The celebration of May Day, the first of May, began historically as an American workers’ holiday. Not only have the American beginnings of the International Celebration of May Day been forgotten, but looking at it in terms of all the bicentennial sulphurdo, we see that since all of history is the history of class struggles and the forward march against oppression and for human freedom, the American revolution is still unfinished.

In 1969, the working class in Europe and America began to organize both economically and politically. In December, 1968, at its St. Louis Congress, the AFL decided to launch a campaign to take place all over the country by May 1, 1969.

8-HOUR DAY PLAN

The plan was to strike a single industry, with workers in all other industries giving financial aid. Each industry would have its turn until the eight-hour day was won for all. Delegations were sent abroad to see if they could make this an international struggle.

The movement for the eight-hour day spread very rapidly from coast to coast here in America. It was not that anyone thought that all problems, either of the employed or unemployed, would be solved by cutting the work week, but it was a major historic beginning. Walter Reuther was great at talking on a shorter work week, especially at a meeting of unemployed workers. But at negotiation time he was quiet as a tomb.

The movement I am talking about was in 1895 and 1900. The movement which I need to add is the fact that, in this country looked forward to May 1. There were big meetings for the purpose of discussing May Day, but our labor leaders began to stop it by saying it was a Communist holiday. They tried to guide us into politics by saying we should vote for the person that will help labor. But labor was always double crossed and today they cannot tell us who to vote for.

NO CHOICE FOR WORKERS

They are so afraid of Wallace, and that white workers in this state will give him their support as they did in the last election, that some are supporting Carter, in spite of his recent “ethnic purity” remark and saying he would not send troops to insure that people could move into certain neighborhoods.

Workers in the shop today can’t say that they have human freedom, and surely no one on the streets can yell about freedom, because the depression is so severe among millions of workers. Today workers cannot use the idea of the eight-hour day if management does them to work longer. They can make workers work 12 hours a day or more, at the same time laying off and putting their brothers and sisters out on the streets.

The idea of the development of human power which is its own end is growing stronger every day, because the thought behind it, the development of human beings instead of greater and greater machines putting more and more out of work, is precisely what is preoccupying the working class today.

Automation has made everything worse. The whole question of the kind of labor that workers should do, which has been raised by the American workers with the introduction of Automation was made more concrete

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by Kevin A. Barry

Today (April 23), a full decade after the African revolutions reshaped a continent, Secretary of State Kissinger has just embarked on a much-delayed and never seriously considered trip to newly-independent African states. The Congressional Black Caucus helped put pressure on the State Department for this trip, lest all doors to Southern Africa be closed to the U.S. Kissinger’s sabre-rattling against Cuba and Russia has only focused on African racism and hostility to the genuine Angolan revolution.

The U.S. has written a new chapter in international double-talk and blind racism. For example, while the Portuguese Empire tottered under the twin challenge of the African guerrillas and the resistance of their own Portuguese soldiers and civilians, Kissinger wrote in a secret 1969 memorandum on Southern Africa: “The whites are here to stay, and the only way that constructive change can ever be achieved is through them.”

As if that were racist enough a remark, white-oriented Kissinger proceeded to “rule out a Black victory at any stage.”

FROM EISENHOWER TO NIXON-FORD

Despite talk of a new Africa policy with a “twin approach” on the eve of Kissinger’s African trip, long-standing U.S. policies dating from President Eisenhower will no doubt continue to combine threats against Russia-Cuba with very mild and dubious racism on Rhodesia.

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In response to the sabotage of the Agricultural Labor Relations Act by a minority of California legislators, the United Farm Workers Union (UFW) has begun an initiative to win up approval of the act. The UFW—which made agricultural and the Teamsters decide to cripple the new law. A two-thirds vote of the legislature would be needed to approve the agreement "in a few weeks." But ATL remained closed.

Detroit Teamsters defy union effort to ram through contract

Detroit, Mich. — Nearly 500,000 Teamsters under the national master freight agreement went out on strike April 1 after they overwhelmed in Detroit's southwest side, tried to open at midnight. Some CB calls went out to other picket lines in the area, and soon there were about 200 pickets in front of that barn. The cops came and tried their best to get ATL open. The union was also there saying "we were able to do enough, go back to work." But ATL remained closed.

Nearly every barn in Detroit was still closed Monday morning. The workers held a meeting at Cobo Hall to "explain the agreement." They were very surprised when 3,000 members of Teamsters Local 29 alike to an agreement to ram the contract through and not to use strike action. There was no protest. The new contract, which the union is trying to break the strike before a vote had been taken, and even before a meeting was held. Finally, Johnson got so upset he said the union "can go back to your picket lines"—and everybody cheered.

Union vs. strikers

That night the companies got an injunction against any picketing of the barns by anyone at any time. The police came around with the union representatives. They were asked to leave. The strike was broken up early the next morning. At a lot of places, the pickets just sat across the street in front of the barns in the direction of the rebels.

At McLean, we agreed with the out-of-town drivers who were watching the and participating in the farm workers' struggle for 11 years.

The struggle has done much for labor as a whole. It has shown to the rest of labor how powerful we can be if we would just come together. The farm workers are a large group in the country—about 10 percent of the real giants of business. But unless their unity can be matched by all of labor, they will end up losing because they are weak. And as long as they are not only they who will end up losing, but all of us in labor.

