

The Labor Party Calls for Real Welfare Reform

An End to Corporate Welfare & a Constitutional Right to a Living Wage

from The Labor Party

Election-year pandering to what he assumes is a widespread lack of public support for anti-poverty programs that fight hunger and homelessness has led President Clinton to sign the misnamed "Welfare Reform" bill. The problem, though, is not welfare. It is the lack of jobs with decent pay and benefits.

While we hope for better from the President and other elected officials, the Labor Party is not surprised after looking at the recent record of political actions that have intensified the economic insecurity facing America's working people: NAFTA and GATT, corporate welfare in the form of tax breaks and direct subsidies, deregulation and subsequent bailout of the Savings & Loan industry, dismantling public sector services and jobs, and tax cuts benefitting the very wealthy. Corporate quest for profits has resulted in years of "downsizing" working people out of hundreds of thousands of jobs with no social policy reaction by politicians. Social Security and Medicare have been targeted for actual or potential cuts dis-

guised as "reforms" or measures to "protect the solvency" of these funds. The dismantling of anti-poverty programs disguised as "welfare reform" is the beginning of wholesale rollbacks of the social insurance programs all working people pay into and benefit from in times of need, corporate downsizing, illness, injuries, and old age.

This "welfare reform" attacks all working people — not just those whose benefits are cut. Despite its proponents' claims to the contrary, this bill's so-called workfare provisions will allow for replacing regular jobs that pay wages and provide benefits with slots filled by recipients of public assistance who will work in exchange for their meager grants instead of wages. Not only are these grants much below the minimum wage — in some states less than \$200 a month for a family of three, states may avoid cash payments entirely in favor of an in-kind arrangement in which aid recipients will work in exchange for food stamps, commodity foodstuff, or other noncash benefits. This amounts to creating

pools of labor inside the American economy that are in effect coerced and forced to work for subsistence or less. This will effectively depress other workers' wages as well. The lowest 30% of wage earners can expect a 13% reduction in income as a result of this legislation, according to a recent analysis by the Economic Policy Institute. This will push more working people to, and over, the brink of poverty.

Programs stigmatized as "welfare" have been an important, though inadequate, safety net of last resort for many working people. The main public assistance program, Aid to Families with Dependent

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Editorial: Labor tells Clinton:

No Blood for Votes!

With the assumption that he already has labor's votes in his pocket, Bill Clinton is openly pandering to the right wing voters. In an effort to galvanize his campaign, President Clinton is going all out for popularity poll points with the reactionary sectors of the population. While his pro-labor positions have been empty rhetoric, his anti-labor positions have been baptized in real blood at home and abroad.

Clinton's attack on Iraq was an obvious political ploy. "Punishing Saddam" was timed to eclipse headlines about the latest embarrassment in his campaign. The way for this was paved by the Republican Bush administration's demonization of Saddam Hussein to justify Operation Desert Storm — a war for imperialist control of oil and power in the Persian Gulf. Americans have been programmed to hate the very sight of the Iraqi leader. Saddam's face alone (dark and scowling) is used to evoke chauvinist support for unjustified acts of war against the Iraqi people.

While painted as defense of the Kurdish people against the dreaded monster Hussein, the fact remains that the area involved is within the borders of Iraq. Great nation imperialist arrogance simply disregards international law on national sovereignty. Military might makes right. When Iraq polices its own territory, this is "aggression." But when the U.S. invades to police the weaker country's business, this is "defense" of national rights. (If anything, the fact that the CIA is reportedly based in this area has more to do with U.S. concern than the national rights of the Kurds.) U.S. imperialism is national oppression on a world scale, including within its own borders. Would Clinton or Bush find it okay if another country bombed the U.S. on behalf of the Black Belt or Chicano nations?

Clinton's latest attack on Iraq did not even use the fig leaf of UN sanctions to cover up naked U.S. aggression. The punitive bombing of Iraq was a unilateral decision of the U.S. President, aimed mainly at bolstering his political campaign at home.

The election-oriented attack was used to project an image of President Clinton as Captain America. Death and destruction were depicted in true comic book fashion. The Good Guy vs. the Bad Guy. Bill Clinton, the white American hero, takes on Saddam Hussein, the evil Arab villain! Zap! Boom! "Take that, Hussein!"

Behind the cartoon characters, the reality is that Clinton, far from a hero, is murdering real people. For his personal political gain, the U.S. President unleashed missiles against a small country, which is unable to defend itself. Iraq's economy at its most developed was equivalent to the state of Kentucky; today, its infrastructure has not even begun to recover from the destruction of the Gulf War.

This is due in part to the economic embargo imposed at U.S. insistence, which has prevented even medical services, sanitation, and food from returning to pre-war levels. Besides the civilian war casualties, the economic embargo has caused more than 500,000 Iraqi children under age 4 to die of starvation or illness.

But Clinton's disregard for children's lives and human lives in general should come as no surprise to U.S. workers. Just before the Republican Convention, this political opportunist signed into law the Welfare "Reform" bill that will subject millions here — especially babies and small children — to starvation and illness. The only significant difference between this Welfare "Re-

form" Act and the one that Clinton previously opposed is that this one came up in an election year. In fact, it is the Democratic President who at a stroke enacted many of the planks of the Republicans' Contract on America.

Both the bombing of Iraq and the attack on the neediest Americans pander to U.S. chauvinism and white supremacy. Both actions target populations who have been demonized and dehumanized in the media. The lies that "Arabs are all terrorists"; "the people on welfare are all Black and Latino"; "women have babies just to get benefits", etc., are used to create divisions in the working class and support for imperialism's program for national oppression. The act is already being used by the states against immigrants and people of color to target them for destruction.

But in fact, these attacks do not just affect the target populations. They are actually attacks on the entire working class at home and abroad. As more and more people are becoming unemployed and insecure, there will be less and less government obligation to ensure their survival.

The newly founded Labor Party has condemned Clinton's signing away Federal responsibility for social programs. The Labor Party calls for "Real Welfare Reform — an end to corporate welfare and a Constitutional right to a job at a living wage!" This is qualitatively different from "workfare," which will do nothing but force people to work for less than

minimum wage while causing more unemployment for those currently working.

Since the goal of the "balanced budget" is Newt/Dole/Clinton's excuse for rending the social safety net, how is there one million plus dollars per missile for bombing a country that has not attacked us? How can there be money to bomb Iraq's working class, but no money to improve the quality of life for working class people here?

Labor must stand in solidarity against imperialist attacks on our sisters and brothers. This includes employed and unemployed, in the U.S., in the oppressed nations, and internationally. An injury to one is truly an injury to all.

This means letting Clinton know he cannot have labor's support for his anti-labor agenda:

In our unions, we must condemn the corporate America's attack on the working class and oppressed nationalities here. **Endorse the call for real welfare reform - an end to corporate welfare and the fight for a Constitutional right to a job at a living wage!**

In our unions, we must also condemn U.S. imperialist aggression. This is never in the interests of labor. It is the sons and daughters of the working class (of both the U.S. and Iraq) who become the cannon fodder in imperialist wars. **Demand an end to economic and military war on the Iraqi people!**

Let Clinton know he cannot have our support for his anti-labor agenda. **Join and build the Labor Party!**

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Black Churches Burning! Defense Movement Building!

by Eileen Duffy

There have been arson attacks against 75 black churches from the start of January, 1995, through the end of July, 1996. This is more than twice the total from the previous five years combined! In the mid-summer, 7 more churches were burned (in Arkansas, Alabama, Texas, Mississippi, and South Carolina) at a rate of 2 a week. Yet the issue has faded from the national media and there is no strong law enforcement effort against these crimes.

