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Editors Note: In this issue of Rally, Comrades! we are publishing the Political Resolution of the League of Revolutionaries for a New America, adopted by the delegates to its 9th Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois during June of this year. The Political Resolution is a general political analysis and estimate of the international and national situation. It lays out how the organization sees the world, the changes taking place, a vision of what the world can be and a strategy for getting there.

The foundation of all social and economic relations, culture, and sense of identity has entered the process of change – destruction and rebirth. During such an epochal moment, no theory or ideology can serve as a revolutionary guide. Only a philosophy arising from science and illuminating change can serve to guide us. That first stage of change, the introduction of antagonism and polarization, has penetrated every aspect of life. We in the League have kept up with and maintained our orientation. Why? Because we early on understood that the leap from electro-mechanical production to robotics would necessarily bring about a leap from one social order to another.

The financial crisis brought on by the expanding use of electronics in production is continuing to tighten its grip both internationally and nationally. The cyclical crisis of under-consumption is developing. Automated production drives labor-produced commodities off the market. In this process, wages are dragged down to the cost of automated production. All production by labor, including the production of the workers themselves, is becoming superfluous. Unprecedented production and unprecedented want describe our time. The electronic revolution in production, combined with the cyclical crisis, brings about an unprecedented crash of the capitalist system.

As electronics replaces labor, money – instead of production – is used to make money. The greater the use of electronics, the more valueless money becomes. As money ceases to express exchange value, it more and more becomes an instrument for speculation, rather than investment in production. Less and less of this money is used for wages. The result is an unprecedented polarization of wealth and poverty. Hundred-million dollar mansions and trillions of dollars in national debt express the destruction of money as an expression of value.

How is production and exchange to continue under such conditions? The capitalist class has proven itself incapable of ruling. The death knell of capitalism has sounded. Today, the objective conditions exist for the historic vision of the reconstruction of society in the



The Women's Marches express the demands of a growing social movement for the basic necessities of life. Photo: Shannon West / Shutterstock.com

interests of humanity to finally be won.

From the right and from the left, the people are disgusted with and distrustful of the government. All the elements of a social upheaval are moving into place.

The people are responding to, but do not yet fully understand, the root of the problems they face, or as it engulfs them, the reality of what fascism is in America.

Revolutionaries cannot understand this moment and simply go on as before.

GLOBAL POLARIZATION

We are witnessing the exponential advance of the electronic revolution, and its impact upon the economy. We see an acceleration of the efforts by the ruling class to grapple with and to maintain their hold on private property as polarization and crisis in the world deepen. Within ruling circles both nationally and internationally a struggle is under way, grappling with changes in the world economy and geopolitics. The world order that has been in place since the fall of the Soviet Union, a unipolar, hegemonic order dominated by the U.S., is being challenged by the rising of a new multipolar world order, particularly the Russian Federation and China, as they rise to contend with U.S. hegemony. The overriding quality of the process is deepening polarization and instability.

The advancing rate of automated production, the ongoing destruction of value, and along with it the decline of value of the worker and the polarization of wealth and poverty, all lead as an inevitable consequence to the rise of and domination of speculative capital. The hegemony of speculative capital today is a worldwide phenomenon. It is an integral

dimension of globalization in the epoch of electronics. Laborless production means valueless production. Speculative capital does not create value, but makes money largely from amassing vast sums based in debt.

With the creation of a world market, national corporations become multinational, multinationals become transnational, and transnational corporations become supranational. Supranational corporations have blended into and become part of national States. To protect its private property interests, a rising global ruling class is creating a fascist world order and is conceptualizing a fascist world-view.

War is a political inevitability under capitalism. War becomes so entangled as an instrument of policy that if the policy is going to be put forward, war becomes the inevitable means of developing and implementing that policy.

Around the globe, deepening economic and political polarization define the times, as the global market continues to shrink, and

the economic center of gravity shifts from the West to the East. New polarities are developing between the U.S. and its allies, who are forced to protect their national economies. Regional blocs outside of the U.S. sphere of influence are consolidating to protect their markets, as more countries discuss alternatives to using U.S. petrodollars as the exchange currency for oil trading. As the U.S. loses its economic dominance in the world, it is increasing its war footing with more than 800 military bases around the globe. In addition to its encirclement of the Russian Federation and China, U.S. military policy is designed to create regional instability and conflicts around the world, as a counter to the growing economic influence of its adversaries. These conditions are leading to not only full-scale world war, but to the possible annihilation of humanity through nuclear war.

Peace is a life and death question for the masses of the world's working classes, including the rising movement here at home. It is now a matter of survival for humanity itself. To impose peace on the war-makers is a profoundly revolutionary act. It means creating a society where exploitation, competition, and inequality can be done away with. And by doing so, ending war forever.

FASCISM

Today fascism – the merger of the corporations and the State – is an objective reflection of an economic revolution that is destroying the foundation of private property itself. While there are subjective aspects to the development of fascism – things that are consciously engineered by the ruling class – the fascism we are experiencing in the U.S. and elsewhere today is not a subjective choice of the ruling class, but is an objective reflection of economic development. As the economic base of society is transformed, the social and political superstructure that rests on and reflects the base must also be transformed. Fascism today seeks to facilitate a whole new world based on private property without capitalism.

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Inside Rally, Comrades!

The soulful song of Aretha never rang truer than today. The American people just want to be able to contribute, provide for their families and participate in a society where every human being is valued. The reality is that America is becoming the most unequal nation on earth. The "American Dream," the view that anyone can make it if they just work hard enough, has become the American illusion.

At the beginning of this year, Philip Alston, the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Economic Inequality and Human Rights, completed his study on extreme poverty in the United States, in which he reported that "contrasts between private wealth and public squalor abound." In September 2017, 40 million Americans were living in poverty. Of those, almost half are living in deep poverty. Addressing the matter of rising joblessness, the report entitled, "Statement on Visit to the USA" says, "The U.S. poverty population is becoming a more deprived and destitute class, one that's disconnected from the economy and unable to meet basic needs."

"From the Editors: Right from Wrong" speaks to the appalling immorality of a system that places millions in destitution, while at the same time demonizing them: Morality is defined by capitalist logic – if you do not work you do not eat. If you lose your family, your house, turn to self-medication or crime, or even die – well, that's all on you. American lives are being torn apart, but also something new is fighting to be born. Ruling class morality is standing in the way. A new world

of abundance is possible, where human beings can contribute to individual and human development.

The LRNA Political Resolution "Illuminate the Path to a New World" addresses the questions of why and how American society is in the throes of a deep social and moral crisis today. Automated production today, which is increasing exponentially, is laborless production. Millions of workers are being made superfluous. Unprecedented production and unprecedented want describe our time.

