Introduction: Suddenly, U.S. imperialism has "a China card"

As the 1970s draw to a close, new revolutionary beginnings are emerging, be it in Soweto, or the South Bronx, Women's Liberation, or youth in all parts of the world. Demonstrations throughout Europe as well as the U.S. These new beginnings, though they are the sheerest of be-

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begins, are forcing the liberal, neoclassical, non-

cluded, to undertake all sorts of desperate meas-

ures in search of global re-alignments to assure

single mastery of the world by "One," be it either

Cold War politics is incomplete or modified to
detente. It remains primary for each.

In last year's Draft Perspectives, as we

examined the global economic crisis along with

that most horrifying of all weapons—the N-bomb

which kills humans but leaves property intact—

Thus, from the banquet hall in Peking, on

May 22, come the soft-spoken, yet rashly boom-

ing with prophecy, Kissinger, Nixon, White-hawk, Na-

tional Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski: "We

share China's resolve to resist the efforts of any

nation to establish global or regional hegemony

China and the U.S. oppose others who seek a

monolithic world. We are confident that Sino-

American cooperation is not only in our mutual

interest, but is in keeping with the thrust of

history. Neither of us dispatches international

marauders who masquerade as non-aligned to

advocate a "bipolar" world. The cold war was

reduced to a Charles de Gaulle-Brezhnev "peace

in our own time." Nixon and Kissinger are now

nuclearly armed to the stroposphere, but

talking itself dead and dumb about disarmament.

There, in 1973, Mobutu Sese Seko, the flight to

Zaire for the opening of "the West's" meeting in Paris
to approve France's acting as the world's policeman

for the latest stage of neo-colonialism.

The daily press is too busy showing off its

"know-how" about shifting global alliances, and

how much the U.S. was reversed. The widespread use

of Cold War days has been left for "home politics"

because Carter's popularity is going down, as if what

is involved is campaign-type politics of Carter versus

Ford. The U.S. has nothing to do with that kind of "politics."

The home front is at stake, but what is at stake on

the international plane is detente, which is at stake.

What is at stake is the deep economic crisis, the

 recession that refuses to go away. It

is a home front present in each of the countries.

Neither Russia nor the U.S. can get out of this

global economic crisis, whether, internally, Cold

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And thus, U.S. imperialism — besides now

having not one, but two imperialist outposts in

the Middle East — has also to face up to the fact

that the more imperative does it become for us not

only to say a loud "No!" to U.S. capitalist

imperialism as well as to other state-capitalist

adventurers, no matter how effective their charade

as "Communists" continues, but theoretically

to prepare to transform the totality of the world's

myriad crises into social revolution.

That cannot be done by fiat or by the "van-
guard party" theory. It must be done by just standing Black

to wait for "the right moment" when objective

and subjective meet, to become the pre-revolu-

tionary situation. A serious beginning must be

made with daily activities that, however, do not

limit our vision to this year's Perspectives but

consider that year in the context of the decade

of the 1970s rather than limited to the high-point,

1968, as if the theoretic void did not help that

high-point to abort.

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It is necessary to begin at the beginning —

the new dualities 1971 brought forth, with Nixon's

extension of the Vietnam War into Cambodia

and bringing that war home by shooting down

the student anti-Vietnam war demonstrators in

Kent, Ohio, and Jackson, Miss. It mobilized the

anti-war resisters. Not only the youth, but

the old, the Blacks and the Women's Liberationists,

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Great Britain, for example, 600,000 came out against the Industrial Relations

Act. 1970 also saw the Social Democrat Allende

won the Presidency of Chile. Even in the totali-

tarian countries, there was the massive 1970

shipyard workers' strikes in Gdansk and Szczecin

in Poland.

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neither Nixon's tilt to Pakistan nor Mao's embroilment in the class civil war in China could have been expected to plunge into state-capitalism and Dr. Strangelove the conditions of labor opposed but so was the absent landlords and factories to the multi-occupation of Wounded Knee, on the one hand, all the pressure of the Big Powers — U.S. imperialism and NATO, not to mention tail-ending also the armed forces of the South in Angola.

By 1973 Nixon had devolved the dollar and let the real rate of profit drop. No matter how the European big capitalists liked it, and U.S. capitalists decreed what they called the "crass shooting mentality of the market," the trend was there. By the 1974-75 oil price explosion, the state capitalism of the 1970s was there.

Second and foremost was, of course, the never-ending unemployment, which in the U.S. is no more ominous than among Black youth. It is there, too, that ever new forms of revolt appear. This summer is sure to be a long, hot one even as last summer New York decided to celebrate "Christmas in July." What is staring the police in the face is that even the merchants of death complained of the "crap shooting mentality of the market," the "law of 90 per cent profit." By no means has the last word yet been spoken.

