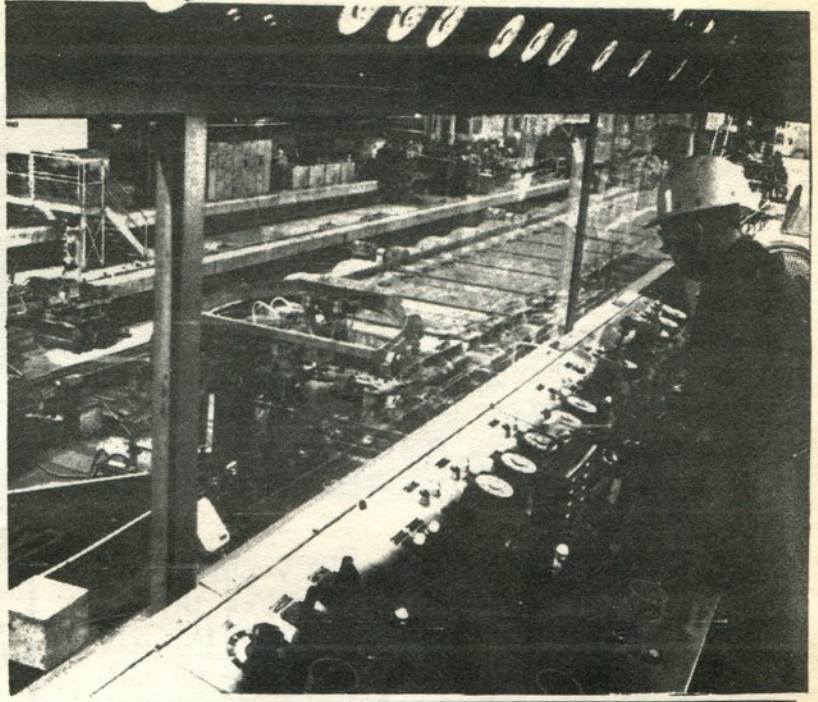
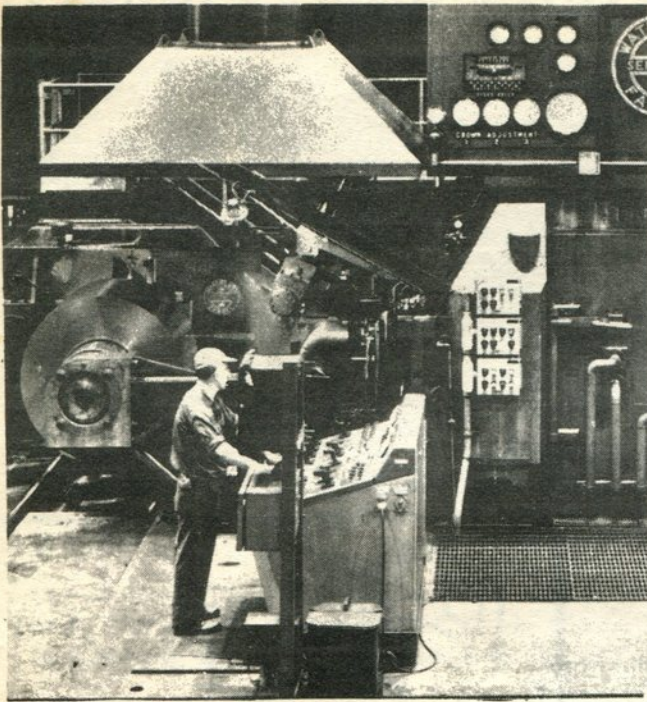


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Editorial

At the time the first issue of our journal appeared, we who were most directly involved in its preparation were fully convinced of the need for such a publication. We could, however, only speculate on how it might be received by the readers. We can now report that reception of the first issue has been more than encouraging - it has been overwhelming. Friends have greeted it as filling a long felt need. Enemies - as was expected - have panned it in the most lurid language at their command.

We are here to stay. But a paper such as ours depends upon its readers for existence. Subscriptions, financial support, and news of the labor and democratic movement all essential, for our continued appearance must come from our reader-supporters. This is your paper. It can only be what you, the readers make it. Let us have your articles criticism, support, so we can together, carry forward the task we have set ourselves.

