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Victims of police terror aid cause of Houston 12

Special to Workers World

HOUSTON, Nov. 16—The five members of the Houston 12 charged with attempted murder of policemen are scheduled to go on trial Monday, February 25. Miguel Trujillo, Jose Berriga, Alex Rodriguez, William Christiansen, and Bartee Haile face sentences of two years to life imprisonment if convicted. These five brothers were among the most brutalized victims when, on October 9, Houston police attacked a demonstration against the war in the Middle East. Yet they and not the cops are accused of attempted murder.

The trial will be held in the courtroom of Judge Wallace Moore. In July 1971 Moore presided in the trial of Bartee Haile, one of about 20 people wounded the previous summer by police snipers during a terrorist attack on People's Party II, a Black organization. In this attack, Carl Hampton, the PP II founder and chairman, was murdered. This trial ended in a hung jury

with 7 of the 12 jurors voting for Haile's acquittal of attempted murder of one of the police snipers.

Today the representatives of the district attorney made clear their strategy. None of the 12 will be tried on the charge of aggravated assault on a cop (of which all stand accused) until after the February 25 felony trial. Apparently the DA and his behind-the-scenes bosses hope for convictions, thereby setting the stage for a smooth railroad on the misdemeanors. Aggravated assault on a police officer in Texas carries a maximum sentence of two years in jail.

Police violence against poor and working people continues unabated. Tuesday night, November 13, city police arrested and assaulted Ovide Duncantell, a popular Black activist. Police claim that the head injuries Duncantell sustained were self-inflicted. According to them Duncantell banged his head repeatedly against the

Protests over cop murder of 12-year-old Chicano

By ALEX RODRIGUEZ and BARTEE HAILE

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 17—In the early morning hours of July 24, 1973, Dallas cop Darrel Cain fired his pistol point-black into the head of 12-year-old Santos Rodriguez. Yesterday the same all-white jury that had been forced to return a guilty verdict against Cain gave him the light sentence of five years in jail. Once again Texas "justice" slaps the wrist of another killer cop and proves how cheaply a Chicano life is valued by the racist law.

Cain never denied the murder of young Rodriguez. His lawyer weakly argued that the cop was trying to scare Santos into confessing to the burglary of a soft drink machine at a service station. For this alleged "major crime" Cain and his partner pulled Santos and his brother David from their home in the middle of the night. (Fingerprints later cleared the Rodriguez

walls of the police van on his way to jail! Just the week before, Duncantell ran a strong race for a position on the city council in Houston's local elections. It was during a campaign for the same post in 1971 that Duncantell was framed by the cops on marijuana possession. He was subsequently convicted and now is awaiting a ruling on his appeal of that verdict.

Immediately after the attack on Duncantell, Gloria Rodriguez, a spokesperson for the Houston 12 Defense Committee, said, "The vicious assault on Ovide Duncantell by the racist police of this city is yet another move against the exploited and oppressed, particularly Blacks and Chicanos, and those people who are struggling on their behalf. This campaign of bloody terror in the poor communities of Houston must be ended!"

Members and friends of the Houston 12 Defense Committee are working every day to build public support. Thousands of leaflets and pamphlets are being distributed around the city. Many victims of police violence have come forward to express their sympathy and solidarity. This is but the beginning of a long struggle for the eight Chicanos and four Anglos now known as the Houston 12, a struggle destined to end in victory for them and all progressive people in this stronghold of the oil barons.



Chicano community grieves for 12-year-old boy murdered by Dallas cop. Last week, cop received sentence of only five years.

brothers of this charge.) As they sat handcuffed in the patrol car, Cain put his gun to Santos's head and pulled the trigger. It was revealed in the week-long trial that Santos bled to death in his brother's lap before finally being removed from the car. Also it was disclosed that police took the handcuffs off Santos before his body was photographed.

Darrel Cain still would be stalking the streets of Dallas if it were not for the outraged reaction of the Chicano community and its Black and white allies in that city. A few days after the murder, a march of several thousand people erupted against the cops, putting a number of them in the hospital and inflicting thousands of dollars in damages in the downtown area. The Dallas establishment then realized it had no choice but to put Cain on trial.

The cop's attorney begged the jury not to give his client a prison sentence. "If you put Darrel Cain in the penitentiary where he will be subject to the abuses of the people he helped to put there during his five and a half years as a policeman, it will amount to a death penalty."

In other words, no cop should ever be sent to jail, since the people they've framed and brutalized would then have a somewhat fair chance to really bring them to justice!

Today about 200 people rallied on the steps of the state capitol in Austin. The great majority were Chicano, but many Blacks and whites also turned out. Jose Angel Gutierrez, a founder of La Raza Unida Party in Crystal City, was one of the main speakers. Gutierrez pointed out that Darrel Cain had murdered a white and a Black man before he killed Santos Rodriguez.

"If there had been a rally after the first murder or even the second, we would not have to have this rally today."

He called for the unity of all poor and working people in the fight against police brutality.

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North American Indian Culture Group there, as well as Secretary and Vice Chairman of the National Gay Prisoners Coalition, who had made numerous visits to solitary confinement for never allowing your subordinates to trample on the rights or dignity of their prisoners.

We further protest the segregation in solitary confinement of Mr. Valenzuela's friend, John Gibbs 86976-132, immediately after Mr. Valenzuela's death.

Finally we point out that this murder is the twelfth so far this year at your Leavenworth concentration camp alone.

Attica Brothers

Buffalo, Nov. 15:

Forty members and friends of the Attica Brothers Legal Defense and the Prisoners Solidarity Committee filled the courtroom in Warsaw, N.Y., today, to support five Attica Brothers facing additional charges handed down by the Wyoming County Grand Jury.

Brothers Herbert X. Blyden, Big Black, Jomo, Champ, and Shango were indicted on two counts of murder. In an additional indictment, Brother Shango was charged with murdering Barry Schwartz, one of the hack hostages. Despite this further attempt by the state to harass and intimidate the Brothers with added charges, the Brothers remained strong.

Brother Shango made a statement in court that the Grand Jury's investigation and indictments were "an obscene exhibition of state power." And Brother Herb X. Blyden, fed up with the court proceedings, told Judge Ball he wanted to "get the hell out of this court." All the Brothers served as their own lawyers and refused to plead to any of the charges.

Attica Defense legal coordinator, Don Jellinek, stated that the grand jury is the "most corrupt in American history." Many of its members are friends or relatives of Attica prison guards and have indicted only prisoners, despite overwhelming evidence that the deaths in the yard resulted when Rockefeller ordered his stormtroopers to retake the prison.

Support for the Attica Brothers continues to grow. For more information on how you can help contact: Attica Brothers Legal Defense, 1370 Main St., Buffalo, N.Y. (884-4423), or Prisoners Solidarity Committee, 730 Main St., Buffalo, N.Y. (855-3055).

WW visits Attica

ATTICA, Nov. 19—Workers World was honored to be invited today to a unique celebration held behind the walls of Attica prison. The event, which included Latin music, a "special" dinner, and a program of speakers, was organized by the Concerned Puerto Rican Committee II (the CPRC I organized a similar activity in Comstock Prison earlier this year—see Workers World, vol. 15, no. 13).

Over 300 prisoners were able to attend, plus a few organizations and individuals invited by the Committee. The speakers emphasized the need for unity among all Puerto Rican people, wherever they were born or live now.

A thunderous applause greeted a statement of solidarity with Puerto Rican nationalist Lolita Lebron and in memory of the great Nationalist Party leader Albizu Campos as well as others.

Such political events are concessions forced out of the prison administration and only after terrific pressure.

The unforgettable struggle waged by the Attica Brothers, who rebelled in 1971, and the many large and small acts of resistance by prisoners throughout the country, have forced the prison administration to permit such events.

But the same type of repression that comes down on any prisoners who dare to struggle for their rights, in daily prison life, could not be concealed today at Attica. Three Brothers, Carlos F., Larry Q., and Louis M., were put into "the hole" (HBZ) for organizing the event with the Concerned

Puerto Rican Committee, and as a result they were unable to attend the activity. The prison officials were also very careful not to allow representatives from progressive organizations on the outside to talk freely with the prisoners. They clearly fear the repercussions of news getting out about the crimes that are committed daily against inmates at Attica.

The couple of hours that Workers World was able to spend with these Brothers confirmed that the struggle initiated by the heroic Attica Brothers in 1971 is by no means over. We were struck by the capacity of oppressed people to struggle against every obstacle.

Those clenched fists, held high, and the proud spirit shown during the singing of La Borinquena, the Puerto Rican national anthem, proved once again that with the unity of those on the outside, our Brothers and Sisters inside can tear down the walls and free the victims of race and class oppression!

Illinois death law

By JOHN LOMBARD

CHICAGO, Nov. 15—The Illinois legislature has taken its cue from the U.S. Supreme Court: A bill designed to make application of the death penalty "uniform" has been approved overwhelmingly by the Illinois Senate and House. It awaits only Governor Walker's signature. Walker, who has already shown himself to be a staunch enemy of the poor and oppressed, worked hand in hand with the legislature to create a "constitutionally sound" execution bill, and he will surely put it into law.

LAW PROTECTS PROPERTY, NOT LIVES

What is significant about this bill is that it serves as a more sophisticated weapon in the hands of the big property owners than the old "loosely applied" statutes. It specifies that certain acts against property (arson, hijacking any public vehicle, robbery) are capital crimes when a murder is committed. Furthermore, the risk is minimized that juries might convict on a lesser charge out of sympathy or just plain unwillingness to share in the responsibility for an execution. Instead, every murder conviction will be reviewed by a three-judge panel to decide whether it fits into a mandatory death category, that is, whether or not property was violated.

It is plain that the old demand for a deterrent to murder has been discarded for a new one: the demand for better protection of property in a time of crisis and growing awareness among the masses of poor and working people.

No longer is murder itself a capital crime. For example, a cop who murders a civilian is not subject to a mandatory death sentence; a prison hack who murders a prisoner is exempted also; and a war criminal like Lieutenant Calley remains unpunished. Yet, cops and prison guards, along with firemen, are protected by this new law, because killing them means automatic death!

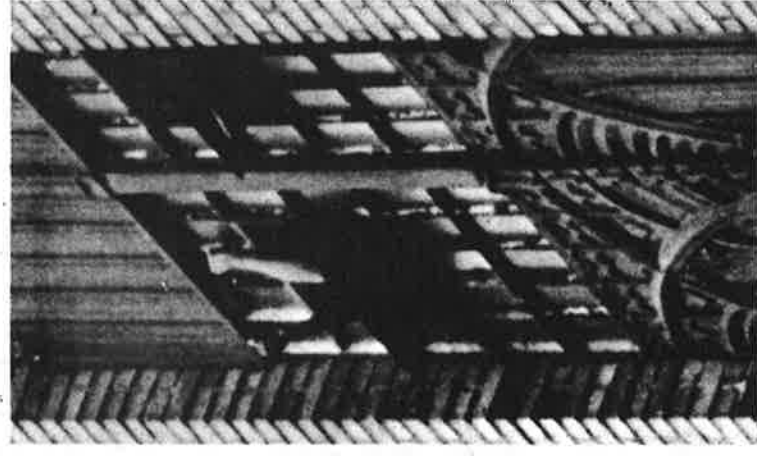
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AGAINST REBELLIONS

Other acts involving murder, such as kidnapping, rape, sexual abuse of a child, and multiple murders, are included, but we can be certain that they will be treated as in the past. It is the oppressed people who will stand accused of such crimes, both because they are the only ones who will be prosecuted and because crimes of passion and "crimes" against property are the result of an economic system that drives the poor into desperation and want.

The new Illinois execution law is designed for much wider application than just striking down individual oppressed people for crimes of survival and despair. It can also be used against selective acts of rebellion or armed defense against the fascist police and prison guards. It is aimed specifically at the Black, Chicano, and other national minorities.

The Chicago oppressed communities have never forgotten Mayor Daley's Nazi-



like shoot-to-kill order for looters during the Black rebellion of 1969. The new Illinois law merely repeats that order in legal language. Rebellion often is accompanied by the burning down of hated businesses. Property is often liberated during a rebellion by the poor, and when the police descend on the oppressed community like an army, there are almost always casualties on both sides.

Under this new law, anyone involved in an attack on property during a rebellion in which a death occurs would be subject to the mandatory death penalty. The Illinois bosses are warning members from the oppressed communities that in the event of a rebellion they can be pulled off the streets, beaten, charged with the specified property crimes—and then hung in retaliation.

The question here, then, is not the principle of capital punishment (which has yet to be used against the real criminals and mass murderers of modern times). All who side with the oppressed and working class against the rulers and their police stooges must fight this reactionary legislation.

D.C. women prisoners

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 17—During the week of November 12, WRC-TV (NBC) in Washington presented a series called "Perspective: The Female Offender." Each evening at 6:00, 7:00, and 11:00 p.m., the station gave a two to four minute slot to reporter Andrea McCombs, who promised an honest, objective report of the conditions of the Women's Detention Center at 1010 North Capitol Street. The actual result of her reporting was no less than total capitulation to the administration of that jail.

McCombs promised to televise interviews with the inmates at 1010 to present their views of the situation there. Women's Detention Center is one of the most overt concentration camps in the D.C. jail system and the women there have tried to make themselves heard in the community with little success. So when McCombs said she would interview them, it seemed they might at last be heard.

This is a response from one of the sisters in 1010 after her so-called interview with McCombs: "I was interviewed and asked many derogatory questions having nothing to do with the problems that prevail here.

Any questions asked about the problems were hammered on to get the answer she expected to receive in her well thought-out play."

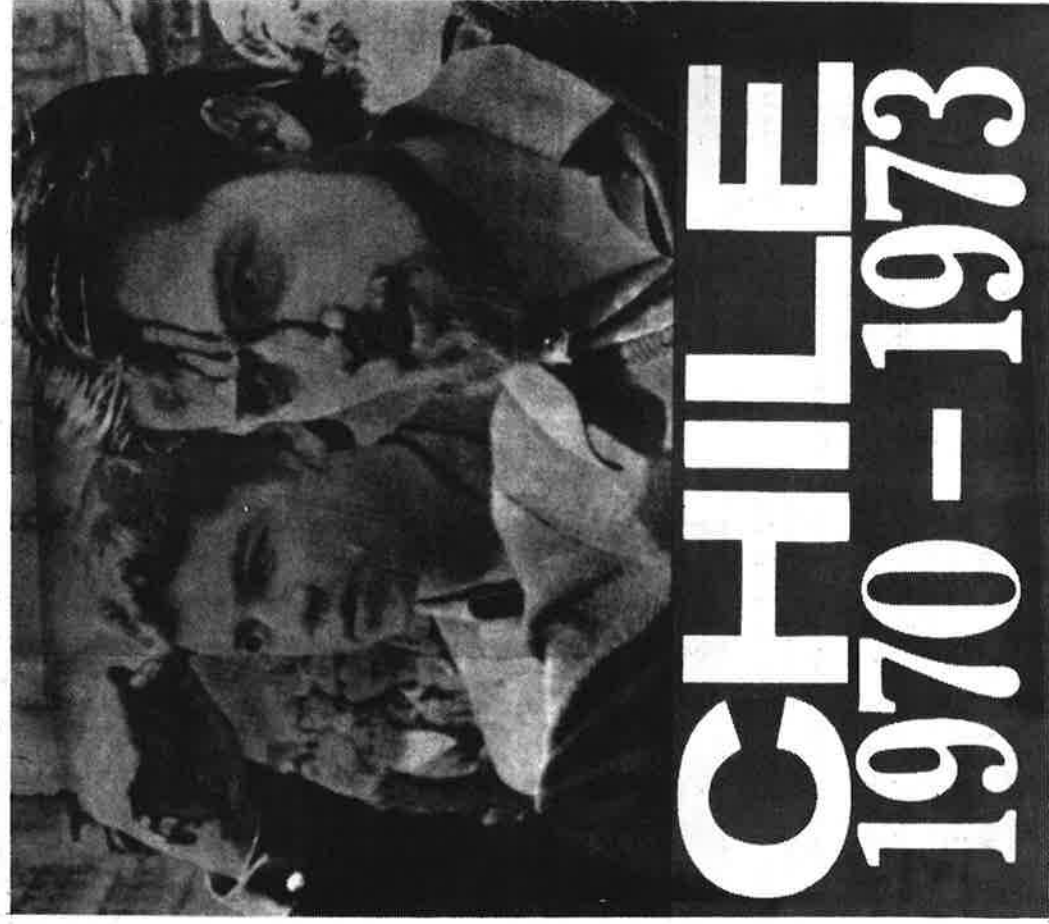
But McCombs presented a more friendly view of the oppressive administration, seeking out, for example, Warden Pat Taylor's "expert opinion" concerning effective job training for the inmates. Taylor conceded that such training was not adequate, but that "they did not use it anyway."

As a result of many hours of "honest reporting," McCombs concluded on Friday evening that the Women's Detention Center was indeed not a rehabilitative facility—but that no rehabilitation could take place in such inadequate surroundings; that is, that what is needed is a bigger and better jail!

So once again, the women at 1010 have been shut up, this time by the liberal media. As Sister Burnetta Coles concluded, "I want to warn all Brothers and Sisters of the unfair and unreal media; they are here for the same reason the pigs who keep you locked behind the walls are here. Our plight will not be brought to the attention of the people by the media or motion pictures and the revolution will not be televised. Power to the People!"