While great fanfare has been given to the FBI's relentless pursuit of the "Unibomber" who attacked white executives, there is no similar expenditure of time and money to stop these escalating hate crimes against African American churches in the Black Belt South. Exposure and mobilization against these white

supremacist acts is happening only at the grassroots level. The National Council of Churches, the Center for Democratic Renewal and the Center for Constitutional Rights, have been working together to investigate the fires. They have found a pattern of racism in the attacks — ranging from racist graffiti at the scene to death threats and racist insults (by phone and mail) in coordination with the arson.

At the same time, community associations, labor unions, women's groups, progressive political organizations, and churches of all denominations have contributed money to rebuilding and defense. The newly formed Labor Party made the condemnation of the arson against Black Churches into a program plank. This movement must continue to build — up to and including the armed defense of

African American churches and other rallying places which have historically been pulpits for organizing for Black rights.

The burning of Black churches is a physical symbol of the escalating political attack on Black political power. This is being carried on through Supreme Court emasculating of Affirmative Action, the Voting Rights Act, Equal Opportunity legislation, and destruction of the right to Black majority political districts.

Through the mass campaign to rebuild the churches and stop the arsonists, a viable political movement in support of the right of self-determination for the Black Belt South can be built. The concrete crimes of white supremacists can be turned into the exposure and destruction of the entire system that oppresses African Americans.

Raise the campaign against the Black church burnings in your own union or organization today. For more information on what to do, contact the

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Jim Hightower:

On the Stump for the Working Class

Interview by Dennis DeMaio

After energizing a dinner crowd of Central Labor Council leaders in Denver with his trademark working class populism, radio commentator Jim Hightower sat down with me to discuss politics, the labor movement, and the significance of the Denver meeting **DD: Unlike most radio commentators, you are not afraid to talk about the working class. Why is the working class virtually invisible in the mainstream media and two party politics today?**

Hightower: Elvis Presley answered that best for us when he sang, "Money, Honey"! Both political parties are tied to the corporate interests. By controlling the money, the corporations control the legislative agenda, who gets nominated, and who is even considered a serious candidate.

DD: Is that why we never hear the "class" word?

Hightower: Yes, or anything about the class war. In fact, there has been a class war being waged against working people for the last 20 or 30

years. As represented in this [Central Labor Council] meeting, working people are suddenly fighting back in the class war. It is beginning to get their attention.

DD: What are the consequences of this class war?

Hightower: Ordinary working people are the ones who are paying the price for the ethic of greed that has replaced the American way over the last couple of decades.

DD: Do you sense any change in the roles and relationships between the Central Labor Councils and the AFL-CIO leadership as they address this struggle?

Hightower: This meeting has been called by the Labor Councils themselves and then blessed by the national labor leadership. In the past, the Councils could have called themselves together, but not only would it not have been blessed, it would have been condemned [by the AFL-CIO leadership]. It suggests to me that there is a real awakening at the national leadership level that you cannot have a top-down movement.

You have to have a bottom-up movement from the grassroots.

DD: And what message does all this send to Newt and gang?

Hightower: They talk about the American family and family values, but in fact they do not represent the true American family values of economic fairness, social justice, and equal opportunity for all people. Those are the principles that America was founded on, and those are the principles that ought to be at the core of our politics. Newt and gang want a politics of economic elitism, social injustice, and opportunity only for the special few.

DD: What is the strategy to resist this oppression?

Hightower: We have to build at the grassroots level. That is what this meeting represents — a politics that invests in grassroots people again!



Jim Hightower addresses Central Labor Council Conference of the AFL-CIO.

PHOTO: DENNIS DEMAIO

Self-Determination for Hawaii:

The Struggle Continues

by Clara Lewis

A special plebiscite on sovereignty for Native Hawaiians sponsored by the State of Hawaii was held this past summer. The ballots were mailed to descendants of the original Polynesians who inhabited the islands prior to the imperialist invasions by United States and Japanese business and missionary interests. More than 80,000 ballots were mailed, and 30,000 were returned. Of those who voted, almost 3/4 favored some form of sovereignty for Hawaiians.

The vote grew out of a long term struggle for self determination for Hawaii. The demand was so strong that in 1988 the Congress of the United States passed an "Apology Bill," apologizing for the injustice committed when U.S. marines overthrew the legitimate government of Hawaii in 1893. The bill admits that "The indigenous Hawaiian people never relinquished their claims to their inherent sovereignty as a people over their national lands to the United States... through a plebiscite or a referendum." These concerns were not considered when the U.S. annexed Hawaii as a State in 1959.

The referendum was seen by some Hawaiian rights groups as an attempt to finally legitimize U.S. imperialist domination of Hawaii and set up some kind of reservation system similar to that which continues to oppress Native Americans. The largest Native Hawaiian rights group, Ka Lahui Hawaii, denounced the election as invalid, citing the return of only about 40% of the ballots. They also objected

to the co-optation of their struggle for Hawaiian rights by the State, the very violator of so many of those rights. Other groups pointed out that a real plebiscite for Hawaiian sovereignty could only legitimately be held once all military occupying forces were removed from the Islands. The demand for the removal of occupying forces is similar to that raised by Puerto Rican independentistas.

While the plebiscite in Hawaii has shown without a doubt that the Native population demands a change in their status, the struggle for self-determination continues. Hawaiian rights groups are demanding an end to U.S. imperialist occupation of Hawaii. There have been ongoing campaigns opposing the desecration and pollution of Hawaiian lands and waters for corporate profit. Imperialist "development" does not benefit the people, but exploits their land and destroys their culture. Areas that are sacred to Native Hawaiian religion, are being converted for mining and missile sites. The environment and fishing industry are being destroyed.

For progressive people in the U.S., ignorance of the Hawaiian struggle is no excuse. The right to national self-determination is not precluded by the political inclusion of a nation into the United States borders. We must develop a campaign for education in support of self-determination for Hawaii.

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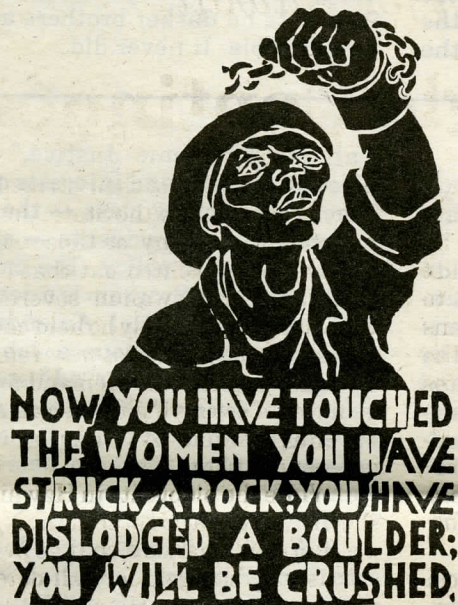
This is an artist's conception of the future appearance of the Big Island of Hawaii, strangled by cables, electrical towers, and pollution. [From the Pele Defense Fund, 1988.]

