by Charles Denby, Editor

In the June issue of News & Letters, the Worker's Journal column carried an article on Black leaders in the South who, by coming out in support of George Wallace, are opposing what the great majority of Black rank-and-file voters want.

The article also gave some analysis of the reasons why these Black leaders were shooting their endorsement of Wallace, especially Black Mayor Charles Evers of Fayette, Mississippi, whose brother was assassinated by a racist white several years ago. We stated that since Evers is a loyal supporter of Senator Kennedy, and Sen. Kennedy is playing around with Wallace, this could be the basis for Evers' yelling his support for Wallace.

The question of the police, a nationally-known Black leader from Alabama called to tell me that what was involved in all the Black leaders supporting Wallace, but that there is much more too. He said the Black leaders that are opposed to Wallace and have been speaking out against him are being harassed, and have for a long time. He gave some examples:

The week before the 1972 elections, the news came out that some Black leaders were being investigated by the IRS. These investigations had been going on for two years before 1972, and have continued for the two years since. These people had to pay lots of the defending themselves against the IRS.

John Lewis, who is director of the voter registration drive throughout the South, was promised $100,000 by the Ford Foundation, but was recently told they will not receive it.

Here is what this Black leader told me:

We have been pushed for a voter drive concentrated here in Alabama for years. The idea would be to concentrate on one state at a time, rather than spread our efforts out. With the reapportionment since 1969, we've pushed 15 Blacks in the legislature so far. If we work together, we could put 60 Blacks in the Alabama legislature.

John Lewis has been telling us since January that they had the money for the drive, but they've been dragging their feet. They just now had to admit that they did not have the money, because the Ford Foundation had reneged on their commitment. The FBI investigated Lewis the day after he was in Selma, Alabama speaking out against Wallace.

These black folks in power just manage to keep us busy defending ourselves all the time. When they have all the money, and are doing what can one do? They are trying to kill us off. Not everybody is killed the same way. They killed Martin Luther King with bullets, but there are other ways of assassinating people.

Those Black mayors from Alabama, Ford from Tuskegee and J. Cooper of Prichard, and Evers of Fayette, Mississippi are all Kennedy disciples. They said to make Wallace respectable to Blacks. But we all know

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San Francisco nurses demand voice in patient care.

At one hospital, 200 nurses went to the headquarters of Kaiser health care and demanded to see Mr. Kaiser. Naturally, the big boss was out of town. There was a rally at Union Square last Thursday which 500 attended.

The strike has great support, both within the hospitals and throughout the Bay Area. Many hospital workers are showing solidarity by wearing the strike's symbol: a royal blue armband. And, while no workers can join the picket lines even when off their designated shift without risking "disciplinary action," i.e., being fired, doctors in several hospitals have shown their support by picketing with the nurses. Teamster drivers have refused to cross the picket lines to make deliveries.

STRIKE-BREAKING TACTIC

As a result of fewer patients during the strike, several hospitals have begun to lay off workers. The one where I work has adopted a different tactic. Non-union clerical workers are being forced to take earned time, such as floating holidays and birthdays during the strike's second week. The administration had threatened to force them to take vacation time as well, one day a week, as long as the strike lasted. We fought that and won. Many of us have families. Although the hospitals have families, or are single women with children, and have planned those vacations and feel that that time is ours.

We see that type of threat on the part of management as an attempt to break the solidarity we feel with the striking nurses. The bosses figure that if they force us

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Detroit, Mich. — From election to priorities, the Seventh Annual Conference of the National Organization for Women (NOW) was characterized by a more comprehensive view of the problems plaguing society.

For the first time in history, the national NOW president was elected not from the floor, rather than through a nominating committee. Elected was Karen DeCrow of New York, N.Y., who Decrow expressed the need for a "money revolution" saying that it is not enough to integrate women into the existing economic structure.

One of the major issues discussed was the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and the "money revolution" saying that it is not enough to integrate women into the existing economic structure.

The conference was also attended by a coalition of organizations, including Africa, Panama and India. They have even received a request from women in Chile for support against the continuing torture of women by the right-wing Chilean government.

Accoing to one of the NOW national leaders: "We need to build a coalition of organizations that are not afraid of the power of the United States."

