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WHICH WAY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT - DESTRUCTION OR PRESERVATION ?

1976--Five years from the time the site of the Domed Stadium was chosen; five years from the first wave of hotel evictions by the City of Seattle.

The main question still facing the International District is: WHICH WAY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT--DESTRUCTION OR PRESERVATION? WILL THE AREA REMAIN AS THE RESIDENTIAL, SOCIAL, AND COMMERCIAL CENTER FOR THOSE WHO NOW RESIDE AND DO BUSINESS THERE--OR WILL IT BE DESTROYED?

Today the destruction is there for all to see. There are already plans for a luxury hotel at 4th and Jackson. Plans are also being developed for a huge \$75 million development complex next to the Domed Stadium including another luxury hotel, display hall, office buildings and parking (see article-pg 4). Certain businessmen in the International District have made no secret of their desire to see an expensive hotel in the core area of the International district.

On the other hand in the last several months we have seen the closure of one more residential hotel, the New Central Hotel. This makes a total of 29 out of the original 45 hotels in the area which have closed. A recent fire in the Milwau-

kee Hotel raises a serious point--there is nothing which can prevent the remaining 16 hotels in the International District from being closed under one pretext or another.

And then there is the City of Seattle, the government arm of the finance capitalists, who is putting all of its resources into destroying not just the International District community, but all the communities in central Seattle. Already they have pumped tens of millions of dollars into projects such as "Historical Preservation", in which old buildings such as apartments and hotels are renovated and turned into profitable use, ie, office buildings, tourist shops, etc.--money, we should add, collected as taxes from the working people. They have financed aquariums, street beautification, six downtown parks, and the renovation of Pike Place Market. All of this for the benefit of the monopoly capitalist class. Nothing has been provided by this city government to the residents of this area, and particularly the residents of the International District except lies, empty promises and doubletalk about how they will "do whatever is feasible" to take care of their low-income housing needs.

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WHAT IS BEHIND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT?

All of this destruction--a matter of mistaken policy? or corrupt individuals in the government? Or a few especially greedy businessmen?

No! The present destruction of the International District reflects the basic nature of the monopoly capitalist system as Comrade Frederick Engels pointed out 100 years ago:

THE EXPANSION OF THE BIG MODERN CITIES GIVES THE LAND IN CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THEM PARTICULARLY IN THOSE WHICH ARE CENTRALLY SITUATED, AN ARTIFICIAL AND OFTEN ENORMOUSLY INCREASING VALUE; THE BUILDINGS ERECTED IN THESE AREAS DEPRESS THIS VALUE, INSTEAD OF INCREASING IT, BECAUSE THEY NO LONGER CORRESPOND TO THE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES. THEY ARE PULLED DOWN AND REPLACED BY OTHERS, THIS TAKES PLACE ABOVE ALL WITH CENTRALLY LOCATED WORKERS' HOUSES, WHOSE RENTS EVEN WITH THE GREATEST OVERCROWDING, CAN NEVER OR ONLY VERY SLOWLY, INCREASE ABOVE A CERTAIN MAXIMUM. THEY ARE PULLED DOWN AND IN THEIR STEAD, SHOPS, WARE HOUSES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS ARE ERECTED.

Engels' analysis remains true to this day. The monopoly capitalists desperately search for profits leads them to attack and disperse communities such as the International District through destroying the low rent housing.

But there are two other factors which make the monopoly capitalists' attack on the International District especially vicious.

First of all is the situation the US monopoly capitalists find themselves in. The monopoly capitalist class is in the depths of the worst economic crisis since

World War II, a crisis they are desperately trying to unload onto the shoulders of the American working and oppressed people. In order to make the International District and the Asian community shoulder the burden of the capitalists' economic crisis, they are waging a vicious attack on the living conditions of the Asian elderly residents, destroying low rent housing in order to build all manner of parasitical, nonproductive enterprises. Because of the monopoly capitalists' frenzied attempts at making the elderly residents pay for their economic crisis, the attack on low rent housing in the area is especially intense.

Secondly the US monopoly capitalist class has always waged attacks on national minority communities, and in particular on Asian national minority communities. National minorities have always been the most exploited section of the American working class, and subject to especially intense oppression. The International District, today consisting of mainly Chinese and Filipinos, has been no exception. This latest attack is just a continuation of a whole series of attacks on the International District which began in 1885 when the Chinese community was made the scapegoat for a capitalist economic crisis.

The US monopoly capitalists are today waging racist attacks against national minorities whose homelands are oppressed by imperialism. These attacks always are intensified as the people in these homelands wage revolutionary national liberation war against imperialism and their puppets.

The Chinese and Filipino people in the US are suffering intense racist attacks at

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STATEMENT OF THE AALAPSF(S) ON WITHDRAWING FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT HOUSING ALLIANCE (IDHA)

As of August 23, the Afro-Asian-Latin American Peoples' Solidarity Forum (AALAPSF) has formally withdrawn from the International District Housing Alliance (IDHA).

This in no way means that the AALAPSF is leaving the struggle in the International District, as some suggest. Members of the AALAPSF(Seattle) have participated in the struggle since 1971 and the Solidarity Forum will continue to do revolutionary agitation amongst the Asian community around the ID struggle.

We feel that this revolutionary agitation is the decisive thing in moving the struggle for low income housing on the basis of the Asian community relying on itself to resolutely fight the monopoly capitalists and city government. This is not possible within the confines of the IDHA due to its political nature, which is limited to seeking reforms within the capitalist system.

As a revolutionary organization, we will never restrict ourselves to reformist political activity.

Instead, we will work to arm the Asian community with revolutionary politics so they will be conscious that the source of the attacks on the International District are the monopoly capitalists.

Armed with revolutionary politics, the Asian masses will definitely resist the attacks of the capitalists on the International District and will not be diverted or deceived into relying upon the capitalist government, the very source of these attacks, to fight their battles for them.

We put forward the slogan:

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the present time because of the situation in their homelands.

People's China has stood up, and is the leading force of the world's people fighting against the two superpowers, US imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism, as well as in strengthening socialism inside the country.

This support threatens the very foundations of US imperialism especially its plunder of the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. People's China has shown the path to liberation of the countries oppressed by imperialism. This is the reason why US imperialism and the other imperialist superpower Soviet social-imperialism desire to strangle this mighty bastion of world revolution.

People's China is also a roadblock to US imperialist designs to plunder Asia. For these reasons, US imperialism would not hesitate to commit aggression against China if the opportunity arose.

But in order to do this it must insure that there would not be any sort of opposition here in the US. In Chinese communities across the US, there is widespread support for People's China. For this reason, the monopoly capitalists attack Chinese communities.

Firstly, since the Chinese community is concentrated in small areas in American cities, support for People's China is obvious (for example, the China National Day celebration in San Francisco Chinatown, 1975, attended by 3000).

Secondly, because of the massive support for People's China in Chinese communities in the US, they would definitely arise in opposition to any sort of US aggression against China. Being concentrated in sections in American cities, this opposition would again be quite obvious.

Thirdly, the visible support of the Chinese communities in the US and the visible opposition to US imperialist aggression would surely spread to the rest of the American working and oppressed people and counter any anti-Communist, anti China propaganda peddled by the US monopoly capitalists to turn the American people's sentiments against the Chinese people.

The US monopoly capitalists hope to weaken or silence support for People's China by scattering the large concentrations of Chinese in the cities. The Chinese in the International District are no exception in supporting People's China --one more aspect of the destruction of the International District.

