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China - U.S. Collusion in Vietnam Invasion

China: Get Out of Vietnam Now!

The following is the text of a Trotskyist League leaflet distributed at a February 25 public meeting in Toronto sponsored by the "Canadian Friends of China." Featured speaker at the meeting was William Hinton, an American agronomist and sycophantic apologist for the Stalinists in the Forbidden Palace.

There should be no mistake as to what is behind the Chinese invasion of Vietnam. Chinese Deputy Prime Minister Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao ping) on his U. S. -Japan junket warned that China was going to "teach Vietnam a lesson." Peking would not have taken this ominous step without tacit backing from Washington and Tokyo. Through his appeal to the two imperialist "superpowers" to "curb the polar bear" Deng was playing the advanceman for Carter's anti-Soviet "Human Rights Crusade" and for the escalating rearmament of Japanese imperi-

alism. The invasion of Vietnam forges a U. S. / Japan/China axis aimed ultimately against the Soviet Union.

Many in attendance at tonight's meeting to hear Peking sycophant William Hinton give a "China Update" were won to radical politics in the 1960's through their opposition to the Vietnam War. If they became Maoists it was in large part because of China's avowed opposition to U. S. imperialism and its polemic against the Soviet policy of "peaceful coexistence," a policy whose counterrevolutionary consequences were dramatized in the televised coverage of mutilated and bullet-ridden bodies of Vietnamese workers and peasants. But in 1969 the Spartacist League/U. S. warned against

"the growing objective possibility--given the tremendous industrial and military capacity of

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SPARTACIST LEAGUE/U. S. CONTINGENT AT THE CHINESE MISSION IN NEW YORK CITY, FEBRUARY 24: ONLY THE TROTSKYISTS WILL TRULY DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION AGAINST IMPERIALISM.

Workers Vanguard

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the Soviet Union--of a U. S. deal with China. Should the imperialists adjust their policies in terms of their long-run interests (which would take time, as such factors as U. S. public opinion would have to be readjusted), the Chinese would be as willing as the Russians are at present to build 'Socialism in One Country' through deals with imperialism at the expense of internationalism."

--Marxist Bulletin, No. 9, Part II.

When the U. S. capitalist class recognized that it was going to lose the war in Vietnam (and with it,

its role as the hegemonic imperialist power in the world) it played the "China card." As war criminal Nixon was toasted in the "Great Hall of the People" as well as in the Kremlin, B-52s rained terror upon the toilers of Vietnam. When China endorsed "peaceful coexistence" with U. S. imperialism at the expense of the Vietnamese revolution, it was Hinton and his friends in academia, as well as those Maoists who had abandoned their revolutionary impulse to become cynical apologists for Chinese realpolitik, who aided American capitalism in "re-adjusting U. S. public opinion." Now they can "up-

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Down With U.S.-China Alliance

--Excerpted from Workers Vanguard No. 226, 2 March 1979.

Marxists do not support the nationalist aims of the rival Stalinist bureaucracies in Hanoi and Peking feuding over which of them shall be the overlord of the Indochinese peninsula. However, the Chinese invasion is clearly intertwined with imperialist opposition to the gains of the Vietnamese revolution, won at the cost of more than a million lives and decades of struggle. Socialists and labor militants throughout the world must demand that China Get Out of Vietnam Now! We call on the workers and peasants of the Chinese deformed workers state to demand an end to the obscene, sinister anti-Soviet Peking-Washington alliance now aimed at bloodying the working people of Vietnam. The workers movement must stop the shipment of any military supplies to China.

And we address ourselves to Moscow and the Soviet workers to demand, USSR: Honor Your Treaty with Vietnam!

But it is also necessary to warn that the continuation of China's reactionary invasion can quickly take the conflict out of a regional context. Should the Soviet Union be drawn into the fighting in a direct way it would pit the Russian degenerated workers state against the Western imperialists, principally the U. S., through the intermediary of their Chinese ally. This would pose pointblank the urgent task of militarily defending the USSR and the gains of the October Revolution. In this conflict the Trotskyists know where they stand: shoulder to shoulder with the Soviet workers against the counterrevolutionary attack. The Fourth International was founded on the principle of unconditional military defense of the Soviet Union and we will not flinch in the decisive hour!

FLQ Defense: Acid Test for the Left

Just as the Black Panther Party was the most militant expression of black nationalism in the U. S. in the 1960's, the Front de Libération du Québec (FLQ) was the most militant expression of Quebec nationalism in the same period. Similarly, while many leading Black Panthers like Bobby Seale are now working for Jimmy Carter's Democratic Party, many former FLQers have found their place in the bourgeois-nationalist Parti Québécois (PQ). In the meantime, the PQ has come to power in Quebec and Premier René Lévesque is attempting to make his peace with Confederation through his "sovereignty-association" scheme. The return to Lévesque's Quebec of ex-FLQ members, Jacques and Louise Cossette-Trudel and Jacques Lanctot, to face charges arising out of the 1970 kidnapping of former British Trade Commissioner, James Cross, is both an act of personal courage and a demonstration of their accomodation to mainstream bourgeois nationalism. But the Canadian state has still to finish its war on the FLQ.

Lanctot and the Cossette-Trudels are under attack because they symbolize militant resistance to the national oppression of Quebec. But with the defense of Québécois victims of state terror immediately posed, most of the Canadian left has revealed a streak of rotten liberalism and criminal sectarianism by refusing to defend the ex-FLQ members. In the tradition of Stalinist sectarianism the ex-Maoists of the Canadian Party of Labour and the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) reported the return of the former FLQers without a word in their defense. Peking's running dogs in the Canadian Communist League (Marxist-Leninist) have taken the same position.

In their coverage of the return of the Cossette-Trudels and Lanctot, the vicarious Quebec nationalists of the fake-Trotskyist Revolutionary Workers League (RWL) condone bourgeois justice as well as the persecution of the former FLQers by expressing their pleasure that "A trial [of the Cossette-Trudels and Lanctot] will necessarily reopen the dossier on the October Crisis" (*Socialist Voice*, 11 December 1978). Perhaps we should call for the prosecution of the editors of *Socialist Voice*, since their trial in a capitalist court would give them an opportunity to prove their abject reformist illusions in bourgeois justice. The most that the RWL is willing to do in defense of the ex-FLQers is a little plea-bargaining. *Socialist Voice* tells its readers



EX-FLQers JACQUES AND LOUISE COSSETTE-TRUDEL IN MONTREAL. CP Photo

that "the major crime in 1970 was not the kidnappings but the repression unleashed on the Québécois by Trudeau" (*Ibid.*, emphasis added).