But NOW has a way to go to make these concepts really even within their own organization. It disturbed the high point of faith and determination is based on the knowledge of the powerful of backlashes against women's rights that included as one of the examples of backlashes—women addressing themselves to "broaden the base of the movement."

To me, feminism is humanism—fighting for the freedom of all women and their specific problems is to work with them and not against them.

SF nurses out on strike

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to take vacations in order to keep our doors during the strike, we will blame it on the nurses. Management also doesn't care if the striking nurses are shut out. We want them to look away all protective laws for workers in this state. (See last two issues' of PACE 2 for details.)

Banners proclaiming: "Ten-hour day—No way!" "Protective laws—We fought to get them, we'll keep to fight to get them back!" "$3.50 an hour! Last day ed" had lunch-hour shoppers and workers eagerly ac­cepting the brochures handed out by the marchers.

The rally at the State Building was lively with skits and speeches from the mostly women's organizations within the International Women's Year. Young strikers from many plants in the Bay Area. Speeches were militant and defiant, especially those of Farm Workers and Asian women.

No date has been set for the court hearings on the legality of the strike. Legal staff have been hired by the AFL-CIO Lab Council with Union WAGE, National Nurses Guild and other women's groups, and three women workers who filed separate suits, all pointing out that the Equal Rights Amendment says extend equal protection, as not the IWC ruled, take it away.

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A frightening report has just come in from women in the field and from the nurses. The nurses who have already had identical new repressive laws put into effect. No word of this has been publicized in any of the media —even in California, where the IWC rulings have been hushed up except for the Union WAGE, Nurses News, and Local News. The strike is supported by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Women's International Union, a Maoist group which tried to control the rally, and the Bureaucrats hold CLUW back and the Socialist Workers Party.

The last poll showed that 53 percent of the people in this country believe the president is guilty and should not stand for office. I think that same percentage would say they are going to put the Senators and Congressmen out of office if they don't impeach Nixon, he will be out of the White House.

All this business of how the people of Egypt are rushing and lining the streets to greet him must be said. First of all, the one time in history that a man had the power to control the government of a country to rally and line the streets to see him. The people of Egypt do not have to vote for him, so they can't be expected to be his friend, but the American people can be his enemy, because they recognize him as the crook and they are afraid of the corruption in the other countries will save and change his image at home.
UAW convention:

Only membership can make needed changes

By Felix Martin

As a blue-collar worker observing the delegates to the UAW convention, I am struck by the fact that the union's 

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**ALICE IN WONDERLAND?**

Nixon is carrying out in the Middle East exactly what he did in Vietnam. No war, no peace, he is trying to make sure everybody has everybody in for whom U. S. and Russia finally decide, and they will be fielding their armies. We have to feel like Alice in Wonderland when you read the news headlines these days.

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**NIXON'S "PEACE"**

Since the cease fire treaty of January 1973, Nixon has been "peaceful" while Saigon figures, just released, show that more than $31,000 Vietnamese, North and South, have been killed, wounded, or wounded, and there are still 200,000 political prisoners in the South. There are at least four direct U. S. violations of the signed Paris Agreement admitted by the Pentagon of what are called the Vietnamese people under Thieu? Last year basic foods increased 15% but wages went unchanged. Children are forced to quit school to earn pennies, small factories have forced closure, and as of May 1, there were three million unemployed workers in the Saigon area.

Many worker movements are organizing and 12 unions, representing 30,000 workers protested against the big factory owners. Sam productivity and wages have been demanded. All the workers are fighting impeachable offenses. American soldiers are two separate tolerant to working the class, we would have achieved the goal of emptying the prisons.

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**CHICANO KILLINGS**

I was very shocked to hear, about ten days after the fact, that six Chicano activists were killed in two separate incidents when bombs exploded in their cars May 27 and May 29 in Boulder, Col.

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**UNITED FARM WORKERS**

On Saturday, there is about 2,500 people from all over California came to Delano to celebrate the opening of the Delano strikes in 1965, and started the UFW on its present form. The village was built by labor donated by carpenters, painters, electricians, and just anyone who wanted to help. The union is planning to build other similar villages across the state, but they need to get their stolen contracts with the growers back to pay for materials.