LIBERATED LATOKA HOUSTON TWELVE Prisoners free all Political

A new pamphlet, Chile 1970-1973,



is now available from World View Publishers, 46 West 21st Street, New York, N.Y. 10010. The price is 75 cents. The pamphlet provides both a historical review of the three years of the Popular Unity government, and an analysis of why that leftist popular front was able to be overthrown by the fascist coup. The analysis is unique in that it was offered both before and after the tragic events in Chile.

The following is from the preface to **Chile 1970-1973**:

The articles from *Workers World* newspaper that appear in this pamphlet are reprinted without omissions or additions, and carry their original headlines. They begin chronologically with the first article to appear in *WW* after the election victory of the Popular Unity coalition led by Salvador Allende in 1970, and end with a collection of articles from the first issue of the paper to come out after the fascist takeover.

Some appeared as editorials in our paper, and are so designated. However, nearly all are of an editorial or polemical character; that is, they argue a viewpoint and a political approach to the events unfolding in Chile that reflect the world outlook of Workers World Party.

Since the last of these articles was written, the fascist junta has deepened its onslaught against the workers and peasants of Chile. The dissolution of the trade unions, the posting of a military guard at every plant gate, the bombing of workers' quarters, and the immediate economic assault on the standard of living of the poor leaves no doubt that what is happening in Chile is all-out class warfare. The dictatorship of the capitalist class has been revealed in its most naked and brutal form. This alone makes a study of this terrible setback a must for every serious worker militant and for every person who is struggling for an end to class oppression and exploitation.

This material is presented in the spirit of solidarity and comradeship with all who are now resisting the fascist repression in Chile. Many of the points raised in this pamphlet may now, after the coup, seem obvious. But this has not prevented many workers' parties from continuing to follow basically the same line as that carried out with such tragic results in Chile.

This pamphlet is dedicated to the struggle to revive revolutionary Marxism, so that our comrades in Chile will not have died in vain.

Describe Nazi-like terror in Chile

By ANDY STAPP

In its frenzy to crush all popular opposition to fascism in Chile, the junta has resorted to the most extreme measures of Nazi-like barbarism. The fascists have begun transferring the political prisoners interned at Santiago's National Stadium to a concentration camp located in the ghost town of Chacabuco. Chacabuco is an old nitrate town, abandoned since 1945, located in the heart of the Atacama desert.

UPI reports, "The first group sent there of 502 persons traveled in air force planes during the past few days, and it is expected that the number will go up to 900 before the

(November 10-11) weekend."

The junta has announced that Chacabuco will eventually hold over 3,000 prisoners.

FASCISTS KIDNAP

WOMAN FROM HOSPITAL

On November 25 the fascist regime attacked a hospital where Consuela Alonso, a Uruguayan political refugee, was being treated under the diplomatic protection of the Swedish Ambassador. Consuela Alonso had taken refuge in the Cuban Embassy after the September 11 coup, and when Cuba broke diplomatic relations with the junta,

Sweden took over the Cuban Embassy. Miss Alonso was in the Embassy until recently, when she began to hemorrhage and was taken to the hospital under a "safe conduct pass" promised by the junta.

Harald Edelstam, the Swedish Ambassador, described what happened at the hospital: "When the escort arrived, they seemed quite mad, like tigers, screaming at us to get out of the way and cocking their machine guns. They ignored the safe conduct and although Miss Alonso was crying in pain they pulled her out and threw her into an ambulance. We followed it as it drove to

police headquarters, covered by two army jeeps mounting heavy machine guns" (New York Times, November 26).

The junta has not disclosed the fate of Consuela Alonso.

GOT U.S. TRAINING IN BOLIVIA

The Washington Post of October 31 reported that 250 Chilean fascists got training by the U.S. in paramilitary techniques in Bolivia. All the Chileans were members of the neo-Nazi Fatherland and Liberty group, which took part in the September 11 coup. These rightwing terrorists were trained in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, by Brazilian advisors who had only just before attended the U.S.-operated sabotage school in the Panama Canal Zone.

In the middle of October a commission of lawyers from several European countries toured Chile and announced that they had plentiful evidence of tortures by the junta: beatings, burnings, electric shock, and water immersion.

"We send 30 to 40 missions around the world yearly," said one of the lawyers, "and we have not seen in recent years a situation so grave as that in Chile, not even in Brazil or Greece."

But after six years of fascist rule in Greece, mass demonstrations by students and workers have forced the fascists into a desperate maneuver to save the regime. The collapse of Papadopoulos, although he has been replaced by equally fascist militarists, is a victory of the mass struggle.

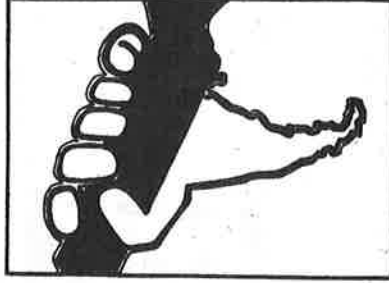
Can Chile's fascist junta, even with U.S. sponsorship, last as much as six years? The Chilean masses were highly organized and extremely political before the coup. Their organizations have largely gone underground, while some had experience in guerrilla warfare under the Frei regime.

Reports from Chile have shown that the revolutionary movement is organizing and testing out the conditions for beginning an offensive against the junta.



In the middle of the Atacama desert, with no water for miles around, is the ghost town of Chacabuco where Chilean fascists plan to hold 3,000 political prisoners.

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Auto workers wary of terms of GM contract

By a GM worker

DETROIT, Nov. 25—On Monday morning, November 19, United Auto Workers President Leonard Woodcock announced that the UAW and the General Motors Company had reached a settlement for a new contract. This announcement came only hours before the 10 a.m. strike deadline for a dozen scheduled "ministers" at key GM plants. Within minutes after reaching agreement, union committeemen and company foremen were walking the floor reporting the news to the GM workers to forestall any spontaneous walkouts.

Although quick to report an agreement, neither side would reveal any terms of the settlement. The union will hold a special meeting of some 400 officials of the UAW-GM Council on November 27 to first present the contract for ratification by this body. If approved (as is almost certain), the contract will then be revealed to the rank and file to be voted on in local ratification meetings.

WORKERS CALL CONTRACT "WOODCOCK'S SURRENDER"

Woodcock's "11th hour" settlement, although not unexpected, was greeted in the shop with a great deal of contempt. The previous Thursday a travelling Woodcock had said on TV that there could be no national GM strike because the union strike fund was so low. He just about begged GM to settle so that he wouldn't have to call even the ministers. All through the weekend, UAW spokesmen claimed to be miles apart on all major issues and some "tough talk" was heard. Then came the Monday morning settlement. Workers on the line called it

"Woodcock's surrender," and it seems quite certain the UAW leadership will bring to the rank and file the same basic features of the previously negotiated Chrysler and Ford contracts.

Many workers feel the reason behind Woodcock's last-minute theatrics is that the UAW is nervous about bringing the same contract to the GM rank and file following the unprecedented opposition it met among Ford workers.

The Chrysler contract, the first of the Big Three, was ratified with only some unorganized opposition during late September. But by the time the Ford workers received the contract, enough time had passed for the workers to get a better idea of the terms. The 3 percent wage increase per year appeared more and more pathetic in the face of skyrocketing inflation and years of record corporate profits. The one-year wait for the dental plan to begin wasn't going to pay for work that had to be done right away. And the "limit" on overtime at Ford (demanded by workers who have been forced to work as much as an 84-hour week!) would be ten hours a day!

APPENDIX H

The opposition really took form when the skilled trades workers discovered an unpublicized "Appendix H" which gave Ford the right to put unskilled or outside contractors on skilled jobs if the skilled workers refused overtime. Skilled workers from Local 228 quickly called a press conference and objected to this threat to their jobs. A picket line was called at the UAW's Solidarity House headquarters. When 400 workers, skilled and unskilled, arrived to find their International's gates locked, they smashed the padlock and marched right up

Nixon's 'labor' board tries to outlaw Farah boycott

By KATE STOVALL

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Nov. 24—Federal Judge Harold Burke issued a month-long injunction here on November 21 against the picketing of Sibley's, Rochester's largest department store, by the Center for United Labor Action (CULA). In granting the injunction, he made no effort whatsoever to hide the union-busting collusion among the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), Sibley's, and Farah Manufacturing Company in their vicious, racist joint effort to break nationwide support for 3,000 Farah workers (mostly Chicano and women) on strike for 18 months.

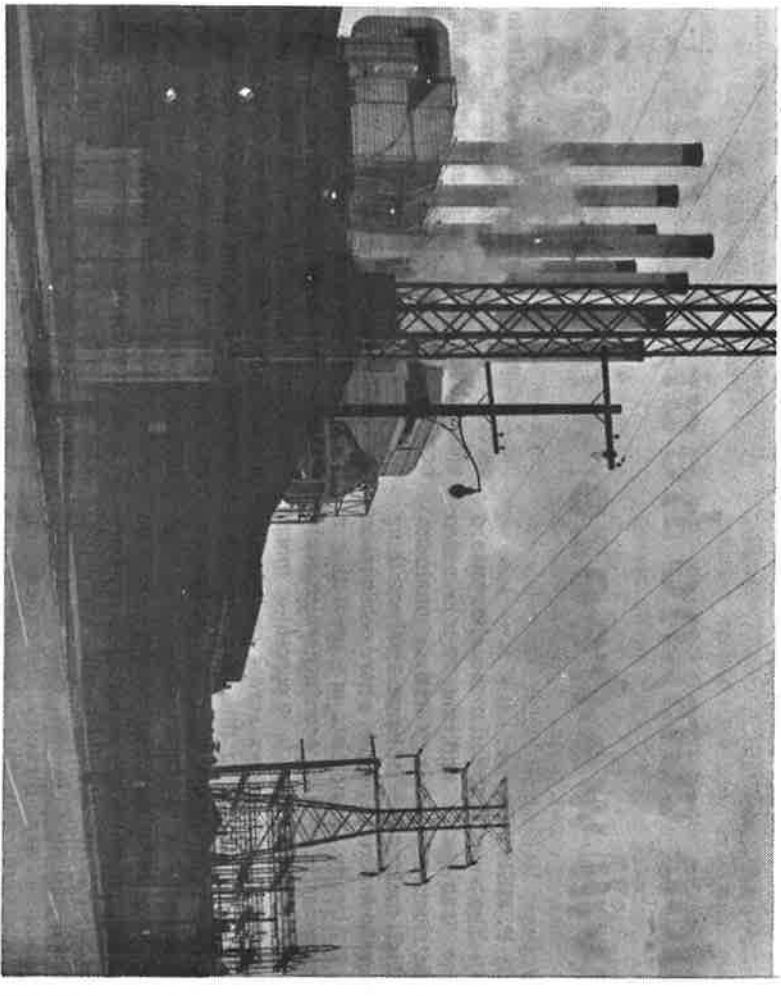
Rochester CULA, and chapters of CULA across the country, have been waging extremely effective boycotts against stores that refuse to stop selling scab Farah pants. Associated Dry Goods (which owns Sibley's lock, stock, and barrel) and the U.S. military are the last two large-scale Farah buyers.

SIBLEY'S CLAIMS \$1.2M LOSS

So Sibley's (no doubt Farah, also) has called on its friends in Washington to come to its rescue. Sibley's is suing Rochester CULA for \$1.2 million, claiming this in damages for loss of sales. (This sum shows how many people have boycotted in solidarity with the Farah strikers!) And the NLRB has taken the absurd position that it has jurisdiction over CULA and the subsequent right to control its activities. The NLRB stakes its claim on its assertion that CULA is an "agent" of Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (the union to which the Farah strikers belong) and a "labor organization" as defined by the Taft-Hartley Law. The NLRB, in other words, is calling CULA a dues-collecting union.

But you can imagine the NLRB granting CULA—an organization made up of workers and oppressed people of all nationalities,

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Ford River Rouge plant complex: workers fight to make their union fight.

to the union's front doors!

While skilled workers formed the nucleus of the organized opposition, production workers rallied to action for their own reasons. At local meetings all over Michigan both skilled and unskilled workers shouted down their "leaders" and spoke up. At the Ford Truck Plant in Wayne, Michigan, a rank-and-file group passed out a leaflet asking some very pointed questions about the contract and urging all members of the local to turn out and vote on the issues.

The final voting shook the ground under Solidarity House. For the first time in history the skilled workers (they vote separately) rejected a contract recommended by the officials—by about 20,000 to 5,000. Not only that, but in many locals

production workers turned it down too. At the Michigan Casting Center, a new Ford foundry, the contract was rejected by production workers despite the attractive "25 and out" retirement plan for foundry workers. Production workers at Dearborn Assembly (Rouge complex), Dearborn Stamping, Monroe Stamping, and other locals all rejected the contract. The UAW reported a final count of 105,000 for to 38,000 against (compared to Chrysler's 10 to 1 for approval).

UAW PRESSURE ON LOCALS

During the last days of voting, the UAW big shots began putting tremendous pressure on the local union bureaucrats to

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Woman Farah striker tells of inhuman work conditions

BOSTON, Nov. 4—Over 300 people joined in a rally, march, and mass picket lines in Boston yesterday to demonstrate support for the 17-month-long Farah strike, and to demand that several local stores remove Farah pants from their racks. Elvira Lozano, a striking Farah worker from El Paso, Texas, was the main speaker at the rally. The following interview with Elvira was given to members of the Boston Center for United Labor Action (CULA)

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CULA: How long had you worked at Farah before the strike?

E.L.: I was there for five years before the strike came up.

CULA: What were the conditions like in the Farah plants before the strike?

E.L.: We couldn't even talk to each other because they accused us of wasting too much time. In fact, in there we had three bulbs: one green one was for the thread, the yellow was for the mechanics, and the blue was to call the supervisor. So they tell you that you have no reason to be talking. You just had to be producing more work and you couldn't talk at all. And when you would go to the restroom they used to count the time you were in there and how many times you used to go.

There were a lot of guys in there who used to work around heavy machines, you know, and yet we didn't have any compensation whatsoever. Instead of collecting compensation you would be fired. When we were working there we didn't have anything. We didn't have job security, we didn't have a pension plan, we didn't have sick leave, we didn't have maternity leave even though 85 percent of us are women. The only thing we had there in that plant was a savings plan. You save your money for so many years and when you want to get it back you never get any interest. Willie

Farah was the chairman of the El Paso National Bank. He was rotating this interest to himself. Now he owns almost all of El Paso. He owns 11 plants and yet he doesn't have a union in any of them.

CULA: What finally made the people in the plants decide they needed a union? Did they just get fed up with the conditions or did a specific thing happen?

E.L.: Well, everything together was just too much. It's been building up for years; everybody wanted a union. But since inside the plant you can't talk about a union it was hard to try to organize.

But about three years ago, mainly the cutting room won an election, but it took the court to rule that they had actually won. The people in the cutting room originally organized that department.

Farah told them for two years that they had lost the election, but the votes were never counted. They are on strike and refuse to go back until a union for the whole plant is recognized. For two years until we went on strike, those 20 guys (from the cutting room) went from plant to plant encouraging people to come out. It took them that long because the minute they saw people talking to the guys, they were fired; they'd just get rid of them.

CULA: You just said that 85 percent of the workers there are women. What percent are Chicano?

E.L.: Ninety percent are Chicano, but when we came out on strike it wasn't just the Chicanos alone. White people and Black people came out with us.

When we came out on strike the police harassed us a lot. They tried to break our unity, but not even that kept us apart. They never arrested people in the middle of the night. But one day they decided to take this one

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Job cuts, no heat, no gas... will we freeze with honor?

By P. MEISNER

The policy of the oil monopolies toward the Arab people, and the way in which distribution of oil is geared to maximum profit making here at home spell one thing for the American people: a hard, cold winter.

Already, economists are predicting a recession in the U.S. economy which could boost unemployment to 10 percent or more. Thousands of workers across the country are being laid off at this very moment—particularly in the auto and airline industries.

Key industries heavily dependent on petroleum which are expected to cut back production include chemicals, aluminum, steel, and auto. In fact, more than 6,000 products are directly dependent on petrochemicals. This can mean more layoffs in industries producing cosmetics, inks, alcohols, rubber, paints, explosives, plastics, synthetic fibers, resins, and fertilizers.

Also, many other workers face layoffs in service industries largely dependent on automobile travel, such as restaurants, hotels, motels, resorts, and gas stations.

WE'RE PAYING FOR THEIR WARS...

It is the working people who are being made to suffer for Wall Street's insane wars, which burn up petroleum, in the form of napalm and jet fuel, as if it were water. Of the trillion dollars (that's a million million!) that has gone into the war machine since 1958, a large proportion of that has been spent on fuel that can never be replaced.

And it is the American workers and poor who are expected to pay the price this winter for the arrogant, profit-hungry monopolies that have been squeezing the Arab people dry for years. Is it any wonder that the Arabs have finally resorted to the use of oil as a weapon—when their lands are being stolen away by a U.S. puppet in the Mideast while simultaneously the oil

monopolies are raking in the biggest profits in history?

...AND THEIR PROFITS

While the oil monopolies are talking about raising the price of gasoline to \$1.20 a gallon, Gulf this last quarter had profits up 91 percent over a year ago. Exxon was up 81 percent, Standard was up 51 percent, and Texaco added another 48 percent to its already swollen profits (Business Week, November 10).

