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89 - AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO "STUDY, GRASP, APPLY AND PROPAGATE MARXISM-LENINISM-MAO TSETUNG THOUGHT TO OPPOSE THE BOURGEOISIE AND BUILD THE COMMUNIST PARTY"!

- Boston (NANS DAILY) June 19 - On Sunday, June 17, the American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist) held a meeting of the comrades working with the American Revolutionary Youth in the East. This was the second meeting called for the purpose of re-organizing ARY so as to better serve the building of the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party. The meeting launched the campaign of ARY to "STUDY, GRASP, APPLY AND PROPAGATE MARXISM-LENINISM MAO TSETUNG THOUGHT TO OPPOSE THE BOURGEOISIE AND BUILD THE COMMUNIST PARTY". Comrades from units of the American Revolutionary Youth in Boston, Providence, Albany, New York City, Newark and Philadelphia attended the meeting. A leading comrade of the ACWM (M-L) initiated the campaign and led the re-organization of ARY.

The meeting discussed how the monopoly capitalist class which controls every aspect of American society, including the economics, politics, culture, etc. also seeks to dominate and control the workers movement. At present the bourgeoisie is frantically trying to strengthen its dominance over the workers movement exactly because the REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS MOVEMENT is emerging with tremendous speed. On the one hand, the bourgeoisie is desperately trying to keep the REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS MOVEMENT FROM COMING INTO FULL BLOOM by using the entire force of its state machine to suppress all the just struggles of the workers against capitalist exploitation, to politically organize

and to wage revolutionary struggle against the capitalist system and the dictatorship of the big bourgeoisie. On the other hand, the monopoly capitalists are busy organizing a reactionary workers movement headed by the nazi labor aristocrats like Meany, Abel, Woodcock and co. The comrades discussed how through their monopoly on the media as well as through these bourgeois agents in the workers movement, the bourgeoisie carries on continual propaganda that the "American working class can never unite for a revolutionary cause" while they hatch their own reactionary programs under the slogans of "silent majority", "America first", "buy American", etc. The entire program of the monopoly capitalist class is aimed at the FORCIBLE SUPPRESSION of the REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS MOVEMENT in order to maintain their system of capitalist exploitation and live off the labor and blood of the American working class forever.

The comrades analyzed how the history of the American workers movement in recent years, and from its very inception, AT ONCE dashes these dreams of the bourgeoisie that it can suppress the revolutionary workers movement. The working class which has built all the factories and mines, the transportation and communications networks and everything of value in America has always struggled against capitalist exploitation, against the capitalist system and the dictatorship of

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of the bourgeoisie. Right from 1852 with the formation of the Proletarian League the American workers have striven to apply the revolutionary theory of Marxism to the conditions in the U.S. for the sole purpose of opposing the bourgeoisie, building its own revolutionary political party and organizing a PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION which overthrows the capitalist relations of exploitation and oppression. Today the upcoming historic conference of North American Marxist-Leninists and the work of the Central Organizing Committee of the ACWM(M-L) shows how the Marxist-Leninists, the advanced section of the modern proletariat, are gloriously executing the task of opposing the bourgeoisie and all their views and that the working class is on the threshold of inaugurating its Communist Party based on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. With the birth of JUST SUCH A REVOLUTIONARY PARTY the workers movement is bound to make tremendous advances and it is this which the bourgeoisie fears most and which is causing them to tremble.

The comrades further summed up the struggles and significance of the youth movement of the '50's which proved that the American working youth, the pride and joy of the entire working class and people are a most vigorous revolutionary force with no interest other than UNITING WITH THE WHOLE WORKING CLASS TO OVERTHROW THE BOURGEOISIE. The working youth of America have certainly rejected the reactionary youth movements organized by the monopoly capitalist class such as the nazi Young Americans for "Freedom", the degenerate and parasitic movement for "dropping out" led by the likes of Abby Hoffman, etc. All the backwards and pro-capitalist youth movements have no following among the working youth and are dead as doornails. The same must be said for the youth movements led by the social-fascist trotskyites and revisionist parties. The facts are that American youth have rejected all these counter-revolutionary movements and everyday are showing their tremendous spirit to OPPOSE THE BOURGEOISIE and to do nothing else. It is only MAO TSETUNG THOUGHT which can inspire and lead the genuine youth movement and it is only the American Revolutionary Youth under the leadership of ACWM (M-L) which, though still small and weak, is the organized representative of the deep aspirations of the youth to serve as a FIGHTING