After the opening celebration at the UFW's 40 acres, we drove a caravan of several hundred cars and buses into a park in town, where food was served, and everyone heard music and speeches. Passing through Delano, many Chicano residents came out to see the UFW's caravans show to their support of the UFW. The whites weren't so friendly.

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**BOYCOTT KRAFT**

Response to recent boycott activity has certainly shown that Canadianpeople who feel strongly about the method of how large multi-national and national corporations are exploiting farm labor, farmers, fishermen, processing and distribution workers and the consumer. This is not the type that boycott can become the bridge to build a resistance movement which can control and eliminate corporate control in the food industry.

Input from readers on ways of furthering and expanding the boycott and how to welcome. For more information on the Kraft boycott write:

Kraft Boycott News
P. O. Box 701
Kingston, Ontario, Canada

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**PLASTIC HAZARDS**

Write specifications for architects. Manufacturers of this line of work have been under pressure to specify plastic materials because they are fire retardant. But that could be a fire hazard. Polyurethane is one of those plastics. It has terrible insulating value, but it goes — look out! It kicks up a black poisonous smoke.

Polyurethane may be used in buildings if it is properly protected. Placed between two-four thicknesses of brick in what is called a cavity wall, it is safe. The State Fire Marshal is supposed to check up and control the use of such materials in building construction. But many architects and builders are looking for ways to get around this. The relatives of somebody who was killed to death in a fire might bring suit against the architect and builder. But what kind of remedy is that?

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**ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT**

"Israel's right to exist" is a misleading catchphrase. If "Israel" means the Jewish population of Palestine today, they must deny their right to exist, and in the pleititude of human rights. But Israel, on the state, its occupation, and its forces. I pose to you, who seem to be too tolerant toward Zionism: does any state exist that is based on forcible seizure of land from its inhabitants, most of whom are still living? Is the policy of "latter day capitalists" to describe some of the Arab States censures only oil?

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NIXON-KISSINGER JOURNEY TO SAVE 'THE PRESIDENCY'

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Italians believe in family order, which also means poli­

cical order, and thus the acceptance of economic

The whole is the mighty imperialistic nuclear power

The Peacemakers

Italy vote rejects Christian Democrats

Milan, Italy—The first time that the Italian people were called upon to vote in a referendum (and on a divorce law that had already been passed three years ago), however, it was on June 20. A provision in the divorce law that allowed for divorce, in which the Christian Democrats had been the most active, was defeated by 28.4% to 71.6%.

The Christian Democrats had been in power since 1953, and had been called the designers of the first Italian Constitution of 1948, which guarantees freedom of religion, education, and the right to work. The Christian Democrats had also been responsible for the implementation of the Marshall Plan in Italy, which had provided much-needed aid to the Italian economy. The party had also been responsible for the creation of the Common Market, which had helped to increase exports and decrease unemployment.

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Cops beat students during eviction from Crim school.

Once it actually had a mass student movement behind it during that final week of May 30-June 6, instead of broadening and improving its contacts with the students it set itself over them as a "vanguard.

The upshot of all this was a gradual retreat from the tremendous lassitude of student support on May 30 (7,000 in Berkeley), May 31 (5,000). The mass meeting June 3 broke down into an impotent discussion. The mass meeting scheduled for June 4 with community speakers and thousands of jeerleaders already printed was inadvertently cancelled.

One positive thing definitely has happened as a result of the campaign to defend the Crim School: there has begun a resurgence of student activism at this university after the low point reached in the past two years.

—Tom Matthews, Berkeley student

Join VVAW Washington rally, July 1-4

Thousands of people from across the country are expected in Washington, D.C. from July 1-4 for mass demonstrations in support of universal and unconditional amnesty. Sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO), the activities each day will focus on one of their five demands.

The Crim School also became involved in the outside Bay Area community through contacts in the Black community and through such organizations as the Bay Area Women Against Rape. These radical departures in criminology have been seen as "unprofessional," "not sufficient," "too rigorous," and "not up to university standards."

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COPS BEAT STUDENTS DURING EVICTION FROM CRIM SCHOOL

Survey of U.S. youth shows revolt deepens

by Chris Norwell

A recent survey published by a bourgeois survey company, Daniel Yankelovich, showed that young people, especially young workers, are dissatisfied with our society. I could have told him that a long time ago.

