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**DEMOCRACY FOR SALE
TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER**

ITT CASE EXPOSES CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT

The recent exposure of the International Telephone & Telegraph Company's financial bribery of high government and Republican Party officials is another excellent example of how the capitalist class controls and uses the government for its own interests.

ITT was being threatened with an anti-trust suit after it acquired the Hartford Insurance Company, Grinnell Corp. and several other large companies. The Hartford Insurance-ITT merger was the largest in the history of U. S. capitalism.

This past summer, with the law suit still pending, ITT agreed to contribute \$400,000 toward the cost of the Republican National Convention to be held in August, 1972. Eight days later, the so-called "Justice" Department dropped the anti-trust suit, settled out of court, and allowed ITT to keep the Hartford Company. And, in spite of the evidence unearthed by muckraking columnist Jack Anderson, "Justice" Department officials still maintain that the settlement was "a coincidence."

In fact, the working of the U. S. government is a whole series of "coincidences" that concretely show one way in which the biggest capitalists run

the government. For example, the same acting Attorney General Kleindienst involved in the IT&T case also blocked "Justice" Department action against the Warner-Lambert drug company when it merged with Parke, Davis drug company. The President of Warner-Lambert happens to be an old friend and financial backer of Richard Nixon and was instrumental in getting him installed as a "senior partner" of a Wall Street law firm after Nixon's overwhelming defeat for Governor of California in 1962.

Another example: Last year, less than 48 hours after a meeting between representatives of dairy farmers and Nixon, the Agriculture Department announced that it was raising the price supports for dairy products. This was worth about \$400 million to the dairymen. Since then, dairy farmers associations have contributed over \$300,000 toward Nixon's re-election. Or this: Lyndon Johnson, when President, attempted to block an investigation of the Auto Industry for conspiring against federal laws requiring anti-pollution devices on cars. When Nixon came to office, the case was settled out of court, the auto makers lost nothing, and the evidence that had been collected for the

case was put under "court seal," which means that the people aren't allowed to see it.

Even George Wallace, self-proclaimed champion of "law and order" and the "little man," has his fingers in the kitty. When Wallace was governor of Alabama, contractors selling the state items such as asphalt, road equipment, school supplies, and especially liquor (legal liquor in Alabama is sold by the state) did notably well on their bids only after making sizable contributions to Wallace's political machine. Those who didn't contribute found it very difficult to get a state contract. This practice became so evident that the Internal Revenue Service began an investigation of Gerald Wallace, George's brother, whose law firm was suspected of being a channel for funneling the payoffs back to Wallace. Last May, Nixon visited Wallace in Alabama for "private" discussions. And, another "coincidence," the case against Gerald Wallace was dropped by the IRS.

The list goes on and on, from dummy campaign organizations set up by both capitalist parties, the Democrats and the Republicans, to hide the source of big campaign contributions, to the recent convictions of Atlanta alderman for corruption, to Mayor Massell ramming the appointment of a new police chief through the City Council even though his past dealings were questionable, right down to the cop on the beat taking money to protect drugs and gambling interests.

These are all examples of one way in which the capitalist class controls the state. But the actual "illegal" corruption is only the tip of the iceberg.

Most of the dealings that bind the government to the interests of big business are perfectly "legal." For example, the same IT&T that bought its way out of an anti-trust suit was maneuvering in 1970 with the CIA to try and prevent the election of the leftist Allende in Chile, and, if he was elected, to instigate a military coup to overthrow him. This included a proposal by IT&T to put pressure on U. S. companies with holdings in Chile to disrupt the Chilean economy if Allende was elected. The

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STOP LEGAL LYNCHING!

In January, Henry Whitlock, a 24 year old GM worker, was going home after dropping his date off when he was shot at by the police. He stopped and got out of his car and was shot at a-

gain and beaten by the police who accused him of murdering a policeman.

He was hastily brought to trial in February, convicted on circumstantial evidence, and sentenced to the electric chair.

His trial was a lesson in the class and racial bias of the capitalist courts. Here are some of the examples of the unanswered questions surrounding the case and the evidence that Henry Whitlock is INNOCENT.

- An orange car was seen leaving the scene of the killing. Whitlock's car is metallic gold. (this is why the cops stopped him in the first place).
- There were no eyewitnesses to the shooting and his family testified at the trial that he was home at the time it was supposed to have taken place.
- The ballistics expert could *not* say that the bullet which killed the policeman came from Whitlock's gun.

• Evidence that might have cleared Whitlock (a tape recorded conversation between the slain policeman and police headquarters) mysteriously disappeared before the trial.

• The jury was all white—prospective black members were excluded because they were against capital punishment. This is an example of the bias of the court system. Any class-conscious worker or progressive person would be against the death penalty because of the discriminatory way it has been used in the past, especially in Georgia. But if you recognize this and are against the death penalty because of it, you would have been excluded from the jury (In other words the people that ended up on the jury must think that the legal system is pretty much perfect). Henry Whitlock was not tried by a jury of his peers.

On that night in January, the police were looking for a scapegoat to revenge the killing of their buddy. Any black man would have done, but Henry Whitlock had the bad luck of being the first likely person they could get their hands on.