What the Special Rapporteur describes as a destitute class, disconnected from the economy, the "Political Resolution" identifies as a new class, forced outside of private property relations. While forced to fight to obtain the basic needs of life, this new class begins to fight as a class for a new society, where the social product is distributed according to need.

The U. N. Report also points out that homelessness is on the rise in America. "Winning the War to House our People" shows that the idea that America cannot house its people is patently absurd. The fact that anyone today would even suggest such a thing is proof that our economic system is broken and needs to be replaced.

There is a mounting attack taking place across the country to isolate, criminalize and obliterate the homeless. They face police sweeps, harassment, violence and incarceration. They are being forced to confront the system, and they are rising to the occasion. A new leadership is arising, readying itself not only for the day-to-day battles for survival, but for the fight to build a new society where all human needs are met.

Public education is also where the con-

sequences of extreme inequality and impoverishment of the new class are deeply felt throughout society. All across this country school lunches are the only meals some children get. Then they have to go to school where deep cuts in education funding provide an environment in which there are not enough books to go around, facilities are run-down, school time is reduced to four days a week, and teachers are so underpaid they have to work second jobs to make ends meet. As "Teachers Fight Forward" shows, the growing inequality in American society is expressed as a two-tiered education system, where the rich receive the best education money can buy, and the destitute majority receive little to nothing.

The teachers have had enough of this. From West Virginia to Kentucky, Arizona, Colorado and the Carolinas, they have revolted. They are demanding better pay, and they are demanding full funding for a quality education for all of their children. Their demand is that government be held accountable, and that it operate in the interests of the people, not the corporations.

As the LRNA Political Resolution "Illuminating the Path to a New World," also points out, the people cannot just give up and go home. They need housing, food, health care and other basic necessities of life. The Resolution describes a rising movement, coming together with others to fight for their common interests. Their fight is for a new morality, a new society, where every human being is valued, and can contribute to the building of a society in which abundance is distributed to all in need. That is what R E S P E C T is really all about. **RC**

EDITORIAL POLICY

Rally: to bring back together and put in a state of order, as retreating troops [to return to attack]

Comrade: a person with whom one is allied in a struggle or cause

Rally, Comrades! is the political paper of the League of Revolutionaries for a New America. In this period of growing motion and developing polarization, *Rally, Comrades!* provides a strategic outlook for the revolutionaries by indicating and illuminating the line of march of the revolutionary process. It presents a pole of scientific clarity, examines and analyzes the real problems of the revolutionary movement, and draws political conclusions for the tasks of revolutionaries at each stage of development in order to prepare for future stages. It is a vehicle to reach out and communicate with revolutionaries both within the League and outside of the League, to engage them in debate and discussion, and to provide a forum for these discussions. Articles represent the position and policies of the League of Revolutionaries for a New America.

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League of Revolutionaries for a New America

Today, whether through words or deeds, vast numbers of socially conscious people declare themselves revolutionaries in opposition to the degenerating social and economic conditions. The League's mission is to unite these scattered revolutionaries on the basis of the demands of the new class, to educate and win them over to the cooperative, communist resolution of the problem.

The demands of this new impoverished class for food, housing, education, health care and an opportunity to contribute to society are summed up as the demand for a cooperative society. Such a society must be based on the public ownership of the socially necessary means of production and the distribution of the social product according to need.

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Elections 2018: Demand Government Meet People's Needs

The evolution of the political and economic situation in the U.S. over the last two years has given rise to real turmoil and debate in our society.

We know that what is propelling the whole process forward is the underlying antagonism between labor-replacing technology and an economic system based on private property. This antagonism has created a new class, a growing section of workers whose labor is no longer needed. The ruling class will not provide for workers it doesn't need, and it is unable to provide such basics as food, water, housing, and health care to millions. Meanwhile, the effort to impose full-blown fascism on the country continues to accelerate, as does the drive toward another world war.

This is a critical moment. The situation is changing. A wholesale attack on our democracy and our standard of living has been under way for some time, but the attack has escalated significantly since the 2016 election. The workers were fighting before the presidential election, but the accelerating attack since the election has provoked an escalated response. The response is not simply anti-Trump. People are becoming more aware they have similar needs and interests, and are using the elections to put forth their own programs and to raise what are in fact the demands of the new class. There is also an underlying trend toward political independence and toward formation of a third party. There is greater discussion of whose interests the government serves, and of socialism.

The response of the workers has not simply been around economic issues but also on a moral level – in defense of democracy and human rights, and in opposition to fascism. The response has included a corps of emerging new leaders who are running for office at the local, state and national level. Many of them are ordinary workers pushed into motion by the conditions the workers face. They are running under various labels: as Democrats, as Greens, as democratic socialists and as independents. But the common theme among their campaigns is that they are putting forward the demands of the new class, and they are demanding that the government serve the needs of the people.

While they may be critical of Trump, many of these candidates are clear that Trump is not the main problem, and in many cas-

es they are also critical of the Democratic Party, even though they may be running as Democrats. They are focused on such issues as health care, education, water, skyrocketing rents, homelessness, environmental destruction, immigrant rights, wages that are too low to live on, etc. They are demanding that government must intervene to guarantee that people's basic needs are met. Many candidates are raising the question of what kind of society are we going to have, and some candidates are openly critical of capitalism and are discussing the need for socialism.

Everything is polarizing based on the changes in the economy. This polarity is expressing itself internationally and nationally, within social classes and within

political parties. Both the Democratic and Republican parties are polarizing, and the moment is analogous to the party splits that took place in the pre-Civil War period. A number of "centrist" Democrats are openly separating themselves from the new progressive crop of candidates and are attacking them.

A third party is an absolutely indispensable stage in the revolutionary process. It will serve to further develop the consciousness of the separate interests of the masses of American people against those of

corporate interests. It is a necessary and inevitable step toward a workers party and the embryonic form of political class consciousness that a workers party represents.

Ultimately, the workers cannot resolve their problems through the electoral process. On the other hand, the workers are using the electoral process in an attempt to get the government to address their demands. There are real things to be won or lost in these elections. The League fights shoulder to shoulder with all those who are putting forward the demands of the new class in their current struggle.