Although college youth were found to be more "liberal" both years in such matters as sexual relations, abortion, racism, patriotism, and war, the working-class youths' attitudes towards these values changed at a much faster rate than those of the college youth. More important still, the working-class youth see the college youth demanding self-filling jobs and a better life style as they do in the past, they do not have the economic means or education to accomplish what the college youth can.

The study also found that Vietnam veterans had higher unemployment, alcoholism, and drug addiction statistics than average, and, "not unsurprisingly," Black youth were even worse off. How can they say this so matter-of-fact is beyond me.

New workers' consciousness is that there is not a great difference between working and college youth in capitalism. Their difference is in what they can do about it. One guy who I used to work with always wanted to get away from the city and live on an island somewhere. He was looking for general "living freedom," only he could never get away, first because of working to get the money, and then because he would have to support his wife and kid. Working-class youth cannot "escape" from society as college youth can. More important still, the working-class youth see the college youth going to find it more and more difficult to control the workers.

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JOURNEY TO SAVE THE PRESIDENCY

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Japan which is suddenly likewise being included in the West" (1), the anti-Vietnam War movement, youth especially, Blacks in particular, anti-labor in general. No, it began equally not possibly come from those busy telling us the U.S. "we are coming into an age of philosophy . . ." Shades of that cheap crook that occupied the post of "God Builders" is at best mechanistic and has been forgotten to those who loud and long proclaimed "the spirit of man has broken with the old order of things and with the hitherto prevailing, and with the old ways of thinking and doing."

HOME IS WHERE THE "ENEMY" IS

The crime-laden Nixon Administration didn't begin at Watergate. It began the day Nixon took office on a "law and order" platform which not only his laws were not passed but carried out against the mass anti-Vietnam War movement, youth especially, Blacks in particular, anti-labor in general. That is the real reason of the new anti-laborism) Marx once wrote, are the algebrae of revolution.

PHILOSOPHY AND REVOLUTION

by Raya Dunayevskaya

Socialist Leader, April 13, 1974, London, England

The Socialist movement in the English-speaking world has always been divvied by two seemingly opposed, but in fact closely related factors: the desire to liberate man and his country from the yoke of capitalist institutions and the desire to liberate man and his country from the yoke of capitalist institutions. The second is the dry as dust, sterile, dogmatic "Marxism" which was to be found in Hyndman's SDP and which died of thirst in each hot bed of class war as Clapham High Street.

Dialectics (the analytic method of scientific materialism) Marx once wrote, are the algebrae of revolution. As the book shows, the British Left has to date not even learnt their ABCs. Therefore, this book by Ms. Dunayevskaya, a follow up to her controversial Marxism and Freedom, which in its own way attempts to rectify this situation, is to be welcomed.

Motivated, as are all honest Socialists, by a deep love of humanity and a passionate desire to see it liberated from capitalism, Ms. Dunayevskaya argues for a much more Marxist's view of the soul of Hegel's critical philosophy. Tracing its development through Marx and Lenin and examining the ideas of Trotsky, Stalin and Mao, she goes on to work out her own humanist philosophy of liberation and to relate it to the practice of the new revolutionary forces which are arising as capitalists .

Here one must take issue with Ms. Dunayevskaya on the question of Lenin's ability as a philosopher. Without looking at the work of Marx and those who have so far worked on Marx's work which dates from his polemic against Bogdanov and the "God Builders" is at best mechanistic and has been denounced by Lenin himself as "mentally obtuse." However, the brief outline in his Philosophical Notebooks does show a genuine attempt to grasp with the dialectic, his mysticism in "dialectical materialism than stupid materialism" seems to be forgotten by those who loud and long proclaim Marx's dialectic. "

"Our epoch is a birth-time, and a period of transition. The spirit of man has broken with the old order of things and with the hitherto prevailing, and with the old ways of thinking and doing..." wrote Hegel. This is the spirit of revolutionary thought and action, the spirit in which Ms. Dunayevskaya's book is written.