The myriad economic crises are holding all in its grip. But none of it has stopped the forms of revolt, nor capped the uprising, nor has it stopped the forms of revolution. Yet it would have been the jumping off point for genuine social revolutions in the Middle East had the P.L.O. not so concentrated on Israel as the "only enemy." The "new revolutionary war," welcomed the Vietnamese Army as if that were revolutionary only thereby to witness the most bloody counter-revolutions by the right wing Lebanese Christian fascists.

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By 1976 a totally new page of revolt had begun in that most apartheid land, white, fascist South Africa. Coming out of the experience with the Black Consciousness Movement, its workers, from the offices to the hospitals — see the new forms of revolt, like the unorganized*, the new generation of revolutionaries, and the deeper layers of the proletariat fighting against its own labor bureaucracy. Thereby it opened a still newer stage of revolt. What was characteristic of this mass of labor unrest was not only that a halfway better contract was won, not only that a new generation of revolutionaries, and the new in state-capitalism was, precisely, that even in the most affluent private economy, Nixon had to embark on state intervention—wage and price controls, especially the former which is exactly the most characteristic feature of state-capitalism. With it came his attempt to stop the collapse of the international monetary system by devaluing the dollar and enforcing a "rule of profit" which was so not because there wasn't enough gold, as DeGaulle thought, but because there wasn't enough producers' surplus. That was the real reason why the "new revolution" cam and expanded production that means ever greater accumulation of unpaid hours of labor.

Just as, today, Carter is sobbing-rattling while talking of detente and peace, so Nixon's forked tongue. When he threatened that if Congress failed to approve the extra billions for nuclear weaponry he would announce, "I'm the 'proof of only one thing: for Nixon, words have truly and fully lost all meaning. After all, he of the forked-tongue is the one who ordered the holocaust in Vietnam, and who pontificated about a "generation of peace."

*For the sweep of the unorganized working women, especially, who have been organizing themselves — from canny workers to publishing house employees, from domestic workers to farm workers, from the offices to the hospitals — see Women's Liberation—News & Letters.
by Charles Denby, Editor

I have just read an article in the Detroit Free Press which said that "strikes and picket lines have lost sanctity amid curbs and indifference." It pointed out very well what a strike and a picket line meant to workers in the late '30s and early '40s and what protection was important as official strikes.

In the '30s and '40s, for a respect for a picket line was a holy obligation among trade unionists. Even those who had not yet joined the union respected a picket line, sometimes not so much out of brotherhood and sisterhood but out of fear of the consequences.

Not so today. That kind of spirit and feeling is gone. No one hears brotherhood or sisterhood mentioned today. It was not only the calling of people by that name, but the feeling of human relationship one got out of saying it.

There are many things that have happened to change this kind of unionism. First, the union leaders themselves went to fighting the workers who caused strikes. They were responsible for wildcat strikes than the company in many instances, have workers whom they were afraid of disciplined and fired. The labor leaders began to call these workers supermilitant, and gave the companies more power to do what they wanted.

In the early days, trade unionists felt they would be taking food from another's mouth if they crossed a picket line. Today those workers who cross picket lines do not worry about being called a fink—they yell that they have mouths to feed and bills to pay.

Pat Greathouse, one of the UAW vice-presidents, said we are so damned fragmented sometimes that there is a lack of cooperation between unions at various levels. He named it on new labor laws, restrictive court injunctions, and the advent of the no-strike clause in union contracts. He did not say was that some workers and some labor leaders fought like hell against the union voting to accept the no-strike clause into their contract.

For some reason, the strikebreakers who had been hired in may not hesitate at all to cross a picket line, saying that the union is no good anyway. In the late '30s and '40s, an auto worker had to wait one month before joining the union, but they got the same protection as old unionists. Today he or she has to sign up to join before being hired, but then the steward or committeeman cannot say a word for the worker for 90 days. Then these labor leaders can't say it is wrong with workers today.

If Willen, another vice-president of the UAW, thinks the answer seems to lie in a gap in commitment. There was a keen sense of solidarity in the '30s and '40s, but Bluestone was in school in the '30s. The late Walter Reuther began to recruit college students for the UAW staff instead of using workers from the rank and file whose students did not know a thing about labor struggles.

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Thousands around world fight Nazi attacks

Chicago, III.—Five thousand demonstrators, some from as far away as Los Angeles and New York, surrounded the Federal Building in downtown Chicago, June 24, to protest the rally scheduled by Frank Collin and 25 of his Chicago Nazi stormtroopers.