Unions Take Up the Issue of Domestic Violence

Fighting for a better life for families is a priority of the working class and should be a priority of labor unions. A new coalition of labor unions in New York has demonstrated their commitment to the family and to women by publishing a pamphlet entitled "Domestic Violence: A Guide for Union Action."

The pamphlet points out that both sexual harassment and battering are linked to the second class status of women. Although men may be victims of domestic violence, women and children are overwhelmingly the victims.

Not only a theoretical statement about the problem of battering and domestic violence, the pamphlet contains many practical suggestions about what unions and individual workers can do to combat this social plague. Following are several excerpts. We hope you will take the time to order this valuable resource.



Why Should Domestic Violence be a Union Issue?

Unions can be a key force in stopping violence against Women.

- The trade union movement has a strong tradition of fighting for social and economic justice. By working with men and women in our unions to stop domestic violence, we are continuing this tradition. Domestic abuse must be seen as part of the political agenda, because it is a family issue, a public health issue, a workplace issue, and a community issue.

- Violence against women is a form of discrimination. It is a violation of one's rights, and exists in a society in which women are treated as lesser citizens. Women are paid less, have fewer opportunities for advancement and are more marginalized in the political system.

- Domestic violence is a factor in on-the-job problems, including excessive absenteeism, abuse of sick leave, or poor job performance. When these problems result in disciplinary actions, union delegates/stewards must become involved. Our members may also be the perpetrators of domestic violence.

- Many of our union members work in professions that deal directly with domestic violence and its consequences. Our professions include: police officers, emergency dispatchers, social workers, attorneys, medical service personnel, nurses, corrections officers, and security personnel.

- Many union members are at risk of being victims of workplace violence, as domestic violence is the genesis of many incidents; e.g., a worker is shot by a violent partner who also shoots other employees, or a batterer who has just lost custody of his children shoots the social worker who testified against him.

What Unions Can Do:

Union Training

- Be sure all members have information about where to refer other members for help.
- Help women become more confident by running assertiveness training workshops.
- Include information about domestic violence as part of your steward/delegate training.

Labor - Management Initiatives

- Negotiate employer-paid legal assistance for use by abused women and other types of assistance programs.
- Be sure that your Member Assistance Program includes services for victims of domestic violence.
- Either independently, or in cooperation with the employer, sponsor workshops about domestic violence. In virtually every community the battered women's shelter will be glad to supply a speaker.
- Work with the personnel or human resources departments to ensure that procedures are in place to protect victims of domestic violence in the workplace.
- If you work in a profession that deals directly with the problem and you see ways that services you provide could be more effective, strategize with the union about how to get your ideas implemented.
- Negotiate contract language that is supportive to victims of domestic violence, including leaves of absence, transfers, workday security, and paid time to attend court hearings.
- Provide all members with information about their rights...

For information about ordering the pamphlet please write:

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Postal Workers:

Post Office Accountability Day: November 14

Since the shooting deaths at the Post Office in Royal Oak, Michigan, trade unionists in the area have called for management accountability for this violence on the job. Despite clearly documented evidence of abusive management that led to this and other outbreaks of rage from Postal workers, the U.S.P.S. continues to place the blame on the victims.

There is no discipline taken against abusive managers. Even when the Unions insist on their removal, they are rewarded by being "kicked upstairs" — i.e., given promotions to move them away from worker complaints. Meanwhile, the Postal Service has unilaterally enacted a policy they call "Zero Tolerance" against violence. This so-called "Zero Tolerance" is selectively enforced by management, allowing them to target individual workers by firing them for alleged "threatening language." Meanwhile threats, abusive language, and even assaults by Supervisors against workers have not only been tolerated, but encouraged.

In a landmark arbitration victory on August 16, 1996, Arbitrator Snow ruled that management had to be bound by the same rules as craft workers for accountability in work place violence. This breakthrough provides an ideal setting for a mass campaign for this year's Postal Accountability Day to embarrass and pressure abusive managers.

This year, for the first time, the Conventions of the two largest Postal Unions, APWU and NALC,

have passed resolutions to honor "Accountability Day" nationally. (The National Postal Mail Handlers Union has such a resolution pending as well.) The APWU has designated November 14, in response to the push for this measure, initiated by the Royal Oak workers and local leaders in 1993. This is fitting, since the Royal Oak shooting stands out as being provoked by a militaristic management style which is still thriving in offices throughout the U.S. Unfortunately, the NALC has not yet designated a date and elements of top leadership are resistant to setting the November 14th date which came from rank-and-file demands.

Of course, the message to management will be strongest if all the Unions rally the workforce to this effort on the same date. Once again it is clear how competing craft unions weaken the solidarity of postal workers against their common enemy.

Workers for One Postal Union and concerned Postal workers in all the Postal Unions encourage nationwide participation in "Postal Accountability Day" on November 14, 1996. This grassroots effort will force the issue of management accountability for abusive behavior.

Charlie Withers, Royal Oak Chief Steward of the National Association of Letter Carriers suggests the following "Accountability Day" activities

1. Wear black arm bands.
2. Put wreaths out commemorating the shooting, which was due to abusive managers.

3. Notify your local media about the accountability day observance and the need to stop abusive management in order to curb violence in the Postal Service. Also the need to hold problem managers accountable to the same discipline system as craft employees.

4. Circulate petitions to employees in your office supporting accountability actions against abusive managers. Send petitions to Marvin Runyon, and your national union. (Please send Charlie Withers a copy of any petitions.)

5. Organize informational pickets concerning the Postal Service addressing abusive managers. Give examples if problems are occurring in your office. (Don't use individual managers' names; just address it as "management.")

For questions or information, contact: Charlie Withers at 1-810-546-7179 or write:

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While this editorial from *THE CITY SUN* does not endorse the newly founded Labor Party per se, it is indicative of the breadth of the call for an alternative to the two parties that only represent the interests of the rich. This viewpoint shows how vital it is that the Labor Party speak for Black America, which has long been disenfranchised by the political structure. The time is now to rally oppressed nationalities and the working class to a Labor Party that will speak for all of our interests against the interests of corporate America. — Editor, WPN.]

To Hell With The Lesser of Two Evils!

It's Time for a 3rd Political Party!

Reprinted from the editorial of *THE CITY SUN*, New York's most authoritative Black weekly newspaper, September 4-10, 1996.

Now that the Republicans and Democrats have completed their public orgasms, the citizenry can settle down and evaluate their respective performances. As for me, I declare A POX ON BOTH YOUR HOUSES. Both Bill Clinton and Bob Dole have left no believable room for Black America to maneuver in. The tax-break family-values scenario is

not only scary but false. Tax breaks are made for and benefit the wealthy while at the same time, the poor, working poor, and middle class bear the brunt of the cost of government. The rich get richer and only complain about big government. Colin Powell, now worth more than \$6 million, is commissioned to explain to Blacks how the Republican big tent really works

and how suddenly the Christian Right Wing and other redneck types want to "adopt a darkie" for a pre-Thanksgiving November 5th feast. Meanwhile, Bill Clinton's point man Jesse Jackson is up to his old tricks, and old rhetoric. Both Republicans and Democrats have little use for Black Americans except to vote blindly for programs that benefit all, except Blacks. The time has come to explore a third avenue that leads to self-interest while allowing both Dole and Clinton to swing in the wind.