Interestingly enough, however, the Ligue Ouvrière Révolutionnaire (LOR--the RWL's Quebec co-thinkers) defends the former FLQers. One need look no further than the two organizations' political clienteles for the origins of this political discrepancy. The LOR sees its "new mass vanguard" in the radical petty-bourgeois wing of the Quebec nationalist movement, while the RWL tailors its politics to "building the NDP"--and no self-respecting social democrat would want to have anything to do with a group which defends "terrorists."

The ex-nationalist, ex-Maoist, but always impressionistic, New Left chameleons of In Struggle! (IS!) also refuse to defend those accused of the Cross kidnappings against the bourgeois state's persecution. Echoing the position of civil libertarians, IS! opines: "The former FLQ members have a clear right to come back to Canada. They also have a right to a fair trial" (*In Struggle!*, 30 January, emphasis added).

IS!'s cowardice is particularly despicable. Not only was Charles Gagnon, IS! Secretary-General, a major FLQ theorist in the 1960's, but one of IS!'s precursors in the left-nationalist movement was the Gagnon-Vallières committee, a defense committee which demanded freedom for Gagnon and Pierre Vallières (another former FLQ leader who has since found a home in the PQ). Today, Gagnon calls for a "fair trial"--under capitalism no less--for his former comrades. Such a demand would be fitting

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RWL/USec: Two Line Struggle over Pol Pot's Cambodia

Vietnam's lightning offensive which overran Cambodia and toppled Pol Pot's "Democratic Kampuchea" in early January was the occasion for the latest breach in the "non-factional" unity pact which is supposed to be in force between the two wings of the fake-Trotskyist United Secretariat (USec). The policy of "peaceful coexistence" adopted by the USec internationally is also supposed to be adhered to by the two components of its schizoid Canadian section, the Revolutionary Workers League (RWL). From its origins in 1977, in a hastily consummated marriage between the reformist League for Socialist Action (LSA) and the right-centrist Revolutionary Marxist Group (RMG), the RWL has been deeply divided on the two key political questions in Canada: Quebec and the NDP.

The basis of the RWL's marriage of convenience was an agreement between the international factional mentors of the LSA and the RMG (the American Socialist Workers Party [SWP] and Ernest Mandel's European majority respectively) to suspend hostilities over the international questions which had polarized the USec. The United Secretariat was initially created in 1963 on the basis of an unprincipled agreement to bury the key political differences--especially over the character of Stalinism--which had led to the organizational destruction of the Fourth International ten years earlier. When the SWP and Mandel's wing had a falling out over the character of Vietnam's recent invasion of Cambodia, it was immediately reflected in the pages of the RWL's press, Socialist Voice.

Printed on facing pages in the February 5 Socialist Voice are two conflicting analyses of the Indochinese events. On one page we find the statement of "the majority of the Bureau of the United Secretariat"--i. e., Mandel's faction. This august body calls for the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops. On the opposite page, however, there appears a lengthy piece supporting the invasion reprinted from the SWP's Militant. The former RMG and LSA members should be grateful that they are not trying to "build unity" on the basis of their counterposed positions in Cambodia, where they could end up shooting at each other instead of merely organizing unarmed cliques and factions.

The statement of the European majority marks a rather drastic line change for the Pabloists. Only a few years ago the RMG's wing of the USec was chanting "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh," and claiming that the leadership of the Vietnamese Communist Party (VCP) had "assimilated the decisive implications of the permanent revolution for colonial and semi-colonial countries." In fact, there was a lengthy debate between Pierre Rousset of the Mandelite wing and the SWP theoreticians, Fred Feld-

man and George Johnson. The SWP used the cloak of formal Trotskyist orthodoxy, characterizing the Vietnamese Communist Party as Stalinist, in order to avoid giving military support to the VCP/NLF-led forces. Throughout the war in Vietnam the SWP in practice abandoned the Trotskyist principle of revolutionary defensism of the deformed and degenerated workers states and adapted itself to the liberal wing of the American imperialist bourgeoisie. Against the SWP, Rousset argued that the VCP was a "revolutionary party," not a Stalinist one.

Today, however, Mandel's followers are singing a different tune. With the stroke of a pen, the VCP has somehow been transformed into a Stalinist party. The "Bureau" writes: "Recent events in Cambodia have again [!] revealed, in a most dramatic manner, the disastrous consequences of the nationalism and narrow parochial self-interest of the bureaucracies of Stalinist origin ruling over coun-



FUNKS SOLDIERS CAPTURE ROYAL PALACE IN PHNOM PENH.

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tries where capitalism has been overthrown. " Who would guess they had ever said anything else?

Such is the standard operating procedure of the erratic opportunists who lead the USec--they simply ignore their own political zig-zags and hope that their followers won't notice. Conspicuously absent from the catalogue of demands and slogans at the end of the Mandelite statement, however, is the call for political revolution in both Vietnam and Cambodia.

After wading through the statement of the ex-RMGers in the RWL, a persevering reader of Socialist Voice can then plunge into an article which represents the point of view of the ex-LSA's mentors, the SWP, entitled, "Hanoi Acted in Self-Defense." In an abridgement of an article which originally appeared in the January 19 issue of the Militant, Fred Feldman (the same Feldman who used to attack the European Pabloists for supporting the VCP) says that "The differing social nature of the regimes in Cambodia and Vietnam is key to the line-up of forces in the recent war." But while Feldman concludes that there is a class difference between the Cambodian and Vietnamese Stalinist regimes and thus portrays the Vietnamese invasion as a "defensive" expansion of the "bureaucratized" Vietnamese workers state, he apparently can't figure out just what the class nature of Pol Pot's Kampuchea was. At one point in the article, "Dem-

ocratic Kampuchea" is vaguely referred to as an "agrarian regime" and in the original version it was characterized as "bizarre authoritarianism based on the labor of a militarized peasantry."

To the SWP (and its loyal followers in the RWL), the total expropriation of the Cambodian bourgeoisie, the elimination of currency and the establishment of a political monopoly of power by Pol Pot's xenophobic Stalinist bureaucracy means nothing. After explaining how the Vietnamese Stalinists swept away capitalism, Feldman claims that the Cambodian "Khmer Rouge set off on a different road." Where to? It is a very peculiar kind of "capitalism" that can exist without money while being ruled by a Stalinist party which has abolished private capital! Perhaps the SWP considers Pol Pot's regime to be "Asiatic despotism."

