Just One Cop Is Not Enough, We Have To Kill The Whole System

THE young brother pictured below is named Bruce Lorrick. Don't be deceived by the solemn expression on his face, because he is happier now, than he has ever been before. On June 19, 1980, while a New York pig was trying to rough him up for just standing in front of a subway station, Bruce took the pig's gun and blew his brains out.

Bruce was arrested soon after he shot the pig, and when he got the news that the pig died, he was in jail. After he heard that, he was almost dancing with joy. "I got a cop! I got a cop!" he shouted to his cellmates as he celebrated getting even with the cops that made him suffer throughout his life. The *Daily News* reported that that was the only moment he showed some kind of emotion during the whole day.

The capitalists think that Bruce is sick. But we know why Bruce did it. All his life he has suffered national oppression. He dropped out of the school system at 16. He tried to escape his oppression with drugs. After he left school his life was one fight with the cops after another. He was busted several times. Countless police murders taught Bruce that when you're dealing with the cops it's kill or be killed. That's why he killed the cop first. He would rather die while doing that, then get killed lying down. This is the temperament of the U.S. people in the 80's. People can no longer live in the old way and are willing to die fighting for a better chance. That's what Bruce's action represents.

What Bruce did is a spontaneous, individual response to the oppression that capitalism heaps on the entire U.S. people, especially oppressed nationalities. And Bruce is by no means alone. There are thousands and thousands of people who just can't wait to send a few cops to the big pig sty in the sky. Last year Terrence Johnson, an Afro-American youth from Washington, D.C., and Dave Costa a young Hawaiian worker both took off tools of the U.S. government.

The Communist Workers Party treasures the raw hatred of class exploitation and national oppression that Bruce, Terrence and Dave symbolize. And you better believe that a whole lot more cops will bite the dust in the years to come. Bruce's deed testifies to the fact that the U.S. people can't live in the old way any more, and would rather fight and die than live in this capitalist hell any more. It makes us all the more confident that under correct leadership the U.S. people will tear down the system of monopoly capitalism. And brother Bruce, if the New York pigs let this paper get through to you, we want you to know that we stand with you.

But at the same time we want to make it clear that killing one pig, one tool of the monopoly capitalist alone is not enough. We have to have a revolution. A socialist revolution. The only way for the people to get justice is to overthrow the whole damn system of monopoly capitalism. Socialism is going to be pure hell for the capitalist class and we're going to love every minute of it.

To make a socialist revolution, we must be guided by the revolutionary science of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought, and we have to have the leadership of a Communist Party. And the Communist Workers Party is that Party. Under communist leadership the anger of the U.S. people will be channelled into a gigantic torrent that will seal the doom of the capitalists. Without communist leadership, the revolutionary temper of the U.S. people will be left at the level of individuals and spontaneous responses to their oppression. And that would be one of the biggest crimes of all time.

Fight on brother Bruce, Fight on! •



Bruce Lorrick on his way to jail after killing a N.Y. pig. He jumped up in joy after he heard that the pig died.