THE TIME HAS COME TO STOP THE LEGAL LYNCHING OF BLACK PEOPLE!!!

WE MUST SAVE HENRY WHITLOCK FROM THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!!!!

MASS RALLY IN SUPPORT OF HENRY WHITLOCK

AT EAST LAKE METHODIST CHURCH, CORNER OF 5th AVE. AND BOULEVARD
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Be At
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on Thurs., April 20, 1972
at 10:00 a.m.

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NIXON'S "VIETNAMIZATION" FALLS APART

The new Indo-Chinese offensive in Vietnam has brought home to the U.S. people the fact that Nixon's "Vietnamization" of the war is a big joke and a cover for continued U.S. involvement.

As *Red Worker* goes to press, the U.S. government has begun conducting the largest air raids on N. Vietnam since 1968.

This—of course under the pretext

of "saving American lives". If the U.S. imperialists had never committed such aggression against the Indo-Chinese people and propped up the corrupt Thieu puppet-regime, then no American lives would have been there to "save" in the first place.

The answer? NIXON MUST IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW ALL TROOPS AND SUPPORT FROM VIETNAM!!

The newest fighting in Vietnam

makes the upcoming April 22nd Anti-war demonstration in **New York** all the more important for workers and all people who are against the war to support and attend if possible.

The Atlanta Peace Action Coalition is arranging transportation to **New York** for the April 22nd demonstration.

Call 876-0906 or go by 128 Pine St. if you want to go or want more information.



IN SPITE OF CAPITALIST MURDER

STRUGGLE IN FRANCE ADVANCES

The funeral of Pierre Overney, a young revolutionary worker at a Renault auto plant, was solemnly held on March 4th at the Paris Commune Martyr Wall in Paris, France. He had been killed in cold blood by the capitalists. Pierre Overney and several other Renault workers had not been allowed to work because of their organizing activities. They had come to the plant to try to speak to the rest of the Renault workers when Overney was murdered by a plant guard.

Over 100,000 people — workers, immigrant workers, noted figures, students, women and residents in Paris took part in the seven mile long funeral procession.

At 3 p.m., the demonstrators, following the funeral procession of Pierre Overney, marched from La Place Clichy through main streets to the burial place. They carried red banners and pictures of Overney with "Death For the Cause of the People" written on them.

This funeral procession turned out to be a big demonstration of the working class and people of Paris against persecution and suppression. The marchers sang the "Internationale" and shouted slogans: "We will revenge Pierre Overney!" "Halt Fascist Crimes!" "Free our imprisoned comrades!" "Down with

the armed bands of capitalists!" Many demonstrators distributed leaflets, put up posters and wrote slogans on walls, demanding punishment of the murderer, "Dissolution of the employers' troops" and "Release of the imprisoned worker comrades of Renault." The crowds along the two sides of the streets and people standing on roofs and within windows, shouted slogans and sang the "Internationale" supporting the struggle of the working class of Paris.

This great turn-out of the revolutionary and progressive people of Paris was a serious blow against the French capitalists as well as being a stern rebuff to the French revisionist communist party. This phoney revolutionary party has long ago betrayed the working class just as the "Communist" Party USA in this country has done. They exposed themselves to the masses of French people by calling for a *boycott* of the funeral! The capitalist newspapers in the US rejoiced over this act of treachery by the French CP and gave it extensive coverage.

But the lesson of this revisionist betrayal will not be lost on the workers.

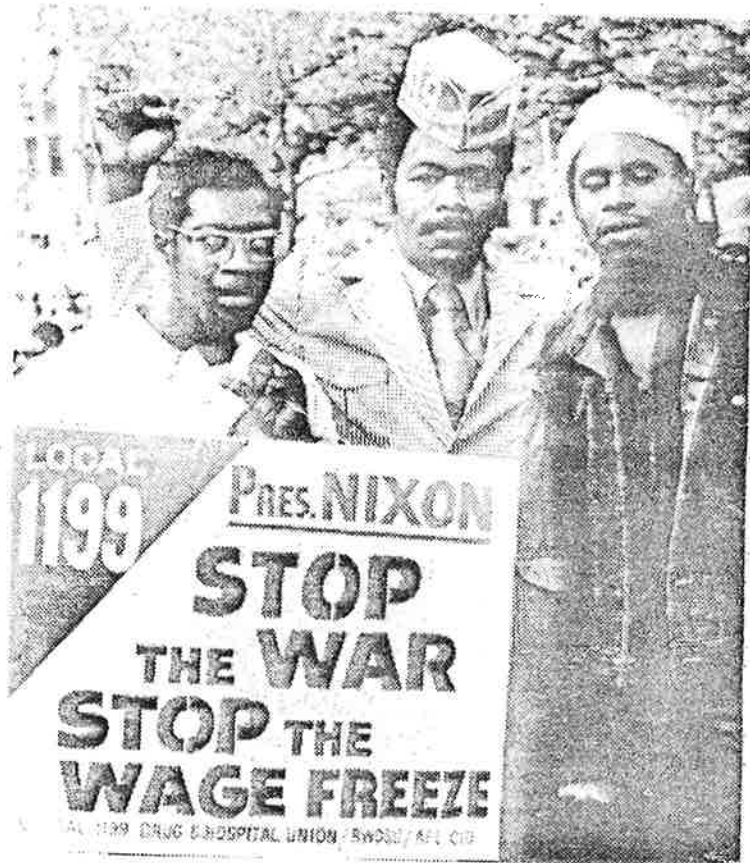
The capitalist papers went into the reasons for the actions of the revisionists' actions in depth. They pointed out that