According to the SWP's clock, South Vietnam itself only became a workers state last year, when private business was nationalized. This curious position derives partially from a theoretical quirk of the SWP. It claims that a workers state cannot exist until the means of production have been nationalized. By ignoring the question of which class has state power and reducing the question of the character of the state to nationalizations, the SWP merges methodologically with the social-democratic British Labour Party. More importantly, its claim

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On the Vietnamese Invasion of Cambodia

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For Marxists there can be no question of political support to one Stalinist bureaucracy against another in a war between two deformed workers states. In either case the victor would exclude the working class from exercising political power through soviet organs of proletarian democracy. Thus we called for flat opposition to the war on both sides and opposed the Vietnamese invasion which overthrew the Pol Pot regime. On the other hand, the Spartacist League did not demand the immediate withdrawal of the Vietnamese troops propping up its creation, the FUNSK (National United Front for the Salvation of Kampuchea), and pursuing the remnants of Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge. Why?

In 1977 when fighting broke out between Vietnam and Cambodia, we were among the first to denounce this muderous Stalinist nationalism on both sides, at a time when many on the left pretended that the border war was simply a figment of the CIA's imagination.

However, once it was no longer a question of a border war, it was not immediately obvious that communists should demand immediate withdrawal of Vietnamese troops. We declared our opposition to the presence of a long-term occupation army, which would necessarily place the national question for the Khmer people on the agenda and thus raise

the question of Cambodian right to self-determination. But the Vietnamese forces presently in the country are wiping out the remnants of the Khmer Rouge regime and consolidating the hold of the new Hanoi client regime under the banner of the FUNSK.

Isn't the FUNSK regime, even with the presence of Vietnamese troops, better from the point of view of the working masses of Cambodia than its predecessor Pol Pot? Immediately after taking power in the spring of 1975 the Khmer Rouge forcibly emptied the cities, evacuating even hospital patients into the countryside where they were organized into vast labor camps lacking even the most rudimentary urban facilities. Now the Vietnamese have imposed a regime which promises to do away with this irrational peasant xenophobia and atavism. Given a choice, would the Cambodians rather have national independence or schools, marriage of their own choice, food, children, medicine, schools and wages? It's not immediately clear, although it was notable that the predicted wave of Cambodian refugees fleeing before the Vietnamese troops never materialized.

And it is equally unclear whether the Vietnamese Stalinists have the capacity to create an essentially federated state in which the peoples and sub-peoples of Indochina can freely choose their national destiny. In the case of the Chinese, their practice has clear-

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Body Politic Acquitted

The campaign by a coalition of reactionary forces --ranging from the police "morality" squad to the raving "Save Our Children" bible-thumpers of Renaissance Canada--seeking to reimpose hypocritical Victorian morality received a setback last month. The publishers of the gay newsmagazine Body Politic were acquitted on charges of distributing "indecent, immoral or scurrilous" material through the mails. Provincial Court Judge Sydney Harris ruled that the Crown failed to produce evidence that an article in the December 1977-January 1978 issue of the journal entitled "Men Loving Boys Loving Men" violated present community standards of "decency" or "morality."

Harris prefaced his decision with the statement that homosexuality, pedophilia, freedom of the press and the right of the Body Politic to publish were not on trial. In fact, from the jackboot police raid on the Body Politic offices in December 1977 (during which the cops collected twelve crates of records, subscription lists and files--none of which was entered as evidence in the trial) to the sensationalized trial, the Body Politic was the victim of a reactionary mobilization against gays, minorities and the labor movement.

The judge dismissed much of the testimony of the crown witnesses, noting that rabidly anti-homosexual Toronto Sun columnist Claire Hoy "describes homosexuals as 'creatures'... indeed he says he cannot be objective." Commenting on the testimony of another crown witness, fanatical fundamentalist Renaissance Canada head Kenneth Campbell, the judge noted:

"In his view homosexuality frustrated divine intent and homosexuals should not be allowed even to talk in the schools. Although he had not read 'The Diviners,' a novel--he does not read novels--he considered it to be immoral.... Shakespeare (in his opinion) should be edited before being used as a school text. In view of his attitudes regarding Shakespeare and the two books I have mentioned, I was not impressed by his evidence."

The Sun, Toronto's sensationalist right-wing tabloid, responded to the verdict with a predictable outpouring of poisonous anti-homosexual bigotry. Claire Hoy headlined his February 15 column "So They're Free to Print Filth." The Globe and Mail took exception to the judge's observation that the article on pedophilia in the Body Politic was "as much reportage as was the coverage of the Jaques trial" in the bourgeois dailies. The Globe objected that its salacious reporting of the lurid details of the murder of twelve-year-old Emmanuel Jaques in a Yonge St. bodyrub parlor in the summer of 1977 was "objective" while the Body Politic article on

pedophilia was designed to "place sexual relations between adult and child in the most favorable light possible." But the sensationalization of the Jaques murder served to fuel the right-wing campaign to "clean up" sinful Toronto and neatly dovetailed with the extension of Anita Bryant's anti-homosexual crusade to Toronto.

Despite the acquittal in court, the police raid and the trial of the Body Politic demonstrate how the state uses its police powers to harass, disrupt and suppress publications it opposes. As Gerald Hannon, author of the article and one of the defendants at the trial told a press conference following the verdict: "It's a victory of sorts, but the charge should never have been laid in the first place. The Body Politic has been effectively penalized by a long legal battle which cost over \$30,000 and has drained our energy and resources."

The authorities will not let the verdict go unchallenged. While the Crown considers an appeal to the Supreme Court, Justice Minister Marc Lalonde reminded Tory critics in the House of Commons that the Liberal government's new "obscenity" law, presently before parliament, will grant the police and the courts new powers in their battle to impose the straitjacket of capitalist "morality" on the population (see "Down With Trudeau's Morality Code!" SC June 1978). The definition of "obscenity" contained in the new legislation (Bill C-21) is both broader and more precise than that of the present legislation. Under Bill C-21 the Crown could probably have obtained a conviction in the Body Politic case.

The persecution of the Body Politic is a matter of serious concern to all those with a stake in the fight for democratic rights. The left and the labor movement in particular must vigorously oppose all forms of state censorship and unite in the defense of freedom of the press and fight for full democratic rights for homosexuals.■

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Cops and Courts on Rampage

Defend the Loggers' Strike!