For similar reasons the monopoly capitalists attack the Filipino people in the International District and in other cities in the US.

The Filipino people under the leadership of the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army are fighting to free the Philippines from US imperialist domination and the puppet Marcos dictatorship.

This is another threat to US imperialism's strategic position in Asia, weakened considerably by the victories of the Indochinese people in 1975. The Philip-

pinas is an important base for the US imperialists in the contention with Soviet social-imperialism as well as a source of cheap raw materials, labor and markets for US goods.

Opposition to the US-Marcos dictatorship and support for the revolutionary struggle in the Philippines is already widespread amongst the Filipino community. As with the Chinese community, this is a big obstacle to the US imperialists in justifying their domination of the Philippines amongst the rest of the American working and oppressed people. Again, dispersal of the community, in the International District and elsewhere, is an attempt to silence the Filipino people and hide the truth about the Philippines from the American working and oppressed people.

The attacks are also a part of the general attack upon the American working and oppressed people as a result of massive war preparations against Soviet social imperialism (socialism in words, imperialism in deeds). The Soviet Union, once a socialist country, but now in the hands of a fascist clique who have restored the capitalist system, is madly contending with US imperialism for domination of spheres of plunder throughout the world. In order to wage this war between robbers, the US monopoly capitalists are trying to stifle opposition of the American working and oppressed people against it.

Not only are the monopoly capitalists attacking the living conditions of the Asian people, but of other national minorities as well, particularly the Afro-American people. They are engaging in widespread attempts to split the unity of different sections of the working class, such as by creating racist propaganda against them, such as the case of the two Filipina nurses (see article on pg. 7).

These factors, both national and international, are behind the attack on the International District community.

No one can deny that the US monopoly capitalist class is the sole source of all the problems of the International District.

THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT AS A "PARADISE" FOR RESIDENTS--NOTHING BUT A REFORMIST ILLUSION UNDER THE RULE OF THE MONOPOLY CAPITALISTS

This explodes the illusions being spread that it is possible to create a "paradise" for the present community while under the rule of the monopoly capitalist system, an illusion the capitalists are doing their best to promote.

Only the most staunch reformer of capitalism would promote ideas that it is possible to solve the problem of adequate low rent housing under monopoly capitalism. And we might add only the most hard core reformist would oppose the masses becoming armed that the source of the housing problem is the monopoly capitalist class.

Declaring opposition to "turning the masses off" with politics, being "abstract" or to being "ultra-'left' and dogmatist", reformists' objections to promoting revolutionary politics is in reality opposition to arming the masses to become conscious

\$75 MILLION PROJECT NEAR INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

REMAINING 16 HOTELS THREATENED

The continued attack and destruction of the International District-Chinatown community is being increased to a level unparalleled that of any in the I.D. history. Recently released was a proposal for a \$75 million hotel-parking-display hall-wholesale merchandising mart (complete with a glass covered shopping mall). Also planned for the future are office buildings between the stadium and 4th Avenue. Instigators of this project include such finance capitalist as Burlington Northern, Firstbank and their local representatives the county council.

With profits as their aim, the monopoly capitalist class has waged one attack after another on the I.D. community both from the surrounding area as well as right in the heart of the I.D. This recent proposal which is just outside the boundary of the I.D. is a continuation of their attack and can not be viewed otherwise. The proposed complex can only bring more traffic problems, pollution, and rising property taxes.

The monopoly capitalist class in the U.S. is presently facing a severe economic crisis (which they themselves created) and are desperately trying to shift the burden of this crisis onto the backs of the whole American working class and people. In Seattle, the building of a 600-room luxury hotel complex, shopping mall, and merchandising mart adjacent to the International District is a concrete reflection of this.

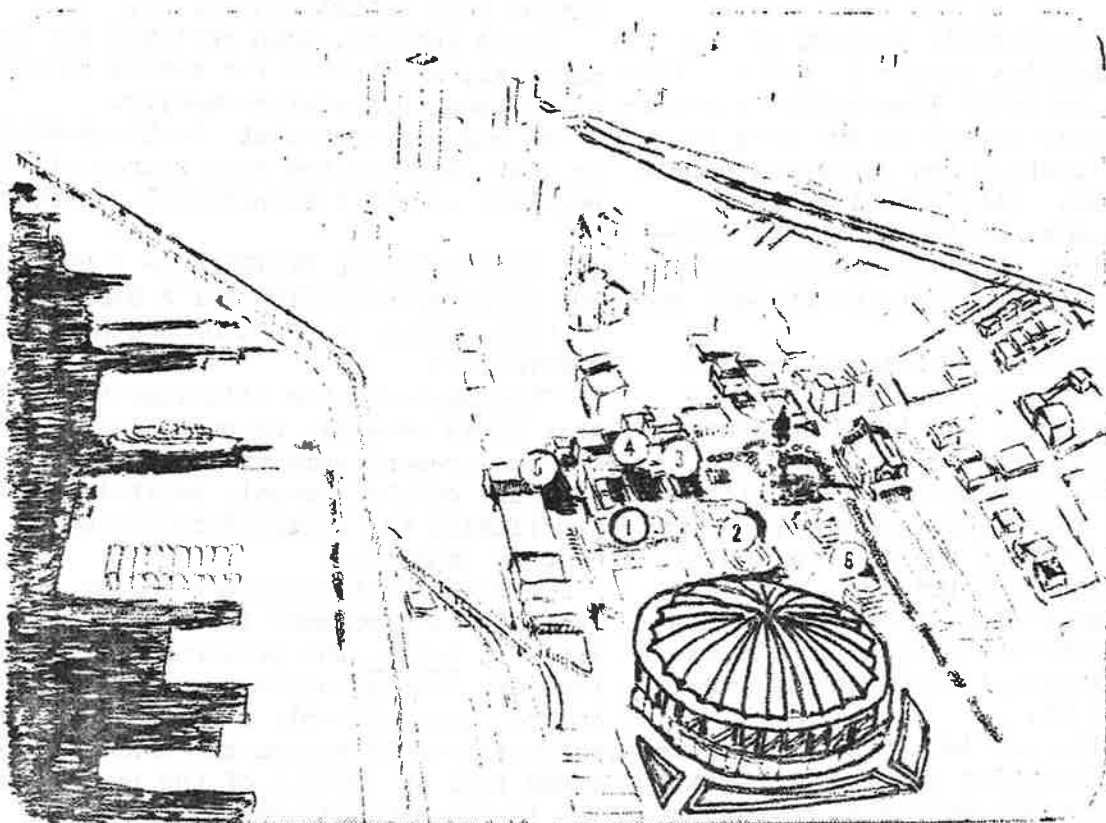
The closing of the New Central Hotel (on August 5) and the fire in the Milwaukee Hotel (on August 9) marks two more examples of the vicious ongoing destruction of the International District-Chinatown area by the monopoly capitalist class. The New Central hotel was the 29th hotel to close down in the I.D. and is a direct result of a conscious neglect of national minority people. The closing of this hotel and the recent fire in the Milwaukee Hotel had immediately brought to question the future of the remaining 16 hotels. Since the "fire" in the Milwaukee hotel on August 9, the monopoly capitalist fire department has been down in the I.D. almost every week and sometimes even bi-weekly to "inspect" and perhaps find some faulty wiring. They know full well that neither faulty wiring nor any other mechanical mal-function was the cause of this fire. Yet, they still look.