How can you believe Dole, a man who stands before the nation extolling family values, yet walked out on his first wife, without any explanation; and then holds hands with a Georgia redneck who not only left his wife, but refused to pay her alimony and take care of his two kids. Are these the family values of the Christian Right? Let's end big government candidates.

Then, there's Bill Clinton whose wife is afraid to let him out of the house at night, lest he scare the

women of Washington with a friendly greeting as he waves from his limousine, with Jesse Jackson at his side. On top of that, he signs a Welfare Reform Bill that the redneck handed him and that puts Black children deeper into poverty than they already are, and tells the nation, "Don't worry, just put me back in the White House and we'll straighten it all out."

We've heard that before and have been scammed mightily. Now is the time to think about and plan to be the swing vote, not only nationally, but statewide and locally. Well, what should we do about our leaders, you ask? When their agenda is self-interest and not our interest, go a third way, and start now. The Republicans will deliver nothing no matter what Colin Powell and Jack Kemp say. The Democrats have taken advantage of us for years. Forget Charles Rangel, Jesse Jackson, and Clarence Norman, Jr. They can only deliver speeches and nothing else. The American family wants no darker brothers at the dinner table. It never did.

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Children, has been the equivalent of unemployment insurance and paid family leave for many women workers whose employers don't offer these benefits. As the pro-corporate, bipartisan consensus pursues policies that increase unemployment and under-employment, more and more American workers will find themselves in need of this safety net.

We know that people want to work when at all possible and when working yields a return; no one wants to, or should be forced to, work for less than subsistence and under horrible conditions. The sixty-year-old anti-poverty program apparatus is part of the hard-won system of safeguards — like Social Security, Medicare, OSHA, the Wagner Act, and Davis-Bacon — that American working people have won against corporate power and prerogative. An attack on any piece of that system is an attack on all of it. Thus the *Wall Street Journal* reports that the Democratic Leadership Council is prepared next to join Republicans in pushing to privatize Social Security.

The Federal Reserve Board shapes monetary policy to ensure that unemployment never dips below a minimum of 8 million people — in a perverse formula that economic health = what's good for a small group of investment bankers and wealthy bondholders. Similarly, almost every day brings news of more corporate mergers and "downsizing."

In the first five months of 1996, layoffs totalled more than 230,000 — up 34% from 1995 (*Economic Notes*, July/August 1996). Corporate-led trade policy intensifies this sacrifice of America's working people; using the same formula that the U.S. Commerce Department relied on for its projections, Public Citizen estimates that in its first two years, NAFTA has cost the U.S. 1,000,000 jobs.

The trend is clear; we are living through a many-pronged attack on American wages and living standards. Still, the politicians and pun-

its claim that people who receive low-income public assistance simply do not want to work or are poor because they are in some way defective or inferior to the rest of us. And they persist with this ugly stereotype even as they support policies that render more and more of us jobless. In fact,

• In 1993, 2 million full-time, year-round workers were living in families with incomes below the poverty level, and another 448,000 families headed by a full-time worker would have fallen into poverty without aid from low-income public assistance. ("Welfare Myths: Fact of Fiction," Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law, 1996).

The Labor Party understands that this "welfare reform" legislation arises from and reinforces a punitive mindset that is based on myths about who is poor and why. We recognize that women do not have babies to get the paltry benefits available through AFDC. In fact,

• 43% of families receiving AFDC have only one child, and 73% have no more than two, and the birthrate among women on AFDC is lower than that for the society at large. ("Welfare Myths: Fact of Fiction.")

We recognize that there is no "welfare trap."

• Most families receive benefits for no more than two years at a time.

A recent study in the respected *Journal of Marriage and the Family* found that

• There is no significant relation between having grown up in a household that received low-income public assistance and using it oneself. (Mark Rank, "Welfare Use Across Generations: How Important Are the Ties That Bind?", 1995.)

We also denounce the vile racial and gender stereotyping and victim-blaming this legislation dishonestly manipulates, the stereotypes of African-American and Latino irresponsibility.

• The preponderance of families receiving AFDC are, and always have been, white, and there has been no explosion in adolescent child-bearing among black or brown women.

The scapegoating of the poor diverts attention from the real welfare giveaway — corporate welfare.

• In 1950, for every dollar individuals paid in income tax, corporations paid 76¢; by 1992, corporations paid only 21¢ for every dollar paid by individuals (Labor Institute), and one-third of giant U.S. corporations — with assets of \$250 million or more — paid no federal taxes at all. (U.S. GAO, *International Taxation: Taxes of Foreign and U.S.-Controlled Corporations*, June 1993).

The cost of corporate welfare contrasts strikingly with that of low-income public assistance. To give an idea,

• Corporate welfare in 1994 totalled \$104.3 billion (federal tax breaks of \$53.3 billion plus federal direct subsidies of \$50.9 billion); for the same year, AFDC and food stamps cost \$38.22 billion. (James P. Donahue, *Aid For Dependent Corporations, Federal Estimates of Corporate Welfare for 1994*, Essential Information, Inc., 1994.)

This "welfare reform" in fact increases corporate welfare at the same time that it attacks the working class. The legislation allows private employers to make use of "workfare" recipients to fill their employment needs. So not only does this "reform" enable private employers to recruit involuntary, non-wage labor; it has the government subsidize them in doing so. This is clearly an attempt to restore a version of the forced labor of the workhouse or the convict-lease system that the labor movement fought so hard against in the 19th century.

The Labor Party stands squarely and absolutely opposed to all this sort of "welfare reform" and its agenda of dividing the American working class by demonizing those people who have been pushed to the margins of the corporate-dominated economy. We expose this abominable legislation for what it is: a veiled attack on all American workers.

In June, nearly 1400 delegates representing more than 1.2 million organized workers at our Founding Convention adopted a Program, "A

Call for Economic Justice," that places the needs and interests of the American working class — the vast majority of U.S. residents — at the center of public policy. The critical linchpin of that Program is a demand for a Constitutional Amendment Guaranteeing Everyone a Job at a Living Wage. (\$10/hour, adjusted for inflation.) Every U.S. resident must have access to a job that pays above poverty-level wages as a basic human right.

We also call for:

• A severely prohibitive Job Destruction Penalty Law that would require firms to pay severance to laid-off workers and to compensate communities for the social costs attendant to lay-offs;

• Restoration of workers' rights to organize, bargain collectively, and strike;

• An end to all forms of discrimination, scapegoating, or other form of injustice — including hate crimes — on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, age, creed, or language;

• Four years of free post-secondary public education for all U.S. residents;

• A trade policy based on enforcement of strong international labor standards;

• Elimination of corporate welfare;

• Redirection of tax policy to concentrate the burden on the wealthy and corporations;

• Paid family leave, and subsidized, high-quality childcare and elder care centers for all;

• A revitalized public sector and a public commitment to insure that labor plays a central role in shaping technological development and implementation.