The energy crisis is going to be the excuse for all kinds of industries raising their prices. (But wages remain frozen at 5.5 percent!) The airlines just got another 6 percent increase in fares, and are talking about hiking their rates again later this winter. Public transportation fares are going way up in most cities.

Increases in transportation costs can be expected to be passed on to the consumer in still higher prices for food and other essentials.

And even as prices go up, many workers' homes will run out of heating fuels and face a bitter winter. Landlords are already using the energy crisis as an excuse to cut heat and hot water. Schools may be forced to close for lack of heat. Workers have already been told they'll be forced to ride unheated buses and trains to work in

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Don't just bang the pipes! Say, 'No heat, no rent!'

By JIM KOWALSKI

NEW YORK, Nov. 25—In a single 24-hour period starting at 4 p.m. on November 11, over 1,225 shivering people called the New York City Department of Rent and Housing Maintenance to report a lack of heat. Temperatures dipped near freezing in that time period.

The department, funded by sales and income taxes and posing as a "public service," refused to give this reporter the month's total number of frozen tenant distress calls. Superiors would not allow the telephone answer to release that information. The number is dangerously large, an embarrassment to the politicians. And this has been a mild autumn! When the weather really turns cold, millions will undoubtedly be affected.

What this means is that landlords are riding the energy crisis hysteria to still greater fortunes.

Landlords have always neglected to maintain their highly profitable tenements where the poor are forced to seek shelter for their families. But now Nixon, and his energy czar John Love, have given landlords another excuse for cutting overhead (basic human needs of tenants) to amass larger profits.

It's obvious that already the landlords are crying "energy crisis" as a cover for holding back on heat and hot water. But the

weather in this city has been so unseasonably mild so far that there is actually a glut of fuel oil at the present time. WINS radio reported earlier this month that a ship full of heating oil sat in New York harbor for weeks because there were no buyers!

Yet workers must brace themselves for the shock of rising and dressing in icy apartments, and then riding a frigid subway or bus to work (for frozen wages!).

As times get harder for ordinary people, the opportunities for the rich to get richer are multiplying. Take landlords, for instance. When New York City dropped rent control on all apartments changing hands, the average rent of an apartment thus

IT'S WARM AT 40 BELOW

New Yorkers may soon be looking at Moscow in yearning. That Soviet city of seven million generates more heat and electricity than any other world capital. Even when the temperature drops to 40 degrees below zero, the city's two million apartments are warm, with 98.7 percent having central heating.

Of course, no decent American would want to get rid of landlords and only pay 5 percent of our income for rent, like the Russians. We'd rather all go to Key Biscayne for the winter, right?

decontrolled went up 99 percent in one year!

Now the landlords are predicting there'll be cold days ahead for the tenants—but are they saying they'll cut the rents proportionately? (One of their arguments for killing rent control, by the way, was that the landlords needed higher rents in order to provide better services.)

One of New York's biggest landlords is Rockefeller Center, Inc. And the name Rockefeller means oil. The Rockefellers are going to make profits on rising oil prices and, in a sellers' market with no problem finding buyers elsewhere, they'll also profit as landlords by cutting their own consumption of fuel.

When working people can't pay their rent, the reaction of the landlords is quick and without pity: you're served with an eviction notice and your furniture is piled on the street. The courts back up the landlords, claiming "breach of contract."

But isn't it breach of contract when landlords don't provide essential services? Of course, they get away with it all the time, especially against the poorest and oppressed who are afraid to antagonize the landlord because they have nowhere else to go.

But when millions are being affected, then there is the potential for a mass movement to fight back against these parasites.

Let the landlords turn down their furnaces for a change. They have advertised that they are planning a widespread breach of contract this winter. Let's inform them that this means war, and our battle cry will be: no heat, no rent!

The larger

By SAM MARCY

NOVEMBER 27—Is the "energy crisis" real or is it a gigantic hoax contrived by the oil trust?

The crisis is real enough. But it is necessary to isolate the main and fundamental issue involved from the multitude of other crises which grow out of it. The many plans, counterplans, and dire warnings that daily emanate from Washington to be thrust upon an unsuspecting people are calculated to obscure the basic facts which make up the crisis.

The crisis is, of course, being manipulated to put across a hundred and one conspiracies of the oil monopolies in order to rob the people. Driving up prices artificially, putting hundreds of small gas dealers and others out of business, getting the Nixon administration and Congress to suspend antipollution requirements, jamming through the Alaska pipeline, and literally hundreds of other minor illegal stratagems to swell the coffers of the already swollen treasuries of Exxon, Mobil, Standard of Indiana, Gulf, Texaco, etc.—these are normal practices by the oil barons. But that does not mean that there is not a real crisis at hand, one that goes far beyond the energy crisis itself.

The stock market would not plummet the way it did just yesterday (the biggest drop since May, 1962) if the crisis were not real. (Stock prices have been plunging for a fortnight.) The stock market frequently is a barometer of the fears and apprehensions of the bourgeoisie and occasionally an indicator of the general condition of the capitalist economy.

AWAKENING FROM THE ILLUSION OF ETERNAL PROFITS

The blunt truth of the matter is that the multinational oil companies (like U.S. multinationals in other industries) have looked upon the plunder of Middle East oil virtually as an eternal category. They have acted as though the process of super-exploitation were never-ending, with no tomorrow.

They learned nothing from the 1956 Suez invasion, nor from the 1967 U.S.-Israeli aggression. And if they did, they certainly did nothing to inform the people. They went on as though the corrupt feudal kingdoms, bought and paid for by bourgeois comprador elements, the Israeli puppets, and, above all, the U.S. Navy, Marines, and Air Force, could always be relied on to preserve the status quo.

The underlying element that gave force to this illusion was the centuries-old passivity of the Arab masses and the seeming military invincibility of Washington's Israeli puppet army. Suddenly, all this has exploded into thin air. The million-fold Arab masses have awakened, Israeli invincibility has proven to be a myth. And, under pressure from the Arab masses,

Pentagon last drop

By JOEL MEYERS

It was a really touching spectacle when President Nixon told us with a lump in his throat how he was turning down the thermostat in the White House to 68 degrees. (Does that mean he'll turn up the thermostats on the air conditioners in Key Biscayne and San Clemente?)

But even with this stirring example of patriotism and sacrifice for the nation fresh in our minds, we can't help thinking about the branch of the U.S. government that uses the most fuel—most in the world, that is. The Pentagon. Are the fellows over there getting themselves together, wrapping up the battleships in plastic to save heat, like the rest of us?

The Pentagon seems to have a lot of

'Executive Action'

Where was the CIA on November 22, 1963?

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

When one great mass of the earth's crust is shifting north, while a thin layer of surface rock covering it is moving south, geologists will predict with certainty an earthquake. Earth science is not so exact that the date can be pinpointed, but it is a sure thing that sooner or later the terrible tension in the earth's crust will be relieved with a snap of millions of tons of rock.

The impending confirmation of Gerald Ford as Vice President of the United States is a sign just as sure as the stress marks that appear upon the earth's surface, that a political earthquake is building up in this country.

GERALD FORD'S TRUMP

It is ironic that Ford's step up to a position "one heartbeat"—or one resignation—away from the presidency takes place just as the film "Executive Action" opens to capacity audiences in major cities all around the country. It was largely Ford's service to the Warren Commission, both as an official member of the body that whitewashed the Kennedy assassination, and as unofficial biographer of Oswald with his book "Portrait of an Assassin," that earned Ford his chance at the presidency. Like John Connally, Ford has used his association with the Kennedy whitewash (and perhaps the understanding that he could blow it wide open!) to gain access to the pinnacles of political power.

The irony is that nobody believes the Warren version of the assassination anymore. The trump card that Ford holds with the capitalist political machine has no credibility with the mass of the people.

Ten years ago, when this writer assisted Mark Lane to form the Citizens Committee of Inquiry (CCI), the Vietnam war was just being stepped up, there was no mass anti-draft movement, demonstrations of 100,000 were yet to be seen, and the massive government corruption and bribery by giant corporations now known as Watergate had yet to be revealed.

Yet even then, the facts of the John F. Kennedy assassination were too bizarre to be believed. The majority of the people even at that time couldn't swallow the factual inconsistencies surrounding the shots, the President's wounds, and the eyewitness accounts, topped off by the fatal shooting of Oswald while in police custody.

The CCI pointed these all out—in college lectures, in nightly talks by Lane at rented off-Broadway theaters, and finally in the book "Rush to Judgment."

ONE SHOOTING PER ELECTION

Then came the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. And the shooting of Robert Kennedy. And the shot that put Nixon-rival George Wallace out of the 1972 race.

Since 1963 on, every presidential succession has been vitally affected by an assassination.

But in every case, the authorities, the police, and courts have performed mental gymnastics to avoid finding any conspiracy. When Jack Ruby begged Earl Warren to take him out of the Dallas jail to Washington so he could tell what he knew (and his pleas were dutifully recorded in the Commission's testimony!) the Chief Justice quickly changed the subject, and Ruby remained in the hands of the Texas cops until his own death.

When James Earl Ray told the court that he was ready to divulge information about his paymaster and collaborators, did the judge leap at the chance to find out how and why Dr. King was murdered? No, Ray was quickly rushed to his cell to begin serving his term.

Nor has the fact that E. Howard Hunt, organizer of the Watergate "caper," made a beeline to Milwaukee to case Howard Bremer's apartment on the day he shot Wallace caused the authorities to reopen

this case for its overall political implications.

The last thing they want to do is uncover a rational explanation for all these shootings, because the implications are monstrous.

FILM TIES

FACTS TO POLITICS

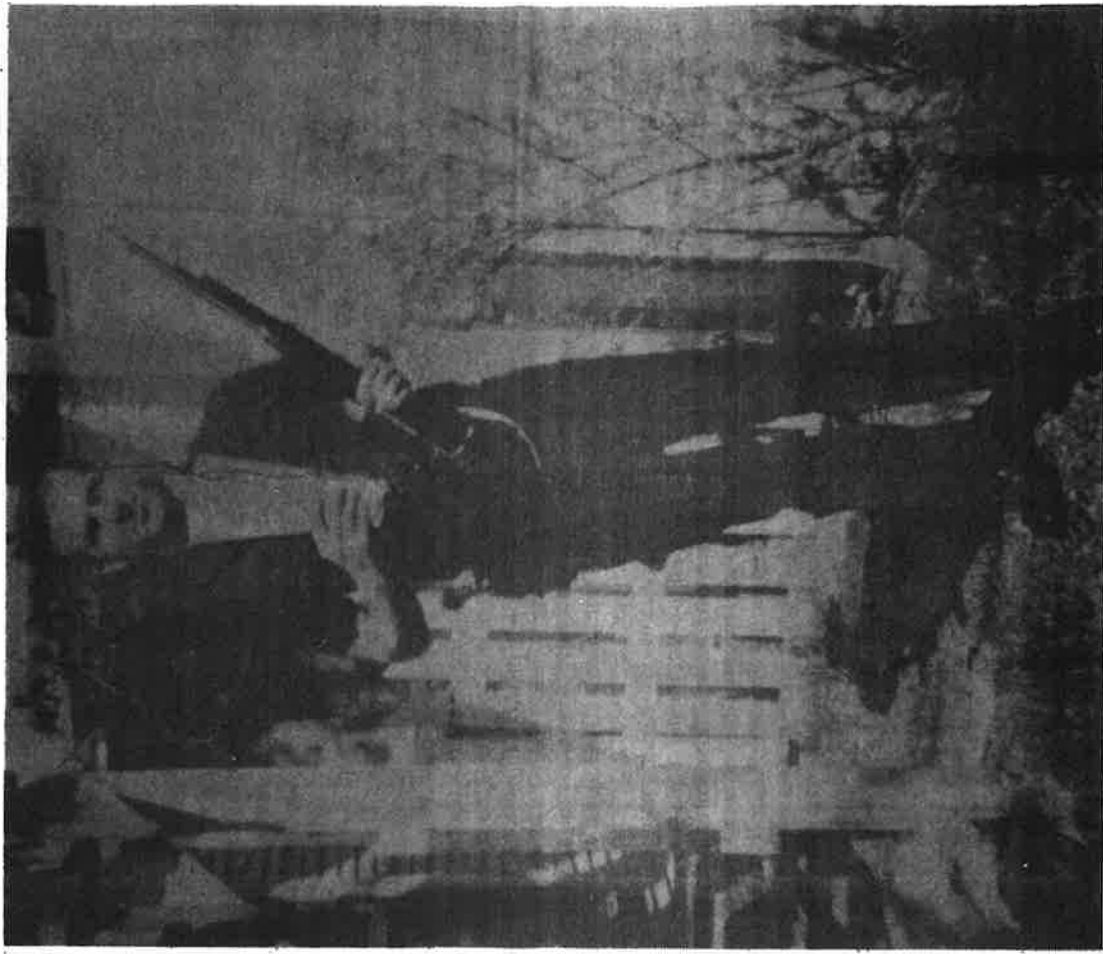
The film "Executive Action" pulls together a myriad of facts that never could be reconciled by the Warren Commission—and does it skillfully on two levels: political and technical. It immerses the events of the assassination in the turbulent political tides of 1963: Kennedy's firing of the CIA director after the failure of the Bay of Pigs invasion; the mass uprisings in South Vietnam and the assassination of the Diem brothers; the huge demonstrations of Black people who came to Washington hoping for the last time to find jobs, equality, and social justice within the system.

There are places where the film is more cautious than the book, of course. While the

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Just a glance at his voting record shows this. Ford voted in 1950 against the Fair Employment Practices bill, voted against the civil rights acts of 1955, 1966, and 1969, voted against the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission bill in 1971, voted four times against school "busing" in 1971 and 1972, voted against public housing seven times since 1949, voted against funds for hospitals in 1953 and 1970, voted against medicare in 1965, voted against the rent subsidy program in 1965 and 1966, voted to gut the Office of Economic Opportunity in



This doctored photo of Oswald, holding radical publications and alleged murder weapon, appeared on cover of Life. Shadows around face don't match other shadows in photo.

plotters who work out every last detail of Kennedy's death have agents working for them in the Dallas police, the FBI, the Secret Service, and anti-Castro Cuban groups, and solicit the support of rightwing oil millionaires, they themselves are never identified. The book is more explicit, naming the CIA as the only agency powerful enough to carry out such an extended plot and the massive cover-up that followed.

Defenders of the Warren Report have always thought their strong argument was: "You're not saying that the government of the United States would be involved in a cover-up of such magnitude? How ridiculous!"

But in 1973, after nearly every top executive in the government has been indicted or forced to resign for covering up crimes whose exposure threatened much less to "tear the country apart" than would the knowledge of a CIA-rightwing conspiracy to kill Kennedy, that argument has become muted.

William Buckley still writes that any

The rightwing record of Gerald Ford

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1965, 1966, and 1969, voted against unemployment compensation to farmworkers in 1970, voted against subsidized daycare in 1971, and voted to cut the funds of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare last July.

Ford is a vicious foe of organized labor, and the AFL-CIO has rated his quarter-century voting record on "labor issues" at 102 anti-union votes and only 7 "pro."

Ford led the Senate wolf pack in successfully defeating the attempt to raise the minimum wage from \$1.60 to \$2.20 per hour. Of course, Ford also fought against giving the vote to 18-year-olds.

Ford supported Nixon's unsuccessful attempt to nominate two reactionary judges, Clement Haynesworth and Harold Carswell, to the Supreme Court. Carswell had been a member of the Ku Klux Klan! When these nominations were defeated, Ford attempted to begin impeachment proceedings against liberal Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. Ford attacked Douglas as "morally unfit."

On November 22 Ford admitted to the House Judiciary Committee that the smear attack on Douglas as "pervet" was orchestrated by the Justice Department, then under former Attorney General John Mitchell. Mitchell had supplied Ford with nine memos containing tips for the 1970 impeachment attempt. Mitchell now faces a prison term while Ford eyes the presidency.

A member of the notorious Warren Commission which whitewashed the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Ford wrote a book advocating the "lone assassin" myth. In his book on the assassination, Ford quoted classified FBI files on Lee Harvey Oswald. Daniel Ellsberg was put on trial for giving classified documents to The New York Times. Ford, who used classified information for financial profit was, of course, never prosecuted.

Ford supported every one of Nixon's aggressive attacks against the people of Southeast Asia even after some other Republican Congressmen shied away from endorsing the worst aspects of the butchery.

Ford is also one of the Senate's strongest cheerleaders for Israeli expansionism. He has advocated that the capital of Israel should be Jerusalem instead of Tel Aviv. This is an extremely bellicose position, considering that half of Jerusalem is in Jordanian territory occupied by Israel in the 1967 war.

Despite his racist, anti-working class and pro-war record, it seems likely that Ford will be confirmed as vice president. Senator Cannon, the committee chairman, said on November 27 that confirmation "is a very strong likelihood."

Indonesia-

the second greatest crime of the century

by DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

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Black Liberation Army

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—Police Commissioner Donald Cawley claimed the destruction of the BLACK LIBERATION ARMY at a press conference called here today to congratulate the plainclothes killers of TWYMON MEYERS, 23. Meyers was ambushed last night in the Bronx by a special stake-out squad of FBI agents and undercover cops.

Meyers had been underground since he was placed on the B.L.A. death list of the New York City Police Department Major Crimes Investigating Unit. He joins six other Black men executed by the cops as alleged members of the B.L.A. since April, 1971, as well as 20 others who have been captured and are facing long imprisonment.

