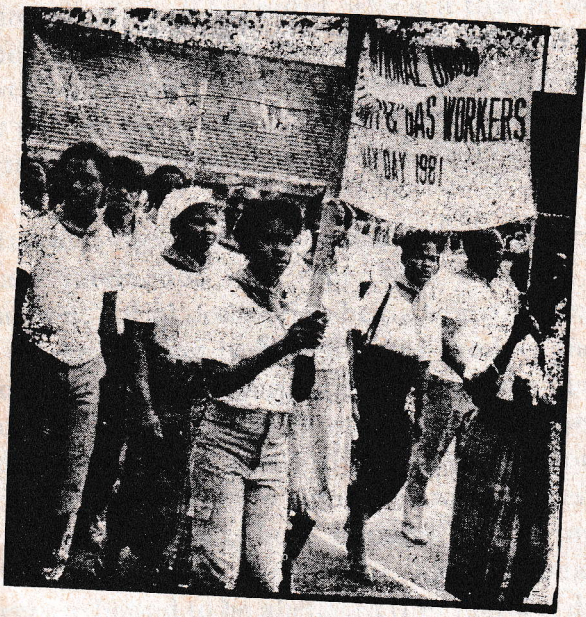


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TO THE NIGERIAN WORKING PEOPLE.....

The live wire of any society is its working people. The working people are significant in society principally because of their use of knowledge, discipline and dedication in the often difficult tasks of exploiting nature for the satisfaction of man's needs. So crucial is the position of the working people that they should be seen rightly as makers of history. However if the picture of the working people is so beautiful why is it that in some part of the world they are faced with problems such as poverty, ignorance, disease, illusion and oppression? In order to offer an answer it would be necessary to have an understanding of how society is organised today.

Man as a social being necessarily lives in society and his basic interaction with other men is in the field of production. Social production being a creative endeavour relies on the working people, for they produce the wealth of society. The importance of workers in social production raises the question of how the wealth of society is distributed. In any society where the workers are denied the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of their labour while those who contribute nothing to the productive process control and accumulate all the wealth, the workers are bound to be alienated (i.e. monkey dey work, baboon dey chop). In such a society, the working people are condemned to a life of misery, frustration, ignorance and disease. This of course leads to the suffocation of the creative energies of the working people.