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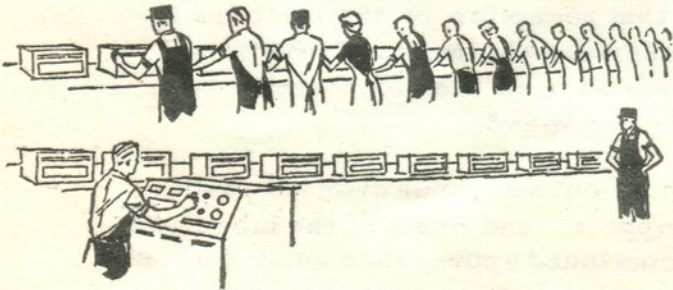
We have been swamped with articles and statements on automation. Economists, labour statesmen and politicians are continually sounding off about the perils of automation and the disastrous effects it is having on us, the wage earners. We are told that what we need is a shorter work week, longer vacations, more purchasing power and retraining.

So far, we are generally in agreement but what these people fail to spell out is how are we to achieve these goals. We the rank and file workers, therefore, must do it for them. Only militant action by the workers themselves will make automation serve our interests. Working people must come to realize that we can rely only on our own efforts.

For example: We in local 9-601 of the Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers Union are once again faced with another lay-off due to automation. Sixteen workers at the Stanovan Refinery (Standard of California) have been notified of their pending lay-off at the beginning of the year.

At a recent steering committee meeting of the Local, a resolution was passed recommending that this Union notify all oil companies that "as long as production is maintained, we will not tolerate any lay-offs due to automation." This resolution must be backed up with determined and united action. All workers in the area should be notified of our stand.

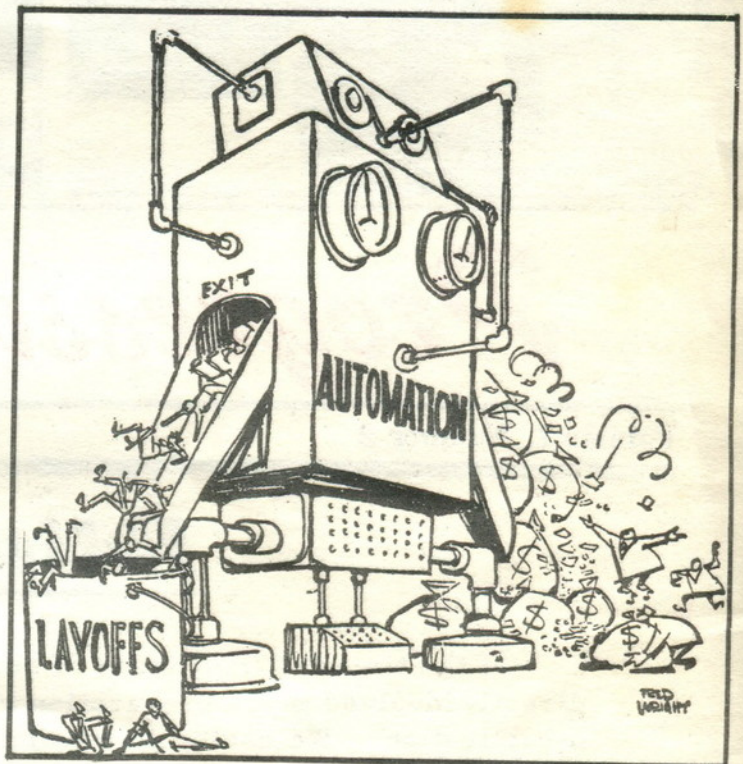
I am convinced that this type of action will do more to mobilize and unite the workers than anything we have seen in



many years.

Only in this way will we be able to effectively reverse the trend of us being the victims of automation and instead start making science and technology benefit us.

The boss must now be told in no uncertain terms that he can no longer continue introducing automation and at the same time shove us out the gate. Instead, he must now solve his problem some other way. That is up to him. Perhaps longer vacation, less overtime and a shorter work week is the answer.



This will be a tough fight, so we must face up to it. Let us unite in action around the slogan:

"No more lay-offs due to automation".

Every organized worker should immediately push this proposal in his or her union meeting and in no uncertain terms let the trade union leadership know that the rank and file are no longer going to tolerate being tossed on the human scrap heap.

We must let it be known that it is now time for action, not words.

