**The Present Is the Future**

This week the book has been closed on the entire post-war chapter of world history. The era of post-war capitalist prosperity is ended. All that is left of that past is frightened people hugging to the thinner shreds of their obsessive illusions.

Santa Claus is dead. Donner and Blitzen are rotting in the streets, Santa Claus's corpse, with a few bits of flesh and hair still sticking to the staff, lies slumped across the sleigh. There are a few coloured, cheerfully telling themselves that Santa Claus will be back on the roofs, as usual, come Christmas.

Look at their faces: Their eyes a little too widely opened, the smile too gratefully drawn, there is a quaver in their voice as they speak. Look in the mirror: It is you.

You have not seen it all. Soon, you will lose your job—probably to a "welfare" leaker, a militant-oriented super-hero, a battle-scarred veteran, some gang member brought in from a ghetto neighborhood. Then you will lose your home as the mortgage is foreclosed, the car is repossessed, and then you are a "welfare leaker" being herded to a job away from the pay working near you to tood. That's your future, and the future has already begun.

You have two ways to go.

**The Dionysians**

To see one of these alternatives today, look at the black and Spanish-speaking ghettos. They are no longer somebody else's world. They are your future, the future Herbert Hoover Nixon is building for you. They are yourself, cradled in poverty, nurtured in an isolated '68. New Solidarity's forest of Johnson Jones Baxa. Hungry! Baxa, you will eat your neighbor in the name of "Community Control." Cold winter? You will burn your neighbor's house to warm yourself. You will be a buzzard, like Jake Dee Baxa, you will eat carrion, then carrion—and become carrion.

You think not? We know you better than you know yourself. When you see a black mother throw off "welfare" to starve because of some "eligibility" lawyers, what do you say? Another welfare chippier off my tax-farm. If you do, you are already thinking like a vulture. That's your future. Then you will lose your children. If you already hate a vulture, who will you act when the cry of "every man for himself" goes up in your neighborhood?

**Be Human**

Why not decide to become human now. The future is the present, what you become today is the life you and your children will have tomorrow. You all sit down and cry, We will say it out loud. We do not apologize for being "communists." We do not explain why we are the right and the only way to choose. We do not explain why we declare. "We are communists and animals. Within five to six years the most, there will be socialism in North America and Western Europe or else there will be Brazil and Auschwitz everywhere.

All, but you have no time to "mess with "Communism." You have a family to worry about; you have to be "practical." Better to see your children, five years from now, in a fascist state, than to be a "communist" now. We trade unionists have ways of doing things you don't seem to understand. What a miserable fool you are if you are a fellow such silly things.

Trade unions are bulled as effective self-contained fighting forces for real wages and job conditions: anyway, all the trade-union leaders have already joined the enemy camp with Messy! You are going to get back to honest, militant trade-unionism with a "militant" and socialist cause! You are playing a bad joke on yourself. We speak frankly; you are beinglatitude. Santa Claus is not coming this Christmas.

Then you set up another argument. You say, "What does this little paper know about important things like that?" Now, you have really walked into it. This little paper speaks for the only group of people throughout the entire world who have known what was up for the past fifteen years! We have correctly predicted every part of the development of the world and national economy for more than ten years. We have been absolutely right when every government expert, every trade-union official, and everyone else has been consistently flat wrong.

On the record, this little paper represents the only group of people anywhere in the world who know which end is up — who know how to discover which end and it up. Check it out for yourself. Check back on what we have said in this little paper in the past and compare that with what happened. Check out everyone else you can think of in the same way.

You have only this choice. You can choose to ride along as you are going, and end up in fascism in about five to six years. Or, you can choose to become a "communist" and work within. That is your only choice. Santa Claus is not coming this Christmas.

**Allegheny Gov't Initiated Race-Baiting in Phila.**

Philadelphia, March 12 — A black community organizer has inform the Labor Committee that North Phila­delphia welfare and community organi­zers have recently been subjected to racist hate phone messages from the National Socialist White People's Party, a self-styled Nazi organization based on the fascist ideas that many oppressed minorities feel about white working people. As such, these messages represent an implicit call for a battle with guns; it is all the same a class war, with Nixon and his unionists on the other. In such a war, there are only two sides, Theis is the one of willing by 1978 or 1979 at the latest. We know exactly how to do it, we know exactly what strategy has to be followed, beginning with limited struggles today, to get to the point of winning by 1978 or 1979 at the latest.

Right now, the immediate "military" objective is the battle around the committee to rebuild National Welfare Rights, an organization of the greater number of unemployed (15-1 per cent of the actual labor force: already — not Nixon's phony figures) and trade unionists who understand what has to be done. If the unemployed don't have an organization, the organized worker can't win a single struggle. Organizing the unorganized, including the unemployed, has always been the basis for fundamental victories by labor everywhere always.

That is the beginning. That battle must be won at all costs, it is not a battle with guns. It is all the same a class war, with Nixon and his allies and dupes on one side, and we and the unemployed and some trade unionists on the other. In such a way, there are only two sides, This is the first battle that builds toward workers' government by 1978 or 1979.

Get with it! The unemployed need support of any possible kind for the March 23 Philadelphia Welfare Conference. You are fighting for yourself and your children in the only way that counts. Santa Claus isn't coming any Christmas... until you take over the job.