Thus it can be seen that the capitalist use two methods to close hotels; one by neglect, the other by force.

In 1971-2 when 28 hotels were closed down by force we learned that if we want to remain in the places we are living in we must resist the evictions that are ordered upon us. Today the situation is no different...if we want to remain in the places we are living we must fight. Whether evictions are the result of neglect or force, or both, we must not move.

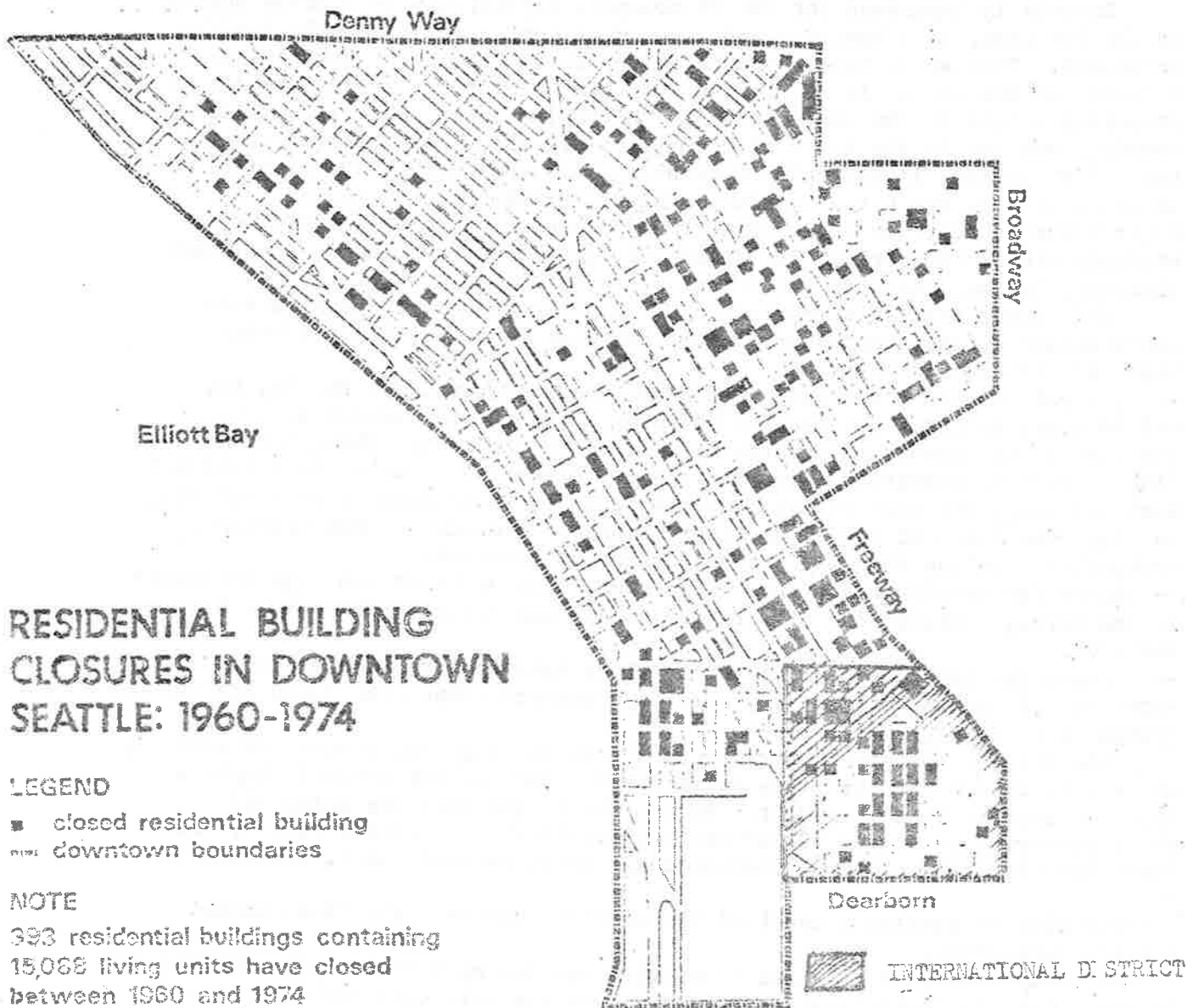
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A drawing of proposed development showed (1) Parking, (2) display hall and (3) 600-room hotel. Work has begun on the first two buildings of the merchandise mart (4). Plans call for mart expansion to cover two square blocks (5). Also proposed are office buildings (6) over railroad tracks between the Kingdome and the Fourth Avenue overpass.

Destruction of housing— inherent under capitalism

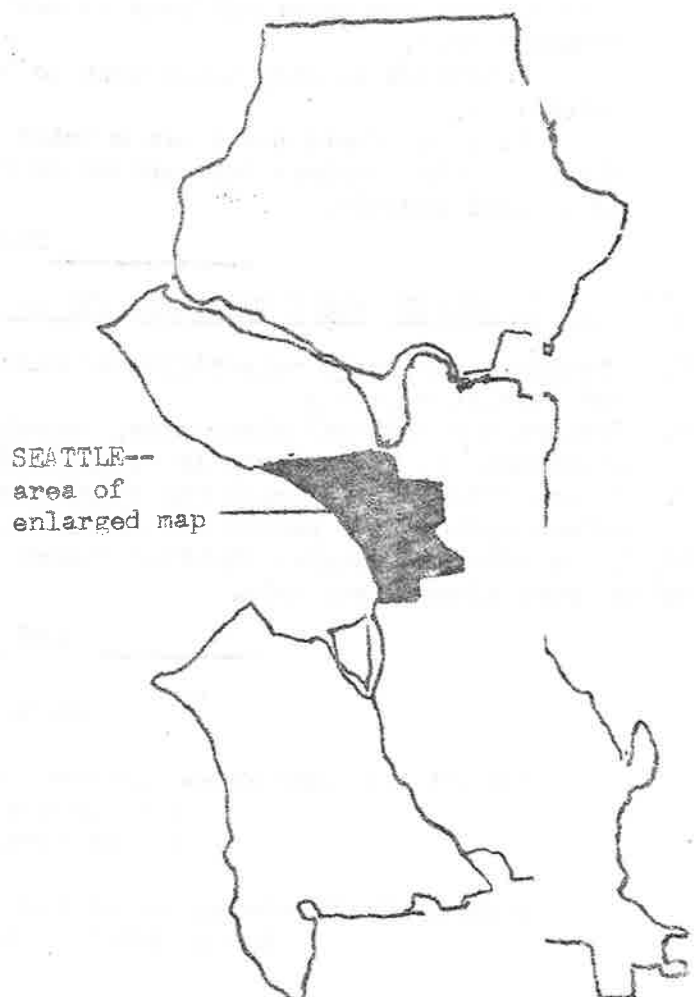


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The above quote by Frederick Engels describes exactly what is happening presently in Downtown Seattle. This map, taken from a study done by the Skid Road Community Council, graphically shows the progress of destruction of communities in the central city.

This process, an inherent trend under capitalism, is intensified by the present economic crisis of the US monopoly capitalist class, who is trying to place the burden of it on the American working and other oppressed people by destroying low

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rent housing and replacing it with profitable enterprises.