Over the past month the Ontario Provincial Police as well as their local counterparts have stepped up their strike-breaking assault on the eight-month old strike of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union (LSWU) against Boise Cascade's lumber mills in Kenora and Fort Frances in northwestern Ontario. On February 11, these armed thugs attacked a demonstration of 250 strikers and their supporters at the company's Kenora mill. One striker's wife was slapped in the face and another was slugged in the stomach

as the cops arrested nine strikers along with one of the logger's wives. One of the arrested strikers was later beaten by two cops in his cell at the station house.

More than 150 riot-equipped provincial police have been brought into Kenora to escort scabs into the mill and to back up Boise Cascade's union-busting operation. As one of the strikers, James King, noted: "There seems to be as many police in Camp Robinson [a logging camp near Kenora] as there are people these days and if you open your door one of them is out there writing it down" (Globe and Mail, 17 February).

King was charged with threatening a Boise Cascade foreman and exiled from Kenora until June by a local judge! Although the decision was stayed and King allowed to remain at Camp Robinson, the strikers told SC of the carefully planned cop vendetta against King, himself a former policeman. One of the strikers from Camp Robinson overheard two cops on his telephone party line conspiring to "get" King even if they had to frame him. And frame him they did. King was charged, arrested and thrown in jail solely on the word of the foreman who claimed to have been "threatened."

In the face of the all-out war on their union the loggers have put up militant resistance. In recent weeks Boise Cascade has attempted to haul lumber cut before the strike into the mill. The loggers responded by picketing the garage where the pulp and paper trucks used to carry the scab lumber are parked. When company supervisors tried to take the



LOGGERS BEAT BACK SCABS.

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trucks through the lines, windshields were smashed and a tire was slashed on one of the trucks. In Fort Frances two LSWU members were arrested after being accused of scattering spikes on the road leading into the mill.

In Kenora, the machinists and the Canadian Paperworkers Union are fighting side by side with the loggers for their own contracts. But the other unions have all broken rank and joined the scabs. In February, the electricians at the mill accepted a contract including a clause agreeing to scab and returned to work. By scabbing on the LSWU strike the other unions are only strengthening the bosses' hand against the entire workforce. All unions at Boise Cascade must honor the picket lines!

The loggers have repeatedly demonstrated that they have the courage and determination to stand up to the company and its cops and scabs. They know that they are fighting to defend their wages, working conditions and even their union against a company drive to convert the workforce into independent owner-operators. The key to victory is labor solidarity with the embattled strikers on the picket lines. Thus far, however, the labor brass of the Ontario Federation of Labour have done nothing to mobilize support for the strike. Trade unionists in northwestern Ontario must support the strike by building mass pickets to shut the mills down tight! Combined with an effective labor boycott of scab products from Boise Cascade this kind of solidarity can bring the strikebreaking company to its knees. Victory to the LSWU strike! ■

Why Does In Struggle! Celebrate IWD by Defending the Family?



PEASANT MEAL. UNDER STALINIST RULE, FAMILY IS CENTRAL TO CHINESE SOCIETY.

In preparation for International Women's Day this year, the eclectic New Left Stalinists of In Struggle! (IS!) have produced a clumsy polemic against "Trotskyism" on the woman question. Not only is the polemic muddled and politically flawed but it is also dishonest--for the target is the pseudo-Trotskyist feminist Ligue Ouvrière Révolutionnaire (LOR), the Quebec wing of the Revolutionary Workers League (RWL). IS! cowardly avoids confronting the genuinely Trotskyist, anti-feminist position of the Trotskyist League and the international Spartacist tendency. To polemicize against Trotskyism using the example of the LOR is comparable to trying to pass off a denunciation of the wretched class-collaboration of the present-day Communist Party of Canada as a critique of Leninism.

IS! ECONOMISM VS. LOR FEMINISM

IS!'s polemics against the fake-Trotskyist LOR are but a "left" cover for its own abject confusion and simplistic economism on the vital questions of special oppression. For example, IS! scores some easy points by attacking the LOR's feminist claptrap on abortion, but until now it has been unable to come up with a position of its own. One has to read through to the third part of the promised two-part (!) anti-"Trotskyist" polemic to finally discover IS!'s position buried in a photocaption where the "struggle for free abortion and birth control on demand" is characterized as "just" (*In Struggle!*, 27 February).

The revisionist LOR/RWL is an easy target for anyone with the slightest knowledge of historical materialism. The LOR/RWL has no faith in the international proletariat organized as a class and led by its conscious vanguard as the agent for the emancipation of humanity from all forms of social oppres-

sion. For these fake-Trotskyists, each "sector" of the oppressed, especially women, must be organized independently of the working-class movement to defend its own special interests. The LOR/RWL's "poly-vanguardism" and "sectoralism" is merely a species of liberal pluralism designed to serve as a bridge to the anti-communist and anti-working class feminists it seeks to unite with.

The LOR/RWL, along with its international "sisters" in the "United Secretariat," has recently taken its feminism to the logical conclusion--explicit repudiation of the position of Lenin and the Bolsheviks on the woman question. According to these "consistent feminists," the reason that many of the social gains made by women in the Russian Revolution were subsequently reversed was the absence of a women's movement "independent" of the Communist Party of Lenin and Trotsky to act as the guardian of the special interests of women against the growing bureaucratization of the Soviet state (perhaps through a victorious, feminist Kronstadt?!). In defense of sectoralism, the LOR attacked IS! last year in the following manner: "with their 'famous' argument according to which the women's movement divides the working class, the maoist groups deny a fundamental right: the right of every oppressed group to struggle for its own liberation" (*Lutte Ouvrière*, 27 September 1978).

IS! VS. MARX, ENGELS AND LENIN

But IS! has not even enough Marxism to deal with the LOR's updated version of Wilsonian liberalism. Instead it concentrates its fire on the question of the family:

"To explain the origin of women's oppression, the Trotskyists take particular care to talk about

the family system based on the uncontested authority of the man and the subjugation of the woman--the patriarchal family."

--In Struggle!, 30 January

The position that the origin of women's oppression is the patriarchal family and its more developed form, the single monogamous family, is not the invention of Trotskyists or fake-Trotskyists like the LOR. If IS!'s theoreticians ever get around to reading the Communist Manifesto they will discover that Marx and Engels raised the demand "Abolition of the family!" some 130 years ago. When they went on to remark that "Even the most radical flare up at this infamous proposal of the Communists," they had in mind the nineteenth century political progenitors of petty-bourgeois Stalinist sects like IS! If Engels did not believe that the origin of women's oppression is to be found in the patriarchal family, why did he write the following in The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State?