the CP of France was trying hard to build up an image of "respectability" (in the eyes of the capitalists). Their reason for doing this, the capitalist press pointed out, was because the CP was trying to gain parliamentary seats in the capitalist government. This disgusting display by the French CP is the inevitable result of their political line of the "peaceful", "parliamentary", "constitutional" road to socialism. This line is the same as the one held by the revisionist CPUSA.

The actions of both these parties makes it clear that their line is not a "road to socialism" at all, but rather it is the road of begging the capitalists for favors — the road of trading Marxist-Leninist principles and the revolutionary struggles of the masses for a chance to participate in the government of the capitalists.

Pierre Overney has become a symbol of the rising storm of revolutionary struggle in the advanced imperialist countries. In all of these countries, including the U. S., the revolutionary forces are growing stronger day by day. The events in France and the attempted sabotage by the revisionists proves once again *that every step forward made by the workers' movement must include a relentless struggle against the "theories" and practice of these traitors.*

IMPERIALIST WAR CAUSES DESERTION- DRAFT DODGING



The government in Washington recently held a series of hearings to investigate whether or not young men who refused the draft and went to Canada should be pardoned. Many proposals have also been raised over the last year by these politicians to abolish the draft and create a highly paid, volunteer army.

It is becoming apparent that the imperialists have lifted a rock only to drop it on their own feet. Their army is literally falling apart at the seams!

In order to carry out their aggressive, unpopular war against the Vietnamese people, the imperialists had to institute a massive draft of young men to fight.

Many of these draft-age men saw no sense whatsoever in fighting this war for big business and went into exile in Canada. A low estimate of the number of such exiles in Canada alone is 75,000.

The reactionaries are now babbling that granting amnesty to these men would mean "betraying the memory of those who died fighting bravely." But where was their concern for these men five years ago when they eagerly sent thousands of them to die for U. S. aggression? Their present fear stems from the "dangerous" example this could set for men opposed to such imperialist adventures as Vietnam. After all, they don't want people to resist and "get away

with it." Class conscious workers and communists welcome these men back!

But even if amnesty to those in Canada were never to be granted, the imperialists' headaches would certainly not end.

Vietnam is an unjust war which G. I.'s have no reason to fight, and the desertion rate has risen year by year. Last year alone 98,000 desertions were recorded. Fraggings against officers are daily occurrences on the front lines. Mutinies are frequent.

Since the ruling class will not fight its own war, it must draft young men of the working class, particularly Black, Puerto Rican and Chicano men, to fight their wars. Most are drafted and some join the army because they have no other choice. Jobs are scarce and families have to eat. Others join up because they thought they could help "defend their country." But once in Vietnam (or any other occupied country) these men have found out that they were in an army run by fascists. They found out that they were being ordered to wipe out the entire population of a country whose people didn't want the U. S. army there to begin with. So, a lot of them did the only thing they could do, they dropped their rifles and have "voted with their feet."

Neither the men who have gone to Canada nor the deserters from the Army are cowards. They have simply refused to participate in the most brutal adventure of U. S. imperialism in its history — the Vietnam war. That is why the demand for amnesty for deserters and draft evaders should be supported by the entire working class movement.

A just cause draws great support from the people, while an unjust case will always be resisted. The imperialists will continue attempts at launching new wars — they still have not withdrawn from Vietnam. But their attempts are bound to bring them more resistance and bigger defeats.

Theory of 'Pure' Revolution is a Theory of no Revolution At All

PLP LAUNCHES COWARDLY ATTACK

The Progressive Labor Party (P.L.) has attacked the people of China, the Chinese communists and Mao Tse-Tung for inviting Nixon to China.

The P. L. leaders are doing this because of their "theory" that revolutionaries should never negotiate with the imperialists.

According to their words they are "super-revolutionaries," but in their actions they are serving the CIA and the U. S. capitalist class. At a time when the progressive and revolutionary people of the U. S. are trying to build friendship and solidarity with the Chinese people, the P. L. leaders have gone so far as to demonstrate against the Chinese U. N. delegation in New York..

The P. L. leaders are spreading the lie that "Mao is plotting with Nixon." They never give any evidence that this is true, because there isn't any. Their slander is intended to discredit a great leader of the working class just as the capitalists and their agents have always attempted to do. But they will only expose their counter-revolutionary face even more with their feeble attempts to oppose the correct policies of the Peoples' Republic of China. The actions of the Chinese government in inviting Nixon to make a diplomatic visit to China are 100% in accord with the interests of the workers and oppressed people of the world, including the American people.

