



American Workers Party

NO REGISTRATION.

NO DRAFT.

NO WAR

WOMEN SHOULD NOT REGISTER for the DRAFT

President Carter's plan to "help to maintain peace and to prevent conflict in the region of the Persian Gulf and southwest Asia" is to register all 18 and 19 year olds. By the end of next year, about 12 million young people (about equal to the number in service during World War II) would be easily called up should Congress enact a military draft.

Carter has called his registration plan a "symbolic act" and claimed in his Feb. 13, press conference that registration does not mean reinstatement of the draft.

Yet, Madilyn Albright of the National Security Council, told student leaders this month that the world is in the middle of "the greatest crisis since the end of the Second World War."

And the following story has run in the papers lately: Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's top national security advisor, asked a group of student leaders how many were in favor of a volunteer army. Almost all hands went up. Then he asked how many would volunteer, and when almost all the hands went down, Brzezinski said, "That's why we need registration."

Carter's registration plan is far from symbolic. If symbolism alone could satisfy the current administration's determination to throw away detente with the Soviet Union, we might all be asked to sign petitions opposing this or that Soviet policy. Instead, 18 and 19 year olds are being asked to sign up for military duty.

Registration is only the first step toward bringing back the draft.

College students throughout the country realize this and many have reacted quickly by organizing and demonstrating.

There is one side to this registration plan which leaves a particularly bad taste in our mouths. The fact is that Carter is playing with the lives of American youth in an attempt to gain a couple of points in the presidential election campaign polls.

As with the Iran situation, and now with Afghanistan, Jimmy Carter has shown the extent he is willing to go to just in order to hang on to his political position.

The maintenance of peace will not depend on Carter's savage bid for re-election, nor on the Pentagon's new war budget.

Peace will depend on the American people's willingness to tell the war politicians no.

It wasn't Henry Kissinger's constant lie "Peace is at hand," nor Richard Nixon's cold-blooded bombing of Haiphong in '72 which brought an end to the US involvement in Vietnam.

The American people ended the Vietnam war through honest, dedicated, untiring protest.

This time it is even more critical to make our voices heard. As one Princeton University student protester put it recently: "The advantage of being able to mobilize two weeks faster (because of registration) is lost when the war will probably be over in two hours."

ORGANIZE and DEMONSTRATE

**...and
NEITHER SHOULD MEN!**

2 CARTER'S BOOST TO BUSINESS

The day before Carter's State of the Union speech, the stock market experienced a rapid and profitable advance. "There was speculation that plans to further increase defense spending will be announced or implied," said a Wall Street consultant to the Wall Street Journal (1/22/80). Well, Wall Street speculated on a sure bet.

In his State of the Union address, Carter adopted a cold-war mongering stance and soon announced his record high \$152 billion defense budget. In fact, defense spending will be advanced so rapidly that economists are concerned that the US does not have sufficient numbers of skilled machinists to carry out the increased military orders.

In other words, as another friend of the Wall Street Journal said, "Khomeini and Brezhnev have postponed the recession. We're in a war economy." (2/1/80)

We only hope that Carter and Wall Street will be satisfied with the profits of a "war economy" and not plunge us into a thieving war that will decrease the number of skilled machinists even further by throwing 18 and 19 year old apprentices onto the battlefield.



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LAKE PLACID ONE MORE PRISON

While millions of television viewers are eagerly watching the 1980 Winter Olympic Games, few realize the fate of the multi-million dollar Olympic Village once the games are over. Thanks to the ingenuity of the U.S. Olympic Committee and the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the Olympic Village is destined to become a new federal prison. This site will soon be the home for 500 youthful offenders, 70% Black and Puerto Rican, who will be hundreds of miles from their urban homes in Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

A host of organizations, including Stop The Olympic Prison (STOP), and individuals have worked for months to force the federal government to change their plans. Dr. Phil Shinnick, director of sports studies at Rutgers University and political activist, calls the prison plan

160,000,000 AMERICAN HELD HOSTAGE BY RADICAL INFLATION

The Consumer Price Index soared in January to an annual rate of 16 percent. This increase was the highest since August 1973 and was led by a surge in the prices of gasoline and heating oil. January's 1.4% jump capped off a nearly 7% drop in consumer purchasing power over the year.

Meanwhile, oil corporations reported record profits for the four quarter of 1979. Based on results reported so far, 1979 was the best year ever for the oil industry. The doubling of world-wide crude oil prices to \$27 a barrel raised the price of most petroleum products. Oil companies are reporting sharp higher earnings from refining, marketing and chemicals.

More and more politicians, including Ted Kennedy, are calling for Wage and Price Controls as the answer to inflation. Carter's voluntary wage-price guidelines have had little effect on prices while wages and purchasing power have dropped at least 2% in real terms in the last year.

Wage-Price Controls mean "wage controls" and nothing else. To institute Wage-Price Controls today means freezing gasoline prices at over \$1.25 a gallon, freezing profits at record levels, and freezing the American workers' loss of purchasing power.

While business is thanking liberals like Kennedy for his call for wage-price controls, the American worker is paying more and getting less and less.

"a grotesque mockery of the essence of international sport, namely cooperation, peace and harmony".

This was not the idea of the residents of Lake Placid who voted in 1974 to host the Olympics. Many felt the Olympic Village would be a perfect site for a college or senior citizen housing complex once the games are over.

Amid all the threats and talk of war over Iran and Afghanistan, and Carter's pledge to boycott the 1980 Summer Games, it is especially ironic that the U.S. would convert the Olympic Village into a prison, while the Soviet Union has stated their Olympic Village will become a model Soviet city.

One more prison to jail America's jobless youth only symbolizes the fact that the U.S. jails more people on a per capita basis than any other nation in the world - except SOUTH AFRICA!