"The first class opposition that appears in history coincides with the development of the antagonism between man and woman in monogamous marriage, and the first class oppression coincides with that of the female sex by the by the male."

IS!'s polemicists' account of the origins of women's oppression demonstrates that they couldn't have read further than the title page of Engel's above-mentioned classic. These anti-Marxist phillistines write:

"Women's oppression is the result of the fact that they are excluded from socially productive labour and this exclusion, in turn, is the consequence of the appearance of the private ownership of the means of production.

"Therefore, the patriarchal family is not the root of women's oppression. It is an institution

of class society, an iron collar, a prison, which institutionalizes women's position of inferiority."
--In Struggle!, 6 February

If "women's oppression is the result of the fact that they are excluded from socially productive labour," then the oppression of women should have disappeared with the onset of the industrial revolution. For the bulk of the first ranks of the industrial proletariat were recruited from women and children. As Marx pointed out in Capital, Vol. 1: "Machinery, by throwing every member of the family into the labor market spreads the value of man's labor-power over his whole family. It thus depreciates his labor power." The large-scale integration of women into the workforce in the nineteenth century only added the grind of wage slavery to the burdens of child-rearing and domestic slavery borne by women. In fact, the first industrial jobs opened to women were often mere extensions of household drudgery: textiles, food processing and service industries. Of course, their integration into the ranks of the proletariat gives women access to the collective, social power by which they can break out of their domestic bondage, but only if the proletariat as a whole makes the struggle against the special oppression of women its own struggle.

In the third part of its polemic, IS! attacks the LOR for its anti-Marxist sectoralism. IS! accuses the LOR of wanting "to sabotage the movement for the emancipation of women and the revolutionary movement at the same time. Their method is simple--remove working class women, half of the forces, from the revolutionary movement" (In Struggle!, 27 February). But by ignoring or downplaying the importance of the family in the oppression of women, the crude economism of IS! merges with the sectoralism of the LOR/RWL in preventing the integration of working women into the revolutionary movement. IS!, along with the LOR, there-

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CHILDREN RECEIVE FREE MEALS IN PETROGRAD COMMUNE AFTER BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION.



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by sabotages the struggles of both working women and the revolutionary movement. As Lenin pointed out in his message for International Women's Day, 1921:

"The gist of Bolshevism and the Russian October Revolution is getting into politics the very people who were most oppressed under capitalism....

"But you cannot draw the masses into politics without drawing in the women as well. For under capitalism the female half of the human race is doubly oppressed. The working woman and the peasant woman are oppressed by capital, but over and above that, even in the most democratic of the bourgeois republics, they remain, firstly, deprived of some rights because the law does not give them equality with men; and secondly--and this is the main thing--they remain in 'household bondage,' they continue to be 'household slaves,' for they are overburdened with the drudgery of the most squalid, backbreaking and stultifying toil in the kitchen and the family household."

--Collected Works, Vol. 32

As long as women "continue to be 'household slaves'" their participation in the revolutionary movement is clearly hampered. In his International Women's Day Message, Lenin insisted on the importance of abolishing private ownership of land and factories because:

"This and this alone opens up the way towards a complete and actual emancipation of woman, her liberation from 'household bondage' through transition from petty individual housekeeping to large-scale socialised domestic services."

For Lenin it is not private property instead of the family which is at the root of women's oppression. Private property and the family are inextricably intertwined. The abolition of private property lays the basis for the replacement of the family--an essential condition for the emancipation of women. As Engels states in The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State:

"With the transfer of the means of production into common ownership, the single family ceases to be the economic unit of society. Private housekeeping is transformed into a social industry."

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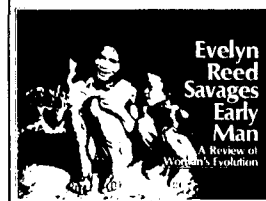
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In Struggle! turns its back on Marx, Engels and Lenin, and the gains the October Revolution brought women, because it has no more faith in the international proletariat as the agent of social emancipation than does the LOR. The family as a necessary economic unit, especially in the more backward, predominantly rural peasant societies of the world, can only be replaced when the productive capacity of humanity is raised to a higher level on the foundation of international socialism. To build "socialism in one country," be it Stalin's Russia--where many of the gains won by women through the October Revolution were reversed--Mao's China or Hoxha's Albania, the family must be maintained as an economic unit and a socially conservatizing prop to the rule of the bureaucracy. Even though private property has been abolished and women have been granted formal equality, women continue to bear the burdens of "household slavery" under Stalinist rule.

Since it broke with Quebec nationalism, IS! has, in piecemeal fashion, adopted a Maoist strain of Stalinism for its ideological rudder. IS!'s Stalinism is not derived from its organizational heritage but is artificially grafted onto its New Left roots. Hence its ersatz and muddleheaded character. IS! does not have the guts to defend Stalin's dictum that the "family is a fighting unit of socialism." Nonetheless, if IS! is to look to backward Albania as its "socialist fatherland," the Marxist critique of the family is out of place. In Tirana the family is not just an economic unit, but also the *modus operandi* of Albanian "socialist democracy."

Only by abolishing private property through socialist revolution can the basis be laid for the full emancipation of women by ending all forms of discrimination and eliminating the family as a necessary economic unit. In the "Sino-Soviet bloc," the socialization of property can serve as the foundation for the full liberation of women only with the ousting of the conservative Stalinist bureaucracies through proletarian political revolution. The unstained banner of Trotskyism, and the reborn Fourth International, will rally the international proletariat to its historic mission as the liberator of all the oppressed. ■

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Parliament Pushes Police-State Law

Crackdown on Prostitutes

Under pressure from cops and municipal politicians frustrated in their attempts to "clean up" Canada's city streets, Liberal party Justice Minister Marc Lalonde has moved to ram a new anti-prostitution bill through parliament. Hoping to make political capital in time for the upcoming federal elections by cultivating backward prejudice, the Liberals, with the consent of the opposition parties, have introduced the sections of the Trudeau government's neo-Victorian morality code (Bill C-21) dealing with prostitution as a separate bill for immediate passage.

The main provision of the Liberal's anti-prostitution bill is the removal of the present requirement that police prove that a prostitute offered his or her services in a persistent or pressing manner. It leaves the determination of what constitutes "soliciting" up to the arresting officer. Under the provisions of this reactionary, police-state legislation the cops are empowered to arrest anyone for "soliciting" who is caught winking, gesturing, nudging, speaking to or even glancing at another person in a public place! It also defines a private automobile as a "public place" for the purposes of soliciting. This open-ended definition is a blank check for police harassment and arbitrary arrest.