Seattle is important for the US monopoly capitalists as a trade outlet to the Far East, as a business and government center for the whole Pacific Northwest. Tourism is also a source of profit in the city, being the No. 2 industry in the area. It is also an important center for US imperialist war preparation against the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union, once a socialist country, but now in the hands of a small clique which has restored the capitalist system, is fiercely contending with the US for spheres of plunder in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. This is driving the US monopoly capitalists to build up their military apparatus to protect their vast holdings around the world. The defense-related activity around Puget Sound (Trident, Boeing, etc.) is one aspect of this.

This makes Seattle's downtown a focus of much activity with massive construction activity mushrooming over the last several years. A brief look will illustrate this:

- Several important new buildings have been constructed of the 30, 40, and 50 story height. The Federal Building at First and Madison is a huge addition to the number of government offices in the area. Three new buildings have been constructed in the last 10 years--the Seattle First National Bank building, the Bank of California building and the Rainier Bank building.
- The appearance of middle and high income apartments and condominiums, particularly in the immediate area surrounding downtown.
- Plans for development of the waterfront, with at least two huge projects in the works, construction of a luxury hotel and office buildings to be included.
- Around the International District, plans have appeared for a luxury hotel at 4th and Jackson and a \$75 million project around the Domed Stadium (please see pg. 4)

The role of the government, particularly the city and federal government, shows quite clearly how they are nothing but a tool of the monopoly capitalists to realize maximum profit. It is easy to see they are using all their resources to enrich the monopoly capitalists. A partial list of projects the City of Seattle is constructing, using federal funds, illustrates this:

- The city is pumping a total of \$10 million into the Pike Place Market for its renovation.
- The city has spent at least \$2 million and set up a special City Office to deal with the "historical preservation" -- restoring old buildings for profitable use.
- The city has spent millions of dollars on a half dozen parks in the downtown area.
- \$ 5 million of city money went to build the new Aquarium on the Seattle waterfront.

These few facts alone are a naked exposure of the monopoly capitalists' plans for the complete destruction of the present residential communities in Central Seattle.

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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT TEN POINT PROGRAM (cont. from page 14)

7. Promote a national, scientific and mass culture, and combat imperialist, feudal and fascist culture;
8. Support the national minorities, especially those in Mindanao and the mountain provinces, in their struggle for self-determination and democracy;
9. Punish after public trial the ringleaders of the Marcos fascist gang for their crimes against the people and confiscate all their ill-gotten wealth; and,
10. Unite with all peoples fighting imperialism and seek their support for the Philippine revolutionary struggle.

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OUTRAGEOUS GOVERNMENT PERSECUTION OF FILIPINA NURSES AT ANN ARBOR VA HOSPITAL

(Reprinted from Workers Advocate, newspaper of the Central Organization of U.S. Marxist-Leninists)

During the past year, the monopoly capitalist government and its propaganda forces have been carrying out a hysterical campaign of persecution against two immigrant Filipina nurses, Filipina Narciso and Leona Perez, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The nurses are falsely accused of administering poison to cause the deaths of five patients and the temporary breathing failures suffered by ten others, out of a wave of 51 such incidents which occurred at the Ann Arbor Veterans' Administration Hospital last summer, where the nurses worked. The FBI and federal courts, notorious arms of the repressive bourgeois state, have been concocting testimony, actually hypnotizing "witnesses" and literally digging up the dead in a frantic effort to blame the nurses for the deaths and near-deaths. The bourgeois press is providing the oh-so-necessary background of racist, anti-working class slanders against Filipino workers. A trial has been set for January 4, 1977, in Detroit.

This fascist persecution campaign is aimed at exonerating the VA hospital, drug companies and entire decaying health system under monopoly capitalism for the deaths and near-deaths of the patients, and instead to place the blame on two immigrant workers from the Philippines. The Filipino people in their homeland are waging a vigorous people's war of national liberation against the domination and control of U.S. imperialism and its puppet Marcos clique. The Philippines is the site of two large U.S. military bases, key to U.S. imperialism's designs to dominate Asia and prepare for war with the Soviet Union for world domination. The U.S. monopoly capitalists hope to use the case of the Filipina nurses in Ann Arbor to kill two birds with one stone: to whitewash their decadent health care system and to create chauvinist hysteria against Filipinos among the American people in order to prepare public opinion for U.S. aggression against the Philippines to protect U.S. imperialist interests there.

But this fascist campaign is backfiring. Support for the two nurses is growing among the Filipino people in the Philippines and in the U.S. and among the rest of the American people as well. Fewer and fewer people believe the government's charges and the government has been forced to bring in a "high-powered" psychiatrist to interview the hospital staff to prepare a "psychiatric" case against the two women. When the federal judge finally reduced the women's bail, it was raised in 24 hours by Filipino and American supporters. The Filipino nurses have the sympathy and support of large numbers of oppressed workers and national minority people, who hate the U.S. imperialists and their criminal health care system.

The two nurses have been subjected to inhuman harassment by the capitalist state machine. They have been forcibly removed from their patient-care jobs and have had their citizenship applications held back. They have been interrogated intensely by the FBI, frequently for hours at a time. From the beginning the FBI has tried to intimidate them into making false

confessions. The government has invested over one million dollars in the success of this "legal" lynching and has assigned as many as 50 FBI agents at one time to make trumped-up charges, which carry a possible life sentence, stick.

Let us look at the government's fraudulent case against the nurses.

The government's most embarrassing problem has been the lack of any reasonable motive to pin the charges on the two nurses. None of the women's co-workers, friends, relatives or other acquaintances believe for a minute that they committed the "poisonings" they are charged with. Instead, they have all testified to the complete selflessness of the nurses in caring for their patients. But what the government has dreamed up as a "motive" is the most vile, Hitler-type big lie imaginable!

The government claims that the nurses' "poisoned" the patients in a protest over the gross under-staffing of the hospital by the government bureaucrats. In the spring of 1975, 57 nurses at the hospital signed a petition denouncing the under-staffing of the hospital and demanding the hiring of more nurses. The bourgeoisie has admitted the criminally bad conditions under which the nurses worked: "Conditions were especially hectic in the 11 bed intensive care unit," the Detroit Free Press confessed. "Many members of the VA hospital nursing staff were working extra shifts and giving up one weekend day each week... to keep up with the high number of patients in intensive care." Filipina Narciso and Leona Perez did not sign the petition because they feared that the government would reject their citizenship applications in retaliation, but they expressed their support for the nurses' demands to their fellow workers. But now the government is trying to turn this mass indictment of its abominable hospital conditions into an all-out attack on the Filipina nurses and other workers. The government claims that the supposed "mass murder" is the two Filipina women's contribution to the protest!

This is possible, these liars explain, because doctors and nurses come into contact with sickness and death constantly and become "hardened to the death of a patient" so that "a death to them would be just another corpse"! What fascist logic! The protest of the masses of nurses, supported by the Filipinas, was for better conditions for both workers and patients. Now the bourgeoisie wants to turn truth on its head and accuse the Filipina nurses of killing patients to "contribute" to the protest!

There are so many other obvious contradictions in the government's trumped-up "case" against the two women that the Free Press (August 22) admits that the government is having difficulty maintaining an air of reality around the whole thing.