This Program represents the Labor Party's understanding that the appropriate response to poverty is economic justice and restriction of corporate power, not a toxic cloud of punitive social policy that only masks the class war predatory corporations and their politician allies have declared on America's working people.

The Elections Without Choice and the Communist Movement of Russia

[Working People's News is honored to receive this article from Nina Andreeva, who is carrying the banner to preserve the legacy of the October Revolution and restore a socialist and united Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.]

Through an exposure of Zyuganov's history of collaboration and opportunism, she is able to explain the current political situation in Russia. At the same time, she expresses confidence that the working class will be the motive force for the fight against Russian and international capitalism.

WPN has made some minor grammatical changes in the English translation for clarity, as well as excerpting a small portion of the text for space considerations. The full and unchanged version is available from WPN upon request. — Editor]

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All-Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks (AUCPB)
Leningrad, 30th of July, 1996

At the end of the '80s, the stabilization of the processes of restoration of capitalism in Russia had become the main task of the bourgeois reformers. It was also the main point for the strategists of international imperialism. They understand that the outcome of the international bourgeois counter-revolution depends directly upon the perkiness of the communist movement on the national and international scene. The leaders of the capitalist world concentrated their main efforts upon the weakening and dissolution of the revolutionary parties from within. They provoked desertion, opportunism, and capitulation.

Such a "neutralization" of the communist movement is only the first step towards its degeneration and liquidation. Remember that international capital, and its representatives, Gorbachev and Yeltsin, implanted the headquarters of the counter-revolution into the Central Committee itself of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU). As soon as they had dissolved the CPSU, they were able to liquidate the Soviet Union and to strike heavily [at] the international communist movement.

The first period of "perestroika," the bourgeois reform in Russia, passed under red flags. Millions of soviet people expected socialism to be strengthened and purified, but they were deceived. During the second period, the opportunism of the CPSU took the form of right-wing social democracy and bourgeois liberalism. Soviet communists did resist. At first, they gathered into platforms within the CPSU — the Bolshevik, Leninist, and Marxist platform. Then they founded their parties, the All-Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks (AUCPB), the RCPW, and the RPC. The Yeltsin regime tried to prevent the spread of their influence into the masses, but was not able to interdict their activities. The show trial against the CPSU ended in an agreement between Yeltsin's people and the "partocrats", and the foundation of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF). The so-called communists, Zyuganov and Kuptsov, took the [leadership of this party]. Zyuganov and his men have begun to try to "embrace and strangle" all the other communist parties in Russia. So they hoped to neutralize the Russian communist movement. Renouncing Marxism-Leninism step by step, the leadership of the CPRF has deceived its own organizations, and has in fact helped Yeltsin to reinforce the power of capital in Russia.

Role of Zyuganov in weakening resistance to the restoration of capitalism

Nowadays it is clear that from the very beginning the CPRF played the role of a buffer between the bourgeois restoration and the communist movement. The CPRF felt itself obliged to prevent violent conflicts between the robbers and the robbed. The whole road of the bourgeois degeneration of the CPRF is personified by the activities of its leader, Zyuganov.

So, in August, 1991, the member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the RSFSR, Zyuganov, was afraid, and did not support the State Committee for the Emergency Situation in its weak tries to save the Soviet Union. In the Supreme Soviet, Zyuganov convinced the deputies to vote in favor of the "sovereignty" of Russia, which meant in favor of the agreement of Belovezhe. In 1992, Zyuganov became chairman of the Co-ordination Committee of Patriotic Movements. Precisely in this period, Russian patriotism took its anti-socialist, and sometimes even reactionary and social-chauvinist, forms.

In 1993, Zyuganov changed [this office] for the seat of chairman of the Central Committee of the CPRF. In September and October, during the manifestations in Moscow, he made instigating appeals. Then, suddenly, the "first communist of Russia" appears on television and appeals to keep one's distance from the deputies of the Supreme Soviet, who are besieged in the White House. One shouldn't go into the streets, nor take part in the mass actions in protest against the regime.

Meanwhile the other communist parties boycotted the elections for the Duma and the referendum about the Constitution of the Russian Federation, [but] Zyuganov brought voters to the [polls]. So he saved the adoption of an overtly reactionary and bourgeois Constitution.

The first parliamentary fraction of the CPRF at the Duma, directed by Zyuganov, ...collaborated with Yeltsin's regime, and wrote the laws of the bourgeois reforms. In 1995, Zyuganov's party brought 22% of the 64% of voters to the elections for the Duma. The participation of the CPRF in the electoral campaigns of 1993 and 1995 legalized bourgeois parliamentarianism in Russia.

...In March 1996, the parliamentary fraction of Zyuganov at the State Duma [took] the initiative of putting to the vote a condemnation of the illegal

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RADDI is using this art installation by Rejin Leys to help raise consciousness about immigration.

On January 1, 1996, 7 Haitian organizations in the U.S. founded a grassroots coalition in New York called "Rassembleman Ayisyen pou Defans Dwa Imigran" (Haitian Mobilization to Defend Immigrant Rights). They aim to educate and mobilize the Haitian community against the new "anti-immigration hysteria caused in part by a wave of racist and anti-immigrant legislation coming out of Washington and state legislatures across the country."

The Anti-Immigrant Backlash

The following is excerpted from RADDI's excellent article in the NY City Sun (September 18-24, 1996):

...The Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, signed into law in the aftermath of the World Trade Center and Oklahoma bombings, is the newest vehicle enabling the INS to summarily deport thousands of hard-working and law-abiding residents.

Undocumented immigrants are entering a new hell. They do the dirty work, pay taxes, and fulfil a vital function in the U.S. economy. But they are denied the most basic human rights: health care, education for their children, and equal protection under the law. Worse, their children, born in the U.S., now run the risk of being denied citizenship — a right enjoyed by millions of white Americans born before them in similar circumstances. Legal immigrants are not exempt from the anti-immigrant backlash. Due to the new "Welfare Reform" Bill, signed into law by President Clinton, foodstamps, disability insurance, Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, student loans, and other assistance programs, paid for in part with their taxes, are now off-limits to their families. ...

Facts v. Hype

Public opinion in the U.S. is now violently against immigrants. The average American is convinced that there are too many immigrants in the country, that they take jobs away from U.S. citizens, that they sponge off welfare and other government benefits, and that they are responsible for high taxes, crime, and the high cost of education.

The facts are quite different. Immigrants work and pay taxes. The majority of immigrants work in low-paying jobs that are unacceptable to middle-class workers. In the current global economy, most of these jobs would have otherwise relocated to overseas free-trade zones where labor is both abundant and cheap. ...Business Week recently calculated that they contribute \$70.3 billion in taxes annually and only receive \$5 billion in welfare benefits and \$11.5 billion in primary and secondary education benefits....

Why this new Backlash?

