few weeks before, an all-white gang of gay-hating thugs assaulted six men with baseball bats and clubs last Wednesday evening, fracturing the skulls of five, sending them to the hospital in critical condition. The victims were Black, Latin and white.

Similar assaults against gay people, or against anyone who happened to be near the Rambles, have occurred several times in the past year and last summer.

Although much publicity has been given to supposed police efforts to patrol the area and arrest the attackers, no arrests have ever been made for the brutal attacks on gay people in the park. The police were entirely absent from the area during the attack and have found no suspects.

Revealing the bigoted sympathies of the cops, who themselves never miss an opportunity to harass and brutalize gay people, members of the park police told the press that "As soon as the heat is off... they'll come back again," and "Anything could happen in there."

This is nothing but a threat to gay people, asserting that their lives will always be threatened in the park, and a message to the fascist thugs that they have little to worry about from the police.

PRESS PLAYED DOWN ATTACK

The big business press in this city, by severely playing down the vicious anti-gay nature of the attack, have shown their hostility to the fight against anti-gay bigotry.

The Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights, which is composed of many organizations and individuals active in the struggle for gay rights, issued a press release

about the attack, stating that:

"The nature of the attack is clear. It is a horrifying example of an escalating wave of violence directed at the gay community in New York City and throughout America. The Rambles has for years been a popular meeting area for gay men. Clearly, the message is that anyone who is caught in its vicinity, anyone who is merely thought to be gay, regardless of

whether they are gay or straight, is to be considered fair game for thugs crazed by more than a year of nationwide hysteria whipped up by a campaign against homosexuality and gay rights. This terrible violence must be stopped!

"On behalf of the gay community, we demand that the press fulfill its responsibility to accurately report this event, and inform its audiences of the true

nature of this murderous anti-gay assault... We demand that all those who support human rights for all people, including homosexuals, raise their voices in protest against it. We demand that the New York City Council immediately pass Intro 384, a bill which would ban discrimination against people because of their sexual orientation. Its defeat by the City Council would simply add fuel to the flames of this violence."

In response to the increasing attacks on the rights of lesbian and gay people across the country in recent years, the struggle against gay oppression has become ever more powerful and more militant.

The day is not far off when fascist, racist, anti-gay thugs will meet head-on the rage of lesbians and gay people organized to fight back. When the anti-gay bigots are dealt a blow produced by the pent-up anger of countless humiliations, beatings, and harassment, oppressed people everywhere will know that justice has been served.

Prop. 13 to cut off thousands from daycare in Bay Area

By JESSE LEE

JULY 10—Cutbacks forced by the Proposition 13 tax amendment in California continue to make their impact on the everyday life of poor and working people. Each day brings more layoffs, wage freezes, and cuts in social services.

Proposition 13 is being hailed by its backers as a tax break to workers. The reality has been quite different. Most of the benefits have gone to big business in the form of more than \$4.5 billion in tax cuts. And despite the claim of Howard Jarvis, the reactionary initiator of Proposition 13, that only the "fat" will be trimmed away, in reality nearly every social service from child care to street lighting has been cut to the bone.

The situation with child care illustrates how the rightwing forces behind Proposition 13 are trying to push California back into the days of the one-room schoolhouse.

In Oakland, 24 child care centers have been scheduled to be closed and in San Francisco, at least 1,000 children will be turned out of the centers.

One-third of the budget of the Children's Center program, which has been helping working parents in San Francisco since 1943, is slated to be slashed, and the entire program, serving over 3,000

children, is threatened.

These children come mostly from families of single working parents. Loss of child care will leave these parents with the choice of quitting their jobs, leaving their children alone, or going onto welfare.

This is the hard reality of the "tax revolt."

Rich in Ohio push for passage of a Proposition 13

By MARTHA WATSON

CLEVELAND, July 5—The rightwing millionaires behind Proposition 13 in California have plans to go nationwide with their anti-poor "taxpayers' revolt," and Ohio is one of their targets.

The rich in Ohio would also like to see a Proposition 13 enacted here. A group of conservative Republicans in the Ohio House of Representatives has drafted its own version of the California bill.

As in California, big business would be the real beneficiaries, while poor and working people, especially Black and Latin people, would suffer if a Proposition 13 is passed in Ohio. As it stands now,

Ohio is already one of the lowest states in paying for social services, just above Alabama and Arkansas in paying for education.

The reactionary politicians, who are never against taxes when they are used to fatten the military budget, want the bill placed on the ballot in November, 1979. Between now and then, community groups, trade unionists, and all progressive people must unite to prevent the crisis in California from coming to Ohio. While we should demand lower taxes for poor and working people, we should also demand improvements rather than cutbacks in social services.

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March for women's rights

100,000 in D.C. say: 'Equal rights now!'

By NANCY KOHN

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 9—They came from every corner of the country today: from their unions, workplaces, and schools. Housewives, lesbians, the disabled, young and old—veterans of women's marches and women who

had never marched before—they came 100,000 strong to demonstrate massive support for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

The amendment itself served as the main slogan of the day: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by

the United States or by any state on account of sex." It is a straightforward-enough demand, yet its ratification is being threatened by the right wing which is trying to prevent its approval by the three more states necessary to make it a law.

Today's march, organized by the National Organization for Women (NOW), was an undeniable statement of public sentiment for the ERA's passage.

As the varied delegations of marchers lined up on the Mall around noon, the wide scope of support for the ERA became evident. Though many marchers represented moderate women's organizations from around the country, there were delegations of working women: women miners, women wearing hardhats from the Brooklyn Navy Yard, hundreds of primarily Black women wearing the paper hats identifying them as members of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, the Hospital Workers Union, and the United Auto Workers.

There were delegations from Hispanos Unidos, the Minority Women's Commission of NOW, and the Gray Panthers. Men for the ERA and the National Gay Task Force added their support. Many marched simply behind banners designating their states or religious affiliations. Numerous participants raised other issues pertaining to women's rights through banners and buttons.

The majority of participants wore white and marched down Pennsylvania Ave. in processional style as a tribute and remembrance of the early suffrage demonstrations.

Although the more moderate forces represented by NOW had tried to limit signs to those calling solely for the passage of the ERA, other creative slogans were visible: "Extend protective laws to all workers," "ERADICATE SEXISM," and "The hand that rocks the cradle can also rock the boat." Women of Youth Against War & Fascism carried a banner which read, "Ratify the ERA now—Down with Bryant, Schlafly, the Nazis and Klan," over the objections of march officials, but which drew enthusiastic applause from women on the march.

SPEAKERS AT RALLY

Most of the speakers at today's rally at the Capitol addressed themselves to the need for Congress to extend the March, 1979, deadline for ratification of the ERA. Though the theme of the march was the ERA, when speakers at the rally raised other progressive issues such as lesbian rights or the right of affirmative action and the need to fight against racism, they were greeted by tremendous applause. The response showed that many in the audience knew that the struggle for women's rights goes beyond the important issue of the ERA.

Dick Gregory, for instance, got a big response from the crowd when he attacked the concept of "reverse discrimination" and raised the implications of the racist Bakke decision. Wilma Scott Heide, past President of NOW, received thundering applause when she expressed outrage that the ERA had not been passed despite a clear majority in support of it and said that the people have a right to overthrow a government that does not represent them.

In one of the most moving speeches of the day, Dorothy Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women, urged that Black and white join hands because the struggle against racism has yet to be won and the people must not be divided in the fight for human rights.

As thousands of tired and sunburned women boarded the chartered buses to return to their far-away cities, many expressed pride in having participated in this historic demonstration, the largest march for women's rights ever held in this country.



Thousands of labor union members were a part of the 100,000-strong march for equal rights for women in Washington, D.C., on July 9. WW photo: Julie Cherry

We need tax reform, but 'Catch 13' isn't it!

By ELIZABETH ROSS

JULY 7—You are a worker. You work in an auto plant, a steel mill, or drive a truck, perhaps. Or you're a waitress, a nurse, a typist, or maybe a school-teacher or a telephone operator.

You don't own your own home, though you hope that some day you'll either save up enough for a down payment or come into a windfall and stop feeding your landlord.

But maybe, some of your friends, workers like you, do own their own homes and when they tell you they'd like a law similar to California's Proposition 13 passed in their state you may be in sympathy with them. They may tell you that with sales taxes, payroll deductions, excise and property taxes, they give half of what they earn to the county, state, and federal governments. You haven't exactly added up all the taxes you have to pay to all those departments of government, but, you know it's a lot, though you guess you're not being squeezed as much as they are.

But maybe neither you, nor your home-owning friends know that Proposition 13 benefited big corporations like Exxon, Lockheed, and Gallo and other multi-million dollar growers in California infinitely more than the few hundred dollars a year the small home-owners may have saved through the new law. Two-thirds of the savings went to the big giants and only one-third of the cut was shared by the millions of small property owners.

WAGE EARNERS HIT HARDEST BY TAXES

And perhaps neither you nor they realize that it isn't so much because they own a home that they're gouged, but it is because they're on a payroll somewhere. The biggest part of their tax bite is taken away from them before they ever see it—and not just at the end of the year like the lucky few who can get a lawyer to figure their taxes, with deductions, but starting with the first week in the year and going on to the last week.

If there's anybody who deserves a medal for outstanding services to the capitalist class, it's the person who first thought up the scheme of payroll deductions. It started in 1942. The war was on and so many workers were so glad to be back at work again they hardly noticed the deductions that came every week. In fact, a lot of people were relieved that Uncle Sam was doing their paper work for them, and they didn't have to pay the whole thing in one big chunk at the end of the year.

They didn't stop to think that people who didn't get their income from payrolls could invest that future tax money for a whole year, and sometimes get big profits out of it before turning it over to the government.

If they ever do turn it over!

Listen to what Ferdinand Lundberg, the author of the famous book, *America's Sixty Families* has to say on the subject (in case you ever felt a little sorry for the poor millionaires who have to pay 70% of their incomes to the IRS.)

"Something few Americans seem to realize is that the tax rates as stated mean nothing. The so-called graduated income-tax rates up to 70% don't mean that anyone pays 70%. What brings the actual payments down are the deductions.... In the matter of deductions for "charity" the amounts stated do not necessarily mean that the money has gone into the hands of the halt, the blind, or the needy... But—and here is the big joker in the deck—most of the tax money to sustain all this (and the cost of armaments, too) comes from the employed labor force, as the annual tax statistics put out by the IRS clearly show."

ROCKEFELLER'S TAX "BURDEN"

Lundberg proves in *The Rockefeller Syndrome*, that Nelson Rockefeller legally paid no income tax at all in 1970, although his income was \$2.5 million that year. Also that in 1966 he paid only \$685.

It is also on record that Ronald Reagan, a hearty advocate of

Proposition 13 and also of more and bigger arms budgets, paid no income tax in 1970 either, as was the case with quite a few other multi-millionaires. Like Mrs. Horace Dodge, who inherited \$56 million, put it all into state and municipal bonds (which are tax free) and never even had to file an income tax return! As far as the IRS is concerned the interest she received on those bonds doesn't even exist!

There's been a process going on in the U.S. and it's called "shifting the burden off the shoulders of the rich onto the working poor."

Twenty-five years ago the big corporations and banks in New York City paid 70% of the city's budget. Now they pay 20% of it. Sixteen years ago, by the government's own figures, 24% of the national IRS revenues came from the corporations, now only 15.5% comes from them.

The other 84.5% comes from you and me and our fellow workers.

Yes, we need "tax reform" all right, but "Catch 13" isn't it!

The power behind nuclear power

Fallout from the uranium cartel

By BILL DEL VECCHIO

JULY 11—By marching tens of thousands of people down long, deserted roads up to cyclone fences covered with no "No Trespassing" signs in places like Rocky Flats or Seabrook, the anti-nuke movement has blown apart the wall of secrecy that the nuclear power interests had built around themselves.

Who are the powers behind nuclear power? What are they after, and how do they operate?

NUCLEAR POWER SUPER-MONOPOLIZED

Because of the tremendous cost of its technology and the central position it occupies in both generating electricity and creating weapons for the destruction of the human race, the nuclear power

industry is one of the most concentrated and monopolized areas of the world imperialist economy.

In the U.S. nuclear power is dominated by the same interests who control the giant oil companies. These same interests also dominate every other industry having to do with energy: coal, natural gas, utility companies, and manufacturers of generating equipment.

One would think that such tight monopoly control would eliminate competition and antagonisms within the industry, but the current battle that is raging between the Gulf Oil Co. and Westinghouse show that bitter rivalries continue.

The conflict came out into the open on Sept. 8, 1975, when Westinghouse refused to honor its

contracts to supply nuclear fuel to 27 utilities for which it had already built reactors. Westinghouse was evidently not a member of the international uranium cartel, which during that period had driven the price of uranium up from \$6 a pound to \$26 a pound.

While the utilities sued Westinghouse, Westinghouse began a suit against a chief cartel member for price fixing. Gulf retaliated by suing Westinghouse charging that it was conspiring to monopolize the markets for nuclear reactors, fuel, and uranium. The whole conflict is being conducted in the courts by batteries of lawyers costing millions of dollars.

Gulf concedes that it was a member of the cartel which it says was created in 1972, but it feebly

claims that the U.S. market was excluded from its plans. Somehow the U.S.-based Gulf carried out monopoly practices all over the globe, but in the U.S. the price of uranium just happened to soar at the exact same times by accident. In addition to mining uranium, Gulf is the joint owner with Royal Dutch Shell of a company which directly competes with Westinghouse in building reactors. The Gulf-Westinghouse battle confirms Lenin's observation in "Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism" that rather than eliminate competition, "Monopolies exist over and alongside it, and thereby give rise to a number of very acute, intense antagonisms, frictions and conflicts."

A multi-million dollar conflict

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EDITORIAL

'Free speech' and the Nazis

After a long battle in the courts Nazi storm-trooper Frank Collin and his band of would-be murderers of Jewish and Black, Latin, and Asian people were finally able to hold a rally in Chicago. These vermin crawled out of their holes, ascended the platform in Marquette Park (a white supremacist enclave in Chicago's Black community), and spewed forth their anti-Semitic and "white power" diatribes in the spotlight of the entire national media and under the protection of walls of police who held several thousands protesters at bay. The rally itself was made possible by two timely rulings from Federal Court judges and was the result of a long and costly court battle completely subsidized and shamelessly defended by the bourgeois liberals of the American Civil Liberties Union and others.