In some auto—because our pay, with benefits, comes to $3 an hour and our hours are 80, 90, 100, and the companies, the union, the judge and the police had their day. One driver I picketed with most of these same legislators. Even the Governor and now Presidential aspirant, Brown, seems unable to save his own people and the growers—almost two-thirds of the elections have been ruled invalid. That night, the trucking companies got an injunction against the barns by anyone at any time.

The Council membership is 70 percent Black, 30 percent White. The Council was able to reach an agreement with Carla Hills, HUD secretary, to have that agency pay the notes for the owners, and the Council is now finding workers who work inside to help them as members. They're not afraid to stand up and fight.

A group of unemployed originally formed themselves into the Chicago Workers Council and the Unemployed Workers Alliance in January, 1975 when layoffs started to intensify. The council developed in a Southwest side, blue-collar neighborhood surrounding a local unemployment compensation office. The population is 75 percent large home-owning, 45 percent Black and 55 percent white, but not integrated. The Council membership is 20 percent Black, 30 percent white, 20 percent women and mostly union members. Working with community organizations such as the Metropolitan Area Housing Alliance (MAILA), the council was able to reach an agreement with Carla Hills, HUD secretary, to have that agency pay the notes for the owners, and the Council is now finding workers who work inside to help them as members. They're not afraid to stand up and fight.

The United Farm Workers have made a decision to support the UFW ballot drive needs labor support

by Felix Martin, West Coast Editor

The UFW is planning a campaign to secure labor support for the farm workers union's ballot drive to organize the jobless throughout the state into neighborhood block councils for political and economic action. The proposal was made when it was announced that almost 2,000 workers in the compensation offices here, have made an appeal to the state workers' union—the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). Local 1006—to organize the jobless throughout the state into neighborhood block councils for political and economic action.

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FROM THE AUTO SHOPS

Ford Rouge

Dearborn, Mich.—The Dearborn Engine Plant has almost always worked forced overtime due to a union leadership that refuses to fit the workers' needs. A plant-wide strike is showing its gratitude come July, when more than 1,500 Engine Plant workers will be phased out. On April 8, a mass meeting was called by Local 600 of the UAW protesting the closing down of the Engine Plant. This was the first such meeting, involving all units, in years. Over 900 workers came. 

The women also made management realize the importance of having women doctors to examine women. They punched in on the second floor. And to get to the second floor, you must use the elevator. After you reach the second floor, you normally had to squeeze your way up and down. 

Women were also examined by doctors and had to be repaired, as well as the rest of the nation as a whole. 

Change Retirement, Death, Vacations

Detroi t, Mich.—They have been hiring many new women into Ford Rouge, and some women with only three to six months' seniority are being transferred into Dept. 21. Some women have been requested to work overtime above the regular seniority pay for survivors of dead workers, and this even more important than the winning of benefits. And all of the changes required a lot of organization and working class struggle. 

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Brownmiller reflects racist tendency in WL movement

by Deborah Morris

The Joan Little case drew national attention and a massive amount of support from the Women's Movement. However, shortly after her acquittal, I went to speak at Berkeley on racism. I came to hear her speak at Berkeley on racism. It was as though once the case was over, Joan Little had to offer her experiences, her position, her perspective— as though race and class were separated from her experiences as a woman. Such a narrow view of the women's movement/ white women's movement was challenged when I went to Berkeley. I asked for it never questions why a Black woman was in jail in Northern California in the first place. Ultimately, Susan Brownmiller's book, Against Our Will: Men, Women, and Rape (Simon and Schuster, 1975), is also very much relevant to this racist tendency.

Brownmiller begins by seeing all of history as the history of rape. Rape, she says, is "nothing more or less than a conscious and sustained attempt to keep all men keep all men in a state of fear." History becomes, for her, men's overwhelming power over women, and women's subordination to men. She does expose rape for what it is — not a sexual act, nor a legal act of aggression—but she exposes the myth that women "want" to be raped, Brownmiller begins her insidious attack against Black men.

Rape, she states, is done by "lower-class" and Black men, cultivated within the "subculture of violence." In a chapter entitled "A Question of Race," she focuses on the history of South Carolina, where Black men will grant us that rape was often only a charge used by white men to lynch Black men. Yet for her, the main point in her discussion is that Black men are responsible for Black women's bodies.

Thus, what the murder of 15-year-old Emmett Till supposedly fitting with a white woman, Carolyn Bryant, exposes for Brownmiller is not lynching racism, but the "noose," the main point in her discussion is that Black men are responsible for Black women's bodies.

Though she says we should be "rightfully aghast" about her murder, she boldly states that Till "understood" his position at a young age — a "psychological" assault, a last reminder to Carolyn Bryant that this

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Protests against health care cuts in Michigan, California

Los Angeles, Cal. — Nearly 200 employees, primarily women, of the Los Angeles County Hospital in Inglewood, who work in the Community Mental Health Center, are striking for the right to a proposed eight million dollar cutback of preventative and community services that would result from the recent government funding cutbacks that have affected almost all human and social services nationwide.

The first federally-recognized private community mental health center was Resthaven Hospital, and its significance is precisely the people who work there. The resthaven community people who work in the gay community, workers, and welfare recipients—women and men who have demanded and struggled for responsive action.