Since China is a socialist country, run by the working class, it does not have the aggressive drive to plunder and exploit other countries like the U. S. does. Toward the capitalist and imperialist states, including the U. S., it follows an honest and consistent policy of peace. Inviting Nixon to China was a part of this policy.

The leaders of P. L. beat their chests and shout "No Compromises!," "No Negotiations!," "sell-out!," "Plots!" This way of opposing revolution is not new. As long as there has been a revolutionary movement there have been those who

posed as "super-revolutionaries," as "pure" communists in order to oppose the concrete struggle that was taking place at that time. These "left" opportunists (left-wing in words, right-wing in deeds) have only a superficial understanding of Marxism-Leninism and how it applies to making revolution in the real world today.

Lenin called their policy of "no compromises" "ridiculous in the extreme," and said

Is it not as though, when making a difficult ascent of an unexplored and heretofore inaccessible mountain, we were to refuse beforehand ever to move in zigzags, ever to retrace our steps . . . The more powerful enemy can be vanquished only by exerting the utmost effort, and *without fail*, most thoroughly, carefully, attentively and skillfully using every, even the smallest 'rift' among the enemies, of every antagonism of interest among the bourgeoisie of the various countries and among the various groups of types of bourgeoisie within the various countries, and also by taking advantage of every, even the smallest opportunity of gaining a mass ally, even though this ally be temporary, vacillating, unstable, unreliable and conditional. Those who fail to understand this, fail to understand even a particle of Marxism, or of scientific, modern Socialism *in general*. Those who have not proven by *deeds* over a fairly considerable period of time, and in fairly varied political situations, their ability to apply this truth in practice have not yet learned to assist the revolutionary class in its struggle to emancipate all toiling humanity from the exploiters. And this applies equally to the period *before* and *after* the proletariat has conquered political power.

The Peoples' Republic of China's negotiations with Nixon widened the splits between the different imperialist powers and the U. S. imperialists. This

makes more difficult the possibilities of an alliance between the U. S. and other imperialist or social imperialist countries for the purpose of war against Socialist China or the oppressed countries. Utilizing every such split between the imperialists is only one aspect of the tactics of the socialist countries and the revolutionary peoples, but it is a very important aspect.

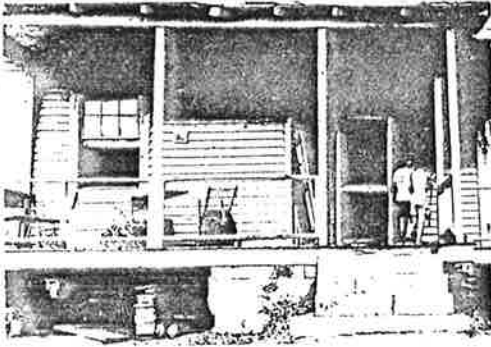
These tactics flow from the scientific law, which Lenin discovered, of the *uneven development of capitalism*. This means that the different imperialist countries develop at different rates of speed; one imperialist power does not always remain on the top (including the U. S.). The rising imperialist powers are always trying to re-divide the world and take over the "spheres of interest" that the "old" imperialist powers have held previously. It is this uneven development with its corresponding competition and conflict between the imperialists that causes world wars in the modern world. *And it is this conflict between the imperialists that is a major factor in making it possible for the working class to make revolution in a single country and to build a socialist society.*

P. L. shows that they do not understand this basic law of capitalism when they make a statement like, "The bosses of the world are . . . wolves. And they band together in a wolf pack whenever any one of them is threatened with revolution."

This is out and out Trotskyism. The Trotskyists have opposed revolution for the last 50 years by saying that it is impossible to make a revolution or build socialism in any single country because the capitalists are too strong and united world-wide. The only way revolution can be successful these "super-revolutionaries" say, is if the working class in all the biggest countries makes revolution at the same time.

History has proven these left opportunists wrong. *continued page 8*

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While luxury town houses go up in the suburbs of Atlanta and mansions are built along the Chatahoochee, more than 50,000 houses in Atlanta are substandard – enough to house roughly one fourth of the city's population. While some capitalists spend \$200 a month on yardcare alone, masses of people in the inner city suffer sickness from poor ventilation, crowding, bad heating, and gas poisoning. In the U. S. there are more than 11 million substandard housing units.

This bad housing falls particularly hard on the minorities, the most oppressed section of the working class. One out of every four non-whites lives in either dilapidated housing or housing lacking plumbing.

Every year the capitalist politicians and government bureaucrats promise to build more housing in the inner city. Every year, in the interest of business expansion more houses are destroyed than are built. With 7000 families on the waiting list for public housing in Atlanta, government agencies in 1972 will destroy 4000 housing units and build only 900.

HOUSING UNDER CAPITALISM

The housing crisis is not peculiar to this day and age. In all times oppressed classes have lived in shoddy and inadequate housing while the oppressor classes have enjoyed a comfortable, luxurious life. The slave owner and feudal landlords lived in splendor, while the slaves, tenants, and sharecroppers lived in shacks and misery.