The new aggressiveness of the Nazis and the new tolerance and support for their so-called "right to free speech" is a measure of the new reactionary mood of the ruling class. One only has to recall the last attempt by the Nazis to come out openly in a major urban center to get a true sense of this shift toward reaction. In 1962, George Lincoln Rockwell, then head of the Nazis, got a permit to speak at Hunter College in New York City. Thousands of demonstrators marched on the college vowing to stop Rockwell and his Nazi scum. New York City, backed by the courts and bourgeois liberal opinion, cancelled Rockwell's permit and instead of sending the police to protect the Nazis, they stopped Rockwell from entering the city. The capitalist news media treated him with ridicule and contempt and the Nazis suffered a severe setback.

The new social support for the rights of the Nazis from all sectors of bourgeois society is part of the broader general support for reaction everywhere from the summits of monopoly capital in crisis. This is reflected in the new respectability given the Ku Klux Klan, the police and vigilante murder of Black people in Crown Heights, N.Y., the racist campaign against undocumented workers, the Bakke decision, Proposition 13, which is an attack on all poor and working people, the defeat of the labor reform bill, which reflects a new virulent anti-unionism, and the offensive against oppressed people in general. The Nazi rally was a "white power" rally above all and racism is the face of fascism in the U.S. Monopoly capitalism, confronting inflation and unemployment at home and the advances of the liberation struggles abroad, is fostering these revived currents of fascism in anticipation of imperialist war and fearing a revolt at home. The working class and oppressed people must recognize that fascism is their mortal enemy and must be fought without mercy, whether it wraps itself in a swastika, a hood, or the American flag.

Women's rights and the ERA

The terrible inertia of U.S. capitalism that resists any progressive reforms of its institutions was clearly brought into focus this week as 100,000 marched in Washington for the Equal Rights Amendment. It is now going on seven years since the bill banning discrimination based on sex was passed by Congress; it's nearly 56 years since it was first introduced.

In that time the position of women in the world has changed radically. Equal rights for women have been incorporated into law wherever socialist revolutions have overturned oppressive class relations. Women in the capitalist countries have moved into the workforce en masse as age-old barriers have been broken down, most often under the pressure of economic necessity.

Yet while the Revolution in "backward" Russia opened up a new era in 1917 when it declared women's rights the law of the land, that era—and the ERA—have yet to be adopted in the "advanced" United States. And the danger is very real that the organized campaign led by the ultra-right against the ERA will prevent it passing the three remaining states needed for ratification.

The great obstacle is not merely chauvinism and tradition, but the fact that the oppression of women serves the material interests of the capitalist ruling class. Capitalism constantly engenders the reactionary ideologies of sexism and racism because of its practice of dividing and oppressing the masses.

The ERA is merely a legal reform; it has nothing to say on the deeper social relations underlying the laws which determine how they are interpreted and applied. Yet the struggle for it mobilizes women by the millions on a path that leads far beyond the legal reflection of social relations.

The fact that it is the capitalist system itself that is the great overriding obstacle to women's liberation does not negate the women's movement. Rather, it points to the inevitability that this movement must as it matures develop a socialist, working class consciousness.



City govt. gives green light to fascists as

Thousands protest Nazis in Chicago

By JOHN HUTTON

CHICAGO, July 9—Nearly 3,000 demonstrators took to the streets today to express their hatred of Nazi racist terror in Chicago. The Chicago city government took a clear stand too—it lined up squarely on the side of Frank Collin and his Nazis.

The contrast between the treatment of the Nazis and the anti-fascist forces couldn't have been greater. Collin's Nazi splinter group got a permit to demonstrate in Chicago's Marquette Park. Anti-Nazi groups were denied any such permit. While 1,500 cops turned out to protect the Nazi rally, the anti-Nazi demonstration, which gathered in the nearby Black community to march to Marquette Park, faced 1,000 more cops mobilized to prevent them even setting foot in the "whites only" Marquette Park area. To add to this vile collaboration, the police carried out a policy of preventing any Black people from entering the area, under the pretext of protecting them from racist mobs there.

At the same time that this was going on, several groups of white demonstrators were able to slip

into the park area to voice their outrage at the Nazi rally. Fights broke out and about 27 anti-Nazis were arrested in scuffles with the racist Nazi sympathizers who had also gathered there. The handful of Nazis were ringed by 1,500 cops as they called for genocide against Black and Jewish people.

The lesson was clear: in Chicago there are two sets of rules. One set protects and shields Nazi terrorists; the other seeks to crush or disperse militant opposition to racism and fascism.

Many organizations participated in today's march—both Jewish groups and Black community groups, including Operation PUSH, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Movement Coalition, the Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization, Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Coalition, War Resisters League, and Chicago Parents Committee Against Racist Violence. The outrage in the Black community is particularly sharp because of the long history of racist assaults by the Nazis and their sympathizers in the Marquette Park area, which is a white enclave surrounded by the Black community. Black residents in the vicinity have been beaten up by racist gangs for just trying to walk or shop in the area.

It is because of this lynch-mob atmosphere in the area that the Nazi rally had such significance as an assault on the Black community. The Nazis had originally asked for a permit to march in Skokie, Ill., a suburb of Chicago with a large Jewish population. They were denied that permit and in exchange were given the Marquette Park permit. Collin then openly boasted that getting Marquette Park had been his goal all along.

Addressing this central issue of the assaults on the Black community, a Workers World Party contingent in the demonstration carried a banner that read, "Stop Apartheid in Chicago: End racism in housing, jobs, and education."

ANTI-NAZI MARCH BLOCKED

As more than 2,000 anti-Nazis gathered on 71st Street today to march to the park, they were met by a cordon of police lined six-deep to block their way. In an attempt to circle the police line, the demonstration marched to 67th Street and under a viaduct but met with a similar cordon. The crowd pushed up against the

police lines shouting, "Say no to racism. Nazis must go," and "The cops protect the Nazis." At one point, police on top of the viaduct began to drop rocks down on the people below, hitting several demonstrators.

One factor that made the demonstration even more tense was the presence of the so-called Jewish Defense League. This racist, fascist group was welcomed into the coalition that sponsored the demonstration by a group calling itself the Equal Rights Congress (ERC). Not only did they work with the JDL, but they also issued them official march security badges.

It should be remembered that the JDL began in New York City not in any legitimate struggle against oppression but as a vigilante group of thugs who went around beating up Black and Latin people who ventured into some areas in Brooklyn. This is not unlike the role of the Nazis in Marquette Park. The complete bankruptcy of the ERC policy of unity with fascists was exposed yesterday evening at a pre-march rally in the Black community. The JDL there attacked and tried to beat up a Black man for distributing a leaflet that voiced opposition to the state of Israel. He was only rescued by a group of anti-racists in the crowd.

At that same meeting, Willie Hill, a coordinator of Chicago Parents Against Racist Violence, expressed the rage felt in the Black community against racist violence. Referring to the power structure he said, "Every war has two sides. If you can use violence of every type against us, what do you expect us to do? If you can live in splendor, do you expect us to go along? No! If we can't live decently, if we can't have justice, then you can't have peace."

Not surprisingly, the Nazis claimed their demonstration today to be a triumph. They learned again that they can count on the armed power of the state to protect them as they incite murder. They were able to use the media again to spread their racist, anti-Semitic garbage.

But July 9 had another lesson, too. In spite of all the government attempts to intimidate people from demonstrating, nearly 3,000 anti-Nazis mobilized to oppose the fewer than two dozen Nazis. Only the massive police cordon kept the Nazis from being crushed.

—Uranium

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like the one between Gulf and Westinghouse cannot possibly be settled economically within the tightly controlled market, and so the battle becomes a political one to be settled by the ruling class as a whole represented by the courts.

This is the tendency of the conflicts of the huge monopolies, whose centralized and concentrated economic antagonisms can only be resolved by the concentrated economics of politics. The Gulf-Westinghouse struggle will undoubtedly be settled peacefully, because the U.S. ruling class will not tolerate a conflict if it becomes too disruptive and threatens class rule.

But when the conflict is between the ruling class of the U.S. and another nation, the threat of military force inevitably comes into play. The profit-system is based on expansion, which drives it constantly towards war. The more monopolized the imperialist economy becomes, the more it comes to depend on war as the only way to resolve its internal conflicts.

Behind the Shcharansky case

By SAM MARCY

JULY 11—There are at least two significant aspects of the most recent anti-Soviet drive by U.S. finance capital which are not likely to get any attention in the capitalist press in any recognizable form.

The first one has to do with the so-called question of "who is the real aggressor," who is really responsible for the deterioration in U.S.-Soviet relations.

In the eyes of the imperialist monopolies, the Soviet Union "violated the code of detente," as Brzezinski put it, by giving strong support to both Angola and Ethiopia in their struggle against imperialism and for their liberation from the predatory economic and political domination of U.S. monopoly capitalism.

This is the main point in the eyes of the Pentagon, the White House, and the State Department. Let there be no mistake about that.

WASHINGTON'S VIEW OF "DETENTE"

There seems to be a belief in certain quarters of the ruling capitalist establishment that the Soviet Union, and for that matter all socialist countries, are supposed to limit themselves to domestic affairs and leave the rest of the planet to the ravages of the multi-national corporations headed by the U.S. (Of course, no such agreement can be found in public documents of any sort.)

Africa, you see, is one of those "special preserves" where the special relationship of the imperialist countries to the African continent, with that special type of super-exploitation of the masses known as neo-colonialism, is supposed to continue in perpetuity.

Should the African masses take destiny into their own hands and, in order to promote their own goals, elicit material, political, and military support from the Soviet Union in order to effectuate their liberation from the yoke of finance capital, that is considered subversion on the part of the African masses, not to speak of their leaders. And needless to say, should the Soviet Union render such timely support, it is seen as thereby breaking the "code of detente."

This is the nub of the issue. This is the immediate cause of the growing tensions between imperialism and the Soviet Union, along with other lesser factors, of course. It need scarcely be stated that Cuba is cast in the same role.

The foreign policy goal of U.S. imperialism, and of imperialism in general, is and always has been not only to force the USSR and all other socialist countries to abandon their progressive role in supporting liberation struggles abroad, but also to force them to abandon any progressive role in foreign affairs in general. That, however, is only one aim of imperialism. The other one is to subvert the socialist governments altogether, to promote counter-revolutionary struggles, and to overturn what, at least until a decade ago, was called the socialist camp.

To help liberation struggles is thus subversive in the eyes of imperialism. And promoting such subversion calls for punitive measures. On the other hand, those who help Mobutu, Pinochet, Siad Barre, or Sadat are clearly friendly and show a "parallel interest" with imperialism.

The Shcharansky case has to be viewed in this light. The whole so-called dissident movement is so

outrageously pro-imperialist that it is difficult to conceive how any genuinely progressive elements in the West or elsewhere in the world can continue to show an interest in it.

The reason why the Shcharansky and Ginzburg cases have picked up such wild orgies of imperialist lies does not rest in the cases in and of themselves. It lies in punitive measures taken by imperialism which to date have not "brought Moscow to heel," not even the series of provocations in the Soviet Union carried out by U.S. correspondents.

There was, for example, the arrest of Soviet UN personnel in the U.S. last month without cause. The Soviet Union retaliated with the arrest of F. Jay Crawford, a middle-level management agent of the International Harvester Company whose job was to service International Harvester equipment in the USSR. He was charged with violating socialist legality by engaging in illegal practices in foreign currency.

This was important. The International Harvester Company has sold about \$300 million worth of equipment to the USSR. The president of the company is regarded as one friendly toward detente and a promoter of normal trade and commercial relations between the U.S. and the USSR. He serves on the Board of the U.S.-USSR Trade Council.

THEORY BEHIND U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS

The theory behind the so-called moderate wing of U.S. finance capital, said to be championed by Kissinger when he was in office and by others in and out of office, is that creating an intricate web of social, cultural, political, and especially economic relations with the USSR would make it impossible in the long run for the USSR to extricate itself from economic dependence on the U.S. and on imperialism in general. From this would follow not only political and economic influence which would accrue to American finance capital, but the reopening of the era of "liberal economic reforms" in the USSR—a stepping stone towards capitalist restoration.

This is so, in their view, because the capitalist mode of production is still the predominant one on the planet and they reckon that the technological superiority of the advanced capitalist countries (which, however, is being narrowed with each passing day) will ultimately predominate over the USSR. Their position, they claim, has been bolstered by the development of the sharp conflict between China and the USSR.

This is a sort of crude caricature of Marxist economic methodology. The technological advantage of the imperialist world is a temporary and conjunctural one, and will be negated by the potentialities inherent in the nascent socialist system as against the disintegrating imperialist system.

But even given the present conjuncture, when the imperialist powers still maintain dominance over the greater portion of the planet despite the tremendous advances in the socialist countries, their technological advantage will not prove decisive. To say otherwise merely reflects the needs of bourgeois historiography, and totally leaves out and dismisses the creative role of the masses in history.

Even when capitalism represented a relatively progressive social system as against feudalism,

the bourgeoisie did not win power from the feudal lords solely on the basis of the development of technology. It is very well known that the bourgeoisie enlisted the masses, especially the peasant masses, against the feudal lords in the struggle to seize political power (only to betray them at a later date). Of course, the productive forces were decisive in the long run in the struggle between ancient slavery vs. feudalism and feudalism vs. the bourgeois mode of production, but nowhere did the new ruling class triumph solely on the basis of an automatic development of the productive forces with the masses relegated to a merely schematic and passive role.

Today the capitalist mode of production, while enjoying a technological level built up over centuries and centuries of development, hinders the rational use of the means of production even in the advanced imperialist countries while strangling any independent economic development in the vast super-exploited areas of the world. Understanding only too well the depth of the economic crisis plaguing their system, with its intractable unemployment and depressed markets, the capitalist rulers are preparing for war with the rising socialist system which, despite its problems, has clearly shown its superiority based on a harmonized and planned economy.