In August, 1970, Resthaven community people called for a "No-to-War" rally in front of the Resthaven Hospital building. It was the first time resthaven community people had organized a protest. The resthaven community people were demanding that the people who plan this kind of activity in the future be given the right to do so, and for their companies to be treated as absolute necessities.

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In September, 1970, Resthaven community people organized a successful sit-down strike in front of the Resthaven Hospital. The resthaven community people were demanding the right to a proposed eight million dollar cutback of preventative and community services that would result from the recent government funding cutbacks that have affected almost all human and social services nationwide.

The hospital, however, is by no means out of danger. As a statement to the Board, Shin'ya Ono, a community mental health center, is currently being attacked for its establishment of ethnic treatment capabilities (bilingual and bi-cultural services). The resthaven community people call their action a "Last Reminder to Carolyn Bryant that this

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Also in Portugal, 96 percent of the nurses have been on strike for over three weeks. They have met violence on the picket lines, and the official Portuguese press is against them. They are receiving support from both the general population and the Portuguese left. Besides asking for a higher wage, they are also demanding better health care for the people.
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The following are brief excerpts from the four parts:

I

On the winds of freedom released by the Black Revolution sweeping the world and this country, giving birth in the 1960s not only to the youthful Free Speech and anti-Vietnam war movements, but also to a whole new generation of revolutionaries, Women's Liberation Movement found it had to confront not only the right but the left who labeled “women’s issues” to something that would get attention after “the victory of the revolution.”

Despite all attempts to invalidate the need for an independent movement of women, the facts are that only with the birth of this, just this Movement, was it recognized that Women’s Liberation is an idea whose time had come. The greatest achievement of the Women’s Liberation Movement, which is active and vividly a part of our everyday lives, has been that it gave proof to the idea that none can “give” us freedom. We, and only we, can free ourselves. The idea that women’s liberation is the task of the women themselves came out of the concrete struggles of the 1960s, reaching a crescendo today, in the . . .

Thus, although the early 1960s was Rosa Parks, seamstress, who initiated the whole Black Revolution in the South in 1955 by refusing to give up her seat on the bus to a white man; and although in the 1960s, before was known the Freedmen, the women who did not only initiate but been a leader in that movement still, as women, they were treated as the exception, if not worse “accidents.”

Above all, or more precisely put, from below — arose working women’s struggles . . . Not all the struggles expressed explicit links to the women’s liberation movement but it was “in the air,” whether it was the Welfare Rights Organization, or the Black nurse’s aids of Charleston who led thousands of people into the streets week after week, or whether it was the Feminist office workers strike, which was kept alive by the Women’s Liberation groups in Detroit joining the pickets; or, most recently the two New York cleaning women, or Harriet Tubman, the Black conductor of the Underground Railroad and general in the Civil War — or whether we look at the questions that confront us today, we will see that Sojourner Truth was raising questions that confront us.

II

Women’s liberation is said to be only a women’s thing. There is a vicious rumor going around that Black women are already liberated because they work outside the home. We know that working outside the home does not mean you are free, especially under the conditions of Black women labor. Just as Black men, we are trapped into unskilled or low skilled jobs, she last hired and the first fired. And Black women earn less money than any other group in the nation. We reject the idea that women’s liberation means a job outside the home just as we reject the ridiculous assumption that black woman liberation means getting a piece of the rotten American pie . . .

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Finally, here is a story from an auto shop today: Today in our plant there is a lot of discussion about women’s liberation. They are trying to take it and turn it around to be against the women. The main error NOW has made on the whole question of the ERA has been in not working it out with working women who know the shop, the job, how to phrase it so equality would mean not taking away women’s rights and protections, but expanding men’s. Now that the ERA has been defeated all their forces and money to defeat the ERA it is more necessary than ever for the middle-class women to begin to listen to us . . .

III

Listen to some of the new voices, Black, Brown and Red, speaking for themselves:

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• Yvonne Wanrow faces the possibility of as much as 30 years in prison because she shut and killed the man who had more than once molested her children and those of a friend and neighbor. Her friend reported to the police that this was the same man who raped her seven-year-old daughter and gave her a venereal disease, possibly died.

In Armstrong County, Pa., Norma Jean Serens, a Creek Shawnee woman, not only had her three children taken away from her but was threatened with death if she could not produce them, the police did nothing.

On reservations children are taken from their families, especially when the head of the family is a woman. They are placed in institutions with white families and no one even knows or see their mothers again.

Some people act as though these things couldn’t happen to people right here in the U.S. To women who are either underprivileged or a minority, these things happen too often. Women from all walks of life are going to have to work together to change this society is by uprooting the whole system.

It was in the face of such total revolt, that the rulers had evidently decided, ‘If you can’t lick ‘em, join ‘em’ and toward that end the United Nations had declared 1975 to be international women year.

The important voices heard at the Conference in Mexico were heard also in the United States, in the conference in M. B. The important voices heard at the Conference in Mexico were heard also in the United States, in the conference in M. B. The important voices heard at the Conference in Mexico were heard also in the United States, in the conference in M. B.
It was interesting to read the figures in your March issue on unemployment and inflation, and contrast them to all the bourgeois reports about how "things are getting better." The difference between N&L and the bourgeois reports is that you show the human dimension of all the "statistics." When some Marxists deal in economics it is too easy to lose sight of the fact that capitalism is a bad system, instead of because within the working place is where you find the revolt. The crisis by now has moved from economics to every stage of life.