For example, during the period from July 1 to August 15, 1975, there were 51 breathing failures among the VA hospital patients, eleven of whom later died. Neither of the two Fili-

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pina nurses, who worked in the intensive care ward, were even on duty for 32 of these 51 -- well over half! So the FBI, which has carried out the entire "investigation", arranged for the hospital authorities to (they claim) "feed millions of tiny bits of information" regarding the breathing failures into a computer to pick out which ones were "suspicious" and which were not. Presto! Like a magician with a deck full of aces, the FBI "determined" that 20 cases were "suspicious". No explanation is given why these are "suspicious" and the remaining attacks (the majority) are "unsuspicious". The government has charged the nurses with 15 acts. 15 or more of the 20 breathing failures the FBI labelled "suspicious" just happened to take place when the two nurses were on duty (as were a number of other nurses with a similar work schedule). Why is there no explanation of the 36 breathing attacks the nurses were not charged with? The two nurses are not even charged with half of the failures which resulted in death! Isn't it the FBI's "investigation" and the hospital's conditions that are really suspicious?

The government claims the nurses injected Pavulon (a muscle-paralyzing drug) into the intravenous solutions of the patients in the intensive care ward in order to poison and murder them. The FBI actually dug up the bodies of four dead patients in order to be able to announce the presence of Pavulon in their body tissues. Although for years there has been a positive test for the presence of Pavulon in body fluids, no one up till now has been able to develop such a test for the drug's presence in body tissues (fluids are missing from a dead body). But wonders never cease! A doctor assigned by the FBI has found such a test in a mere few months! And lo and behold -- Pavulon is indeed present (according to the FBI's doctor) in the body tissue of the four exhumed bodies! (Why the body of the fifth patient the nurses are accused of killing was not exhumed is never explained. But one body here or there makes little difference to the FBI...) May we say that the evidence on this point was just a little...doctored?

The government is also trying to base its "case" largely on "testimony" from its two "key witnesses", John McCrery Jr., a former patient in the IC ward, who was dying at the time of the attacks and is now dead, and Richard Neely, also a former patient in the IC ward, who is dying of cancer.

The FBI actually hypnotized both these "witnesses" in order to "refresh" their memories of whom they might have "seen" at their bedsides at the time of their breathing arrests. (The government first specially selected certain patients who the bourgeois press admitted, "could be susceptible to hypnosis".) Neely, who has a long medical history of memory problems, admitted that during the hypnosis session he gave a name other than that of either of the nurses and only repeated the "correct" name of Leona Perez after having been told it by the FBI interrogator. He had never said a word regarding either nurse prior to hypnosis. During the hearing at which Neely testified in April, simply repeated what the FBI had suggested to him while he was under hypnosis!

McCrery was hypnotized too and, it is admitted, changed his story several times -- at first claiming it was a man he saw at his bedside, and finally ending by saying he was foggy on the whole thing and just didn't remember. At one point he

told Leona Perez that he had written her a note telling her he knew nothing at all about how he had stopped breathing. Yet, up until McCrery's death this June, the government was hell-bent using even this as the "testimony of a key witness"!

Nurses and doctors at the VA hospital have pressed outrage that the testimony of any dying patient would be used as "evidence", let alone two who have been hypnotized by the FBI. The dying patients in IC ward are constantly pumped with pain-killers which keep them in an extremely foggy and disoriented state of mind. Many do not recognize their nurses after being in the hospital for two months. The lights are on and off at odd hours so that these patients many times literally have a hard time telling if it's day or night. These patients, who many times cannot remember such basic facts as whether or not they have had their daily medicine yet on a given day, are to be the government's "key witnesses"!

All this aside, what is so unusual about a nurse adjusting a patient's intravenous solution in the intensive care ward? Anyone knows that patients in the IC ward require constant care, nurses are in and out quite often, and IV's need to be checked extremely often. Whether or not these patients saw Filipina Narciso or Leona Perez at their bedsides is completely irrelevant. If anything, a nurse's constant presence at a patient's bedside shows only her desire to care for the needs of her patient.

These simple facts expose the complete bankruptcy of the government's charges against the two nurses.

Throughout the "investigation", the state has subjected Filipina Narciso and Leona Perez to extremely fascistic harassment and intimidatory tactics. Before being released on bond this past June 30th, they had been hand-cuffed and chained together whenever they would leave the jail for court. Both nurses have been removed from their patient-care jobs at the hospitals where they work and have had their citizenship applications held back. They were imprisoned in Washtenaw County Jail from June 16 to June 30 this year. Filipina Narciso was denied bond, while Leona Perez was held on \$500,000 bond -- an amount impossible to raise on any worker's pay, let alone the pay of a hospital worker. (We are supposed to consider the granting of \$500,000 bond to Leona Perez as an act of "leniency" by the judge due to her pregnancy.) After many protests from the people and a formal complaint from the government of the Philippines, bond was finally lowered to the still exorbitant sum of \$7,500 each, which was raised in 24 hours by supporters of the nurses.

The FBI has harshly interrogated the nurses in closed quarters several times without permitting them to have their lawyers present, and has tried to browbeat the two women into making false confessions. Filipina Narciso was once interrogated in this Nazi manner for six hours straight and denied the right to leave the room three times. The FBI told her she would either have to confess or take a lie detector test to clear herself. An FBI agent told Filipina Narciso during one of the sessions: "You are 29 years old. Before that 29 years you had a happy life... But after 29 years, there's no more. That's it. Your life is over if you don't confess." But the nurses refused to be intimidated, declaring firmly: "I didn't do it."

What Forced Indira Gandhi to Declare the "National Emergency"?

(Editorial of Lok Awaz, newspaper of the East Indian community in Canada, July 9, 1976)

It is one year since the declaration of the state of "National Emergency" by the Indira Gandhi government. The whole issue behind the imposition of open terroristic dictatorship has been made very clear by the practice of the Indian revolution in this one year.

Why did Indira Gandhi declare the "National Emergency" in June of last year? Was it because she merely wanted to suppress the agents of U.S. imperialism trying to overthrow her? Or was it that she simply wanted to escalate the suppression and exploitation of the Indian people?

Both these answers are only partly correct, and do not deal with the principal reason as to why she imposed the open terroristic dictatorship. If she had the choice, she would have preferred to merrily carry on her brutal suppression and exploitation of the Indian people in the service of foreign imperialist powers, under the mask of "democracy". The reasons she had to shed the last vestiges of the facade of "democracy" and resort to open terror was that she could no longer rule India in the old way. The armed struggle of the peasantry under the leadership of CPI (ML) was intensifying in various parts of India. The spontaneous mass struggles were developing an extremely militant stance against which Indira Gandhi had to constantly dispatch her state forces hither and thither to keep control of the situation. The revolutionary situation in India as a whole was becoming too much for Indira Gandhi.

It is in recognition of this increasing resistance to her dark rule that she declared the "National Emergency". She was forced by the march of the Indian revolution to bare the real features of the Indian state--a state of big landlords and foreign dependent capitalists, run in the service of foreign powers. In order to continue the exploitation and suppression of the Indian people in the service of foreign imperialist powers, the Indian ruling classes had to bare their true fascist features for every one to see and impose their open terroristic dictatorship. The declaration of "National Emergency" was an open admission of the fact that Indira Gandhi could continue her tottering regime's services to foreign imperialist powers only by resorting to naked suppression.

Another factor leading to the declaration of "National Emergency" is the split within the ruling classes. One section of the ruling classes led by Jaya Prakash Narayan, representing the U.S. imperialists, was using the mass discontent of the people as a vehicle to overthrow Indira Gandhi. They wanted to reverse the trend of increasing Soviet social-imperialist domination under Indira Gandhi's regime in favour of U.S. imperialist hegemony. This split and dogfight within the ruling classes on "which master to serve?" was getting in the way of intensified repression of the people. In order to facilitate the intensified looting and plunder of India by the Soviet Union, Indira Gandhi had to settle contradictions within the ruling class as a prerequisite to escalating the suppression of the people. The rounding up of U.S. imperialist agent J.P. Narayan and others was a result of this.