The development of capitalism in the 1800's gave rise to bad housing for the newly emerging working class, the oppressed class under capitalism. Workers

from rural areas were concentrated in large cities with housing shortages, lack of sanitation, and epidemic diseases. This continued migration of peasants, farm laborers, and workers from small towns and rural areas to the large cities still creates housing shortages and crowding for a large part of the industrial working class.

Thus bad housing was an inevitable by-product of the historical development of capitalism. Further – and more important – it is the system of capitalism that insures that a large section of the working class will always live in relatively bad housing. Poor housing results directly from the wage relationship which allows the capitalist to steal the 'wealth, the surplus value, created by the workers.

How can a worker who gets paid \$2.50 hour and is laid off frequently hope to hold on to a decent house? Because workers are dependent on their wage from the capitalist, because of unemployment and general economic insecurity, it is difficult for a large portion of the working class to pay rent, much less buy a decent house.

Since housing under capitalism is built for those who are able to pay and not according to need, housing is built mainly for the capitalists, professional classes, managers, and the "aristocracy of labor." While some workers are able to buy houses, even a brief economic crisis results in mass foreclosures.

CAPITALIST "SOLUTIONS" TO HOUSING

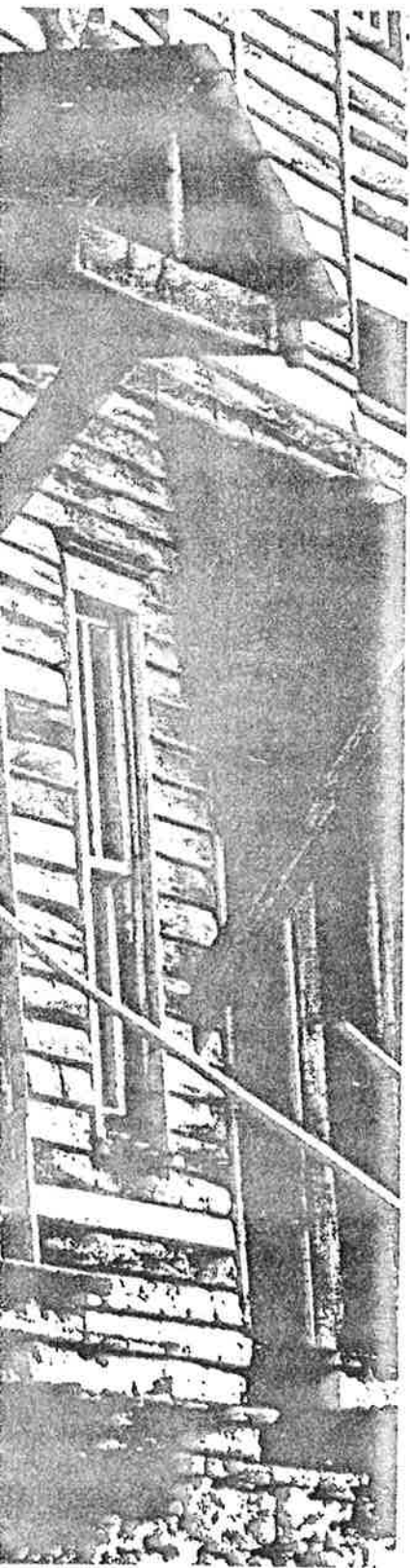
The capitalists in the last 25 years have put forward public housing programs and urban renewal as a "solution" to the slum and housing question. It is possible in the short run for the capitalists (for fear of their own safety and to expand business interest) to wipe out certain sections of bad housing, but because of the economic insecurity and low wages of large numbers of workers, these slums will just be recreated again in new areas.

This is the capitalists' solution to the housing problem: destroy housing in one area and shift the crowded housing to another area.



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URBAN RENEWAL MEANS WORKERS REMOVAL

The growth of cities under capitalism has always been at the expense of working class housing. The growth of industry and commerce means the need for more streets and more land for development. This usually means tearing down housing in working class areas which concentrate in the inner city.

This is clear in urban renewal programs – called “urban removal” by inner city residents. Nationally urban renewal programs have resulted in the destruction of 400,000 inner city housing units, while only 40,000 housing units were built in urban renewal areas. Only 10,000 on the new units were for low income.

Atlanta’s capitalists – the Rich’s, Mills B. Lanes’, Ivan Allens, etc. – pushed through an urban renewal program to tear down workers housing (particularly black housing) and to erect new highways, commercial buildings, the trade show center, and the stadium. With very little concern for the dislocated families, the Chamber of Commerce, real estate speculators, and the city government destroyed thousands of houses in Summerhill, Buttermilk Bottom, Bedford Pine and other areas.

From 1955 to 1971 only 7500 units were added to public housing. During the same time more than 16,000 units (a very low estimate) were destroyed – that means more than 8500 families crowded into already crowded housing.

In 1967 the Chamber of Commerce had this to say about their handiwork: “One has only to ride through the downtown section to see rising out of former slums a magnificent \$14 million stadium, a \$9 million auditorium, high rise apartments, office buildings, and motels. Even more impressive, though less visible, is the fact that where once stood rubble neglect and decay, there has come to the people a new hope.”