As others see us: ABCs of Revolution


The first section of this book is deep into the philosophical side, while the last half is a useful discussion of current political events and a look ahead. Among (Dunayevskaya's) points in the first section is that Marxist historical materialism is inseparable from Hegelian dialectics, that it is false to contrast Young Marx vs. a Later Marx, an error indicated by the recently published Grundrisse, and that Russian Communist theoreticians have tried to cover up their state capitalist institutions by revising or suppressing the first chapter of Capital. They seek to gloss over the role of Capitalism. They seek to gloss over the role of...

No, "the age of philosophy" cannot be separated from the age of revolution that is up from below.

—June 17, 1974

Flocks: death and privileges

San Francisco, Calif. — The awful news being discussed in the city today is that the flocks is on Memorial Day of three of our brothers who were killed when a ship's crane's broken cable went overboard. An additionally chilling feature of the accident was that the third man's body wasn't found until his wife phoned in to find out what he had come home. An investigation is being conducted.

A document of some interest is circulating on the waterfront here. The following excerpt will give some of its flavor:

"The ILWU (International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union) is holding a meeting of "labor mediators" that a "fantastic corruption" had griped members of "his union and most others.

Today's workers, he said, scramble for overtime that gives them more money but keeps others from making a living. The union "can Member having an extra car, a boat," Goldblatt claimed, "They've got to be accumulating." Leaving aside the question of the right of some members to live money from our labor to talk about our "fantastic corruption" to a parasitic group of labor mediators, those who derive their incomes from the split between workers and bosses, there are other aspects of these lessons to consider.

First, if longshoremen and basic clerks are scrambling for overtime then it's not in evidence among those I work with. More talk of going past eight hours touches off the complaints and has led to walkouts which I've both seen and heard about. Second, for a longshoreman with a family to have a second car is nature's necessity by today's standards — his own car enables him to pack his considerable gear and his family can use the other car for the next day.

But those in our industry who do fit this definition of "fantastic corruption" are the very ones that Bridges and Goldblatt have had the nerve to put over capitulation to the employers' containerization plan. Certainly this included the Request System Clerks, the most important differential for night shifts between longshoremen and super-categorie (request clerks) which forms the core of the present strike. This is not an example of "corruption of workers in general, but it is evidence of what Lenin called "upper strata of the labor aristocracy, the real agents of the bourgeoisie in the labor movement."

Many longshoremen, if not most, who have never read Lenin certainly agree.

—SF decker

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Colombia

The American image of the patient Colombian peasant, Juan Valdez, picking his coffee beans one by one, and the false image of the half-crazy campesinos of the Colom­bian campesino who is becoming more and more militant.

12 million peasants who till the soil of the wealthy landlords expect little or no relief from the newly-elected President Lopes, who represents the same corporate oligarchy that has run the country for the past 150 years. A young peasant leader in the Cartagena region stated, “You can’t change social structures in Latin America through elections. That was Allende’s lesson. We could get four million votes and win the election but the olig­archy would still have the same power over the outside world.”

Instead they have taken to organization and group action many of the 300,000 who have taken over and occupied by farm workers during the past two years. They get a group of campe­sinos and move into farms that are not being used and begin to occupy them. Sometimes they are met with landlord violence and thousands have been jailed, but the occupation continues and grows.

The spokesman for the Colombian National Peasants Association, Richard May, states, “We be­lieve that the land should belong to the people who work it. We need cooperation of the land, farm credit, machinery and supplies.

Japanese Capitalism

"Japan Incorporated" — the image of Japan as a thoroughly integrated economy including the ab­solute robot-like loyalty of the Japanese workers never spoken of in the American press — has been called into question the very structure of the Japanese economy.

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The Japanese economy with its aggressive for­eign expansion and demand for more productivity at home has always had an intimate relation­ship between the government and capitalists against the workers at home and abroad. "Japan Incorpor­ated" really the policy of "administrative guidance" of the so-called Fair Trade Commission which rubber-stamped capitalist practices of col­lusion, sale of production quotas, allocated markets, and fixed prices.

The realities of the world state-capitalist econ­omy with U.S. imperialism as its most dominant feature, have put the brakes on the Japanese economy. Japan’s growth rate is down from the 5 to 13 percent mark to 2.5 per­cent and is not expected to go up much in the future. The juggling of the world monetary system, forced by the U.S. government and the multi­national corporations, and the quadrupling of world oil prices have hit the country with a double whammy. The U.S. oil cartels have caused Japan’s current trade deficit of almost $3 billion a month. The result is the highest inflation rate in the industrial world, 24 percent.