APRIL 1971

It was in April 1971 that the New York Panther 21 were acquitted, in less than two hours, on charges of conspiring to bomb department stores and police stations and murder cops, after being held for over two years on \$100,000 ransom each.

May 19, 1971, two cops guarding the DA's house were severely wounded by machinegun fire. Two nights later, two cops on patrol in Harlem, Waverly Jones and Joseph Piagentini, were shot dead.

RICHARD "DHARUBA" MOORE, one of the N.Y. 21 defendants, has been convicted in connection with the machinegun attack. HERMAN BELL, ANTHONY BOTTOM, ALBERT WASHINGTON, and GABRIEL and FRANCISCO TORRES, also known as the NEW YORK FIVE, are now in jail awaiting trial for the deaths of Piagentini and Jones.

January 27, 1972, a pair of cops on patrol in the Lower East Side were killed by gunfire. The police attributed these and several other attacks, as well as a number of bank robberies, to the Black Liberation Army. The dead cops were given full pomp and circumstance funerals and the hunt for their killers ranged from coast to coast.

Behind a barrage of press releases about Black militant fanatics, the cops shot down or captured "suspects" in San Francisco, St. Louis, New Orleans, Miami, and New York City.

The last major capture took place on



Mansfield, Ohio, Nov. 11:

On Sunday, Nov. 11, 1973, several inmates were severely beaten and shot at by guards here at the Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield. The incident occurred around 9:00 a.m. on this day as six inmates were let out of the D-Block area of the prison for recreation they are allowed to have once a week for an hour or so.

The inmates, all Black, were coming from the gym when inmate Doyle took out a lead pipe and hit Darryl Harris about the temple, nearly knocking him unconscious.

As Harris lay unconscious, guard Wiley Human kicked him. Human was then knocked down by someone. At this time, the tower guard on the East Block side of the gym fired a shot at Harris, barely missing Harris' head. Several more shots were fired at the other inmates as they ran across the yard. Lt. Kimbrew began spraying the chemical mace in Harris' face and the other

May 2, 1973, on the New Jersey Turnpike, when ZAYD SHAKUR, former Minister of Information of the New York Panthers, was killed, and CLARK SQUIRE, a N.Y. 21 defendant, and JOANNE CHESIMARD, called the "soul" of the B.L.A. by the cops, were taken prisoner. A state trooper was killed at that time.

PRISONERS OF WAR

The Black men and women accused of being members of the B.L.A. are prisoners of war. The police throughout the U.S. have dedicated themselves to destroying, all Third World people who practice the right of armed self-defense.

Much of the racist hysteria around the



Twymon Meyers

B.L.A. is the work of Robert Daley, former Deputy Police Commissioner here. Daley was brought in to improve "public relations" during the period of the attacks. He has written a book called Target Blue which pictures the B.L.A. as hoodlums, mixing fact with fiction in the best racist propaganda style.

Daley twists his story so that the B.L.A. appears to terrorize the Black community rather than showing how it is the police who terrorize the oppressed communities. For example, Daley dreams up these lines for a B.L.A. member recruiting in Harlem: "We know where you're living. We know you've got a wife and family." Daley's imagination was obviously influenced by precinct-style threats.

DEFENSE COMMITTEES

Now the cops are boasting that the inmates who were then being assaulted by approximately 20-30 guards.

As the men were in the bullpen area, they were further assaulted and maced by guards led by Lt. Bryant, Sgt. Beech, Rich, Hinton, Pauley, et al. Capt. Sackman asked, "You want to sue? Go ahead and call Channel 5," which had recently exposed the brutal conditions here.

Darryl Harris is presently hospitalized, handcuffed to a bed in the hospital ward with 15 stitches in the head and chest and back bruises.

U.S. Penitentiary, Springfield, Mo., Nov. 20:

This year at X-Mas time, as last year, the New England prisons will be abstaining from their X-Mas meal. They will form groups and request the administration to donate their meal on X-Mas to poverty areas in their states.

This is a noble cause and should be followed in prisons all over the country. The idea is to form collectives to spread the word about X-Mas fast and get the numbers of prisoners wishing to participate. Then contact friends in your state and let them know of the number wishing to donate their X-Mas meal to poverty areas. Tell them to contact their local Congress persons to intercede in your behalf to allow you to do this and to contact the prison stating they can arrange the transportation of the food. Also tell each prisoner to write requests to the warden to do this.

B.L.A. is destroyed, captured, or killed. They are confident of getting convictions on all and putting an end to all armed resistance.

But as Joanne Chesimard wrote: "There is and always will be, until every Black man, woman, and child is free, a Black Liberation Army."

Contributions or aid can be directed to the National Committee for the Defense of Joanne Chesimard and Clark Squire, P.O. Box 1352, Harlem, N.Y. 10027 or the New York Five Defense Committee, 2026 7th Ave., N.Y.C.

Carabanchel 10

The iron hoops of Franco and the Falange, after over 30 years of fascist terror, can barely hold the rotten barrel of class society together in Spain today. The clandestine struggle of the Spanish workers to reconstruct their once powerful trade unions, plus the struggle of the Basque and Catalan peoples for self-determination, continue and grow stronger.

Most recently, on October 28, 113 people were arrested while attending church in Barcelona. The charge was "illegal association," the government claiming that they were members of the Assembly of Catalonia. The first session of the Catalan Assembly had called for amnesty for political prisoners and exiles, democratic liberties, and autonomy for Catalonia. It is known that some of the 113 have been tortured.

On November 20, the U.S. Committee for the Carabanchel 10 called a demonstration at the Spanish National Tourist Office in midtown Manhattan to protest this repression and torture. Also protested was the arrest of eight autoworkers from Barcelona for "illegal association" and their three lawyers, whose crime was meeting with their clients. Their trial was to begin November 22.

The New York demonstration was attended by 30 people and seen by many passers-by. Along with chants "Franco must go, Fascism must go," was the chant "Visit Zamora, See the real Spain." Zamora is a special prison for priests where recently seven inmates set fire to the buildings, demanding to be placed with the general prison population of political offenders.

Each prison participating should contact members of the news media both left and liberal. If you are not allowed to send it, just fast that one meal in symbolic protest.

One little meal can strengthen bonds of solidarity. Let the prisoners show the people the true nature of the pigs, so they will know why we call the guards pigs. We can do this by all of us showing our humanity and love for the people.

Attica, November 22:

I have decided to write this letter because I appreciate your coverage of our beautiful Sis. Joanne, Bro. Dharuba, the N.Y. 5, and all the rest of the righteous revolutionaries who have committed themselves to fighting a struggle for liberation and have taken a vow to be free regardless of the personal dangers and hardships involved.

I am writing this at a time when my heart grieves for the loss of our comrade Twymon Meyers, viciously murdered by the FBI and NYC's gestapo squad just last week. In the wake of this cowardly deed the swine are attempting to convince the people, through their fascist press, that the B.L.A. is dead and that they have halted the progress of the people's movement.

It would be a very good and strategic move for you to discount the pigs' lying propaganda and at the same time educate the masses as to the real reasons why

The CARABANCHEL 10 themselves are six metal workers, a taxi driver, and three others arrested for being leaders of nationwide trade union organizing. The fascist regime is calling for sentences of up to 20 years. They were arrested in June 1972 and are still awaiting trial.

The U.S. Committee for the Carabanchel 10 is located at 9 E. 40th St., N.Y., N.Y. Free the Carabanchel 10 and all political prisoners in Spain!

Free the Spanish people!

Ernest Valenzuela

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 25:

On the evening of November 8, 1973, in the twelfth murder this year here, 26-year-old prisoner Ernest Valenzuela was stabbed to death in the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Ernest Valenzuela was a leading member of the North American Indian Cultural Group and was Secretary and Vice Chairman of the National Gay Prisoners Coalition. He was a Pima Indian and had grown up in the Gila River Reservation in Arizona.

The following telegram was sent by the Prisoners Solidarity Committee to Norman Carlson, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Washington, D.C.:

We hold you, Leavenworth Warden Luren Daggett, and your government responsible and accountable for the racist, sexist murder of gay 26-year-old Pima Indian Ernest Valenzuela 86724-132 in the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Ks. It is another incident in the long legacy of convenient failures of protection that have claimed the lives and limbs of prisoners who have exposed and fought the criminal brutalities of the officials of U.S. prisons.

In addition to the failure of protection, the Prisoners Solidarity Committee condemns your criminal negligence in denying Mr. Valenzuela access to the hospital until he had already died.

While you and your subordinates claim not to know who committed the assassination, it is beyond doubt that only a member or agent of your government would have so acted against this most popular of prisoners at Leavenworth.

He was an outspoken member of the revolutionaries like Twymon and Joanne are being systematically hunted down and murdered.

So far your paper, Workers World, has been the only newspaper to give coverage to the war being waged by Black people inside this Babylonian Empire. Most of the so-called socialist, progressive, or revolutionary press seem to ignore this very real struggle or choose to attack it as the acts of leftwing extremists or infantile terrorists. This revisionist stand only plays into the hands of the fascists and aids them in their attempts to alienate and isolate the people's warriors from the people.

What a lot of activists in this country, particularly the white ones, fail to realize is that there is a Black Colony within the midst of this empire suffering from oppression, exploitation, and savage repression from an outside foreign force in the same nature as the colonies of Africa, at the hands of the Portuguese, supplied, financed, trained and encouraged by the same hands controlled the Black Colony here—Nixon and Company.

These so-called leftists also fail to recognize Black people's right to struggle and fight these conditions. Some even go so far as to try and dictate to Black people as to what nature this just struggle should follow, totally disregarding Black people's right to self-determination.

Unity in struggle, A Brother

issue in the energy crisis

even the most reactionary feudal sheikdoms have been forced to act.

All this is real and constitutes a new and absolutely indisputable facet of the oil and energy crisis. "There is a new Arab on the scene," wails The New York Times. And the oil cut-off is a measure of his new stature, of the militant resurgence of the workers and peasants.

PLUNDERERS CAN'T PLAN

But there is another facet to the crisis. It relates to the domestic policies pursued by the oil monopolists, the giant corporations in other industries, and the government.

They have never really planned for such an emergency. Nor could they, given the fact that their guiding principle, the motor force of their life, is profit first and people last—if ever. Rational, long-term planning on a capitalist basis is virtually impossible.

At best, it is full of the most glaring contradictions growing out of the profit system. The plunder and waste of natural resources at home differ only in degree from what the monopolies do abroad. What they have done to the landscape in Appalachia and to the people who live there is fundamentally no different from the plunder and spoliation the monopolies have visited on the people and lands of other countries.

Nevertheless, there are enough natural resources for the development of energy and its equitable distribution among the people in this country for 100 years to come! (And the growth of technology can grapple with solar and nuclear energy after that.) But the resources can only be harnessed and developed adequately on the basis of rational, socialist planning on behalf of the people—free from the malignant, private, and conflicting interests of a small group of robber barons who control the bulk of the resources and the government to boot.

Therein lies the fundamental issue of the "energy crisis." The ruling class is incapable of acknowledging this elementary fact of contemporary life. Instead, it is embarking upon a new and dangerous course which will cause untold suffering for the mass of the people.

MOBILIZING THE POPULATION...

Everyone who has lived through the period preceding the Second World War knows that the introduction of such measures as dimouts, brownouts, and rationing, and the appearance of shortages of vital consumer products, smacks of the preparations for war. Such extreme measures have always accompanied a war and been set in motion prior to its beginning. Such measures would not be needed if the government were trying to distribute gas and oil to the people based first upon their needs, not those of the military and the profit-hungry lords of high finance and industry.

fighting for of (our) oil

trouble cutting back the 650,000 barrels of oil they use every day defending democracy in Greece, Turkey, Iran, South Korea, Brazil, Chile, and all the rest of the free world (not to speak of the White House, which seems to require a bigger staff of generals and admirals every day).

Take the U.S. Navy, for instance. It's the largest single purchaser of petroleum in the world. It's really lucky for them that Secretary of the Navy Warner just happens to be the son-in-law of Paul Mellon, head of the Gulf Oil Company.

The U.S. Navy is dedicated to preserving freedom everywhere, especially for the oil companies in the Middle East. It's nice that Gulf Oil's profits zoomed up 91 percent this year. Now the Secretary won't have to

...FOR ANOTHER WAR
What is the real meaning of Nixon's speech last Sunday (November 25) in which he laid the groundwork for all the above measures?

In the first place, he is psychologically trying to prepare the mass of the people for war. Without these measures it would be hard indeed to sell to the American people any kind of military adventure by the Pentagon, as the phony Middle East alert so vividly demonstrated. The overwhelming majority of the people were against it. They want no truck with another Vietnam.

What is the reckoning of Nixon, his Pentagon chiefs, and the oil trust? If, they figure, the discontent and outrage of the masses against the looming shortages, rationing, and the accompanying price-gouging and runaway inflation can be successfully channeled against the Arab people, then they will have successfully prepared the people for military intervention in the Middle East. This is how they are looking at the energy crisis.

And suppose the Arab people, as a result of U.S. military intervention, blow up the oil installations—which a Saudi Arabian oil official has advised the Nixon administration will be done in case of military intervention (in a November 24 Copenhagen TV interview). Then the pre-war rationing

and allocation measures prepared by the Nixon administration will have served their purpose to smooth the way for total mobilization of the country on a wartime basis.

That indeed is how one must look at the developing crisis realistically, and from the point of view of all the contingencies that could arise as a result of the stranglehold the oil trust is trying to maintain in the Middle East.

Nixon's recently proposed energy measures, and the more stringent and severe ones to follow, must be viewed in the light of what they really portend—a partial mobilization of the civilian population and a quasi-military maneuver.

CIVILIANS A MILITARY CONCERN

In contemporary times the mobilization of the civilian population and its psychological preparation for war are as important as the military measures these acts are designed to bolster. A U.S. adventure in the Middle East is at present inconceivable without prior civilian psychological, economic, and political preparation. And that's what the Nixon administration is really up to.

In a secret conference with the oil barons, Secretary of State Kissinger advised them to "stay under wraps" while he, Nixon, and the Pentagon prepared the people in other ways (U.S. News and World Report).

In 1956, Prime Minister Anthony Eden of Britain, who led the Conservative Party, and Premier Guy Mollat of France, who led the so-called Socialist Party, conspired to invade the Suez with the intention of top-

pling the Nasser government. They began military maneuvers with their fleets in the Mediterranean, coordinated with the Israelis. These military maneuvers were passed off as mere training exercises. In such cases, no one outside the military conspirators can tell for sure whether what is intended is a mere training exercise calculated only to put on political pressure or whether it is the real thing—war.

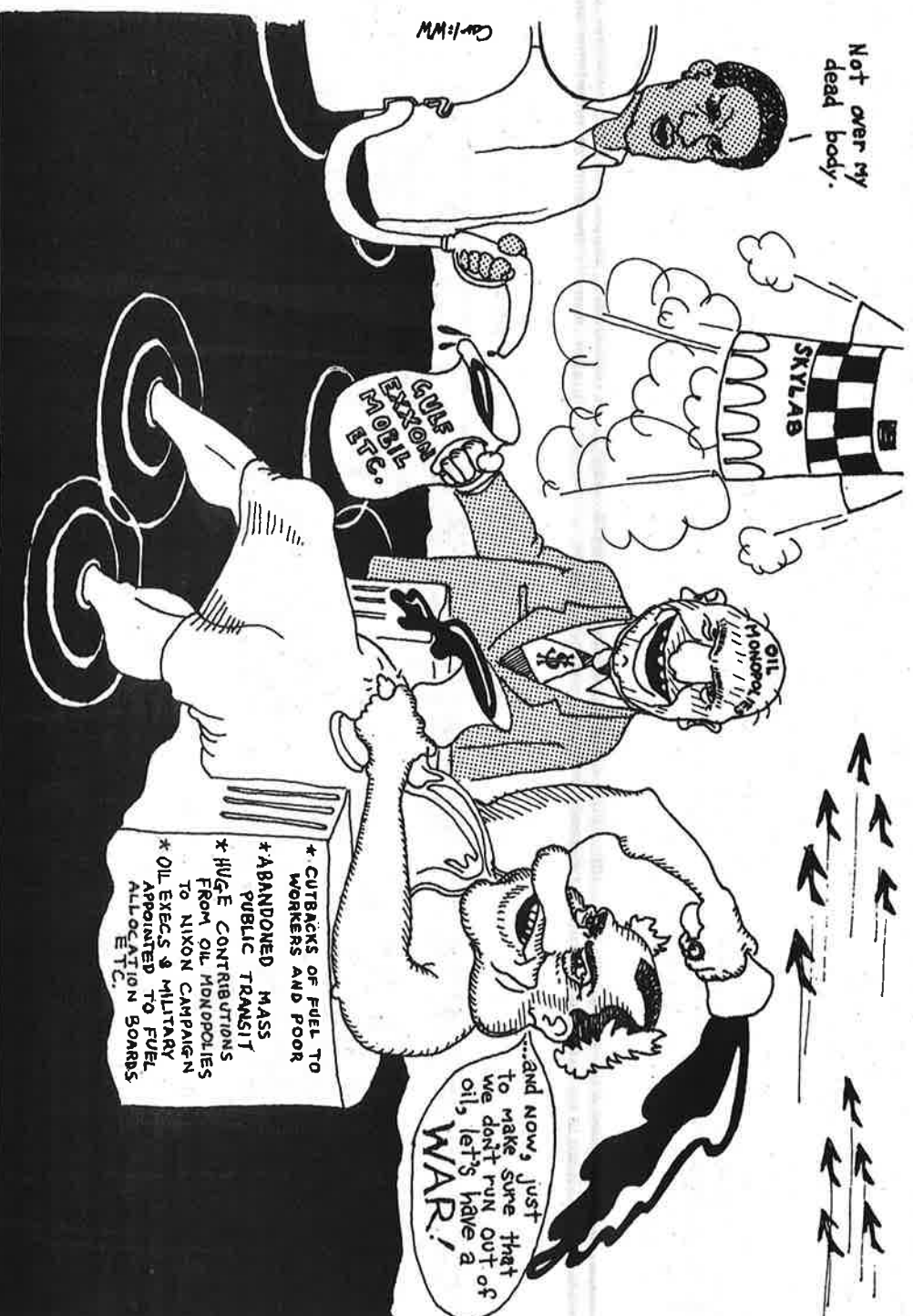
The Suez invasion failed, primarily because the Soviet Union and the U.S. (for different reasons) were opposed to the invasion and because, of course, of Arab resistance.