The imprisonment of hundreds of thousands of people under one pretext or another is designed to terrorize the broad masses of people into

subjugation so that Indira Gandhi can escalate the sell-out of the land and labour of the people to the Soviet social-imperialists and other foreign powers.

To say that Indira Gandhi declared the "National Emergency" merely to suppress the agents of U.S. imperialism would be to say that the dogfight within the ruling classes moves history forward. On the contrary, it is class struggle, the struggle of the toiling oppressed people against the exploiting classes, that moves history forward. The deepening split within the ruling classes is itself a result of the advancing revolutionary struggles of the Indian people.

Until 1967, the Congress party, a party of the big landlords and foreign dependent capitalists was able to carry on without severe dogfights within its ranks. As long as the revisionists of the "C"PI ("Communist" Party of India) were having their heyday obstructing the advance of the Indian revolution with the poison of "parliamentary road to socialism", the Indian ruling classes carried on their exploitation and suppression of the Indian people with the mask of "democracy" hiding their ugly features. But with the Naxalbari armed peasant uprising led by Comrad Charu Mazumdar, the resounding defeat of the "parliamentary road to socialism" and the revisionism of "C"PI, and the big stride forward taken by the Indian revolution, the split within the ruling classes became sharper. The Congress party split in 1969. In the ensuing years, the Indian revolution has marched forward along the path shown by Naxalbari, along the way, deepening the split within the ruling classes and intensifying their dogfight. The declaration of the "National Emergency" showed that this contradiction within the ruling classes had become very deep, directly as a result of the revolutionary situation in India. The increasing disorder, chaos and confusion in the camp of the enemy is a testimony to the fact that the revolutionary situation in India is advancing rapidly.

It is incorrect to say that the declaration of "National Emergency" and the imposition of open terroristic dictatorship is "giving birth" to revolutionary struggles. This is turning truth on its head. It is the widespread mass struggles and the intensified Armed Agrarian Revolution led by CPI (ML) that "gave birth" to the "National Emergency". The imposition of naked terroristic dictatorship is in turn arousing even greater resistance.

Thus, the declaration of "National Emergency" by Indira Gandhi, the agent of Soviet social-imperialism, was principally due to the advance of the revolutionary struggles of the Indian people, far beyond her control.

This is also obvious from the fact that Indira Gandhi has been incessantly strengthening her armed forces. New jails are being built. "Stepped up" drives against communist revolutionaries are being organized. Loud propaganda for the armed suppression of people's struggles is being done in various forms, in particular through the "debate" on "constitutional amendments". In this one year Indira Gandhi has made itamply clear that the principal reason behind the declaration of the "National Emergency" is the rising tide of the revolutionary struggles of the Indian people.

In this one year, she has also found out that even this open terroristic dictatorship is not going to save her tottering rule. end it's n.

DENOUNCE THE IMPERIALISTS' ANTI-ARAB PLOTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THEIR RACIST ATTACKS ON ARAB NATIONAL MINORITY HERE IN THE U.S.!

Attacks of the U.S. monopoly capitalists on national minorities who come from the oppressed nations of Africa, Asia and Latin America have always been the most fascist, brutal and ruthless, particularly at this time when the national liberation struggles against imperialism, colonialism and national oppression are raging and giving the imperialists severe blows that are shaking them by their very foundation.

Presently, state organized racist attacks are being launched against Arab national minorities throughout the country. In Detroit, an entire Arab community came under the brutal attack of racist thugs and police. Several Arab workers were shot and killed, others critically wounded or shot at, the homes of Arab families and Arab run restaurants were burned, individuals racially slandered and the entire Arab community threatened. All of these crimes were both instigated and met with approval by the fascist state machine. The lackey police of the monopoly capitalists, idly stood by while Arab workers and families were attacked!!

It is not surprising that bourgeois news media took the side of the racists at all times. Nothing was done to expose the attacks of the racists on the Arab national minority, only after the Arabs justly defended themselves did the bourgeois news media bother to print or say anything and then it was only to denounce the Arabs for "attacking the whites"!! This clearly exposes the conscious role of the state to slander the Arabs.

This recent singling out of the Arab national minorities is definitely not an accident. The U.S. monopoly capitalists like the Soviet Social-imperialists have definite interest in the Middle East, to control the strategic oil resources in order to dominate Europe (through its dependency on Middle Eastern oil) and eventually the rest of the world. Both superpowers are feverishly preparing for a war of aggression in the Middle East and it is the Arab national minorities who can easily expose them and thus, the Arab communities all throughout the U.S. pose as a big threat to the imperialists' schemes.

The dangerous situation created by the two superpowers is particularly concentrated in Lebanon. The target for both the superpowers is the Palestinian revolution. The imperialists realize that without weakening or destroying the Palestinian revolution, they cannot move into the region and realize their planned outright aggression and domination of the Middle East.

The Palestinian revolution is the spearhead of the Arab national liberation struggle for freedom and Lebanon is an important base for the Palestinian armed struggle both politically, and strategically they have complete unity with the Lebanese masses on the same nationalist front against the Israeli Zionists. It is for this reason that the two superpowers and their running dog Israeli Zionists, instigated the bloody civil war in Lebanon. The Syrian invasion backed by the Russian imperialists and the Phalangist backed by the U.S. imperialists and their Zionist tool, is just part of the schemes of the two superpowers to suppress the Palestinian revolution and dominate the Middle East.

The present deepening economic crisis of the capitalist world is driving the two superpowers closer to war, and the U.S. monopoly capitalists are attacking the livelihood of the American workers by shifting the capitalist crisis onto their backs. The Arab masses here in the U.S. are rising alongside the American workers in support of the Palestinian revolution and in resistance against the attacks of the monopoly capitalist ruling class. In order to try to stop the Arab communities here in the U.S. from rising, the capitalists terrorize the Arab communities by launching wide-scale state-organized racist attacks and slanders. By these, the U.S. capitalists are hoping to accomplish two things: 1. By organizing state racist attacks against the Arabs here, they are hoping that this would create fear amongst the Arabs and the Arabs here will stop supporting the Palestinian revolution and stop fighting the capitalist ruling class here, and 2) by this they are also hoping that the racist slanders and attacks would create antagonistic contradictions between the Arab and the American workers in order to divide them, and thus weaken their struggle against the capitalists and also to use the American people as cannon fodder in their aggressive war in the Middle East. But these will not succeed! The Arab people in the U.S. will never cease to support the Palestinian revolution, nor will the American working class support such war of aggression against the Arab people. But instead, the Arab communities will intensify their support for the revolution back home and unite more closely with the American working class to fight and bury U.S. imperialism here in the U.S. once and for all.

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of the nature of the monopoly capitalist system. But how can it be "abstract" and "ultra-'left' and dogmatic" to arm the masses with the truth about the enemy which is daily attacking them? Of course it may be a bit "abstract" to the reformists who don't like to bother with these things.

Raising these objections to revolutionary politics only serves to help keep the masses under illusions that 1) the government-state machine is not a tool that the capitalists use to oppress and exploit people, and 2) that monopoly capitalism can be reformed.