-- J. LeBourdais

THE HARLEM RIOTS - WHOSE FAULT?



The capitalist press recently had a hay-day distorting and twisting the truth about the negro rebellions that took place last summer in the Harlem ghetto of New York.

On a recent trip to New York, I was able to have a first-hand view of the conditions that actually prevail in the Harlem ghetto. The negro people of Harlem are beset with the most appalling living conditions imaginable. They have almost no opportunity for employment. Twenty-five to thirty percent of the people are permanently unemployed and with the advent of automation, this figure is climbing rapidly. If a negro does happen to find employment he runs into discrimination of all sorts. He gets the hardest backbreaking work there is with the least pay, (\$40.00 a week); because the white employers generally won't hire negroes for any other type of jobs.

This economic impoverishment is reflected in the living quarters of the Harlem negro. There is block after block of rat infested dwellings that make our worst slum area look like the British properties of West Vancouver. The small cubical rooms have poor, if any, heating. The apartments are filled with rats and roaches. During my stay there, it was not uncommon to hear of young children being badly bitten by rats and taken to the nearest run-down segregated hospital.

However, this is not the only oppression the negro suffers. As if to add insult to injury, an all-white goon squad --- the New York police brutally oversees the

negro community to make sure the slaves don't object to the conditions they are forced to live under. The sole purpose of these goons is to terrorize the population into submission. They carry out their job with Gestapo-like efficiency. For example, since June of 1964, five negro youths have been shot dead and many more beaten and sent to the hospital. While I was in New York, a 12 year old youth was shot through the neck and taken to the hospital in critical condition for stealing a bag of groceries. Hunger and want is the rule in Harlem.

When the actual rebellions took place in July, the immediate cause was the fatal shooting of sixteen year old James Powell by a drunken off-duty cop named Gilligan. However, this was only the spark that kindled the fire. The poverty, misery, discrimination, and general social injustice were the real underlying causes. After this brutal killing, the people of Harlem gathered at the Harlem precinct to protest and demand the immediate arrest and trial of this murderer. (Recently, Gilligan was found not guilty by a hand-picked, white racist jury.) The demonstrators were met with nothing but clubs, guns and other official violence. The unarmed people were forced to defend themselves by throwing bottles or whatever they could lay their hands on. After this demonstration, a huge protest rally was planned by Progressive Labor (a fraternal Marxist-Leninist party in the U. S. A.) The Harlem Progressive Labor club's membership is comprised of negroes born and raised in the ghetto.



"INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS"

LATIN AMERICA

BOLIVIA - A military junta has taken advantage of a political and economic crisis to seize control of the state. The President has fled to Peru. Fighting is continuing, especially in the area of the tin mines.

CHILE has dashed the fond hopes and dreams of the "parliamentary left" by according Christian Democrat Frei an overwhelming majority over the Social Democrat Allende.

BRAZIL and **ARGENTINE** are once more in the grip of a crisis with the ruling juntas who are unable to satisfy the minimum needs of the people and are attempting to solve their problems by suppressing the popular movements.

AFRICA

CONGO (Leopoldville) - National Liberation forces are continuing armed action against native reactionaries and white mercenaries.

SOUTH RHODESIA - White supremacists are moving to enforce minority terror rule over the resisting African majority.

SOUTH AFRICA - International boycott continues against South African goods in solidarity with victims of Verwoerd's terror regime.

ASIA

SOUTH VIETNAM - Liberation forces are scoring signal victories over the U. S. aggressors and their puppets.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM - U. S. forces, under the direction of L. B. Johnson have been stepping up their provocative attacks.

CAMBODIA has informed U. S. that further violations of their territory will result in action being taken against U. S. and South Vietnamese forces.

MALAYSIA is one of the last outposts of the empire and is still under attack from

Indonesia and other anti-colonial forces in Asia.

INDIA - Massive demonstrations are erupting against run-away inflation and mass hunger in protest against the rule of Shastri who has inherited the mantle of Gandhi and Nehru.

JAPAN - Mass demonstrations against the docking of U. S. nuclear subs are the order of the day.

WESTERN EUROPE

BRITAIN - The labour party squeezed into power on a program that differed little from that of the defeated Tories. First act of the New "Labour" government was to call on workers not to strike for higher wages.