At the same time, revolutionaries rest on that struggle to develop the consciousness of the workers and show them the historical importance of what they are fighting for. The fight around the demands of the new class will continue in other forms after election day, and certainly there will be more elections in 2019 and 2020. Revolutionaries should be thinking ahead. And we should bear in mind that the threat of fascism means such moments will not be available forever. **RC**

Right from Wrong

From the Editors

"How we live, what kind of society we are going to have, who has a right to live, who can eat and who can have a home and who can't – these are real moral questions that we have to deal with. And even though we fight the attacks that are put upon us, we have to have a vision of what kind of world we want, what kind of world we see, and what kind of direction we can go in."

— General Baker, Detroit, father, autoworker, proletarian intellectual, revolutionary, and a founding member of the League of Revolutionaries for a New America

In times of great change, morality – our conception of right and wrong – rises to the fore and helps to guide people's thinking. Questions of who we are and what we must do begin with the practical questions of protecting our families and our communities, but inevitably become entangled with questions of vision and meaning, of how we will apply this morality to resolve the problems we face.

Webster's dictionary says that morality is "a particular system of values and principles of conduct, especially one held by a specified person or society." We should also add that the dominant morality under capitalism is the morality of the capitalist class. Their morality is defined by capitalist logic – if you do not work you do not eat. If you lose your family, your house, turn to self-medication or crime, or even die – well, that's all on you. To a greater or lesser degree this capitalist "morality" is at the center of every dominant value the ruling class attempts to impose on us today, enforcing the priority of private property over the good and well-being of the majority.

Today we are in the midst of a vast social revolution brought on by the transfer of social production from electro-mechanical production to electronics. Every aspect of American life is being torn apart, and something new is fighting to be born.

The morality of the capitalist class cannot guide the path to this new world. Indeed, it stands in the way of this new world, and must be discarded.

For the first time in human history, society has the wherewithal to provide for everyone. Houses can be built in a day. Hospitals could open their doors for the best and most advanced medical treatment available. Schools could be filled to bursting with books, computers and teachers. Lives of toil and poverty could be transformed into lives of meaningful work, individual contribution, and human development. Society can now be organized around the betterment of all of its people and the advancement of human progress.

Distribution according to need is the guiding principle of the morality of this new world. This is the morality upon which a cooperative, communist society is based. It is no surprise that the morality of communism is expressed in every demand for homes, for schools, for health care, for protection from violence, and for peace in the world. Communism is no alien proposition, no pie in the sky, no hare-brained scheme that can be dislodged by the scorn of politicians, or tanks in the street. It is the practical solution to every practical problem we face. **RC**

Join the League of Revolutionaries for a New America

The goal of all revolutionaries' work today is to give the American people a vision of what is possible. It is a vision of a world where no one has to fight another for the daily bread of existence. It is a vision where cooperation and fulfilling the needs of humanity are the guiding principles. It is a vision that satisfies the deepest yearnings of the people for peace.

Society can now create the abundance the new technology promises, and so a new world: a cooperative society, with this abundance distributed according to need. In spite of worsening economic conditions, nothing can be accomplished until the American people hold a vision of where they want to go and what they want to be. Creating and imbuing them with such vision is the overriding task of revolutionaries and the foundation of our organization. Join us!

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Winning the War to House Our People

In February 2018, US District Judge David O. Carter triggered a political crisis in Orange County, California. He ordered local officials to stop sweeping 700 homeless people from their encampments along the Santa Ana River, unless they were first able to provide them with housing or alternative shelter. He was responding to a lawsuit, demanding enforcement of their constitutional rights, brought by seven homeless individuals, the Orange County Catholic Worker and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Once the County patched together a temporary program of motel rooms and armory shelters, the sweep was allowed to take place, but County plans have since unraveled. Real estate interests and landlords organized up to a thousand anti-homeless protesters to pack Board of Supervisors meetings to block homeless housing anywhere in their communities. The judge set a July deadline for the County to either locate a site for the homeless to stay, or he would order a halt to all enforcement of anti-camping ordinances anywhere in the County. Similar dramas are confronting officials in Los Angeles, Florida, New York, Washington, DC, and all across the country. The intensification of the economic crisis is driving a huge increase in evictions, displacement, and homelessness.

HOMELESSNESS AND AUTOMATION

Homelessness is ultimately the product of the accelerating automation of the US and the entire global economy. Automation is displacing workers in industry and other economic sectors, and is driving down the wages of those still working. Workers have less money for rent, if they have any at all. In the past, when American companies still needed industrial workers, they were willing to pay taxes to maintain them during hard times, but not anymore. Today, corporations fight tooth and nail for huge tax breaks, like the ones recently passed by Congress and the President, while funding for affordable housing for the unemployed and low-income workers is being eliminated step by step.

The declining rate of profitability in industry has led to a dramatic flow of capital into speculative investments, including real estate, especially in the “winner take all” cities, where the technology, finance, and cultural sectors are concentrated. Rents have exploded and are unleashing waves of displacement and homelessness. These impacts have also extended to relatively low-cost “rust belt” cities, where a combination of foreclosures, water bills, and unemployment have increased homelessness.

PART OF THE FASCIST OFFENSIVE

The sweeps in Orange County are only one example of the massive government campaign in cities all across the country to isolate,

criminalize and attack homeless people in an attempt to make them disappear. The private property economic system we live in has literally no use for people it cannot exploit and make money from. The danger of this situation cannot be overstated.

The assault on the rights of the homeless is seamlessly integrated into the overall fascist offensive that is reorganizing the State in its current form to eliminate all rights except those of private property. We have already seen it happening in the criminal justice system, where rights to appeal have been curtailed, and mass incarceration has skyrocketed.

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One of the most dramatic examples of the fascist onslaught is the brazen mobilization to deny due process and constitutional rights for immigrants, by dramatically expanding the use of so-called “expedited release,” to deport immigrants with no hearing at all. This has been accompanied by the notorious separation of children from their families.

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The homeless themselves and their fellow workers from all walks of life have fiercely resisted the anti-homeless campaign. They have put elected officials everywhere on notice: they have a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and they are not going anywhere. As long as fascism can wrap itself in the American flag, it can consolidate its grip. But it stumbles when it violates and disrespects the very document it claims to honor. The American people will rise to defend what they understand to be their rights.

A relentless battle for the rights of the homeless has led to political standoffs similar to that in Orange County all across the country. In New York City, lawsuits led to the 1981 so-called “Callahan Decree,” that forces the city to house 95% of its homeless people every night in a vast network of shelters and hotel rooms. In Florida, the 1992 US District Court Pottinger decision found that Miami’s sweeps of the homeless violated the fourth, fifth, eighth, and fourteenth amendments of the U.S. Constitution. In Los Angeles, the 2007 Jones

Settlement has blocked the city from clearing sidewalk encampments.