In preventing the masses from taking up revolutionary politics, reformists in general provide an invaluable service to the monopoly capitalists, stifling or diverting the intense class hatred the masses feel when they are attacked.

We must be evermore conscious that solving the housing problem in the International District means eliminating the root cause. The housing problem of working and oppressed communities such as the International District can only be solved once and for all when the American working class, led by their Marxist-Leninist Party, smashes the rule of the US monopoly capitalists through proletarian revolution and establishes socialism under the rule of the proletariat.

The availability of housing, as of any other basic need, will no longer be determined by capitalist greed and profit-making.

THE STRUGGLE AGAINST DESTRUCTION AND FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING IN THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT--AN INSEPARABLE PART OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE OF THE AMERICAN WORKING AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE

But does this mean the International District community should sit passively and wait for a revolution before taking any action (which seems to be a common complaint coming from reformers of capitalism)?

NO! It is sheer nonsense to say that there is a contradiction between waging the struggle against destruction of the community and for low income housing, on one hand, and fighting for the aim of proletarian revolution on the other.

Only hard core reformists would use the issue of fighting against destruction of the community and for low income housing, an immediate need of the Asian people, to oppose arousing the masses for the aim of proletarian revolution.

The struggle for low income housing in the International District is inseparably bound up with the class struggle of the American working and oppressed people against the US monopoly capitalists--this is the key link, the thing which must be grasped firmly by the revolutionary people.

The attack of the US monopoly capitalists on the International District community is an attack upon one section of the American working and oppressed people, the Asian people. It is an attack upon their living standards, an attempt to drive them down to rock bottom for the sake of capitalist profit. It

is also aimed at breaking the Asian people's resistance against launching aggressive imperialist war.

The developing fight against destruction of the International District and for low income housing is part of a massive wave of resistance of the entire American working and oppressed people against the US monopoly capitalists' attempt at unloading their economic crisis onto their shoulders and imposing fascism in preparation for a third world war.

The Asian people in resolutely fighting the US monopoly capitalists and their government machine are making a contribution to the class struggle of the American working and oppressed people, a class struggle which they will carry to the overthrow of the US monopoly capitalist class and the establishment of socialism under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

RESIST THE ATTACKS OF THE MONOPOLY CAPITALIST CLASS ON THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT! FIGHT FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING!

How must we resist the monopoly capitalists' attack on the International District?

Firstly, it is not a matter of simply shouting "down with capitalism" and then in practice going on crusades to reform capitalism.

Instead, our slogan should be:

WE WON'T MOVE--WE WILL FIGHT!

UNITE AND FIGHT FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING!

This means resolutely fighting against any attack the monopoly capitalist class levels at our community, particularly against any more hotel closures or big tourist developments. It means fighting the capitalist state machine to force them to give us low income housing.

Secondly, it means relying on ourselves, the Asian community, to wage the struggle. No reliance on the capitalist government bureaucracy to fight our battles for us! It means smashing any illusions that the capitalists have our welfare in mind.

Thirdly, it means always remembering that a "cure" to the housing problem will never come from the monopoly capitalists, but only from the American working class when they smash the evil rule of the US monopoly capitalists and build a socialist system. THERE WILL NEVER BE A CURE FROM THE GODS OF PLAGUE!

AALAPSF(S), as part of its three point program of 1) Support for national liberation struggles in Africa, Asia, and Latin America 2) Opposing racial discrimination 3) Support for the anti-fascist struggles of the American working and oppressed people, has for a number of years actively supported and participated in the struggle for low income housing in the International District.

We will continue to participate in the International District struggle and we will militantly advance the slogans--

WE WON'T MOVE--WE WILL FIGHT!

UNITE AND FIGHT FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING IN THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT!

OPPOSE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION!

OPPOSE THE ATTACKS OF THE MONOPOLY CAPITALISTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT COMMUNITY!

TWO POEMS BY CLARITA ROJA

(Editors note: Clarita Roja is the pen name of a revolutionary woman writer who is participating in the National Democratic Revolution in the Philippines. Her poetry is known by revolutionary people throughout the world.)

DAMN THE DICTATORSHIP

Damn the US-Marcos dictatorship.
My people starve
While Imelda lives it up with Christina Ford.
Thirty days after San Juanico
Usurped sweat of the Filipino people,
Rice queues longer than any vaunted
"Seventh longest bridge in the world."

Damn the US-Marcos dictatorship.
My people starve
And all the land's riches off to America and Japan.
Ferdinand kisses the corns of the new US ambassador
While coconuts vanish from the stands,
Lapped up by a cabal of compradors
Who careen in olive oil while soap prices soar

Damn the US-Marcos dictatorship.
My people starve
The rice queues lengthen
The prices soar
While Ferdinand schemes to prolong his reign
At least seven years more,
Seven miserable years of civil war.

Damn the US-Marcos dictatorship.
Damn it with a million armalites
To utter destruction.

Manila, Philippines, August 6, 1973

COMMANDER DANTE, HEAD OF THE NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY

Near Mt. Arayat, a few years back,
Commander Dante is said to have eluded
An air-tight enemy dragnet.
It had been drizzling all day,
And a dozen settlers living in the foothills

Had just refused through torture after torture
To say what it was they knew of the revolution
And the head of the New People's Army.
And so, moving like polar bears in tropical country,
The huge wet-through PC troops

Overtaken ever leaf and branch and pebble
In search of their quarry.
They wasted round upon round of ammunition,
Shooting at the cicadas
Chirping innocently up in the trees:

But refused to dirty their olive drabs
In the murky pool that lay silently in wait.
It took twelve hours a dozen maimed or killed and
Three dead cicadas before they gave up the futile quest.
But listen carefully now, to the rest of the story:

Minutes after they had trudged wearily away,
The murky pool stirred, revealing
A small, lithe figure:
Commander Dante, straw plant between lips,
Smiling the victory of the revolution.

Many of the nurses at the VA Hospital have denounced the FBI's harrassment of them during the time they were questioned by FBI agents. They have pointed out that the only desire of the FBI was to try from the very beginning to incriminate the two Filipina women. All questions

centered around the two nurses. None of the facts of the matter were ever looked into. Many other Filipina nurses and at least one white nurse have resigned in protest of the FBI harrassment of themselves and the two nurses.

The fact that the monopoly capitalists' government has assigned as many as 50 FBI men at one time to this frame-up and has invested over one million dollars in it shows that it is a very important case for the monopoly capitalist class. At times they have even arrogantly cast aside the cloak of their own bourgeois laws to try to prove their case. They boast with great pride that in April they threw out their own legality and, for the first time, "testimony" (Neely's hypnotic suggestions) was taken against people not even yet charged with a "crime". (The nurses' arraignment was not until June.) Even the monopoly capitalists' own courts had never before allowed "evidence" acquired under hypnosis to be admissible as testimony.

Why is the persecution of the two Filipina nurses so important to the government? It is because the monopoly capitalist class needs desperately to hide its own responsibility for the deaths and near-deaths of the VA Hospital patients and to pin the blame on Filipino workers.