But it is the role of the masses—driven by the forces of capitalist economic crisis, of unemployment and imperialist war—that will prove decisive in this contest. The very conditions created by

"A primary objective of the Carter administration in focusing attention on the Shcharansky case is to divert attention away from the repression of oppressed people not only in Crown Heights but in Chicago and Houston and elsewhere throughout the length and breadth of this land."

capitalist crisis will inevitably loosen the hold of this decadent moribund ruling class over the masses and enable them to enter the arena of struggle as a decisive force.

ECONOMIC VS. MILITARY WAR

The hard-liners in the U.S., of course, especially among the military, look with disdain upon the theory advanced by the so-called moderates and point to its collapse in the years following Khrushchev's demise.

At any rate, the demarcation line between hard-liners and moderates is not clear-cut and in times of crisis becomes blurred, with the moderates turning out to be advocates of economic warfare against the USSR merely as part and parcel of an overall strategy of imperialist subversion. The hard-liners, too, are for economic warfare, but they see it as a preliminary instrument for the military struggle.

It was reckoned by the so-called moderates that the arrest of Soviet diplomatic personnel and the provocations by the imperialist correspondents in the USSR, with their false stories and their role as intermediaries between the CIA and the dissidents, would go by the board without retaliation by the USSR. The USSR, however, not only retaliated against the reporters and their malicious propaganda, but it delivered a blow to the so-called moderates by arresting the International Har-



F. Jay Crawford, an official of the International Harvester Company arrested in the Soviet Union for black marketeering in currency. His arrest confounds the theory of those "moderate" imperialists who thought they could force the Soviet Union to swallow a lot in exchange for economic relations with the U.S.

vester agent who, it is virtually certain, was violating Soviet foreign exchange laws.

In doing so the USSR demonstrated that it was not fearful of losing even such a helpful economic tie as International Harvester. It further demonstrated that the "intricate web" of economic relations is a two-way street.

While the International Har-

vester Company confined itself to making a pro forma protest, it is interesting to note that thus far, at least, the U.S. government has not cancelled the U.S.-Soviet grain contract nor taken any other economic sanctions.

(It is to be remembered that the Ford administration at one point did cut grain exports to the USSR. It was in part a calculated hostile measure against the Soviet Union, but it may also have been based on the Ford administration's fear that in the upcoming election the Democrats would be able to use the issue of galloping food prices against him, and would blame the rise in prices on his failure to cut the USSR's grain quota. Right now, however, the giant agribusinesses seem to be only too glad to have the USSR as a customer.)

Even the Jacksons and Moynihans have confined themselves, at least as of today, to vitriolic political denunciations, demagogically playing on the supposed anti-Semitic aspects of the Shcharansky case, but they have not gone beyond demands for a suspension of the SALT talks.

SALT TALKS

These, of course, are extremely important not only to the USSR and the U.S. but for the rest of the world. Secretary of State Vance was probably more correct than he realized when he said at his press conference yesterday that "this issue [SALT] must be treated differently from others and should be addressed on a continuing basis

with the highest priority" because these talks deal with the possibility of the "mutual annihilation" of both sides.

The fact that he said this amidst a rising chorus of demands from the hard-liners that the talks be cancelled is in itself significant, even if Vance's conciliatory approach is a mere cover for the far rightists who seem to have the upper hand in the Carter administration and growing support in the capitalist press and media.

The point then is this: unlike what the ruling class had anticipated, namely that the USSR leadership would cave in under the unbridled assault by U.S. imperialism, the Soviet government seems to have weathered the crisis thus far with a fair degree of equanimity and without any sign of capitulation. Moreover, it seems to be on stronger ground than during the negotiations with the U.S. to remove Washington's trade ban restrictions against the USSR.

At that time the forces of militarism and reaction, headed by Senator Henry Jackson in the Senate and Representative Charles Vanik in the House, were able to ram through the so-called Jackson Amendment which, if accepted by the USSR, would have been a capitulation by the Soviet leadership to the unwarranted demands of the U.S. imperialists. It would have given the U.S. ruling class a license to interfere in the internal affairs of the Soviet Union by eliciting from the USSR a promise in writing on such serious matters as those pertaining to the migration of Soviet citizens.

Insofar as the Carter administration's brinksmanship is concerned, the diplomatic, political, and economic offensive it has taken against the USSR has thus far failed in its objective. It has not brought Moscow "to heel." So the ruling class deems it all the more necessary to fan the flames in the capitalist press on the so-called human rights issue.

Imperialism's calculations on the Shcharansky case are likely to prove no more potent than in the case of Solzhenitsyn. For while the Solzhenitsyn campaign started off with a bang with his publication of the **Gulag Archipelago**, he now stands unmasked not merely as a clerical reactionary and obscurantist, but as a fascist to boot.

The fact that Harvard University invited him to make this year's commencement address indicates how low this citadel of imperialist learning has sunk and that the U.S. ruling class's regard for him is really just as a spare wheel to be dragged out whenever the general anti-Soviet hysteria goes flat.

MUST RESIST ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN

The other aspect of the Shcharansky case is that, regardless of its outcome, there is bound to be a continuing and rising anti-Soviet wave propelled by the governing summits of American finance capital. The need to resist this tide becomes more urgent, and not just out of considerations for abstract truth in relation to the Soviet Union. It is an urgent need of the broad masses of the American working class and the oppressed, because the mechanics of imperialist lies and slanders facilitate the oppression and exploitation of the broad mass of the American people, especially the oppressed. This is what has to be kept in mind.

On the day that President

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People's Albania rebukes leaders of China, rallies behind Vietnam

By ANDY STAPP

JULY 10—On June 24 Zeri I Popullit, the leading newspaper of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania printed an important editorial expressing support for Vietnam in its current dispute with China.

"Three years have gone by since the time when the people of Vietnam won their great victory over the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their hated servants," the editorial began. It continued:

"The whole of the military, economic, and political potential of U.S. imperialism was used to bring to their knees and subjugate the heroic Vietnamese people. Over 6 million Americans took part directly or indirectly in this barbarous adventure.

"The United States of America spent in Vietnam more than \$145 billion dollars.

RESPECT FOR VIETNAMESE

"The Vietnamese people met the ferocities, barbarisms, and trickeries of U.S. imperialism with their ardent patriotism, with their unflinching determination to fight, with their steel-like will to come out victorious.

"The Vietnamese people enjoy the admiration, honor, respect, and sympathy of all the peoples of the world for all these sacrifices and heroisms, for this great and

glorious contribution they have made to the struggle of all the other freedom-loving peoples who have risen against the aggressive policy of the imperialists."

Then, in an obvious reference to the threats that the Chinese leaders have made against Vietnam, the Zeri I Popullit editorial continued:

"The one who has no respect and gratitude for these superhuman sacrifices ought to be condemned.

"The armed clashes on the Vietnamese-Cambodian border, stirred up by foreigners (China has backed Cambodia in this dispute—W.W.) which have brought about many victims so far, hindered the constructive peace work which had just begun in Indochina.

"All the friends of Vietnam, among whom are also the Albanian people, regretfully noticed that the Vietnamese-Cambodian disagreements, instead of being solved in the spirit of friendship, mutual understanding, and interest, became still more complicated as a result of foreign interference.

"The Albanian people have stood and stand for the position that the two neighboring countries and peoples, who have fought together against imperialism and the same enemies, interrupt any

action which infringes on the interests of the two nations, the revolutions, and their freedom and solve their disagreements on the road of friendly talks.

"Vietnam," the editorial adds, "has its own political and ideological views. This is its own affair. But we defend the rights of the people of Vietnam. No one has the right to exert pressure and threats on them.

"Those who choose such methods and do not accept sitting at the round table for the solution of disagreements which may arise between the neighboring countries, are not right.

VIETNAMESE NEVER INTIMIDATED

"Now," concludes the editorial, "the Vietnamese people are faced with new and great difficulties. But they have never been intimidated and subdued before by difficulties and pressures. Those who stand loyal to proletarian internationalism consider as their duty the assistance and support which must be given to the Vietnamese people..."

This statement of support for Vietnam is particularly significant, especially since Albania has been a longtime friend of China, and in fact in 1971 was the sponsor in the UN General Assembly of the resolution that won recognition for China against the Taiwan fascists.



Protestors outside a U.S. government building in Puerto Rico demand political prisoners still in U.S. jails.

Demonstrators in Puerto Rico 'Free the Four Nationalist'

By P. MEISNER

JULY 5—Hundreds of demonstrators picketed the U.S. colonial Federal Building in San Juan last night to demand the immediate and unconditional release of the four Puerto Rican Nationalist political prisoners still in U.S. jails today.

The protest was sponsored by

the National Committee for the Freedom of the Nationalist Prisoners and included the participation of several progressive and independentist organizations, such as the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP) and the Popular Socialist Movement (MSP).

The four Nationalists still incarcerated are Oscar Collazo, Lolita Lebron, Irvin Flores, and Rafael Cancel Miranda. Their "crime" was to dramatize before the world the colonial enslavement of their country by attacking the temporary White House and Congress in 1950 and 1954, respectively. A fifth prisoner, Andres Figueroa Cordero, was released last fall by Carter only because Figueroa was stricken with terminal cancer.

The demonstration in San Juan also exposed the hypocrisy of the U.S. colonial masters and their puppets for celebrating the independence of the U.S. in San Juan with a Pentagon-sponsored military parade, while Puerto Rico remains an outright colony of Washington and Wall Street.

Earlier in the day, two Puerto Ricans seized the Chilean consulate in San Juan also in

N. Korean official: Pak proposal a sham



Ambassador Han Si Hae [right] of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the UN on July 6. W.W. photo: Paddy

By PADDY COLLIGAN

UNITED NATIONS, July 6—The recent proposal for economic collaboration between the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK) and south Korea is nothing more than a "ridiculous political burlesque," Ambassador Han Si Hae of the DPRK said here today.

The ambassador was commenting on a proposal made June 23 by the south Korean puppet dictator Pak Jung Hi, for the establishment of a "consultative body for the promotion of north-south economic cooperation."

Ambassador Han questioned the sincerity of the economic cooperation proposal in light of the heightened military threats to the socialist DPRK presented by the huge military buildup and large scale war maneuvers held this year in the south.

"If true north-south economic cooperation is to be promoted in our country, they must desist from the act of depending on foreign forces—United States and Japan," Ambassador Han said. "If they want economic cooperation really for reunification," he continued, "they must stop the fascist suppression of the patriotic forces in south Korea desirous of reunification, abandon their anti-communist policy against us, and take the position of promoting greater national unity."

INCREASE OF U.S. TROOPS

Carter's campaign pledge for a "phased troop withdrawal" from south Korea has actually provided the cover for shipping huge quantities of advanced military systems to south Korea. There has been a net increase of 881 U.S. troops stationed in Korea this year over the figure at the end of last year.

Rather than working to reduce

north-south tensions in Korea, the supposed basis for the huge war preparations, a steady flow of top U.S. military and defense establishment figures has been visiting Korea over the year-and-a-half that Carter has been president. While in Korea, these visitors tour the Military Demarcation Line, examine the attacking postures of the frontline units, and hold secret talks with the Pak Jung Hi regime.

The so-called five-day war plan and the nine-day operation plan for Korea were confirmed and elaborated this year by U.S. officials. The nine-day plan has been graphically described by a former "joint" U.S.-south Korean commander as a "nine-day strategy of hard strike to destroy the enemy at the initial stage of war... paralyzing the maneuverability" by "five-days of saturation bombing" and "annihilation of the main forces by four days of ground operation."

The newest twists to the south Korean "defense" plans includes the "emergency mobilization plan" which is to bring up to 100,000 U.S. Army and Navy personnel from outside Korea into a war on short notice.

NUCLEAR WAR THREAT

An "emergency plan for nuclear war" has also been drawn up for Korea. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who often plays the dove of the Carter administration flatly stated last month that the "U.S. will allow the use of nuclear weapons against north Korea."

It is war preparations like these and the staggering foreign debt of over \$10 billion of the southern half of Korea that put into question the seriousness of the U.S.-backed Pak Jung Hi regime to develop the means for economic cooperation between the divided halves of Korea.

Imperialist parley in W. Germany protested by anti-nuke activists

JULY 7—As Western European politicians discussed finances in Bremen, West Germany, hundreds of anti-nuclear power demonstrators marched outside the city hall building yesterday.

The European Common Market countries were holding a preparatory meeting for the summit of the seven most powerful imperialist countries scheduled for July 16-17 in Bonn to discuss the capitalist world crisis.

According to today's Wall Street Journal, the demonstrators "underscored one of the obstacles

to more rapid German growth: environmentalist objections to nuclear power plants." With this statement the Wall Street Journal underscored the concern of the capitalist for profits before safety for working people.

The anti-nuclear movement in West Germany is not only environmentalist in character. Participants are also motivated by the desire to stop the nuclear armament of West Germany, and see the construction of nuclear power plants as a stepping-stone to nuclear arms for imperialist West Germany.

Developments

Masses aid victims of Wollo drought

The revolutionary Ethiopian government and mass organizations are working together to bring relief to thousands of people in the Wollo region whose crops have been destroyed by drought and locusts. This year's drought in the area has been extremely serious, and relief work has of course been hampered by Ethiopia's need to divert a good part of its energies and resources to defense against the Somali invasion in the East and the secessionist war in the North.

While many tons of food have been brought into the affected area from other parts of Ethiopia, distribution in a countryside with few paved roads is a major part of the problem. This is where the mass organizations come in. In Alamata district, for example, 16 peasants' associations prepared 560 pack animals to ferry relief aid to areas where roads have not yet



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Photo: Claridad/Rafael Martin

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solidarity with the imprisoned Nationalists. They subsequently held officials of Chile's fascist junta captive for 20 hours before surrendering to police authorities. The two demanded that the U.S. government on this day, July 4, free the Nationalist prisoners.