The homeless are politically well-situated to resist. Because their equal economic situation brings together all ethnicities, they are not as easily isolated and set upon as those who are targeted solely on the basis of color. However, city officials have resorted to elaborate public relations campaigns and massive cover-ups to continue their illegal sweeps, acts of violence, and confiscations of personal property.

As a result, dispersal and assaults on the homeless have been coupled with liberal responses, including building more shel-

in the first place. Private property has no morality and no conscience, except the almighty dollar where corporate profit is the only guiding principle. The private property system will not and cannot last forever. Any system that cannot feed, house and clothe its people can and will be overturned.

In order to win, revolutionaries have to point out that the system is organized by a tiny capitalist class, and that the housing movement is part of a much larger working class. The battle is bigger than just around homelessness or even housing. It is a struggle to take political power from the corporations and turn it over to the working class. It is a battle for a cooperative system where all human needs are met and all wealth is distributed based on need, not private profit.

The idea that America cannot house its people is patently absurd. The fact that anyone today would even suggest such a notion, is proof that our economic system is broken and needs to be replaced. The public housing programs that housed millions of Americans for decades were started in the 1930s, at a time when our national Gross Domestic Product was less than 5% of what it is now.

The forms of struggle in the housing movement include tent cities, building takeovers, encampment battles, and fights around cooperative housing, public housing and rent control. The homeless themselves are leading tent community-based groups such as Denver Out Loud, LA’s Skid Row organizations, and “First They Came for the Homeless,” in the San Francisco Bay Area. These communities are bases of operations for the homeless movement and training grounds for homeless leadership, fighting for housing and the basic necessities of life. Leadership is emerging from the ranks of the homeless, where many, until recently, had some measure of economic security and relatively stable positions in society.

These communities, cooperatives, and struggles are the places where the political ideas and the vision of a cooperative society can be learned. The role of revolutionaries is to introduce those political ideas and that vision. These communities will ultimately survive when they band together to overturn the private property system altogether and replace it with a cooperative society, based on meeting human needs. The first step is to educate the fighters around the need to hold government accountable for housing its people. **RC**

ters, as a ruling class political tactic to divert attention from the heightened attacks. Los Angeles is using a \$21 million allocation for shelters as an excuse for increasing encampment “clean-ups.” The much publicized \$1.2 billion public-private “homeless initiative” in Los Angeles is a vehicle to give public money to private developers. Anti-homeless campaigns are supplemented with get-rich-quick-schemes, that will only aggravate the displacement that causes homelessness in the first place.

As a result of the intensifying crisis, virtually all of these court orders and settlements are under attack. In May, the City of Miami went back to court to file a motion to terminate the Pottinger Consent Decree. And another recent bill (SB 1045) in the California legislature is attempting to incarcerate “chronically homeless” people through a state conservatorship process.

THE ROLE OF REVOLUTIONARIES

Homeless people are forced to confront the system whether they want to or not. They face police sweeps, harassment, violence, and detention on a daily basis. However, the war cannot be won from a purely defensive stance. To move forward, we have to understand the cause of the attacks. A private property system that has no use for its discarded workers is literally trying to destroy them.

It does not have to be this way. The system that physically attacks people in the street, is the same system that is denying them a home

Teachers Fight Forward

The “Red State Revolt,” as the uprising of teachers has been described, shows the clash between new and old, as the U.S. moves further into crisis. Early in February, West Virginia teachers organized dramatic work stoppages. The revolt spread rapidly to Kentucky, Oklahoma, Arizona, Colorado, North Carolina, and South Carolina. All these states have anti-union right-to-work laws, where workers don’t have to join the union, non-union workers don’t pay union dues, and collective bargaining and strikes are illegal for public workers.

These teachers openly fought against a national attack, implemented state by state, cutting education funding, cutting budgets for public services, weakening public worker unions, and slashing corporate taxes. It is ironic that precisely because of state’s rights and right-to-work, teachers were put in a position with no choice, but to go outside the bounds of trade union politics and to directly confront the government.

From the first walkouts in West Virginia, teachers demanded increases for all public workers, including school service staff. Teachers organized around the silos imposed by labor laws and national unions, to unite with public workers and parents. They organized state-wide against state legislatures and governors who have been implementing the national attack. Their political unity expressed their common economic condition: the growing poverty of teachers, working multiple jobs and even selling their own blood to supplement wages, matching the poverty of public workers and many families.

The teachers attacked plans by governors and the federal government, “to save public schools by privatizing them,” through their imposition of charter schools and vouchers, and demanded the government provide adequate funding for public education. They demanded that health care and pension cuts, and tax cuts for oil and gas companies, all be reversed. Thus, from states stereotyped and dismissed as “Trump states,” teachers rejected the entire austerity agenda, which is an expression of the ruling class’ strategy to further attack the very class already being denied access to the basic necessities of life.

Like the Dreamers, #metoo, and Parkland protesters, teachers reached out to their communities, also suffering from pitiful wages. Their Facebook pages rapidly became larger than their unions’, opening up discussions of strategy and tactics. Teachers used everything, including shop window posters and car window messages to take their case to the community.

Their demand that government operate in the interests of the people – the workers – not the corporations, is a powerful political demand, because it challenges corporate control of the government. These elements signal important steps toward political independence from both corporate parties.

WHY THE ATTACKS? WHY NOW?

Today, teachers and other working class families face a combination of economic and political attacks. Corporations used to have an interest in good public education ... what’s

changed?

Public education was created because corporate industry needed literate workers to operate complex equipment for industrial manufacturing and services. This was true until the 1970s, when computers became powerful enough to be applied massively throughout industry. The digital revolution changes “labor-saving” production into “labor-replacing” production, revolutionizing not just industry but the entire economy. The problem is not digital technology; corporations under capitalism must automate or die, thereby eliminating labor power from production, with all of the destruction that flows from it.

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Corporations supported the broad funding of public education when millions of workers were required. Today laborless production, combined with the capitalist imperative of maximum profit, drives the process of creating a new class of workers expelled from production, who must fight to obtain the necessities of life. This process is invading the public sphere. If they don’t need workers, they don’t need to really educate students. They just need to school them for submission.

This objective economic transformation forces the ruling class to go on the political offensive, attacking the new class in order to defend and expand corporate private property. Corporate groups like American Legislative Exchange Council and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce operate in every state to demand government cuts to all aspects of people’s lives: unemployment insurance, food stamps, public education funds, pensions, health care and more. For example, between 2010-2015, there were 12 states that restricted minimum wage, 15 limited bargaining by public employee unions, 10 restricted union electoral activity, 19 capped unemployment payments, 23 restricted voting rights, and four eased child labor laws.