FRANCE - Developments have further exposed the serious differences and inner contradictions that exist in the camp of Imperialism.

EASTERN EUROPE

The C. P. S. U. removed from positions of leadership and influence, N. S. Kruschov who was closely identified with development of the revisionist line in the world Communist movement.

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EXPLOITATION of the BLIND

The exploitation of blind workers in Canada is of even greater intensity than that of sighted workers. Capitalism, a system based on the exploitation of the working class by the owners of the means of production for profits has used the handicap of the blind to subject them to starvation wages, poor working conditions and job intimidations. The blind are denied many rights taken for granted by other citizens such as a say in their own affairs, the right to organize, etc. This situation can be compared with the struggles of the peoples of the world for self determination.

A group of people, sighted and unsighted have joined together to fight these conditions. This group, The Action Committee for the Advancement of the Blinded, (ACAB), have held public meetings, prepared briefs for presentation to various levels of governments to name a few.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, (C. N. I. B.), the private dictatorial organization to which the various governments have passed their responsibilities, has capitalized in a most profitable way. Through fear and intimidation they exploit the blind with the blessing of the Canadian ruling class as this leaves them free to carry on more profitable exploits.

The main issue raised by the Committee is for a Royal Commission to investigate the affairs of the blind in Canada. While this has some agitational value, this is by no means the final solution. Any recommendations for a solution to the problems brought down by a commission which represents the system from which their problems stem can only bring about minor reforms which in no way will alter the basic situation. As long as a system based on the principle of exploitation of man by man is allowed to continue, working people handicapped or otherwise are faced with changing this system.

We must rally behind our blind brothers and sisters and support them in every possible way. Remember, working people, sighted and unsighted, face the same enemy and only through our united efforts can we build a society whereby social justice and human dignity prevails. We also must join with the peoples of the world who are struggling to break with Capitalism and

join their brothers who have established a Socialist Society. Emancipation of all oppressed peoples can only be won through common struggle to a common goal.

- Ed Charles

Britannia Strike

If monopoly interests have their way, B. C. is about to increase its collection of ghost towns. The giant international monopoly, Anaconda Copper, purchased a piece of British Columbia and declared the entire community of Britannia Beach redundant. Our politicians, busy wrangling about the design of a flag to fly over the disinherited, give every indication that they consider Anaconda fully justified in closing down the mine and evicting Canadian workers from the soil of their homeland.

The Britannia Beach affair is an example of just what we mean when we talk about Imperialism. It is against such arbitrary and arrogant actions (though in a more blatant form) that the people of Asia, African and Latin America are taking up arms.

The workers of Britannia will be fully justified in refusing to be evicted from their land and should pay no rent to Anaconda so long as the mine remains idle - and in this they should receive the unqualified support of the entire labour and democratic movement.

The place to start resisting Imperialism is at Britannia - the time is NOW!

Progressive Workers Movement Statement

The loud bang in China signified more than the testing of an atomic bomb. It heralded also the explosion of the fallacy of monopoly control of nuclear weapons and fully exposed the fraud of the partial test ban treaty.

The acquisition of nuclear weapons by the People's Republic of China further weighs the balance in favour of peace. Aggression and war are spawned by the Imperialist system. The struggle for peace is an integral part of the Socialist system. It follows, therefore, that any measure which strengthens the defensive capacity of Socialism in relation to Imperialist aggression is a measure in the interests of peace. It is for this reason we welcome China's achievement in the field of nuclear weaponry.

The danger of nuclear war can no longer be obscured by loud talk about "atmospheric contamination" and phony proposals to reduce the threat of war by confining ownership of nuclear weapons to two great powers. We must return to the all-out fight for the outlawing and destruction of nuclear weapons. As positive steps in this direction, we recommend:

- (a) Support for China's call to a world conference for the discussion of plans for the abolition of nuclear weapons.
- (b) Demand that the Government of Canada immediately extend diplomatic recognition to the People's Republic of China.
- (c) That Canada actively join with the growing number of nations demanding that the People's Republic of China be given their rightful place in the United Nations.

These are questions which are of vital concern to common people everywhere. We urge that workers have their organizations take a determined stand NOW for peace.