FRONT of the whole working class. ARY has been an important vehicle for the dissemination of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought amongst the entire proletariat, has always upheld staunch and uncompromising opposition to the bourgeoisie and all its views in the workers movement and struggled tenaciously for the proletarian line and views. It is ARY which heroically participated in smashing the nazi "hard-hat" movement in Cleveland, in the militant defense of the William Z. Foster Center in Buffalo and many many resistance struggles in defense of the RIGHT OF THE WORKING CLASS TO ORGANIZE PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION. It is this history and this trend which is bound to inspire the whole youth movement and make a tremendous contribution towards Proletarian revolution.

The meeting took the stand that for the revolutionary youth movement to develop, the ARY and all revolutionary youth must work for BUILDING THE COMMUNIST PARTY and NOTHING ELSE by OPPOSING THE BOURGEOISIE and EXPOUNDING MAO TSETUNG THOUGHT and NOTHING ELSE. The comrades organized themselves to implement this program AT ONCE by initiating the campaign to STUDY, GRASP, APPLY AND PROPAGATE MARXISM-LENINISM-MAO TSETUNG THOUGHT TO OPPOSE THE BOURGEOISIE AND BUILD THE COMMUNIST PARTY. Each comrade agreed to start with studying a quotation from the COMMUNIST MANIFESTO by going deep amongst the working class to uphold the SPIRIT AND PRACTICE OF OPPOSING THE BOURGEOISIE and by summing up the experience gained. The meeting closed in a most resolute and militant spirit that is best summed up by Comrades Marx and Engels' quotation: "THE COMMUNISTS DISDAIN TO CONCEAL THEIR VIEWS AND AIMS. THEY OPENLY DECLARE THAT THEIR ENDS CAN BE ATTAINED ONLY BY THE FORCIBLE OVERTHROW OF ALL EXISTING SOCIAL CONDITIONS. LET THE RULING CLASS TREMBLE AT A COMMUNISTIC REVOLUTION. THE PROLETARIANS HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT THEIR CHAINS. THEY HAVE A WORLD TO WIN." End Item.

90 - TWO GUYS, INC. INTENSIFIES EXPLOITATION OF WORKERS: RETAIL CLERKS REBEL

Boston (NANS DAILY) June 19 - Red Spark, publication of the Philadelphia unit of American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist), Vol. 1, No. 8, June 16, 1973, carried the following article: "Two Guys, Inc. Intensifies

Exploitation of Workers: Retail Clerks Rebel"

Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to Red Spark by a supporter of American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist). It is being printed in this special issue for widescale distribution among the strikers. It is a timely article since the capitalist press in the Philadelphia area has been serving Two Guys (an important advertiser) by writing distorted news of the strike from the capitalist point of view and running Two Guys' ads which claim the strike is a "family squabble." In putting forward the proletarian analysis of the strike, ACWM (M-L) sympathizes with and supports the struggle of the retail clerks.

Recently thousands of retail clerks employed by Two Guys, Inc. walked off their jobs in a mass strike aimed at protecting themselves against the economic attack by the monopoly capitalists. The strikers' counter-attack is a serious blow against the company on the East coast (48 stores) because large numbers of ordinary people are refusing to patronize the store during the strike and because other workers (meat cutters, truck drivers, etc.) are honoring the picket line.

Two Guys is owned by Vornado, Inc., a large capitalist enterprise employing over 25,000 people in a hundred different stores or industries with total sales around 840 million dollars. Deeply in debt to finance capitalists and under their control, Vornado is trying to MAXIMIZE PROFIT IN THE SHORTEST PERIOD OF TIME in order to serve themselves and pay off the more powerful financial parasites. To do so, Two Guys must super-exploit the workers.

How Two Guys Has Been Stepping Up Exploitation of Workers

Two Guys has been stepping up exploitation of workers by driving down their real wages. At this time, the company is carrying this through mainly by trying to force a three-year contract on the workers which would: 1) cut various health and welfare benefits (including the pension plan), 2) eliminate premium pay for Saturday nights, Sundays and holidays, and 3) reduce the starting wage and increments for new employees. In this way, the monopoly capitalists controlling Two Guys hope to increase profit, that is, increase the amount of stolen wealth that they can keep for themselves and not pay out in wages. As Marx pointed out over one hundred years ago, "Profit rises to the extent that wages fall..."