Taking away everything people need for a decent life is a consequence of an ongoing objective process, wherein a growing new class, cast aside by laborless production, is forced to fight for its very survival. Many teachers within this new class are a part of a growing mass of newly dispossessed workers, educated, socially aware, and used to organization. Their deteriorating economic position is forcing them to move against their conditions. This development is of the greatest political importance. As the teachers’ strikes and actions demonstrated, because of their position in society, they can pull a huge section of society with them. These newly dispossessed are the center of gravity of American

politics. Through their actions they are shining a light on what is going on in the country, and are inspiring other struggles throughout the country.

Public education today is being destroyed by an aggressive national campaign to make education exclusively serve corporate interests. The goal is to condition us all to expect nothing from government, and to accept impoverished conditions. This is education for subjugation, bleeding workers, students, and taxpayers dry, with student loans, for-profit colleges, charters and vouchers.

Teachers recognize that imposing charters and vouchers is a tool to create a nation-

al system of two-tiered education. Privilege for the rich: small classes, advanced curricula, taught by experienced teachers, and subsidized by the public. Subjugation for the rest: large classes, narrow curricula, inexperienced teachers, and for-profit online programs. There’s no shortage of teachers who want to educate, or students, who want to learn, and there’s no shortage of money. This is a systematic withdrawal of money from the public, as the wealth of society is transferred to the capitalist class.

The digital revolution won’t stop. The social destruction will continue as long as government operates in the interest of corporations. The changes forcibly imposed on Puerto Rico, as with New Orleans post-Katrina, reveal the new model: close 300 schools, lay off 7000 teachers, begin by turning 10% into charters, begin vouchers, cut pensions, cut the education budget \$466 million per year by 2023.

There is no common ground. Either corporations will take over society, or the people must take over the corporations and the government.

FIGHTING FORWARD

The teachers’ revolt has already generated important strategic ideas. The question already being asked is, “What next?” The first priority, expressed by many teachers, must be a national strategy. Anything less leaves the movement open to being divided and outmaneuvered by an enemy that definitely has a national plan.

The corporate reformers move state by state, because states’ rights lets them pick off states one-by-one, concealing their national campaign of dispossession. Education is funded principally within each state and less by the Federal government. The teacher uprisings directly held the government responsible for basic human needs. The combination

of state funding and states’ rights means the teachers’ movement must also move state by state, but tactics must be guided by a national strategy.

Both corporate liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans are deeply involved in the attack on public education, profiting handsomely. Focusing on the Koch Brothers and Trump in isolation from their class is used to disorient workers, disguising corporate class interests and the economics of capitalism driving this process. This smokescreen serves to spread their national program, based in the right-to-work South: states’ rights, anti-labor laws, low taxes, little corporate regulation, and slashing of benefits and resources for the working class, while beefing up mechanisms of control like the Department of Homeland Security and its Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency, the police and more. It is the core of the political program that now dominates the political scene of the U.S., with Democratic Party complicity.

The teachers’ revolt opens up the possibility of taking the offensive, and provides lessons that can be applied nationally. A new political force is being born that can forge a new kind of political unity of our working class. The strategy needs to be national, like that of the capitalist class. It means challenging the very right of corporations to profit from education, and their right to have any say at all in public education. Education is an act of sharing between human beings. It is not for sale.

It means national funding of public education. Only the Federal Government has the power, resources, and jurisdiction to guarantee excellent education nationwide with complete equality. Government must be held responsible to guarantee public education as public property, and block every attempt to turn it into private property.

A national strategy must address government’s responsibility to guarantee the necessities of life for all. Foreclosures and evictions seem local, but they are clearly part of a national plan. Public education faces the same attack. Only the federal government can guarantee a national solution. Only the federal government has the power to block privatization with a single action.

There is no middle ground between corporate interests and human needs. One or the other will win. The objective situation requires new working class politics that addresses whose interests the government serves, and raises the question of the kind of political power needed by the working class to achieve its goals.

While the Parkland students say, “Either represent us or get out!” the top leadership of the Democratic Party intends to channel the “Red State Revolt” into Democratic election victories, but never challenge the corporate campaign of destruction.

Attempts to divide, derail and confuse the movement will be constant. A working class national strategy demands independence from the capitalist class and their two parties. It demands a real working class politics that implacably holds government accountable to guarantee the necessities of life for all. **RC**

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Illuminating the Path to a New America

The capitalist class has proven itself incapable of ruling. The death knell of capitalism has sounded. Today, the objective conditions exist for the historic vision of the reconstruction of society in the interests of humanity to finally be won.

This process has distinct, yet interrelated, aspects. The objective foundation of fascism developed first. These economic aspects of fascism are evidenced in the merger of the corporations and the State, and are now in place. Laws have been and are being passed to eliminate the economic rights of the workers and to further erode their standard of living. Laws have been and are being passed to contain the upsurges of the masses. These laws are transforming the legal structure to protect the interests of the corporations and the ruling class to the exclusion of the American people.

The growth of a new class of proletarians threatens private property. The ruling class cannot allow them to have a say in society's direction. Even the limited bourgeois democracy we have had is being forced to give way to the dictatorship of the corporations.

The ruling class can neither reverse the technology nor save the capitalist system. The world is now on a perpetual war footing. The U.S. military budget is being increased, and this is being paid for by the cutting of funds to meet the basic needs of the public. The economies and societies of the world are being militarized. Nuclear war is an ever-present danger. Ecological catastrophe is destroying the planet. The ruling class is forced to deal with the social results of profound inequality. The polarization of wealth and poverty has reached obscene proportions. Eighty-two percent of the wealth generated in 2017 went to the richest one percent of the global population, while the 3.7 billion people who make up the poorest half of the world saw no increase at all. In the U.S. the three richest Americans have the same amount of wealth as the poorest half of the U.S. population. To control the growing upsurges taking place throughout the world, including the U.S., their tactic must be to go on the offensive against the people. They have to secure the ways and means of controlling them.

People are being beaten and murdered by a militarized police force, families are being torn apart and deported, the everyday conversations and activities of tens of millions of Americans are under surveillance by the State, the government is moving against those who are speaking out. We are seeing the creation of an environment in which the lives of a growing section of the American people are considered worthless.

This offensive – what we call the social face of fascism – is an admission by the ruling class of their weakness, not evidence of their strength. It shows us that the ruling class is so weak that it has to turn to naked and open violence in order to enforce some element of social cohesion.

The workers' fight for survival, their fight

for basic necessities of life, can defeat any lies and tricks of the ruling class. Revolutionaries rely on the objectivity of that fight to introduce new ideas.