The U.S. has been in a recession since the mid-1970's....Millions of blue collar workers have lost their well-

paying manufacturing jobs and now survive on low-paid part time or temporary jobs. Angry and frustrated, divided and confused, workers and other people at risk in the changing economy have become a fertile ground for anti-immigrant sentiments. Immigrant scapegoating has proved an effective way to allay their fears and divert them from the real causes of their problems.

But the anti-immigrant backlash is not affecting all immigrants equally. The visible immigrants are the people of color — Black, Latino, Arab, or Asian, who began migrating in large numbers to this country after the 1965 Immigration Act. White immigrants, whether they are here legally or overstayed their visa, find themselves at home, with nothing to fear unless they become politically undesirable. Black and Central American immigrants in comparison are singled out for summary deportation and long-term detention. Anti-immigrant forces consider the elimination of Black and Latino immigration a matter of national security. The Federation for American Immigration Reform and conservative leaders like Patrick Buchanan want to preserve the country's "ethnic integrity." (Keep America White.) The visible immigrants are not above harassment even after they become U.S. citizens.

A Survival Guide

...The scapegoating of immigrants will continue until immigrants organize themselves, together with other groups and communities under attack, in order to protect and enforce their rights. ...[While naturalization is a protection for some] in the long run, the new citizens cannot secure their rights while other immigrants and oppressed people remain under attack. ...And, above all, we must be ready to fight to the bitter end to serve our people and secure their rights. Without strong intra-group solidarity, and a solid front among the many communities under attack, there is no survival.

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RUSSIA'S ELECTIONS WITHOUT CHOICE

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treatment of Belovezhe. But even this position...did not intend to re-establish socialism....The Duma resolution was dictated, in the words of Duma speaker and Zyuganov's ally, Selezniyov, by the wish to prevent the masses from solving the problem themselves in the streets. As one saw later, the Duma did not appeal to the broad masses. It did not mobilize the parties, political movements, or trade unions in order to sustain this decision.

An important step towards the political stabilization of the regime was the legitimization of the [position of] the presidency in Russia. In 1991, Yeltsin was elected president of the Russian Soviet Federate Socialist Republic. He took the oath on the Constitution of a socialist republic. Even recently Zyuganov declared that the presidency is "inadmissible for Russia." Now he himself is running for president!

A popular-patriotic bloc was made for Zyuganov, on the basis of the CPRF, consisting of more than 150 parties, organizations, and movements, belonging to very different ideological and political tendencies. In the social and economic program of Zyuganov's bloc, the main aspects of Russian state monopoly capitalism are formulated. On this basis he wanted to operate after his election as president.

As the second round of the elections approached, the positions of Zyuganov and Yeltsin came closer to one another. The two candidates for the presidency sustained the fusion of the top of the state apparatus with the banks and financial and industrial groups. They helped the super-monopolies to take over the agrarian sector, and [helped] the Russian banks in their participation in the transnational monopolies. They supported their expansion within and without the CIS. Zyuganov, as well as Yeltsin, denied the antagonism within society between the "reds" and the "whites." They frightened and threatened the petty-bourgeoisie with a civil war. They called the counter-revolution a "revolution." ...So the question arises: WHO is helping WHOM? Yeltsin? Zyuganov? Or Yeltsin Zyuganov?

Yeltsin swayed the petty-bourgeois administrators to defeat Zyuganov

... In the newspapers of the CPRF and the patriots, many reasons are quoted which explain why Zyuganov lost. We think, however, that a crucial reason has not been mentioned. It is the oscillation of the petty-bourgeois environment, to whom Yeltsin recently has found the way.

In the regions, this petty-bourgeois environment is controlled by the regional organs of power — the governors, the leaders of the administration, the mayors, the legislative organs, the directors, the officials, and so on. The local administration is made up by the lower landed nobility ...of the former CPSU. Not only the prosperity, but also the bare survival of the simple workers depends upon the will of these local [directors]. The regional powers had contributed to the victory of Zyuganov in the elections of 1995 for the Duma, in a period when the social conscience moved to the left. In 1996, Yeltsin executed a strong pressure upon his administration; he threatened and rewarded; his popularity went up in the polls; and he has won. The officials were not ready to give

up their well-paid jobs and their personal privileges. In the region of Krasnodar, for instance, ... the campaign was made attractive by free wine and parties. At the end, the result of the presidential elections was determined by the partocracy of the former CPSU. They judged that one bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

The defeat deprived the CPRF of its perspectives. The next elections are far away, and the revolutionary methods contradict its principles of a parliamentary party. Zyuganov, who calls himself a communist, launched the anti-Communist hysteria again, and the defamation of communist ideas. He hid himself in the so-called popular-patriotic bloc. The danger exists that Lebed and Yeltsin could afford to persecute the Marxist-Leninists, arguing that the people didn't support the communists.

Electoral campaign used to intensify problems within the communist movement in Russia

The electoral campaign enhanced the difficulties within the communist movement of Russia. A series of organizations of the RCPW entered the CPRF. A grave discord appeared in the Moscow section of the RCPW and "Working Russia." An attempt was made to ruin the second congress of the AUCPB. Provocative articles appeared in "Pravda," pretending that the AUCPB appealed to vote for Zyuganov. The "national-Bolshevik" Editchka Limonov has arisen. Mini-parties, calling themselves AUCPB, appeared. These are very small groups of a dozen provocateurs. They said to support Zyuganov in the presidential elections. But the first principle of these so-called Bolsheviks is the struggle against the AUCPB.

In all this noisy anti-Bolshevism, we recognize the "tracks of Yeltsin and Zyuganov"!

Alexander Yakoviev, the hoary cardinal of the "gorbastroika," turned to the neo-communist Zyuganov, with whom one can always make a deal. He talked about the necessity of an implacable struggle, not even against communism, but against Bolshevism and Stalinism. The pathological anti-Stalinism became a leading theme of the propaganda of the regime.

Now Zyuganov shows his readiness to collaborate with Yeltsin and his men. He looks for a means to remain in the center of social attention. Together with Selezniyov, he announces his conditions for participation in Tchernomirdin's government. Meanwhile, he forgets that he himself called it "a government of executioners." ... Zyuganov and his men declared that they demanded only a key position in the two-party system, which "is really forming itself in Russia." In this view, the electoral popular-patriotic bloc is rebuilding itself into the Union of Popular-Patriotic Forces. The organizing committee of N. Rishkov prepares the Program and the Rules of this Union. He elaborates the regional and local structures, and prepares the Founding Congress for the 7th of August, 1996. The CPRF is apparently ready to dissolve itself into this ordinary, hastily built, bourgeois party. ...The actual line of Zyuganov after the presidential election unmasks him as a renegade even more than a career as president could have done. That is the logic of capitulation and opportunism. ...

Should the parties of Roscomsoyous merge into one communist party?

[Roscomsoyous is apparently a sort of informational coalition to coordinate the left parties. — Ed.]

The RCPW (V. Tyulkin), the RCP-CPSU (A. Prigarin), the RPC (A. Kryutchkov), "Working Russia" (V. Anpilov) took part in the parade of the last election campaigns. They appealed to their partisans to vote for Zyuganov. They put forward a number of conditions, to which Zyuganov did not pay attention.