But what is often not taken into account is that the British and French people were not at all psychologically and politically prepared for the war. They were extremely hostile to the joint imperialist adventure, as the mass demonstrations in London and Paris subsequently showed.

The British and French imperialist conspirators could not, so soon after such a bloody war as that fought against the Nazis, prepare the people for another one.

In a like manner, the American people have scarcely emerged from the Indochina war.

Is the Nixon administration—in cahoots with the military-industrial complex and the oil trust—trying to improve upon the Eden-Mollat misadventure? Whatever may be in the minds of the Pentagon and the oil trust planners, the American working class must be awakened to the great peril that is involved in the machinations of the U.S. ruling class and in its efforts to solve its crisis at the expense of the lives of the people.



worry so much about making ends meet in his personal life, so he'll have more energy to devote to keeping the Navy strong.

President Nixon knows you can't trust a bunch of nattering nabobs to carry out a program of self-discipline for the country. So he's put a whole lot of military men in the government's new Office of Petroleum Allocation (OPA). Those syndicated columnists, Evans and Novak, call it a regular military invasion of the Department of the Interior.

The OPA is headed by Vice Admiral Eli T. Reich, with the Navy for 38 years (so he must know something about oil, even if he doesn't know much about water!). Reich has a team of more than 15 officers from all branches of the armed forces helping him figure out how to save oil.

He's not worried that some people might think the military is just about taking things over. "I don't give a damn for the public image.... We're here to do a job—my way—and that's the military way," he told his civilian critics. One unkind person said,

"It was as if he were representing some kind of Chilean or Greek junta."

Some people might worry that the military is running this whole thing. But they're the kind that would resent a clean-cut officer knocking on their door with his rifle butt and telling them to put out their lights.

The Pentagon has sure picked the right kind of man to administer their own fuel conservation program. He's Deputy Defense Secretary William P. Clements, and he knows something about oil, too.

Matter of fact, he's got \$90 million invested in it! Of course, his oil stocks were only worth about \$40 million when he became Deputy Secretary four years ago.

He really sacrificed for his country, stepping down from the chairmanship of SEDCO Oil to join the Defense Department. If he had stayed on, he might have been a rich man now.

He'll probably get real tough with the military. He might even ban those flights of cadets to the Army-Navy game each year you've been reading about in the papers.

And catch those wasteful GIs being allowed to burn the barracks lights after hours! He'll court-martial them, for sure.

But he's not going to let down the nation's defenses just so a few people don't freeze to death this winter. After all, what's more important—a few corpses on the streets of Chicago, or the preservation of the freedom-loving government of Chile that will do anything to protect U.S. investments?

So the Pentagon just requisitioned 825,855,000 gallons of oil to be delivered to the military in November and December. That was just some old oil that was going to be used by civilians, and they don't count. Fortunately, there's been a law on the books since 1950 called the Defense Production Act that gives the military the power to get any materials they say are critically needed for the national defense.

Some people might say the wars in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, and then taking the Arab people's land, caused this energy crisis. But they're just civilians.



China's Chile policy

By SAM MARCY

The news that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China has given diplomatic accreditation to the ambassador of the Chilean fascist junta cannot but be regarded by all progressives with keen disappointment and shock.

Premier Chou En-lai could not possibly have been unaware or insensitive to the cruel and barbarous repression now being meted out to hundreds and thousands of Chilean workers, peasants, intellectuals, and progressives generally. Nor is it possible to believe that he is unaware that thousands have actually fallen to the guns of the hired mercenaries of U.S. imperialism.

The enormous catastrophe suffered by the Chilean people has everywhere evoked sympathy from progressive people throughout the world and drawn the sharpest denunciations against the real instigators who directed the coup and the massacres that followed. The fact that three socialist countries—the USSR, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Revolutionary Cuba—have either been forced out or broken diplomatic ties with the fascist regime should in itself have prompted the People's Republic of China to follow suit, not out of solidarity with the revisionist policies of the Soviet leaders, but out of considerations of solidarity with the Chilean people.

Why, then, did the PRC recognize the fascist junta? There is no explanation from China. In this country, the only explanation is offered by the Guardian. "You can't make revolution by breaking diplomatic

relations," says the Guardian, citing some alleged excesses during the Cultural Revolution directed against foreign missions in the Peking area.

A cruder, more lame apology is scarcely conceivable. No one is asking the PRC "to make revolution" in Chile. No one is calling for any unreasonable or adventurous acts. The issue is not the export of revolution, as the imperialists would have us believe, but an act of simple, elementary class solidarity.

One could understand the reluctance of the People's Republic of China to break diplomatic relations if there were some crucial economic or commercial reasons which made diplomatic relations with the junta an urgent necessity. The economic and commercial ties between the two countries are, however, very meager and of little consequence. Even if there were very important or overriding reasons, the PRC could have easily gotten around the problem by merely recalling its ambassador. This certainly would serve notice to the rest of the world that the PRC was concerned for the fate of the Chilean workers and peasants.

NO POLITICAL SOLIDARITY EITHER
But let us assume that there are strong

and persuasive reasons for maintaining relations with the fascist junta which cannot in any way be strained at this time (a far-fetched situation, indeed, given the fact that the PRC got along pretty well for more than two decades without any relations with Chile). In that case, certainly the Chinese leaders could have found a multitude of political methods to demonstrate their class solidarity with the Chilean people.

They could have issued a scathing denunciation of the fascist bloodbath in Chile. Or they could have called one of those truly militant and massive demonstrations, as they have done so well on previous occasions. For instance, during the grave missile crisis over Cuba the Chinese leaders literally summoned a million people into the streets to demonstrate against U.S. imperialism. Surely a similar political demonstration now, even if it involved smaller numbers, could be even more easily understood and welcomed by all the anti-fascist forces throughout the world. At the very least, the Chinese leaders could have mounted a worldwide campaign of support and solidarity for the victims of fascist repression.

As it turned out, however, the People's Republic reacted neither politically nor diplomatically. The perfunctory condolence letter sent to Mrs. Allende just barely made the record and was signed by Premier Chou, not by Chairman Mao, although it was the latter who sent a letter of condolence to the

very essence of the detente.

Viewed in this light, Peking's constant attacks against the superpowers must be seen as a smokescreen. What really matters to the Chinese leaders in their relation to Chile is that the USSR is out and China is in. In a similar vein, it did not agitate the Soviet leaders that the fascist coup in Indonesia made the rivers run red with the blood of workers, peasants, and the cadre of the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI). The Chinese were ousted from Indonesia, the military coup having broken diplomatic relations with China, but the USSR remained in. And in the Sudan, the Sudanese CP was decimated in a similar fascist coup, after which the Soviets were ousted. However, the Chinese government took the opportunity to strengthen its ties with the executioners of the Sudanese CP.

In Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon), the Bandaranaike government drowned in blood an ill-fated revolutionary uprising of young students and workers. In that part of the world, China and the Soviet Union literally raced each other, along with Britain and the United States, to give aid and comfort to the Bandaranaike government in its attempt to crush the revolutionary uprising.

What can one make of all this? It is that the ideological struggle between the Chinese and Soviet leaders has degenerated into nationalist rivalry, a rivalry which rebounds to the benefit of imperialism and to the great detriment of the cause of the

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widow of DeGaulle.

All this seems to be a far cry from the days when the Chinese leaders were fervently seeking revolutionary support in Latin America, and giving it as well on a principled and revolutionary basis. The new policy seems to have totally abandoned or completely subordinated this type of revolutionary support in the interests of "higher aims": the aim of offsetting and counteracting Soviet influence everywhere while at the same time accommodating to U.S. imperialism—which seems to be the

international working class and oppressed peoples everywhere.

Only from this vantage point can one understand why the Chinese leaders recognized the Chilean junta and why the Soviet leaders continue to this day to give formal recognition to the fascist Lon Nol military clique in Cambodia.

For a Marxist-Leninist vanguard organization to lose sight of these stubborn and inescapable facts is to abdicate its revolutionary responsibility to the working class.



Colorado gas chamber

Canton City, Colo., Nov. 11 (UPI):

"Penal authorities looking for a use for an obsolete gas chamber have placed it in the playground outside the sandstone walls of the state penitentiary."

"It's sick, really sick," said Ed Love, a prisoner.

"It's appalling to see youngsters whose fathers are inside here playing in that thing."

"Associate Warden Alex Wilson said that he understood why prison inmates did not like the gas chamber, but, he said, there have been few complaints from tourists."

"Some who stop even seem to enjoy it," he said.

"Twenty-four men died in the block-like chamber with quarter-inch-thick walls while it was in use from 1933 to 1955. In 1955, a modernized, one-seat chamber was installed. The old gas chamber, which has three seats, was too big and ended up in the prison garden for a decade."

"Former Warden Wayne K. Patterson then moved it outside the penitentiary walls and into the park where it now stands. The glass windows are gone, but the three seats in which men died remain."

"There is an inscription on the outside listing the executions the state has carried out, among them 45 by hanging from 1890-1934."

Saxbe at Kent State?

The New York Post, Nov. 16:

"The father of one of the four students shot when the Ohio National Guard opened fire at Kent State University during a 1970 anti-war demonstration says he wants to oppose the nomination of Sen. Saxbe (R-Ohio) as President Nixon's Attorney General."

"Saxbe, said Arthur Krause of Pittsburgh, was a member of the same National Guard unit, one of three, that did most of the firing at the tragedy-stricken campus."

"His daughter, Allison, 19, was one of the four students—along with another girl and two youths—who were killed."

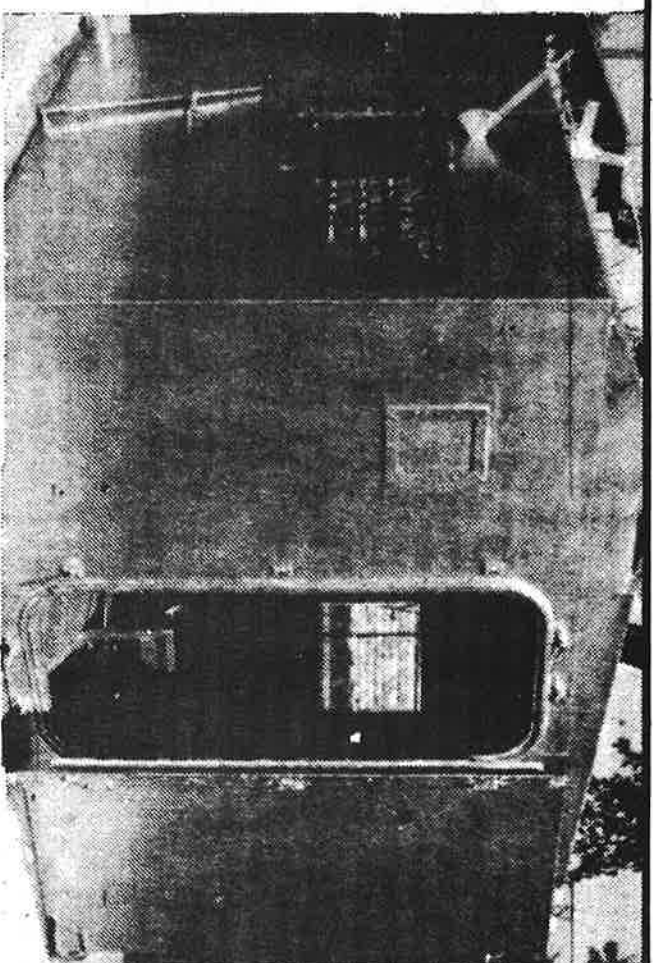
"The unit Saxbe belonged to was the 107th Armored Cavalry, one of the units identified by a presidential study commission as in the thick of the firing May 4, 1970."

Conflict of interest

Chicago Today, Nov. 13:

"Nine Commonwealth Edison Co. directors today were charged with conflict of interest for allegedly placing \$7 million in Edison funds in non-interest-bearing accounts in three banks. The nine men also are directors of the banks."

"The Circuit Court class-action suit charges that nine of the company's 13



The state of Colorado thinks this gas chamber makes a suitable playhouse.

directors also serve on bank boards and that the banks benefit from the interest-free deposits.

"The suit says that \$7,051,000 in Edison funds is in interest-free accounts. The banks involved are the Northern Trust Company, the First National Bank of Chicago, and the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co."

"Today's civil suit is similar to court action against County Board President George W. Duane and other office-holders who were charged with placing public funds in banks that the officials serve as directors. The banks paid no interest on the deposits."

Precinct connections

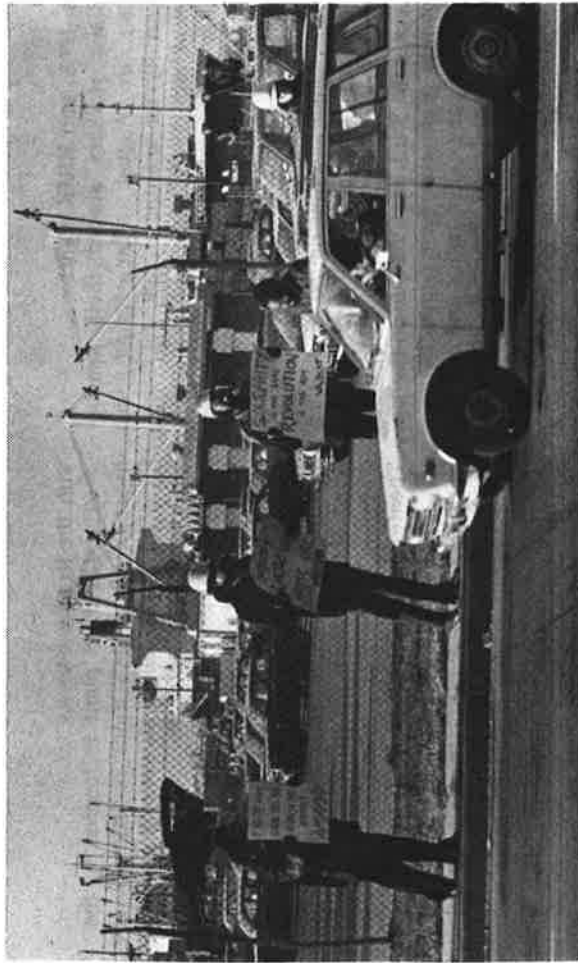
The New York Times, Oct. 24:

"Police Chief Edward C. McArdle

testified today that three weeks of sworn allegations of Albany policemen burglarizing stores, looting parking meters, shaking down prostitutes and protecting dope dealers and intimidating witnesses had 'not yet' provided him with any information requiring disciplinary action."

"In connection with cases of patrolmen who were allegedly caught committing crimes and allowed to resign without charges, the commission asked Chief McArdle whether he believed that a policeman guilty of a crime should receive 'special consideration.'"

"After 22 attempts to obtain an answer to the question, the commission drew from the chief the response that he would not favor special consideration for a policeman."



WW Photo: Gregory

Workers in Baltimore, in solidarity with Zimbabwe, refuse to unload Rhodesian chrome ore.

Workers back boycott of racist Rhodesian chrome

By RICHARD OCHS

BALTIMORE, Nov. 15—Approximately 60 working people and members of workers' organizations demonstrated in Baltimore on November 10 and 11 to protest the importation of goods from the south African nation of Zimbabwe ("Rhodesia"). The protesters, from plants throughout the city, were joined by some longshoremen who refused to help unload the refined nickel and chrome ore.

Although the ship Mormaclake was eventually unloaded, it was done with a skeleton crew after 6 of the 11-man gang walked off the job. The five who remained violated the union work rules, in addition to scabbing. These men were reportedly hand-picked by the stevedore companies to avoid work refusals like the ones that happened on June 9 and September 23, when ships with Rhodesian chrome had to leave the port with their cargoes still aboard.

The picket line was joined by the Black Workers Congress, Baltimore Revolutionary Workers Organization, National Friends Service Committee, October League, Revolutionary Union, and Youth Against War & Fascism (Maryland-D.C. branch). These groups and others, including Black union leader Hershy

Richardson and Congressman Parren Mitchell, are demanding enforcement of the United Nations boycott of products from Zimbabwe. This is part of a worldwide protest against the racist policies of the Rhodesian government, which keeps its Black citizens (95 percent of the population) in poverty, with slave wages, without land, and without representation in government.