Chinese Government Statement

CHINA exploded an atom bomb at 15:00 hours on October 16, 1964, and thereby conducted successfully its first nuclear test. This is a major achievement of the Chinese people in their struggle to increase their national defence capability and oppose the U.S. imperialist policy of nuclear blackmail and nuclear threats.

To defend oneself is the inalienable right of every sovereign state. And to safeguard world peace is the common task of all peace-loving countries. China cannot remain idle and do nothing in the face of the ever increasing nuclear threat posed by the United States. China is forced to conduct nuclear tests and develop nuclear weapons.

The Chinese Government has consistently advocated the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons. Should this have been realized, China need not develop the nuclear weapon. But this position of ours has met the stubborn resistance of the U.S. imperialists. The Chinese Government pointed out long ago that the treaty on the partial halting of nuclear tests signed by the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union in Moscow in July 1963 was a big fraud to fool the people of the

world, that it tried to consolidate the nuclear monopoly held by the three nuclear powers and tie up the hands and feet of all peace-loving countries, and that it not only did not decrease but had increased the nuclear threat of U.S. imperialism against the people of China and of the whole world. The U.S. Government declared undisguisedly even then that the conclusion of such a treaty does not at all mean that the United States would not conduct underground tests, or would not use, manufacture, stockpile, export or proliferate nuclear weapons. The facts of the past year and more fully prove this point.

During the past year and more, the United States has not stopped manufacturing various nuclear weapons on the basis of the nuclear tests which it had already conducted. Furthermore, seeking for ever greater perfection, the United States has during this same period conducted several dozen underground nuclear tests, thereby further perfecting the nuclear weapons it manufactures. In stationing nuclear submarines in Japan, the United States is posing a direct threat to the Japanese people, the Chinese people and the peoples of all other Asian countries. The United States is now putting nu-

clear weapons into the hands of the West German revanchists through the so-called multilateral nuclear force and thereby threatening the security of the German Democratic Republic and the other East European socialist countries. U.S. submarines carrying Polaris missiles with nuclear warheads are prowling the Taiwan Straits, the Tonkin Gulf, the Mediterranean Sea, the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean, threatening everywhere peace-loving countries and all peoples who are fighting against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism. Under such circumstances, how can it be considered that the U.S. nuclear blackmail and nuclear threat against the people of the world no longer exist just because of the false impression created by the temporary halting of atmospheric tests by the United States?

The atom bomb is a paper tiger. This famous saying by Chairman Mao Tse-tung is known to all. This was our view in the past and this is still our view at present. China is developing nuclear weapons not because we believe in the omnipotence of nuclear weapons and that China plans to use nuclear weapons. The truth is exactly to the contrary. In developing nuclear weapons, China's aim is to break the nuclear monopoly of the nuclear powers and to eliminate nuclear weapons.

The Chinese Government is loyal to Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. We believe in the people. It is the people who decide the outcome of a war, and not any weapon. The destiny of China is decided by the Chinese people, and the destiny of the world by the peoples of the world, and not by the nuclear weapon. The development of nuclear weapons by China is for defence and for protecting the Chinese people from the danger of the United States launching a nuclear war.

The Chinese Government hereby solemnly declares that China will never at any time and under any circumstances be the first to use nuclear weapons.

The Chinese people firmly support the struggles for liberation waged by all oppressed nations and people of the world. We are convinced that, by relying on their own struggles and also through mutual aid, the peoples of the world will certainly win victory. The mastering of the nuclear weapon by China is a great encouragement to the revolutionary peoples of the world in their struggles and a great contribution to the cause of defending world peace. On the question of nuclear weapons, China will neither commit the error of adventurism nor the error of capitulationism. The Chinese people can be trusted.

The Chinese Government fully understands the good wishes of peace-loving countries and people for the halting of all nuclear tests. But more and more countries are coming to realize that the more the U.S. imperialists and their partners hold on to their nuclear monopoly, the more is there danger of a nuclear war breaking out. They have it and you don't, and so they are very haughty. But once those who oppose them also have it, they would no longer be so haughty, their policy of nuclear blackmail and nuclear threat would no longer be so effective, and the possibility for a complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons would increase. We sincerely hope that a nuclear war would never occur. We are convinced that, so long as all peace-loving countries and people of the world make common efforts and persist in the struggle, a nuclear war can be prevented.