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT GROWING

Meanwhile, international support for the four imprisoned Nationalists continues to grow. Last month, hundreds of progressives in Paris demonstrated for the release of the Nationalist prisoners. The demonstration was called by the French Committee in Solidarity with the Puerto Rican people.

Also, Andres Figueroa Cordero will be the official guest of honor at the Eleventh World Festival of Youth and Students in Havana, Cuba, which begins on July 28.

On July 22, a demonstration, called by the East Coast Committee to Free the Four Nationalists, will take place in Washington commemorating the 80th anniversary of the U.S. invasion and occupation of Puerto Rico.

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been paved.

Funds have been collected at special events organized by kebeles (urban dwellers' associations) and workers' groups. Workers of the Wollo Transport Agency recently collected about \$9,000 in relief aid for the drought victims.

The response of the revolutionary government contrasts sharply to that of the reactionary feudal-bourgeois regime of Haile Selassie. Nearly 200,000 people in Wollo died of famine in 1973-74 because the monarchy did nothing about that earlier drought, trying instead to cover up the seriousness of the situation.

Railroad to Djibouti reopened

The rail line from Addis Ababa to Djibouti has been fully reopened just one year after it was cut by Somali sappers. The reopening of Ethiopia's only railroad to the sea will be of great benefit to the Ethiopian economy which is being reorganized on a socialist basis.

As Israelis gear for aggression in Lebanon

Soviets warn Carter gov't on Yemen

By JOYCE CHEDIAC BETRIES

JULY 12—Last week the Soviet Union came to the defense of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (PDRY), presently under attack from U.S. imperialism through neighboring reactionary regimes. On July 5, the Soviet news agency TASS issued the following statement affirming support for the PDRY, which is also known as South Yemen.

"The forces of imperialism and reaction are trying to do again in South Yemen what they succeeded at in Zaire: a military intervention under the false slogan of resistance to a mythical Soviet-Cuban interference. It isn't necessary to say how grave the consequences would be of an armed intervention against Democratic Yemen. It is not alone and the progressive forces will not abandon it under pressure."

In addition, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) affirmed support for the PDRY. Yasser Abdel Rabbo, spokesman for this organization, said in Beirut last week that the PLO "stands together with all Arab progressive forces on the side of Democratic Yemen against imperialism and reaction."

The PDRY just recently foiled a counter-revolutionary coup attempt by a grouping that sought to ally itself with Saudi reaction and U.S. imperialism and that was also opposed to the PDRY's staunch support for the Ethiopian Revolution.

When this coup attempt failed, Washington, waiting in the wings, switched to a new tactic aimed at destroying the progressive government in Aden. The Jordanian newspaper *el-Rai* (Opinion) said on Tuesday that a Cairo meeting of pro-U.S. Arab regimes convened after the right-wing coup in Aden failed decided not only to boycott the PDRY (as has been previously reported), but also to secretly set up an alliance of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, and other pro-U.S. Arab regimes specifically to wage struggle against the PDRY and other progressive Arab states. As a result, the PDRY was threatened by the amassing of Iranian and reactionary Arab

troops on its borders (Iranian forces in neighboring Oman have U.S. and British "advisors"), by the seizing of two villages by North Yemen, and by the appearance of the U.S. spy ship *Blarney* in the area.

A PDRY spokesman said last week that his government recaptured the villages seized by North Yemen and warned that if the reactionary regimes, particularly Saudi Arabia, aggress upon the PDRY, it will seek the aid of friendly states.

SUPPORTS ETHIOPIA, PALESTINIANS

The PDRY is under attack because it firmly supports both the Palestinian liberation struggle and the Ethiopian Revolution—both arch enemies of U.S. imperialism and Arab reaction. Strategically located at the mouth of the Red Sea and across from the Horn of Africa, the PDRY has been besieged as Ethiopia's only firm diplomatic ally in a pro-imperialist sea of countries most of which are financed by the U.S. through Saudi Arabia.

Besides serving the interests of the Pentagon, the unstable Saudi regime also has its own reasons to fear the PDRY. For the progressive measures taken by workers in Southern Yemen, such as the formation of women's associations and trade unions, might inspire Saudi workers to do the same.

U.S. IMPERIALISM'S AGGRESSIVE POLICY

The attacks against the PDRY as well as recent U.S.-backed Israeli threats against Lebanon are part and parcel of Washington's continued aggressive policy in the Middle East.

This aggression was helped along by Sadat's capitulation last

November to Israel and the U.S. in what masquerades in the big business press here as his "peace" initiative.

At that time, in order to avoid an Israeli confrontation on his own borders, Sadat (representing a compradore Egyptian bourgeoisie captive to the U.S.-based transnational corporations and banks) betrayed the Palestinian liberation struggle and entered into separate negotiations with the Israeli aggressors. This conspiracy, led by the U.S., emboldened all reactionary forces in the area and gave the Israelis a military-strategic advantage in the deployment of their forces against the Palestine liberation movement on the other Arab borders.

Continuing this anti-Arab offensive, Israel this past Thursday went to the very brink of another Mideast war with Syrian forces in Lebanon. Israeli jets streaked low over Beirut, Israeli troops were mobilized at the Lebanese border and the Golan Heights, and the Israeli navy conducted activities all along the Lebanese coast as a warning to the Assad regime to cease military operations against the Lebanese fascists.

The bourgeois Damascus regime, pushed to the left by Sadat's betrayal and the deflection of Israeli forces in its direction, wants to make sure that the Lebanese fascists, who are allied with Israel and seeking to partition Lebanon, don't get the upper hand. Israel, on its part, does not want unstable Lebanon to become anti-imperialist.

(The Syrian government has made a complete reversal from its position of two years ago. In 1976, afraid that the joint anti-imperialist forces of the Palestinians and the Lebanese National Movement might inspire

revolution in Syria, the Assad regime united with the U.S., Israel, the Lebanese fascists, and the Egyptian and Saudi regimes and sent troops into Lebanon against the progressive forces.)

MASSES WILL DETERMINE FUTURE OF MIDEAST

Meanwhile, Sadat's latest "peace" plan has the embarrassing distinction of having been twice rejected by Israel, once before it was even formally submitted. And the continued "peace" meetings, such as the one between the governments of the U.S., Egypt, and Israel planned for London later this month, are the most feeble attempts to give the appearance of progress when, in fact, there is nothing left to discuss. For the U.S. and Israel, its military outpost in that part of the world, have shown themselves completely unwilling to make any concessions and are really hell-bent on more aggression against the Arab nation.

However, Washington is playing with fire in the Mideast. The Israeli invasion of Lebanon last March aimed at destroying the PLO did not succeed, and actually created a revolutionary situation once again in that country. The Sadat betrayal has forced the Syrian government, though bourgeois, to support the cause of Palestinian liberation for reasons of its own self-interest. Even within Israel there is a movement growing against the Begin government's intransigence. And the Pentagon's most recent attempts to undermine the progressive government of the PDRY are proving unsuccessful. No matter how long the shadow of the U.S. Sixth Fleet as it prowls the Mediterranean, the historic tide is with the people of the Middle East.

Ethiopian students perform in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen at a festival of revolutionary solidarity.
Photo: Ethiopian Herald



Ethiopia's only other outlets to the sea, the ports of Assab and Massawa, are in Eritrea province and have been threatened by the secessionist war there financed by Arab reaction and the NATO imperialists.

People's Yemen holds day of solidarity with Ethiopia

The Yemeni National Youth Festival, which was held in late June as preparation for the 11th World Festival of Youth and Students, dedicated the third day of its proceedings as Solidarity Day with the People and Youth of Ethiopia. A delegation from Ethiopia presented the South Yemeni youth organizers with an emblem symbolizing the common front of the Ethiopian Marxist-Leninist organizations striving for the formation of a working class party through struggle. The Democratic Peoples Republic of Yemen has defied the reactionary Arab League and been a staunch supporter of the Ethiopian Revolution.

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Polish-Soviet space mission a historic feat



The world's first woman cosmonaut, Valentina Tereshkova. Tereshkova is not merely a heroic woman, she also represents the achievements of a socialist country. By uprooting capitalism the Russian Revolution struck a mortal blow against the foundations of women's oppression.

By EDDIE YOOD

JULY 5—The Polish-Soviet Soyuz 30 space team returned safely to earth today, ending an eight-day mission that included history's third double-docking of cosmonaut-piloted space vehicles. This maneuver of docking two space capsules with an orbiting space station has been accomplished only by the socialist countries.

It represents a tremendous technological achievement for the Soviet Union, which 60 years ago was a nation of wooden huts, mud roads, and vast desert wastes.

SOVIET MILESTONES IN SPACE

Col. Pyotr Klimuk of the Soviet Union and Major Miroslaw Hermaszewski of Poland (the first Polish astronaut to fly in space) were launched into space on June 27 and the following day linked up with two Soyuz 29 cosmonauts who were aboard the Salyut 6 space laboratory on a long-term mission begun on June 17. The Soyuz 30 cosmonauts obtained the results of a week of scientific, medical, metallurgical, and photographic experiments, as well as personal mail from the Soyuz 29 Cosmonauts intended for delivery to their families at home.

Soviet sources in Moscow said that this week the second automatic unpowered supply ship, Progress 2, a robot space capsule bearing fresh supplies of food, oxygen, fuel, filter devices, and clothing, might be launched toward a docking with Salyut 6. The first such ship, Progress 1, had docked with Salyut 6 in January, and the supplies it carried allowed two other Soviet Cosmonauts, Lieut. Yuri Romanenko and Georgi Grechko, to set a new world's record of 96 days for human space flight.

women into space, are testimony to the superiority of socialist planning over anarchic capitalist production.

They should be distinguished from American space achievements carried out by NASA, an appendage of U.S. imperialism's predatory military machine. It should be remembered that another U.S. technological gain, the plumbing of the depths of the atom, led to the world's only genocidal nuclear bombing at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The relatively little publicity received here for the Soviet-Polish space mission cannot diminish its significance as another sign of the preeminence of a planned economy, which alone puts science and technology to use not for profit, plunder, and war, but for the benefit of all humanity.

SUPERIORITY OF PLANNED ECONOMY

These milestones for Soviet technology, which launched the space age in 1957 with the first satellite, Sputnik 1, followed four years later with the first human space flight, and later sent the first

—Shcharansky case

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Carter again took it upon himself to defend Shcharansky and thereby turn the spotlight of the capitalist media on the USSR, on that very same day, July 3, the capitalist press was totally silent on an appeal made by the Ambassador of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), Dramane Quattara, on behalf of the victims of racism in the United States. Only the Challenge, a Black daily newspaper in Brooklyn, published the ambassador's press release.

In it, he specifically denounced vigilante terror against Black people in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, and likened the police murder of Arthur Miller to the murder of Stephen Biko in South Africa. He said that before the U. S. goes preaching about "human rights" abroad, it ought to first "clean the dirty steps in front of its own door."

A primary objective of the Carter administration in focusing attention on the Shcharansky case is to divert attention away from the repression of oppressed people not only in Crown Heights but in Chicago and Houston and elsewhere throughout the length and breadth of this land. It is also the purpose of the Carter administration to divert attention away from such significant civil rights cases as the Wilmington Ten, Imani, and Dessie Woods, from the seemingly endless repression of the Latin communities, and from renewed attacks against Native peoples.

Persistent, intractable unemployment, galloping inflation, and the utter unwillingness of the ruling establishment to deal even in a minimal way with the great hardships forced on the mass of the population by sharp cuts in vital life-preserving social services make it all the more imperative to focus the spotlight on the home front. As the havoc and devastation which the system of capitalist exploitation has brought about continually deepen, the ruling class must not be permitted to divert the attention of the masses, especially of the vanguard elements of the working class in this country, nor to channel their attention and saturate them ideologically as preparation for foreign imperialist war adventures dangerous to all humanity.

The masses can be mobilized against imperialism, and on a working class basis. And it hardly need be stated that the people in

the socialist countries, the Soviet Union in particular, long ago showed their mettle when faced with imperialist attack—as even Carter had to admit in his warlike talk at Annapolis.

—Anti-Soviet propaganda

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caught lying in an espionage or subversion case. Eisenhower's denial that the U-2 shot down deep inside the USSR in 1960 was a spy plane (until the pilot, Francis Gary Powers turned up alive and spilled the beans) is only one of the more notorious episodes.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Only a few weeks ago, the New York Times (June 13) carried the following item: "The Soviet newspaper Izvestia said today that an American woman assigned to the United States Embassy here had been arrested last July as she planted a cache of spy equipment on a bridge over the Moscow river."

"The packet," the Times continued, "containing miniature cameras, gold, Soviet currency, and written instructions, was hidden inside a hollowed-out stone for pickup later by a Soviet citizen working for the Central Intelligence Agency, Izvestia said."

The Times article concluded, "Administration officials in Washington had no formal comment today on the Izvestia report, but they said privately that Miss Peterson, 33 years old, was a CIA employee who had used the United States Embassy in Moscow as a cover."

And that, in essence, is the charge against Shcharansky: that he worked for U.S. CIA agents operating out of the embassy in Moscow. The U.S. press has admitted that his roommate was a CIA agent. The roommate, Dr. Lipavsky, has named Shcharansky as a fellow spy. The U.S. press has admitted that the CIA runs an espionage and sabotage network out of the American embassy in Moscow. The New York Times (July 12) even concedes that Los Angeles Times reporter Robert C. Toth had, in June 1977 been given classified scientific data by a Soviet citizen "introduced to Mr. Toth by Mr. Shcharansky." The prosecution in the Shcharansky trial has named Toth as a U.S. CIA agent. In February, 1976 the House Select Committee on In-

telligence of the U.S. Congress issued a report citing "the CIA's use of the world media for cover and for clandestine information gathering." More than 800 newspapers and public information organizations were involved, including Newsweek, The New York Times, the AP, the UPI, and others. Shcharansky's guilt or innocence will be decided in court, but there is obviously ample evidence to justify bringing him to trial.

ACTED AS BAGMAN

Separate from Shcharansky, another Soviet court is trying Aleksandr Ginzburg on a charge of subversion. Even today's New York Times admits that Ginzburg has been receiving "money donated by Aleksandr I Solzhenitsyn." Solzhenitsyn is of course a virtual fascist, a man Henry Kissinger once described as "to the right of the Czar." Taking secret funds for the purpose of spreading subversion is illegal in the Soviet Union as it is in all other countries.