There is presently a bill, being filibustered in Congress, to enforce the boycott of Rhodesian chrome. Its passage depends on pressure from workers and supporters. It appears that, in expectation of such a cutoff, the shipping and chrome interests are speeding up shipments to build up a stockpile supply. Three such shipments are scheduled for the month of December, and are equal to the entire amount shipped since last spring.

As long as the United States government allows big business to support racist policies, all workers will be hurt. Unless we actively support other workers' fights for freedom, the competition from their slave-wage labor will hold our wages down and take our jobs away. Only organized labor has the power to stop this scabbing and enforce an international boycott.

—Farah striker

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guy to jail. So everybody says, "If you take one, everybody goes." They said, "Get out of our cars, we don't have room for you!" They didn't take anybody, so we broke the injunction. We had the 50 feet apart that we had to picket and now we don't have it anymore. And the police, they just don't go around arresting us like they used to.

CULA: What kind of support work is going on in El Paso? And do workers in other plants feel solidarity with your struggle?

E.L.: Oh yes, especially now since our strike. In El Paso alone, there had always been just one strike within ten years; now there have been five in one year and they have already won. Now when we want to organize a march or protest about something we get all kinds of groups together and they come out to support us.

CULA: What kind of support have you gotten nationally and internationally?

E.L.: Overseas, since Willie Farah has three plants over there, when they found we came out on strike, they came out in support of us. In Hong Kong, mainly, Farah wanted to ship some of his unfinished pants over there and they just refused to work on them because of the strike. And in Belgium, those people were complaining about the same things we were. And they said Willie must negotiate with us or we will shut down his whole factory. He has plants in Japan, Belgium, and Australia. He can't run away over there because they have him cornered, too.

CULA: What's the situation with Farah now? I heard that last year he lost a lot of money.

E.L.: Every since the strike he has lost a little bit more than \$14 million. His workers are only working three days now and this week he closed two more plants. It won't be long until he closes all the plants now, and he'll start negotiating with us.

CULA: What do you think the outlook for the strike is now?

E.L.: I think we're nearer victory than ever before. Not only that, but this strike can help each and every one of us if we unite now. We can stop the runaway shops from going to the South. You see all these shops going there for cheap labor. In return, if we start unionizing the South, then they'll have no place to go. They won't leave thousands of people elsewhere without a job. And in fact, it can start everybody having a union, a good union now.

CULA: How can supporters help? Here in Boston we've been picketing and asking people not to buy Farah pants. How can individual people help?

E.L.: They can start talking to people, if they're in the street or class or whatever, and ask them if they know about the Farah strike and tell them something about the history so they can know more than just: "Don't buy Farah pants." It's a great help when you go downtown and picket for us and not buy the pants.

CULA: If people want to make contributions to support the distress fund, how should they do that?

E.L.: They should send it to Farah Distress Fund, P.O. Box 998, El Paso, Texas 79941.

'You either learn to haul wood or you starve'

By CAL BONNER

In any given small town in the Deep South, just before the break of day, one can hear the rumbling sounds of pulpwood hauling trucks. More than likely the trucks will be pulling away from a ramshackle frame house containing sleeping children and a long-suffering wife.

While the dew is still on the brown winter grass, the pulpwood hauler will arrive at his destination deep in the woods. With his partner, he'll take out his chain saw and commence work that keeps the county and country humming, cutting and then hauling the logs which will end up as paper bags, cups, and other items on which the U.S. has become so dependent.

It's cold weather now, and the big buying holidays are coming up. Will he have enough left over after expenses from the rental of truck, saw, and home to get those stockings filled? Or to even buy stockings? Woodcutters average between \$2,500 and \$3,000 a year.

What if something happens, what if he's hurt—who is going to do the all-important work of keeping those stomachs filled? Jobs are nearly nonexistent out here and welfare in the Deep South is cruel, inadequate, and a farce. There's not much industry in North Louisiana, North Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama, other than pulp and paper. And right now he's so far out in the woods that he can't even smell the stench of the nearest paper mill, miles away. "That's money smelkin'," the folks say.

Work out in the woods is hard and dangerous. There are rattlesnakes, even now; they hibernate late in the Deep South. In the summer it's the oppressive heat and the pesky mosquitoes everyday—a lot more persistent than the snakes. The woods are the worst place to be in a thunderstorm. And there's always the danger that someone might slip and not tell you that you're in the path of a falling pine.

Fred Walters, a wood hauler for 35 years and a resident of Jones County, Mississippi, for most of his life, is the president of the Gulfoast Pulpwood Association (GPA). In an interview with the Southern Patriot, Fred Walters described his work as "one of the most dangerous things that a man ever done in his life. Just one little mistake, and that's all. He can lose a leg or an arm, he can even lose his head. And I have seen several people that the saw would get away from them. In other words, if you were making a cut in a log and that log happens to tighten up, or happens to hit a little limb over there, a solid limb or something, it can throw that saw back up and split your head wide open.

"And I have seen three cases where their heads split wide open and their brains done poured right out of their head. Then also, the saw is not the only dangerous part. Because you've got that loader there.

"Your truck motor has a power takeoff that lifts your lumber. And maybe you've got a piece of wood that weighs a thousand pounds coming up off the ground and coming right on over your head. Maybe the tongs will slip, the tongs that hold that piece of wood up there. Right on your head.

"The power saw has taken a lot of the hard work out of cutting wood. It's not as heavy work, but it's more dangerous. A bucksaw never split anybody's head.

"There's a trick to handling this wood. And also there is a trick to know how to set your truck to load it. It's one of those things that you either learn it or you starve. That is the real truth."

WOODCUTTERS FIGHT BACK

In 1971 the GPA, which represents the exploited haulers against the exploitative wood dealers and giant paper companies, led Mississippi woodcutters and haulers on an unprecedented and victorious strike. It was unprecedented in the degree of unity forged between Black and white workers in territory that is most reactionary. They had

to face red baiting and race baiting emanating from the agents of such paper giants as Scott Paper Company, International Paper, St. Regis, American Can, and others. During the 1971 strike much of the support came from the people in the northern cities.

This year the woodcutters, as determined as ever, are on strike again for their unsatisfied demands of accident insurance to offset the hazardous conditions under which they work, more money to the hauler for wood, a standard method of measuring and paying for the cords (to eliminate cheating by the dealers who buy wood from the cutters), and an agreement by the paper and pulp bosses and their representatives to meet with the GPA and, in essence, recognize the GPA as bargaining agent for the pulpwood cutters.

PICKETS FORCE COURT ACTION

The woodcutters in Mississippi and southern Alabama picketed Scott and International for two days, beginning September 8, and by the second day wood deliveries were down to 273 cords from an expected 1,039 cords. Then these two giant companies went into federal court to try to bring a halt to the strike. The bosses' fatuous claim was that the pulpwood cutters were "independent contractors" and that this entitled the companies to protect the furtherance of their superprofits under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

More than 100 woodcutters packed the courtroom, while more testified on how the dealers control them and keep them poor. Dealers lease or sell equipment and parts to the woodcutters, deducting payments from the price of the wood delivered to the woodyard.

One dealer admitted in court that if a woodcutter quits hauling for him, he repossesses any equipment being sold to the cutter but keeps the money he has collected as "rent" on the equipment.

The GPA won a major victory when the judge ruled that woodcutters and woodhaulers are piecework employees, rather than independent contractors, and declared the strike legal.

The companies are appealing the ruling, however, and the strike is still on. But the



Photo: Southern Patriot

Black and white pulpwood workers stand side by side on picket line in Mississippi. wood dealers have obtained another injunction in the Alabama courts against picketing.

The GPA is asking for support to win this strike against what is in effect an application of the sharecropping system to the wood industry. The Association suggests you can: (1) organize a support committee in your town or community; (2) collect money and food at meetings, plant gates, union meetings, churches, etc.; and (3) spread the word of the strike through leaflets, press contacts, letters to the editor, and by word of mouth.

Unless there is widespread support, the woodcutters and their families face a long and bleak winter. It is requested that you send all contributions and information about what you are doing to: Gulfoast Pulpwood Association, P.O. Box 53, Eastabuchie, Miss. 39436.

Caution: Kents cause racism!

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (SCEF)—Supporters of Black workers at the P. Lorillard Tobacco Company here have called for a boycott of the company's cigarettes and tobacco.

The Black workers are demanding the reinstatement of seven workers who were fired last August after a protest against discrimination in hiring and upgrading. They are also demanding that Lorillard

begin a positive program to deal with discrimination in its plant.

The boycott has been called by Concerned Citizens, a coalition of members of religious and community groups.

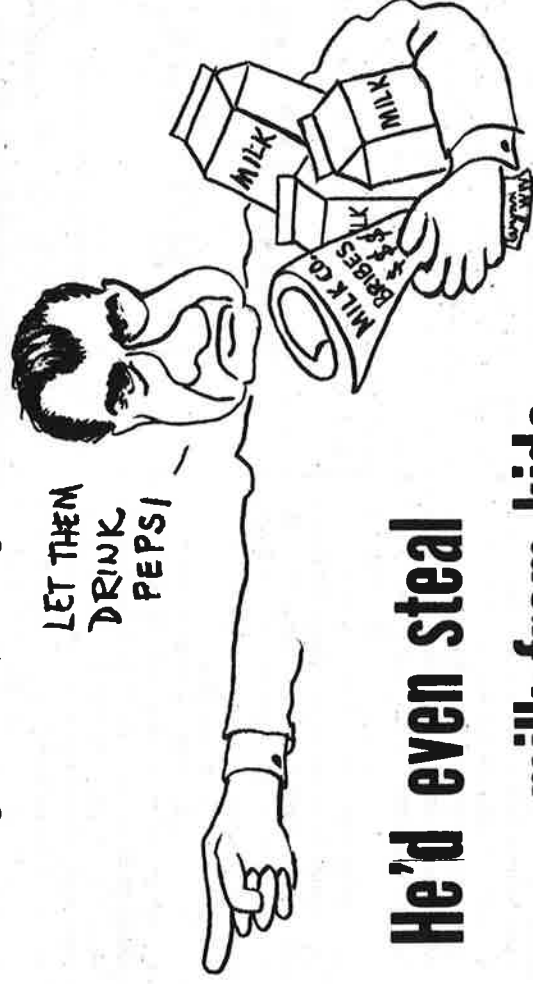
Lorillard products include Kent, Old Gold, True Green, True Blue, Spring, and Newport cigarettes. Other products are Beechnut and Big Red Tobacco, and Omega

Slims, BTA, and ERIK cigars.

Black workers staged their demonstration in August after trying unsuccessfully for months to get representatives of both the company and their union to talk with them about discrimination. The union is Local 201 of the Tobacco Workers International Union.

The workers sat down on their jobs in a key department and thus halted production in the entire plant for a full shift. It was believed to be the first time that Black workers in the South have used an on-the-job sit-down to dramatize their demands.

The company called police and had the workers arrested and fired all of them. Since then they have refused to negotiate



He'd even steal milk from kids

By JILL ROUNDTREE

CHICAGO, Ill. — "Impeach Nixon!" is a popular slogan, even among liberal capitalist politicians. But if the common housewife could get her hands on him, she'd be more anxious to can him!

A letter released on October 23 to the press revealed that Associated Milk Producers Inc. (AMPI) promised \$2 million in campaign contributions to Nixon in return for administration favors. Earlier Watergate hearings exposed that \$400,000 from the dairy industry was given the Nixon campaign in exchange for his granting them an increase in milk price supports. It was

shown then that the dairy industry would gain between \$500 million and \$700 million as a result of this increase.

Thus, add to Nixon's crimes: his corrupt association with the dairy industry, insuring that their profits soar as our grocery bills skyrocket out of reach!

The hand of the dairy industry reaches beyond their puppets in Washington, however. Last August it was revealed that AMPI gave \$11,000 to Walker's campaign and \$5,200 to Governor Ogilvie in the race against each other for governor of this state. Here in Chicago, milk prices increased for the fifth time this year on November 1. In

Angry over-65s crowd food chain's offices

of how difficult it is for many to even get to the stores, and that they want order and delivery service available, as well as smaller packaging for single people. They requested a meeting at an appropriate date to discuss their demands with the president of Jewel.

Jewel's response was to tell them to get on the food stamp program. This inadequate program (which would cost Jewel nothing) requires a lump sum of money to buy the stamps, which many people on fixed incomes cannot afford and often do not qualify for. It does not cover other groceries than food items and doesn't take into account special diabetic foods and other diets which many older people must follow.

The ensuing publicity and the popularity of the issue forced the president of Jewel to go to the Senate's office the day after the meeting. He said he would meet with their food committee, but only on the day before Thanksgiving. He said Jewel would be happy to offer smaller packaging and would advertise sales on food items the day social

anger and frustration was reflected in the shooting and wounding of a skilled worker by the Chairman of the Michigan Casting Center unit of Local 600. The shooting took place outside of the Local 600 hall after an argument over the contract.

With the GM UAW locals voting in the next few weeks, the UAW leadership will try all its tricks to "sell" the contract to a rebellious rank and file. But Woodcock and Company's grip on the autoworkers is slipping as these misleaders settle for less than nothing and hide from any fight. Last summer Chrysler workers showed

—Auto workers

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get their locals "in line." Statements from Woodcock claimed outside agitators and rebels were causing the "trouble," and that the rank and file were "confused." At one local, a committeeman threatened a worker who had leafleted against the contract. And the real extent of Woodcock and Company's

—Gay worker

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pretend to be straight in order to get them?

RU's position that gay people can be anti-imperialist, but not communist, reminds me of an editorial in the New York Daily News a while back. It was entitled, "Any old job for homos." The Daily News' position, like that of the RU, is that we are good enough for some positions (the less demanding ones) but not for others (those requiring dedication, skill, stability, etc.). To this kind of "toleration" we can only reply, "Thanks for nothing."

It appears to me that the RU position paper shows little understanding of gay people and their capacities and reeks of the standard prejudices that we are all too familiar with. Their attempt to hide their prejudice with a pseudo-Marxist analysis shouldn't fool anyone. Such a statement encourages divisions among workers on the basis of sexual orientation. It doesn't require too much experience in the class struggle to know that such divisions weaken the ability of the workers to fight the bosses, and instead, turn them against each other. They say in their statement, "... we see that monogamous heterosexual relationships are by far the most favorable for providing the grounds for struggle, respect and love." By the way, are they supposed to be a political group or a marriage counseling service?

Sincerely,
C.R.

—NLRB vs. boycott

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days of the trial of CULA on the charges pressed by Sibley's and the NLRB. It came right after antilabor Judge Burke had declared a month-long recess in the trial, and before the Center for United Labor Action had been granted more than half a day to present its case.

Unabashedly, the judge handed down the injunction during a hearing granted at the request of the NLRB. (Certainly, the judge must have had the same information that the NLRB lawyer had passed along to CULA lawyers—that he had "got a call from Washington" instructing him to keep the NLRB charges alive. The day before, the judge had refused the temporary injunction for the duration of the recess that Associated Dry Goods' lawyer had asked for. Did Judge Burke also get a call from Washington?)

December 11 has been set as the date for a hearing called by the NLRB to decide the status of CULA.

But the people of Rochester are enraged at this clearly unconstitutional injunction, denying CULA the right of free assembly and free speech. On November 23, several of Rochester's community and religious groups, on their initiative, organized a strong picket line in front of Sibley's. They called on shoppers to boycott Sibley's, thereby demonstrating the people's determination to fight this unlawful attack against the rights of all working people.

The alternative to repression, sexploitation

By SUE DAVIS

Viva, the "sister" of Penthouse, went on sale last month on streetcorners all across America. Billed as the superstar of the self-styled sexually liberated magazines, it, like Playboy and Cosmopolitan before it, sells sex—and the exquisite clothes and sleek cars, exotic pools and superbly outfitted pads that make it all possible. Or that's the "sexy" way of life the Helmers, Browns, and Gucciones would have us buy.

Beginning in the fifties at a time when society was stifled by repression in every aspect of life, Playboy's anti-Puritan stand on sex popularly assailed the prevailing sexual taboos and mores, but in a way that objectively perpetuated the double standard for women. Marilyn Monroe probably personifies more than any other woman the sex object of the fifties, and she drowned herself in booze and barbituates, so her biographers tell, to overcome her, "failure" as a childless divorcee.

Every woman can relate stories about how she or her friends have been afflicted by the persistent double standard. In 1960, a popular cheerleader in my high school class had only one visitor in the hospital after she gave birth to an "illegitimate" child; the father, the football team's quarterback—who never lost his reputation or his buddies—steadfastly denied paternity until a law suit was threatened.

Last week, a fellow worker who lived with her husband before they were married described how a friend of her husband's, who considers himself a "swinger," refused to talk to her until after the marriage.

For Black women, the standard is tripled. What else can possible explain how teenage girls in Georgia could be involuntarily sterilized in 1973? In the movie "Mean Streets" the triple standard is obvious: a young gangster stands up a Black topless dancer, to whom he is attracted, because of the last-minute fear that he could ruin his "career" if he were seen with her! Only since the women's liberation movement spoke up in the late sixties about all forms of oppression of women in this society have women's sexual needs and desires been publicly acknowledged. And since then, the gay liberation movement has forced homosexuality to be talked about even on TV.

Now, the sexually oriented movies and magazines, whether for women or men, proclaim that the way of life they sell is the liberated one. Yet feeling pressure to experience one's sexuality completely, which such media engender, only adds to women's oppression, often in its most subtle, psychological forms.