It is true that the Fair Trade Commission was estab­lished by Gen. MacArthur after Japan’s WW II defeat, and its laws were ignored as an American im­pact and the basis of Third World governments that they had always tried to hide behind Japanese nationalism— that they consider their main enemy to be not U.S. imperialism with which they are competing, but rather the Japanese workers.

The country has been shocked by recent scanda­lous reports of price fixing, the fixing of "prices" and excessive profits on the oil shortage. Japanese capitalists made the energy crisis a weapon against the workers, a weapon to hold down inflation in its wake. Only the groundswell discontent is keeping Takaihashi, who is less popular than the Japanese public will allow the man he appointed to head the Fair Trade Commission, Toshikado Takahashi, who is best known for the antitrust laws seriously and is going after some of the matter-of-course business practices.

In the name of "stabilizing the economy," the Economic Planning Agency is already insisting that wages must be held down next year. Japan’s leadership seems to be around the same level of revolt as the Japanese workers whose new level of revolt has called into question the very structure of the Japanese economy.

Kurdish Rebellion

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The Iranian war has been fought mainly by the Kurds who are by now entering the fourth year of a war against the Iraqis. The Kurds are trying to overthrow the "fascist tyranny of the Ba’ath Party." Only that a genuine democracy throughout Iraq will give them the chance to continue fighting for what they have been promised by both Iraq and Syria who occupy the country formerly known as Kurdistan. The Kurds have received little or no outside help and must rely on old antiquated weapons and eight anti­aircraft guns with which they claim to have shot down nine American helicopters, 20 tanks, and 56 transport vehicles.

Iraq has attempted to set up a Quisling Kurdish council by giving the Kurds 400 guns and $20,000 to support them sufficiently to form the Council.

The Caribbean, the realities of life

by Peter Mallory

New York had some leaders pressure Lewis into revising his speech, threatening if not they would not sit on the platform with him. They didn’t like some of it condemning U.S. personnel policies and the problem of unemployment, low wages, and above all, the continuing U.S. presence in the Caribbean—Trinidad-Tobago by the imperialist economic interests of the United States and Great Britain.

Mr. Lai scoffs at the fact that certain Caribbean leaders are becoming equal partners in foreign industry, like the sugar production in Trinidad-Tobago, or the nationaliza­tion of banks by the Nigerian government. He says that they do not do anything to elevate the conditions of the workers in those countries. What has happened, he says: “Workers in India are not free, they cannot work even if they are not employed — have seen quite clearly that imperialism is perpetuated, not only by white colonial politicians, but also by the black bourgeoisie who are employing them.

On this point, of the ever wider gulf between “Black Caribbean leadership” and the Black masses of these islands, Mr. Lai takes his cue from Fanon’s essay, “The Pit.” He says that the French-speaking Third World is the Wretched of the Earth. Essentially what Fanon and Lai have to say is that the Third World not only has its bourgeoisie, but also an imperialist class and an imperialist one at that.

But, we are not told how this class arrived at total decoloniality. We’re told how the nature of the historical moment, when Black masses are in revolt.

This crucial point, as Raya Dunavskaya indi­cates in Philosophy and Revolution (particularly in Part II on Economic Reality and the Dialectics of Liberal­ization)—the change of Third World leadership into the very opposite of what they were two decades ago—has not been explained by any of the leaders.

Since world capitalism is in its most decadent stage, i.e. in the stage of imperialism, we can expect that after the Third World Revolutions had succeeded, its leadership, overcome by technological backwardness, turned their backs on the creativity of the masses who made the Revolution, and sought aid and support from one or the other of the two poles of capitalism. “The isolation from the masses deepened so that the new rulers began to look at them as mere labor power,” wrote Lai.

John Lewis has been opposed to this kind of politics for a long time. At the mass March on Washington in assurance that he and she will never have to come into Negro workers in Washington, the late Walter Reuther and a Catholic bishop from the streets in the first place — against white imperialism.