There is no doubt that the Carter administration and the big business elements that back it are using the Shcharansky case to orchestrate an anti-Soviet crusade in this country as a cover for the war build-up going on over at the Pentagon. An editorial appearing in today's Wall Street Journal, ostensibly dealing with Shcharansky and Ginzburg, expends most of its words ranting against Angola, Ethiopia, People's Yemen, and Afghanistan and denouncing the USSR for extending aid to these countries. The editorial concludes that Carter "should get about such business as reversing the decision postponing the neutron warhead, building a covert capability for the CIA, and accelerating the development of the cruise missile."

And marching in lockstep with the military brass, the U.S. Senate yesterday passed a bill authorizing the Pentagon to spend \$36 billion for new arms, including \$1.9 billion for a fifth nuclear-powered

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aircraft carrier. The anti-Soviet propaganda being generated around the cases of Shcharansky and Ginzburg cannot really be

understood without seeing it in the context of this growing drive toward war by the U.S. government.



Prison product rip-off

I am writing to you in regards to products which are being sold to inmates that are donated or are samples. For instances safeguard soap which is being sold to us here at the price of twenty cents. The size of the bar is 2 1/2 oz.

Well a Ms. Joan Rolf of Procter and Gamble consumer services stated in a letter to me that the size wrapper I sent to her is a sample size bar of soap that the sizes sold are 3.5 oz. 5.0 oz. and 7.0 oz.

Therefore it is apparent something is wrong and has been for quite some time because this soap has been sold to inmates here for years and there are other items: crosses, caps and sneakers that my committee has reason to believe are donated. The Inspector General and Special Prosecutor has been notified of this. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely yours,
Stephen Frazer

Attica, NY

From a Warrior

Like I received that most wanted and heavy "Weapon" today the Newspaper, and like it was really together, and very interesting, and thank, and give our greeting and Peace to all of the stand up "Warriors," tell them to Keep on Pushing for all of us "P.O.W.", the fight must go on Comrade. So like take care, and hang real loose. In Struggle. "Ko-Jo" Frank Gaskins, Leavenworth, KS

'We are not alone'

I have been receiving this paper for about 6 months, and it has been very informative, like the stories on JoAnne Little, the Wilmington 10, Prop 13 et al.

This month, I took special interest in the Prisoners Section. And I see that we here at the Arizona State Prison are not alone in our crisis.

We have been experiencing some trouble here, when I say we, I mean the Black population, we

have been dealing with Racism in it's most highest form, there have been stabbings of Blacks and also it has left one Dead.

The officers have been siding along with this reactionary faction, and it is becoming harder to deal with.

Also I would like to thank you for the book lists that appear in each new issue, and I have utilized it.

Yours always in struggle,
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Prison transfer won!

June 16, 1978

To all those who took the interest and time to help Brother Pedro Bennett, the Virgin Islands prisoner who was uprooted from his native land 8 years ago to be confined in the hell-holes of america's federal prisons, I would like to thank all of you for Bro. Pedro. He has won repatriation! Bro. Pedro, while at Marion (new alcatraz) during the most intense periods of struggle of the Marion Brothers against the k-9 administration, was an active and spiritizing participant, regardless of the consequences. He stood on human principles. He is truly a Beautiful Brother!

Today, June 16th, 1978, the 8 years of hardship and struggle by Bro. Pedro and the good folks out there and inside too who struggled with him in his determined fight to be returned to a prison in his native Virgin Islands, to be re-united with family and Loved Ones and cultural roots, came to a positive ending. HE'S ON HIS WAY "HOME" NOW! We all share in the good vibes of what our efforts have accomplished.

Again, for Bro. Pedro, we thank yall! Lets keep on straight ahead. Freedom for all the People.

For Bro Bennett
Bro. Ashanti, & Dragons
Marion, IL "new alcatraz"

'Free Dessie Woods!'

By T. GRENDLE

PLAINS, Ga., July 6—Most of the several hundred people who converged from all over the country on this home town of President Jimmy "Human Rights" Carter on July 4 were tourists intent on nothing more than having a good time.

Their holiday ease turned, however, to surprise and shock at the sight and sound of about 250 marchers exposing Carter's "human rights" lies with chants, banners, and placards.

The chants, "Stop the racist violence against Black women—Free Dessie Woods" and "Cops and Klan work hand in hand" brought the main issues of the demonstration to the fore, as the militant, multinational crowd wound its way through the Black community and the main business area of Plains, then back to its rallying point at the Lebanon Baptist Church.

The demonstration, organized by the National Committee to Defend Dessie Woods, marched behind the banner, "Free Dessie Woods—Smash colonial violence" in contingents of Black,

Puerto Rican, women, gay people, and other supporters.

DESSIE WOODS DEFENDED HERSELF

Dessie Woods is a Black woman now imprisoned in Hardwick, Ga., for the "crime" of defending herself and a friend against a rape attempt by a racist armed with a gun in June 1975.

Despite evidence that the attacker, Ronnie Horne, was a known rapist of women in the Black community of Rentz, Ga., the racist court system convicted Woods of voluntary manslaughter and armed robbery and Todd of theft by taking.

The proceedings were held under virtual martial law in an attempt to incite racist hysteria to prevent a fair trial.

FIGHTING KOURTS, KOPS, & THE KLAN

This past February, despite mass demonstrations organized in support of Woods and although at least 20 errors were committed by the original trial judge, the Georgia Supreme Court upheld her conviction.

The appeals process continues, as do the demonstrations around the country in support of Dessie Woods.

Local and state officials attempted to prevent the Plains march and rally from happening by denying a permit, demanding an outrageously high surety bond, illegally arresting and threatening a march organizer, allowing the Klan to make threats against the local Black community, and trying to smother the march and rally with city, county, and state police.

Participants heard representatives from various revolutionary Black, Latin, and other organizations pledge their continuing support for Woods and political prisoners such as Assata Shakur, Sundiata Acoli, Geronimo Pratt, the RNA 11, Graham and Allen, Imani, JoAnne Little, Dacajewiah, and Leonard Peltier.

In the words of Omowale Kefing, chairperson of the National Committee to Defend Dessie Woods, "There will be no peace until Dessie is free."



San Francisco march in support of Dessie Woods

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4—More than 500 militant demonstrators marched here today in solidarity with the national demonstration in Plains, Ga., to demand freedom for Dessie Woods. Chants demanded, "Free Dessie Woods, put the state on trial," "The human rights problem in the world today is right here in the USA," and "Black people united will never be defeated."

Credit: L. Green

Two racists face watered down charges while Victim of assault is put on trial

By JULIAN FRANK

BOSTON, July 6—The courts here have been forced to find probable cause against Timothy Martin and Paul Riley, two South Boston men charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon in the brutal beating of Eugene Stokes on May 8 in South Boston.

On that day Stokes was attacked by 40 racists from South Boston as he left a store where he had bought lunch. The bigots threw bricks and bottles at him, chased him until he fell from exhaustion, hit him in the face with a shovel causing three fractures to his cheekbone, and continued to beat him after he became unconscious.

While Stokes was still in the hospital, the Boston Police Department arrested him on a frame-up rape charge to prevent him from speaking out against the attack in South Boston. Collaboration between the police and the racist "anti-busing" organization ROAR was revealed when a ROAR leader called a Black news program and told them about Eugene's arrest before it happened!

MULTI-RACIAL SUPPORT FOR STOKES

The Citywide Coalition for Justice and Equality organized a multi-racial presence of sup-

porters for Stokes today in the South Boston courtroom. In a prepared statement, the Coalition condemned the failure of the District Attorney General's office to act positively on Coalition and community requests that the case be moved out of South Boston.

But the state refused and instead used a court order to forcefully bring Stokes to South Boston, the very racist hotbed where he was nearly beaten to death.

Indicative of the harassment Stokes has received, while he was in South Boston today, one of the cops told him casually that he had gotten a "phone call" accusing Stokes of participating in a murder the night before. Stokes had been in the company of a Coalition member the entire evening.

"The time is now to end the situation in which the victim of a racist attack is being treated like a criminal," a Coalition statement said, condemning the failure of the District Attorney's office to arrest more of the 40 racists who assailed Stokes, and their failure to charge today's defendants with attempted murder.

On June 17, the Coalition held a demonstration of 30 people outside of police headquarters to protest the conduct of the cops in the case. They also held a benefit for victims of racist attacks on

June 24, and are organizing courtroom support for Eugene Stokes in the frame-up rape case. That case was continued today until next week.

Officials attempt prison resegregation Black prisoner stabbed to death

By DEBORAH N.

ATLANTA, July 9—Robert Tarpkins, a 27-year-old Black prisoner from Commerce, Georgia, was stabbed to death by racist prisoners on July 1 in the latest upsurge of violence at Reidsville Prison.

This racist violence came on the heels of intense repression of the Inmate Unity Committee (IUC), a multi-national group which was organized to promote harmony between prisoners and to eliminate the inhuman living and working conditions inside the walls. The only solution publicly offered by the Warden and the Governor and ordered by U.S. Courts were "temporary" resegregation in the prison and transfer of 600 prisoners to other inhuman institutions.

To protest the suppression of the IUC, racist violence instigated by the State, and the resegregation order, the Human Rights for Prisoners Committee of Georgia has called a Human Rights for

Prisoners rally in Atlanta on July 15

On March 24, the racist murder of James Moss, 36, of Augusta, marked a continuation in a series of murderous, racist attacks on Black prisoners. Some 600 prisoners, Black and white, held a meeting to discuss prison conditions and elected the nine-member IUC to represent them and to negotiate with Warden Joe Hopper to improve conditions for all prisoners. An 87-member Inmate Council was formed through representative elections in each cell-block. Hopper agreed to meet with the IUC and made several concessions and commitments to improving conditions. A week-long hunger strike by prisoners in segregation resulted in more promised improvements.

However, Hopper failed to live up to the promises he had made and he refused to meet again with the IUC.

Since April, prison conditions have remained intolerable and grown worse.

Taking his cue from racist politicians and bureaucrats, on July 5 U.S. District Court Judge Anthony Alimo ordered a 60-day "temporary" segregation of prisoners' dormitories, a move designed to destroy solidarity among the prisoners. And what sort of precedent will such a Court order make?

The Inmate Unity Committee continues to struggle inside while the Families for Unity and other members of the Human Rights for Prisoners Committee are organizing the July 15 demonstrations. In order to protest the resegregation order and demand human rights for prisoners, people will gather at the State Capitol at noon and march to Central City Park for a rally. For more information call the Prisoners Solidarity Committee evenings at (404) 523-8990.

En su decisión sobre fallo Bakke:

Corte Suprema ataca minorías

Por ANDY STAPP

2 de julio—En un fallo aclamado por racistas y reaccionarios a través de todo el país, la Corte Suprema de Estados Unidos declaró que la Escuela de Medicina de la Universidad de California en la Ciudad de Davis discriminó contra el solicitante Allan Bakke porque él es de raza blanca.

Este fallo abrirá paso a ataques contra los programas de acción afirmativa, logrados por las nacionalidades oprimidas y mujeres, en las luchas de los años 60.

Bakke, un blanco supremacista, había demandado a la Universidad alegando que él había sido excluido por el programa de admisiones especiales de dicha institución, el cual garantiza que 16 de los 100 asientos en cada clase entrante son reservados para estudiantes minoritarios y otros que han sufrido previa discriminación.

El programa según la Universidad fue comenzado en el 1969 "para aumentar las oportunidades en educación médica para los ciudadanos desventajados". Allan Bakke un ingeniero de 38 años de la clase media difícilmente puede llamarse "desventajado" o víctima de discriminación. Sin embargo, eso es lo que la más alta corte de este país declaró hoy con su fallo de que ha habido una violación de sus "derechos individuales como lo garantiza la Enmienda 14".

Pero la Enmienda 14 fue aprobada después de la Guerra Civil para darle derecho a voto a los esclavos emancipados. **TERGIVERSANDO LOS DERECHOS CIVILES**

La Corte llegó al extremo de fallar que Bakke ha sufrido discriminación como se define en el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964.

Al igual que la Enmienda 14, esta ley de derechos civiles estaba supuesta a proteger a los negros y otras minorías contra la intolerancia e injusticia racial. La Corte Suprema, sin embargo, está usando esta legislación como una arma contra la misma gente oprimida que intentó ayudar.

La presente edición (3 de julio) de "U.S. News and World Report" anota que "por lo menos 5 por ciento de los estudiantes en la Escuela de Medicina en Davis fueron admitidos porque eran hijos de ex-alumnos regentes, amigos de la escuela o de legisladores".

Es indicativo del racismo de Bakke que no demandara basándose en que él fue excluido por estos hijos de ricos, sino que culpó su fracaso a la admisión de estudiantes minoritarios. Tampoco la Corte comentó sobre este aspecto del caso cuando le ordenó a la escuela que lo acepte.

La posición de la Corte fue acogida hoy jubilosamente por el Senador Pat Moynihan y otros derechistas.

Inmediatamente después de darse a conocer la decisión, un representante de la Conferencia Nacional de Abogados Negros declaró que "nuestra respuesta es una de profunda decepción y preocupación", añadiendo que el fallo judicial es un "retroceso de los tan merecidos derechos conquistados en los años sesentas", y que hará "el alcanzar la verdadera igualdad mucho más difícil".

El Caucus Negro del Congreso anotó que

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35,000 dicen ¡NO al racismo!

"muchos programas ahora podrían ser atacados por solicitantes rechazados". Eddy Luban de la Hermandad Nacional de Abogados dijo a Mundo Obrero: "los patrones tratarán de usar esta decisión para eliminar la acción afirmativa".

El Congresista de California Ron Dellums comentó "que se quedó espantado por la decisión de la Corte Suprema. El fallo", declaró Dellums, "es una barrera a la justicia racial en este país".