Suppose a mother of two who bottles perfume in an Avon factory finds time to read Viva. She more than likely doesn't have the time or the energy for an affair, let alone an extra hour in bed with her husband on a weekend morning. And she suffers if she thinks about wanting to or if she worries because her husband wants to.

Sex cannot be set free in a society where nothing else is—where prices are rising, services are being cut, wages are frozen, and racism persists, along with every other form of chauvinism and prejudice.

The desire for freedom from social and sexual oppression is driving millions of women around the world to confront the patriarchal family, with all its traditions of domestic servitude. Because women are

FEMINISM AND MARXISM

A MARXIST ANALYSIS OF WOMEN'S OPPRESSION AND STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION

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attacking the basic unit of class society, the women's struggle is intimately a part of the growing worldwide revolutionary struggle against all forms of class oppression. And is one of the most profound aspects of this great urge of humanity to entirely reorganize society on an equalitarian basis.

The first revolution to undertake this reconstruction of society was the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. It legalized the equality of women and outlawed prostitution by providing unexploited work for all. For that, the revolution was accused of promoting "free love."

Up to now we have not even spoken of love. And most Americans probably wouldn't think of it in connection with socialism. From "Ninotchka" to "Mission Impossible," the view of socialist life we're given is one of strict regimentation and social impoverishment. But love and sex—not how to sell them—are the concern of the enlightened (if heterosexually oriented) interview excerpted below from the September 12 Democratic German Report. Questions are put by the German youth daily Junge Welt to Dr. Siegfried Schnabl, author of two widely read books on the psychology and physiology of sex.

The interview shows how in a country striving to build socialism, uninhibited by sex for sale in any traditional form, women and men are considering each other's needs in order to find a mutually satisfying way of life.

Q.: How should people prepare for marriage?

A. A lot has been said about this, and some good starts have been made too, for instance the "marriage schools." But there is still a big difference between preparing for a job and preparing for marriage. Marriage preparation is too often considered as a matter of instinct. Basic conditions for marriage are:

- full recognition of the equality of the partners
- sharing housework equally
- knowledge of the psychology and physiology of the sexes, including sexual questions
- modern behavior in partnership relations
- the steps in erotic approach...

Q.: How should young people living in boarding schools, student hostels, and so on, behave?

A. Such facilities of course set certain limits to love, for you should not inflict your love life on others. But I think that there are still too many rules in this field. Teachers should remember that if they ban love they are restricting the right of young people to develop their personality. The desire for love and tenderness is natural and interference with this desire causes tension, and love under unworthy conditions.

Q.: Should young people be acquainted with the techniques of sexual intercourse?

A. From the moment they have a partner they should start informing themselves. I think a proper source for information are books, lectures, and also the sex and marriage guidance centers. It is of great importance that lovers should talk to each other frankly about their desires.

Q.: Does the Pill undermine morals?

A. Girls who take the Pill are simply using one of the contraceptive measures, while in the past they had intercourse under constant fear of becoming pregnant. Even if today, as a result of the Pill, young people decide to have intercourse earlier, then it is fairly obvious that earlier they refrained not for moral reasons, but because of fear of the results.

Q.: What is your opinion of parents who forbid their grown-up children to have sexual relations?

A. Parents whose grown-up children still live at home should remember that at that age children can decide for themselves. I think that girls and boys who can bring their partners home without restraint are likely to act better because they feel their

Gay and straight workers — all exploited by bosses

(The Revolutionary Union recently printed a five-page statement entitled, "Position Paper of the Revolutionary Union on Homosexuality and Gay Liberation." In it they define homosexuality as "an individual response to the intensification of the contradictions brought about by the contradictions brought about by decaying imperialism." They further state, "While gay people can be anti-imperialist we feel that they cannot be Communists." They characterize the gay liberation movement as "reactionary." Following is a letter from a gay worker that we feel expresses the real meaning of their analysis.)

Dear Editor:

Recently I was shown a statement issued by the Revolutionary Union (RU) on homosexuality. I'm writing to you because I thought the statement should be answered and hope you will print this letter.

There were a lot of things in the RU position paper that showed ignorance of how gay people live and what they think. Most gay people today, like most straight people, are exploited workers and the way they live and think reflects that.

Centuries of persecution and propaganda against us have isolated us from the rest of society to a certain extent making it difficult for many straight workers to accept gay workers as equals. The bosses use this to their own advantage.

But sometimes it backfires. I have a straight friend who was running for steward in his shop. The bosses didn't like him because he was "too political" so they had some foremen try to start a rumor that he

was gay ("queer" is the way they put it) hoping thereby to assure his defeat. Bill decided not to deny the accusation. He argued, when it came up, that his sexual preference had nothing to do with his ability to be a good steward. He won.

The assertion which the RU makes that gay people do not have close relationships with members of the opposite sex is false. And it is certainly misleading to say, as they do, that "As a rule, homosexual relationships in our society are extremely difficult, require a lot of time to make work, if they work at all." Couldn't exactly the same thing be said of most heterosexual relationships "in our society"?

The way the RU bad-mouths the gay liberation movement really offends me. Millions of gay people in this country have drawn strength and inspiration from seeing our sisters and brothers dare to fight back against the discrimination and hostility we have always faced. And the movement has had the further effect of educating our straight sisters and brothers and thus opening the door to real solidarity between gay and straight people.

But RU says this is "reactionary." What do they want us to do? Go back to hiding our true selves, to letting others believe we are shameful and "unnatural"? Pretend we accept the sexist stereotypes of masculinity and femininity? Gay liberation first of all demands basic civil rights—in other words, equal treatment—for gays. Does RU deny gay workers these rights? Or do we have to

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Young men and women in Reunification Park, Hanoi.

Photo: LNS

responsibility towards their parents. Experience shows that strict prohibitions and banishing of this problem from the parental home may lead to a very early start in sexual relations.

Q.: Is marriage a desirable aim in the relations between man and woman?

A. Everybody in love wishes not to share his love with others. In addition, lovers always have the desire to see things together, to help each other, etc. All this is better guaranteed in marriage than in a loose partnership. I think that two people who love each other but have no desire to marry are not completely sure of their feelings for each other. Marriage is also desirable because the community of man and woman in this form is recognized, supported, and protected by society.

Marriage provides the best conditions for bringing up children. On the other hand, nobody is forced to marry, but people who love each other do not consider marriage as a restraint.

Q.: What sociopolitical problems did you face when writing your books?

A. In the course of socialist development new problems arise in the relations between man and woman, and new sexual attitudes emerge. Women's equality in society has changed her role in sex life. With growing material well-being attention is increasingly attached to sexual problems, and the desire for sexual perfection is increasing with improving sex education. I consider it an important task for society to give sexuality the place it deserves in our life and to make it a source of happiness and joy.

In 1946, Henry Luce, the multimillionaire owner of the Time-Life dynasty, wrote a much heralded essay called, "The American Century." Luce pointed out that the era of European domination of the bulk of the colonial world in Asia and Africa was over. America would be the new Rome, he said, and would rule the earth with its guns and dollars until at least the middle of the 21st century.

But like the empires of Babylon, Rome, Spain, and England that rose to dizzying heights on the bones of conquered peoples, only to fall, the American Century of Henry Luce, like Hitler's "Thousand Year Reich," is contracting violently only a few decades after reaching its apex.

Despite one million U.S. troops stationed in 109 foreign countries, and a war fleet larger than all the other navies in the world combined, new waves of struggle are breaking over the Wall Street-bought tyrants. Greece, S. Korea, S. Vietnam, and Iran are four areas where U.S.-sponsored industrial growth has enriched a thin layer of stooges but further blighted the lives of the masses.

Greece

By MARK DORAN

The fascist regime of George Papadopoulos was overthrown Sunday morning in a coup staged by rightist military officers. The coup followed on the heels of massive demonstrations by Greek students and workers calling for the overthrow of Papadopoulos.

Papadopoulos's hated regime was toppled in a "white coup", i.e., there were no shots fired and Papadopoulos was simply sent home under house arrest. The military brass who took over have been forced by mass pressure to release a number of political prisoners held by the army since last week's rioting.

The new government is just as reactionary as that of Papadopoulos, however. The first declaration of the regime was a pledge to return to the "principles" of the 1967 coup. The new junta has criticized Papadopoulos for moving too quickly towards "democracy." Now, contrary to Papadopoulos's promise, there will be no "elections"—not even phony ones—next year.

The leader of the new junta is Phaedon Gkizikis, commander of the First Army. During the student-worker rebellion he advocated immediate imposition of martial law and the setting up of military tribunals. Behind him looms the powerful General Ioannidis, who is the hated commander of

Athens Polytechnic Institute and held it for two days. The demonstrations spilled into the streets, with many workers joining the students for the first time since 1967.

The police responded with unprecedented brutality as army tanks smashed through the iron gates of the Polytechnic Institute followed by hundreds of police wielding lead pipes. Many of the protesters were shot and the official count was 11 dead and 110 injured, with 2,000 arrested.

On November 17, the regime re-instituted martial law. Meetings of five persons or more were banned, and hundreds

"The crisis of the Greek regime will not go away because there are new faces in the junta."

face military tribunals. Dictator Papadopoulos himself came on the air to blame "anarchists" for the demonstrations.

Far from being a plot by anarchists, however, the latest demonstrations were a real threat to the regime of George Papadopoulos and his whole phony program of "democratization." Only last summer Papadopoulos proclaimed Greece a "Republic" and lifted martial law. A referendum approved a new constitution



in Athens.

and a civilian cabinet was installed with Spyros Markenzinis as Premier.

These steps did not fool progressive Greeks, however. The referendum was marked by intimidation, ballot stuffing, and fraud. Markenzinis was infamous to Greeks as being the only prominent politician not to dissociate himself from the regime after the 1967 coup.

The series of demonstrations ripped off the facade of any "return to democracy" on the part of the Papadopoulos government. As the declaration of martial law showed, democracy will be tolerated only when there

is "social peace," that is, when opposition to the regime ceases.

The crisis of the regime did not go away because there are new faces in the junta, however. The workers who joined the powerful social force, and their participation may indicate a genuine reawakening of class struggle in Greece.

The new regime may be talking tougher than George Papadopoulos, but it faces the same problems as the old regime. Escalation of repression will only further condemn Gkizikis and Company to the class justice of the workers and all progressive people in Greece.

South Korea

By SHARON SHELTON

Since October, a wave of student sit-ins, strikes, and street fights with police, protesting the Pak Jung Hi government and its repressive policies, has swept through south Korea. These actions have paralyzed the universities and gained popular support throughout the country.

The protest flared up October 2, when more than 300 students of the Liberal Arts and Sciences College of Seoul University gathered to protest the institution of martial law. The students chanted, "Down with the dictatorship," and staged a sit-in when surrounded by police carrying clubs and teargas. It was the biggest open demonstration held in south Korea since Pak declared martial law a year earlier.

On the heels of these protests were demonstrations and strikes at three

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seminaries, a women's university, and at least five of the colleges of Seoul University—including the traditionally conservative College of Engineering. Also, students at the Law and Politics College of Konguk University protested by staging a boycott of midterm exams, following the arrest of their classmates at previous demonstrations. And at two schools, about 100 students went on a hunger strike and took over their classrooms in opposition to the government.

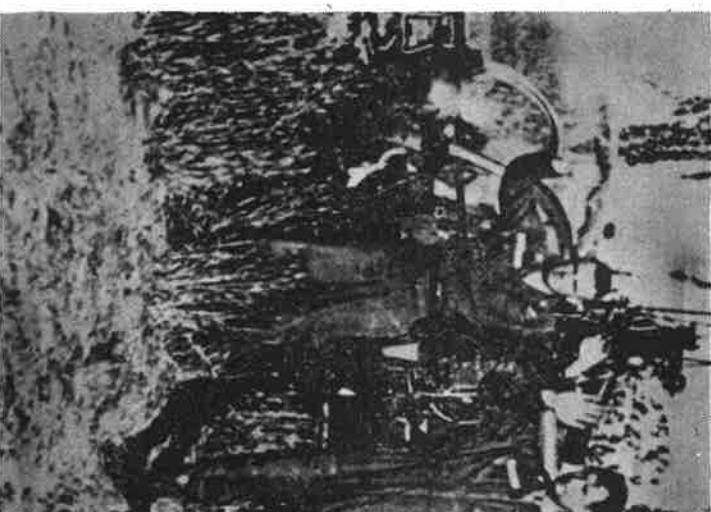
Needless to say, repression on the part of Pak and his 400,000 police and police agents has been severe. On October 13, police detained and tortured 23 Seoul University students and charged them with "violation of the law on assembly and demonstration." By October 27, officials had suspended 97 from school for "disturbing order." Also among the many arrested were the chairman of the Student Association of the Liberal Arts and Sciences

Crisis and repression

College and law professor Choe Jong Gil. Professor Choe Jong Gil was subsequently murdered by the police while he was in jail.

STUDENTS DEMAND U.S. GET OUT

This repression has been unable to stop the student movement, however. The students have merely added the release of all those arrested to their list of demands. They are also demanding that civil liberties be restored to south Korea, that foreign firms (especially those of Japan and the United States) be thrown out, that the south Korean CIA be dissolved, that the truth of the Kim Dae Jung case be brought to light, and that censorship of the press be ended at



Espionage mission over north Korea ended in CIA dictatorship is nothing more than a convenient tool

once. In some cases, the students have also demanded that the Pak government resign and have raised the slogan for reunification. The kidnapping of Kim Dae Jong has been cited as one of the immediate reasons for the protests. Kim Dae Jong, a political opponent of Pak, was kidnapped in August by the south Korean CIA, who broke into his hotel in Japan and returned him to south Korea, where he was placed under house arrest. (This was not the first time, by the way, that the south Korean CIA had engaged in such actions. According to the Korean Daily News, put out by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), many south Korean students abroad have been similarly abducted and jailed.)

News of the kidnapping spurred widespread protests in Japan on the part of Japanese leftists as well as south Koreans there. On August 15, immediately following the kidnapping, for example, there was a mass rally in Tokyo with 2,500 Koreans attending, denouncing the close conspiracy between the Pak police state and the Japanese reactionaries. These demonstrations undoubtedly had some influence on the students in south Korea.

Another factor influencing the student struggle was the student movement in Thailand. Despite heavy press censorship, some news of the mass student-led movement in Thailand may have leaked into south Korea and given impetus to the student struggle. The student movement in Thailand, along with the popular support it enjoyed, forced the ouster of the reactionary Thakorn clique that had ruled for ten years, and the mass rallies, such as the one on October 11 which attracted over 150,000 Thai students, coincided with the beginnings of the student strikes in Seoul.

Yet, a broader reason for the student

n in U.S. puppet states

movement in south Korea can be seen in the conditions of life there. Today the country functions as a dual colony of the United States and Japan. While Japan exceeds the United States in investments with \$305 million of Japanese capital pouring in in 1972, south Korea's location furnishes a convenient military springboard for U.S. aggression in Asia.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Moreover, the masses of people in south Korea live in abject poverty and daily terror. For example, a quarter of the urban population earn less than \$20 a month, and two-thirds of the entire population make less



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in capture for these two U.S. fliers. S. Korea at tool for the U.S. military.

than \$400 a year. Lack of housing, proper nutrition, and adequate medical care makes the lives of south Koreans hard indeed—especially in contrast to the accomplishments of the DPRK, which has been able to provide these basic needs for its population.

To keep the masses of south Koreans from rising up, the Pak regime, a U.S. puppet state for 12 years, has employed 700,000 military men, 300,000 CIA agents, and more than 400,000 police and police agents. In 1972, to even further tighten his grip over the population, Pak declared “extraordinary martial law.” A year earlier, he had announced a state of emergency law. Together these laws led to strict newspaper censorship, restrictions on travel, and curfews. And even before the student rebellions, over 1,000 arrests were made daily for violations of other laws such as the “Anti-Communist Law” and the “National Security Act.”

However, indications show that the momentum of the student struggle is increasing and spreading to local areas and to other segments of the population. Anti-government meetings and demonstrations, for example, have been organized recently by students of the Kyongbuk University and the Ryongnam University in North Kyongsang Province. Also, a group of scholars, religious leaders, and members of the press came out in support of the students, exposing the Pak government as fascist. On November 5, a declaration was issued calling for the general population to rise up. That the south Korean students should defy the oppressive Pak regime bespeaks not only their bravery but also the popular support they enjoy.