**Student New York**

It is hard to believe, I know, but the Welfare Department here has been trying to get men to take "WIN jobs" that then turned out to pay them $2 a day for transportation and lunch, and almost nothing else. The amount that amounts to 25 cents an hour. Among them are men who have been carpen­ ters, truck drivers, mechanics and for­ mer coal miners, but haven't been able to find work. They were told would be learning how to operate heavy equipment and acquire new skills to help them find jobs—but when they reported they were assigned to a highway crew being completely cut off their welfare and a "bonus" at the end of the month. Among the car­ pen­ ters pay half what the city pays and a “bonus” at the end of the month, and that workers were eager to keep that amount of things produced, not what is happening to human beings.

**Annie Worker Los Angeles**

In a newspaper put out by the GM plant in Fremont, it was reported that the morale of the workers dropped back from a two year lay-off has improved and that the workers were ready to go up with production. Who wouldn't be happy to have a job after two years off? The article didn't say of course, that the workers felt about having to face the production line once alone. To see our old friends also in the production line just proves the only thing they are interested in is the amount of things produced, not what is happening to human beings.

**Student New York**

A group of laid-off Detroit city em­ ployees have been trying to organize to stop the city from subcontracting their work. The men want their AFSCME local to organize and walk off the "WIN jobs," despite the fact that they were threatened with being completely cut off their welfare payments. They were told that they were going to have to move to a trailer park and to get food to survive. They didn't have a permanent address. They didn't have a permanent address.

**City Employee Detroit**

The unemployed migrant worker who seized a welfare office here in February when he became desperate about how to feed his family of seven, was just found guilty of seven counts of kidnapping and assault and faces a possible 30 years in jail. He seized the office after a welfare worker told the family they didn't qualify for welfare assistance because they didn't have a permanent address. They didn't have a permanent address.

**Editor's Note:** See p. 8 for interview with Harry Mehanche.

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H-BOMB TESTING

In the weeks of hours of testing on March 14 I was awakened in Lone Pine, Calif., by an earthquake lasting many seconds, and then another, and another. With the major Spanish quake of 1929, I would call this one stronger than most. The article didn't say of course, that this earthquake was the result of an un­ derground H-bomb test in Nevada, and in the past 25 years, the U.S. Defense Department have claimed that it was not an earthquake at all, only trying to mislead a H-bomb? Who or what could tell the difference, if DOD had kept the test secret? A seismograph?

So much for the DOD's assault on na­ tional rights. We can only judge the result of testing these weapons, which already are stockpiled in superabundance to destroy the world, from the men that in Lone Pine that morning were two innocent visitors from Moscow. Had they seen in the newspaper that the explosion was going to be over, they would have been able to come over and, perhaps, save the lives of two innocent visitors from Moscow. Had they seen in the newspaper that the explosion was going to be over, they would have been able to come over and, perhaps, save the lives of two innocent visitors from Moscow.

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MAO'S CHINA

The New York Times and the Peking Review both seem to agree that the con­ clusions of the establishment about Mao vs. the "conservative" bureaucrats. Sending out the message that it is supposed to be revolutionized, along with Mao's other policies. In the middle of he has been under attack for his role in Angola, in Ethiopia, and at the UN regarding Puerto Rican independence. In March Mau's acolytes seem to be the only ones who look at the underclass; they are, at least, worthy of the reactionary foreign policy. It is the new revolts in China that will determine the future of the world. Recent statistics I read show the in­ credible wage differentials among workers in China. Even, in the worst days, workers make six times more than instructors. Even 19th century liberals opposed colonial policies, but China's Chi­ nese workers are doing it, which they call "learning while you work." Can anyone who is interested in the Marxist language. And the life expec­ tancy of the masses is only 40 to 45 to­ day, while the leadership is at least 70. In other words, the fact that managers work changes nothing of the class char­ acter of China, since the workers never manage.

**Student New York**

What I disliked about China when I visited there was the Puritan atmo­sphere. Sex before marriage is strictly forbidden, and patriarchs need per­ mission to marry. That means men marry at about 30, women at 28. The Chinese women are men, and earthly people, but their fundamentalists are unpleasant men who have subjected themselves to the party line. When I asked one how come Mao could have a young, beautiful secretary-girlfriend with him on the Long March but he couldn't have a girl­friend, he simply said, "I don't understand Mao. It's a Western propaganda!

City-dwellers with positions in the party structure need permission from their factory or other committee to have a child, and they are usually limited to one. I think they completely depend on the basis of your "attitude" and whether they can spare the woman.

**Student Los Angeles**

One problem for the Western intellec­ tual is that when you look at China over the period and know how horribly they suffered under imperialism, anything can seem like an improvement. But anything that doesn't spring from the creativity of the masses turn into its opposite imme­ diately. It was the same with the "Red

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POLITICAL-PHILosophic LETTERS ON MAOISM, ANTI-SEMITISM

The new Political-Philosophic letter on China is excellent and the reprint of the Beria article was eye-opening. It's es­ pecially important to pay attention to China's domestic policy since this is currently and carefully being ignored. The Letter does a beautiful job of show­ ing the external and internal contradictions of Maoism. I've sent a copy to an old friend, a political scientist who re­cently split with the organized Maoist Left because of his disgust with China's foreign policy. Hopefully it will sharpen the contradiction in Marxism as a whole for him.