Urban renewal gave the people of Summerhill so much hope that in 1966 the community rose up in violent

rebellion against the oppressive conditions in the area. Urban renewal had gutted the community!

Despite new, dressed up urban renewal programs such as Model Cities, still very little has been done to improve housing in the area. Model Cities has spent millions of dollars in four years and only this year is getting around to building new housing. The city very seldom pushes slumlords to keep their houses repaired. In fact in areas under urban renewal, the city cannot (or does not) enforce the housing code at all.

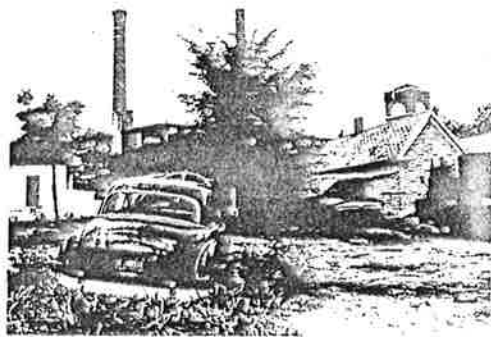
The class that gains “hope” from urban renewal is the capitalist class – the real estate speculators, contractors, and commercial interests. Land speculators buy the land in urban renewal zones at low prices, inflate the prices, and then sell it to the government. The government then sells it at lower prices to businesses for development. The taxpayers foot the difference.

Thus urban renewal under capitalism means further crowding, destruction of workers’ housing and a pork barrel for local capitalists.

PUBLIC HOUSING NO SOLUTION

Since the rise of capitalism, the capitalists and their government agents have put forward public housing programs as part of the solution to the housing question. It is no accident that the most recent outcry for more housing by the capitalist government came after the great Black rebellions from 1965-68. The capitalists were truly frightened and

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When the conflicts between the imperialists reached the point of war for the first time, the Russian people were able to successfully make revolution while the imperialists were at each others' throats. When the imperialist competition led to the second world war, China and many Eastern European countries were able to successfully make revolution.

One of the biggest slanders that the P. L. leaders put out is that the Chinese are the same as the Soviet revisionists. This is an outright lie. The statements and actions of the Chinese communists have proven that their policies are the opposite of those of the Soviet social-imperialists. First of all, the Soviet revisionists spread illusions about imperialism and the question of war and peace. They say that a "world without war" is possible while imperialism still exists, whereas the Chinese say there are only two possibilities: that revolution will prevent world war or that world war will cause revolution. In other words, although the struggles of the world's peoples can forestall any particular war, we will only have peace permanently when the imperialist system no longer exists in the world. This is the opposite of the revisionists' phoney "theories."

The Soviet revisionists make peaceful co-existence the sum total of the foreign policy and put proletarian internationalism in a secondary or non-existent place. They go further than this and try to make peaceful co-existence with imperialism the basis of policy for revolutionary movements all around the world. The Soviet revisionists say that the weight of Soviet influence and successful competition with the imperialists makes it possible for oppressed classes and nations to "peacefully co-exist" with their oppressors and achieve liberation and socialism "peacefully." Instead of supporting the struggles of the world's

peoples, they oppose them, saying that "any small 'local war' might spark off the conflagration of a world war." In line

with this policy they have slandered the heroic Palestinian guerrilla movement calling it "adventurist" and have attempted to sabotage the struggle in Southeast Asia; for example they refuse to recognize the legitimate revolutionary government of Samdech Sihanouk in Cambodia, but continue to deal with the U. S. backed Lon Nol clique.

The Chinese Communist Party has consistently opposed these policies and made proletarian internationalism the cornerstone of their foreign policy. They have not slackened in their opposition to U. S. policies in general and Nixon in particular. They have never said that the policy of peaceful co-existence between the Peoples' Republic of China and the U. S. government means that the working class and oppressed people in this country should also "peacefully co-exist" with the U. S. capitalists and their government. They have given strong political support to the armed revolutionary struggle of the Afro-American people and the workers movement in this country, including statements by Mao Tse-Tung himself.

The leaders of P. L. know this. And this is why it is the most rotten opportunism possible for them to raise the slogan, "Would you invite this man [Nixon] into your home?" They imply that this is what the Chinese revolutionaries urge the American workers to do. This is nothing but a cheap demagogic lie by the P. L. leaders.

P. L. OPPOSES THE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLES

P. L.'s leaders began by setting themselves against Lenin, Stalin and Mao in theory. And they are now setting themselves against the revolutionary peoples of the world in practice.

They began several years ago by calling the Vietnamese communists "sell-outs" for negotiating with the U. S. Time has shown how wrong they are — the Vietnamese have never laid down their guns and have succeeded in exposing the U. S. imperialists at the negotiating table while defeating them on the battlefield.

Following the same road, P. L.'s leaders have set themselves against the Black Liberation struggle in the U. S. by saying that "all nationalism is reactionary," not distinguishing between the revolutionary nationalism of an oppressed people (directed against the U. S. imperialists) and reactionary nationalism (directed against the workers of other nations).