The Chinese Government hereby formally proposes to the governments of the world that a summit conference of all the countries of the world be convened to discuss the question of the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons, and that as a first step, the summit conference should reach an agreement to the effect that the nuclear powers and those countries which may soon become nuclear powers undertake not to use nuclear weapons, neither to use them against non-nuclear countries and nuclear-free zones, nor against each other.

If those countries in possession of huge quantities of nuclear weapons are not even willing to undertake not to use them, how can those countries not yet in possession of them be expected to believe in their sincerity for peace and not to adopt possible and necessary defensive measures?

The Chinese Government will, as always, exert every effort to promote the realization of the noble aim of the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons through international consultations. Before the advent of such a day, the Chinese Government and people will firmly and unswervingly march along their own road of strengthening their national defences, defending their motherland and safeguarding world peace.

We are convinced that nuclear weapons, which are after all created by man, certainly will be eliminated by man.

From PEKING REVIEW October 16th, 1964.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sirs:

Today my father received the first issue of the newspaper, Progressive Worker. I have read this issue in its entirety and decided to write you a letter.

For some time now our family has been dissatisfied with the revisionist line of the Communist Party of Canada and the C. P. S. U. We, therefore, turned to China as having a correct Marxist-Leninist line. When I read your magazine, I was most enthusiastic about your clear-cut Marxist-Leninist views. It is indeed good to know that some people in Canada are carrying on the Worker's cause. I was very impressed with your clear-cut statements on Khrushchov, China and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

I will look forward to your further issues with anticipation.

Yours truly,

L. M., Nanaimo, B. C.

Comrade Editor:

Congratulations on your first issue. Although I find myself in agreement with most of what you have to say, I'd like to offer an opinion on the way you say it. Some of the phrases, so dear to many an old-time Marxist are a bit too much for the everyday working stiff (e.g. "a resurgence of revisionism in the service of Imperialism") and may leave him somewhat overawed and maybe a bit inclined to laugh. Hope you will be able to overcome this in future issues so that us common folk can read you.

Yours,

B. J., Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for sending a copy of your first issue of Progressive Worker. I enclose my application for subscription and my cheque. Please note five names you may wish to send sample copies.

I am most interested in what you are doing - if for no other reason than that you dare to fly in the face of the establishment.

I realize that you must face censure and condemnation from even what the public accepts as the left wing - the N. D. P. You will be branded as "reds", "Commies", "Trotskyites", "Traitors", ad nauseam.
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...I wish you success. I have been expecting something to develop for the "left" since the N. D. P. seems unable and unwilling to accommodate.

Sincerely,

J. F., Vernon, B. C.

"47 YEARS"

This month marks the 47th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution and the Progressive Workers Movement joins with tens of millions of workers around the world in hailing the great achievements of the Russian proletariat. Forty-seven years ago Russian workers set their feet on a hitherto uncharted path, their goal was to put an end to all systems of exploitation. The great wonder lies, not in the undoubted errors that were made, but in the vast magnitude of the victories attained.

Today, 47 years after, the lessons of the proletarian revolution in Russia are still valid for the international working class. Valid not as a blueprint but as a guide to action for the forces of Socialism. We must study and learn from their successes and from their failures. Our path is made easier by their having traversed it first.

"They broke the spears of all the Czars upon
their breasts
That we might pass"
Long live the proletarian Revolution!

A COMMENT FROM WINDSOR

In the last issue of *Progressive Worker*, an article dealt with the hiring of workers in Windsor. Yes, that is true. After a number of years of slumps, employment is up, but this is only relative. Employment is still not equal to 1951 and the present employment high is only temporary. Even the most backward worker here knows that. Sure, Chrysler is working a lot of overtime and the Ford Foundry has been working like Hell for the past year, but if they try to make out across the Country that everything is fine here in Windsor, they are distorting the facts.

Ford, during World War II employed about 12,000 in Windsor. During the Korean War and before the move to Oakville, they employed about 9,000; this dwindled to only 3,500. At this low point, a worker needed over 20 years seniority to hold a job. The trades were better off but they are only a few compared to the unskilled.

Now there are about 4,500 employed at Ford's. Hurrah! The boom is here! Ford has everyone recalled to work and even hired new men off the street; of course they didn't hire anyone for 12 years and many gave up on ever working against Ford and accepted the few dollars in severance pay. Others didn't even get that, but simply were laid off for so long that

they lost their callback rights as spelled out in the Union contract.