There were Black, white, Latino, with many older people—including veterans and survivors—among the youth. The crowd was so large and so hostile that the Nazis' appearance was delayed a hour-and-half while the cops hoped people would get tired and leave.

Eight hundred police, in lines three deep and positioned in ten-deep rows, were used to protect the Nazis, who were escorted personally to the basement of the Federal building in a police swastika-guarded cabinet.

On June 11, a mob of white youths ran riot through the Brick Lane area of London's East End which is in the occupation of the "500" building finally forced 'City University to provide funds to renovate the building.

When a Federal judge lifted all restrictions against Nazi demonstrations in Marquette Park, where for years they have succeeded in precipitating violence against Blacks. We took our News and Letters Committee banner—"Skokie NO, Marquette Park NO, we oppose the Nazis wherever they go!"—to the Federal Building, and it got shouts of agreement.

Now the task is to have as massive and creative a crowd against the Nazis in Marquette Park on July 9. We all feel that they should have no sanctuary anywhere.

—Ben Brokaw

London, England—Having been soundly defeated at the polls and frightened off of public demonstrations by the strength and militancy of the opposition, the National Front and other fascists are turning more and more to acts of thuggery and terrorism.

On June 11, a mob of white youths ran riot through the Brick Lane area of London's East End which is inhabited mainly by Bengali immigrants. Wearing National Front and British Movement badges and chanting racist slogans, the youths threw bottles and stones, smashed the windows of shops owned by Bengalis and assaulted Black people. Although 30 youths were arrested, only three were charged.

The National Front denies any involvement in this riot, but it is known that 30 N&P members were in the area selling their periodicals as they do most Sundays, usually with police protection.

Meanwhile, Column 88, the underground Nazi para- military group, has threatened a campaign of arson and bombing against Jews, Blacks and Socialists.

As the Tories make racism respectable and the Labour leaders continue to talk of socialism's crisis at the expense of the working class, a polarisation is said to have taken shape in the face of the new anti-gay repression, brought out hundreds of thousands of marchers and supporters, to the continuing resistance both inside and outside Iran against the Shah's murderous rule there.

SEABROOK'S MIDDLE-CLASS CROWD

The Seabrook occupation represented the largest anti-nuclear power protest yet in the U.S. Government officials and police had to recognize that the movement had grown and allow demonstrators this time to camp on the plant site without arrest, in contrast to last year when over 1,400 were taken to jail.

In the excitement of the occupations, and the participants passion to block the destruction of environment and health could not wipe out the gar-
Chilean women: Relatés of Disappeared challenge junta

(As May 22, 66 persons initiated a hunger strike in Santiago, Chile, demanding information on the whereabouts of 2,500 political prisoners who have disappeared since the junta's coup in 1973. Support strikes led by Chilean refugees were held in over 40 cities and 20 countries, including the U.S. The following report on the hunger strikers in the Los Angeles area was written by Susan Silverman. It appeared in the Los Angeles Times on June 22.)

Los Angeles, Cal.—Beginning in Santiago, Chile, and spreading to Chilean provinces north and south, some 200 relatives of disappeared prisoners conducted a hunger strike—their third in less than a year—demanding that the Chilean authorities give them true information regarding the whereabouts of their relatives and all disappeared persons.

The Committee of the Relatives of the Disappeared, which was created in 1978, is a committee primarily of women. It was formed in response to the Justice Ministry, and began a hunger strike at a UN office in Santiago. They agreed to call off the strike when the junta promised to give an accounting of the disappeared.

Last December, shortly before Pinochet's rigged plebiscite on the future of the junta, a hunger strike at the church of San Francisco in Santiago, it was called off after the Church arranged a hearing before their problems in the plebiscite. Again, information on the disappeared was promised and not delivered.

Today May, some 200 women and men hunger strikes in several cities in Chile. The women, under the banner "One More Time: Our Lives For The Truth," declared: "We cannot accept any more lies. We cannot wait any longer. We are declaring this new hunger strike on their own initiative, without any guarantee that by showing our unending love for our relatives, we will learn the truth.

We are calling for the national and international opinion to give us support. We call on those who have always been at our side. We call on the Church, on the work­ ers, on the students, on all those who use the language of our women and men and young people of our country with us.

The latest hunger strike, which lasted three weeks, was ended after there was an agreement between the junta and the Catholic Church to give information within 30 days.

The resistance in Chile today has taken on a num­ ber of new forms. The workers, the students, the women, the intellectuals are demanding that the government be held responsible for the disappearance of their relatives and friends. The women seat still had a state of siege and curfew, and the country was under martial law.