In contrast to the CPRF, the parties of Roscomsoyous tried to refer to Lenin. In their words Lenin would have said that as a first step one should unite with the opportunists in order to defeat the big bourgeoisie, and afterwards come out against the opportunists. It is well-known that Lenin esteemed the acquisition of an unlimited freedom of propaganda and agitation amongst the masses an indispensable condition for any compromise or alliance. Now the leaders of Roscomsoyous, who supported Zyuganov, admit that they could not use the electoral tribune for agitation in favor of socialism. Zyuganov's men didn't even want to do so. Life confirmed again the correctness of another of Lenin's theses, namely that the proletariat cannot conquer power from the bourgeoisie by an electoral campaign. In this context, the question is put forward if parties of the irreconcilable opposition were right to support Zyuganov's candidacy in the presidential elections.

Anpilov's unsuccessful try to "direct" Zyuganov did not profit him. Now the RCPW is ready to enter the Union of popular-patriotic forces, and is elaborating the conditions for it. Meanwhile, the RCPW is examining the possibility of using the tribune of Ribkin's governmental Consultative Political Council "for the struggle for the Soviet Constitution, in order to unmask the settled two-party system." The leaders of the RCPW are not even embarrassed by Zyuganov's declaration that "the left wing radicals do not interest [him]. They do not have financial means, and few people vote for them." Will the RCPW fall [off] the dreadful precipice of the CPRF? Many are worried about it.

One of the consequences of the presidential elections and the formation of a bourgeois two-party system in Russia is the tentative [effort] to force the unification of the parties of Roscomsoyous into one left communist party. We esteem the organizational unification proposed by the RCP-CPSU (A. Prigarin) as premature. It will not profit the communist movement.

[Andreeva summarizes that (1) the parties of Roscomsoyous have not learned to organize common meetings and mass activities which allow all to be heard; (2) they have not learned to work together in the mass movements of women, youth, trade unions, etc.; (3) No serious joint political document has ever been elaborated; (4) The main goal of forming one party seems to be as a parliamentary electoral bloc. "We are on our guard against this. By this means, the opportunists could again lead the Russian communist movement far away from the organization of the revolutionary struggle of the masses."]

And, in the last place: the AUCPB functions in all the republics

of the former Soviet Union. So the AUCPB cannot enter as a whole or partly into a Russian unified communist party. ...

The working class is the motive power for rebuilding socialism

Let us now analyze the electoral results from the angle of the perfection and development of the communist movement. One must admit that without unmasking and destroying opportunism, it is impossible to rebuild socialism. One must raise the ideological and theoretical maturity of the communist parties. The important [thing] is not to be able to find quotations from Leninism, but to master the complex system of political ideas of V.I. Lenin and the continuer of his cause, J.V. Stalin. One must develop the ideas of Lenin and Stalin under the concrete conditions of Russia in the post-socialist period. This will permit us to raise the proletarian and revolutionary potential of the activities of the parties of Roscomsoyous. This will be the main aspect of the objective process of Bolshevization of the communist movement on the territory of the Soviet Union. It does not depend upon someone's will. [It is] precisely bolshevization [which] orients the communists towards the working class, which is the motive power of the reconstruction of socialism. [It is] precisely bolshevization [which] points at the task to unite and organize the working class in the crucible of the actual class struggle.

The main orientation of the activities of the AUCPB inside the country was formulated by the second congress of our party: "To strengthen the link with the working class, the working collectives, the Soviets of workers and other proletarian organizations. One must consider the participation of the communists in the organization of the strike movement as the main road towards the revival of the proletarian dictatorship and the Soviet power. One must help the collectives of workers to resolve their practical problems in their struggle for life and jobs. One must help them to establish links with the other strikers and enterprises, and with the agricultural workers; and to formulate the economic and other demands. One must help them to obtain and spread experiences in the strike movement, to draw conclusions, to transform the strike committees into soviets of workers — basic organizations of soviet power, and a starting point of a real dual power. One must examine public opinion in the workers' environment, the situation within the trade unions, the Soviets of workers, and the other organizations of the workers. One must snatch the working class out of the influence of the reactionary trade unions. One must educate the class consciousness of the working class. One must seize the revolutionary opportunities in the Soviet country. One must attract the kolkhoz and sovkhoz peasants in order to support the strike struggle of the industrial workers and organize the aid to the strikers and the unemployed."

It is not the parliamentary debating society, nor the steps taken by the president in the interests of the dominating minority of "new Russians" that will assure the survival of the people. It is only the revolutionary struggle of the workers for their violated rights that will resuscitate our great State, the Soviet Union of Socialist Republics.

Labor le dice a Clinton:

Ningun voto por sangre!

Clinto asume que ya tiene en el bolsillo, el voto de los trabajadores, a la vez está abiertamente buscando los votos de la ala derecha. Tratando de galvanizar su campaña, quiere el voto popular de los sectores reaccionarios de la población. Aunque sus posiciones pro-laboristas no han sido sino retórica vacía, sus posiciones anti-laboristas han sido bautizadas con verdadera sangre aquí en Estados Unidos y en el extranjero.

El ataque ordenado por Clinto contra Iraq fue simplemente una jugada política. El "castigo de Saddam" se llevo a cabo a la misma vez para cubrir la última vergüenza de su campaña. Este trayectorio ya se había abierto cuando la administración de Bush el Republicano demonio a Saddam Hussein para justificar la Operación De Tormenta en el Desierto - una guerra por el control imperialista del petróleo y el poder en el Golfo Pérsico.

Bajo la consigna, el poder militar imperialista lo hace correcto, el reciente ataque de Clinton, ni siquiera uso las pretensiones de las aprobaciones de las Naciones Unidas para cubrir su agresión abierta descarada estadounidense. El castigo bombardeo de Iraq fue una decisión unilateral del Presidente EU, conducido para alzar su campaña electoral aquí en EU.

El ataque conducido para favorecer las elecciones se uso para proyectar una imagen, una caracterización del Presidente como el Capitán América. La muerte y la destrucción se presentan como algo de los comicos. El bueno contra el malo. Bill Clinton el héroe blanco americano, contra Saddam Hussein, el diablo árabe villano!

Zap! Bum! "Gustele o no Hussein!"

Detraz de esta caracterización de un héroe de un comico, la realidad es que Clinton, lejos de ser un héroe, está asesinando gente verdadera, para ganancia personal política, el Presidente de EU desenlazo los cohetes misiles contra un país pequeño, el cual no se puede defender. La economía de Iraq, en su estado mayor de desarrollo era equivalente al estado de Kentucky; hoy en día su infraestructura no se ha recuperado de la destrucción de la Guerra del Golfo.

Esto se debe en parte al embargo económico, bala la insistencia de EU, el cual previene hasta servicios medicos, sanidad y alimento nutritivos regresen a los mismos niveles de antes de la guerra. Además de los civiles que murieron en la guerra, el embargo económico ha causado la muerte de más de 500,000 niños iraquíes menores de 4 años de edad, que mueren de hambre o de enfermedades.