**Student Bloomington**

The most powerful point in the Letter by Raya Dunayevskaya on Zionism and anti-Semitism was that you were made to realize that you could not look at the question in isolation from the whole world situation. It is not so simple these days as choosing the "good guys" against the "bad guys." The most powerful point in the Letter by Raya Dunayevskaya on Zionism and anti-Semitism was that you were made to realize that you could not look at the question in isolation from the whole world situation. It is not so simple these days as choosing the "good guys" against the "bad guys.

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**Notes**

In '70 and '71 when the Palestinians really moved into Jordan, King Hussein kilo of houses, built 10,000 kilo of houses, but they even did in all their struggles. They are allowed to be united as Arabs only if their leaders are willing to get the question straight in our own heads is because of the needed Amer­ican revival. It is a question that matters not only to the Middle East or to Africa, but to us, right here.

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News & Letters was founded in 1955, the year of the Detroit wildcats against Automation and the Montgomery, Ala., Bus Boycott against segregation—activities which signaled new movements from praxis which were themselves forms of theory. News & Letters was created so that the voices from below could be heard, and that the reader’s worker and intellectual, philosophy and revolution, could be worked out for our age. A Black production worker, Charles Denby, is the editor.

The paper is the monthly publication of News and Letters Committees, an organization of Marxist-Humanists that stands for the abolition of capitalism, whether in its private form as in the U.S., or in its state form calling itself Communist, in Russia and China. The New York University Professor Abe Elrick, is the author of Philosophy and Revolutions and Marxism and Freedom which spell out the philosophical ground of Marx's Humanism for our age international. The Ann Arbor, Michigan, American Journal of Sociology scene. In opposing the capitalist, exploitative, racist, sexist society, we participate in all freedom struggles and do not separate the mass activities of workers Black women and youth from the activities of those with us both in the freedom struggles and in working out a theory of liberation for our age. 

FANON AND THE DIALECTIC
I was very impressed with John Alan's column in the last issue on Fanon and the dialectic. His argument really brought home to me what the freedom movement is all about, i.e., "the dialectic of my own worth into a universally objective truth."

I was imbued with the quality of an oppressed race or class that makes possible any breakthrough in the thinking of everyone. Since the 1960's years of action as well as the currents of thought are still with us. I hope you see more of the dialectic in the discussion in order as it really adds something to every other article in the paper.

I was very interested in the politics in which I am involved and in this month's column. I have decided to continue the debate on the question of the "black revolution" and the role of the black bourgeoisie in the revolution in order to explain the nature of the struggle and what it is all about.

Feminist Detroit

New Reader

A friend sincerely came to Karashe wrote that a swastika man to generate promotions at one of the Michigan State clubs, she was paired off against a man who had been paired off against her. She did who kicked her in the breast and followed her. No other member objected to her story, rather than to use brute force instead of skill, so she wrote a resignation letter to the club and made a report to the police. I then wrote the student newspaper. I think this is an important lesson in that it is grounded in production of commodities.

Whose Problem Is It? A Letter to Mayor Tate

I was very interested in the letter to Mayor Tate in which he talks about the importance of education in the struggle for liberation. As a high school student, I am writing to tell him that I think he is right. I believe that education is essential to the struggle for liberation and that it is important for the community to support the student movement.

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French students protest study changes dictated by business

Detroit, Mich.—Demonstrations by university students in France have forced the government Education Ministry to withdraw a proposal that would permit teachers unions before enacting proposed reforms in the universities.

Over 20,000 students marched April 15 to oppose changes which are meant to lower the number of unemployed students through selective admissions policies and restructuring curricula towards science, technology and economics, and away from the humanities.

Callaghan, who replaced Wilson as prime minister, isn’t as clever as Wilson, who always very deliberately

Put down the other workers, but never has been able to cope with the 1.2 million unemployed, half of whom are under 25, double the year before.

The recent March for Work, with at least 80,000 participants, supported by many hundreds of thousands wherever they went from Manchester down to London, was another example, and a tremendous one, of growing working class solidarity. A scuffle with police in London over the route the marchers were taking resulted in

A Right-wing group that is not a serious force yet in Britain, but is growing, is the National Front. They give the Nazi salute and are unquestionably among the most reactionary groups in Britain. Enoch Powell has been the most visible and vocal right-wing element for a number of years previously. He is now a parlia-

The government plans to reduce youth unemployment, but this cannot be done by any policies which are being proposed. The miners brought the Tory Government down, and that is the relation of the miners to the rest of the working class. The miners are fighting together to save

The government has not been able to get out just yet after a serious crisis hits the country... and this time it is no different, for there is no certainty about that at all because of the growing dissatisfaction in the working class over the route the miners were taking. It is not a matter of a single-issue battle.

The recent demonstration brought together the miners’ movement and the trade unions. The miners and the trade unions are fighting together to save their jobs, not in the old sense of “To hell, with everyone else.”

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The fact that Marxist-Humanism, which is what Marx first named his philosophy, as the dialectics of human history as a social process—and primarily that of it—the actual revolution—the fact that Marx had situ­ated the centerpoint of historical materialism at the base stairs into the superstructure, gives the impression that that imperialist oppression, even though it doesn’t dis­appear until you actually destroy it, at least can’t brainwash you. This is especially true in relationship to the Latins and the Chicano right here in the U.S. Because all was estrangement, the fact that they were so foreign to work—because they had been stolen from their land. And they did not want to give up their lan­guage; they did not want to give up their food; they did not want to give up the respect that other countries kept up that historic continuity, whether we are talking only in fiction or about the actual lives of people, where you are talking about the alienation, the estrangement, is the very thing that would be the unifying force for national revolution for us.