As pressure from the international press, the junta has had to make a show of improvement, including the announcement of a general amnesty. But it was a mockery, since 300 are still in jail, and the amnesty is not general. Those people involved in politics cannot return to the country, and it does not include the 2,500 disappeared.

The real resistance in Chile involves the women in the home, in the workplace, in the streets. It involves the workers; it involves a number of dif­ ferent forms. It is the social resistance, often semi­ legal, often illegal. It has taken forms in public life, in public clinics, some things under the support of the Church. It is unemployed men and women, who number some 500,000, who are striking, on the one hand, against b...
Workers face hardships from Proposition 13

by Felix Martin, West Coast Editor

JULY, 1978

Imagine a world where, instead of voting for things like Proposition 13, you have to vote to not vote. That's the world of workers who have voted for Proposition 13. Many of them may have voted because they thought it would mean lower taxes and a better life. They were wrong. Now they have to live with the consequences of their vote.

The main thing that workers at Ford Rouge know is that they have to work harder to pay for their homes. The company doesn't care about the value of their homes, only about their productivity. As long as the company can make money, it doesn't care if workers have to work longer hours.

The most shocking news that I have ever heard is about Anthony Provenzano, the man that had another union official killed and is accused of helping kill James Hoffa. He has been put in prison for life, and his family has been devastated. The vote was five to four, and four of the five were Nixon appointees. Who does that say about the legal system?

It's not just the union that's been hurt by Proposition 13. Workers can't afford to take the time they need to take care of their families. They have to work harder to make ends meet.

There is no education program in the union today, where older workers can talk with younger workers about unionism, combating racism, or any of the things that are important to the union's activities. The Supreme Court just stripped from unions the power to discipline members who break the rules. I've heard people say that union membership is no longer worth it.

I have been talking to a number of workers in the plant, trying to get a sense of what the fallout from that proposition might be making. But it is a meaningless increase in home value because the union shows it is willing to strike, the company will give you two or three days off. For the second time, you become a permanent worker, and your pay.

They say the union is trying to re-educate them— we might call it brainwashing, brainwashing. The shoo committee, including the director of the factory, will talk to the workers and see what their problems are. They tell you to work faster. They do this by order, to find out your workers' problems.
The truth of the U.S.A. is racism, and it’s become endemic. The problem is all-pervasive that it deepens the class relation as it encompasses it. When you discuss race, you’re discussing the economic class. Everything that happens is on the backs of the Blacks. It is even seen in this in relation to the Latin community. The lighter-skinned Latinos are in the small shops, moving their way up, while the darker they stay on the bottom. The N&L Committee Member for Black community today is a new beginning for us.

Garvest New York

I was not surprised at the Supreme Court ruling in favor of Bakke — not after Nixon appealed all the way to that bench and vowed he was going to push this country back to where it was before the Civil Rights Movement. Now, no matter what the case, all one has to do is appeal to the Supreme Court to get a racist decision. It is sure to give hope to many other racists, such as the Detroit police who have a case against affirmative action. The police already are protecting racists from the public everywhere — they are in fact agreed with hate literature and even swastikas anywhere they wish. The backward push started with Nixon, and let the water’s silence on all this shows where he stands, as well.

Wallace Muhani-Los Angeles

PROPOSITION 13

The people have told the capitalist bureaucracy they don’t want to be taxed or cut. If the 100 people in a small city will count the flat cut out of government spending. They’ll get cuts, OK, but they will be cuts of the young and minorities and cuts to the welfare system and schools. They will not get cuts of any old seniors or the bureaucrats, because they have to stay active in the capitalist system and it cannot work.

Little do the middle class workers who are being eaten up by taxes realize that it is only time until they are eaten up altogether. The bureaucracy pits rich recipients, minorities, teachers and students against the middle class as angle workers, while the bureaucrats become fatter and fatter nibbling away at him until the day he becomes part of the group he has been led to believe was his enemy. The only things the capitalist system has ever offered people are death and taxes.

Housewife Los Angeles

At a primarily Chicano high school students walked outside in protest of Proposition 13. The teachers joined them. The cancelling of summer schools will mean that several of the summer teachers will not be able to make them up, but will have to come back for a whole semester. A few teachers of non-English classes were to graduate over the summer and take their exams in September, so they could get their degrees. A lot of their classes are all working class adult women.

Even some working class women in S. Cal., who voted for Proposition 13 are now saying, now that we can keep our homes, our children have no schools. The closing of schools for the summer for the handicapped children is a real tragedy.