Ford refused to rehire these laid-off former employees but instead hired younger muscled-up farm lads from outside Windsor. Very few local Windsor people were hired; they weren't healthy enough after breathing Ford Foundry smoke. Try burning some leaves in your back yard and there's a city ordinance against it, and the cops are there in minutes to tell you about it, but the Great Ford Motor Co. covers the town with smoke, spewing out from their Foundry and in spite of petitions to City Hall, nothing is done about it.

- Cliff Gunter,
Windsor, Ontario

THE FORGOTTEN STRIKE

For over two years a picket line has surrounded Mitchell Press in Vancouver. Howard Mitchell, President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, member of the Board of Directors of numerous banks and monopolies and personal friend of the Lumber Magnate H.R. MacMillan, decided to smash all unions at his printing firm. The tactics used by Mitchell and other sections of the ruling class who had planned this manoeuvre was to chop off the various unions one at a time. In August 1962 the members of Amalgamated Lithographers of America, Local #44 were the first to be forced out and replaced with scabs. The Rank and File of other unions at Mitchell's wanted to go out in solidarity with A. L. A. but were ordered to stay at work by their "internationals". Next to be forced out when their contract expired in November 1962 was the International Brotherhood of Book Binders. Then came the Photoengravers etc. Until Mitchell Press was converted into one big scab shop. Not only did Mitchell run his own shop with scab labor, but he

turned it into a huge scab school for training and sending scabs all over North America including the printers' strike in San Francisco several months back.

It was not until March of 1964 that the "Leadership" of the B. C. Federation of Labor decided to take any apparent action at all by giving token support to a citizens' solidarity picket line. At 7 a.m. on one morning over 100 militant unionists showed up in front of Mitchell's and refused to allow the scabs to enter the plant. At this time the cops were called out to play their usual role in labor fights - scab herders. The solidarity picket line was declared an "unlawful assembly" and then the cops as well as the so-called labor "leaders" called for the pickets to disperse. No further united action has been carried out since.

Workers everywhere should immediately demand that this strike be brought to life and the heat put on Mitchell. Only through the militant Rank and File solidarity of all workers can Mitchell be forced to capitulate.

R. Perkins.

They are people who are fed up with this capitalist exploitation and are determined to build a society free from oppression, want and misery -- a Socialist Society. It is around their leadership that the people of Harlem are beginning to rally.

On the day set for the second demonstration, the goon squad began to gather. They were equipped with sub machine guns, bazookas, tear-gas bombs, pistols and clubs. All of this against an unarmed peaceful protest. At the time scheduled for the rally thousands of people gathered. The police blocked Harlem subway entrances and brought in more reinforcements. Bill Epton, leader of the Harlem Progressive Labor club appeared to speak and was arrested. The cops then proceeded to bust up the rally with clubs and guns. They were acting on the orders of the Mayor, Chief of Police, slumlords and other capitalist bosses who make their money from exploitation and misery. Many people were shot and many more arrested.

The capitalist class then imposed a ban on all demonstrations in Harlem. They arraigned Bill Epton on a charge of "criminal anarchy". Because he stood up and fought for his people, he faces a 20 year jail sentence and a \$20,000.00 fine. However, the people of Harlem have learned from all this. They now understand that

the capitalist puppets, the cops, the Courts, the press and the government are all against them and intend to make sure they don't get a better way of life. The negro of Harlem now realizes what American freedom really means -- the freedom for capitalists to exploit the workers and poverty-stricken thousands. They are beginning to see that there is no other way to get worker's freedom than by fighting for it. Progressive Labor has learned from these struggles too and is now in the process of organizing Harlem, block by block into self-defense committees. (Over 40 blocks last August).

Their membership is increasing rapidly and the ruling capitalist class is beginning to fear this organized internal opposition. The colonial revolutions already have the American ruling class in a panic. Now the awakening of the American negro and white worker is throwing them into hysterics. The working class in America (black and white) is learning that only through revolutionary struggle can any fundamental worthwhile changes in this Society be achieved. This is the epoch of the decline of American Imperialism and the rise of people's power and Socialism. Working men of all countries unite!