Toronto Police Chief Harold Adamson was pleased with the sweeping expansion of police powers contained in the bill. "Asked whether the new law might not give police power to arrest a woman for a simple glance at a man in a bar, Chief Adamson said no. He would not speculate as to how police will determine whether soliciting has occurred" (Globe and Mail, 28 February). Police have been agitating for tougher soliciting laws since 1972 when the Criminal Code was amended to remove the requirement that a suspected prostitute "give a good account of herself" and placed the onus on the cop to prove soliciting.

The New Democratic Party (NDP) has joined with the Liberals and Tories to give the cops a free hand to harass and intimidate prostitutes. NDP justice critic Stuart Leggatt explicitly supported the use of police-state measures in the state's hypocritical "war against sin." According to the Globe and Mail report, "He [Leggatt] said an explicit definition [of soliciting] in the law would only make it easy for defence counsel to find loopholes,

to prove that their clients had not fulfilled every aspect of the definition, for example." Of course if the definition of the "crime" is left up to the discretion of the arresting cop the conviction rate will be 100 percent.

In the interests of "equality" (and to disarm the feminist elements in the NDP) Leggatt demanded that the Liberals amend their bill to allow prosecution of the prostitutes' customers. He said that he thought the only way to "dry up the trade" is to "shake up the married guys who come down to Vancouver for the purpose of meeting a prostitute." Leggatt and the NDP notwithstanding, the "trade" will only "dry up" with the victory of the socialist revolution and the creation of the material conditions for the replacement of the degrading and oppressive nuclear family and its complementary social institution--prostitution.

The current upsurge of reactionary bigotry throughout North America is the result of a successful attempt by the capitalists and their state to channel the popular discontent engendered by growing unemployment and generalized economic insecurity into hostility towards social "deviants." One of the most striking examples of this was the grisly media exploitation of the brutal murder of 12-year-old Emmanuel Jaques in a Toronto body-rub parlour in 1977. The Jaques murder has since been used to justify the closing down of body-rub parlours, the outlawing of topless waitresses as well as the attempt by Toronto's "morality" police to stop publication of the Body Politic, Canada's leading gay newspaper (see article on page 6). The government is now seeking to extend its campaign in defense of "morality" to strengthening the powers of the police to arbitrarily harass and imprison citizens. The Trudeau government's new bill to crack down on prostitution (so eagerly endorsed by the social democrats of the NDP) represents a serious attack on the democratic rights of everyone. The left and labor movement must vigorously oppose all attempts by the capitalist state to legislate morality, interfere in consensual sexual activity or persecute those involved in so-called "crimes without victims." ■

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TL Demands Debate with RWL on Iran

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Dear Comrades:

The immense social upheaval in Iran has proven disorienting for ostensible Marxists of all stripes. The followers of the Stalinist bureaucrats in both Moscow and Peking who courted the murderous regime of the shah are now scurrying to cover their tracks with paeans to Khomeini. Other leftists have either covered their eyes to the reactionary character of the Islamic clerical leadership and program of Khomeini's movement, or claim that this movement, independent of its leadership and program, is "progressive" or even "revolutionary."

Seeing masses in the streets, the Revolutionary Workers League, echoing their ayatollahs who write for Intercontinental Press, at first dismissed the clerical reactionary domination of the mass movement in Iran as so much bourgeois propaganda. In the 28 November 1978 issue of your paper, Socialist Voice, you go so far in covering for the mullahs as to claim that women demonstrating clad in the chador, represented "an outstanding and unprecedented development." Tailing whatever is ephemerally popular according to petty-bourgeois

radical opinion, the RWL embraced feminism in Canada and the veil in Iran, that symbol of the oppression of women in Islamic society.

Perhaps fearing an upheaval from the feminists you tail, as the mullahs grew closer to victory you suddenly discovered that "The religious leaders, with their extremely backward views on social questions, have no answers" (Socialist Voice, 5 February 1979). But the mullahs do have answers and only those who, out of political cowardice or gross opportunism, are afraid to ask questions, could pretend otherwise. Even Socialist Voice, is forced to acknowledge, albeit with consummate banality, what those "answers" are: "A return to Islam and a constitution based on the Koran would not serve the interests of the Iranian masses."

For the international Spartacist tendency the strategic question is that of breaking the masses from the grip of religious reaction and placing at their head the proletarian vanguard. The program of workers revolution in Iran is of urgent and broad interest. We challenge you to demonstrate in public debate at the earliest opportunity how the vacillations, opportunism, confusion and disunity of the "United" Secretariat offers "answers" to the striking oilworkers, landless peasants, oppressed nations and women shackled by the chador, in Iran. Such a debate could serve the revolutionary purpose of Marxist clarity.

We await your prompt reply so that representatives of our two organizations can meet to arrange details of time, place and date.

Comradely,

Tom Riley
for the Trotskyist League

FLQ...

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for a Rudolf Hess or a Richard Nixon but not for misguided radicals persecuted for striking out against their oppressors.

IS! began as a left-wing, pro-working class split from the radical nationalist milieu. Under the impact of the demise of the New Left and the conservative political climate of the 1970's, it has moved rightward. On the national question IS! has gone from militant nationalism to a position indistinguishable from Trudeau's "bi-culturalism," just as the Trudeau government, with red-neck reactionary Jack Horner in the lead, is slashing away at French language programs. These so-called "Marxist-Leninists" call on Trudeau's courts to give their former comrades in the FLQ "a fair trial." IS!'s refusal to defend the FLQ is a cowardly attempt to hide from its own political history. With the bourgeois gutter press circulating stories about a sixth, as yet "undiscovered" FLQ member involved in the Cross kidnapping who is alleged to have been an IS! member, the IS! leadership is preoccupied with saving their own skins.

In the minds of the Dudley Do-rights and barn-

burners of Canada's political police, IS! is seen as the lineal descendant of the FLQ. IS! meetings have been repeatedly targeted for RCMP surveillance, intimidation and harassment. But cowardice will afford IS! little protection from persecution at the hands of the state.