But even in areas where capitalists like Two Guys are forced to give up a wage

increase, the net effect for the workers is still a drop in wages because of inflation. Even if workers win the maximum wage increase allowed by the Nixon (chief lackey of the monopoly capitalists) guidelines, they will lose money because each of their dollars is worth less. The retail clerks would need a huge wage increase to make up what they lost in wages due to just last year's inflation. Two Guys has contributed to this inflation by raising prices on its products.

According to several workers Two Guys has been preparing for this strike for a long time with the hope of breaking the workers and their union and forcing them to accept the company's unfair demands. They explained that the company established a special department for hiring people before the strike so that the company would have a large number of employees on its payroll who were not in the union.

Now that the strike is on, the company is using the department managers' relatives to work in the store. The company has also tried to harrass the picketers by not allowing picketing in front of the store and having several picketers arrested on phony charges.

Workers Rebel When They're Oppressed

Wherever there is oppression there is rebellion. Thousands of retail clerks have responded to this oppression by Two Guys with a spirited strike. In lively discussions on the picket line, the workers have been denouncing their bosses for their various crimes against the employees. At one store in South Jersey, several picketers said with anger and determination that if they persist in struggle and work for unity among workers they were bound to win their just demands. They had intense feeling for their many class brothers who honored the picket lines and deep hatred for the monopoly capitalists and their lackeys. Other workers driving by have shouted encouragement to the strikers and have brought the strikers refreshments.

Workers' Aspiration Is To Take Their Destiny Into Their Own Hands

It is inevitable that as long as capital rules over labor, more and more struggles like the retail clerks' strike will be launched by the various sectors of the great American working class in order to win a better price for the sale of their labor power to the capitalists. Other strikes will be launched for the right to organize at the place of work, against attacks on wages and job security, against arbitrary rules and regulations, and a-

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against other forms of oppression built into the capitalist relations of production.

But workers who have won strike struggles against the monopoly capitalists know that strikes are not the final solution. In the course of these struggles, large numbers of workers will come forward to fight to fulfill their aspirations to replace the rule of capital by the rule of labor. This will require a mass-democratic anti-fascist revolution which will overthrow the monopoly capitalist class and make the working class the ruling class.

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91 - CAPITALISM AND SLUMS

Boston (NANS DAILY) June 19 - Chicago Worker, political affairs newspaper of the Chicago unit of American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist), Number 1, June 1, 1973, carried the following article:

The Chicago working and poor people face a serious housing problem, with slum lordism, deteriorating housing, exorbitant rents, urban renewal.

The "Tribune" recently wrote a series of articles to completely mystify the cause and the solution to the slum problem. Marx said, "a part of the bourgeoisie is desirous of redressing social grievances, in order to secure the continued existence of bourgeois society."

The "Tribune" tries to get away with the nonsense that it is 10 greedy landlords that are responsible for the slum conditions. That is to suggest that if we get rid of the 10 individuals, the slum question would disappear. Slums exist because of the capitalist system; the landlord is after maximum profit. Therefore, those with large amounts of money (other capitalists) receive luxury apartments, while the worker has nothing but his wages to subsist on, and is forced to live in slums. This will continue as long as the capitalist wage system exists. On the question of the government, the "Tribune" claims that it is the biggest victim of the slum lords. More nonsense! The government creates more slums by doling

out taxpayers' money to capitalist construction firms to tear down workers' homes and build luxury apartments at exorbitant rents, business complexes, etc., because they're more profitable. 6,000 workers' homes disappeared in this way due to urban renewal in Chicago in a short period of time. This meant more crowded slums and exorbitant rents for workers. As for the solution, the "Tribune" can't offer any different solution than to rely on the government, which as everyone knows is completely corrupt and serves the capitalists by doling out tax money to them so that they can make windfall profits in slums. Many officials profit from this.

Comrade Engels wrote, "The breeding places of disease, the infamous holes and cellars in which the capitalist mode of production confines our workers night after night, are not abolished, they are merely shifted elsewhere! The same economic necessity which produced them in the first place produces them in the next place also. As long as the capitalist mode of production continues to exist it is folly to hope for an isolated settlement of the housing question or of any other social question affecting the lot of the workers. The solution lies in the abolition of the capitalist mode of production and the appropriation of all the means of subsistence and instruments of labor by the working class itself."

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