- Jack East

ELECTIONS--U.S. STYLE

The quadrennial American circus recently concluded another performance and the clowns are headed back to their home base in Washington, D. C. Regardless of who won, one thing is certain; the common people lost. There was no alternative offered against the candidates of big business.

One cannot help feeling that a colossal swindle was pulled on the U. S. electorate. With a democratic party that was identified with rapine and murder all over the globe, jim crow and Ku Klux Klan terror in the Deep South, Fascism on the streets of New York and San Francisco, and a discredited Republican Party in the wings, the monopoly interests had to come up with something big to save the day against the

possibility of a democratic peoples alternative. They found a saviour in Senator Goldwater.

With Republican Goldwater playing the open and avowed role of arch-reactionary, the American people were conned into voting for Democrat Johnson in order to "save America from the threat of Fascism". Goldwater SAID he would do all the things that the Kennedy-Johnson administration HAD BEEN DOING FOR FOUR YEARS. And the trick worked - the labour movement was scared of any independent action and the chosen regime of big business was once more firmly seated in the saddle.

American labour needs a new Eugene V. Debs for its Tribune.

A Better World's in Birth

In Canada today, the working class is dominated by the capitalist class. Using their agents, the police, the courts, the politicians and the armed forces; the rich, the monopolists and international financiers convert our country's natural resources and the productive capacity of the working class to their own narrow selfish interests. This system of economics and government, is based on the rule of exploitation of man by man. It is called capitalism.

Socialism is the opposite of capitalism. Under Socialism, all power will be in the hands of the working class. We, the workers, will be the government, the police, the courts and the armed forces - we will control our nations natural resources, the factories, and the banks and foreign trade. A new way of life will be born; a way of life that will forever end the system of exploitation of man by man.

In each issue of *Progressive Worker*, we will show what capitalism has to offer the workers and what the alternative will be under Socialism.

CAPITALISM

Capitalism views the female as a source of cheap labour, and by utilizing the advantage afforded by the narrow scope of occupational opportunities limited to women it is able to keep production up and wages down. In fact women are expected to produce as much or more than males even though in many cases they are only paid a fraction of that which is paid to men.

The rare instance when women are placed on par with men, is the case of taxation, there she finds herself equal among equals.

Exploitation of women in general by capitalism, calls for more subtle methods.

The problem of maintaining and widening a female market is allotted to the "image-makers".

These manipulators create numerous false criteria for successful womanhood. (All designed to sell products at a healthy profit).

Sex is taught to be used as a commodity, while intellect is given a secondary importance. Natural talent is submerged to make way for conformity. The menial tasks of housework are touted as the acme of feminine aspirations. (With the aid of expensive appliances of course).

By its very nature, capitalism can not afford woman equality. It needs the mystique of femininity to provide sales, plus the illusion of the "battle of the sexes" to maintain a wedge between two sections of the working class.

SOCIALISM

With socialism, woman will be free for the first time since the birth of class society.

No longer will the female be looked upon as merely a source of cheap labour, instead she will be encouraged to participate in occupations and professions that she had previously been denied access to. Her paycheque, will be determined by ability and not by sex.

The emancipation of woman in the field of labour will be in conjunction with independence in general.

The phoney images created by the hucksters of capitalism, designed to keep her in subservience for profit, will be exposed for what they really are, hogwash.

New concepts and avenues to develop latent talents that most humans possess will be introduced by the socialist state. For instance, women who decide to pursue other activities other than home economics, will be able to make use of the public nurseries to take pre-school children off their hands, which will leave them free to engage in other social, cultural and occupational activities. The creches will be only one of many new innovations brought into existence to fit woman's new status in society. In fact, the changes that socialist woman will bring about in the new society will help man to raise himself to a higher cultural level.

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 'Neath the Red Flag I would fight;
 Should the gun I ever shoulder,
 It's to crush the tyrant's might.
 Join the army of the toilers,
 Men and women fall in line,
 Wage slaves of the world, arouse!
 Do your duty for the cause,
 For land and liberty.

And many a maiden, pure and fair,
 Her love and pride must offer
 On Mammon's altar in despair,
 To fill the master's coffer.
 The gold that pays the mighty fleet,
 From tender youth he squeezes.
 While brawny men must walk the street,
 And face the wintry breezes.

Why do they mount their gatling gun
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