And now, when the people of the U. S. are fighting to build friendship and solidarity with the Chinese people, P. L. is demonstrating *against* them!

The Trotskyist, left-opportunist policies of P. L. are bound to isolate them from the masses of workers and other revolutionary people in the U. S. This process has already been going on for some time. Many honest people have already split from P. L. over their sectarian and counter-revolutionary policies. More will follow and the Progressive Labor Party will degenerate into a sect like other Trotskyist groups.

P. L. should be a profound lesson, by negative example, to the thousand to revolutionary workers and students who are fighting to build a new vanguard communist party in the U. S. In the vigorous struggle against the ideological and practical betrayals of the modern revisionists, we must be constantly on guard against Trotskyism and all forms of left opportunism. If we fail to do this we will end up like P. L. — uniting the enemy, opposing the people, and going from defeat to defeat.

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LOUISIANA DOCK WORKERS SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH AFRICAN PEOPLE

Burnside, La. In March demonstrators here protested against the unloading of the first shipments of Rhodesian chromium ore to arrive in the U.S. since the United Nations imposed a trade embargo on the white minority regime of Ian Smith.

Dockworkers in this small suburb of Baton Rouge have refused to unload the ship, which contains 25,000 tons of ore. But members of Local

216 of the International Union of Operating Engineers—known as a reactionary craft union—are doing the job.

Black students from Southern University in Baton Rouge, demonstrated in solidarity with the dockworkers.

The U.S. government, by allowing shipments of chromium here is flagrantly violating the U.N. trade embargo against Rhodesia. The Ian Smith clique rules Rhodesia with an iron hand.

and is a white-settler government over millions of black Africans in their native land. Not even the right to vote exists there.

The refusal by the dockworkers and their unity with the students is a very significant sign of international solidarity and is an indication of the rapid growth of political consciousness among the U.S. workers.

GEORGIA COMMUNIST LEAGUE (MARXIST-LENINIST) WHO WE ARE

The Georgia Communist League is an organization dedicated to socialism and political power for the working class.

Our views and aims are based on the history and lessons of the working class struggle against capitalism.

Capitalism produces two *absolutely opposed* classes of people—the *working class*, which produces the wealth, and the *capitalist class*, which takes the wealth. In the long run capitalism works so that the capitalist class gets smaller and wealthier, and the working class gets larger and poorer. The system of capitalism—the system of private ownership of the factories, mines, large farms, and other

means of producing—causes mass poverty, unemployment, and low wages for workers.

The only way to abolish this conflict between capitalist and worker, wealth and poverty, is through revolution—the armed struggle of the working class to seize state power from the capitalists. With political power based on the armed might of the workers, the working class can begin to take over the factories, mines and large farms and to use all of the wealth produced to serve all of the people—not just a handful of fat capitalists. This is socialism, or the social ownership of the means of production.

In order to accomplish these tasks, what is needed is a political party to lead the class—a *new communist party*. It must be a party of the working class made up of the most advanced workers who have the closest ties to the people and who hold firmly to the final aims of the class: political power and socialism.

The Georgia Communist League aims to spread these ideas to other workers and to help build such a party. We invite all workers who agree or have questions to write us.

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were temporarily set in a frenzy promising all kinds of improvements.

In earlier days, capitalists had to build company housing near the mills to attract the low paid labor from the rural areas. This company housing was also used as a stick to beat down union drives. Since World War II the capitalists have built housing mainly to take care of the mass migrations to the industrial cities and to stabilize this source of cheap labor near industries.

What may appear as a bonus to workers living in public housing in the long run is just a wage in another form. Lower cost housing allows the capitalist to pay lower wages, so the workers' living standard remains about the same. Thus the capitalist benefits in several ways. He is able to keep wages low if housing is cheap. He does not have to run the housing and he taxes the workers to pay any additional costs.

Three million Americans live in public housing. Rent sometimes is as high as private rentals. Admission into public housing is often a humiliating ordeal. Once admitted tenants are subjected to surveillance, disrepaired apartments, uncooperative managers, and further humiliation. In the 1950's tenants were force to sign statements indicating that they didn't belong to certain political organizations.

ABOLITION OF CAPITALISM THE ONLY PERMANENT SOLUTION

Unsafe, over crowded and inadequate housing is a direct result of capitalism. Housing is built for profit and, as is always true under capitalism, profit comes before the needs of the people. Frederick Engels summed up the housing problem more than 100 years ago:

As long as the capitalist mode of production continues to exist, it is folly to hope for an isolated settlement of the housing question or of any other social question affecting the lot of the workers. The solution lies in the abolition of the capitalist mode of production and the appropriation of all the means of subsistence and instruments of labor by the working class itself.



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masses of oppressed peoples during all of the complex twists and turns of the revolutionary struggle. Only this type of party could train large numbers of cadres and prepare the proletariat for revolution.

SOVIET REVISIONISTS BETRAY LENIN

Today, 48 years after his death, the Soviet revisionists are attempting to turn Leninism into social reformism.

Lenin once said: "It has always been the case in history that after death of revolutionary leaders who were popular among the oppressed classes, their enemies have attempted to appropriate their names so as to deceive the oppressed classes."

