

the Communist Workers Party Stands For:

Only socialism can save America.

The Communist Workers Party (CWP) calls on the American people to unite and overthrow the criminal rule of monopoly capitalism by whatever means necessary.

Our immediate program is:

- The organization and mobilization of all Americans to preserve peace throughout the world, to defend our standard of living and to ensure equality and self-determination for all nations and nationalities;**
- The establishment of a people's revolutionary government at the earliest possible moment which would expropriate the monopoly banks, utilities, and factories of the capitalists to put this wealth to the immediate benefit of all the people;**
- To consolidate and defend the new government against efforts to restore the capitalist regime; and**
- To use all the new government's resources to unleash the creativity and energy of the American people in solving our national problems.**

Our long-range program is the development of the material and spiritual wealth of our country in the service of its own people and the people of the whole world—to transform society from one of exploitation, greed, competition and oppression among classes, people and nations to one of worldwide cooperation, mutual respect and prosperity. Our goal is a communist society where the exploitation of humankind has been completely eliminated.

After 30 years of post-World War II economic stabilization, built upon the almost total rip-off of the non-socialist world, the chickens have come home to roost for U.S. monopoly capitalism. A period of unprecedented depression and political destabilization is upon us. The capitalists and their political representatives have no solution except to try to ride it out on the backs of the American people and, wherever possible, the people of the rest of the world.

The misery and suffering of the American people is intensifying, producing ever-wider and more systematic resistance. As the popular resistance places its demands ever more squarely on the capitalist system, the government will squirm, balk, slander and attack the people and our leaders. These attacks will further fuel the resistance and, eventually, bring the majority into conscious, diametric opposition to the rule of monopoly capitalism.

The ruling class has, down through history, used and no doubt will continue to use, armed violence to violate the people's will. Such government terror must be countered by the people's armed might, not by choice but out of necessity to reduce the people's losses. At this point it will be the duty of the CWP and all revolutionaries to lead the American people in insurrection, to create our own government, truly in our own interests.

The socialist government of the U.S. will be the people's progressive and revolutionary organizations enshrined as the new institutions of self-rule. The government of the people will defend our revolution and set about insuring world peace and economic reconstruction.

Through our participation in this government, the CWP will demand complete elimination of covert or direct military aid and interven-

tion to oppressive dictatorships throughout the world and the dismantling of NATO and other capitalist military alliances. We will work to establish broad negotiations with other socialist and developing nations to insure peace and systematic reduction in armaments worldwide.

We will support self-determination, including the right of secession, for the Afro-American, Chicano and Native American nations, as well as Hawaii, and the peoples of Micronesia and the Virgin Islands, and independence for Puerto Rico.

We will also call for workers' democratic control of the factories, mines and mills of this country, and the development of national plans to coordinate production in the best overall interests of the whole people. We will rebuild American industry along with new housing, medical facilities, childcare facilities, mass transit and public works to serve the needs of our people.

We will call for the government to guarantee everyone the right to a job at union-scale wages. We will call for a national health insurance plan and retirement system, free childcare for all who desire it, free education through the college level, housing at no more than 25% of income, and utilities at no more than 10% of income.

We will guarantee the people's right of free speech and assembly, the right to form political parties and unions, freedom of religion and the right to bear arms. We will insist on worker-run health and safety programs and on a program to preserve and expand the quality of our environment and national parks.

We will strive to utilize the resources of the government to produce and popularize the people's revolutionary culture, utilizing the media and arts to combat racist and sexist prejudices and to promote positive images and education.

We will guarantee the democratic rights of minorities, women, lesbians and gays, and the disabled. We will fight for programs to facilitate the full participation of every person in the rebuilding of our society.

All these things and much more are possible under socialism because we, the American people, are truly the masters of our society. We have taken the wealth which the capitalists accumulated off the sweat, blood and suffering of the workers before us. With these resources, and the energy and creativity of our people, anything is possible.

The CWP sets itself the goal of achieving these objectives. Relying on our own experience while integrating the lessons of the most advanced revolutionary experience worldwide, the CWP has developed an integral strategy and tactics to achieve socialism in the U.S. We seek to unite with all progressive organizations, to continuously broaden the united front against the exploitation, oppression and rule of monopoly capitalism. We realize that the revolution is the product of mass struggle, that it cannot succeed until it has won the support of the majority of the American people. At the same time, we uphold the absolute necessity of building up the revolutionary core embodied in the CWP. Only such a core of trained and dedicated professional revolutionaries will have the skill and organization adequate to systematically prepare for and carry through socialist revolution in the U.S.

We call on all revolutionary-minded workers and all progressive people from whatever walk of life to join the CWP and dedicate your life and work to our noble goals.