The fact that the fiction and the customs and lan­guage get unified in a person and are not just floating there is very much a part of the way that Marx and his way of Marx’s philosophy of liberation—that you, the people, are not just the product of history, but the Subject which will recreate it and remake it.

LOOK AT HOW MARX expressed it in Capital: “Marx had always considered Cervantes one of the greatest geniuses that ever lived, but here he is saying that Don Quixote was a product of its time. Its uni­versality is so great because in this fictional form he is able to show what happens to you when you’re try­ing to live as if your age hasn’t passed and another age has come on.

WE WANT, THEREFORE, a unity of the culture, the philosophy and the actual revolution. I decided, instead of starting with the revolutions of 1848, to start from the 1850s and 1860s, because that’s what we’re all living with today. In 1850, when all the 1848 revolutions had been destroyed, and the unions had been eliminated, and U.S. took over all that part of Mexico from Texas to California, all the radicals of the time, especially Lassalle, suddenly began saying: Workers are all back­ward and need to be educated, then they will vote to send it to Parliament, and we will get their freedom.

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NOW SKIP ONE hundred years and we come to 1950. The few revolutionary intellectuals who at least saw that there was a two-way fight between Russian and U.S. imperialism, who understood that what Marx originally meant by Humanism and what it meant for us then—whether in the alienation of labor and the fight against Automation in the 1950 general strike of miners in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, or in the thinking of the youth who were said to be only “beat.”

Three years later—after the first mass uprising against automation in the U.S., after the East Coast workers’ revolts—Marx’s 1844 essays were suddenly brought out of the archives and onto the historic stage. And the term Humanism, and the new sociocul­ture, the philosophy were put together. There was no one, whether in Africa fighting against all the Euro­pean imperialisms, Chiria against Chiang Kai­shek, or in Cuba against both Bisti and U.S. imperial­ism, who failed to question—is it only a national revolution, or will we have new human relations?

EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT Castro is now, but he was not a spontaneous great revolution that he led without any help from Russian communism. In order to emphasize that he was starting something new in any way, he said in his first speech in 1959: “Standing between the two political and economic ideologies or positions being debated in the world, we are holding our own posi­tion. We have named it humanism. . . . This, our Cuban revolution, the result of a humanist struggle, do not deprive man of his essence but holds him as its basic aim. Capitalism sacrifices man. The communist state is the totalitarian concept sacriﬁces the rights of man . . .

Now in the ‘50s you had all kinds of tendencies, and what this question was was whether you could be here with American imperialism 90 miles away? Do we have a way, with the rest of Latin America, Africa or Asia to appeal to the masses on questions of culture or do we have to choose a state power? Of course we know what comes to us to work out is that in each case it isn’t that it’s a different culture; it’s not that it’s a different period, or even a historical period, but the new, these total human relations. The question to answer is: who are the forces of revolution and how do you divide reason from revolution?

WHAT DID MARX do in relation to culture—where he was different from most of the intellectuals? He was very much of the first chapter of Capital? What did Marx reveal that was so great and that Sartre didn’t understand but we who live under the new, after the new revolution.

The proletariat and the alienated labor that they feel—the fact that they have been made into an appendage of a machine—gives us the greatest force that will over­throw this society. But that isn’t the only alienation, which dis­covered labor as the source of all value, see the sub­ject, and/or the agent. All of this, Marx had published himself why the product of labor always assumes the form of a commodity and its exchange. But the human being who has created all these things, why are they “things”? The intellectuals, who make so much of “cul­ture,” don’t recognize the refutation of their own thought. Even when they oppose the ruling class, they are still reified because they cannot merely oppose. Some­thing new has to be created and you can’t do that unless you know how it comes about.

THROUGHOUT THE ’60s, in all the freedom move­ments that had begun, whether here or abroad, theory was looked down upon; the thinking was that it could be picked up “en route.” But 1968 didn’t make the revolution; it turned out to be a near or an aborted revolution in Paris. In 1970 we had the greatest mass demonstrations, whether in Washington, D.C., or right here in Los Angeles—when 25,000 Mexican-Americans came out. And they shut you down, including Ruben Salazar, because if you’re Chicano, you’re supposed to think at all. But what remained after all the demonstra­tions—even though we were able to stop the Vietnam War—was one of the first times, ever, that the intellectuals, who make so much of “culture,” didn’t have a voice.

What does it mean for today, we see what comes out of this—what comes out of all this. And I think we need to ask to what Marx did under the whip of the counter-revolu­tion; we have to work out the equivalent of the Perma­nent Revolution.

I would like to conclude with a quote from my spe­cial introduction to the Mexican edition of Marxism and Humanism: “The United States revolutionary intellectual can no longer be debarred from the discussions of the revolution that is itself a form of theory, we can meet this chal­lenge, provided we return to the Humanism of Marxism, the total humanism that is the limit of the times or fades into oblivion. No one can be under the illusion that our epoch marks the type of turning point in history when Washington falls to a turn. On the contrary. Precisely because of the political philosophical maturity of our age, the epoch in which Marx lived and wrote, is that itself a form of theory, we can meet this chal­lenge, provided we return to the Humanism of Marxism, the total humanism that is the limit of our age, the epoch in which Marx lived and wrote. And the epoch on the eve of 1917, on the level of the new in our epoch.”