The spineless sectarians and liberals masquerading as the "revolutionary left" in Canada cover their cowardice with quotes from Lenin condemning individual terror as a politically impotent expression of petty-bourgeois despair. But they censor Lenin's intransigent defense of the Narodniks and others whose blows were aimed at the class enemy. It is in this tradition that the Trotskyist League demands freedom for imprisoned FLQ members and the dropping of all charges against the Cossette-Trudels and Lanctot.■

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Dave Patterson: "Maybe I'm a Cop-out"

Inco: Picket Line Means Nobody Crosses!

The bitter strike against Inco Metals' mining operations in Sudbury is now in its sixth month. On February 22 a strike support rally for the nickel miners was held on the McMaster University campus in Hamilton, Canada's steel city. Close to 100 attended the rally whose featured speaker was Dave Patterson, the president of the strikers' union, Local 6500 of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA).

The miners determined stand against Inco has evoked the deep sympathy of thousands of trade unionists across Canada. Patterson described the many messages of support and financial contributions received from the labor movement. But it will take more than donations and solidarity statements to beat Inco. Following Patterson's remarks a spokesman for the Trotskyist League (TL) pointed to the kinds of concrete acts of militant labor solidarity that could mobilize the broad union support for nickel miners needed for victory: mass pickets, extending the strike to all nickel facilities, a labor boycott of stockpiled nickel and solidarity strikes by other USWA locals.

But militant tactics like these go against the grain of Patterson's business unionism and subservience to the bosses' laws. He defended his policy of opening the picket lines to allow supervisors and other company authorized scabs across by hiding behind the supposed danger of possible court injunctions. He pleaded that the bosses' laws make it "illegal" for workers to stop scabs and scabherding cops. As for hot-cargoing, Patterson replied that it would cause too many layoffs at the plants affected by a labor boycott! But it is the cowardly and half-hearted measures pursued by this supporter of Ed "no-strike" Sadlowski and his piecard cronies that have allowed Inco to lay off thousands permanently.

When another TLER countered this groveling legalism with the courageous example of the U. S.



Globe and Mail

MINERS' LEADER PATTERSON: "MAYBE I'M A COP-OUT"

coal miners' defiance of the strikebreaking Taft-Hartley law. Patterson's pathetic response was: "Maybe I'm a cop-out." No "maybes" about that. Like the treacherous misleadership of the United Mine Workers of America who stood between the U. S. coal miners and the victory that was so justly theirs, Patterson bows to the bosses' laws and would rather watch his membership starved out than pursue the militant labor tactics that could throttle Inco and bring this capitalist giant to its knees. "Cop-outs" like Patterson must be replaced with a leadership committed to a class-struggle strategy that can defeat the capitalists and their government, cops and courts. This strategy must have as its aim not only the victory of the Inco miners in this important battle with the bosses. It must be based on the broader struggle to build a workers party which, unlike the NDP, fights for the workers to take political power and to set up their own government based on the expropriation of Inco and the entire capitalist class. ■

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'I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOT INTO ME... I WENT TO AMERICA ... I ATE HAMBURGERS AND COCA-COLA... I WORE A 10-GALLON HAT, AND THEN I INVADED VIETNAM...'

China/Vietnam...

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date" their convictions by listening to Hinton try to defend the U. S. /Japan-backed Chinese military adventure which endangers the heroic victory of the Vietnamese working people.

Deng has been faithful to Mao's counterrevolutionary foreign policy of uniting reactionaries throughout the world, from the now deposed shah of Iran to the Dr. Strangelove of the Carter administration, Brzezinski, in an unholy anti-Soviet alliance. By his military adventure in Vietnam, Deng goes so far as to offer the Chinese "Red" Army as a gendarme for South Asia in the service of counterrevolution. These Stalinist bureaucracies are mortal dangers to the social revolutions even in their own countries. Imperialism will not be appeased until capitalism is restored in Peking and Moscow as well as Hanoi.

The social conquests of the anti-capitalist revolutions in the "Sino-Soviet bloc" can only be defended by ousting the nationalistic and parasitic Stalinist bureaucracies through proletarian political revolution, and by extending these revolutions to the imperialist countries themselves through socialist revolution. ■

RWL/USec...

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that South Vietnam remained capitalist after the victory of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam/National Liberation Front in 1975 is part and parcel of the SWP's classless policy during the Vietnam war. By denying there was a civil war going on, the SWP (and the LSA, its Canadian satellite) sought to justify limiting their call to "U. S. Troops Out," while refusing to take sides in the vast social revolution raging throughout Indochina.

When the LSA and the RMG had two different newspapers, disagreements of this sort could be handled

easily. Each simply ignored the existence of the other while both claimed affiliation to the same "International." On at least two occasions--in Portugal in 1975 and Angola in 1975-76--the two wings of the USec would have found themselves on opposite sides of the barricades. Still no closer to agreement on international issues, the ex-LSAers and ex-RMGers now have to fight it out in the pages of a common newspaper. Almost every article in Socialist Voice is signed so regular readers probably don't expect editorial consistency--after all, the "basis of unity" of the RWL is an agreement to disagree. The unsigned introduction to the two counterposed articles on Cambodia promises that "Socialist Voice will be returning to this debate in subsequent issues." It might have added, on different issues as well. ■

Vietnamese Invasion...

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ly been that of Han chauvinism, as Peking authorities have flooded minority-populated regions with millions of Han Chinese. But the Vietnamese practice toward the montagnards of central Vietnam has been far less oppressive, following more closely in the line of the autonomous regions set up for the tribal peoples of the USSR in the early years of Soviet rule.

We do not place political confidence in the Vietnamese Stalinists to overcome the national question--on the contrary, we call for the working class to carry out a political revolution to oust the heirs of Ho Chi Minh and replace them with soviets. That is the only road to a genuinely democratic socialist federation of Indochina. However, one cannot say in advance that under a client or puppet regime the national question will necessarily predominate. To declare that the national question always comes first ultimately rules out the possibility of liberation by conquest. Such a position would lead to the conclusion, for instance, that the 1920 Red Army invasion of Poland--aimed at achieving a link-up with the German proletariat--was not just tactically impossible but wrong in principle.

Our conclusion, therefore, is that only history can decide the justice of Vietnamese-Cambodian relations. ■

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Toronto LCUC: Lift Trusteeship!

Cops Out of the Union!

The theft of some \$250,000 from the union treasury of the Toronto local of the Letter Carriers Union of Canada (LCUC) in early February turned out to the benefit of the union's national office. No sooner had local president Alex Power discovered that both the money and the union's treasurer were missing than he handed over the local to the national executive to be put into trusteeship. Power's request for trusteeship was made to order for the LCUC national leadership which for some time has wanted nothing more than to get the militant Toronto local under its thumb.