El Comité Nacional para Revocar el Fallo Bakke emitió una declaración diciendo que la Corte Suprema "ha legalizado el absurdo y peligroso mito racista de la llamada discriminación reversa", pero también dijeron que millones de personas en este país que están opuestas al racismo no van a permitir que los derechos de los negros y otras minorías sean retrocedidos 50 años.

Es seguro que el fallo de la Corte Suprema se propone estimular el racismo y la reacción en los Estados Unidos al igual que la campaña sobre la Proposición 13 en California, o al-igual que la cruzada derechista de Anita Bryant ha intentado hacerlo.

Pero al igual que hace un siglo el monstruoso fallo de la Corte Suprema sobre Dred Scott fue revocado por una marcha de eventos, así pasará con el fallo Bakke.

Cuba: sede del XI Festival Mundial de Jovenes y Estudiantes

Por JAIME VEVE

8 de julio—Este mes tiene un significado especial para la heroica Cuba revolucionaria. Además de conmemorarse el 25 aniversario del ataque contra el Cuartel Militar Moncada, Cuba será la sede del Décimo Primer Festival Mundial de Jóvenes y Estudiantes.

Desde el 25 de julio hasta el 15 de agosto, más de quince mil jóvenes, representando cerca de 100 países llegarán a La Habana, capital del Primer país socialista del Hemisferio Occidental. Las delegaciones incluirán representantes de países socialistas, movimientos de liberación nacional, y de movimientos progresistas anti-imperialistas de Africa, Asia, Latinoamérica, Europa y Norteamérica.

BREVE HISTORIA DE LOS FESTIVALES JUVENILES

Hace 30 años representantes de más de

70 países se reunieron en Praga, Checoslovaquia, para celebrar el primer Festival Mundial. Ese primer festival se llevó a cabo luego de la derrota nazi y a comienzos de la guerra fría, dirigida contra la Unión Soviética y otros países socialistas.

La participación de una delegación de los Estados Unidos fue un acto de desafío a la política de la guerra fría. El festival condenó la política del entonces Presidente Truman, quien fue responsable por el bombardeo atómico en Hiroshima y Nagasaki.

Desde 1947, el festival ha servido básicamente como un evento dedicado al desarrollo de la solidaridad internacional con países que están luchando contra el imperialismo. El segundo y tercer festivales, llevados a cabo en Hungría y la República Democrática Alemana en 1949 y 1951, vinieron a ser enfoques para la

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Carter firma tratados Canal perpetuando dominio EEUU

Por PADDY CALLIGAN

Mientras el Presidente Jimmy Carter estuvo en Panamá, tres semanas atrás, proclamando que Latinoamérica y los EEUU se encuentran "en camino hacia una nueva etapa de entendimiento y cooperación interamericana", dos estudiantes panameños cayeron muertos y varios otros gravemente heridos después de participar en una manifestación contra la dominación del Canal por los imperialistas yanquis.

Los heridos y muertos fueron resultado de una operación militar llevada a cabo por el gobierno panameño para aplacar la ira del pueblo ante la presencia de los representantes de los Estados Unidos y los corresponsales que viajaban por el país.

Los tratados firmados el 16 de junio son muy importantes para la administración de Carter y su política Latinoamericana. Son un engañoso proyecto para mantener los EEUU como la fuerza dominante en el hemisferio mientras aparentan favorecer una nueva relación basada en igualdad y respeto mutuo.

La ocupación abierta, por los EEUU, de una sección de Panamá ha sido atacada por progresistas en toda América Latina.

Una manifestación que fue sangrientamente reprimida en enero de 1964, subrayó la necesidad de hacer algunas concesiones de menor importancia antes de perder la zona del Canal por entero. La constante presión de las masas panameñas a través de miles de actos de protestas causaron las negociaciones, que han resultado en estos nuevos tratados.

Los tratados no esconden la dominación estadounidense sobre el Canal, solamente le entregan al gobierno un porcentaje más grande de las ganancias que produce. El gobierno recibirá aproximadamente 70 millones de dólares al año.

Carter también prometió nuevas inversiones extranjeras y gradualmente dejar que compañías panameñas puedan encargarse de los negocios sobre aprovisionamiento de los barcos, los servicios y la operación del Canal.

Este país empobrecido, con una población de 1.5 millones de habitantes es el sexto centro financiero del mundo porque sus leyes les permiten a las grandes corporaciones transnacionales de los EEUU escaparse de pagar impuestos.

Los tratados no entrarán en vigor hasta el mes de octubre de 1979, y el Canal no



Efectivos de la Guardia Nacional panameña reprimen manifestación en 1964, con un saldo de 20 panameños y 4 gringos muertos.

estar en las manos de los panameños sino hasta después del año 2,000.

De acuerdo con una enmienda añadida por el senador reaccionario, De Concini, los EEUU retienen el derecho "en perpetuidad" de intervenir cuando es necesario para asegurar que el Canal se mantenga en operación. Por ejemplo, los EEUU tienen el derecho de mandar tropas para prevenir que una lucha sindical cierre el Canal.

La extrema derecha en los EEUU está usando los tratados del Canal de Panamá para atacar la administración de Carter porque supuestamente está dejando que fuerzas anti-americanas tomen lo que ellos consideran propiedad de los EEUU. De

hecho, Carter se doblegó sin ninguna protesta ante el sector derechista que auspició la enmienda que permite a los Estados Unidos invadir Panamá.

La administración de Carter es tan imperialista como cualquier otra administración de los EEUU y el argumento es sobre las tácticas no sobre los objetivos.

A pesar de que los tratados favorecen a los EEUU, también reflejan ciertas concesiones provocadas por el temor que la clase dominante norteamericana le tiene a los movimientos de liberación latino-americanos. Esto demuestra que hasta concesiones de menor importancia tienen que ser arrancadas del puño de los imperialistas yanquis.

Patrulla Fronteriza causa muerte de mujer chicana

SAN JUAN, TEJAS, 5 de junio "El hostigamiento de parte de la Patrulla Fronteriza de Estados Unidos contra María Contreras le causó la muerte y la comunidad reclama justicia", informó hoy la Unión de Trabajadores Agrícolas de Tejas a Mundo Obrero.

Una semana después de su muerte, familiares de María Contreras y 100 simpatizantes hicieron un viaje de tres horas hasta Laredo, Tejas, donde se enfrentaron al Director del Servicio de Inmigración y Naturalización, Leonel Castillo.

"Habrá otra marcha este sábado en Hidalgo. La marcha irá hasta la frontera para enfrentarse con 'la migra' (la Patrulla Fronteriza)", añadió Douglas Kellar, de la Unión de Trabajadores Agrícolas de Tejas.

El 16 de mayo María Contreras, ciudadana de EEUU, fue obligada a salirse de su carro por la Patrulla Fronteriza en Progreso, Tejas, cuando cruzaba de México a EEUU. La razón dada fue que un pasajero en el carro supuestamente no tenía documentos. La Sra. Contreras, quien tenía 8 meses de embarazo, le informó al patrullero que estaba enferma del corazón. Su respuesta fue "Todas las mujeres usan las mismas excusas", e intensificaron el abuso.

La hija de María Contreras informa que ella le exigió a los oficiales que cesaran sus intentos de intimidar a su madre, explicándoles sobre su condición cardíaca.

La interrogación continuó. La Sra. Contreras comenzó a vomitar y su hija



pidió una ambulancia, pero la patrulla se lo rehusó. Por fin, la Sra. Contreras sufrió un ataque cardíaco y en lo que llegó asistencia médica, murió.

"Hemos estado piqueteando todas las semanas desde entonces y demandamos la suspensión del oficial responsable hasta que se haga una investigación. El todavía sigue trabajando Kellar añadió que antes de suceder este incidente, la Unión había protestado al Servicio de Inmigración y Naturalización sobre la persecución continua en este punto de cruce por parte de la Patrulla. "También exigimos que se termine la persecución de los trabajadores indocumentados".



María Contreras, que estaba en el octavo mes de embarazo, murió durante un interrogatorio de la migra en Progreso, Texas. Atentos para salvar el bebe fallaron. Su hermana, Sara Camarena Ramirez, llora mientras habla con reporteros en Laredo (izquierda) mientras, afuera, una manifestación demanda justicia.

Festival Mundial...

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de solidaridad con los pueblos de Corea y Vietnam, que estaban luchando contra el imperialismo francés y estadounidense.

El cuarto festival, celebrado en Rumania en 1953, tiene un significado especial con respecto al lugar del actual festival. Porque además de alabar la victoria del pueblo coreano, fue allí que se dió a conocer al mundo que un grupo de jóvenes cubanos, dirigidos por Fidel Castro, realizaron un ataque contra el infame Cuartel Moncada en Santiago de Cuba.

El décimo festival fue celebrado en 1973 en la República Democrática Alemana. Ese era el año que Viet-Nam forzó a EEUU a retirar sus tropas y el festival al que asistieron 20,000 personas, se transformó en una expresión de total solidaridad con el pueblo vietnamita.

CUBA Y AFRICA

Desde la derrota del imperio yanqui en el Sudeste Asiático, los EEUU y los imperialistas occidentales han concentrado sus fuerzas contra el pueblo de Africa, que se encuentra hoy día en un momento histórico en su lucha de liberación nacional. Los éxitos de las revoluciones en Angola, Mozambique, Guinea Bassau, representan un gran avance para la revolución africana. Por otro lado la

Revolución Etíope y los movimientos de Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) y Sud-Africa han provocado un profundo temor a los imperialistas occidentales.

Cuba por jugar un importante papel de apoyo a estos movimientos, y por su permante actitud solidaria, se ha atraído la ira de los imperialistas.

Frente a estos acontecimientos, la presencia de miles de jóvenes en Cuba es un acto de desafío contra las amenazas y ataques de los imperialistas. Constituye una expresión de reconocimiento y apoyo, de parte de los pueblos del mundo, a la firme posición de internacionalismo proletario de la Revolución Cubana y en contra del bloqueo económico criminal de los EEUU y sus aliados.

Este festival contribuirá a la resistencia de todos los pueblos que luchan contra el imperialismo y la explotación. Reafirmará la solidaridad con los trabajadores y oprimidos de Chile, del sur de Africa, de Puerto Rico, de Latinoamérica, del pueblo palestino, de Etiopía y del mundo.

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La selección de Cuba como la sede del XI Festival Mundial de la Juventud y los Estudiantes es un acto de reconocimiento al apoyo revolucionario que Cuba ha dado a los Movimientos de Liberación Nacional, como en este caso, Etiopía.

Huelga hambre demuestra...

Militancia trabajadores Chilenos

NUEVA YORK, 13 de junio—Las huelgas de hambre, llevadas a cabo por los familiares de los desaparecidos, que comenzaron el 22 de mayo en Santiago de Chile fueron suspendidas el 7 de junio después de haberle demostrado al mundo una renovada conciencia de clase y espíritu combativo. Esta heroica huelga se llevó a cabo a pesar de la increíble represión que sufre el pueblo chileno a manos de la Junta Militar instalada por los Estados Unidos.

Los huelguistas demandaban el suministro de información acerca de 2,500 presos quienes han desaparecido desde el golpe de estado que derrocó el gobierno de Salvador Allende en 1973.

Los huelguistas habían alcanzado un número de más de 200 personas en 32 localidades dentro de Chile y aproximadamente 1,000 chilenos y sus partidarios en más de 20 países. El General Augusto Pinochet procedió a calmar la protesta masiva acordando, el 7 de junio, revisar los casos de los desaparecidos. Pero el 10 de junio, Pinochet negó haber hecho ese acuerdo con los huelguistas. A pesar de estas maniobras, es muy significativa que Pinochet no respondiera a la huelga con la usual brutalidad de las fuerzas armadas.

AMPLIO APOYO SINDICIAL

La huelga de hambre recibió fuerte

apoyo de los sindicatos obreros chilenos. En la ciudad industrial puerto de Concepción, trabajadores de construcción quienes habían estado muy activos durante el período de la Unidad Popular, formaron un cordón alrededor de un grupo de apoyadores de la huelga para defenderlos de ataques de parte de los derechistas. En Santiago, la capital, trabajadores municipales suministraron medicinas a los huelguistas mientras habitantes de barrios pobres les traían agua todos los días y ayudaron a diseminar informaciones sobre la huelga.

Cuatro huelguistas miembros del Concejo Coordinador del Sindicato Nacional ocuparon la oficina de la Organización Internacional del Trabajo demandando información acerca de 55 líderes sindicalistas desaparecidos y la restauración de los derechos sindicalistas.

Otros 16 gremios obreros incluyendo trabajadores de muelles uniones de campesinos, trabajadores del ferrocarril y la Federación de Mineros, también enviaron mensajes de solidaridad con los huelguistas.

En Santiago más de 100 personas marcharon en protesta el 29 de mayo y el 3 de junio hubo una manifestación frente a la Corte Suprema, ambas bajo el riesgo de severa represión gubernamental. La huelga de hambre también fue llevada a



Más de 300 personas marcharon en Nueva York en solidaridad con los chilenos en huelga de hambre.

cabo dentro de la penitenciaría de Santiago, donde 31 presos políticos rehusaron comer.

MANIFESTACION EN NUEVA YORK

El viernes, 9 de junio más de 300 personas protestaron frente al Consulado Chileno aquí en Nueva York en solidaridad con la huelga de hambre. Entre los manifestantes se hallaban varios

refugiados chilenos y otros sudamericanos exiliados aquí.

Un portavoz representando los políticos chilenos exiliados quienes habían ayunado por 9 días en la Iglesia Riverside, expresó la necesidad de mantener vigilancia y le propuso a los apoyadores que continuaran presionando a Pinochet y a Carter para que revelaran información acerca de los prisioneros.

Entrevista exclusiva a Andres Figueroa Cordero nacionalista puertorriqueño

'Nuestra tarea fue el despertar a otros'

Por TOMAS SOTO

NUEVA YORK, 21 de junio—Andrés Figueroa Cordero, luchador por la independencia de Puerto Rico, regresó a la Ciudad de Nueva York después de 24 años de encarcelamiento.

