

1980s—Agenda for struggle

Two issues—Iran and the struggle against Klan terror—provided the focal points of *The Call's* coverage in the final months of 1979. They symbolize the two broad tasks we have set for ourselves in 1980: to build the international united front against imperialism and superpower hegemonism, while pushing forward the class struggle and the movements of all oppressed sectors of the people here at home.

Concretely, our agenda for 1980 looks like this:

- In the international arena, expose the sharpening contention of the U.S. and the USSR that is leading in the direction of war. Speak out especially against the growing aggression of the Soviet Union, and in defense of its victims—Afghanistan, Kampuchea, Ethiopia, Eritrea and a host of others.

Take our stand with the workers and oppressed of the world, the genuine socialist countries, and all those who stand up to foreign domination. In this context, heighten our support for the Iranian people and oppose all U.S. threats against Iran. Strengthen our solidarity with Nicaragua and the peoples of other Latin American countries where big movements for democracy and national liberation are developing. Work to build a larger, better-organized U.S. support movement for Azania's fight against apartheid and the freedom

fighters throughout Africa.

Join with the Palestinians demanding the return of their stolen land and the restoration of their national rights. Support the Koreans in fighting for the withdrawal of U.S. military forces and the reunification of their country. Build the China friendship movement and oppose any efforts by the U.S. government to break the terms of the historic 1979 normalization agreement.

- In domestic U.S. politics, use the 1980 election year to expose the false solutions of the presidential politicians and demand government action to stop the double-edged axe of inflation and unemployment from swinging still more wildly at the living standards of the people.

Support the steelworkers' and other major unions

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whose pace-setting contracts expire in 1980. Within the unions, push forward rank-and-file forces seeking to wrest power from the top bureaucrats so that the labor movement can in fact be one of class struggle and not class collaboration.

Mobilize against KKK terror which struck so blatantly in Greensboro, N.C., last Nov. 3 and is part of a reactionary offensive directed against the working class and minority peoples. From the Native American struggle for land rights, to the Chicano struggle against deportations and for unionization of farm and garment

workers, to the Puerto Rican independence movement, take our stand on the side of the oppressed nationalities, uniting working people of all backgrounds into a solid front against imperialism.

Push forward the women's movement in its effort to get the Equal Rights Amendment passed and to defend and extend hard-won gains like abortion rights and affirmative action.

Oppose the reinstatement of the draft. Demand jobs and better educational opportunities for the youth.

Continue to build the mass movement against nuclear power, demanding that all nuclear facilities be shut down and new construction halted until it is proven that they can operate safely.

Build the fightback against the crisis in the cities which is causing schools to close, civic workers to be laid off and social services to be curtailed for the profit of the big bankers.

And finally, popularize the socialist alternative to capitalism's oppression and win new recruits to the CPML and new readers to *The Call*. Promote every step towards the unity of the Marxist-Leninist forces in the U.S.

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These are some of the key battles *The Call* will be taking up in 1980 and we hope to find our readers fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with us. We hope too that you will help to make *The Call* a better tool by supporting it financially, reading it regularly, selling it to your friends and writing up your own ideas for publication in its pages.

**Best wishes to all our readers
for a year of victories in 1980!**