Concerned Los Angeles

APPEAL FOR WINNIE MANDELA

Winnie Mandela has been relentlessly persecuted by South African police, subdued to frequent searches, interrogations, prison detentions and harsh banning orders. Now it is learned that a knife-wielding "burglar" entered the shabby little house in the remote Brandfort ghetto to which she has been banished. With the help of a teenage daughter and a sister who happened unexpectedly to have stayed overnight, the intruder was driven off but there is grave concern for her future safety. Arrangements to burglar-proof the house and garage are being sought, but the cost will be more than she can pay. Since she is also entirely dependent on charity. Those who wish to help can contact:

International Defense and Aid Fund
Kenneth Carsens
PO Box 17, Cambridge, Mass. 02138

VICTORY FOR THE BLIND

The Michigan legislature has unanimously passed HB 5830, consolidating all services for the blind in the state, including educational, rehabilitation, and job placement. They will be extended to students and senior citizens, who had previously been ineligible.

After years of inadequate services, we were told last year that the existing agency would be merged with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, which would be cut out of government spending.

Mike Connolly’s article in the new and exciting movement in Europe really hit it on the head. I just read a West German magazine, Der Spiegel, has an article about the Blacks from de Gaulle’s time to the present who threw rocks and bottles at police in the East German city of Erfurt. The confrontation was evidently provoked by “extremely aggressive actions” of the police. It seems a fitting tribute on the 250th anniversary of the French Revolution in June 1963 East German revolts.

Mike Connolly - Detroit

ANTI-NUKA/ANTI-WAR

The mass demonstration at the UN was very moving, the Japanese delegation especially. Their statements meant so much more than the reformist kind of things other people were saying. Compare for example, a statement that “if women were in power three past 50 years there would be no wars,” with this, from an A-Bomb victim: “We ask you to realize that the production and stockpiling of nuclear weapons presupposes their actual use; it is a disguised theory of preservation of peace which takes people as hostages.” The Japanese women were strong speakers and had an urgency about their concern, concerning the use of nuclear weapons and war in general you could sense.

I would have thought NYC could have turned out 100,000 people, if it had really been opposed by Anzal. But the chain power must be terrified of every movement, even one so harmless as this. Just over the four days of the mobilization at the UN, the opening up of the game was canceled in Atlantic City commanded 20 minutes or more of news time, while the anti-nuclear demonstration of 20,000 got less than 2 minutes.

Garvest New York

Unemployed Retired Black Worker

NEWS & LETTERS

U.S. RACISM AND AMERICAN BLACK THOUGHT

There are too many inhumanities in Russia. But why is Muhammad Ali playing with Maoism only to run Black city politicians. Wallace Muhani-Los Angeles

Black thought is not just a Black pamphlet. It serves, much less try to handle the needs of harder-to-place blind people. Blind people from all over the state, led mainly by the National Federation of the Blind of Michigan, marched on the Capitol demanding that legislators appoint a committee to study the needs of the blind in the state. Starting with virtually no political support, we gained so much momentum through our own personal lobbying efforts that we completely stopped some bills of one senator who tried to stall the bill shortly before its final passage. The task for us now is to make this autonomous Commission just established live up to its potential.

Blind Activist - Detroit

EUROPEAN MASS MOVEMENTS

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Views

FROM POLAND, ISRAEL, AFRICA: ON THE WARS OF THE '70s

The column on Poland in the last issue of N&L was great. Now let me tell you about the “Flying University.” For a long time, I’ve been a fan of the “Flying University.”

For Africa, and like the first scramble, the middlemen like Mobutu are right there, inviting the imperialists in.

Correspondent
West Africa

LATIN AMERICA’S UNFINISHED REVOLUTION

Because Ruslan Dr undercover’s article on the Latin American Unfinished Revolutions took up some 18 years of my life, I was very interested in reading it. I think I remember that in 1960, they already were war on the direction the revolution was taking. Evidently, if you have Marx’s methodology, you don’t have to wait 18 years, you recognize the laws of history and the flow of the revolution still around. Just consider Lenin’s arguments with his colleagues right in the midst of revolution Russia.

Supporter
New York

In El Salvador, an alliance of workers, professionals and students showed so much that they were discussing whether the revolution should be a preventative slaughter of 20 to 30 thousand people. In Nicaragua, in the 1930 peasants’ revolt. In Guatemala 34 people were killed a few weeks ago in fighting between peasant squatters and landowners that included attacking an army outpost. There is a movement of landless peasants in Mexico. And much more. Yet the Trotskyists followers of Lenin are the main incubator of Sexism. The problem with these organisations is that “like any on-going enterprise” a direct response to workers’ uprisings, it is being whipped up by the government. I was there. For example, anti-Semitism is being whipped up by the government.