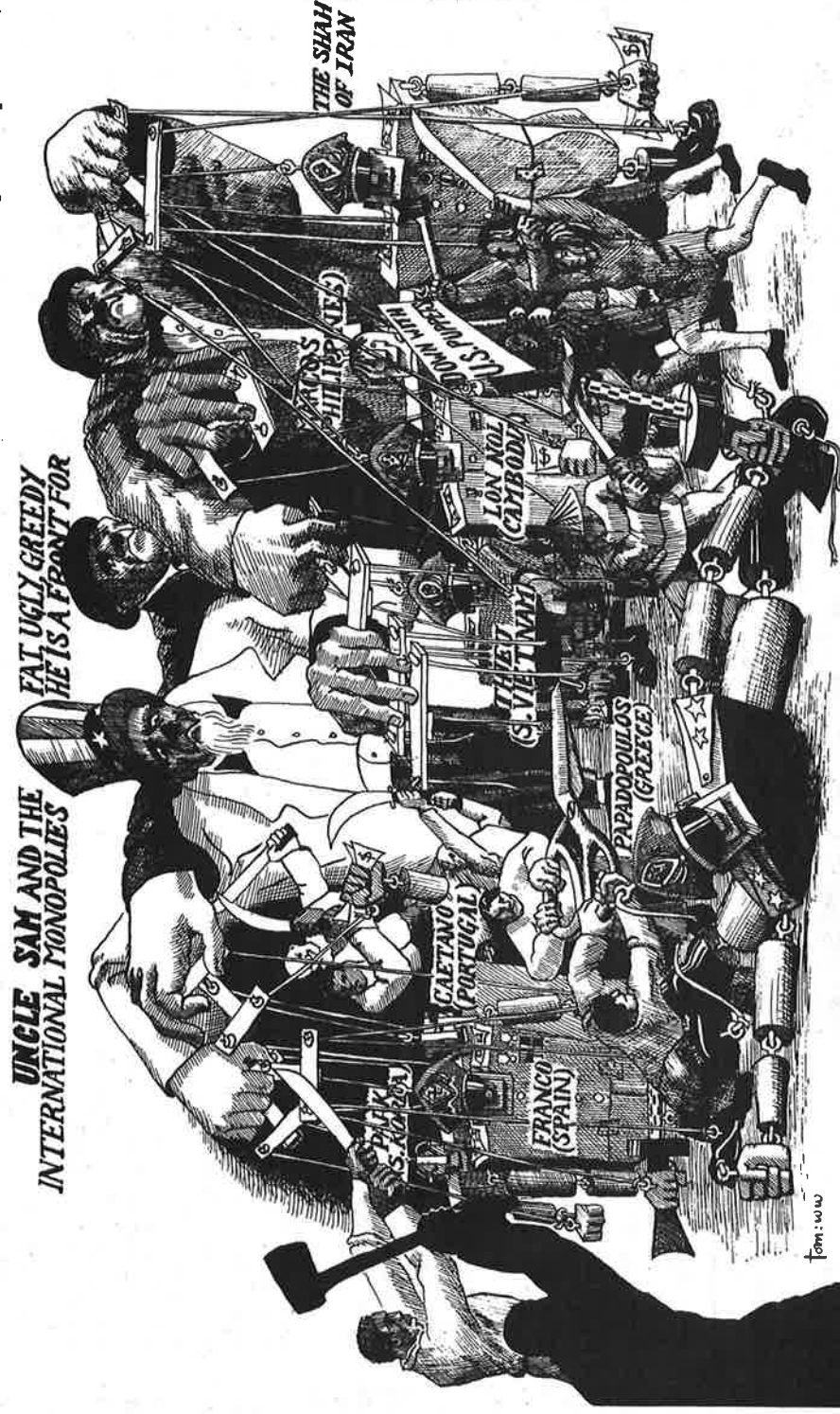
Down with U.S. puppet Pak! Right on to the student struggle!

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offensive by Saigon forces has begun against the liberated areas.

At a press conference held early in November, a representative of the PRG reported that in the liberated province of Binh Dinh alone, 59 villages had been completely destroyed by Saigon air raids since January. Throughout South Vietnam, the Saigon Air Force has carried out 13,000 bombing raids using explosive and incendiary bombs, napalm, poison gas, and

UNCLE SAM AND THE FAT UGLY GREEDY INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLIES



South Vietnam

By BOB McCUBBIN

The U.S. imperialists have not yet given up their designs for the subjugation of Southeast Asia. The Saigon puppet regime, a small clique of militarists who are despised by the whole Vietnamese people as well as the people of the whole world, continue to rule. But they rule only by virtue of massive U.S. economic and military support and by the use of systematic terror against the masses of South Vietnam, hundreds of thousands of whom are kept in concentration camps and 200,000 of whom are civilian political prisoners, held captive in barbaric prisons and subjected to torture, starvation, and death from maltreatment.

The Saigon puppets have never ac-

“Talk of an offensive by the liberation forces seeks to hide the fact that a murderous offensive by Saigon has begun.”

cepted the terms of the Paris agreement of January 1973 because the U.S. government itself never really accepted them. While the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) of the liberated areas has demanded strict adherence to the ceasefire, the Thieu regime has used every occasion to violate it. The U.S. press admitted this shortly after the agreement was signed last winter when they began reporting “nibbling operations” by the Saigon forces to try to regain territory they had lost before the signing.

Now the puppets are stepping up their military actions, using the lame excuse that they want to forestall a projected “offensive” by the liberation forces in the coming months. But all of this talk of an offensive by the liberation forces merely seeks to hide the fact that a murderous

antipersonnel weapons. The puppets are also continuing the use of herbicides against farm lands in the liberated areas.

During November the Saigon air pirates have bombed airfields and administrative headquarters as well as major population centers in the liberated areas. At Loc Ninh, for example, the Saigon puppets bombed a market place, a hospital, a pagoda, a church, and as a result there were numerous civilian casualties.

At the same time, a Saigon division commander has publicly aired the possibility of the reintroduction of direct U.S. air support in the coming months. A New York Times correspondent commented that the colonel's statement was “unusual in its frankness.” In a further comment that was perhaps a little too frank, the colonel said, “We need support like the support you give to Israel.”

There must be no confusion about one thing. The puppets don't make a single move without first consulting their U.S. masters. Twenty thousand U.S. “advisors” remain in South Vietnam secretly. U.S. policy continues to be to seek a reversal of the monumental defeat it suffered at the hands of the Vietnamese liberation forces. The American people must demand that the U.S. stop its continued meddling in Vietnam and live up to the Paris agreement of last January.

Iran

By TOM MITCHELL

The government-controlled newspapers of Iran have announced the arrest and upcoming military trial of 12 intellectuals on alleged charges of conspiring to kidnap the royal family and the U.S. Ambassador, Richard Holmes (formerly head of the CIA).

The intellectuals, writers, film makers, and artists, some of whom have been in prison for over a year already, are known as outspoken critics of the fascist regime headed by the Shah of Iran. The “trial” will have no jury, no observers, and lawyers are to be appointed by the state only one day before the proceedings begin.

The Iranian Students Association (ISA), whose members are in virtual exile from the

Shah's police state, is organizing a campaign on behalf of these latest victims of repression. The ISA points out the obvious contradiction that some of the accused were already in prison when the alleged conspiracy took place!

Iran has been armed to the teeth with U.S. weapons to be used against the people of Iran and all the Middle East. In the last two years the Iranian government has executed more than 109 political prisoners,

averaging one execution a week.

The savage repression is a sign of the shakiness of the U.S. puppets who have ruled since 1953 when the CIA organized a coup against the progressive government of

“In the last two years the Iranian government has executed more than 109 political prisoners, averaging one execution a week.”

Mossadegh. The Iranian regime's total dependence on the “goodwill” of U.S. imperialism is reflected in its present position vis-à-vis the Arabs' oil boycott. Iran is the largest Mideast oil producer not joining in the boycott, and the only one to do so out of pro-U.S. reasons (the other two are Libya and Iraq).

In 1971 the Shah lavishly spent many millions of dollars to “celebrate” 2,500 years of monarchy, paying for this gaudy display with money stolen from the desperately poor Iranian peasants and workers

Expanding Empire

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UN a 'peacekeeper' in Mideast? - Part II

U.S.-UN maneuvers and Palestinian liberation

By P. MEISNER

(In Part I, P. Meisner traced the role of the United Nations in the creation of Israel. Under U.S. pressure, the Zionist terrorist attacks on the Palestinian people and the exodus of nearly half a million refugees were given international approval, with only the Arab nations opposing the creation of a Western outpost in the Mideast. Israel's debt to imperialism was made clear in the 1956 invasion of Egypt.)

A British, French, and Israeli conspiracy had been hatched in October 1956. It called for Nasser to be overthrown, for France and Britain to regain the nationalized Suez Canal, and for Israel to seize the Sinai Peninsula. U.S. and Soviet pressure got the expeditionary French and British troops out of the Suez by December 22, 1956, but the Israeli expansionists refused to get out of the Sinai, in spite of the numerous UN resolutions calling on Israel to withdraw.

Washington, of course, was trying to eliminate French and British influence in the area at an opportune moment—just after the Anglo-French fiasco over the Suez. But it took another four months, into 1957, for the U.S. to get Israel out of the Sinai. This was only after a strong economic threat

made by the U.S. against Israel, once again showing the complete dependency of the Israeli state on U.S. imperialism for its survival (rather than on any UN resolutions).

A UN "peacekeeping" force (maneuvered by the U.S. as an "exchange" for getting Israeli forces out of the Sinai) was sent to the Sinai to "keep the peace" between Israel and the UAR. No UN troops, of course, were sent anywhere near Israel! They remained in Egypt until 1967, when Nasser ordered them out of his own country's territory (what a crime!). He undoubtedly realized that Israel was preparing a major offensive to crush the rising Palestinian guerrilla movement as well as left-nationalist Arab governments, especially the one in Syria.

The Israeli blitzkrieg from June 5 to 10 had the complete backing of Washington (including the Israeli use of U.S. intelligence and spy networks), which had conspired with Israel for months to destroy the new Arab militancy.

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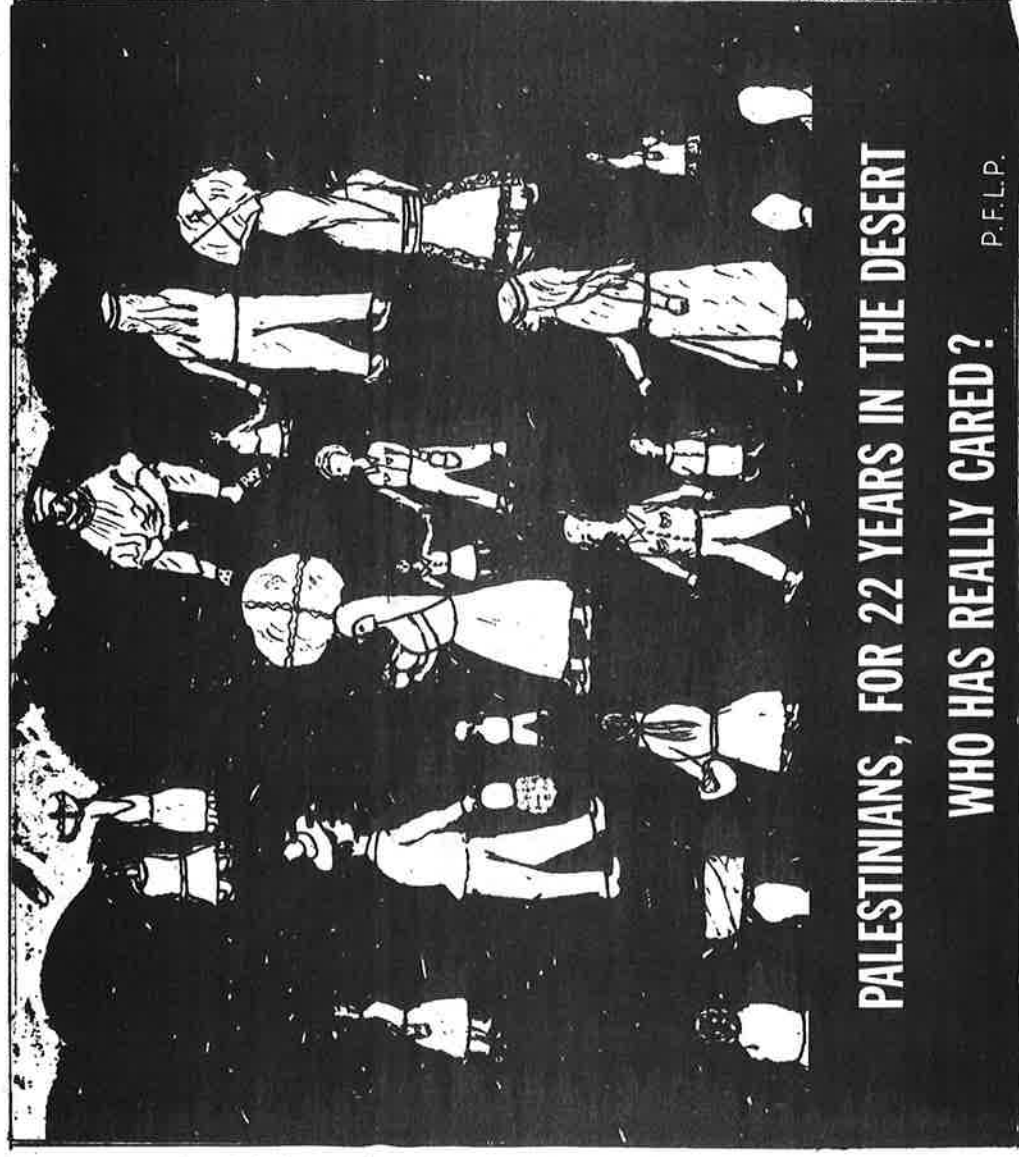
And again, Washington used the UN as a cover for its imperialist aggression against the Arab peoples and got support from the revisionist Soviet leadership to pass the

infamous UN Security Council Resolution 242 on June 6. The resolution once again rubber-stamped Israel's seizure of large territories from Syria, Jordan, and the UAR with a ceasefire and a phony promise for the future to negotiate the return of the territories.

The resolution was denounced by all the Palestinian organizations, several of the more progressive Arab governments, and the revolutionary supporters of Palestinian and Arab liberation, such as the revolutionary government of Cuba. (Needless to say, the Arab states were never returned their stolen territories and have now been compelled to engage themselves in another war to try to wrest them away from the Israeli occupiers.)

The colossal Soviet capitulation in the UN to the 1967 U.S.-Israeli war of aggression was turned into a tremendous diplomatic victory by Washington, if not a total political victory. Sam Marcy wrote in the *Workers World* of July 7, 1967:

"The inevitable has happened once again at the UN. The world organization which has for all these many years been painted up as the 'guardian of peace' and the 'enemy of aggressive wars' has once again proved itself to be the pliable tool of U.S. imperialism. Again, as on so many other



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chilly factories (where numb hands and feet can easily be the cause of more accidents).

The crisis is also providing the utilities a convenient excuse to burn previously forbidden high-pollutant fuels, which of course are cheaper. So city dwellers can expect higher rates of lung disease. Coal companies will also be permitted to conduct strip mining where it was previously held to be destructive to the environment.

And most sinister of all, it is clear that the U.S. government, in collusion with the military and the oil monopolies, sees these hardships as a period of softening up the American people to prepare us for a new war. They are letting the people know: it's either war or depression. So sign up now and get a bed and three meals.

But there's another alternative. That's

the road of struggle against these profit-hungry monopolists, who can't visualize any other life than the scramble for another million—no matter what it costs us in lives and suffering.

The alternative to war and depression is for the workers and oppressed to take state power out of the hands of the billionaire class and set up a socialist government. Then we can begin to plan to use our natural resources for the rational enjoyment of all; then we can build the schools and homes, the parks and hospitals, the industries that people need.

The big business strategists see the energy crisis as an opportunity to mobilize the people behind a totalitarian war machine. But the advanced elements of the working class and the oppressed see it as an opportunity to expose this chaotic, wasteful, and profit-mad system of monopoly capital, and organize the masses in revolutionary struggle for its overthrow.

occasions, the paid publicists of imperialist finance, its flunkies, and clients are crowding over the diplomatic victory which some of them describe as "almost as significant as the one on the battlefield."

The entire history of the UN, from Korea to the Congo and the Middle East, confirms that this "world" body has been a convenient tool of U.S. imperialism. In each of the areas just mentioned, the UN intervened with troops on behalf of the U.S. On the other hand, has the UN ever come close to passing a single resolution condemning the overt military aggressions of U.S. imperialism in Korea, Lebanon, Panama, Santo Domingo, Vietnam, or Cambodia? Or its covert aggressions in Iran, Guatemala, the Congo, Ghana, Laos, Indonesia, Brazil, Puerto Rico, Bolivia, Uruguay, or Chile? No, not one resolution.

It is very possible that Arab countries had no choice in accepting ceasefires on essentially Israeli terms throughout the four wars, but allowing the UN to do the dirty work has only helped U.S. imperialism conceal its criminal and aggressive role in each of those wars. And with each UN coverup for U.S.-Israeli aggressions, those that suffer the greatest are the Palestinian people, whose just demand for the return of their homeland has been virtually ignored while being relegated to a "refugee problem" by the UN.

Now is the time to expose U.S. imperialism as the real aggressor in the Middle East, demand the right of Palestinians to self-determination, and deny Washington and Wall Street a cover in the UN for their monstrous crimes against all oppressed peoples.

Two million Palestinians were driven from their homes by the Israeli colonialists over two decades ago. They are crammed into refugee camps and try to live on the 11 cents a day allotted to them by the UN. Many Palestinians were born in these camps and know no other home. All dream of the day when they can return to the land of their parents, the land of Palestine.

On November 28 a "well-informed diplomat" told the *New York Times* that "The United States and the Soviet Union have agreed that Arab-Israeli peace negotiations should begin next month without the participation of Palestinian representatives."

This is a gross violation of the right of self-determination of the Palestinian people. That the U.S. imperialists would attempt to cut out the Palestine question in this manner is not unexpected, but if the Soviet Union does in fact acquiesce it would be a betrayal of the principles the Soviet people fought for so heroically under Lenin.