Figueroa junto con Lolita Lebrón, Irvin Flores Rodríguez y Rafael Cancel Miranda llevaron a cabo un ataque armada en 1954 contra el Congreso de los Estados Unidos demandando la independencia para Puerto Rico.

Cuatro años antes en 1950 Oscar Collazo y Griselio Torresola, en apoyo del levantamiento anti-colonial que ocurría en la Ciudad de Jayuya, asaltaron La Casa Blair, la entonces residencia del Presidente Truman. Torresola murió y Collazo fue encarcelado.

Los cinco camaradas aprisionados en estos ataques contra el imperio yanqui han llegado a simbolizar la lucha del pueblo puertorriqueño por su liberación. Los dos enfrentamientos marcan un capítulo importante en la historia de esa lucha. Los cinco, miembros del Partido Nacionalista, son los prisioneros políticos detenidos por más tiempo en el hemisferio occidental.

Figueroa, quien tiene 53 años, sufre de cáncer terminal. No fue hasta que se llevaron a cabo cientos de manifestaciones en Puerto Rico y los Estados Unidos demandando su libertad que finalmente lo excarcelaron.

Cuando fue libertado en octubre de 1977 se esperaba que viviría sólo un poco de tiempo. Pero su dedicación a la lucha y la solidaridad y bienvenida entusiástica con que lo recibieron decenas de millares de apoyadores le ha dado más fuerza y determinación para continuar la lucha.

Al presente está viviendo con un solo pulmón el cual es 40 por ciento operacional.

ASISTE RECEPCION PARA EL EMBAJADOR DE CUBA

Durante su visita a Nueva York Figueroa participó en un homenaje a Ricardo Alarcón Quesada, exembajador cubano ante las Naciones Unidas. También visitó la comunidad puertorriqueña de El Barrio donde fue recibido calurosamente y asistió a un acto en su honor llevado a cabo en la Casa de las Américas.

En una rueda de prensa, organizada por el Comité Pro-Libertad de los Presos Nacionalistas, Figueroa declaró: "Quiero



Andrés Figueroa Cordero—en un acto en su honor—es calurosamente recibido por el pueblo puertorriqueño en Nueva York. Directamente atrás (de anteojos) Nelson Carnales Presidente del Comité Pro-Libertad para los Presos Nacionalistas. (foto: Claridad)

darle las gracias al pueblo norteamericano por la lucha que ellos han llevado a cabo por mi excarcelación y la que todavía mantienen para la liberación de mis compañeros: Lolita Lebrón, Irvin Flores Rodríguez y Rafael Cancel Miranda. Mi excarcelación fue lograda por la lucha del pueblo de Puerto Rico, del pueblo de Estados Unidos y de otros pueblos amigos alrededor del mundo".

Durante su breve estadía en Nueva York "Mundo Obrero" llegó a platicar con el compañero y lo siguiente son extractos de esa conversación.

SU SOLEDAD Y LA CONCIENCIA CRECIENTE

Reflejando sobre los 24 años de su encarcelamiento recordó que lo mantuvieron muy aislado de los demás prisioneros pero llegó a conocer pequeños grupos de

progresistas con quien trabajó. Señaló con especialidad a la conciencia creciente que surgió durante el cuarto de siglo que estuvo preso.

"A través de todos esos años se fueron las mentes despertando en tal forma que conseguí la primera demostración de esa conciencia y fuerza en Chicago (en ruta a Puerto Rico después de ser excarcelado—TS).

"Cuando llegué a Puerto Rico y vi los manifestantes que me esperaban (10,000 en el aeropuerto y 6,000 en Aguada su ciudad natal—TS), para mí fue algo muy sorprendente. Creo que nuestra labor, de Patria o Muerte, fue el despertar de otros".

LA CLASE TRABAJADORA Y CUBA

Figueroa señaló que la clase trabajadora jugaría un papel de im-

portancia "extraordinaria" en la lucha de liberación. "La clase trabajadora debe seguir de frente en esa lucha para evitar que el imperialismo siga oprimiendo...seguir hasta lograr el triunfo de todas las masas trabajadoras del continente completo, lo mismo Asia que África que Latinoamérica y Norteamérica.

"Todos componemos una sola persona y esa persona son las masas trabajadoras. Tenemos que estar siempre de pie mirando por el primer país libre de América, la República de Cuba".

Explicando la historia común de opresión y lucha que tienen Puerto Rico y Cuba, Figueroa nombró todos los héroes comunes tales como los hermanos Maceo, Emiliano Rojas, Ramón Emitario Betances, Martín Marín, José Martí y muchos otros. El alabó la lucha victoriosa del pueblo cubano y la "contribución extraordinaria" que han hecho sus líderes revolucionarios tales como Fidel Castro, Raul Castro, Almeida, Che y muchos otros en apoyar la independencia de Puerto Rico.

UNANSE A LIBERTAR LOS CUATRO Y TODOS LOS PRESOS POLITICOS

"El pueblo de Puerto Rico dentro de los Estados Unidos y fuera de los Estados Unidos todos componemos un solo pueblo. Tanto para ellos, como los compañeros norteamericanos—todos los grupos—representan un solo grupo. Es decir también los chicanos (mexicanos), como los afro-americanos, como los blancos por que lo único que podemos reconocer como blanco es La Casa Blanca y si hay que combatir el racismo, a la primera que hay que destruir es La Casa Blanca por que es lo más blanco que hay en los Estados Unidos. Y seguir siempre pensando que dentro del futuro nuestro pueblo puertorriqueño como el pueblo norteamericano estaremos de pie hasta conseguir la liberación de todas las masas obreras del continente que son explotadas por las grandes corporaciones, las cuales también explotan al pueblo de los Estados Unidos".

"La labor que han desarrollado todas las organizaciones norteamericanas en favor de la libertad de los cinco tuvo un triunfo junto al pueblo de Puerto Rico, me tienen a mi presente. Creo que deben seguir de frente hasta libertar los cuatro (restantes) y los presos políticos norteamericanos".

Ultimos acontecimientos hacen pensar...

¿Existe un eje Pekín-Washington?

Por SAM MARCY

31 de mayo—¿Por qué regresó Brzezinski de Pekín tan envalentonado? ¿Qué le permitió realizar un ataque tan violento contra la Unión Soviética (URSS), el domingo pasado? Y por qué Carter reforzó el mismo ataque anti-soviético de Brzezinski en la apertura de la reunión, de 2 días, de la OTAN, celebrada en Washington el 30 de mayo?

El ataque de Carter se diferenciaba muy poco, en forma y contenido, de la línea dura enunciada por Brzezinski el día anterior.

Después de todo, es solamente un año, desde el 22 de mayo de 1977, cuando Carter dirigió un mensaje inicial sobre relaciones exteriores en la Universidad de Notre Dame. Ese discurso, por su tono moderado, fue aclamado en todo el mundo capitalista como el principio de una nueva perspectiva en las relaciones con la Unión Soviética y otros países socialistas. El discurso, generalmente, fue considerado como la base de una nueva política que refrenaba a los militares y proponía el retiro de las aventuras militares en el exterior.

“Teniendo confianza en nuestro futuro”, dijo él, “ahora estamos libres de ese temor excesivo al comunismo que un tiempo atrás nos llevó a adoptar cualquier dictador, que se uniera a nosotros en ese temor. Por demasiados años hemos estado decididos a adoptar las tácticas y principios erróneos de nuestros adversarios (refiriéndose principalmente a la URSS—S.M.). . . . Peléabamos el fuego con fuego, nunca pensamos que el fuego es mejor pelearlo con agua. Este método falló, siendo Viet-Nam el mejor ejemplo de su pobreza moral e intelectual”.

CARTER Y ETIOPIA

En ese tiempo, hace apenas un año, la administración de Carter estaba mirando hacia el futuro, hacia lo que ellos pensaron, serían victorias seguras en África. Antes que nada se esperaba revertir el proceso revolucionario en Etiopía. Estaban apoyando secretamente una invasión somalí contra Etiopía que, según ellos empezaría, el proceso de desmembramiento de la revolución. También tenían esperanzas de un golpe contrarrevolucionario dentro del liderazgo etíope, y esto fue discutido abiertamente en la prensa imperialista occidental.

Ahora que la revolución se ha consolidado hasta un cierto grado, los imperialistas con EEUU a la cabeza, están trabajando febrilmente para envenenar la relación entre el gobierno revolucionario etíope y sus apoyadores principales: Cuba y la URSS.

Al mismo tiempo, ellos están buscando como diseminar la disensión interna, y están preparando las bases para la posibilidad de una rebelión tipo Kronstadt, en los intereses de la contrarrevolución. Esto sería un golpe contra la revolución y la necesaria colaboración de la izquierda, que la haría aceptable a la opinión liberal burguesa en los países imperialistas y a los radicales anti-soviéticos que los rodean.

“CUANDO LOS LÍDERES HABLAN DE LA PAZ”

Pero el pasado mayo, Washington perseguía una táctica distinta, que llamaba por un método que sonaba más pacífico.

Marxistas Revolucionarios hace mucho tiempo aprendieron que cuando el jefe de un estado imperialista habla en frases dulces acerca de la paz y los valores morales, y el “no pelear el fuego con fuego”, etc., etc., eso es únicamente una cubierta para preparaciones de guerra. Aún más, cuando este jefe de estado, y sus principales consejeros y cohortes empiezan a tocar los tambores de guerra, la clase trabajadora no puede tomarlos como gimnasia verbal, sino que, debe tomar sus palabras seriamente y prepararse en la mejor forma posible contra el comienzo de aventuras imperialistas criminales.

El discurso de Carter en Notre Dame, tristemente para aquellos que creyeron en sus palabras, fue rápidamente seguido por un presupuesto de defensa rompedor y con acciones en relación a la

Unión Soviética y otros países socialistas, que desmintieron la retórica pacifista de la política exterior de su administración. Porque, aún cuando el presidente estaba hablando en Notre Dame, la bomba de neutrones ya se estaba construyendo y los planes para el fortalecimiento militar de la OTAN se llevaban a cabo. Soldados norteamericanos todavía estaban en bases diseminadas por todo el mundo y el vigor de las fuerzas armadas se estaba incrementando, no disminuyéndose, en Corea del Sur, y más aún en Europa. Pero, la posición militarista de Carter



Patricio Lumumba, mártir Primer Ministro del Congo, antes de su asesinato a manos de la CIA, en 1961. En ese entonces, China comprendía bien que, los movimientos de liberación nacional en el Congo eran reprimidos por los imperialistas británicos, franceses y belgas. Pero hoy, los líderes chinos han adoptado—acerca del Congo (Zaire)—una línea idéntica a la de los imperialistas y están ayudándoles a engañar a la opinión pública mundial.

alcanzó nuevas alturas en su discurso amenazante del 17 de marzo, en la Universidad de Wake Forest, posición que fue reafirmada la semana pasada en su conferencia de prensa celebrada en Chicago. En su segundo discurso, siguiendo el ataque, sin precedente, de Brzezinski contra la URSS marcó una nueva etapa de hostilidad por el Pentágono y la Casa Blanca, no únicamente contra la URSS y Cuba, pero contra todos los movimientos de liberación nacional particularmente esos en combate en el continente africano.

La forma repentina en que Brzezinski lanzó su ataque, y la manera en que Carter lo siguió y endosó, puede entenderse mejor si es examinado tomando en cuenta la relación entre los EEUU y Pekín.

Brzezinski regresó envalentonado de su visita a China. La razón de esto se puede ver al estudiar el discurso que dió Huang Hua, Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores de la República Popular China (RPC), ante la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas (NU) el 29 de mayo recién pasado.

DISCURSO DE HUA, TOTALMENTE REACCIONARIO

Este discurso, es tan reaccionario y totalmente desprovisto de un contenido de clase, ya sea progresista o revolucionario, que es casi increíble que sea una representación auténtica del punto de vista de un gobierno socialista. Sin embargo, está totalmente en armonía con los pronunciamientos de los líderes chinos en los últimos años, excepto que éste llevó su política exterior reaccionaria más lejos que antes, al punto que, en algunos aspectos, es idéntico a las posiciones del imperialismo yanqui.

Casi al comienzo de su plática, Huang Hua dice: “El pueblo de Zaire, después de repeler victoriosamente el año pasado una invasión ingeniada por la URSS y ejecutada por una fuerza de mercenarios, están hoy valientemente repeliendo una nueva invasión de mercenarios impulsada por la URSS y Cuba”. Esto sólo puede considerarse como música para los oídos de Brzezinski, Carter y el Pentágono. De hecho, va aún más lejos que lo que Carter y Brzezinski dijeron.

¿Quién está rechazando a quién en

Zaire? ¿Quiénes, sino los paracaidistas belgicos, fueron los que invadieron el país, y empezaron a disparar indiscriminadamente contra el pueblo en rebelión? ¿No son los franceses que ocuparon la provincia de Shaba, y están usando sin merced a la Legión Extranjera para exterminar al pueblo que está luchando por la liberación nacional del yugo del imperialismo?

¿Bajo el yugo de quién ha estado Zaire, todo este tiempo? Nos parece que los líderes del Partido Comunista Chino supieron una vez, cuál era la situación. En

Pero, la lucha en Zaire es de significancia central en el continente africano y tiene importancia mundial para los oprimidos y la clase trabajadora internacional. Tomando una línea idéntica a la del imperialismo, e incluso yendo más lejos, los líderes chinos sirven las metas rapaces de las corporaciones multinacionales, las protegen, y las ayudan enormemente para engañar a la opinión pública mundial. Y esto, durante un tiempo cuando la prensa imperialista mundial está llevando adelante uno de los más feroces y racistas ataques en contra

1963, ellos escribieron lo siguiente acerca de la lucha de lo que fue conocido entonces como el Congo:

“El 10 de julio (1961) Bélgica lanzó una intervención armada en el Congo. Tres días después el Consejo de Seguridad de las Naciones Unidas adoptó una resolución bajo la cual una ‘fuerza de las Naciones Unidas’ llegó al Congo a someter al movimiento de liberación nacional. . . . La ‘fuerza de las Naciones Unidas’ sirviendo al neocolonialismo de los EEUU continuó la supresión del pueblo congoleño. Temprano en el 1961, Lumumba, héroe nacional del Congo, fue asesinado por los mercenarios de los EEUU y de los imperialistas belgas, siguiendo sus instrucciones. Desde septiembre de 1961 hasta finales de 1962, los EEUU manipularon las fuerzas de las Naciones Unidas y dirigieron 3 ataques armados contra Katanga, que estaba bajo el control de los imperialistas de Francia, Bélgica e Inglaterra. (Citado en “Obreros de todos los países únanse, oponganse a nuestro enemigo común!—Ediciones en Lenguas Extranjeras Pekín 1963).