Brownmiller reflects racism

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Black boy, Till, had in mind to possess her.

After this attack on this black boy, Brownmiller turns around and argues that the similarities between women and Blacks is greater than their antagonisms. She claims that the Black woman’s place is in the home. "In some parts of the U.S., Black men in their effort to expose the extra punishment wreaked on Black men for interracial rape; she blames them for a wedge between the two movements for human rights.

But the “wedge” is, in fact, the rampant racism of this book, which purports to be a Movement seri­ously, while at the same time reducing the Black Civil Rights Movement to an issue of equal access to sexual freedom.

Against Our Will is Brownmiller’s history of women’s powerlessness. She says violence is not a bad word like “exploitation.” All that Brownmiller gives us is women’s exploitation by men. The point she misses is the fundamental idea that exploitation is based on the idea that the human being is an appendage of the machine, that the human being has no freedom, that is the basis of the Black Movement and the Women’s Movement.

—Deborah Morris

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Wobbly reviews America’s First Unfinished Revolution

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This biennial pamphlet focuses on what working people are doing today. The answer to this question is the question that engrossed the British . . . And especially on what their black and female portion did . . . Five thousand blacks fought in the revolu­tionary war and were treated the same as the other gentlemen, the slaves continued in slavery, the women were forced into the workforce, while they were fighting, and the wage workers soon faced judges who ruled that it was a crime for them to organize. The pamphlet follows a later tendency to see a hesitant and conservative class of merchants and landed
Western HS students oppose oppressive code

Detroit, Mich.—After the Uniform Code of Student Conduct came out, which Judge Robert DeMasco ordered as part of the Detroit desegregation plan, the teachers said we had to read it and talk to the students about it. I was told it wouldn’t be about us. Yet we have people watching like we’re children. You don’t have adults watching adults.

WOMEN STUDENTS AGAINST GUARD

One of the security guards flirts with a lot of the girls. They are against him because he is always trying to get girls to go out with him. He will go out with refused him, but he said he’ll get her anyway, and that he can do anything he wants. He百花 women students of all races.

A couple of the women teachers are complaining about this. We had a third-hour teacher he usually waits for. He comes out and puts his arms around her; she runs away.

There is a new rule that you cannot wait on school grounds for the bell to ring. If people are waiting outside when the bell rings, they won’t wait in the park across the street. Even if someone is standing next to a parked car which is dropping them off or picking them up, she will come out and tell them to go into the park.

She stays mainly on the first floor. In one period, one of the teachers stopped her, while I was covering the same pass. Especially if you’re late, she’ll make you wait more late by stopping you to check your I.D. And yet they say we have plenty of rights at Western High School.

—Western HS women

South Bronx residents march against Hostos closing

Take over City U. to fight cuts

New York, N.Y.—The continued budget cuts at City University sparked new demonstrations and actual takeovers at Hostos Community College, Lehman College and Queens College this month.

From March 24 until April 12, Hostos students were in control of their campus, conducting classes and seminars as before, only without the administration. The Community Coalition to Save Hostos was formed to defend the takeover, and teach-ins were held as well as regular classes.

Meanwhile the administrators are accepting the cutbacks, blind to how deep this protest goes. Hostos was founded in 1970, after massive pressure from the Latino community of South Bronx for a bilingual college. Yet it was also central in plans for rebuilding the deteriorating South Bronx.

At Queens, several student government members started a campaign in the main lobby on March 30. By noon that day the building was taken over; hundreds of students were marching through building corridors and classrooms demanding that everyone join in the walk-out. Out of nowhere, groups of students emerged leading other students around the campus getting people out of classes.

But by the time several thousand of us rallied around the occupied building, it was too late. The administra­ tion “leaders” that no more buildings should be taken over. They refused to let anyone else into the occupied buildings. Instead, they said we should wait until a bureaucrat from the city administration came down.

A contingent of SEEK students, who are feeling the cuts most severely, was also kept out of the occupation. Considering the energies unleashed in just a few hours, the whole campus would have been occupied, if only the activity displayed was allowed to develop.

The Hostos occupation is a model, but the students are not stopping at just attacking the cuts through chants and demonstrations, but are moving to use the campuses themselves not only as vehicles of protest, but also for the self-organization of their education.

Banks rally unites movements

San Francisco, Cal.—“Free Dennis Banks!” was the rallying cry for over 1,000 people on April 3 as they marched from the Native American and Latino communities here to the government buildings where the American Indian Movement leaders were being held in racist South Dakota should be set back here.

The march started out in the rain, but nevertheless to high spirits, as the people demanded to free Banks, Lehmam Brightman, Yvonne Wanrow, and the many other Native Americans being tried by the U.S. “Justice” system. There were Indian, Chicano, Latino, Asian, black and white, young and old, men and women, workers and students, and while all marched together to free Banks, all were conscious of their own movements for liberation.

There were signs to free Inez Garcia, to get racist cops out of the poor communities, for gay rights, and for decent jobs. Many people in the predominantly Spanish-speaking community the march passed through waved and joined the march downtown.