Urszula Wislanka
Chicago

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Mordechai Cafri
Israel

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Ed. Note: Copies of the latest Political-Philosophic Letter of Raya Dunayevskaya may be ordered for 50 cents from NEWS & LETTERS.

They needed your help to raise funds. For more information call the Detroit Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR) 892-7225.

Don Magrino, Detroit, Mich.

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Telephone Workers’ Battle

We need your help in a court battle which may seriously affect the rights of motions of some workers in organized labor. Our case involves Local 1101 of the Communication Workers of America, representing 11,000 NYC telephone workers. As an elected shop steward, in 1976 I initiated a shop newsletter and argued in it that the membership would be worth a stronger position in then the local’s TV union. Local 1101 agreed and we were prepared to strike. The local leadership removed me as steward immedi­ately. I was then excluded from the union, and while members could criticize the local any steward who so did would be removed.

After being denied access to internal union minutes, members filed suit against the local and the union was ordered to reinstate me. They went to Federal Court of Appeals, in 1979. There, the question was over the lower court was overturned. The Appeals Court held that “it was an ongoing enterprise” a union is a down-top organization and a steward is simply “an agent of the local’s management.” Lawsuits have always ruled that union members do not surrender their free speech rights upon election to union office.

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Dettor Readers—A Calendar for July/August

The following pre-convention discussions are held for all readers and are to begin promptly on 7 p.m. Thursday afternoon. Meetings are held at N&L offices, 1000 E. Jefferson, 1st floor. Saturday meetings are held at the Detroit Public Library, 13130 Woodward Avenue.

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**Another war takes its toll on another race**

**Friends aid Longest Walk**

By Shainape Shawpe

More than 500 Indian people are now participating in the 3,000-mile Indian Walk for Justice, which began in Los Angeles on Feb. 11 with over 300 people. The Walk, which should reach Washington, D.C. by July 15, is to protest against police brutality and_ to press for legal recognition before the U.S. Congress designed to take from Indian people everything from fishing rights, to control of the schools. It is believed that the police are forced to act in this way due to the fact that the march was passing through Columbus, Ohio, and that money and supplies were desperately needed.

The walk is being kept in the public eye by telephone calls from the marchers to the Detroit Indian Center during the first two weeks of June. Through a call of Indian to Indian, word spread that the march was passing through Columbus, Ohio, and that money and supplies were desperately needed.

“Just the other day,” one said, “among 300 Indians in Ohio, we talked about your situation.”

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By Terry Liddle

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recently declared June 26 as the city’s Gay Pride Day, and the following day was selected as the date for the city’s first gay pride parade. The day was set aside to commemorate the Stonewall uprising, a series of gay rights demonstrations that took place in New York City in 1969.

The event was held in conjunction with the 30th anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion, which is widely regarded as a turning point in the gay rights movement. The pride parade was expected to draw thousands of participants and spectators, and organizers had planned a variety of activities for the day.

The parade route was planned to pass through some of the city’s most popular gay neighborhoods, including Castro and Mission districts. The parade was scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., with the expected route ending at Harvey Milk Plaza in the Castro neighborhood.

The day was also marked by multiple Pride-related events, including a film festival, a music concert, and an art exhibit. The events were designed to celebrate the diverse and vibrant culture of the city’s LGBTQ+ community.

Overall, the event was expected to be a significant moment in the city’s history, with organizers and community members hoping to use the occasion to raise awareness about LGBTQ+ issues and to create a sense of community and pride among the city’s residents.
New York, N.Y. — I joined 20,000 other people in New York on May 27 who also rallied to protest the forthcoming nuclear tests by the Japanese government. With a steady crowd of some 33,000 Japanese who had signed a petition which they brought with them to give to the UN Council on Disarmament, we joined the Peace Movement throughout the world. The petition was signed by 300,000. One man said that he could not express the horror he felt when he heard that the N-bomb had been manufactured by his country.

At the rally there were speakers from almost every industrialized nation and nationally both the Japanese and the Americans were represented. The composition of the demonstration included children with their families, from the San Fransisco of Kent State, lesbian anarchists, Canadian feminists and the French Guiana.

I was disappointed, however, at the lack of Black and Third World people as well as NY youth. I am sure that this was due to the lack of money and time with it. Or perhaps it is because the movement hasn't yet thoroughly developed the crucial links needed with the nuclear weapons labor.