Así es como los líderes del Partido Comunista Chino entendían la situación en 1961. No ha habido cambio en la situación del Congo, excepto por el cambio de nombre y la instalación del títere Mobutu.

Ambos Cuba y la URSS han negado categóricamente tener tropas ahí, o que han intervenido en alguna forma en la situación. ¿Pero, y que, si el pueblo congoleño haya pedido y recibido ayuda fraternal de tipo material y militar? ¿Es acaso un crimen, que un pueblo en rebeldía reciba ayuda en su lucha contra lo que los líderes chinos una vez entendieron bien? ¿Quiénes patentaron la consigna “¡Atreverse a Luchar, Es Atrever a Ganar!”?

Para pasar por encima de todo esto el liderazgo del Partido Comunista Chino inventó la teoría social-imperialista para justificar su traicionero apoyo al imperialismo.

HUA APOYA A EEUU. ENGAÑA A LAS MASAS

En cuanto a la lucha de liberación de Zaire, Huang Hua con una sola frase la rebaja a una pequeña escaramuza aislada.

del pueblo congolés, y que, hasta hoy día no ha parado.

El valor que tiene la posición china sobre Zaire para el imperialismo norteamericano es enorme porque, aparte del imperialismo, no hay virtualmente ningún otro régimen en el mundo que se prestaría a repetir la mentira fabricada que mantiene que la URSS ingenió la intervención y de que los cubanos están siendo usados como mercenarios.

La identidad de posiciones políticas entre los EEUU y de RPC acerca de la lucha de liberación en Zaire es de significancia clave. Señala el surgimiento de una alianza sino-estadounidense en contra de la URSS. Esto ha sido reforzado por la visita de Brzezinski a Pekín y es confirmado en el discurso de Huang Hua.

¿NO TIENEN LOS OPRIMIDOS DERECHO A ASISTENCIA?

No podría haber un caso político mundial tan claro, como el carácter brutal y neocolonial del régimen en Zaire. Así como también, de ninguna forma se puede negar que el pueblo de Zaire (Congolés) tiene el derecho a rebelarse y a recibir asistencia de donde ellos puedan obtenerla, con el fin de liberarse por sí mismos.

¿No es esto lo mismo que China hizo durante la lucha en contra del régimen de Chiang Kai-shek? Y por años después de la revolución, China recibió ayuda de la URSS para protegerse del imperialismo.

Todo lo demás, en el discurso de Huang Hua, indica la misma dirección anti-soviética y pro-imperialista. Las alabanzas hacia Egipto, que ahora está completamente bajo el pulgar de los EEUU, se hacen totalmente ofensivas, por la omisión deliberada de cualquier palabra acerca de los palestinos. Las alabanzas hacia Sudán y Somalia por anular sus tratados con la Unión Soviética son igualmente ofensivas y abiertamente reaccionarias.

Cuando una vez ellos acostumbraban atacar al imperialismo japonés, por su militarismo desencadenado, los japoneses hoy día son alabados. ¿Por qué? Por “instigar una fuerte oposición a la con- (vea página 5)

Mengistu habla sobre Eritrea

...El pasado 7 de junio, el Presidente del Concejo Administrativo Militar Provisional de Etiopía, Teniente Coronel Mengistu Haile Mariam pronunció un discurso sobre el problema en Eritrea. A continuación se reproducen extractos de ese discurso.

COMO SE FORMO "ERITREA"

El nombre de Eritrea, patentado por los colonialistas, fue dado al área norte de Etiopía, solamente después que los colonizadores italianos en 1889, separaron esas regiones y sus diferentes habitantes del resto del país. Antes de ese período, nunca en la historia, se encuentra una región separada de Etiopía llamada "Eritrea".

Aunque la región norte de Etiopía, desde tiempo inmemorial, ha sido el centro de la cultura y civilización de nuestro país y ha servido como su principal enlace comercial con el exterior, generaciones sucesivas de etíopes tuvieron que llevar a cabo una lucha prolongada para repeler poderes extranjeros que en repetidas ocasiones trataron de colonizar a Etiopía usando a Eritrea como su base de operaciones.

Hoy una nueva generación de revolucionarios ha tomado el estandarte de la lucha. Nos encontramos en combate contra los imperialistas y las clases dominantes árabes reaccionarias, quienes en colusión con algunos traidores están atentando destruir nuestra entidad usando el mismo litoral oceánico....

Los colonialistas italianos no se conformaron con anexas nuestras salidas oceánicas siendo su plan, colonizar toda la nación. Debe recordarse que los invasores penetraron el interior del país en 1936 usando Eritrea como su centro de operaciones. En ese entonces las masas etíopes llevaron adelante una valerosa y heroica resistencia, contra las bien armadas tropas fascistas italianas, para defender su independencia y unidad. Recordamos con orgullo nombres como Lorenzo Tazas, Zerai Deres, Abraha Debotch, Mogus Asgedom y otros eritreos que lucharon y sacrificaron sus vidas por la libertad, el honor y la unidad de su patria....

En vista del problema continuo en Eritrea, el gobierno ha tratado de resolverlo sin reserva alguna, con el objeto de ganar los elementos secesionistas, toda



"Petrodólares no pueden comprar Etiopía" se refiere al hecho de que los regímenes reaccionarios de Arabia Saudita e Irán han financiado los intentos de desmembrar a la Etiopía revolucionaria en Eritrea y el Ogadén.

vez que sean anti-feudalistas y anti-imperialistas y que trabajen para el avance de las masas oprimidas etíopes, de todos los pueblos oprimidos, y bajo un programa revolucionario común.

Con ese espíritu el Gobierno Militar Provisional no ha economizado esfuerzos para resolver el problema, pacífica y democráticamente, desde el principio de la revolución popular....

A medida que la Revolución Etíope manifestaba su carácter anti-feudal, anti-imperialista y anti-burocrático capitalista, y exponía la posición reaccionaria de los secesionistas, ellos optaron por actos maliciosos y difamatorios contra

nuestra revolución popular, denominando la política de paz de nuestro gobierno como "engañosa".

Ellos han privado las masas eritreas de disfrutar los beneficios de la revolución. Colaborando abiertamente con las fuerzas del feudalismo y el imperialismo, los líderes separacionistas se aliaron con las fuerzas agresoras y reaccionarias de Somalia así como con fuerzas reaccionaria internas. Además de unificar los reaccionarios explotadores expulsados por la Revolución Etíope, estos elementos secesionistas anti-populares se han prestado como baluarte para servir al EDU, EPRP, y el imperialismo, que

quieren destruir nuestra revolución....

LOS PROPOSITOS IMPERIALISTAS

Como es sabido el problema en el norte de Etiopía no se puede ver como un hecho aislado. Es parte integral del objetivo a largo plazo, del imperialismo y de las clases reaccionarias dominantes árabes por controlar las ventajas económicas y estratégicas que el Mar Rojo representa. Los imperialistas desean controlar el mar porque 75 por ciento de la producción petrolera proveniente del oriente medio es transportada a través del Mar Rojo; y porque creen que la importancia estratégica del Mar Rojo es ideal para tratar de contrarrestar los movimientos progresistas del área. Por tanto continuarán desafiándonos hasta la muerte, para imponer su dominio en esta área estratégica vital.

Debido a que el imperialismo internacional ambiciona conectar su red de espionaje en el Mar Mediterráneo con sus bases de espionaje militar en el Océano Índico, ellos consideran muy peligroso que florezcan y germinen revoluciones en la región del Mar Rojo. Tanto los imperialistas como los gobiernos reaccionarios árabes, tratan de socavar nuestra unidad y subvertir nuestra revolución, por medio de interferencias en nuestros asuntos internos. Ellos desean ver una Etiopía débil, no una Etiopía fortalecida por la revolución de un pueblo oprimido....

El pueblo oprimido de Etiopía está preparado para luchar por muchas generaciones, si es necesario, para defender su unidad y su revolución. Esta es la verdad que deseamos dar a conocer a los elementos progresistas que se han unido a las filas que luchan por el socialismo, la libertad y el progreso, así como a todas las personas que aman la paz.

Queremos que estén concientes del hecho que nuestra lucha tiene como objeto solamente proteger la revolución, que ha sido forjada con la sangre de las masas, así como a salvaguardar la entidad e integridad territorial de nuestro país. Queremos que observen con cuidado, el cerco que las fuerzas imperialistas y reaccionarias nos han tendido, como parte de una conspiración abierta, dirigida a poner en peligro nuestra existencia misma....

¿Existe un eje...

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ducta hegemónica soviética". Como si Japón no fuera el aliado imperialista en Asia, que con los EEUU pretendió, y continúa pretendiendo, robar, saquear, y explotar toda el Asia.

El imperialismo de Europa Occidental recibe lisonjas por su creciente tendencia hacia la unidad—¿en contra de quien? Hegemonismo—una palabra clave para definir a la URSS.

NO MENCION DE INDOCHINA O COREA

Mientras que en años anteriores uno de los primeros tributos hechos por el Jefe de la Delegación China a las NU, era alabar las "Brillantes victorias de los pueblos de Indochina", de Vietnam, Camboya y Laos; esta vez, en el discurso de Huang Hua no hubo ni una mención. Por cuanto esta sesión de las NU estaba dedicada al desarmamento, y gran parte del discurso de Huang Hua se refiere a ello, habría sido totalmente pertinente señalar como los pueblos del sudeste asiático desarmaron uno de los "superpoderes", enfrentando amenazas nucleares y medio millón de soldados norteamericanos. Pero, de esto, ni una palabra.

Esta omisión no es accidental. La política externa china le ha hecho tanto daño a sus relaciones con la República Socialista de Vietnam (RSV), que ha obligado a la RSV a caracterizar los ataques hechos por la RPC, en cuanto a los chinos en Vietnam, como "claras fabricaciones totalmente contrarias a las políticas del Partido y del Gobierno de Vietnam." Esto fue en respuesta a una movida hostil de la RPC el 24 de mayo de 1978, cuando autorizaron al Concejo de Estado de la RPC a publicar a través de la agencia de prensa china un reporte que

decía que Vietnam estaba "desterrando, persiguiendo, y expulsando" a las personas chinas desde Vietnam.

Incluso la República Democrática Popular de Corea (RDPC) no fue mencionada en el discurso de Hua. En las presentaciones previas de la RPC en las NU los EEUU siempre fueron atacados como un agresor imperialista y ocupacionista de Corea del Sur. Esto es particularmente importante ahora, debido a que los EEUU, bajo la administración Carter está descaradamente mintiendo acerca del retiro de las tropas desde Corea del Sur, mientras que, al mismo tiempo está reforzando su poder de fuego alrededor de toda la península.

El Jefe de Estado de la RPC recientemente visitó la RDPC y renovó su compromiso de apoyar a la RDPC. En su lucha por unificar el país y liberarse de la ocupación imperialista, la RDPC desesperadamente necesita el apoyo público mundial, particularmente del tipo que se puede dar en los foros de las NU, si es que las NU ha de servir un propósito fructífero. Hubiera sido muy apropiado si Huang Hua hubiese declarado su apoyo en la charla ante las NU.

Pero, éso habría significado un ataque directo contra los EEUU en un foro mundial, donde todos los oídos estaban atentos para escuchar lo que se diría acerca del papel de EEUU como agresor imperialista. Su omisión es, por eso, significativa y confirma lo que la prensa imperialista ha estado insinuando, que el voto de apoyo a Corea hecho por el líder chino, durante su visita, no fue nada más que un hecho ceremonial.

INFORME SECRETO, DE ACUERDO CON LA ULTRA-DERECHA

Cuando Brzezinski retornó de Pekín a los EEUU, el "New York Times" de mayo 28,



"¿Quién está rechazando a quién en Zaire? Quiénes, sino los paracaidistas belgas y franceses. fueron los que invadieron el país. ...". Aquí tropas francesas aterrorizan la población en Zaire.

reportó que él y sus ayudantes, "les dieron a los oficiales chinos un informe detallado, sin precedente, sobre el estado de las negociaciones soviético-estadounidenses acerca de armas estratégicas y explicaron a grandes rasgos el contenido de algunos memorandos secretos de La Casa Blanca sobre metas de seguridad", lo que significa seguramente preparaciones de guerra. Brzezinski es citado directamente diciendo que: "el significado básico del viaje fue enfatizar la naturaleza estratégica a largo plazo de la relación entre los EEUU y China".

La frase "naturaleza estratégica a largo plazo" es otro de sus eufemismos para hablar de las relaciones con la URSS. Ordinariamente, cuando un ayudante presidencial va a otro país y da un informe detallado sobre pláticas de los EEUU, sobre sus armas estratégicas, él corre un gran riesgo de ser llamado al orden por la

ultra-derecha, por divulgar secretos, o talvez por hacer acuerdos secretos sin consultar con el Congreso. En este caso, sin embargo, no hubo ni siquiera un susurro contra Brzezinski desde ese punto de vista.

El ansia de la clase dominante de los EEUU por una alianza con China, de quién Brzezinski ha dicho que tiene intereses "paralelos", es de consecuencias cuyos efectos son muy importantes. La única interrogante que ellos tienen es si es o no es, realmente posible obtenerla.

No hay duda, sin embargo, que tomando todo el conjunto, la visita de Brzezinski, el discurso de Hua ante las NU, y los violentos ataques de Brzezinski contra la URSS, seguidos por los de Carter, indican en alguna medida la existencia de un eje Pekín-Washington contra la URSS, Cuba y la lucha revolucionaria de los pueblos oprimidos a nivel mundial.