The qualitatively new technology confronts society with either the continuation of private property with a fascist State, or the

culture of fascist violence, hatred and disregard for human life has taken hold. It is the ideological foundation for the outlook that the individual has no rights and for a government and society that has no economic or moral responsibility for the well-being of its people.

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possibility of a cooperative society based on the public ownership of socially necessary means of production and the distribution of the social product based on need. The modern fascist movement is arising on the foundation of this antagonism, and in response to it. The real target is the political system – the substitution of one State form for another, that will allow the full scope of private property interests to operate without restriction.

This cannot happen automatically. The ruling class needs a political motion to clear away the obstacles, to move the new economy forward. They are laying the foundation for a new political movement that is based on the interests of corporate power that is completely merged with the State. The ruling class is adjusting its ideology to the new conditions, feeling its way towards a more fully formed fascist political ideology, that will facilitate the new fascist forms of government and State power. The importance of the bitter battles taking place among the ruling class over how they will carry out their program is part of the struggle to coalesce a fascist movement that reflects the new conditions.

The growing economic crisis is bound to bring on political crisis – the clash of two antagonistic processes, with one forced to destroy the other to survive. The developing crisis is the impossibility of maintaining the bourgeois democratic superstructure with the qualitatively new economic foundation that is being created. To succeed in this effort, the ruling class is building a mass base for fascism.

U.S. history is rooted in genocide of indigenous peoples, slavery, the concept of a “white man's country,” and the conquest and exploitation of other peoples. Today, a whole

THE NEW CLASS

Every step the ruling class takes only makes the situation worse. They have to keep developing the technology and producing more with less and less labor. In turn, less and less value is being created and more and more money is being created throughout the whole world. Globalization is undercutting the system of social bribery everywhere.

New means of production are eliminating the necessity for human labor in production and creating a new class of workers. It is a new section of the working class, a new quality within it. This new section of the working class is outside of, and has no stake in, private property relations.

The majority of the new class is contingent, minimum wage, below-minimum wage, and part-time workers – now over 40 percent of the workforce. This employed sector of the class is constantly being drawn into the growing unemployed sector that ranges from the structurally unemployed to the absolutely destitute, homeless workers.

Increasingly driven out of the relationship between worker and capitalist, the new class is forced to fight as a class for a new society where society owns the means of production and the social product is distributed according to need. The actual program of this new class is to abolish private property, and this communist program is in the interest of the whole of society.

The historic role of this new class is to unite all those who can be united and lead society toward a new world. The ability to fulfill its historic role will depend on it achieving consciousness of itself as a class and of its historic mission.

THE DISPOSSESSED

The world is in constant motion. Revolutionary politics conform to change. Change in the economy creates shifts in the center of political gravity. Revolutionaries concentrate on the current center of gravity and shift with it.

We look first at what is objectively happening in America, where the enemy is the most vulnerable. We have to determine the group which at this time, under these particular conditions we see developing in the real world, can pull the whole process forward along the path to a communist society. Once we identify this “center of gravity” it is essential to develop a plan that has the goal of politically influencing this group as a means of politically influencing the class as a whole. At the same time, through taking this strategic approach, an organization of revolutionaries not only shapes the political and intellectual formation of the class, but seeks to influence the coming revolution in America.

The progression of electronics has now hit the center of American politics. This formerly secure sector of the industrial working class and a section of the intelligentsia bound the mass to the capitalist class. The destruction of this middle is of the greatest political importance.

This recently dispossessed section of the new class is educated, socially aware and used to organization. They are all colors and nationalities. They are not at all a cohesive political entity, and have been pitted against one another along color, ethnic, gender, and religious lines. Because they are part of the unraveling “middle” of American politics that supported the policies of the ruling class, many among them tend to be the most socially and economically conservative. Their deteriorating economic position is forcing them to move against their conditions. And as they do they are going to pull – by virtue of their position in society – a huge section of society with them.

They are the current center of gravity. Our program is the program of the new class. Our current point of concentration is the newly dispossessed.

The rapid growth of the new class, and the emergence of this dispossessed sector, is revolutionizing the political landscape. The ruling class is being forced to strike at its own foundation. It is impoverishing and brutalizing the very people who once supported them. This new relationship of forces – the destruction and undermining of the rulers' base of support and the loss of their reserves – is creating the basis for a new stage of the social revolution. We must understand and grasp this reality and change toward it.

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THE FIGHT FOR CLASS UNITY

The rulers' goal is to stop the revolution from proceeding on a class basis. Their aim is to guarantee that the new class does not unite. Changes in the economy present the problem to the ruling class of maintaining working class disunity. The growing hitherto unknown breadth of equality of poverty – a poverty that knows no color – is creating the basis for real class unity.

Social privileges granted to white workers over Black workers have always kept the workers apart. But, now that social bribery is being taken away, these workers can unite based on their common economic and political class interests. Real class unity of the American working class is objectively possible. For the first time in our country, the formula that has been used to control and exploit all workers for centuries is beginning to crumble. Objectively today, political bonds of color can now be replaced with political bonds of class. With political education and propaganda, as workers begin to gain class consciousness, they will politicize those around them, those who are becoming more impoverished daily, and who no longer remain an objective material base of political support for the ruling class.

Unity is the key to any victory. The unity of the revolutionary force, the communist class being created today, is based in class consciousness. Unity rests upon the new objective equality of the class economically, and the fight for intellectual subjective consciousness. This fight has to be carried on by the revolutionaries throughout the country, within every section of the working class. The objective changes are redrawing political battle lines in America. Forces that under one condition were remote reserves are now being thrown into the forefront of struggle. We must find our way into the new motions and organizations of the spontaneous movement we see throughout the country. But if we are to learn from history, we must make inroads into the section of the class that has been the historical base of support of the bourgeoisie. This is a key link to unite the class, and we must do this now.

In America, the manipulation of race within and against class has kept the world's most potentially powerful working class impotent and subservient to its masters. As with all other phenomena, the interpenetration and transformation of these contradictory sides of race and class demand that we pay strict attention to the historical development and interrelationship of both. That dialectic is based on the stubborn hanging on of the old against the irresistible strength of what is new and arising.

Race is a political not a scientific concept. It is used for identification and can be used in any manner that suits the political needs of the ruling class. The ruling class cannot abandon the weapon of race, since it is historically evolved and an integral part of American politics. Irreversible changes in the world economy, expressed as globalization, are incompatible with race as color. The ruling class must adapt. Color as racial identification by the ruling class still exists, but they are replacing it with identification based on culture and class differences. They are using

these class and cultural differences with the ruling class as the ideological basis for their savage assault against the new class as a class. Class and color are intertwined. The old is never abruptly replaced by the new. The ruling class has not given up its use of color divisions to escalate attacks and isolate the Black masses, and by doing so divide and weaken the entire class. The history of racism makes such actions and propaganda possible. This tactical offensive by the ruling class is central to their fight to impose fascism on society as a whole.