Pero el desinterés de Clinto de la vida de niños y de humanos en general no debe de ser una sorpresa para los trabajadores EU. Poco antes de la Convención Republicana, este oportunista político firmo la ley de la "Reforma" de Bienestar Público la cual sujetará millones aquí - en particular bebés y niños pequeños - al hambre y enfermedades. La única diferencia significativa entre el Acto de la "Reforma" de Bienestar Público y el acto que Clinto se opuso anteriormente, es que este sucedio durante un año electoral. En hecho, fue el Presidente Demócrata, el cual con una seña meramente, aprovo muchas de las leyes propuestas por el Contrato con América de los Republicanos.

Ambos el bombardeo de Irtaq y el ataque contra los necesitados americanos se basa en el chovinismo y la supremacía blanca. Ambos enfocan la población que ha sido demonizada y dehumanizada por los medios de comunicación. Las mentiras que los "árabes son terroristas"; "la gente en Bienestar Público son todos Negros y Latinos"; "las mujeres dan luz para poder recibir los beneficios", etc, se usan para crear divisiones dentro de la clase obrera y apoyo para el programa imperialista por la opresión nacional. El acto se está usando por los estados contra inmigrantes y pueblos de color para señalarlos para destruirlos.

Pero en hecho estos ataques no le afectan solamente a esta gente, es un ataque contra toda la clase obrera aquí en Estados Unidos y en el extranjero. Mientras más y más gente sean desempleadas y sin seguridad, el gobierno tendrá menos y menos obligación para asegurar su salvación.

El nuevo fundado Partido de Labor ha condenado a Clinto por renunciar su responsabilidad por programas sociales. El Partido de labor llama por una "Verdadera Reforma de Bienestar Público - el fin al bienestar público de las corporaciones y el derecho Constitucional de tener empleo con un salario para sobrevivir!". Esto es cualitativamente diferente de "trabajo-público" que no hace nada sino forzar a la gente a trabajar por menos que el salario mínimo mientras causa más desempleo para esos que están trabajando.

Ya que la meta de un "presupuesto balanceado" es una excusa de Newt/Dole/Clinton para establecer una red de seguridad social, como es eso que hay un millón y

más de dólares por misil para bombardear un país que no nos ha atacado? Porqué hay dinero para bombardear la clase obrera iraquí, pero no hay dinero para mejorar la vida del pueblo de la clase obrera aquí en Estados Unidos?

El Labor debe tomar una posición firme en solidaridad contra los ataques imperialistas contra nuestras hermanas y hermanos. Esto incluye el empleado y desempleado en los EU, en las naciones oprimidas e internacionalmente. Un ataque contra uno es un ataque contra todos.

Esto significa dejarle saber a Clinton que no puede tener el apoyo de labor por una agenda anti-laborista:

En nuestra union, debemos condenar el ataque por las corporaciones americanas contra la clase obrera y las nacionalidades oprimidas aquí.

Apoyar la llamada por una reforma verdadera de bienestar público - fin al bienestar público para las corporaciones y luchar por empleos un derecho Constitucional con un salario justo!

En nuestras uniones, debemos condenar la agresión imperialista EU. Esto nunca es a favor del labor. Son los hijos e hijas de la clase obrera (de ambos EU e Iraq) los que se convierten en carne de cañón en las guerras imperialistas.

Demandamos el fin a la guerra económica y militar contra el pueblo iraquí! Dejenle saber a Clinton que no puede tener nuestro apoyo por su agenda anti-laborista. ¡Unansen y construyan el Partido de Labor!

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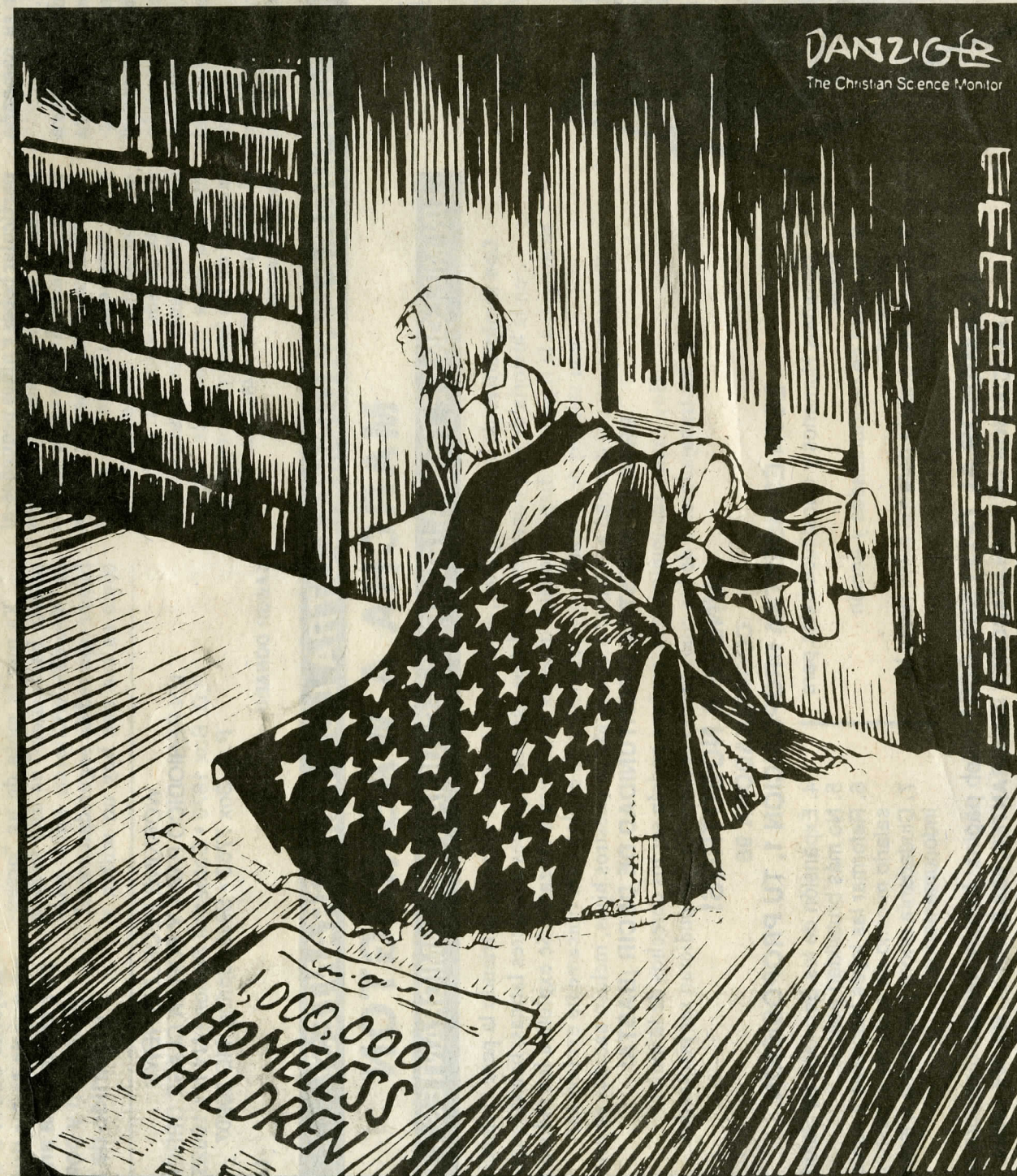


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