This is exactly what Brezhnev and his ilk are trying to do. They put forward that the oppressed peoples shouldn't fight for national liberation and the proletariat shouldn't make revolution. They say that socialism can be attained through peaceful competition, peaceful transition, and peaceful co-existence. They try to pass this rubbish off as 'the essence of Leninism.' They try to appropriate the name of Lenin to hide their *Social-imperialists aims and policies.*

As the Chinese Communist Party has said: "Today our fighting tasks are thoroughly to expose the betrayal of Leninism by the Soviet revisionist renegades, to lay bare the class nature of Soviet revisionist social-imperialism, point out the historical law that social-imperialism, like capitalist

imperialism, will meet its inevitable doom, and further promote the great struggle of the people of the world against U. S. imperialism, Soviet revisionism and all reaction!"

Though Lenin is dead, his ideals live on. His theories of imperialism, proletarian revolution and proletarian dictatorship are still valid today. World War I, the October Revolution in Russia, and the developments in the world since then have clearly proved Leninism to be correct. His ideas have provided the strategic basis for every successful revolution from China to Vietnam. Today, it provides the basis for a revolutionary program in the U. S.

His concepts of proletarian organization were the basis of the Bolshevik Party in Russia and serve as a model for all communist parties today.

Not only do his ideas live on, but the cause to which he dedicated his life — the cause of the world proletarian revolution — is advancing more vigorously than ever! The genuine forces of Marxism-Leninism are growing steadily throughout the world! The liberation struggle in the oppressed nations are surging ahead! All countries and peoples who suffer aggression, control, intervention or bullying by U. S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism are forming a broad united front! The death knell is tolling for imperialism and social-imperialism!

REVOLUTION IS THE MAIN TREND IN THE WORLD TODAY!!

IN COMMEMORATION OF LENIN: GREAT COMMUNIST LEADER



April 22, 1972 marks the 102nd year since the birth of V. I. Lenin. Why is it that today, 50 years after his death, we still pay tribute to his memory?

Lenin was the greatest revolutionary leader of his time. He took up the banner of the proletariat where the first revolutionary communist leaders Marx and Engels left off. He waged a relentless struggle against the opportunists, who tried to rob Marx's theories of their revolutionary content. He continued in the footsteps of Marx and Engels.

Lenin wasn't born a great revolutionary leader. He was a product of the class struggle. Revolutions produce many heroic men and women like Lenin - the finest sons and daughters of the working class to lead the struggle. As we pay tribute to Lenin, we honor them as well.

Part of Lenin's greatness lay in his ability to apply the principles of Marxism to the concrete conditions of his time in Russia and the world. He made many creative contributions to Marxist theory, all of which stand as a profound and brilliant guide for us today. Two of his most important contributions were his theories of Proletarian revolution and proletarian dictatorship and his concept of proletarian organization.

Lenin's theories of imperialism and the uneven economic and political development of capitalism were the basis for his views on proletarian revolution and proletarian dictatorship. He recognized the necessity for the armed struggle of the proletariat against the capitalist class. He said that this struggle had to culminate in the seizure of power by the proletariat, the destruction of the capitalist state, and the institution of workers' state power - the dictatorship of the proletariat.

To carry out these momentous tasks the proletariat had to have organization and leadership - a vanguard party.

IMPERIALISM: EVE OF THE PROLETARIAN SOCIALIST REVOLUTION

In *Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism*, Lenin analyzed the developments of capitalism since the time of Marx and Engels. He put forth that capitalism was in a new stage. It was no longer the same rapidly growing capitalism of Marx's and Engel's time. Instead it had changed into imperialism - monopoly capitalism - dying, decadent capitalism. He analyzed the new contradictions produced by imperialism and showed how these contradictions spelled doom for the capitalist system.

He showed how the growth of monopoly under imperialism intensifies the contradiction between the capitalist class and the working class within the imperialist countries. The export of capital and the division of the whole world into "spheres of influence" gives rise to the contradiction between imperialism and the oppressed nations. The competition among the various imperialist countries for supremacy weakens imperialism and facilitates the uniting of the proletariat and the oppressed nations into a single revolutionary front against imperialism. This led him to predict that the world was on the eve of the proletarian socialist revolution.

PROLETARIAN PARTY OF A NEW TYPE

Lenin's concepts on organization were among his first contributions to Marxism. When the revolutionary movement in Russia was very young, Lenin recognized the urgent need for organization - the need for a proletarian party of a new type - a party which could unite communism and the working class movement into one strong revolutionary force. He knew that the party could not be just a parliamentary party (like our Republican and Democratic parties). A proletarian party must be able to lead the masses in all forms of struggle - parliamentary struggle and

armed struggle, open and secret work, legal and illegal work.

He said that a proletarian party must be a fighting party - the advanced detachment of the proletariat - guided by the most advanced revolutionary theory. It must be a highly disciplined organization composed of dedicated revolutionaries - the most selfless and advanced men and women of the working class. Only this type of party could successfully lead the proletariat and the

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