No matter how the ruling class attempts to divide our class, the reality is that today the workers can take no steps forward apart from the resolution of the problems that confront the new class as a whole. We are dealing with a political question. The new class is already forming along the lines of a unity based on what is practical, real, and possible. Fully conscious of the viability of the race question and how the ruling class uses it politically, our strategic focus is on the question of the political unity of the new class.

Consciousness lags behind the objective changes we are observing. Therefore, the intellectual grasp of class unity, the subjective side, must be fought for. Recognition of the necessity for that kind of unity is a result of consciousness. The task will not be easy because we are confronting centuries of national, ethnic, and racial divisions. They can only be overcome through intellectual struggle linked to daily experience. Every struggle of the class must be used to explain the meaning of their activity, to show them a vision of the cooperative society that is possible and a strategy to get there.

The League's tactic is to carry out the struggle for political unity where the growing equality of poverty exists. Our aim is class unity, across all division of color, nationality or gender. Nothing can be done without this unity and consciousness. We must reassert the time-honored slogan of "all for each and each for all." No matter where the attacks against our class brothers and sisters take place, we must go there with our propaganda. Unity of the new class united around distribution based on need is the only ideology that reflects the reality of material conditions and the potential of the new technology. It is the only ideology that truly expresses the interests and aspirations of the majority of the world as they struggle for their immediate needs.

Revolutionaries must throw everything into the fight for the political unity of the new class.

EDGING TOWARD A NEW STAGE OF CONSCIOUSNESS

A broad social motion is arising in response to the worsening conditions. Within this motion, the demands of the new class are increasingly coming to the fore. The destructive consequences of the ongoing introduction of the qualitatively new means of production make it more and more clear that the demands of the new class also represent the interests of society as a whole.

Experiencing growing poverty and the refusal of the government or the politicians to redress their grievances, the workers are losing their faith in the government and be-

ginning the process of separating from the political system. This is a necessary step in their development as a class and for their independence from the capitalist class. Simply fighting back is no longer enough, and the workers are beginning to put forward programs in their interests. The workers are beginning to demand the government solve society's ills. This means something fundamentally new for the revolution in America. Objectively, a section of the working class is attempting to break away ideologically from the capitalists.

We would like to say a special point about the youth. The youth are in a position to play an important role in the revolution. They have the special problem and unique opportunity of integrating themselves into a society in change. The objective reality is that they do not have a future in this system. A youth movement will need to learn how to create the new world they are going to occupy. This is why we want to bring youth into the League – to help prepare them for their revolutionary role in the fight for this new world.

Women have always played a major role in American history. The women's movement today is integral to the fight for humanity's future, and women in the new class are out of necessity in the forefront. The revolution cannot succeed without women making their indispensable contribution, and the League provides the conditions for women to do so.

The response of the workers to the class offensive against them is spreading, as they lose their hopes and dreams that come with losing a decent paying job, a house to call home, or their health care. They are beginning to fight for the basic necessities of life, and to come together with others in that same fight, regardless of what specific issue it might be. The impulse toward unity among the new class of workers arises out of their common interests, rooted in the fight for the basic necessities. Their common condition is undermining all of the old ideologies that have been used to divide the class. While some workers are being moved by the rulers toward a more fascist outlook, a growing number within the class are moving toward a more socially conscious position. Social consciousness is a necessary stage in the process of the new class ridding itself of old ideas and becoming politically independent of the ruling class. With social consciousness, the workers come to understand that they are members of a class and that they need class solidarity. They become aware of the ruling class, and that it has class interests contrary to their own. Revolutionaries have to grab hold of and develop the impulses toward class awareness, no matter how contradictory and embryonic they are.

The demands of this rising movement are objective; the people cannot give up and go home. They need housing, food, health care and other basic necessities of life. They are also demanding a society that guarantees justice, equality and democracy. This fight goes hand in hand with the struggle for basic necessities, since the workers cannot secure a democracy without securing their control over the necessities of life. Their demands are coming into conflict with the State, which is standing in the way of them securing basic

necessities. This movement is in fact, if not in understanding, struggling to transfer capitalist property to itself in order to guarantee itself the necessities of life and a democratic society. Under these historical conditions, a prosperous and truly democratic society for the workers can only come about as a result of communism.

The rise of third parties is inevitable given these conditions. The growing motion toward a third party is part of the splitting and destruction of ruling class institutions of the past period as a result of the objective economic changes. These parties will not simply be one or another of the individual third party formations in existence today, but will reflect the broad social motion as it develops. Revolutionaries enter this motion the same way they enter any motion – on the basis of a fight for unity around the concrete demands of the class for jobs, housing, health care, education, and other basic needs.

Electoral activity is an indispensable school for the development of both the organization and consciousness of the working class. The workers will use the electoral process as part of their fight to force the government to guarantee their basic needs are met. Their experience in this process sets the stage for them to begin to see that their problems cannot ultimately be solved at the ballot box. It is crucial to influence the consciousness of the revolutionaries involved in the process. Revolutionaries always unite with the workers' impulses toward political independence and use propaganda to raise consciousness and influence political direction.

The development of a third party, even one created by the ruling class, is an indispensable stage in the revolutionary process. It will accelerate the political polarization in society and the political formation of the new class. A third party is a step in the process of the scattered economic struggles becoming united political struggles against the State. It is a necessary and inevitable step toward a workers' party and the embryonic form of political class consciousness a workers' party represents. The evolution of the various party formations reflects the evolution of consciousness among the workers, and their impulse toward political independence from the ruling class. A third party is an indispensable stage in the development of the workers' consciousness.

The ruling class cannot allow the interests of individual corporations, or even industries, or sections of the economy to interfere with their overarching goal of keeping private property and remaining a ruling class. They must stabilize the economy and bring the vast economic and political order under control. Only the State can intercede to impose this kind of stability. To protect private property, on behalf of the ruling class as a whole, the State has to take over control of the economy, that is nationalize it. Similarly, the workers need nationalization in their interests to secure what they need to live, and objectively they are beginning to fight for this. The final battle of the revolutionary process will be fought over the control of the State, in no small part because of its control of the economy. Nationalization prepares the ground for

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the eventual battle to be concentrated against the State rather than directed at thousands of scattered capitalists. Nationalization raises the issue of which class the State serves, and nationalization becomes a battlefield where class consciousness can be taught.