In court April 7, Banks waived his opposition to being extradited to Oregon, where he faces a minor weapons charge. However, the fight to keep him out of South Dakota continues.

High School Blues

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U.S. imperialism still seeks to stifle Angolan revolution

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despite South Africa's 'acknowledge' the right to majority rule for Black Africans! In fact, where Kissinger wanted to, but didn't dare go—South Africa—remains the back of the U.S. in Africa. The revolution in Africa will not be completed until that apartheid system is smashed, and the struggle against imperialism will be strengthened. Where Kissinger wanted to come out, but didn't dare go—South Africa—remains the link of the U.S. in Africa. The revolution in Africa will not be completed until that apartheid system is smashed.

Kissinger, himself, did not come out of his White House shells, but was enabled to do so by a black, revolutionary, revolution in Angola and South Africa in 1975, calling their covert support.

It was the very one who had helped Eisenhower and the CIA realizing U.S. imperialism was backing a loser. Kissinger seems to have elected himself to office as imperialist claims that MPLA was "Russian dominated," taken highly to the role of whites, and socialism. U.S. imperialism is on the ropes because of the militant resistance of the black masses of South Africa.

With such blindness and imperial ambitions, it is no wonder that the U.S. was caught completely by surprise by the 1974-75 Angolan revolution.

MPLA AND THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION

Kissinger means, in fact, dependence on the U.S.A. Dr. Holden Roberto had long since lost his popular support, even among the blackest citizens of Angola and South Africa. The U.S. has over $1 billion in yearly exports there (1975), American firms have more than $1.5 billion invested. Depending on restrictions on arms sales and loans, somehow these get both to Rhodesia and South Africa.

As Africa Research Group reports: "Nearly all the NATO countries permit their corporations to invest in the South African arms industry. They place no restrictions on the transfer of military know-how, including the sale to South Africa of blueprints and patents for military production. For example, the entire South African army and police force are equipped with NATO FN rifles, manufactured in South Africa under license from NATO. All these governments permit their citizens to accept jobs in the South African arms industry." The report also comments on a new "lucrative policy" for Southern Africa that would lead to Black majority rule, we can be sure only of the following: There will be no break with apartheid South Africa. There will be no alignment with African revolutionaries. There will be endless looking for "Communists" under every bed.

The fact that three former officials of the Johnson administration disagreed, saw something different if Italy had Communists in the government, does not signify any fundamental revision of American imperial policy. The difference is only how to maintain and to expand the U.S. Empire, from the Panama Canal and Puerto Rico which the U.S. owns outright, to the southernmost of United States of America and in Latin America.

Who the West away out of these global power struggles for single world domination is the continuation of revolution.

BRIEF DISCUSSIONS— IN AFRICA AND U.S.

Neither the U.S. nor Russia, nor China can slow or stop the war in Portugal, nor in Southern Africa today. Russia and the U.S. learned long ago that foreign aid would not put other countries in their hip pockets, and that they have learned it well. Neither Mozambique nor Tanzania lined up with them on Angola, and in fact it is the U.S. which forced China to stop supporting FNLA and UNITA publicly, and the Chinese "advisors" in Zaire have reportedly been replaced by 200 Kgb agents.

The U.S. will learn a lesson from the African people, and especially the Blacks both inside and outside the Southern African countries. They are getting closer to these last bastions of white rule in Africa, and threatened Cuba herself with a blockade, it was Rhodesia's Defense and Foreign Minister, Peter van der Byl, who made the public admission: "If it was systems that can, and will, be the basis of the revolution in the Western world is beginning to realize the menace that threatens the West."

I "KNOW THIS!"

would produce relations such as these.

next day at work they gossiped of her death.

some few were truly grieved,

"Detectives quoted the victim's son as saying

that the screams, the tears, the pain, the violence,

and whip ourselves

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through this gross creation of a world,

transformed,

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by deep perversions at society's base

and am dazzled by their beauty,

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there is much i do not know,

transformed, transformed,

—

loving together can change this

there is much i do not know,

how

the strength and will of humans struggling and

—Michelle Jenny, March 1-2,
Protests of West Bank Arabs escalate against Israeli government abuse

Ever since the victory of Israel in 1967 over the Arabs, the Arab population of the West Bank has waited for the final settlement to be made. The fact is, it has not happened yet and we're not getting anything. We have no legal way to fight back. If we get cost-of-living workers in production it's one whole package. The master contract from the whole issue of production standards, the so-called incentives system. For the young leadership knows right now just how little the workers enough people the cheapest way they can.

You know they're going to try to please just of it is just dramatics. The company and the un– further discussion.

At first the police fired over their heads and then into the crowd. One Israeli-Arab citizen was killed. The following morning when the crowd at tempted to break the curefew three more were killed at Sakhnin.

The mayor of Nazareth, Tovfik Zayyat, who is also a Communist member of the Israeli Parliament, proclaimed that this was not a strike against the Jewish people or the state of Israel, but a protest against the expropriation of Arab land and the suppression of the Arab minority. His house was broken into by Israeli police, his belongings demolished, his wife roughed up, and then the police withdrew. Victims of police brutality claim that they were dragged from their beds, beaten and jailed.

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I haven't heard anything about the negotiations. I asked my union leader what they were doing, but he turned away and said, "I haven't even seen what they were asking for before."

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