It has been over a week since I attended the demonstration, but I am still overwhelmed because I see the anti-nuclear movement growing globally with the potential to put an end to the arms race and for the people to take control of their own lives finally. This movement is growing in strength, massed by many, particularly young people who were active during the '60s and have now had time while observing a decade of world changes.

Mich. — Although the nuclear protest rally staged in Mason City, Iowa, Fermi II plant, on June 24, brought out only about 75 people, it was just a small, isolated event, but part of a nationwide rally against nuclear arms and the misuse of nuclear energy.

In honor of Karen Silkwood, a union steward who died when her car mysteriously caught fire and burned after she had assembled significant evidence against Union Carbide's i

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**Our Life and Times**

**Hugo Blanco released from Argentina as mass unrest continues in Peru**

By Peter Mallory and Ron Brokmyer

A worldwide protest won the release of Hugo Blanco on June 9 from the claws of Argentina’s dictatorship.

Argentina’s internationally-recognized Peruvian peasant leader, Trotskyist, and candidate of the Workers, Peasants, Students and Poor People’s Front, for parliament’s lower house, was arrested from his bed by Peruvian secret police on May 25, a few hours after he appeared on television with his ending promise of striking.

Along with ten other labor and political leaders, Blanco was deported to that other military dicta
torship, the United States, where their lives were in danger with each passing minute. All this occurred a little over a month after Blanco, along with other workers, students, trade unions, and political parties around the world poured into Argentina, addressed to President Giscard d’Estaing in Paris, to request Peruvian-Argentine relations, and several publicly-televisioned showings of the World Cup soccer matches from Buenos Aires to sustain the movement. Blanco was allowed to leave Argentina for Sweden.

In the June 18 Peruvian elections, the first in 11 years, Blanco, for the Punto de Coma, won seats in the Constituent Assembly. Altogether, 27 percent of the Peruvians voted for the considered socialists. There is no doubt that the general strike forced the government to proceed with the postponed elections. The deep unrest in Peru has yet to run its course.

**Soweto**

Over 5,000 Black South Africans, chanting “amandla swethu”—power to the people—giving Black Power salutes, and singing freedom songs, packed Regina Mundi Church in Soweto on June 16, marking the second anniversary of the Soweto revolt. It was not only a memorial to the over 600 Black South Africans killed in the Soweto riot but also a test against South Africa’s hated apartheid regime.

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**Albania**

We have devoted little space to Albania’s theo
tebolical bombs since, frankly, Albania is not noted for its military theory before or after the death of Enver Hoxha. When Albania provokes China, it is worthy of noting that a small puppy is yapping at the heels of a big bull.

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**Black-Red View**

by John Alan

“The great success of the armies of Africa is to have compromized the Africama themselves.”

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Because the workers are asking such fundamental questions, our pamphlet Marx's Capital and Today's Global Crisis is timely, and the same time, entered the battle of ideas on the Left, and faced the actual global crisis where even the bourgeoisie had suddenly to acknowledge that what was really involved was not one more automated machine, but on the human hand and brain that will not produce at ever-greater speeds. Some very basic questions wait to be asked about what kind of labor should man/woman do.

More than ever before, the Left is entering the battle of ideas. For the Movement to limit its attack on capitalism by talking only about the oppression of labor without focusing on the equally integral dialectics of liberation, is to miss the proletarian totality. That is to say, the proletariat as Reason as well as muscle, as form of revolt from which is that new beginning which determines the end. Because the crisis is so deep, all that chipping away at the economic law of value, or rather gilding it to make it fit into state-capitalism calling itself Communism, is more than truncating Marx's Capital as a book. Along with a violation of Marx's greatest theoretical work, it does nothing short of uprooting the concept of the workers' movement from below by removing from under it its ground, its very reason for existence.

What is of the essence here, therefore, is not even any separation of politics and economics, subjective and objective, philosophy and revolution.

China's False Alternative

When Mao first won power in China in the great revolution against World War II era, abolishing both the imperialist tenacles there and its lackey, Chiang Kai-shek, he feared about calling his own society state-capitalism since he was sure of the mass confidence in the new revolutionary regime. Therefore, he concluded, what was necessary to stress is that the movement from practice to the new revolutionary regime. So great is the Left's resistance to consider the Cultural Revolution as the objective developments unfolded identical to what Lenin grappled with a move from practice, beginning in East Europe, cause by the fact that not only the aggression of the Cold War, but even the aggression of the cold war would rule the world and thus assure its going to "socialism." This is what underlined his statement to Nehru that he had no fear of nuclear war; no matter how many millions would die, other millions would still be alive in China—and they would then win the world for "socialism.