The scattered struggles for clean and affordable water, food, clothing, housing, health care, and education all have a common cause. Combined, they are politically summed up as a program for nationalization in the interests of the people. Public access to clean and safe water means the nationalization of the nation's water supply, just as public control of quality health care and housing and free, quality public education require nationalization in the interests of society and not the private interests of the corporate few. Although the workers may not be calling for nationalization per se, objectively they are fighting for it.

The demand for nationalization in the people's interests is developing on the basis of common needs and is in every battle unfolding today. These struggles are beginning to coalesce and are not so scattered anymore. This battle for the basic necessities of life is the fight taking place against fascism today.

These new battles are being carried on by a new type of revolutionary, who is practical, not ideological. There is an objective foundation for people to unite. This is undermining all the old ideologies that have been used to divide the class. These new forces are very solid in what they understand and what they are doing. Without a strategy and an ideology that reflects the new situation they can't win, and the role of revolutionaries is to bring these things to the struggle.

What is important in this entire process is that people are ridding themselves of deeply held ideas that those they elect, and even government itself, are going to represent them. They are seeing that there can be no democracy when private corporations own the economy. This is a necessary stage in the development of the workers as a class and for their political independence from the capitalist class.

It is in the process of the movement's realization that the State will not redress its grievances that demands for new solutions will arise. Revolutionaries work within this process to develop the stages of consciousness along the line of march from scattered economic struggles, to united political struggles against the State. Such a task requires widespread propaganda within this growing movement that offers a vision of what's possible and a strategy of how to get there.

DEFEAT THE ENEMY'S STRATEGY

Any approach to planning, whether it is within a corporation, a military unit, or an organization, has to start off with an estimate of the entire situation. We look at the relationship of forces, the strategy and tactics of the enemy, its weaknesses and strengths, as well as our own. Once we understand the situation we are facing, then we are able to talk in terms of what we must do and how. This approach allows revolutionaries to think strategically about what the ruling class is doing,

and to use the objective processes that are underway to defeat them.

Whether in military war or in political war, it is not possible to defeat an enemy without defeating that enemy's strategy. Simply attacking the enemy's tactics cannot win the war. Fighting back without putting forward a vision of what is possible today only disarms our class.

What is the strategic goal of the ruling class today? It is to protect private property. It is not to defend capitalism. Whether they want to or not, they are going to have to let the capitalist system go. This is because objective factors are absolutely putting an end to the capitalist system. The ruling class understands that they cannot go on in the same way. They know they cannot continue to create money and not create any social worth, where the people of the world are becoming poorer and poorer as the world becomes awash with money.

“ The goal of all our work today is to create with the American people a vision of what is possible. It is a vision of a world where no one has to fight another for the daily bread of existence. It is a vision where cooperation and fulfilling the needs of humanity are the guiding principles. It is a vision that satisfies the deepest yearnings of the people for peace. ”

If we look at the history of the world for the last thousands of years, we can see that the letting go of one system, and fighting to rebuild another, has happened over and over. Slavery, feudalism, and capitalism are quantitative stages in the development of private property. But they themselves were not strategic. The strategic goal was private property. If the capitalists have to change the form in order to maintain that content, they have proven they will do that. They are doing that now. While they attack the rights and standard of living of the masses, they are evolving, step by step, this new system based on private property.

TASKS OF THE LEAGUE

Strategically, the enemy is on the defensive. The entire world has been pulled into the capitalist system. Qualitatively new means of production are destroying that system. Capitalism can only exist as long as it can expand. Capitalism has reached the limits of its expansion. Tactically, the ruling class is on the offensive. The purpose of this offensive is to prevent the workers from uniting around a common cause.

Strategically, our class is on the offensive. This is so because qualitatively new means of production are destroying the capitalist system and creating the foundation for a world

without private property. Tactically, our class is on the defensive. It is preoccupied with defending what it had, because it does not understand what is possible.

The last trench of the ruling class is the defense of private property. Therefore, it is here that we must orient all our tactics. Sections of the intelligentsia are already questioning capitalism. Revolutionaries do not have to make that our line of attack, but we can take advantage of that opening to go on the offensive with our tactics. We want to add what others cannot.

We attack the system of private property. We point out the necessity, this time, of overthrowing private property and transferring these gigantic means of production into public property.

The attack against private property cannot succeed without vision. The goal of all of our work today is to create with the American people a vision of what is possible. It is a vi-

vision that makes true democracy possible.

Americans have fought for this vision, but it could only be partially realized. At one time, Americans worshipped King George. Conditions changed, and they fought a revolution to break away from monarchy and English domination. At one time, the majority of the American people embraced slavery. Conditions changed. They came to understand they had to end slavery and they fought a war to do so. Today conditions are changing once again. New technologies make possible the realization of the vision for which generations of Americans have fought.

It is only through widespread propaganda that we can get this vision over. We must reach into the life of the workers. We must bring the message that private property can be brought to an end. We must show a cooperative society is not only possible, but is the only practical solution to the problems they face.

Causality is the philosophical foundation of our organization. Our understanding that the events of today are the basis for the events of tomorrow, demands that we not only carefully examine today, but use that knowledge to prepare for tomorrow. The progression of political events follows the dialectical process – that is, from quantitative to qualitative stages. It is not possible to deal with qualitative change, without adjusting thinking and activity with each quantitative stage of development. Of crucial concern is achieving the League's mission. We must unite the revolutionaries on the basis of the demands of the new class, educate and win them over to the cooperative, communist resolution, as a means to achieve the first task of guaranteeing some political unity of the class. In doing this, the League can achieve its urgent task of recruitment.

Thus far, events over the past period have shown the correctness of our general line. Fundamental to the League's thinking is that a new motive force (the micro-chip) has allowed for the development of the new means of production that are destroying value as the basis of exchange. Value-less production is marginalizing a new class of proletarians, who cannot exist without distribution according to need. The destruction of value and the emergence of a communist class have shifted the communist party – the subjective expression of the actual movement – from an ideological to a concrete and practical, i.e., political, base. The old ideological communist party is obsolete and must be replaced by a practical, political communist party that represents the motion of an actual communist class. Such a party does not exist. History cannot move forward without it. How is such a party to be built? What kind of an organization of revolutionaries is needed to build such a party? These are some of the questions this growing social motion has thrust upon every revolutionary.

Nothing has been done in America except in small groups, but it has been small groups relying on gigantic processes that are underway. If we can grasp that dialectic, we can do something important in history.

Forward to victory! **RC**

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