Ten days after the theft was uncovered, the local treasurer, George Hayashi, committed suicide in a Toronto subway station. To date there is no trace of the stolen money. News that their union dues had been ripped off provoked outrage within the Toronto membership against the local leadership's incompetence. A motion demanding the resignation of the local president, auditors and all others with a hand in the management of the local treasury was introduced at a February 8 stewards meeting and again at a local meeting February 15.

Union members told SC that the local treasury was being drained for years right under the noses of the executive board and the local president, who was the co-signer on all the cheques. But the steady embezzlement of union funds was never detected. If a thorough enquiry into the treasury theft is not completed to the satisfaction of the ranks of the union, it could well fuel anti-union sentiment, weakening the already battered postal union. Instead, local president Power has called in the strike-breaking, scabherding cops to do the investigation of the union's affairs. The bosses' cops and courts must be kept out of the labor movement! A cop investigation of the Toronto LCUC will only lay the basis for further government intervention and repression of the postal unions and the rest of the labor movement.

A motion raised by shop steward Bob McBurney at the February stewards meeting demanded that the cops and courts be kept out of the union, that Local 1 elect its own committee to investigate the robbery of union funds and that the trusteeship be lifted immediately. A similar motion was put forward at a meeting of the local. It is unfortunate that both motions were narrowly defeated, for this is the course of action that is needed if the union is to clean up its own house without either police intervention or the shackles of the national office.

The trusteeship expropriates the rights of the

membership and renders the Toronto local powerless. The first moves by the national executive were to cancel local executive elections and ax the Toronto local's participation at a national gathering of the union in Edmonton. National president Robert McGarry's intervention into the Toronto local last summer when he quashed a walkout of postal truck drivers and opened the union up to victimization was a foretaste of life under trusteeship. McGarry will be in no hurry to hand back control of the local.

The militant Toronto LCUC has long been a thorn in the side of the national executive. It was one of the first locals to dump McGarry's class-collaborationist Intergroup scheme. Without the participation of the strategic Toronto local, union-management peaceful coexistence was doomed to failure. The Toronto local also opposed the national executive's defeatist "rotating" strike strategy during the short-lived LCUC strike last September. Now McGarry is free to make his deals with management over the heads of the Toronto membership and impose his terms on the local.

This militant and combative local of the letter carriers union is hamstrung by trusteeship at a time when the government is pressing home its attack on postal workers. In the wake of the defeat of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) strike, postal management has proceeded to victimize thousands of inside postal workers. Now, the government is turning its attention to LCUC and is threatening mass layoffs as part of its drive to cut the budget by reorganizing the postal service. Postal truck drivers will be the first hit by the reorganization which is rumored could eliminate up to 40 percent of the jobs in some postal garages.

Over the past two years the Toronto LCUC has been key to breaking down the craft divisions separating inside and outside postal workers through its solidarity and support to CUPW. Under the terms of Bill C-8, the legislation ordering CUPW back to work, CUPW is under the effective trusteeship of the government as it continues to work without a contract. The government's stranglehold on CUPW and its attacks on the jobs, living and working conditions of all postal workers must be met by a joint struggle of the postal unions for a common contract to lay the basis for one merged industrial union in the Post Office. To take on the government's job-slashing attack the Toronto local must begin by demanding an immediate end to the trusteeship and get its own house in order. Cops and courts out of the union! Lift the trusteeship! ■

Miners' Wives Back Inco Strike

TORONTO, February 15--In the militant tradition of the Brookside Women's Club (which was key to winning the bloody 13-month battle at the Brookside mine in Harlan County, Kentucky in 1974), the wives of 11,700 striking miners in Sudbury, Ontario have organized a "Wives Supporting the Strike Committee." For six months the miners, members of Local 6500 of the United Steelworkers of America, have shut down Inco Metals' giant mining operation in Sudbury. With the Inco bosses sitting on top of huge stockpiles of finished nickel (estimated at 300 million pounds), the miners have dug in for a long, tough battle.

The sacrifices shouldered by workers when they go out on strike are often felt most acutely and immediately by their wives. The burdens of domestic drudgery and childcare are multiplied during the adversities of a strike, and too often the housewife is forced to deal with these burdens entirely within the isolated confines of the family. Unless the labor movement makes a conscious effort to organize the wives of strikers, they can be mobilized into a "back-to-work" strikebreaking force, as they were in the Inco strike led by the Communist Party-supported Mine, Mill and Smelters Workers Union in 1958.

During that struggle Catholic Church leaders and local politicians organized a strikebreaking movement among the wives of the miners which passed resolutions demanding that the strikers accept the company's wretched offer and return to work. The wives also made pro-company speeches over local television and radio stations, asking, "How much longer are we going to permit ourselves to be hidden behind the Red Curtain?" and attempted to set up a permanent women's organization, the first aim of which was "to stomp out communism." Two weeks after a mass back-to-work wives' meeting organized and led by an assortment of anti-communist "civic leaders" and priests in December 1958, the strike ended in a humiliating defeat for the union.

But in the midst of the strikebreaking hysteria of this meeting, 80 women defiantly stood up and walked to the center of the Sudbury Arena to proclaim their support for the strike. It is this courageous example of class solidarity that the wives of the Inco miners today have chosen to emulate. From the start of the present strike the women of Sudbury have stood shoulder to shoulder with the striking miners. As a spokesman for the Wives



WIVES AND CHILDREN OF STRIKING INCO MINERS DEMONSTRATE AT COPPER CLIFF.

Tribune

Supporting the Strike Committee told a mass strike support rally in Toronto, the women were not going to stand by while the mine barons at Inco "try to take away things our fathers, uncles and brothers fought for." The Wives Committee has helped man the picket lines, organize plant gate collections at other industrial work locations in the area, set up clothing depots and food cooperatives for the strikers' families and organized strike support rallies.

The Inco miners and their wives are determined to see the strike through to victory. They must not be left alone. The road to victory lies through organized action of class solidarity from all labor. As an elementary act in defense of the miners, transport workers must refuse to handle any nickel from Inco's stockpiles.

The Inco bosses, sitting smugly on top of their vast stockpiles, hope to ram the company's miserable offer down the miners' throats. The strikers must answer the company offensive which has already cost thousands of jobs. With the support of the rest of the labor movement and effective labor boycotts of scab nickel, the strikers can reverse the bosses' attacks on their jobs, wages and working conditions. ■