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Secondly, we must show that the theoretic void since Lenin’s death resulted from not grappling with the methodology of all of Lenin’s work that flowed from that study of the dialectic, specifically Imperialism, and State and Revolution. That is to say, it wasn’t the "facts" of imperialism—that had, indeed, been analyzed both by the bourgeoys liberal, Hobson, and the revolutionaries, Hilferding, Luxembourg and Bukharin—especially the latter whose book Lenin had introduced.

Rather, it was the dialectical principle of transformation into opposite: not only competition into monopoly capital, but a section of labor became the "objective" and the social crisis of labor. To retransform that opposite into its opposite—the aristocracy of capital into monopoly capital, but a section of labor would either run the state and manage production—or there would be no new society. In a word, along with the class distinction came the new universal: "to a man, woman and child." The destruction of the bourgeois state had to be the type of dictatorship of the proletariat that Marx saw in the non-state form of the Paris Commune.

While anarchists hold that neither this view, nor the whole pamphlet, State and Revolution, was anything more than "politics" to gain a majority in our Movement, it is considered essential by the revolutionaries. The working class was needed, but also that proletariat revolution it was this time not only competition into monopoly capital, but a section of labor battled against the government and a revolt against their own labor bureaucrats. This stage of proletarian revolt is not to be confused with the beginning of the battles to come this year, because not only is the economic crisis unabated, but the onslaught of management on labor’s gains, on welfare, on Blocks, is sure to first unfold as the labor contracts in all major industries will be up for renewal next year. This determines our tasks for the year.

In that, there is no distinction between Women’s Liberaitionists and the youth movement that has begun to ask: what is Marx’s theory of revolution for our age?

Thus, Rosa Luxembourg, Women’s Liberation and Marx’s Theory of Revolution becomes the urgent question of the day, as important as any of our activities, to be in labor struggle, or in anti-Nazi activities; be they with Women’s Liberationists or with youth; be they in the anti-nuclear demonstrations or in all the Black Liberation battles.

The new stage of militancy that the U.S. miners have displayed is more than only militancy as great as that of the miners of the ’30s. For it was simultaneously with revolt against capital, also a revolt against the government and a revolt against their own labor bureaucrats. This stage of proletarian revolt is not the end to the beginning of the battles to come this year, because not only is the economic crisis unabated, but the onslaught of management on labor’s gains, on welfare, on Blocks, is sure to first unfold as the labor contracts in all major industries will be up for renewal next year. This determines our tasks for the year.

Thus, this year we will also see Indigent Heart published, and not only as it was published in 1953, but before we were born as News & Letters in 1953. It will be a new book, but the thoughts in the 25 years since the publication of the original.

We rightly felt from the start that Indigent Heart was not only a Black production worker’s life story, but a reflection of the historical struggles of the Black masses as vanguard in all revolutionary struggles in the U.S. The new book will, at one and the same time, bring us back to our beginnings, and forward to the new Perspectives for 1978-79.

Towards this end, as well as for meeting the urgent needs of the office to function at full speed at the very time that the reorganization of the Center for the work on the Rosa Luxembourg book add extra responsibilities—and, above all, to assure the continued publication of News & Letters in its expanded form of a 12-pager three times a year and an 8-pager regularly—the REB is proposing that the Organization-Sustaining-Publishing fund for this year be a minimum of $20,000.

This, of course, will be spelled out more concretely in the organization report. Here we mention it only in order to focus on what has been our distinctive characteristic from our very birth on the second of which is the relationship of theory to practice in the homeland of Marx as well as in Africa. As against foco-ism, which had diverted a whole generation of revolutionaries from working towards proletarian revolution, and, as against 1968 when French youth deluded themselves that they could “do it” without theory, we attempted to re-think the 200-year history of dialectical philosophy and revolution in the context of the last two decades of the movement from practice. The resistance from that Old Left was not just to a book, Philosophy and Revolution, but to that very movement from practice that was itself a new beginning in the 20th century. Instead of seeking to relate themselves to all sorts of alternatives—from existentialism to foco-ism, and from PLO-ism to “Great Proletarian Civil War” Revolution, that is, that is, to the complete, social revolution with all new forces of revolution held as Reason, be they proletarian, Women’s Liberationists, youth or the Black Dimension.

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Once again, therefore, we must turn, instead, to what we believe the meanings that would determine revolutionary ends are. Two developments stand out crucially. One is Latin America. (The European trip this year has helped all of us, especially in Germany, where previously Rosa Luxemburg was disregarded even by socialist feminists because she hadn’t written directly on women, many groups now not only relate Women’s Liberation to Rosa Luxembourg as revolutionary, but, above all, pose it as integral to Marx’s own theory of revolution.

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