Aside from its absurd case against the nurses, the government does not even claim to explain the cause of the remaining large majority of breathing failures or the majority of deaths -- most of which took place while neither of the two nurses were on duty. What, in fact, did cause the unusually large number of breathing failures -- 51 -- to take place? They were caused by the decaying system of health-care under monopoly capitalism. Many doctors and nurses at the VA Hospital believe that contamination of the intravenous solution by the drug companies was the immediate cause. Hospital workers know that whole shipments of IV solution are frequently recalled by the drug companies when their contamination is exposed and that hospitals frequently cancel contracts with one drug company and switch to others for this reason. The admitted fact of the gross under-staffing at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital means a smaller likelihood of discovering such defects in time, and is a further indication of decaying health care conditions. But to admit such a thing would be too great a self-indictment of the monopoly capitalist governmental bureaucracy, drug companies and health care system. So the state machine is blaming their own crimes on the workers.

Filipino workers are arbitrarily selected as the target because they are immigrants coming from an Asian country which is waging a vigorous national liberation struggle against U.S. imperialism. Immigrant workers, the state machine wrongly assumes, will be defenseless against attack. Public opinion is prepared against them by reciting the tiresome litany of the monopoly capitalists' campaign against immigrant workers, that "illegal aliens" are "taking American jobs". The Filipinos are from an Asian country and are therefore considered "non-white" by the American bourgeoisie. So they are subjected to the systematic racial discrimination the monopoly capitalists' practice to suppress and super-exploit certain sections of the workers and people and

split them from the others. This practise is being intensified in the present economic crisis in order to split the workers and weaken their resistance to the capitalists' shifting the burden of the crisis onto their backs.

But most important, the U.S. imperialist government is attacking the two nurses to threaten and prepare public opinion against the Filipino people. Under the leadership of the Communist Party of the Philippines, the Filipino people are waging a vigorous national liberation struggle against U.S. imperialism and the fascist Marco clique and Filipinos in the U.S. widely support this struggle. This threatens U.S. imperialism in one of its crucial spheres of domination, in particular its maintenance of the Clark Air Force Base and the Subic Bay Naval Base (and 20 or so smaller bases there) as bases for U.S. imperialist aggression. The revolutionary struggles of the people of Asia, especially since the stunning victories of the people of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia has driven U.S. imperialism back considerably in the area, and while the U.S. imperialists still strive to dominate all of Asia. Contention between U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism for world domination is heating up and both are scrambling for positions for a new world war. Just as the Panama Canal is militarily crucial for U.S. imperialism, so is the Philippines.

Thus the U.S. imperialists need to create public opinion among the American people against the Filipino people, so as to make it easier to "justify" U.S. imperialist domination of the Philippines and weaken resistance against it. So the image is created in the bourgeois press here that two modest, quiet, hard-working and upstanding young Filipina immigrant nurses are actually -- beneath this deceptively mild exterior -- evil mass murderers. As an illustration of the effects of this campaign, Filipina nurses in other parts of the country have suddenly faced suspicion from patients influenced by the bourgeois propaganda.

Thus the monopoly capitalists and their government hope to kill two birds with one stone-- blame their criminal health care system on others and prepare national chauvinist public opinion against the Filipino people. But they cannot succeed in this vicious endeavor. Filipina Narciso and Leona Perez courageously stood up to the intimidation of the government, have refused to be pressured into making false confessions and have often joked about the flimsiness of the government's concocted case against them. Support for the two nurses has developed rapidly among the Filipino and American people, who are refusing to allow the U.S. imperialist state to disunite them. 150 people packed the court-room for their arraignment in Detroit in June, to show their support. Committees have formed in many cities throughout the U.S., in Canada and in the Philippines to support them. One committee, the Narciso-Perez Legal Defense Committee, based in Ann Arbor, which is made up of many Filipino immigrants and Americans, including university students, doctors and nurses from the VA Hospital, was instrumental in raising \$15,000 bail money for the two women in just 24 hours. Many people offered to post their homes as bond to gain the release of the two women from

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jail. The Philippine Nurses' Association of Chicago has taken up the struggle, and the nurses have gained popular support from the Filipino people in the Philippines. Two Filipino lawyers flew to Michigan from the Philippines this July to express the support of the Filipino people and to offer their help on the legal front. The extent of the support the two nurses have gained has even forced some local bourgeois papers to moan about the flimsiness of the government's case against the two.

The American workers and other progressive people will not be fooled by the bourgeois government's campaign to "legally" lynch the two Filipina nurses, Filipina Naciso and Leona Perez, and to create national chauvinist public opinion against the Filipino people. The U.S. monopoly capitalist class and its state machine are the poisoners of the VA Hospital patients and are the common enemy of both the Filipino and American people. The two peoples will unite to defend the nurses and in the great struggle to overthrow and eliminate U.S. imperialism. End.

OPPOSE THE U.S. MARCOS DICTATORSHIP SUPPORT THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION! EDITORIAL

Led by the political party of the Filipino working class, the Communist Party of the Philippines, the Filipino people have further intensified their resistance on all fronts against the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship to achieve genuine freedom and independence.

The armed struggle of the New Peoples' Army (which is the main form of struggle) has spread throughout the Philippines. The people's army now has guerrilla forces and fighting fronts in eight regions: Northeast Luzon, Northwest Luzon, Central Luzon, Southern Tagalog, Bicol, Eastern Visayas, western Visayas, and Mindanao. The NPA is presently annihilating large numbers of US-Marcos' troops and has helped the people to establish basic organs of political power in the countryside.

Linked up with the armed struggle are the struggles of the Filipinos in many fronts, workers striking in the cities, squatters fighting against evictions and persecutions, political prisoners organizing inside the jail and concentration camps, etc.. The U.S.-Marcos is sitting on top of a big volcano that is about to erupt and bury them once and for all, by the masses of the people through people's war.

The establishment of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship, being an open declaration of war against the Filipino nation and people, have further strengthened the unity of the Filipino people fighting this evil regime. The National Democratic Front, the united front of all progressive and democratic Filipinos, has made a tremendous stride in these past four years and is currently shaking the very foundation of the united front of the imperialists, big landlords, compradors (export-import capitalists) and Marcos and his gang of bureaucratic capitalists. The NDF will hasten the complete overthrow of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship and make a national democratic Philippines a reality. With the Communist Party of the Philippines, the New People's Army and the National Democratic Front, the revolutionary struggle of the Filipino people will be tortuous, but our victory is certain.

LONG LIVE THE PHILIPPINE REVOLUTION!
LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO PEOPLE!

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT TEN POINT PROGRAM

To put an end to the dictatorial rule of Marcos, a broad national front is steadily being built up among all anti-fascist forces. This united front is committed to the complete overthrow of the US-Marcos dictatorship and the establishment of a coalition government truly representative of the people's democratic interests.

We here reiterate the ten-point programme for revolutionary action put forth by the Preparatory Commission of the National Democratic Front to serve as the basis of unit among all patriotic groups and individuals.

1. Unite all anti-imperialist and democratic forces in order to overthrow the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship and work for the establishment of a coalition government based on a truly democratic system of government.
2. Expose and oppose US imperialism as the mastermind behind the setting up of the fascist dictatorship, struggle for the nullification of all unequal treaties and arrangements with this imperialist power, and call for the nationalization of all its properties in the country;
3. Fight for the reestablishment of all the democratic rights of the people, such as freedom of speech, the press, assembly, association, movement, religious belief, and the right to due process;
4. Gather all possible political and material support for the underground and the armed resistance against the US-Marcos dictatorship;
5. Support a genuine land reform programme that can liberate the peasant masses from feudal and semi-feudal exploitation and raise agricultural production through cooperation;
6. Work for the improvement of the people's livelihood, guarantee the right to work and protect national capital against foreign monopoly capital;

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